



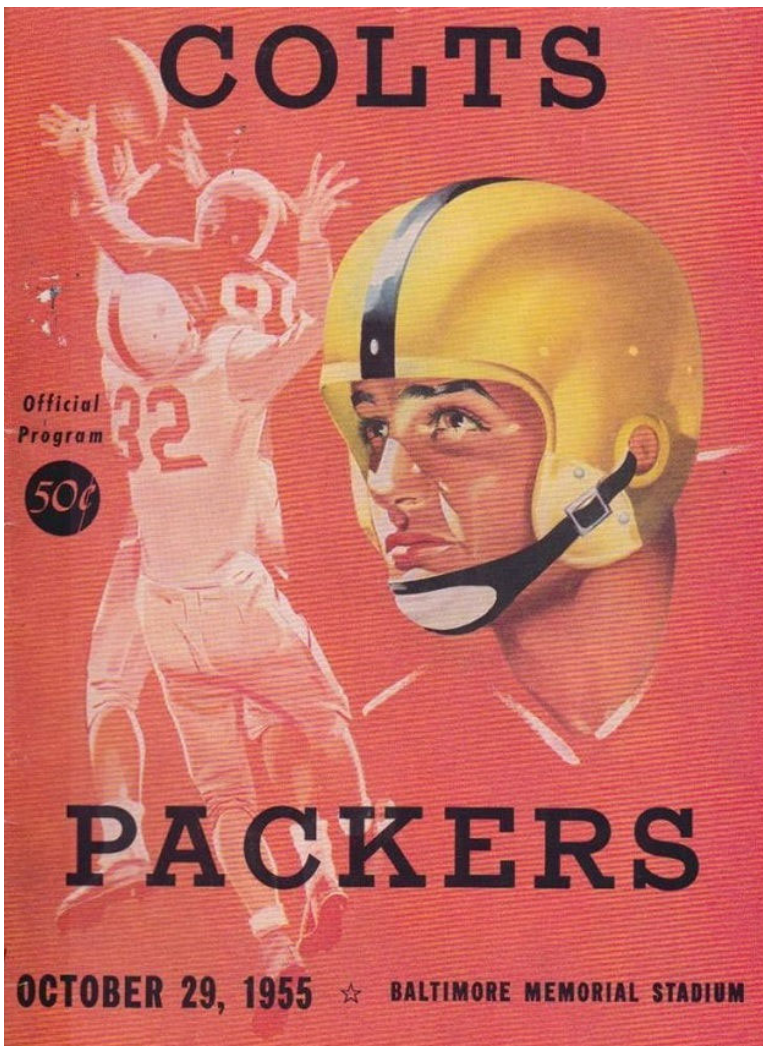
**Baltimore Colts (4-2) 14, Green Bay Packers (3-3) 10**  
**Saturday October 29th 1955 (at Baltimore)**

## Packers Game Out Despite 14 to 10 Loss to Colts

### Bays Miss Victory Chance on Baltimore's Eight-Yard Line

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

(BALTIMORE) - The Packers couldn't score in four downs from eight yards out and that, fans, pinpoints Green Bay's 14 to 10 loss to the Baltimore Colts before 34,411 partisan rooters here Saturday night. Many things, some disturbing and disgusting, happened long before the ill-fated touchdown drive in the last six minutes of the defensive struggle, but the short circuit on the Colt four-yard line served as just the shot in the arm the Colts needed to win. A touchdown at that point, which would have given the Packers a 17-14 lead, easily could have been the necessary "shot" for the Bays. Thus, the Packers absorbed their second straight defeat - a respectable one compared to the 41-10 business at Cleveland a week ago, and the '55 Colts became the first Baltimore team to win four NFL games. Oddly enough, the Packers didn't lose ground in the torrid Western division race. They entered Baltimore a game out of first and returned still a game out of first - thanks to the Chicago Bears' victory over Los Angeles. But the Packers had company - San Francisco and the Bears, who will serve as the Packers' foe in Chicago next Sunday. Each has 3-3, while leaders LA and Baltimore have 4-2. Green Bay's bid to take the lead came in spectacular fashion. Tobin Rote unleashed a long pass to Bill Howton, who took the ball on the Colt 30, juggled it while running full clip, and then squeezed it to the 20. Rote hurled to Howie Ferguson for six, Veryl Switzer banged three and Rote sneaked three to the eight. Then came "the" four plays, as follows: Ferguson took a pitchout around his right end for three to the five. Rote's pass bounced off Howton's chest on the goal line as he was hit by two Colts from behind. Rote rolled out to his left, looked, couldn't find a receiver, and ran one yard to the four. Rote's quickie over the middle bounced off Al Carmichael in the end



zone. That was the game although the Packers got their hands on the ball again - only to lose it on downs in Colt territory with 1:00 left. Both teams were unsettled in a crazy mixed up first half which ended with Baltimore in front 7-3. Five passes were intercepted - two by the Colts on deflected passes, and once Colt punter Monte Brethauer dropped a pass-back from center and the Packers received possession on the Colt 23.

**REID BANISHED**

The biggest oddball of all in the first half was the banishment of Packer halfback Breezy Reid in the first quarter for allegedly fighting with Bill Pellington. The Colt linebacker - the same individual who slugged Reid and beat his helmet in the first Colt game in Milwaukee - did the same here and Reid retaliated. The officials only had eyes for Breezy, and the Packer offense was hurt right then and there. Add the loss of Reid and weakening of Roger Zatkoff due to stomach poisoning the night before the game and you have a double handicap although Tom Bettis filled in admirably for Roger and Veryl Switzer finished up with 48 yards in 11 carries for Reid. The Colts' first touchdown was something of a gift late in the first quarter, Baltimore getting possession on the Packer 15 on Don Shula's interception of a Rote pass and 29-yard runback. Alan Ameche bolted to the four in two socks and Buddy Young carried it over. The Packers got the same kind of break but couldn't eke out more than three, Val Joe Walker returning an interception of a George Shaw pass 18 yards to the Colt 28. Rote and Ferguson ran 22 yards but Ferguson was held short on three trips and Fred Cone booted a field goal from the 11 for a 7-3 score. The final score was established in the first 12 minutes of the third period - the only concerted effort for the Colts and the first of two for the Packers. The Packers wheeled 90 yards for their touchdown, with Rote hurling to Knafelc for 36 yards to the Colt four. Three downs later, Rote sneaked over from the one and the Packers were in front 10-7. The Colts took the next kickoff and went ahead 14-10 on 11 plays covering 80 yards, L.G. Dupre slicing the last 23 for the score. The teams reverted back to their first half tug-of-war, with the exception of the Packers' stopped drive, after the two TD explosions.

### "RECOVERY" TO COLTS

Just before the third quarter ended, the Packers had a chance to really blow their stacks. The Packers had a first down on their own 36 when Switzer fumbled on his 45. Jim Ringo and Gary Knafelc dove for the ball and Ringo recovered and handed it to Knafelc who was stopped - with the ball. The officials, appearing confused, suddenly signaled the Colts had recovered and Pellington, of all people, received credit for recovering. The Colts threatened to turn this "break" into a touchdown, but Bill Forester saved the night by intercepting Shaw's pass on the Packer 15 early in the fourth quarter. The Packer defense, pretty well ripped by Cleveland, did a real job in submitting to only one long touchdown drive. The defenders intercepted four passes and held Shaw to 55 yards on five completions. The Packer defense was subjected to extreme pressure due to the presence of Ameche and Dupre. Big Alan slammed for 117 yards in 22 carries - the third time he bettered the 100 mark this season, and Dupre counted 88 yards in 14 carries. Between 'em, they gained three more yards than Baltimore's rushing net of 202. The Packer offense rolled up a total of 305 yards, including 163 passing, but wasn't consistent. Rote had better protection than he did against Cleveland, completing 13 of 24, but the Bays couldn't connect their rushing and passing except on two occasions. Ferguson, fighting a knee full of tape, gained 77 of Green Bay's 142 yards rushing. The only other ball carriers were Switzer with 48 and Rote with 17. The weather cooperated, although they were anxious moments. There was a lightning and thunderstorm two hours before kickoff, but the field was covered. It stopped raining an hour before game time, resumed an hour before game time, resumed as the players were being introduced and then ended just before the kickoff for the night. The opening kickoff was a dilly. Switzer took Rechichar's boot on the five, squirted loose on the 12 and went 58 yards to the Colt 37. Switzer also carried on the first two plays from scrimmage and made six yards. On the third down, Rote slipped back going to pass and was nailed back seven yards. Cone then missed a field goal from the 45.

### BRETHAUER DROPS BALL

The Colts made a first down on Shaw's 15-yard pass to Ameche, but Shaw was dumped back 13 yards and Brethauer went back to punt. He dropped the ball and suddenly passed complete to Jim Mutscheller, but the Colts had ineligible receivers downfield and the Packers gained possession on the Colt 23 after the penalty. Three plays later, Rote's pass popped out of

Stalled						
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE						
Western Division						
	W	L	T	Pct.	PS	OP
Baltimore	4	2	0	.667	112	112
Los Angeles	4	2	0	.667	139	124
GREEN BAY	3	3	0	.500	114	127
Chicago Bears	3	3	0	.500	142	120
San Francisco	3	3	0	.500	108	176
Detroit	0	6	0	.000	115	137
Eastern Division						
	W	L	T	Pct.	PS	OP
Cleveland	5	1	0	.833	167	91
Pittsburgh	4	2	0	.667	102	105
Washington	3	3	0	.500	103	143
Chicago Cards	2	3	1	.400	103	101
Philadelphia	2	3	1	.400	129	106
New York	2	4	0	.333	119	111
Saturday Night's Result:						
BALTIMORE 14, GREEN BAY 10						
Sunday's Results:						
Bears 31, Los Angeles 20						
Cleveland 26, Cardinals 20						
Philadelphia 24, Pittsburgh 0						
San Francisco 38, Detroit 21						
New York 35, Washington 7						
Next Saturday Night's Games:						
Baltimore at Detroit						
Pittsburgh at Cardinals						
Next Sunday's Games:						
GREEN BAY at BEARS						
New York at Cleveland						
Philadelphia at Washington						
San Francisco at Los Angeles						
The Lineups —						
GREEN BAY						
Ends — Knafelc, Martinkovic, Howton, Borden, O'Donahue, Deschaine.						
Tackles — Szafaryn, Helluin, Zatkoff, Dahms, Hanner, Lucky.						
Guards — Skibinski, Forester, Brown, Bullough, Teteak.						
Centers — Ringo, Timberlake, Bettis.						
Backs — Rote, Brackins, Reid, Nix, Walker, Switzer, Carmichael, Johnson, Bookout, Dillon, Ferguson, Cone.						
BALTIMORE						
Ends — Coiteryahn, Berry, Nutter, Mutscheller, Preas, Joyce.						
Tackles — Radosevich, Jackson, Donovan, Chorovich, Finnin.						
Guards — Spinney, Petera, Eggers, Sandusky, Campanella.						
Centers — Szymanski, Pellington.						
Backs — Shaw, Shields, Bryan, Taseff, Thomas, B. Young, Dupre, Shula, Rechichar, Brethauer, Ameche, D. Young.						
Green Bay						
0 3 7 0 — 10						
Baltimore						
7 0 7 0 — 14						
Green Bay Scoring: Touchdown — Rote (1, 5:43 of third), Field Goal — Cone (11, 13:00 of second), Extra Point — Cone.						
Baltimore Scoring: Touchdowns — B. Young (4, 14:52 of first), Dupre (23, 12:08 of third), Extra Points — Rechichar 2.						
Officials: Referee — Thomas Timlin, Umpire — Joseph Crowley, Head Linesman — Warren Knight, Back Judge — Samuel Giangreco, Field Judge — James Kane.						
Team Statistics						
		Coils	Pack			
First Downs	Rushing	12	8			
First Downs	Passing	3	7			
First Downs	Penalty	1	1			
Total First Downs		16	16			
Yds Gained	Rushing (net)	202	142			
Yds Gained	Passing (net)	55	163			
Total Yds Gained (net)		257	305			
Forward Passes	At'tptd	13	24			
Passes	Completed	5	13			
Passes	Intercepted by	3	4			
Yds	Inter'ed Ret'd By	65	32			
Yds	Gained Passing	55	163			
Yds	Lost At'tptng Passes	0	20			
Punts	(Number)	3	3			
Average	Distance	47	36			
Punts	Returned By	3	2			
Yds	Punts Ret'd By	6	11			
Kickoffs	Ret'd by (No.)	2	1			
Yds	Kickoffs, Ret'd By	43	57			
Penalties	(No.)	3	5			
Yards	Penalized	45	45			
Fumbles		2	4			
Opponents' Fumbles	Re'd	1	0			
Individual Statistics						
Rushing:						
Green Bay: Ferguson gained 77 yards in 19 attempts, Switzer 48 in 11, Rote 17 in 4.						
Baltimore: Ameche gained 117 yards in 22 attempts, Dupre 88 in 14, Shaw 2 in 6, B. Young minus 5 in 8.						
Passing:						
Green Bay: Rote attempted 24, completed 13 for 163 yards, 3 intercepted.						
Baltimore: Shaw attempted 13, completed 5 for 55 yards, 4 intercepted.						
Pass Receiving:						
Green Bay: Howton caught 4 for 98 yards, Ferguson 4 for 28, Knafelc 2 for 52, Switzer 2 for minus 3, Carmichael 1 for 8.						
Baltimore: Ameche caught 3 for 24, Mutscheller 1 for 20, B. Young 1 for 11.						





Cleveland Browns parlayed 60-yard punt return by Don Paul, occasional passing sorties by able Otto Graham into 26-20 victory over Chicago Cardinals in mud at Chicago to move into familiar terrain—undisputed possession of first place in Eastern Conference of National Football League.

Ted Wegert, burly rookie fullback in lineup after month's absence while nursing broken foot, scored twice to lead Philadelphia Eagles to 24-0 shutout of Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, pushed Steelers into second place.

New York Giants, perking up after miserable start, tallied on 98-yard opening kickoff return by Jim Patton (who later raced 69 yards after snaring punt), caught fire in second half to romp over Washington Redskins 35-7 in New York.

Baltimore's sparkling first-year Halfback L. G. Dupre sprinted 23 yards for touchdown in third quarter, gave Colts hard-earned 14-10 win over Green Bay Packers, tie for first place with losing Los Angeles in Western Conference.

Chicago Bears' sticky-fingered Harlon Hill took three scoring passes, paced team to 31-20 upset of Los Angeles Rams before 69,587 at Los Angeles.

San Francisco 49ers tore apart stumbling Detroit line, passed over defensive backs to wallop winless Lions 38-21 at San Francisco. Battering Fullback Joe Perry led assault with two touchdowns.

Packers got out of the hole when Knafelc took Rote's pass for 17 to the 28. Rote hit Ferguson for seven but then overthrew Howton. After Ferguson lost one, Rote, on fourth down, threw to Carmichael for eight to the 42. With 1:53 left, Rote's long shot to Carmichael was kayoed by Bryan, after which Rote, looking for a receiver, was tripped for a 13-yard loss by Finnin. Rote threw to Ferguson for 10, but on fourth down Rote and Knafelc missed fire. Shaw ran out the last 54 seconds on three sneaks.

Howton's arms and into Joe Campanella's, and the threat was dead. On the play, Reid was tossed out and the unsportsmanlike conduct penalty gave the Colts life on the Bays' 48. Bobby Dillon ended that by intercepting on the seven and returning to the 16. After an exchange of punts, the Packers took over on their own 15 and promptly moved to the 25 in two Switzer and Ferguson runs. On the next play. Shula intercepted Rote's throw at midfield and returned to the Packer 15. The Colts scored in three plays, Ameche crunching to the four and Young running wide to his left for the touchdown. Bert Rechichar's point made it 7-0. The Packers made a first down as the game moved into the second quarter, but the Colts recaptured the ball on the Packer 30 when Rote' pass skidded off Howton's fingertips and into Rechichar's mitts on the Packer 30. The Colts barged to the Packer six but on third down Dillon intercepted on the goal line, fumbled and Walker reecoved on the five. Green Bay got out of that hole in a hurry as Ferguson ran 27 yards in three tries and Switzer 15 in two to the Packer 47, but the attack stalled and Dick Deschaine punted.

### CONE IN 10TH FG

The Packer added up three just before the half when Walker intercepted a Shaw throw on the Colt 46 and returned to the 28. Ferguson and Rote lugged to the 12 in two trips and Ferguson ate up eight more to the four in three. On fourth down, Cone booted a field goal – his 10th in 16 attempts for the season. The Colts got the first crack in the second half – from their own 38 after the kickoff. But they were forced to punt when Bookout nailed Young for a six-year loss. Carmichael brought Brethauer's punt back 20 yards to the Packers' 44 but a clipping penalty ruined the run and set the Pack back to their own 10 from where they drove to a TD. After Ferguson lost a yard, Rote hurled to Howton twice for gains of 13 and 12. A personal foul on the Colts moved the ball to the Packer 48. Ferguson ripped right tackle for 12 and then Rote fired a perfect shot to Knafelc for 36 yards to the four. Ferguson cracked to the one in two tries and Rote sneaked in. Cone converted and the Packers held their only lead 10-7. The Colts started their TD drive from the 20. In the 11-play march, Shaw completed two passes – to Ameche for four and to Young for 11. In the rushing, Ameche gained 26 in five cracks and Dupre 39 in four, including 23 for the touchdown. Rechichar made it 14-10.

### TRY FOR IT – CROWD

As the game moved into the fourth quarter, the Colts "recovered" Switzer's fumble and Forester intercepted Shaw's pass on the Packer 15. After Deschaine punted and Rechichar went wide on a 52-yard field goal attempt, the Packers launched the drive that fell short on Baltimore's four. With 6:08 left, Ameche rolled 14 to the Colt 34. A holding penalty booted Baltimore back to the 19, but Dupre and Ameche slammed back to the 42. Needing two yards on fourth down, the crowd yelled for the Colts to try for it, but the Colt bench played it safe, calling for a punt. Brethauer punted and Switzer let it roll around the 25 and it bounced dead on the 11, with 3:10 left. The

**GREEN BAY - 0 3 7 0 - 10**  
**BALTIMORE - 7 0 7 0 - 14**

	<u>GREEN BAY</u>	<u>BALTIMORE</u>
First Downs	17	17
Rushing-Yards-TD	34-142-1	50-202-2
Att-Comp-Yd-TD-Int	24-13-183-0-3	13-5-55-0-4
Sacked-Yards	2-20	0-0
Net Passing Yards	163	55
Total Yards	305	257
Fumbles-lost	4-1	3-0
Turnovers	4	4
Yards penalized	5-45	3-45



**The Horse Gallops**—Baltimore Colt Alan Ameche (right) reeled off 117 yards rushing against Packers in Baltimore Saturday night but picture above shows him advancing 15 yards after taking pass from George Shaw. Coming up to make tackle at left is Packers' Bobby Dillon. In all, Ameche carried ball 22 times and caught three passes for 24 yards.

**SCORING**

1st - BALT - Buddy Young, 4-yard run (Bert Rechichar kick) BALTIMORE 7-0

2nd - GB - Fred Cone, 11-yard field goal BALTIMORE 7-3

3rd - GB - Tobin Rote, 1-yard run (Cone kick) GREEN BAY 10-7

3rd - BALT - L.G. Dupree, 23-yard run (Rechichar kick) BALTIMORE 14-10

**RUSHING**

**GREEN BAY** - Howie Ferguson 19-77, Veryl Switzer 11-48, Tobin Rote 4-17 1 TD

**BALTIMORE** - Alan Ameche 22-117, L.G. Dupre 14-88 1 TD, George Shaw 6-2, Buddy Young 8-(-5) 1 TD

**PASSING**

**GREEN BAY** - Tobin Rote 24-13-183 3 INT

**BALTIMORE** - George Shaw 13-5-55 4 INT

**RECEIVING**

**GREEN BAY** - Billy Howton 4-98, Howie Ferguson 4-28, Gary Knafelc 2-52, Veryl Switzer 2-(-3), Al Carmichael 1-8

**BALTIMORE** - Alan Ameche 3-24, Jim Mutscheller 1-20, Buddy Young 1-11

*Sports Cocktail: Feeling Pressure*  
**Colts Capture Badger 'Title;'  
 Packers Given Extra Day Off!**

**PACKER GATE UP 35,000**

OCT 30 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - The Green Bay Packers offer conclusive proof that professional football isn't for huge metropolitan centers only. These small town representatives are up 35,000 in home attendance for four games (two in Green Bay and two in Milwaukee) over last year and very likely will wind up with an all-time record. A road record is in prospect, too, with a 51,482 start at Cleveland. And here's something very few realize: The Packers finished in the black even while wallowing around in the NFL's second division each of the last four year. So the occasional hint that Green Bay can't make a go of it financially is far-fetched to say the least.

**COLTS CAPTURE BADGER 'TITLE'; PACKERS GIVEN EXTRA DAY OFF!**

OCT 31 (Baltimore-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Maryland community now holds the professional football championship of Wisconsin - what with two four-point victories over the Packers, 24 to 20 in Milwaukee and 14-10 here.



The Packers captured Maryland a year ago, 7 to 6 and 24-13. In the four games, the Packers outscored the Colts by four points, 61 to 57. Luck entered at least three of the four games. The 24-13 match saw the Packers control the second half after behind 13-10 at the half. The Packers recovered a fumble to set up its 7-6 win. In the two games this year, the Packers paid dearly for that one recovery. They butterfingered twice – once in each game to set up 14 points, without which Baltimore would have lost both. But, as Coach Weeb Ewbank dug out an old saw Saturday night, “I’d rather be lucky than good.” He went on: “Sure our defense did good down there on the eight-yard line, but you got to have some luck too to keep a team in this league from scoring from that close in. We might have lost if you had scored.” Ewbank expressed another thought: “Man, but we’ve been playing even with the Packers. In the first game, we lose Dupre early by injury and in this one you lose Reid early. (Breezy was tossed out for fighting.) Reid would have helped you a lot. Dupre gives us that swish, swish to go with Ameche.” The Colt coach said “we had to double up on Howton and then he almost broke up the game.” Things in the Packer dressing room just weren’t. This one really hurt. Missed scoring chances, dropped passes, interceptions and a hatful of screwball calls by the officials, including a “give” to the wrong team on a fumble recovery left everybody disgusted. Coach Liz Blackbourn said Sunday that “we’ll give the boys a rest; there’ll be no practice until Wednesday.” He indicated that the team might be feeling the pressure after 12 tough games. Feeling that “we’re still in it,” Blackbourn aims to get the squad in good mental and physical condition for the final half of the season. Thus, the extra day off to relax, think it over, and tighten belts for the big drive, starting with the Bears in Chicago Sunday. The Packers aren’t conceding a thing - except the 41 to 10 loss to Cleveland.

**DID BALTIMORE 'COLLEGE' SPIRIT RATTLE PACKERS?**

OCT 31 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - What happens in Baltimore when pro football is played at Memorial Stadium? Ask the Packers, who lost 14-10, Saturday night. Quite a resemblance to those old college days, heh, Tobin? It really poured before the kickoff, a sure way to kill an expected crowd at most NFL bases. But not in Baltimore, no sir. They came prepared, 34,411 of them - with umbrellas, raincoats and a burning desire to see their Colts, the biggest surprise in the league. There were real horses prancing along the sidelines, bands and other cheerleaders who had pro football goers yelling like college kids: "Rip 'em up, make them oats! Feed them the fighting Colts!" Kid stuff? Apparently not. The college rah-rah stuff inspired the young hosses to awesome feats. The Packers, on the other hand, appeared stage frightened. Green Bay could not score the winning touchdown in the fourth quarter - although only four yards away. "Carmichael and Howton dropped 'em right in their mitts," said Packer Coach Liz Blackbourn Sunday, explaining Tobin Rote's bullets in the end zone. That broke the Packers' back. That was the ball game. Then, too, the Colts controlled the ball to such an extent that Green Bay was plum out of luck, failing to cash in on two earlier breaks. Veryl Switzer returned the opening kickoff, after fumbling, 58 yards to the Colt 37. That riled the Colts. They smothered Rote on a third down play. A 45-yard field goal by Fred Cone was no good. The next golden chance came moments later when Monte Brethauer could not get off a punt on fourth down, threw a pass to an ineligible receiver and the Packers took over on Baltimore's 23. However, this Packers bobble could



**End of the Line**— Green Bay Packer halfback Veryl Switzer is shown coming to the end of a 58-yard kickoff return at start of Packer-Colt game in Baltimore Saturday night. Hauling him down is Don Shula on Colt 37-yard line. Packer 71 is tackle Bill Lucky. Packers failed to take advantage of runback, Fred Cone missing field goal from 45. Colts won 14-10. (AP Photo)



**Wrong Receiver**—Baltimore Colt's Bert Rechichar takes off with ball after intercepting Tobin Rote pass in second quarter against Packers in Baltimore Saturday night. Rechichar returned 16 yards to Packer 31. Behind Rechichar is Packer Len Szafaryn and Colts' No. 25 is Don Shula. (AP Photo)

almost be kissed off to Dame Fortune. Howton was juggling a Rote pass on the 16 when Joe Campanella took charge of him and the ball. The interception was one of two costly mishaps. Baltimore's first touchdown was set up when Don Shula scampered 31 yards to the Packer 15 after stealing a Rote strike to Howie Ferguson. "Those interceptions hurt. And they were lucky one, just dribbling off our boys' fingers," was Blackbourn's appraisal of the turn of events. Baltimore boasted the league's best defensive line last season. A pro coach hardly finds bruisers like Campanella, Donovan, Finnin and Joyce anymore. Green Bay could not crack this wall when it was within the 10 twice. But what has really made the Colts click is the best assemblance of rookies ever. Al Ameche, L.G. Dupre, George Shaw - those are first year men who pay little attention to the rookie moniker. The Horse is going even better than his All-American days at Wisconsin. With a big, vicious line opening up for him. Ameche seems on his way to greatness. His 117 yards against the Packers marked the third time this season in which he has gained 100 yards or better. When yardage is needed - the ball goes to Ameche. He carried 22 times Sunday to break the former ball carrying mark set by John Huzvar. After Shula put the Colts in scoring position from the Packer 15, it was Ameche for six, Ameche for five. Buddy Young's four yard scamper was the touchdown. Dupre, the lad from Baylor who possesses one thing - speed - scored the second touchdown, bursting through the Packers secondary for 23 yards. Dupre netted 88 yards on 14 carries - he's a nice change of pace from the bruising Ameche. "It was a rough, tough game," added Liz. "Sure they're in good position now, but we're not counting ourselves out, not yet." As one Baltimore taxi driver remarked after the game: "We didn't think the Packers were a dirty



Veryl Switzer (left) of Green Bay wheeled 58 yards with the opening kickoff Saturday night as the Packers battled the Colts in Baltimore. The Bay halfback was stopped by Monte Brethauer (80). Nate Borden (87) of the Packers is taking out Jim Mutscheller. Baltimore won, 14-10. International News soundphoto



"Escort" for Shaw—Big John Martinkovic, Packer defensive end, "escorts" George Shaw, rookie Colt quarterback, out of bounds for 13-yard loss on pass attempt in first quarter. Also shown are Baltimore's John Sandusky (68) and L. G. (Long Gone) Dupre (45).

team, we figure they just play it rough. And that's the way we like to play it. We've waited a long time for a winner here. Looks like we've got something started." He might have something. And for the Packers, they better get their daubers up for next Sunday's meeting with the roaring Bears. That also calls for an immediate stepup offensive. You can't expect to win games if you can't score within the 10 yard line - not in this league.

#### **BLACKBOURN RATES BEARS AS FAVORITE NOW, SAYS PACKERS MUFFED PASSES ON BIG CHANCES**

OCT 31 (Milwaukee Journal) - Despite their second straight four point licking by the Baltimore Colts, the Green Bay Packers find themselves "under a handkerchief" today. Certainly, a "hankie", rather than a blanket, would better describe what covers the first five teams in the western division. Only one game separates the quintet. The Packers share third place with the Chicago Bears and San Francisco 49ers, one game behind the Los Angeles Rams and Baltimore. Coach Lisle Blackbourn was asked what he thought about it. "The Chicago Bears look like the favorite now," Blackbourn said Monday at Green Bay. "They're probably the best team in either division." Better than the Cleveland Browns? "Oh, we were probably down a little at Cleveland," he said, referring to the 41-10 defeat the Browns administered to the Packers a week ago. Blackbourn obviously was disappointed that his Packers failed twice against the Colts. They were a team which he felt sure Green Bay could beat. Now the Packers must face the Bears at Chicago's Wrigley Field Sunday. The Bears, winners of three straight after losing their first three games, certainly will be no easier to get along with when they recall the 24-3 shellacking the Packers hung on them at Green Bay a month ago. Blackbourn was asked about the Packers' failure to score at Baltimore Sunday night after they got first down on the Colts' eight yard line midway in the fourth quarter. "Sure, that was bad," he



said. "On second down, Rote's pass was right in Howton's belly, Howton got hit from behind real hard, but the pass still could have been caught. On fourth down, Rote's pass hit Carmichael on the left hip. He was moving fast on the slant, but either or both of those passes could have been caught." Blackbourn refused to comment, because of a league rule, on Breezy Reid's ejection from the game in the first quarter. "All I can say is that it hurt," he said. "Ferguson had a real good night, but he tired badly toward the end. His knee was taped heavily, and he had to work against that, besides his efforts on runs and being tackled. He came out it okay, though, and maybe he won't have to be taped so much this week." With Reid out, Blackbourn was forced to switch Veryl Switzer all the way at left halfback and Al Carmichael at right half. Reid, besides being regular left halfback, can be used to spell Howie Ferguson at fullback and with the Georgia boy in there, Switzer and Carmichael would have alternated at right half. Blackbourn said that he thought the defense did a good job against passes, not so good against rushing. "Ameche was real good," he said. "I don't know if he was better than in the game at Milwaukee because maybe we weren't as a good as this time." Rookie Tom Bettis played a "pretty good game" in place of Roger Zatkoff at linebacker, Blackbourn said. Zatkoff was hospitalized in Baltimore the night before the game with a severe gastric disturbance and played only briefly. The coach praised quarterback Tobin Rote. "He's been a sick man now for three straight weeks," Blackbourn said. "That could just hangs on and plugs his ears with infection. We came out of the game in pretty good condition, but if Rote doesn't recover pretty soon, we're in tough shape." Blackbourn said that the Packers would hold no practice or meetings Monday or Tuesday. "Maybe the extra day off will give us a fresh start," he said.

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NOV 1 (Green Bay) - Run for the storm cellars, men! The Packers must play the Bears in Chicago Sunday 'cause the NFL schedule says so. The Bears are real mad at the Packers for rather obvious reasons as explained by Bear Coach George Halas weeks ago: "The Packers are the only team to make us look bad, but we'll get even!" He refers to the 24 to 3 licking Green Bay handed the Bears in City Stadium last Oct. 2. Since then, the Bears dropped a 20-19 decision to San Francisco but bounced back to belt Baltimore (38-1), San Francisco (34-23) and Los Angeles (21-20). Earlier, they lost to Baltimore 23-17. Since the Bear game the Packers lost to Baltimore (24-20), beat Los Angeles (30-28) and lost to Cleveland (41-10) and Baltimore 14-10. Earlier, they downed Detroit 20-17. So, if our addition is correct, the Packers and Bears will enter next Sunday's showdown with identical 3-3 records. And there's a familiar ring to that 3-3. The two clubs had the same record when they squared away in Chicago a year ago, with the Bears winning 28-23 in a super thriller. The Bears led 14-0 but the Packers slammed back to make it 23-14 before losing. Some of the events preceding that classic are similar to this season. A year ago, the Packer lost their first three but charged back to take their next three. The Bears have just finished pulling a "Green Bay", snaring three in a row after an 0-3 record. The Western division situation this year is much different than a year ago at the halfway mark. Here are the '55 standings after six games:

	W	L		W	L
BALTIMORE	4	2	BEARS	3	3
LOS ANGELES	4	2	'FRISCO	3	3
GREEN BAY	3	3	DETROIT	0	6

Here are the standings after the first six in 1954:

	W	L		W	L
'FRISCO *	4	1	BEARS	3	3
DETROIT	4	1	LOS ANGELES *	2	3
GREEN BAY	3	3	BALTIMORE	1	5

(\* Each played tie. Detroit played one less game).

The '54 race, as you can see, was a runaway compared to the current battle. Only one game separates the first five teams this season and the squads with 3-3 records are in the race practically as much as the two leaders...Packer Coach Liz Blackbourn, hard at work with aides Tom Hearnden, Ray McLean and Lou Rymkus, announced today that guard-tackle Jack Spinks has been added to the active roster. To make room for Spinks, the onetime Pittsburgh and Chicago Cardinal fullback, Blackbourn placed linebacker-center George Timberlake on the club's military reserve roster. Timberlake expects to be called into service shortly. Spinks will be ready for offensive guard and tackle duty, spelling any of the interior offensive

linemen, except center. Linebacker Tom Bettis, trained as a center for the past few weeks, will step in as the No. 2 pivot behind Jim Ringo. This was the second personnel change in two weeks. Last week, Blackburn placed end-defensive back Alton Romine on the military reserve list and called up Jim Capuzzi. Romine was to be inducted this week. Packer coaches continued to shuffle scouting reports today on the Bears' two victories on the West Coast, while the player relaxed at their homes in preparation for the big battle. No meeting or practice of any kind was scheduled today for the players – the first such off-Tuesday this season. Blackburn said he felt the squad needed a rest after the long exhibition season and the first six league games. The squad will meet Wednesday morning at the Packer offices and take to the field in the afternoon to start concentrated workouts... The Bears announced in Chicago that Sunday's game is virtually sold out. More than 48,000 tickets already have been sold and Bear officials expect the crowd to exceed 50,000 if the fans snap up standing room ducats. A small number of Bear tickets are left at the Packer ticket office. Others may be obtained from sponsors of the Silver Rail and Senate specials.

#### **POINTS SAME BUT PACK OFFENSE IMPROVED AGAINST BALTIMORE**

NOV 1 (Green Bay) - The Packer offense against Baltimore Saturday night showed some improvement over that displayed against Cleveland the previous Sunday. The Packers scored 10 points in each of the two losses but the lone touchdown against the Browns was scored by the kickoff team, with Al Carmichael going 100 yards. Thus, the offense was blanked with the exception of Fred Cone's field goal. Against Baltimore, the offense really counted 10 – the touchdown coming on a sustained 90-yadd movement. One touchdown and a field goal won't win many games in this league, but at least it's a fresh start toward regaining the steady scoring form of the first four games – 20 vs. Detroit, 24 vs. the Bears, 20 vs. the Colts and a big 30 on Los Angeles before the drought. Those totals aren't landslides either, but the fuss defenses are putting up this season maybe they're not so bad. The Packers won three of those "high scoring" game and that, Bub, is a tribute to the Packers' defense. The Packer yard-marking group had difficulty in Baltimore stringing together first downs. Which is one way of saying that the points were coming hard against Baltimore's rugged defense. On only three occasions were the Bays able to latch together more than one first down. In the second quarter, they put together three starting from their own five. Howie Ferguson carried 27 yards in three tries and Veryl Switzer moved 15 in two, making three first downs at the Packer 27. Then, quarterback Tobin Rote passed to Switzer but it lost two yards. Needing 12 yards in the next two downs, Rote tried two more passes – one to Ferguson for five and the other at Al Carmichael falling incomplete. In the third quarter, the Bays put together five first downs, eating up 90 yards and producing the lone touchdown. In the fourth quarter, they added two – the first on Rote's 17-yard pass to Gary Knafelc and the second on two completions to Ferguson and Carmichael, with 1:53. But that's where the jig was up. Each team made 16 first downs and, if you think the Packers had trouble on the offense, the Colts weren't much better off (except for the scoreboard totals). They also had only three occasions when they tied together more than one first down. After Don Shula intercepted Rote's pass in the first quarter, Ameche made 11 yards in two tries and Young ran four on a touchdown and an automatic first down. The Colts added two to start the second frame, but Val Joe Walker's interception ended that. The last time Baltimore matched first downs was in the third quarter when they put together five for the winning TD.

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NOV 1 (Chicago Tribune) - Who's going to meet the Cleveland Browns in the pro football's annual playoff for the championship? There appears little doubt that the Browns are en route to filling their traditional role as the eastern division's



**Tobin "Sneaks" Over**—He met with determined resistance, as clearly evidenced above, but it didn't keep Tobin Rote from blasting over for Packers touchdown from one-yard-line in third quarter. Attempting to make stop on Rote is Baltimore's Madison Nutter (left).



playoff representative. Cleveland's 26 to 20 victory over the Chicago Cardinals Sunday left the Browns all along atop the eastern standings with five victories against one defeat as the campaign reached the halfway mark. But there's a real scramble in the league's western division for the opportunity to face the Browns. Five teams still are contenders. The ultimate winner could be Los Angeles, 31 to 20 loser to the Chicago Bears Sunday but still tied with Baltimore for the top spot. It could be Baltimore, 14 to 10 winner over Green Bay Saturday night. It could be the Packers, one of three teams deadlocked in the runner-up spot only a game off the pace. It could be the San Francisco 49ers, 38 to 21 victors over Detroit and second of the three teams involved in the three way tie. Or - sound the trumpets - it COULD be the amazing Chicago Bears, busy making up for lost time as they strive to record one of the greatest finishes in pro history. The Bears, heeding the natural law of self-preservation after losing their first three games, made Los Angeles their third straight victim Sunday in a game that included an 86 yard Ed Brown to Harlon Hill pass play - the longest in the league this season. It was a must victory for the Bears, who would have been all but mathematically eliminated from the title chase by defeat. Now the Bears return home to face Green Bay Sunday in a game with all the earmarks of a payoff struggle. Sunday's victory zoomed the Bears

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**Browns Again on  
Top in East**

**Pro Football**

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

**EASTERN DIVISION**

	W.	L.	T.	Pct.	Pts.	O.P.
Cleveland ...	5	1	0	.833	167	91
Pittsburgh ..	4	2	0	.667	102	105
Washington .	3	3	0	.500	103	143
CARDINALS .	2	3	1	.400	103	101
Philadelphia.	2	3	1	.400	129	106
New York ..	2	4	0	.333	119	111

**WESTERN DIVISION**

	W.	L.	T.	Pct.	Pts.	O.P.
Baltimore ..	4	2	0	.667	112	112
Los Angeles .	4	2	0	.667	139	124
BEARS .....	3	3	0	.500	142	120
Green Bay ..	3	3	0	.500	114	127
San Francisco	3	3	0	.500	108	178
Detroit ....	0	6	0	.000	115	137

**GAMES THIS WEEK**

**SATURDAY NIGHT**

Pittsburgh at Chicago Cardinals.  
Baltimore at Detroit.

**SUNDAY**

Green Bay at Chicago Bears.  
New York at Cleveland.  
Philadelphia at Washington.  
San Francisco at Los Angeles.

to the top of the league's statistical chart in both total offense and rushing. They have amassed 2,221 yards, 1,156 on the ground. Passwise, the Bears have completed 80 out of 161 attempts for a 49.7 percent average. Pittsburgh's Steelers went the way of all who threaten the Browns' legendary hold on the Eastern plum. The Steelers, who had shared first place with Cleveland, were set down by the Philadelphia Eagles, 24 to 0. Spectator interest in the two colorful races kept the cash registers jingling as the six weekend games drew 229,466 fans, bringing attendance for the first half of the season to 1,350,908. Top crowd was the 69,587 who watched the Bears and Rams in Los Angeles. Don Paul's 60 yard runback of a punt for a Cleveland touchdown against the Cardinals in the second quarter brought cries of anguish from some southside partisans yesterday. The fans apparently questioned Cardinal strategy in punting on fourth down with only inches to go. The ball was on the Cardinals 25. Answered Ray Richards, the Cardinal coach: "It is basic football strategy to punt on fourth down when deep in your own territory, particularly early in the game, as was the case. The slippery condition of the turf would have made it even more dangerous to go for a first down. The fact that the punt was returned for a touchdown has nothing to do with the soundness of the strategy dictating a punt in such a situation. There is a time for gambling, but this was not it."

**SPINKS ON BAY ROSTER**

NOV 1 (Green Bay) - George Timberlake, Packer defensive back, left the club Tuesday to go into military service and was replaced on the roster by Jack Spinks, a lineman from Alcorn (Miss.) A&M. Spinks, an offensive guard and tackle, tried out with the Packers early this season but was dropped when the club had to pare its roster to meet NFL limitations.

**PACKERS INTERESTING, BUT ALSO FRUSTRATING, IN THOSE CLOSE ONES**

NOV 1 (Milwaukee Journal) - One thing you can say about Lisle Blackburn's Green Bay Packers, they play the most interesting football games and at most times the most frustrating kind of any team around these days. In 18 NFL games over a season and a half of Blackburn's regime at Green Bay, the Packers have lost 11 games. In eight of them, six last season and two this year, they were in there right up to the gun, dropping the eight games by a combined total of 35 points. They have been soundly licked only twice - by the 49ers at San Francisco last season, 35-0, after their bid to go anywhere

had been foiled too many times, and by the Browns at Cleveland a week ago Sunday, 41-10. Otherwise, it has been a defeat by from one to eight points in nine games. They lost the finale to the Rams at Los Angeles last season, 35-27, in their only other setback which found them completely out of contention when time ran out. Two of this year's defeats, each by four points to the Baltimore Colts, have been especially frustrating. In the contest here three weeks ago, the Packers did everything but run the Colts out of the Stadium in the last quarter, yet could not push over the winning touchdown. At Baltimore last Saturday night, Green Bay marched right down to Baltimore's five yard line with six minutes to play, then frittered the potential winning touchdown away. The Packers before the game felt certain they would gain revenge. Instead, they lost, 14-10. Lack of depth clearly is the problem. Give Blackburn four or five more good football players and the pattern probably would be reversed. Two examples come to mind immediately. First, quarterback Tobin Rote. Here is the most inconsistent quarterback in football, a great competitor, but one given to splurges of great play, then moments when he can do nothing right. Rote, as quarterback of a team which plays close ones every Sunday, is under great strain. And

# PRO FOOTBALL STATISTICS

## OFFENSIVE STATISTICS

Games	Chl. Gr. Chl.													
	Balt.	Det.	Pitts.	Cards	Bay	Bears	N. Y.	Clev.	Phil.	Wash.	S.F.	L. A.		
Yards gain [Total]	1602	1952	1918	1509	1811	2221	1619	2050	1773	1667	1916	1881		
Rushing [net]	1068	701	841	826	924	1156	837	1088	671	818	889	853		
Passing [net]	534	1251	1072	683	887	1065	782	962	1102	849	1027	1028		
Number of rushes	233	186	263	230	210	262	201	277	213	204	207	210		
Average gain	4.6	3.8	3.2	3.6	4.4	4.4	4.2	3.9	3.2	4.0	4.3	4.1		
Fwd. passes attempt'd	109	216	171	134	182	161	135	106	176	153	140	175		
Passes completed	48	108	86	47	86	80	67	62	86	60	70	91		
Per cent completed	44.0	50.0	50.3	35.1	47.3	49.7	49.6	58.5	48.9	39.2	50.0	52.0		
Yds. gained pass.	617	1340	1102	734	1022	1165	855	1055	1181	956	1139	1103		
Yds. lost att. pass.	83	89	30	51	135	100	73	93	79	107	112	75		
No. had intercept.	14	14	13	11	11	13	9	3	7	12	14	14		
Yds. interc. ret. op.	177	215	320	124	153	160	127	42	20	157	129	198		
Op. touch. interc.	0	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0		
Number of punts	32	34	34	36	28	25	41	29	36	31	30	32		
Average distance	37.9	42.0	38.7	39.9	42.1	40.8	41.5	42.4	44.4	42.4	39.4	45.1		
Returned by	27	17	22	23	19	16	15	25	20	20	24	21		
Av. dist. ret. by	3.6	6.1	1.8	6.3	7.5	5.8	8.3	7.5	1.4	5.8	3.3	3.5		
Ret. for touch. by	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0		
Kick-offs returned	18	23	18	19	17	20	19	19	17	24	27	27		
Av. dist. ret. by	24.2	18.3	25.0	22.8	28.3	23.4	25.4	21.2	26.3	25.7	23.5	23.2		
Ret. for touch. by	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0		
Number of penalties	31	27	29	38	17	22	20	30	31	28	35	28		
Yards penalized	322	257	264	313	196	234	180	279	285	312	298	250		
Fumbles	10	11	8	19	17	11	16	12	17	13	14	13		
Own fumbles rec'd.	6	3	3	6	7	2	6	4	8	2	4	8		
Opp. fumbles	16	18	17	14	10	11	19	10	12	15	10	9		
Opp. fumbles rec'd	10	14	8	11	4	4	12	7	10	8	6	8		
Touchdowns [total]	13	12	15	13	12	17	15	21	16	14	17	18		
Touch. running	8	6	11	6	5	10	6	13	8	9	9	11		
Touch. passing	5	6	4	7	7	7	9	8	8	5	8	7		
Extra points	13	11	9	13	12	17	14	21	15	13	14	17		
Field goals	7	5	1	4	10	7	5	6	6	2	3	4		
Field goals attempt.	13	8	12	12	16	10	7	11	13	7	8	14		
Total points	112	98	102	103	114	142	119	167	129	103	126	139		

## DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Opponents' points	112	154	105	101	127	120	111	91	106	143	159	124		
Opp. first downs	110	115	79	104	89	104	101	76	95	104	131	125		
Rushing	51	57	34	51	55	48	45	31	47	48	69	47		
Passing	51	54	41	45	32	48	51	33	39	50	53	66		
By penalty	8	4	4	8	2	8	5	12	9	6	9	12		
Opp. yards gained	1863	2226	1399	1829	1754	1932	2099	1203	1722	1747	2028	2012		
Rushing [net]	868	1090	544	1030	963	1070	912	609	856	835	1083	812		
Passing [net]	1095	1136	855	799	791	862	1187	594	866	912	845	1200		
No. opp. rushes	213	238	197	244	238	199	232	190	240	221	283	213		
Opp. average gain.	4.1	4.6	2.8	4.2	4.0	5.4	3.9	3.2	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.8		
Opp. passes att.	183	153	146	157	114	150	178	145	134	143	158	197		
Completed	85	84	78	66	47	76	79	50	67	72	81	106		
Per cent completed	46.4	54.9	53.4	42.0	41.2	50.7	44.4	34.5	50.0	50.3	51.3	53.8		
Intercepted by	11	9	8	15	15	10	10	9	8	9	11	20		
Yds. interc. ret. by	193	124	69	280	165	154	59	117	172	137	123	229		
Tds. on interc. by	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1		

\*Includes one safety.

## LEADING PASSERS

Player	Attempts		Yards		Touchd.	Pct. Compl.	Longest	Avg. Yds.
	Comp.	Yds.	Comp.	Yds.				
Graham, Cleveland	81	46	780	4	56.8	49	9.63	
Title, San Francisco	134	69	1112	8	51.5	78	8.30	
Thomason, Philadelphia	91	48	740	5	52.7	51	8.13	
Brown, Chicago Bears	92	49	731	2	53.3	86	7.95	
Van Brocklin, Los Angeles	127	71	903	6	55.9	74	7.11	
Le Baron, Washington	121	52	852	5	43.0	70	7.04	
Conerly, New York	97	49	650	7	50.5	71	6.70	
Finks, Pittsburgh	161	80	1046	4	49.7	51	6.50	
Layne, Detroit	159	79	1011	5	49.7	44	6.36	
McHan, Chicago Cardinals	98	32	570	5	32.7	74	5.82	
Shaw, Baltimore	101	45	584	5	44.6	82	5.78	
Rote, Green Bay	180	86	1022	7	47.8	60	5.68	
Blanda, Chicago Bears	59	27	311	3	45.3	51	5.27	
Burk, Philadelphia	84	38	441	3	45.2	31	5.25	
Gilmer, Detroit	52	27	271	0	51.9	34	5.21	

Longest completion: 86 yards, Ed Brown, Chicago Bears vs. Los Angeles, for touchdown.

there is no relief for him, because every play is a key one and because Bobby Garrett last season and Charlie Brackins this year just could not and cannot be used in such situations. For the last three games, Rote has played under great physical handicap. A mean cold, which plugs up his ears with infection, has refused to let go of him. Yet he must play under the circumstances, or the Packers would have no chance at all. The second example occurred at Baltimore Saturday night. On an intercepted pass in the first quarter, Green Bay halfback Breezy Reid, the old Georgian, was knocked down by a Colt blocker, got up and was blocked and generally roughed up by another Colt. Reid arose the second time and took a swing. An official saw him and tossed him out of the game. Actually, Green Bay was through right there. Without Reid Blackburn could do no juggling to give even brief respite to his other running backs. - the injured Howie Ferguson or Veryl Switzer or Al Carmichael, who double as kickoff and punt return men. At that, the Packers almost won anyway. Billy Howton got two or three steps behind Baltimore's defenders in the fourth quarter and made 60 yards on Rote's long pass. He was caught from behind when he lost his stride in a muddy spot along the sidelines. Otherwise, the Rice rabbit never would have been overhauled. Then, from the 20, the Packers moved to the Baltimore five, only to give up the ball and the ball game because Rote's receivers, on difficult but not impossible chances, could not hang onto his passes. Nevertheless, what Blackburn and his courageous boys have accomplished remains the wonder of the rest of the league. It was best expressed by a scout from a rival team after the Browns had trounced the Packers. "After seeing the difference in personnel out there today," he said, "you just have think that Liz is doing it with mirrors."

## DID PACKERS' ATTACK SUFFER WHEN REID TURNED BOXER?

NOV 1 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - The Packers could have been in first place going into the Bear scrap Sunday at Wrigley Field had they been able to score a touchdown from the eight yard line in the fourth quarter against the Colts Saturday night. Instead, they find themselves one

game behind the league leading Rams and Colts (4-2) and deadlocked with the Bears and 49ers (3-3) at the halfway mark of the NFL season. Why couldn't the Packers score with a first down on the Colt 8? Was it because their ground attack suffered after halfback Breezy Reid was booted out of the game in the first quarter? With Reid out, Green Bay had to improvise, switching Veryl Switzer to Breezy's spot and using Al Carmichael as a flanker. Consequently, there was no running attack outside of Howie Ferguson, a marked man. Why was Reid kicked out of the game? From what we saw at Baltimore and gathered from listening to the post-mortem talk, Reid got the thumb from an official after swinging at Colt guard Bill Pellington. It happened when Joe Campanella intercepted Tobin Rote's pass intended for Billy Howton on the Colt 22 yard line. Reid was trying to cut off Campanella. Pellington came swinging at Reid and Breezy just retaliated with one to Pellington's choppers. The Colt bench yelled, "What about that Reid, ref?" And sure enough, the Packers were penalized 15 yards for a personal foul, and Breezy, to his dismay, was given the heave ho. It certainly was a fast call and one which crippled the Packers. And it was the first time Reid has been kicked out of a ball game since joining the Packers six years ago. Reid had a 4.3 average going into the Baltimore game. He had scored on a four yard burst through the Detroit





**So Near and Yet So Far**—Packer fullback Howie Ferguson explodes over left tackle for six yards to Colt four late in second quarter of Saturday night's game at Baltimore. But Howie, whose mole-skins show the effects of earlier "landing" in puddle, was two yards short of first down and Fred Cone booted 12-yard field goal on next

play. Closing in on him are Colts' Joe Campanella (73) and Art Donovan (70) as George Preas (60) comes up from rear. Also shown are Packers' Buddy Brown (right foreground), running interference, and Colts' Bert Rechichar (44). Colts won 14-10. Loss squared Packers' season record at 3 and 3.

line earlier this season and very possibly could have been what the Packers needed against the Colts. With Breezy sitting out his "suspension", Rote called these plays:

1. A handoff to Ferguson off left tackle (Good for three yards to the five).
2. A pass to Howton in the left flat (Pass dropped).
3. Rote on a keeper (Good for one yard).
4. A pass to Al Carmichael (Pass dropped in end zone).

What was equally disturbing about the Reid incident was the fact the referees took no measures against the Colts. Pellington was not ejected, although his fists were flying faster than Reid's. Breezy happened to get the last punch in, the one in full view of the officials. And with a good backing from the 34,411 fans and the Colt bench, the personal foul and suspension of Reid was just natural. Players took their football seriously Sunday, too. Seven were ejected for fighting in two games. Three players were evicted after a flurry of fist fights in the Eagle-Steeler contest and four from the Brown-Cardinal tussle. However, in these scraps players were tossed out from both side. The Packers just weren't that lucky.

#### **BELL SETS PRO FOOTBALL BONUS PICK FOR NOVEMBER 28**

NOV 1 (Philadelphia) - Bert Bell, NFL commissioner, today called a meeting of club owners for November 28 in Philadelphia for the annual bonus pick and for each club to select three players from the eligible list. The Chicago Cardinals, Pittsburgh Steelers and Green Bay Packers are eligible for the bonus pick. Bell said playoff dates would be discussed in the event of a double or triple tie in either division. At present, the western division of the league is scrambled with a two way tie for first place and others, except Detroit, bunched closely behind. The season will end December 11 and the championship game is scheduled for December 26 in the park of the western division champion.

# Bears Not Same Team!

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NOV 2 (Green Bay) - It must be obvious to one and all that the Bears who floundered at City Stadium Oct. 2 are not the same Bears who will tackle the Packers in Chicago's Wrigley Field Sunday afternoon. The Bear personnel for the rematch is the same, of course, but that's where the resemblance ends. This isn't intended to take anything away from the Packers because their 24 to 3 victory over the Bruins was the result of solid rock-'em, sock-'em football - the same stuff they dished out to everybody except Cleveland. But the Bears have changed since that lesson in blocking and tackling. They followed it up with a 20-19 loss to San Francisco and then won three straight to draw even with Green Bay in the standings. Packer Coach Liz Blackbourn feels that the Bears are the best team in either division of the NFL at the moment, and obviously the Packers will have to be at their level best to down the Bears in their own backyard. The Bears have come a long way since the Packer game and league statistics prove it. In "the" game, the Packers outyarded the Bruins on the offense, 411 to 217. The Bears were limited to 85 yards passing and 132 yards



**Baby Sitting Service**—Little Sharlene Low (on floor), and Denise Low receive a lot of attention from St. Joseph Academy junior high school students. The class will provide a babysitting service during the Packer-Cardinal game here Nov. 13. Girls and their mothers will be at the Cathedral clubrooms from 12 to 5 o'clock that Sunday afternoon. Purpose of the service is to raise money for the school's building fund. Reliable and experienced girls will entertain and care for the children. For further information persons may call Mrs. Henry Funk, 1050 Ninth St.

rushing. The Bears have advanced with such power that they are now leading the league in offense - being one of two teams to exceed 2,000 yards in the first six games. Chicago has rolled up 2,221 yards, 1,156 by rushing and 1,065 by passing. Cleveland is second with 2,050 and, for purposes of comparison, Green Bay is down the list with 1,811 - what with two 10-point games in a row. The Packers gained 924 rushing and 887 passing. Actually, the Bear and Packer rushing averages are the same - 4.4 per crack. Only Baltimore's 4.6 is better...PS FIGURES INTERESTING: The Packer rushing load is carried by fullback Howie Ferguson, who is averaging 4.7 in 94 carries. J.W. Hoffman, now a fullback - at least the last check, tops the Bears, but Rick Casares isn't far behind. Ferguson is third in the league with 444 yards, Hoffman is ninth with 302 and Casares 10th with 298. The Packers' Breezy Reid had been riding among the first 10 but dropped off when he was ejected for fighting against the Colts before getting a chance to carry. He has 231 yards in 54 carries. Veryl Switzer filled in for Breezy last Sunday and boosted his total to 101 yards in 16 tries for an average of 6.3. While the figures look good, the digits in the point-scoring column are more interesting - especially in the last three games. The Bears, for instance, rolled up 103 points in winning their trio, 38 vs. Baltimore, 34 vs. San Francisco and 31 vs. Los Angeles. The only Packer consolation there is that the scoring has been decreasing. It will be the Packers' job to shrink the Bear pointage even more. Green Bay, on the other hand, scored only 50 points in its last three games - 30 on Los Angeles and 10 each on Cleveland and Baltimore...DEFENSE GETS BETTER: The only conclusion is that the offense will have to be stepped up if the Packers expect to win. Thus, the emphasis likely will be on offense this week - ways and means of cracking the Bears defense, which, incidentally, gets better along with the Bear offense. Chicago's defense, according to the figures, is about "midway" in the league. The Bears have permitted 5.4 yards per rush and enemies have completed 50.7 percent of their passes. The Packer defense, by comparison, allowed 4.0 yards per rush and only 41.2 percent in passing. Blackbourn already has taken a step toward upping Bay point production. He called off all action yesterday - indoors and outdoors, and told the players to take a good rest. The Bays were back on the drill field today and the offensive was on. Working into the offensive line was Jack Spinks, a 240-pound guard who was added to the roster yesterday. His spot was made available when service-bound George Timberlake was placed on the military roster.

## 12 PACKERS MEMBERS OF CASTOFF CLUBS

NOV 2 (Sporting News) - If Paul Brown is the David Harum of the NFL, then Liz Blackbourn of the Green Bay Packers must rate a special citation as runner-up. When the Packers played the Browns at Cleveland, October 23, an even dozen of their players were castoffs from other NFL clubs. The players and their previous affiliations were as follows: Fullback Howie Ferguson (Rams); halfback Breezy Reid (Bears); end Gary Knafelc (Cardinals); defensive halfback Val Joe Walker (Giants); defensive end John Martinkovic, guard Buddy Brown and tackle Len Szafaryn (Redskins); tackle Tom Dahms (Rams); tackle Jerry Helluin, guard Joe Skibinski and tackle Bill Lucky (Browns), and defensive end Pat O'Donahue (49ers). Dahms, six-foot, five-inch, 250-pounder, rates as probably the best deal ever made by the Packers, being obtained for veteran end Stretch Elliott, since released by the Rams, and a '56 draft choice, whose value has been more than offset by Dahms' spectacular play.



## 50,000 SELLOUT FOR BEAR-PACKER CLASH

NOV 2 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - The 75th annual Packer-Bear game was reported a sellout Tuesday - which means more than 50,000 will pack Wrigley Field to witness Sunday's struggle for title contention. The resurgent Bears, who returned to Chicago from the most successful coast trip since 1950, will be fired up by their new conquests....and by that ever present burning desire - beat the Packers. It's reasonable to assume the Bears are still steaming over the humiliating 24-3 licking at Green Bay. And, mind you, right now they're the hottest club in pro football, having whipped the Colts, 49ers and Rams after losing three straight. You can bet a battle royal, with all switches wide open, is in the offing - which explains the rush for tickets. What a change in those Bear. They aren't the same team which the Packers ran over with ridiculous ease at Green Bay. Just take a gander at Halas U's statistical record as of right now: The Bears boast the best total offense in the league, with 2,221 yards gained, 1,156 on the ground. And with Ed Brown perfecting his passing, the aerial punch has connected 80 of 161 times for 49 percent efficiency. It was Brown and Harlon Hill who teamed for the longest pass of the season last Sunday - a mighty 86 yarder which broke the Rams' hopes. Bear publicitor Frank Korch reported the club would be in top physical shape for the Packers. If you remember at Green Bay, a much heralded rookie named Rick Casares was sidelined with injuries. Casares is one of the best in the business. His 81-yard dash against the Colts last month is the longest run from scrimmage this season. Korch also brought Papa George's happy tidings: "We're really rolling now, we're playing good ball, we've had a little luck. And we're determined to go the distance." If the Bears should win the championship, it would certainly be one of the greatest comebacks in pro history. It could be done, though, with the Bruins higher than a kite. The situation in Green Bay is a shade different. Coach Liz Blackbourn, suspecting a little staleness, called off drills until Wednesday. That's the longest rest his club has had summer camp opened in July. Green Bay will be in good shape physically. Fullback Howie Ferguson has completely recovered from his wrenched knee. Fergy had a field day against the Bears in the opener, galloping for 153 yards. The layoff could be just what the doctor ordered for Tobin Rote, who has been ailing with a heavy head cold which has blocked his ears. If Rote can snap out of it, he could mean the difference in this game. Blackbourn should get his gang up again. Any sort of victory will keep the Packers in contention. And the way things have been going this season, anything can happen. This weekend is showdown time in the Western Division. While the Packers and Bears have it out in their tell-tale game, the 49ers take on the Rams (Sunday) and the Colts battle the Lions at Detroit (Saturday night). At the moment, only winless Detroit can be out of the race.

## QUICK HEAVE HO AFTER PICTURES

NOV 2 (Milwaukee Journal) - The way officials have played the quick heave-ho in NFL games over the weekend, it would appear that the league office passed down the word following a national magazine's picture layout, "Savagery on Sunday". In any case, seven players were banished for swinging on opponents, among them Breezy Reid of the Green Bay Packers, Ollie Matson and Harry Thompson of the Chicago Cardinals, Herschel Forester and Bob Gain of the Cleveland Browns, Bob Gaona and Leon Campbell of Pittsburgh and Chuck Bednarik of Philadelphia. Ray Richards, coach of the Cardinals, was outspoken about Matson's expulsion. "They (the Browns) send a guy like Forester over to pick a fight with Matson," he said, "and both get thrown out. Forester is expendable, Matson isn't. We were the ones who were really hurt."...Lisle Blackbourn, Green Bay coach, feels that injuries would be cut down considerably by raising the player limit from 33 to 35 for a full season. "You'd be surprised," he said the other day, "what a difference two extra players would make in permitting juggling and substituting of personnel. Tired or dazed players are the ones most easily hurt...VALUABLE ROOKIE: To find out what an injury can do to a pro team, one need look only as far as the Philadelphia Eagles. Rated a favorite for the eastern division title, the Eagles won their opener, but lost Ted Wegert, star rookie halfback with a broken foot. Wegert missed four games. The Eagles lost three and tied the other. He came back last Sunday and Philadelphia knocked Pittsburgh out of a tie for the lead, 24-0. Wegert scored two touchdowns, set up the third and added new authority to the Eagles' running game...A New York writer insists on calling the Baltimore Colts fullback "Don

## PACKER POWERHOUSE



Packer followers call Howie Ferguson the best full back in the league and the large crowd which will see him today in Wrigley field could agree unless the Bears rule otherwise.

Ameche". Don is the fellow who invented the telephone. Alan is the old Wisconsin Horse who plows furrows in opposing coaches' brows, including Blackburn's...TRY, TRY AGAIN: The feeling around the league was that you could not throw long against the Los Angeles Rams and get away with it. Not with their deep men, Will Sherman and Don Burroughs, to steal the ball. They rank one-two in interceptions. Harlon Hill, sensational sophomore of the Chicago Bears, didn't let that stop him last Sunday at Los Angeles. With second down and eight yards to go on the Bears 14, Hill beat Burroughs and Sherman, but the official ruled he was out of bounds when he made the catch. On the next play, Brown unloosed the long one, about 70 yards in the air. Hill again had outstepped the Rams and caught it for an 86 yard touchdown play. Sunday, at Chicago's Wrigley Field, the Packers must put up with Brown and Hill.

## Ferguson Like Green Gold in Green Bay's Backfield

*Outruns The Horse*



HOWIE FERGUSON . . . Ram discard Packer star

### FERGUSON LIKE GREEN GOLD IN GREEN BAY'S BACKFIELD

NOVEMBER 2 (Sporting News) - Howie Ferguson didn't go to college. Matter of fact, he didn't complete high school. Yet this bronco of the bayous, most surprising of the surprising Green Bay Packers, today ranks as one of the finest fullbacks in the NFL. In this topsy-turvy pro football season, Ferguson's climb to success from the discard heap of the Los Angeles Rams stands out above all others. Ferguson, an all-around athlete at New Iberia (La.) High School, joined the Navy after his junior year. He played service football for four years. While he was performing for San Diego Navy, a bird dog of the Rams got a look at him. Following his discharge, Ferguson reported to the Rams. That was in 1952. He played against the collegians in the all-star game and turned in a fine job. But before the season opened, when the Rams had to reduce to the league's 33-player limit, Ferguson was cut loose. The Rams, after all, had Deacon Dan Towler and Tank Younger, two of the league's best fullbacks. That left no place for Howie. Joe Stydahar, then coach of the Rams, tipped off the Packers about Ferguson, but Howie put in a year working in the oil fields around New Iberia, before reporting to the Packers in 1953. He barely hung on in 1953, playing little as second string fullback to Fred Cone and carrying the ball 52 times for 134 yards...RATED HIGH BY BLACKBOURN: About midseason of 1954, Ferguson beat out Cone for the first string position. His 276 yards in 83 carries still was far from outstanding, but as a pass catcher, he made 41 receptions, second high on the Packers and surpassed only by Billy Howton, for 398 yards. Prior to the start of the current season, many observers said, "What the Packers need most is a real fullback - another Clarke Hinkle or Ted Fritsch. Someone who can go get those two or three yards, who can tear up the other team's line." Coach Lisle Blackburn

smiled and said, "I've got a fullback, one of the best in the league." The pre-season games bore out Blackburn's contention and early league contests clinched the argument. In six exhibitions, Ferguson gained 301 yards - almost as much as all the other Packer backs combined. He required only the first three regular season games to exceed his total of the entire '54 campaign. In upset victories over the Detroit Lions and Chicago Bears and in the heartbreaking, 24 to 20 defeat by the Baltimore Colts, Ferguson gained 294 yards in 53 carries. Only Alan Ameche, the Wisconsin Horse turned Colt, surpassed him in ground gaining after five league games. Ameche, most publicized football player, college or pro, in his four great years as a Badger, had 518 yards in 94 tries, while Howie had 367 yards in 75 carries. But when they met, man to man, at Milwaukee's County Stadium the night of October 8, before 40,119 spectators, by far the largest crowd ever to see a football game in Milwaukee, Ferguson went all out to shade the Horse, who was returning as a pro to his home state. Ferguson did, too, gaining 71 yards to Ameche's 57, each in 20 carries against two of the toughest defenses in pro football. Each scored one touchdown. Ameche lost the ball on the first play from scrimmage, setting up Green Bay's first touchdown, which was scored after only 41 seconds. Ferguson did not fumble. On one play, when Ferguson roared around right end on his favorite pitchout play for a first down on Baltimore's two-yard line, Gino Marchetti, 245-pound end, tried to tackle the 210-pound Ferguson. The big Colt was wheeled away on a stretcher with a dislocated shoulder. Ferguson, 25, married and the father of a son and daughter, has amazed many observers with his improvement, among them George Paskvan, himself a former All-America fullback at Wisconsin and with the Packers. "Howie sure fooled me," Paskvan said. "I never thought he'd make it. But right now I'd say he and Ameche are the two best. No one drives harder for yardage than Ferguson. I guess all he needed was Big Time experience. He gets better every game." Blackburn, in his second year of rebuilding Packer fortunes,



has many castoffs from other teams on his squad. But Blackburn isn't complaining about his material. Not with a castoff like Howie Ferguson around to play fullback. "Howie is the best pass-catching fullback in the league," Blackburn says, "and he's developing into one of the best runners. Why, I wouldn't be surprised if he's THE best right now. He sure is in my book."

### HALAS WARY OF BEAR WELCOME

NOVEMBER 2 (Chicago Tribune) - Slight suspicions of impending disaster began ruffling the aplomb of George Halas yesterday. Things have been going too well, the genial owner-coach of the Chicago Bears figures. Returning from the club's most successful trip to the Pacific coast in five seasons, Halas found lines formed in front of the Wrigley field ticket wicket for Sunday's contest against the Green Bay Packers. People are now calling his Bears the team to beat in the championship race and the best job in athletics at the moment is trainer for the team. Not a man needs attention. Such luck cannot last,

opines Halas, a firm believer that no road is too long to have a turning. Trouble, he expects, must be just around the corner. And the corner, in all probability, is at the end of the week. No team ever has come back from two weeks on the coast to one of its best performances. This is not exclusively a Bear failing. It happens to every team that makes the long haul westward. There is a considerable difference of opinion over the reason for these homecoming letdowns, but none at all over the deadliness. Somewhat in the nature of an experiment, Halas yesterday gave the Bears the day off, except for a lecture. Preparations will be put back on a daily basis today, with defense against the passing and running of Tobin Rote and the reckless charges of Howie Ferguson, one of football's greatest fullbacks, the first order of business. Ferguson has recovered fully from the knee trouble that slowed him down in recent weeks and with his recovery, Green Bay officials yesterday announced the Packers would be in the best shape of the season on Sunday. This is getting to be a habit with Bear opponents. San Francisco proclaimed itself healthier than any time since training camp when the Bears got to Kezar stadium 10 days ago. One of the most important factors in pre-game speculation in Los Angeles last Sunday was an official announcement from the Rams that they too had just returned to 100 percent condition. The Bears whipped both clubs in a workmanlike manner, literally blocking and tackling the Rams and 49ers into submission. Now comes Green Bay. Halas may have a right to worry, even with all the ticket racks stripped. Bear players were more interested in talking about the coast trip than predicting success against the Packers and out of their reminiscences came the revelation that Harlon Hill called the 86 yard touchdown pass with which he and Ed Brown broke the Rams' back Sunday. Opening



**Piggyback Against Packer Foes** — Green Bay's next opponent, the Bears in Chicago Sunday, are shown cavorting in the above scenes but in the top view the Los Angeles Rams are pulling the unusual in LA last Sunday. Tackle Gene Lipscomb, who is 6-6½ tall, hoists 6-4 Don Burroughs to his shoulders (left) as the Bears tried a 48-yard field goal. Burroughs leaps at ball from Lipscomb's shoulders (right) but George Blanda's kick sailed past him and through the uprights. Below, Bear pass receiver Harlon Hill (87) grabs a pass good for 12 yards as Willard Sherman tackles him. Hill scored three touchdowns on passes in Bears' 31 to 20 win. (AP Wirephotos)

strategy against the Rams called for no long passes. Long passes have been the downfall of every Los Angeles opponent so far. Brown forgot the instruction momentarily on the first play of the game, and the Rams intercepted. Thereafter, the Bears limited themselves to medium and short shots, mostly in the flat. By the third period, they had drawn in the Ram secondary. Hill caught the secondary crowding up, instead of falling back, and suggested in the huddle that he could get loose. The rest is in the official records.

### TOP-RANKED OFFENSE SHOWS BEARS' RESURGING POWER

NOV 2 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - The Chicago Bears held firmly Wednesday to their No. 1 ranking for offense in the NFL. Rolling up of 405 yards against the Rams at Los Angeles last Sunday is a vivid indication of the Bruins' resurgent power. In latest statistics, released by the NFL, the Bears have gained 2,221 yards - 1,156 rushing and 1,065 through the air. Those

405 yards produced against Los Angeles is quite a step-up in comparison to 217 yards gained against the Packers in Green Bay last October. The offensive fireworks are popping and the Bears are winning. Sunday afternoon at Wrigley Field some 50,000 fans will see just how effective this Bruin attack is against a team which George Halas labeled "the only club which deserved to beat us." In the rushing department the Bears are dominant, followed by Cleveland (1,088), Baltimore (1,068) and Green Bay (924). In passing, the Bears are fourth to Detroit, Green Bay is seventh. While the Packers have the third best ground gainer in fullback Howie Ferguson, who has gained 444 yards for a 4.7 average, the Bears can counter with John Hoffman, ninth-ranked, and Rick Casares, 10th best in the league. Casares has produced the longest gain from scrimmage this season, bursting through the Baltimore defense for an 81-yard jaunt. Hoffman has gained 302 yards for a five yard average. The Bears' passing game sputtered at Green Bay. But today Ed Brown is fourth ranked in the league and George Blanda 13th, Green Bay's Tobin Rote is 12th. The league ranks passers on their average gain per pass attempt. Brown has an 8.13 average gain on 49 completions. Rote has 5.86 on 86 completions and Blanda 5.27 on 27 completions. Rote, incidentally, has thrown more passes - 180 - and completed more than any other quarterback in the league. And in the receiving department, the Bears' Harlon Hill and the Packers' Billy Howton each has caught 27 passes, second only to the 49ers' Billy Wilson. Hill, however, has outgained Howton by eight yards. This is all quite interesting in comparison to that October 24-3 slaughter in Green Bay. Papa George rotated Brown, Blanda and Bob Williams without success. Rote and Ferguson had great days, and that was the ball game. Coach Liz Blackbourn praised the team after the rout: "Our boys got the Bears on the run from the start and our defense took care of the rest." Blanda's 47 yard field goal in the third quarter was the only semblance of a score. Statistics add to the convincing margin of victory. The Packers outgained the Bears in total yardage, 411-217 (188-85 passing and 223-132 rushing). Rote completed 14 of 30 passes and Ferguson gained 153 yards in 15 carries. The best Chicago could show was Brown's five completions in 16 passes for 93 yards and Bobby Watkin's 50 yards in 10 carries. Now for the return match. Green Bay invades Wrigley Field in the best physical shape of the season with only its pride hurt in losing two close shaves to the Colts, and taking a drubbing from the Browns. The Bears are up in the clouds over the coast success. It's strictly a shoot the works affair for both clubs (3-3), gunning to stay in title contention. It's got all the makings of a drag 'em out, knock 'em down affair.

# Chicago Bears Running Like Bears of Old, Liz

## **CHICAGO BEARS RUNNING LIKE BEARS OF OLD, LIZ**

NOV 3 (Green Bay) - "The Bears have great backs and they're running like the Bears of old." The coiner of that quote is Packer Coach Liz Blackbourn, who directs the Green Bays against the Bears in Chicago Sunday - the 74th battle in the heated rivalry and the fourth for Blackbourn. A close observer of the Packers and Bears long before he joined the pro ranks, Blackbourn told the Wednesday night Quarterback Club meeting: "Those three backs of the Bears can do just about everything - Watkins with his dives and traps, Casares on the traps and that big Jagade on traps and pitchouts. Watkins and Casares are among the leading first-year backs in the league and they must be watched closely." Starting slowly with the rest of the team, the Bears' three ace ball carriers are coming along fast. Casares is now among the first 10 in the league with 298 yards in 54 carries for 5.5. Blackbourn also delivered a note of caution on Bear quarterbacks Ed Brown and George Blanda. "Both of them are going good. The Bears seem to alternate them with different series or signals. They can both roll out and run and, of course, they are good passers," Liz said. While the Bears "offer us a big problem," Blackbourn noted that "we've always been good against the Bears and that's a comforting thought." In the Packers' last three showings under Blackbourn against the Bears, the Chicagoans won two, 10-3 and 28-23 in 1954, and the Packers took the opener this season, 24-3. The 10-3 game was a muddy mess and the Bears scored their winning touchdown after recovering a fumble on Green Bay's seven. That TD, incidentally, was of the disputish variety because the pictures showed that the receiver was over the end line when he caught it. The 28-23 game was a super thriller. The Bears moved into a 14-0 lead but the Packers fired back into a 23-14 edge. Chicago again used the fumble to get back, turning a fumbled punt into a TD after which they swept back to take the lead. The Packers crashed back some 50 yards - only to have time to run out on the Bear 16. The 24-3 game saw the Packers play savage football for 60 minutes, and the Bears never were able to get up a head of steam - especially after the Packers led 10-0 at the half. Blackbourn also touched on the Packers' 14-10 loss to Baltimore last Saturday, pointing out: "It was a frustrating night; everything we did seemed to go bad. It was a case of our mistakes rather than the Colts' good



play. Their system is to control the ball and they were fortunate to get the ball three times by making interceptions on three deflected passes." The matter of scoring points (the Bays counted 20 in their last two games) came up and Blackburn, with an eye on the Bears, answered: "We're not pleased with the number of points we have been scoring. The lack of scoring goes into the core of the team - everybody's blocking. We expect to sharpen our blocking for future games. As to special plans to increase scoring against the Bears, we've added a play or two with different types of blocking. But the blocking will have to be good to get those scores." In answer to a question, Blackburn said that "the loss of Reid (Breezy was thumbed for fighting early against Baltimore) undoubtedly hurt us but how much we'll never know." He said that fullback Howie Ferguson "tired some against Baltimore because his knee is heavily strapped. On every step he takes, he's dragging against the tape." Ferguson may be less handicapped against the Bears, though he'll still be taped...The Packers pounded offensive in the first outdoor drill of the week yesterday afternoon, with plenty of running and rushing. Blackburn stressed the importance of not dropping passes in practice and several times sounded off when throws were dropped. Dropped passes at Baltimore might have cost the Packers a chance to win. Defensive work plus more offense was on tap for today and Friday. The squad will leave Green Bay on the 10:25 North Western Saturday morning and loosen up in Wrigley Field Saturday afternoon. They'll headquarter at the Knickerbocker Hotel...Defensive back Bobby Dillon was presented as the most valuable player of the Baltimore game at the Quarterback meeting. The veteran speedster directs the Packers' deep defense. Tom Miller served as chief quarterback. He also narrated the game film in the absence of Tom White, the Packer voice who underwent major surgery Monday. White is "doing nicely", the club was told.

### NFL PAID ADMISSIONS UP

NOV 3 (Philadelphia) - Commissioner Bert Bell Wednesday announced an increase in paid attendance at NFL games of 16.4 percent for 36 games played this year over the same number of games last year. The 12 teams in the league at home or away, have drawn 1,257,257, compared with the 36 game figure in 1954 of 1,083,780 - an increase of 173,477. The two million-a-season attendance barrier was broken in 1952 when 2,052,126 paid to witness the 72-game NFL schedule. In 1953, this record was shattered with a total attendance of 2,164,585. Last year, the record was broken again with 2,219,162.

### PACKER-BEAR GO NOT ON TV

NOV 3 (Green Bay) - The Packer-Bear game in Chicago Sunday will not be televised back to Packer home territory in Green Bay and Milwaukee. Some rumors circulated this week that the game would be televised here, but the Packer Corp. pointed out that there were too many complications involved to make such arrangements at his late date. The Packers explained that they had solicited bids from sponsors and television stations early in the year for the right to televise any or all Packer games, and made continued efforts throughout the year to make some satisfactory arrangement, all with no result. There is a rule that when arrangements are made to televise a game after tickets have been sold, the club must offer to refund the price of all such tickets sold. "The Packers sincerely regret that the game cannot be televised here," said General Manager Verne C. Lewellen, "but it is impossible to make arrangements the week of the game."...More than 3,000 fans will the trip from Green Bay and area for the game. Most of the tickets allotted the Packer ticket office were snapped up early in the week. In all, more than 6,000 Packer Backers will view the Wrigley Field proceedings. Besides Green Bay, they'll be invading the Windy City from Milwaukee and downstate cities.

The Figures						Leading Scorers														
<b>Leading Ground Gainers</b>						Tr Tp Tt Xp Fg Fga Tp														
Ameche, Balt.	Atts.	Yds.	LG	Ave.		J'wicz, Wash.	3	2	5	13	2	7	49							
Perry, SF	84	466	42	5.5		Blanda, Bears	1	0	1	17	7	10	44							
Ferguson, GB	94	444	57	4.7		Cone, GB	0	0	0	12	10	16	42							
Morrison, Cleve.	85	430	42	5.1		Groza, Cleve.	0	0	0	21	6	11	39							
Rogel, Pitts.	103	385	16	3.7		Walker, Det.	0	2	2	11	5	7	38							
Waller, LA	73	361	32	4.9		M'dz'f'ski, Cleve.	4	2	6	0	0	0	36							
Webster, NY	65	360	71	5.5		Ameche, Balt.	6	6	6	0	0	0	36							
M'dzelewski, Cleve.	81	327	18	4.0		Rechichar, Balt.	0	0	0	13	7	13	34							
H'ffm'n, J.W., Bears	61	302	31	5.0		Watkins, Bears	5	0	5	0	0	0	30							
Casares, Bears	54	298	81	5.5		Richter, LA	0	0	0	17	4	11	29							
Longest Gain: 81 yds., Dick Casares, Chicago Bears vs. Baltimore, 10/16/55.						<b>Leading Punters</b>														
<b>Leading Passers</b>						No. Av. D. L/g'st														
Graham, Cleve.	At. Co.	Yd.	TD	Int.	Av.	Van Brocklin, LA	32	45.1	60											
Tittle, SF	134	69	1112	8	14	8.30	Burk, Phil.	35	44.4	75										
Th'm's'n, Phil.	91	48	740	5	3	8.13	Le Baron, Wash.	31	42.4	52										
Brown, Bears	92	49	731	2	8	7.95	Gillom, Cleve.	29	42.4	56										
V'Br'klin, LA	127	71	903	6	11	7.11	Girard, Det.	32	42.3	61										
L'Baron, Wash.	121	52	852	5	9	7.04	Deschaine, GB	28	42.1	58										
Conerly, NY	97	49	650	7	8	6.70	Landry, NY	41	41.5	69										
Finks, Pitts.	161	80	1046	4	12	6.50	Brown, Bears	25	40.8	55										
Layne, Det.	159	79	1011	5	10	6.36	Longest Punt: 75 yds., Adrian Burk, Philadelphia vs. Chicago Cardinals, 10/23/55.													
McHan, Card.	98	32	570	5	10	5.82	<b>Punt Return Leaders</b>													
Shaw, Balt.	101	45	584	5	13	5.78	No. Yds. Ave. L TD													
Rote, GB	180	86	1022	7	11	5.68	Riley, Det.	6	81	13.5	20	0								
Blanda, Bears	59	27	311	3	3	5.27	Paul, Cleve.	9	88	9.8	60	1								
Burk, Phil.	84	38	441	3	4	5.25	Dr'z'wcki, Bears	8	70	8.8	28	0								
Gilmer, Det.	52	27	271	0	3	5.21	Matson, Bears	9	77	8.6	22	0								
Longest Completion: 86 yds., Ed Brown, Chicago Bears vs. Los Angeles, 10/30/55. TD.						Switzer, GB										14	84	6.0	33	0
<b>Leading Pass Receivers</b>						Longest Return: 69 yds., James Patton, New York vs. Washington, 10/30/55. TD.														
Wilson, SF	Rec'd	Yds.	LG	TD		<b>Kickoff Return Leaders</b>														
Hill, Bears	29	493	72	4		No. Yds. Ave. L TD														
Howton, GB	27	462	60	3		Long, NY	6	172	28.7	31	0									
Pihos, Phil.	24	355	31	4		Arenas, SF	11	309	28.1	42	0									
Doran, Det.	23	358	41	1		Switzer, GB	8	224	28.0	57	0									
Mathews, Pitts.	23	351	35	2		Scudero, Wash.	17	441	25.9	41	0									
Fears, LA	22	232	31	1		Waller, LA	10	257	25.7	36	0									
Boyd, LA	21	369	74	3		Longest Return: 100 yds., Albert Carmichael, Green Bay vs. Cleveland, 10/23/55. TD.														
Knafelc, GB	20	302	36	3		<b>Interception Leaders</b>														
Middleton, Det.	20	187	24	0		No. Yds. TD L														
Brewster, Cleve.	18	370	35	2		Sherman, LA	8	72	0	36										
McColl, Bears	18	278	42	2		Burroughs, LA	6	81	0	34										
Girard, Det.	17	235	34	0		Bawel, Phil.	5	113	1	42										
Webster, NY	17	220	48	1		Hecker, Wash.	5	52	0	26										
Bernet, Pitts.	17	187	25	1		Moegle, SF	5	50	0	37										
Longest Completion: 86 yds., Harmon Hill, Chicago Bears vs. Los Angeles, 10/30/55. TD.						Gorgal, Bears										4	70	0	34	
						Tunnell, NY										4	25	0	18	
						Walker, GB										4	24	0	17	
						Longest Return: 92 yds., Leo Sanford, Chicago Cardinals vs. Pittsburgh, 9/26/55. TD.														



**Crazy Quilt Pattern**—Here are 10 of the 33 Chicago Bears the Packers will have to bump around if they expect to advance in the torrid Western division race in Chicago Sunday afternoon. The Bruins are (top row, left to right), defensive end Ed Sprinkle, fullback Chick Jagade, guard Bill George, end Bill McColl, halfback Don Kindt, halfback Bobby Watkins. Insets (left to right) are linebacker and captain George Connor, halfback Ron Drzewiecki, defensive end Doug Atkins and guard Stan Jones. Kickoff in Wrigley Field is set for 1:05. A standing-room crowd of more than 50,000 is expected.

### WEST BEST? EASTERN DIVISION HOLDS EDGE

NOV 3 (New York) - The NFL's Western Conference generally has been regarded as the strongest and best-balanced during recent years, but the Eastern section holds a 3-1 edge in the inter-division games played so far this season. Each club plays two games against teams from the opposition against teams from the opposite division to round out a 12-game schedule. So the Western huskies still may come out ahead in the 1955 inter-division competition before the division champions clash for the league title. The Cleveland Browns, defending league and Eastern Division titleholders, are mainly responsible for the East's good start against the Western clubs this fall...**BROWNIES BLANK OPPONENTS:** Cleveland, which lost to Western Division teams three straight years in the championship game before crushing Detroit in the 1954 title contest, has played its two 1955 games with Western Division teams. The Brownies swept both without giving up a touchdown from scrimmage. Cleveland limited the San Francisco Forty Niners to a field goal in a 38-3 rout and knocked the Green Bay Packers out of first place two weeks ago while winning 41-10. Green Bay got its points on a field goal and Al Carmichael's 100-yard dash with a kickoff. Lisle Blackbourn, who has been coaching the Packers since the beginning of the 1954 season, indicated after that game he is happy Cleveland is not in the Western Conference. "That was the best ball club, that day, we've played since I've been in the league," Blackbourn said. The Washington Redskins furnished the other Eastern triumph this season by edging the Baltimore Colts, 14-13...**ONE-POINT LOSERS:** In the other inter-division game played so far this year, the Los Angeles Rams kicked a field goal in the final second to nip the Pittsburgh Steelers, 27-26. The Steelers still are fuming about what they called but their failure to make the extra point after two of their touchdowns also helped decide the outcome. The 3-1 Eastern edge will hold at least until Nov. 13 because there are no inter-division contests this weekend.

### COUNCIL APPROVES 50-CENT TAX HIKE, RECORD EXPENSES

NOV 3 (Green Bay) - Giving tentative approval to a 1956 budget with a 50 cents per \$1,000 valuation city tax rate increase, the City Council Wednesday night previewed a future controversy over the location of a new Packer stadium. Meeting in an informal four and a half hour session to go over the proposed budget item by item, the Council voted 14-8 to include the down payment for 39 acres adjoining Perkins Park, against the recommendation of Mayor Otto Rachals and a finance committee majority. The \$3,300 down payment for a \$33,300 purchase of the so-called Detry property, northeast of Perkins Park, was requested by the Park Board but cut by the mayor and finance committee. The 34-acre park tract, at Military Avenue and Bond Street, was purchased by the city this year. While the matter reached the Council as a park addition, it was plain that some of the supporters of the purchase had a new stadium in mind. "I thought we were talking about a bigger park. Now there seems to be something, a big political issue in the background," protested Ald. Rhynnie Dantine...**WILL NEED PARKING:** Ald. Leonard Jahn, a backer of a west side stadium, predicted a stadium with the possible later addition of an arena and auditorium would take almost all of Perkins Park which made the additional land necessary for parking. He renewed his claim that ordinance requires one parking space for every five seats of any new stadium. Mayor Otto Rachals asked the Council to examine the cost of \$33,000 for parking plus the building of streets and preparing the land. Much of the area is very low land, he said. "Are you willing to spend all this money on a development which will be used only four



times a year?" he asked. Ald. A.B. Pinkerton and E.J. Perkins described the land as a good investment as the present price which would not be available in a year. Pinkerton said it was one of the few wooded areas remaining in the city. Deschaine asked why one section of the city should have 70 acres of park as he made his inquiry as to the motive of the purchase. As the stadium issue emerged, Rachals reminded the Council that a referendum would be required on a bond issue and that the site question could be a part of it. The Council presently is awaiting an estimate of the cost of enlarging City Stadium and has hired an architect to make an estimate of a stadium on the west side location. The additional 39 acres is under option to the Park Board.

# First Chi-Bear Sweep in 20 Years?

## **FIRST CHI-BEAR SWEEP IN 20 YEARS?**

NOV 4 (Green Bay) - The Packers can make history in Chicago Sunday. They can become the first Green Bay team in 20 (twenty) years to whip the Bears twice in one season. That's a long time to wait for a sweep over a hated enemy and the 1955 Packers figure it's about time to put an end to the curse. The Bays last laced the Bears twice during the 1935 season, taking the opener here 7 to 0 and the nightcap in Chicago 17-14. The present Packers, most of whom were just getting started in grade school back in '35, already have the first half of a possible Bear sweep under their belts - a 24 to 3 victory in Green Bay Oct. 2. This is only the sixth season since '35 that the Packers have been in a position to sweep the series with a victory in Chicago, although the experts are convinced the Packers can't do it, ruling the Bears a 10-point favorite. In '39, the Packers won in Green Bay 21-16, but lost in Chicago 30-27. In '44 in the highest scoring game of the set, the Packers won here 42-28, but the Bears reversed the tables in Chicago 21-0. The following year, the Packers opened with a 31-21 win here but the Bears won in Chi 27-24. The '47 Packers won here 29-20 but the Bears got revenge in Chicago 20-17. The '50 Packers took the Bay position 31-21 but the Bears won the recap 28-14. The '35 sweep was pretty much of a Don Hutson-sponsored affair. Then a rookie fresh out of Alabama, Hutson caught a touchdown pass in the early minutes here and the Bays made it hold up. In Chicago, he caught two touchdown passes in the last two minutes to overcome a 14-3 deficit. The present Packers don't have a rookie offensive end the likes of Hutson, but one of their ends - virtually a rookie since he played little in '54 - had a hot afternoon against the Bears a month ago. That would be Gary Knafelc, the sophomore left end who caught six passes for 98 yards and one touchdown which established the final score of 24-3. Just before the half, the Packers' right end, Billy Howton, snaked behind the Bear defense for a touchdown toss that gave the Packers a 10-0 lead. Besides the touchdown passes from Tobin Rote, the Packers scored on Rote's quarterback sneak and a 24-yard field goal by Fred Cone. The Bears' lone three came on George Blanda's 47-yard kick. Knafelc is due to "come back" after going catch-less against the Cleveland Browns and snaring two against Baltimore. Howton was below his early-season pace in the two losses, taking two vs. Cleveland and four against Baltimore. Howton caught 21 passes in his first four games and Knafelc 17 in the same four. And speaking of change of fortunes, Rote, unless he has to pass from his knees. is due to escape a few interceptions. The lanky Texans had 11 passes intercepted but 10 of them came in the last two and a half games. The Rams picked off five in the second half, the Browns grabbed two and the Colts three last Saturday night. All three of the Colts' grabs were on the smelly side since the ball was touched or deflected by Packer receivers into the hands of the Colts. Detroit grabbed one of Rote's passes in the opener here but Rote "shut out" the Bears and Colts in the next two games...Bear alumni got together for a dinner meeting in Chicago yesterday to get the "word" on Sunday's game and assistant coach Clark Shaughnessy told the group that "we have the three greatest quarterbacks in football. Can you imagine a guy like Williams playing third string? He could be playing regular on any other team in the league." Most of the Bear quarterbacking has been handled by George Blanda and Ed Brown. The coaches, who also included Bulldog Turner and Phil Handler, were optimistic in their views on Sunday's game. Turner departed from the track with a suggestion that the league increase its player limit from 33 to 44 players. On the ticket front, the Bears were to put on sale standing room and partial view tickets today. The sale of these tickets will determine whether the crowd will exceed 50,000. On the home front, the Packers went through a short but sharp drill today. Yesterday's workout was also shortened by Coach Liz Blackburn because of the cold.

Packer-Bear Comparison:		
OFFENSE	Pack.	Bears
First Downs	100	127
Rushing	52	60
Passing	43	54
By penalty	5	13
Yards gained (total)	1811	2221
Rushing (net)	924	1156
Passing (net)	887	1065
Number of rushes	210	262
Ave. gain per rush	4.4	4.4
Fwd passes attempt'd	182	151
Passes completed	86	80
Percent completed	47.3	53.0
Yds. gained passing	1022	1165
Yds. lost att. passing	135	100
No. had intercept.	11	13
Yds. Inter. ret. op.	153	160
Op. Touch. Inter.	1	0
Number of Punts	28	25
Average distance	42.1	40.8
Returned by	19	16
Av. dist. ret. by	7.5	5.8
Ret. for touch. by	0	0
Kick-Offs returned	17	20
Av. dist. ret. by	28.3	23.4
Ret. for touch. by	1	0
Number of penalties	17	22
Yards penalized	196	234
Fumbles	17	11
Own fumbles rec'd	7	2
Opp. fumbles	10	11
Opp. fumbles rec'd	4	4
Touchdowns (Total)	12	17
Touch. running	5	10
Touch. passing	7	7
Extra Points	12	17
Field goals	10	7
Field goals attempt.	16	10
Total points	114	142*
<b>DEFENSE</b>		
Opponents' points	127	130
Opp. first downs	89	104
Rushing	55	48
Passing	32	48
By penalty	2	8
Opp. yards gained	1754	1932
Rushing (net)	963	1070
Passing (net)	791	862
No. Opp. rushes	238	199
Op. av. gain per rush	4.0	5.4
Opp. passes att.	114	150
Completed	47	76
Percent completed	41.2	50.7
Intercepted by	15	10
Yds. Inter. ret. by	165	154
Tds. on inter. by	0	0

\*Includes one safety.

The Packers will leave on the 10:25 North Western Saturday morning and drill lightly in Wrigley Field in the afternoon. They'll headquarter at the Knickerbocker Hotel and return to Green Bay on the 10 o'clock North Western Sunday night.

### TRIPPI READY FOR PACKERS

NOV 4 (Chicago) - Veteran back Charlie Trippi, who suffered fractures of the nose and forehead in an exhibition game, will have his return to the Chicago Cardinals lineup delayed for a week. Coach Ray Richards said Thursday Trippi will not be used against the Pittsburgh Steelers here Saturday night but "maybe he'll go against the Green Bay Packers a week from Sunday."

### BEARS GRIM - PACKERS NEAR

NOV 4 (Chicago Tribune) - Visitors to Chicago Bear workouts these days would hardly recognize the team as one which has just scored decisive victories in three important contests. An air of grim resolve shrouds the Bears as they go about preparing for the invasion of Green Bay's explosive Packers on Sunday, an encounter which may attract one of the largest NFL gatherings of the season. There is no overconfidence and for good reason. Green Bay has outplayed the Bears in their last three meetings. It never allowed them to get into the game at Green Bay early this year, winning 24 to 3. A year ago, when the Bears has just returned from a spectacular last second victory over San Francisco, it took every break in the game for the Bears to eke out a last minute 23 to 20 triumph. This was the one in which the Bears scored on a punt fumbled by Veryl Switzer, a decision the Packers still contend was one of the worst holdups since a bunch of the

boys tipped over the Brinks Express company, and Don Kindt had to make the catch of his life on his pass. In addition to excellent personnel, Green Bay is profiting from one of the best coaching jobs in football. Lisle Blackburn, in his second season, has equipped the Packers with a fast, trick, and well balance attack. In Fred Cone the Packers have the league's leading field goal kicker, with 10 out of 16 attempts. Their big end, Bill Howton, is tied with Harlon Hill of the Bears for second place among receivers and fullback Howie Ferguson is third among the league's ground gainers with 444 yards in 94 attempts. Al Carmichael and Switzer are regarded as two of the finest kick return men in the league, and, of course, there always is Tobin Rote, the nomination of some coaches as the most dangerous quarterback in football. Fortunately for the Bear coaching staff, none of these facts are news to the Bear players, who have begun to draw a bead on the division championship. Consequently, the Bears are not expected to fall victim of that fatal football malady - overconfidence. Or at least, thousands of Bear fans who already have visited the box office hope so.

### BEARS TO SEEK REVENGE AND ARE LIKELY TO GET IT

NOV 4 (Milwaukee Journal) - Revenge appears near for the Bears - and how Papa Bear George Halas wants it. His Chicago Bears, once again fitting the description "Monsters of the Midway", plan to show Lisle Blackburn's Packers and a standing room only crowd of 50,000 at Chicago's Wrigley Field Sunday that what happened at Green Bay a month ago was all a mistake. The 74th renewal of this longest of NFL series will be contested starting at 1 o'clock. The Bears, who hold a 42-25 edge since 1921 with six ties, rule solid 10 point favorites. In their Green Bay meeting October 2, the Bears were favored, too. But the Packers won, 24-3. The Chicagoans were thoroughly outblocked and outattacked that day. They crossed midfield only six times and came no closer than 23 yards to Green Bay's goal. But now the Bears are different - entirely different. They have won three straight games, including the feat of sweeping their two game trip to the West Coast. Blackburn himself calls the Bears "the best team in either division right now." Wally Cruice of Milwaukee, who flew to Los Angeles last week to scout the Bears, then flew right back to Green Bay to tell Blackburn and his assistants what he saw, backed up Blackburn's evaluation. "They are the best team I've seen this season," Cruice said. Cruice was asked how

<b>A Must</b>						
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE						
Eastern Conference						
	W	L	T	Pct.	PS	OP
Cleveland	5	1	0	.833	167	91
Pittsburgh	4	2	0	.667	102	105
Washington	3	3	0	.500	103	143
Chi. Cardinals	2	3	1	.400	103	101
Philadelphia	2	3	1	.400	129	106
New York	2	4	0	.333	119	111
Western Conference						
	W	L	T	Pct.	PS	OP
Baltimore	4	2	0	.667	112	112
Los Angeles	4	2	0	.667	139	124
GREEN BAY	3	3	0	.500	114	127
Chicago Bears	3	3	0	.500	142	120
San Francisco	3	3	0	.500	125	159
Detroit	0	6	0	.000	98	154
Tough's Games						
Baltimore at Detroit						
Pittsburgh at Cardinals.						
Sunday's Games						
GREEN BAY AT BEARS (1:00, WJPG).						
New York at Cleveland.						
Philadelphia at Washington.						
San Francisco at Los Angeles.						
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Probable Offensive Lineups:						
PACKERS	LE	BEARS	LE	Hill	LT	Wightkin
Knafelc	LE	Hill	LT	Wightkin	LG	George
Szafaryn	LT	Wightkin	LG	George	C	Strickland
Skibinski	LG	George	C	Strickland	RG	Jones
Ringo	C	Strickland	RG	Jones	RT	Gilbert
Brown	RG	Jones	RT	Gilbert	RE	McColl
Dahms	RT	Gilbert	RE	McColl	QB	Brown
Howton	RE	McColl	QB	Brown	RH	Casares
Rote	QB	Brown	RH	Casares	LB	Switzer
Reid	RH	Casares	LB	Switzer	FB	Watkins
Switzer	LB	Watkins	FB	Watkins		Jagade
Ferguson	FB	Jagade				
* * *						
Packer-Bear Series						
Bears won 42, Packers 25; 6 tied.						
Points—Bears 1,161, Packers 897.						



the Bears had grown from cubs to grizzlies. "Their line," he said, "is doing a job, offensively and defensively. They are finally running the ball more. At Los Angeles, for example, they had some 80 plays from scrimmage and threw only 25 passes. They used to pass three times as much as they ran. With Jagade, Casares, Hoffman and Watkins, they can run on anybody. Brown has improved greatly at quarterback. Blanda is about the same. You can't give them anytime back there or they'll kill you with a long one."

**WHEN PACKERS, BEARS CLASH THE UNEXPECTED HAPPENS**

NOV 4 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - On paper, the Bears are a better passing and rushing team than the Packers. And on paper the Bears can show a better quarterback than the Packers, a better end, a better scorer and a better punt returner. Football games are played on a gridiron, however, a 100-yard terra firma that produces peculiar things - like the 24-3 drubbing the Bruins suffered at Green Bay last October. At that time, like now, the Bears were favored to win. They were considered on paper just a little too good, too big and too fast company for Coach Liz Blackburn's poor little Packers. So after it was all over these statistics seem unbelievable:

	Packers	Bears
Yards Gained Rushing	223	132
Yards Gained Passing	188	85
Total Yardage	411	217

Strange things are happening in pro football. However,

there is always the possibility for the unexpected when the Packers and Bears clash. Take 1950 for example. The Packers had one of their poorest seasons in the NFL, winning only three games while losing nine. Yet, on an October afternoon in Green Bay, the Packers ran over the Bears, 31-21. And that season the Bears rolled on to tie the Rams for the Western Division lead with nine wins and three losses. They consequently lost to Los Angeles, 24-14, in the playoff. Now comes Sunday's 74th meeting between the teams, this time at Wrigley Field. Will the Bruins continue their hot pursuit for the divisional lead? Or will the Packers be labeled the darkhorse in this hectic pro race? Here is what has happened since that 24-3 deal in Green Bay. The Packers lost to the Colts, tripped the Rams, were drubbed by the Browns and took it on the chin from Baltimore again. The Bears lost their third straight, being edged by the 49ers and came back roaring with consecutive wins over the Colts, 49ers and Rams. Blackburn's boys are still trying to figure why they couldn't beat the Colts, even once. The Brown rout is better forgotten. George Halas, who would like to bow out the way he came in - a champion, figured this was the year for the Bears. Now, more than ever - he points that the Bruins are on their way. Brown did it! Hill did it! Blanda did it! Hoffman and Casares did it! Brown acquired big league stature after the Green Bay trip. He completed only five of 16 passes against the Packers and had four intercepted. But today he is the league's fourth best passer. Harlon Hill had his best day against the Rams, grabbing eight for 151 yards and three touchdowns. He caught one pass against the Packers in the opener for 39 yards. George Blanda has scored 44 points this season, second only to Washington's Vic Janowicz. Blanda's 47-yard field goal was the only score against the Packers. John Hoffman is leading the Bears in rushing with 302 yards and a 5.0 average. Rookie Rick Casares has 298 yards and a 4.2 average. Hoffman had a 3.2 average against the Packers while Casares was sidelined. Ron Drzewiecki, the Marquette scooter, has an 8.8 yard average in punt returns, third best in the league. At Green Bay, Drzewiecki was the only spark in the Bears' attack, returning a kickoff 21 yards and running back two short field goal attempts 19 and 17 yards. But at the moment, this is a lot of paperwork. Sunday's showdown is another one of those football games in a league where anything can and does happen. And when the match is Packers and Bears, there is all the more reason for the unexpected.

**PACKERS, BEARS VIE 3-3 MARKS IN CHICAGO SUNDAY**

NOV 5 (Chicago-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Bears won straight. The Packers lost two straight. That's not a healthy condition - for Green Bay, but the NFL's oldest and bitterest rivals will enter the 74th renewal in Wrigley Field here Sunday afternoon with identical 3-3 records. That makes 'em even-steven, each a full game behind the leading Baltimore Colts, who play Detroit tonight, and the Los Angeles Rams, who battle arch-rival San Francisco Sunday. The Packers and Bears will



settle their differences before a standing room crowd of over 50,000 and the weatherman will cooperate with temperatures in the mid-50's and no rain. Kickoff is set for 1:05. The winner stands a chance of going into a first place tie, providing the Colts and Rams lose. The Packer-Bear classic is difficult to figure. Some folks think the Bears will be flying so high - on the wings of three straight wins, that the Packers won't be able to touch 'em. Others feel that the twice-bitten Packers will be mad enough to beat anybody, including the Bears. It could be a question of who's the toughest - the boy who has had two lickings or the boy who has experienced the opposite of three lickings. Past performances, however, don't mean much when these old rivals collide. And you can also throw out the statistics, which favor the Bears on offense and the Packers on defense. Packer Coach Liz Blackburn has been cautious all week, warning the Bays that the Bears won't be the same club that fell at City Stadium 24 to 3 last Oct. 2. Bear Coach George Halas has been cautious by his lack of comment, although he waved something of a red flag in front of the Packers in the hilarity of beating the Rams last Sunday with this remark: "The Packers were the only team to make us look bad but we'll get even." The Packers' key figure will be Tobin Rote, the lean Texan who had his nose fractured in last year's thriller here and who would like revenge with a victory. Rote isn't as healthy as he'd like to be. He's been bothered by head colds for nearly three weeks and presently he had an ear infection. But you'd never know it in practice or in game competition. Ailing or not, Rote will be a marked man. The Bears will probably be out to make him more unhealthy and the Packers will depend on his sharp-shooting to increase their scoring. Given a break on protection, Rote could lead the Bays to a necessary 30. Blackburn put the heat on Packer pass receivers in practice this week every time a good pass was dropped. Two dropped pitches robbed the Packers of a possible win against Baltimore last Saturday. Billy Howton, the Bays' leading receiver, had trouble hanging onto the ball in the Bear game last year - especially on short hooks about 10 yards downfield. The Bears had a knack of smacking his back about the time the ball reached him. The Packers expect to get a full game out of their chief ball carriers - Howie Ferguson and Breezy Reid. Ferguson's knee will require less tape, allowing him more freedom, and Reid has solemnly resolved not to take a poke at anybody. Reid received the thumb in the first five minutes at Baltimore when he retaliated after Colt Bill Pellington belted the Packer halfback a couple of times. The officials saw only Reid's hooks. The Bear offense, which averaged over 30 points in its last three games, will be keyed by quarterbacks Ed Brown and George Blanda, a flock of pass catchers headed by the brilliant Harlon Hill, and the rushing of Chick Jagade, J.W. Hoffman, Bobby Watkins and Rick Casares. The Packers' defense has ranked among the best in the league - especially against everybody's passing but Cleveland. The Bear offense, tops in the circuit, offers a new challenge since it will be much higher than it was in Green Bay. In that 24-3 test, the Bears never threatened under Packer defensive pressure, and they had to settle for three points on Blanda's 47-yard field goal. While it's interesting to gas about the noted offensive and defensive backs, none of them will be heroes unless the big men in the line can do their jobs. The Packer lines, for instance, suffered one big relapse and the Browns turned it into a 41-10 victory, rushing Rote with regularity and putting a wall around Otto Graham. In the best game for the Packers' front walls, the Bears couldn't budge forward and they hardly even put a hand on Rote. That's what is meant when the authors write: "Football game are won or lost in the line."...NEW FACE UP FRONT: And speaking about the line, the Packers will have a new face up front - big Jack Spinks, the former fullback who will relieve at guard or tackle on the offense. The 238-pounder got his chance when George Timberlake, reserve center and linebacker, got a call from Uncle Sam. Linebacker Tom Bettis will work as the No. 2 center behind Jim Ringo. The Packers worked out briefly in Wrigley Field this afternoon after which they went to the Knickerbocker hotel to relax until game time. The Bays will return him on the 10 o'clock North Western Sunday night.

#### **PACKERS, EAGER TO TRAP BEARS, ARRIVE TODAY**

NOV 5 (Chicago Tribune) - Lisle Blackburn, accompanied by his Green Bay Packers and the vanguard of 3,000 rooters, will arrive in the Loop today in time for a short workout in Wrigley field, where tomorrow they meet the Chicago Bears in 73rd renewal of the bitterest rivalry in professional football. Blackburn will be pleased to learn that his club is a nine point underdog along Randolph Street, where they have made the Bears favorites in all their losses and gave them points in their victories over Los Angeles and San Francisco. He also will be pleased to learn that Wrigley field is in excellent condition under the tarpaulin spread before Wednesday's snow and that the weatherman predicts fair weather for tomorrow's engagement. Bear preparations featured defense against Tobin Rote and Howie Ferguson again yesterday and in all probability there will be more of the same this morning when Coach George Halas winds up work for his last Green Bay game. Halas holds an edge over the Packers in 34 years of uninterrupted competition, 42 victories to 24, with six ties. But the only game of the series that really counts is tomorrow's. Both teams need a victory to remain in the championship race. At present they are tied for second place with .500 records in six starts.

#### **PACKERS AIM TO BUMP BEARS FROM VICTORY PATH TODAY**

NOV 6 (Chicago Tribune) - Green Bay and the Chicago Bears will turn back the pages of professional football history in Wrigley field today. Once again the erstwhile titans of the National league meet before a capacity throng of 48,000 with the title hopes of both teams at stake. Tied for second place in the western division with San Francisco, the loser in this 73rd renewal of professional football's most profitable series must perforce drop out of immediate contention. The winner may, depending on the outcome of the 49er-Ram game in Los Angeles, go to dinner in a tie for first place. Speculative odds favor



the Bears by nine points, but psychologically all the advantage is with the Packers, losers of their last two games. In addition to the Packers, who made them look bad in their first meeting, the Bears must fight against the mysterious letdown that has followed them home from the coast every trip for the last three seasons. Bear hopes depend entirely upon their ability to play the same type of football that humbled Baltimore (38-10), produced a victorious rally against San Francisco (34-23), and turned back Los Angeles (31-20). Anything less than the vicious perfection with which they blocked, tackled and ran over the opposition in the three triumphs will be inadequate against an explosive Packer team whose greatest asset all season has been its willingness to give until it hurts. The game will bring together four of the National league's top receivers - Harlon Hill and Bill McColl of Bears and Bill Howton and Gary Knafelc of the Packers. George Blanda of the Bears and Fred Cone of the Packers are second and third among National league scorers and Cone leads the league in field goals with 10. Another interesting duel will pit rival safetymen, Ron Drzewiecki and Bobby Watkins of the Bears and Veryl Switzer and Al Carmichael of the Packers against each other. Switzer is third among the league's kickoff return men and Drzewiecki third among punt handlers. More than 3,000 Green Bay fans will accompany the Packers. The weatherman promises them a fair day and a fast field.

## **Packers, Bears Vie 3-3 Marks in Chicago Sunday**