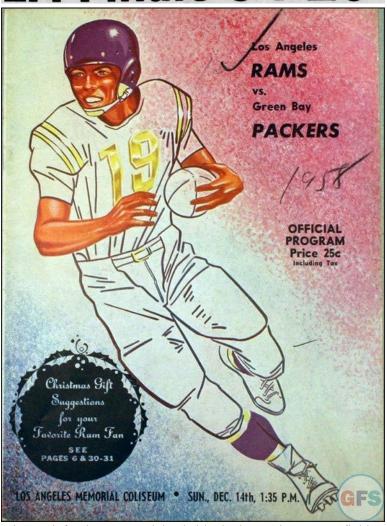




Los Angeles Rams (8-4) 34, Green Bay Packers (1-10-1) 20 Sunday December 14th 1958 (at Los Angeles)

Pack Loses Rough LA Finale 34-20



GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(LOS ANGELES) - The Packers finished their worse season in history on an encouraging note - for 1959, that is - in the Coliseum Sunday afternoon. The Rams made off with a 34 to 20 decision, which doesn't reflect the tough battle, to set the Packers' mark at 1-10-1 for the campaign. The previous bottom was 2-10 in '49. Los Angeles posted 8-4 to finish in a second-place tie with the Bears. The attendance of 51,634 gave the Rams their second straight million attendance - 1,053,798 for all games, home and away, exhibition and league. The Packers said last week they wanted to win this game for Coach Scooter McLean. They were high, but so where the Rams who had to win to gain a share of secondplace money. It was like a rugged season opener; in fact, the score was the same as the Pack's opening loss to the Bears last Sept. 28. The Packers came out with a new look - a sort of Hawaiian twist in the person of Ukelele Joe Francis, who came reasonably close to becoming the first rookie quarterback in years to whip somebody. Francis completed 7 out of 13 passes for 84 yards and one touchdown, ran 11 times for 87 yards, twice gave the Packers leads of 7-0 and 14-7, and generally inspired the long-suffering offence with his gutty running out of all sorts of predicaments. Pineapple Joe was a refreshing threat along with Jim Taylor, the rookie fullback who ripped off 99 net yards in 22 attempts, which with his 137 in 22 last Sunday - gave him 236 in two Sundays.

TOP GROUND GAINERS

Taylor and Francis finished up as the game's top two ground gainers - including Arnett, Wilson, Marconi and Co., and the running kept the Packer afloat until the last four minutes. Francis might have been greater but he pulled a muscle - he wasn't used to so much work - late in the third quarter and didn't quite have the spring thereafter. The turning point came with less than five

minutes left when Lou Michaels blocked a Paul Hornung field goal from the 42 in a bid for a 27-23 score. The Rams then went 38 yards on five plays to set the final reading. Actually, the Packers played another of those three-quarter games. The bad quarter this time was the second when the Rams scored 24 points to make the score 24-14 at the intermission. It was 27-17 at the three-quarter mark.

SCORE THREE FAST

Green Bay took a 7-0 lead on Francis' one-yard plunge in the first period. Early in the second the two clubs scored three touchdowns in 1 minute and 55 seconds. Bill Wade and Del Shofner worked a 43-yard pass play to tie the score but Max

McGee made a spectacular leaping catch of a 50-yard Francis pass to put the Pack ahead 14-7. Wade and Jon Arnett produced a 73-yard pass play to tie it 14-up. Before the half was up Paige Cothren kicked a 10-yard field goal and Tom Wilson plunged for a 4-yard TD. Hornung and Cothren traded field goals in the third quarter and Hornung booted another early in the fourth to make the count an interesting 27-20. Then came the blocked try.

BAD PUNTS HURT

The Packers' big stumbling blocks were four long passes, an interception of a Francis pass, and two bad punts by McGee - 16 and 29 yards. Everything but one long pass came in the second period - in this order: McGee's 16-yard punt, the 43-yard Shofner pass, the 75-yard Arnett pass, Don Burrough's interception, McGee's 29-yard punt, and a 28-yard Wade pass to Phillips setting up the Rams third touchdown. The fourth long throw was a 30-yarder to Phillips that followed the blocked field goal and set up the Ram's last TD. Max finished with a 32-yard average. The Packers were busy, running off 70 plays compared to the Rams' 59, and they outyarded the high-powered Rams on the ground 206 yards to 114. Los Angeles had its big advantages in the air, 243 yards to 84. Ram receivers were getting out as Wade completed too many - 14 in 23

attempts for 243 yards. Wade missed Sammy Baugh's yardage record of 2,632 for a single season by 63 yards but established three new ram team records. Phillips caught seven. Francis worked out of the T and the double-wing spread and had the plays called from the bench after he was injured. Joe hit McGee four times for 69 yards.

HITTING HARD

The Packers were hitting hard and they were alert, recovering three of the Rams' five fumbles. John Symank recovered and Arnett fumbled shortly after the opening kickoff to give the Packers an early start. McGee muffed a chance to put Green Bay on the board when he dropped Francis' long pass on the Ram 25, while running full speed two yards behind Jack Morris. After an exchange of punts the Bays moved 62 yards in 10 plays to go ahead. The big plays were Francis' 20yard chases after he couldn't pass, his 8-yard pass to Joe Johnson, five yards by Hornung, 11 yards by Taylor, and the 1-yard plunge by Francis. Hornung's kick made it 7-0. Another exchange of punts followed, including McGee's 16-yard punt - which should have been 26 because of a bad bounce. Shofner took Wade's short slanter to the left and buzzed in, getting away from Bobby Dillon and Al Romine. Cothren converted at 3:05. Taylor then ripped 13, Francis 8 on a rollout and Taylor 9 to the 50 - and how about that running, and on the fourth play McGee alley opped Francis' long shot between Morris and Sherman. Francis was badly rushed by Michaels and Fuller but jerked free to toss the payoff pass. Hornung made it 14-7 at 4:35. In just 22 seconds the Rams tried it up, Arnett taking Wade's shortie to the left and skipping down the sidelines 75 yards for the

Rookies' Day	Officials: Referee — Robert Austin; umpire — Joe Muha, head linesman — Steve Pritko, back judge — George Smith, field judge
Rookies Day NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE Western Conference W L 7 Pct. P8 OF Baltimore 9 3 0 .750 381 203 Los Angeles 8 4 0 .667 344 278 Chicago Bears 8 4 0 .667 344 278 San Fran. 6 6 0 .500 257 342 Detroit 4 7 1 .364 261 276 GREEN BAY 1 10 1 .091 193 383 Eastern Division W L 7 Pct. P8 OF x-New York 9 3 0 .750 246 183 x-Cleveland 9 3 0 .750 302 217 Pittsburgh 7 4 1 .636 261 230 Washington 4 7 1 .364 214 268 Philadelphia 2 9 1 .182 235 306 Chicago Cards 2 9 1 .182 235 306 Chicago Cards 2 9 1 .182 261 356 X-Will play for the Eastern Conference championship. Sunday Results LOS ANGELES 34, GREEN BAY 20 New York 13, Cleveland 10 San Francisco 21, Baltimore 12 Chicago Bears 21, Detroit 16 Washington 20, Philadelphia 0 Saturday Result Pittsburgh 38, Chicago Cards 21 Sunday, Dec. 21 Cleveland at New York Green Bay 7 7 3 3—20 Los Angeles 0 24 3 7—34 Green Bay scoring: Touchdowns —Francis (1 yard, 12:47 of first), McGee (50-yard Francis pass, 4:37 of second). Field goals — Hornung 2 (30 yards, 5:02 of third; 21 yards, 6:43 of fourth). Extra points — Hornung 2 (30 yards, 5:02 of third; 21 yards, 6:43 of fourth). Extra points — Hornung 2	tin; umpire — Joe Muha, head linesman — Steve Pritko, judge — George Smith, field judge — Joe Gonzales. Team Statistics . Packers Rams Total yd. run. plays 222 132 Yds. lost run. plays 16 18 Passes attempted 18 24 Passes completed 7 14 Passes intercepted 1 0 Yds. interc'd pass. ret. 0 1 Yds. gained pass. ret. 0 1 Yds. gained passing 84 243 Yds. lost att. passing 11 0 Net ydg. gained pass. 73 243 Total net yds. gained 279 357 First downs running 14 8 First downs running 14 8 First downs passes 3 7 First downs passes 3 7 First down penalties 0 0 Total first down 17 15 Kickoff returns 5 5 5 Ydg. kickoff returns 105 99 Punts 5 5 5 Ydg. kickoff returns 2 2 2 No. of penalties 2 2 2 No. of penalties 2 2 2 No. of penalties 2 2 2 Individual Statistics: Rushing: Green Bay: Taylor gained 106 yards in 22 carries, Francis 87 in 11, Hornung 14 in 5, McIhenny 8 in 3, Carmichael 3 in 1, Shanley 1 in 1, Parilli 0 in 1, Salsbury 3 in 0 (took lateral). Los Angeles: Arnett 16 in 14, Marconi 22 in 6, Wade 16 in 5, Wilson 8 in 5. Passing: Green Bay: Francis attempted 13 completed 7 for 84 yards, 1 intercepted, 1 touchdown; Parilli attempted 5, completed 0. Los Angeles: Wade attempted 23,
Los Angeles scoring: Touchdowns of Shofner (43 yard Wade pass, 3:05 of second); Arnett (75-yard Wade pass, 4:59 of second); Wilson 2 (4 yards, 13:54 of second; 2 yards, 1:30 of fourth). Field goals — Cothren 2 (12 yards, 10:11 of second, 21 yards, 13:03 of third). Extra points — Cothren 4.	completed 14 for 243 yards, 2 touch-downs; Arnett attempted 1, completed 0. Reception: Green Bay: McGee caught 4 for 69 yards, Howton 1 for 9, Johnson 1 for 8, Hornung 1 for minus 2. Los Angeles: Phillips 7 for 97, Arnett 2 for 88, Shofner 2 for 47, Lundy 1 for 6, Waller 1 for 6, Wilson 1 for minus 1.

score. Cothren made it 14-up. Burroughs' interception - plus short runs and passes, set up Cothren's 10-yard field goal, for 17-14. Two penalties, one for holding and the other a false start, set up McGee's 29-yard punt to the Packer three. Wade's 28-yard pass and two Wade passes set up Wilson's touchdown just before the half.

CARRIES 20 YARDS

Taylor carried 20 yards in three trips to start the second half. Francis ran four to the 50 and then tried a pass. He was rushed badly, broke free and scampered 21 yards to the 29. The attack stalled so Hornung hit a field goal from the 30. The Rams followed with a Cothern goal - from the 20 for a 27-17 score. Just before the third period ended, Francis was injured when he ran eight yards and then handed off to a guard, Jim Salsbury, who ran another three. McGee punted but the Packers got it right back when J.D. Kimmel tackled Wade hard and recovered his fumble on the 50. Babe Parilli opened the ensuing FG drive with a long incompletion to Billy Howton but Francis returned on the next play to run 12 yards. Taylor ran 15 yards

in three trips and Francis threw for seven yards to McGee before the attack stalled on the Ram 15. Hornung kicked a field goal from the 21.

GREEN BAY - 7 7 3 3 - 20 LOS ANGELES - 0 24 7 7 - 34

	GREEN BAY	LOS ANGELES
First Downs	17	15
Rushing-Yards-TD	44-206-1	30-114-2
Att-Comp-Yd-TD-Int	18-7-84-1-1	24-14-243-2-0
Sack Yards Lost	11	0
Total Yards	279	357
Fumbles-lost	0-0	5-3
Turnovers	1	3
Yards penalized	2-20	2-10

SCORING

1st - GB - Joe Francis, 1-yard run (Paul Hornung kick) GREEN BAY 7-0

2nd - LA - Del Shofner, 43-yard pass from Billy Wade (Paige Cothren kick) TIED 7-7

2nd - GB - Max McGee, 50-yard pass from Francis (Hornung kick) GREEN BAY 14-7

2nd - LA - Jon Arnett, 75-yard pass from Wade (Cothren kick) TIED 14-14

2nd - LA - Cothren, 10-yard field goal LOS ANGELES 17-14

2nd - LA - Tom Wilson, 4-yard run (Cothren kick) LOS ANGELES 24-14

3rd - GB - Hornung, 30-yard field goal LOS ANGELES 24-17

3rd - LA - Cothren, 21-yard field goal LOS ANGELES 27-17

4th - GB - Hornung, 21-yard field goal LOS ANGELES 27-20

4th - LA - Wilson, 2-yard run (Cothren kick) LOS ANGELES 34-20

RUSHING

GREEN BAY - Jim Taylor 22-99, Joe Francis 11-80 1 TD, Paul Hornung 5-13, Don McIlhenny 3-7, Al Carmichael 1-3, Jim Salsbury 0-3, Jim Shanley 1-1

LOS ANGELES - Jon Arnett 14-84, Joe Marconi 6-22, Billy Wade 5-11, Tommy Wilson 5-(-3)

PASSING

GREEN BAY - Joe Francis 13-7-84 1 TD 1 INT, Babe Parilli 5-0-0

LOS ANGELES - Billy Wade 23-14-243 2 TD, Jon Arnett 1-0-0

RECEIVING

GREEN BAY - Max McGee 4-69 1 TD, Billy Howton 1-9, Joe Johnson 1-8, Paul Hornung 1-(-2)

LOS ANGELES - Red Phillips 7-97, Jon Arnett 2-88 1 TD, Del Shofner 2-47 1 TD, Lamar Lundy 1-6, Ron Waller 1-6, Tommy Wilson 1-(-1)

Richards, Packer Aide, Quits Grid

RICHARDS WILL QUIT

DEC 14 (Los Angeles) - Ray Richard, Green Bay defense coach, announced Sunday that he was retiring from coaching and would enter private business here. Richards was head coach of the Chicago Cardinals before he joined the Packers under Scooter McLean this year.

RICHARDS, PACKER AIDE, QUITS GRID

DEC 15 (Los Angeles-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Sid Gillman and Scooter McLean, head coaches of the

Rams and Packers, didn't have much to say after the game - probably because both were relieved that a long, tough season was over, but Ray Richards did: The Packers' defensive coach, who came to Green Bay after serving as head coach of the Chicago Cardinals, announced his retirement from football. Ray told his friends here: "Football has been wonderful to me. I've had the pleasure of working with many fine men and not the least of them has been Scooter. Everything went against Scooter and his team this: A host of key injuries, pass interceptions, fumbles, everything." Richards' decision followed on the heels of marriage last February to Marie Lieberman of Lahabrac, Calif. He'll be associated in a chemical business. McLean said Richards will serve out his contract which includes scouting games on the West Coast and the draft...Gillman appeared a bit stunned after the game. Until the blocked field goal the Packers seemed to be getting stronger. "We did well enough I thought but I guess you wanted to win pretty bad," he said. McLean said he "felt good about the effort everybody made," and, in reviewing Joe Francis' performance, pointed out: "Joe could be a good one. He was handicapped out there because we had to keep the number of plays for him to call down to a minimum. That lack of experience hurts but he makes

Packers Dent Ram Defense With 50-Yard Scoring Pass



PERFECT PLAY—Pocker Max McGee makes great catch of Joe Francis' 50-yard throw on goal line in second quarter. The may be the first player as the second quarter of the second player is the second player.

up for a lot with his running. He likes to go." Francis said, "It was fun to get a chance to play. Picking out those second and third receivers was the toughest thing for me, but I'm only a rookie and I'll learn." Bart Starr, who started the Packers' first game this season, played only to hold the ball for extra points and field goals. Told that he made a good tackle on Lou Michaels when he blocked the fourth quarter field goal, Starr laughed: "I got a chance to get my uniform dirty." Bart said, "Joe did a wonderful job and that Taylor ran like backs should run." Taylor is quite the toast of the Packers with his hard running - Asst. Coach Nick Skorich put it this way: "He's a 900 to 1,000-yard back right now." meaning for the season. Michaels, a real polite quick spoken feller, explained blocking the field goal in his dressing compartment: "On the earlier field goals I faked to my best but on this one I faked to my left but then ran to the right off your tackle and in. I blocked it with my

Bays' Dillon, Ringo Named to All-Star 11

ST. LOUIS, Mo. IP — Defensive back Bobby Dillon and center Jim Ringo of the Green Bay Packers were named today to the National Football League All-Star team selected by the Sporting News.

Ringo was named to the Western Division offensive squad.

The Baltimore Colts dominated the squad with eight players on the Western Division offensive and defensive platoons.

hands above my head or my helmet. I don't remember which." Packer coaches said Michaels was supposed to have been picked up by Bill Forester after he got by the line - Ray Nitschke was in motion on the play and the Packers would have been penalized. Jim Ringo and Billy Howton gave the Packers a pep talk between halves.

Billy Kinard came out with a sprained ankle. Paul Hornung developed a charley horse and Francis a muscle pull. It was hot - whew, 95 on the floor of the Coliseum and 85 in the press box. What's in Green Bay? In a statement on reports that a group of Green Bay is attempting to get him to return to the Packers in some capacity, Curly Lambeau said he would take a job with the Packers "with the right authority." Lambeau made his comments between halves. The Packers will arrive at Austin Straubel Field in their chartered United Airlines plane about 6:40 tonight. They were scheduled to leave Burbank Airport at noon today Green Bay time...The one millionth fan to enter the turnstiles at the Ram game this year was oddly enough from Green Bay. He is Manuel LaPorte of Inglewood. LaPorte will attend the World's championship game at the expense of the Rams for being the millionth fan. LaPorte, who left Green Bay 25 years ago, did not cheer for the Packers; he is a hot Ran fan.

PACKER BODY WILL ISSUE STATEMENT

DEC 15 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - With the Packers en route home following the losingest season in their history, the team's executive committee moved into its weekly meeting today with the immediate change in front office or coaching personnel but with the promise of a policy statement. President Dominic Olejniczak, who has consistently denied today's session would produce any changes, said a statement on the club's future will be forthcoming at a later date. The statement, it was assumed, would be formulated by the committee at today's session. A telegram, in which members of the Packer team said they were behind Head Coach Scooter McLean, could conceivably play a role in the committee's deliberations. The wire was dispatched to the committee after the game in San Francisco a week ago, which the Packers lost 48-21. Dave Hanner, veteran tackle, said the telegram was sent in hopes that it would do some good at today's meeting. "We were going to sign names," he said, "but we decided there were some players whose names shouldn't be on there or maybe they wouldn't even want to sign it. So we just made it from the players, meaning the majority, because I know that's how we feel." Hanner said the Packers' dismal showing this year is not the fault of McLean and the other coaches. "Some of the players just let them down, that's all - some of the ones who were supposed to carry the load," Hanner added. "A lot of us," he said, "feel real bad about Scooter."

FRANCIS MAN OF THE HOUR

DEC 14 (Los Angeles) - The Los Angeles Rams won the game, but the man of the hour after the game was Green Bay rookie quarterback Joe Francis. Francis was nothing short of sensational and time and again drew roars of applause from the partisan Ram crowd gathered in the Coliseum as he eluded Ram rushers, knocked off yardage in key plays and threw completions with Rams charging in from all directions. Said Ram Coach Sid Gillman, speaking for himself and the Ram defensive platoon as well: "Francis was tremendous. He runs well and throws well. He was dynamite every time he had the

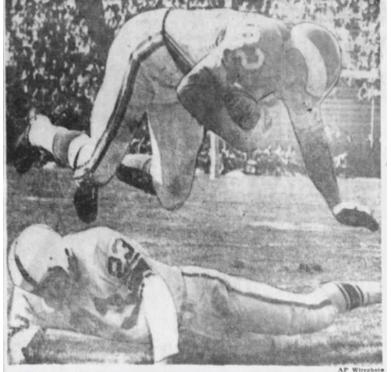
ball. It as remarkable," Gillman added, "to see a team that has been beaten as many times as the Packers have put on such a determined performance." Billy Wade, Ram quarterback, added: "I thought he looked real good as a runner and a passer. The Packers are really tough. I think they play their best against us." Coach Scooter McLean of the luckless Packers praised Wade, along with his own team. "We did come up with a couple of good youngsters in the game out here," McLean said. "Francis has played very little, but he did a fine job today. He tired from lack of previous play and then running so much today. He's made the switch from tailback rather well. As for Jim Taylor, he got off to a slow start because of the All-Star game and seemed a little confused early in the season. We knew he was a good runner and he proved it." Billy Howton added: "(Francis) throws an easy pass to catch, but more important, he gave us a lift by running out of those traps."

INSIDE IS CLOSED, SO MICHAELS GOES OUTSIDE TO SMOTHER KICK

DEC 15 (Milwaukee Journal) - Lou Michaels, lantern jawed rookie end from Kentucky, was telling how he blocked a Green Bay field goal attempt on what may have been the most important play of the Los Angeles Rams' 34-20 NFL victory over the Packers at the Coliseum Sunday. "On their field goal earlier," Michaels said, "I tried to go inside and I was blocked. They seemed to be pinching toward the middle. Out of the corner of my eye I noticed that it seemed to be clear on the outside. So on this one, I gave it a big fake toward the inside and then veered out. Their guy tried to get me but he missed. He brushed me but that's all. I got the ball on my hands or maybe it hit my helmet. I don't know for sure." Lou, younger brother of Cleveland linebacker Walt Michaels, blocked Paul Hornung's 42 yard field goal try with Los Angeles ahead only, 27-20 and about seven minutes to play. He chased the ball, picked it up and ran with it to Green Bay's 38. From there the Rams moved to the clinching touchdown. Only two plays earlier, the Rams thwarted what might have been the tying touchdown. The Packers were on the Rams' 25, second down and nine yards to go. Green Bay called a pass play with four receivers going downfield. The Rams, gambling on defense, sent in all of their linebackers. There were seven Rams rushing and only six Packers blocking. Quarterback Joe Francis, not as spry and nimble as he had been earlier before he was injured by jarring tackles, could not evade the rush. The Rams threw him for an 11 yard loss before he could get his pass way...PARILLI MISSES FIVE: Francis was quarterback on all but seven Green Bay scrimmage plays. While he rested injuries, Babe Parilli failed to complete any of five passes. Bart Starr, erstwhile first



Misses Yardage Record—Quarterback Bill Wade of the Los Angeles Rams, protected by excellent blocking, looks for a receiver in the game against the Packers in Los Angeles Sunday. Wade had a chance to break the one-season passing yardage record set by Sammy Baugh at 2,938 yards in 1947 but missed by 63 yards, his total being 243 against the Pack. Other player identifiable is John Morrow (51), Rams center. The Rams won, 34-20, to finish with an 8-4 record. (AP Photofax)



Jim Phillips, Los Angeles end, is dumped by Alton Romine (23), Green Bay half-back, on the Packers' 45-yard line after he had taken a pass from quarterback Bill Wade for an 8-yard gain Sunday. The action was in the first quarter of the 34-20 Los Angeles victory.

string quarterback, was in only to hold for field goals and extra points. Starr tackled Michaels after the Kentucky rookie blocked Hornung's field goal try. "Well, I got my uniform dirty anyway," Starr said afterward...AVERAGE 83,680 FANS:

NFL Gate Hits Record 3 Million!

By United Press International
The National Football
League recorded its first attendance total of more than
three million in 1958 while
breaking its crowd record for
the seventh straight year.

According to crowd figures released at the 72 regular season games, the professional circuit attracted 3,186,-130 customers this year. This figure includes a few thousand fans who got in on complimentary tickets but Commissioner Bert Bell's final official count of paying spectators should top three million. The 12 clubs drew 2,-863,318 last year.

The individual crowds for

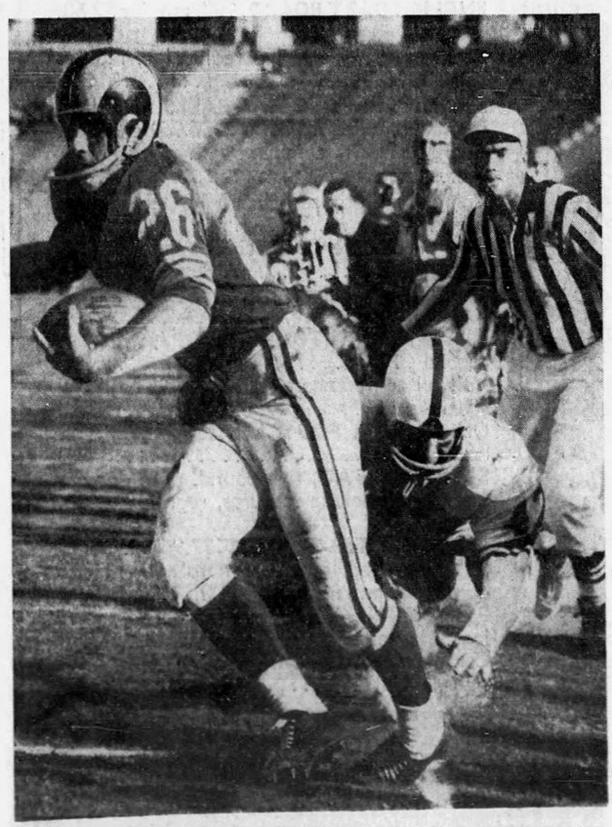
the final weekend of the regular campaign: Browns-Giants at New York 63,192; Rams-Packers at Los Angeles, 54,634; Colts-Forty-Niners at San Francisco, 58,334; Lions-Bears at Chicago, 38,-346; Eagles - Redskins at Washington, 22,621; Cardinals-Steelers at Pittsburgh, 16,600 The Rams drew 502,080 spectators for six league games here, an average of 83,680. They played to 1,053,798 in all games, exhibition and league, at home and away. Their millionth fan, who received many gifts, was Manuel Laporte of Inglewood, Calif., a musician who once lived in Green Bay. Bill Wade, Ram quarterback, finished 63 yards short of Sammy

Baugh's league record for passing yardage in a season. Baugh gained 2,938 for the Washington Redskins in 1947; Wade, 2,875 for a Ram record. The Packers got a boost from fumble recoveries by John Symank, J.D. Kimmel and Ray Nitschke but cashed in for only one field goal from the three chances.



RAMS TIE FOR 2ND, TOP PACKERS, 34-20

Jon Just Misses Another



TOEING THE LINE—Jon Arnett almost shook loose for second-period score but Packer Jesse Whittenton forced him out on 9-yard line. Alert official calls play.



Rams quarterback Joe Francis (20) getting dragged by Ram defender. Rams defensive end Lou Michaels (55) and defensive back Jack Morris (40) come in to make sure he's down. (Photo by Bob D'Olivo/The Enthusiast Network via Getty Images/Getty Images)



Rams try to bring down Packers Hall of Fame Fullback Jim Taylor(31) as he runs the ball. (Photo by Bob D'Olivo/The Enthusiast Network via Getty Images/Getty Images)



Packers quarterback Joe Francis (20) takes off running with the ball as Rams linebacker Dick Daugherty (50) comes in to make the tackle. (Photo by Al Paloczy/The Enthusiast Network via Getty Images/Getty Images)



Packers end Max McGee (85) catches a pass just outside the Ram 10 yard line. (Photo by Al Paloczy/The Enthusiast Network via Getty Images/Getty Images)