

**Green Bay Packers (1-0) 31, Chicago Bears (0-1) 21  
Sunday September 30th 1945 (at Green Bay)**

**Defending Champions Score  
Early, Maintain Advantage  
Entire Game Before 24,525**

## **Packers Smash Bears 31-21 to Open League Season**

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

(GREEN BAY) - The Green Bay Packers scored a touchdown the first time they got their hands on the ball and kept the lead throughout in thumping the Chicago Bears, 31-21, at City stadium Sunday afternoon before 24,525 fans. The victory marked the second straight year that the Packers defeated the Bears here and it also gave the home team a successful start on its 25th NFL season and defense of the world's championship. The game - 53rd in a series dating back to 1921 - was another typical Packer-Bear clash. This time the Packers had the edge all the way through although there were moments in the fourth quarter when the winner's margin was cut to a slim three points at 24-21. The Bears seemingly wanted to pull a miracle finish but were crushed in the process. The Packers scored a late touchdown and extra point clinch the decision. Fittingly enough, it was fullback Don Perkins who provided the finish that put all question of a possible Bear comeback in the ashcan. Perkins, who had retired to take a high school coaching job but then rejoined the team when he found a substitute, uncorked a 47-yard run that set up the final touchdown he eventually scored standing up from the yard and a half marker. The game ended three plays later.

### **FIRST TOUCHDOWN EARLY**

The first Packer touchdown came before some of the fans had a chance to find their seats in the stadium. Fullback Ted Fritsch rammed it over from the 7 after the Packers had moved from their own 34, a distance of 66 yards to the goal. Fritsch had started the goalward push with his kickoff return from the Packer 7 to the 34. Don Hutson, who just Saturday had unretired for his 11th season, added the first of his four points from placement and the Packers were ahead to stay. The other Packer scoring thrusts came in the first, third and fourth periods. Fritsch added three in the first with a perfect 35-yard field goal. Roy D. McKay, the Texas halfback who was plagued by a leg injury all last season, romped over from the 20 for a third period Packer touchdown that put the Bays ahead 17-0 after Hutson's extra point. It was Fritsch again in the fourth quarter on a drive over the middle from inside the 1-foot line. Then Perkins provided doom for the Bears.

### **FAMIGLIETTI SCORES THREE**

The Bears' attack, stymied by a smart Packer defense in the first two quarters, began to work in the third and fourth with fullback Gary Famiglietti on the scoring end of all three touchdowns. In the third period, he went 2 1/2 yards for the first marker, added the second from the 7 1/2 in the early fourth quarter and then finished off the day with a bull-like rush from the 8 deep in the same period. Pete Gudauskas added all three points after. Except for the scoring marches, there were only four other times that probable goalward thrusts turned into "what might have been" incidents. Charley Brock of the Packers provided one of the early thrills when he swiped the ball out of the hands of halfback Al Grygo on the Bears' 40 and returned it to the 31. The patented Brock steal directly set the stage for Fritsch's field goal five plays later. The Packers used just 13 plays to score their first touchdown on a drive that carried from the 34-yard line after Fritsch took the opening kickoff from his own 7 to the 34. After Clyde Goodnight dropped Comp's pass Comp picked up a first down on the Packer 45 on a right tackle shot. The Bears were offside, putting the ball on the midfield stripe. A plunge and a pass failed and then Comp circled left end to the Bears 41, another first down. Comp shot off left tackle to the 38 and a pass from Irv to Hutson was good for 18 yards to the Bear 20. Hutson snagged the ball from Mooney and Berry, who were covering him. Comp juggled the ball but recovered on the 17 and plowed to the 12 over left tackle. After one play lost a yard, the Bears drew another offside

penalty to the seven. Fritsch then plowed through right guard, was stopped momentarily, and then hurtled over the goal line. Hutson kicked the extra point from placement to put the Packers ahead, 7-0, with four minutes and 15 seconds gone.

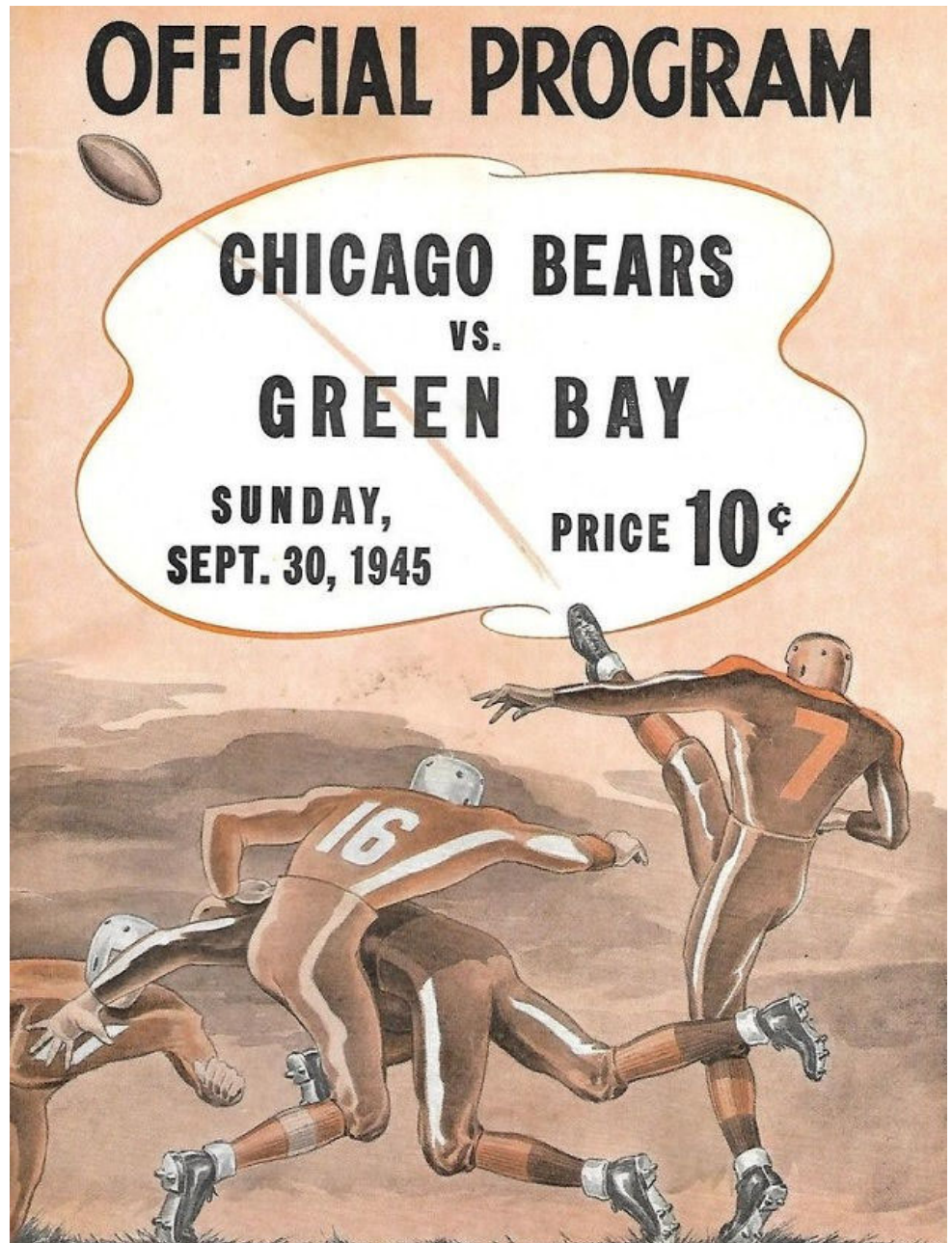
#### **LEE ARTOE THROWN OUT**

On the kickoff play, Lee Artoe of the Bears was sent to the showers after he started swinging. The Packers' defense rose up to keep the Chicago eleven from gaining any yardage on three plays through the line and Grygo was forced to punt, McKay taking the ball on the Packer 45 and returning it to the Bears' 46. A line play picked up two yards, two McKay passes failed and the Packers punted out of bounds on the Bears 14. After the Bears had moved to their 30, Charley Brock pulled his famous "fumble recovery" act after Grygo had broken through to the Bears 40. Charley returned it to the 31. The play set the stage for the second Packer scoring play shortly after. Lou Brock, who had just entered the game, ripped through the middle to the 21, inches short of a first down. Two plays lost three yards to the 24 and Brock was smothered on an attempted pass on the 27. On fourth down, Fritsch's field goal attempt went squarely through the uprights for three more points to put the Bays ahead, 10-0. Ted kicked from the 35-yard line. Four minutes remained in the first quarter. The Packer line was playing heads up ball and the offense

was clicking along merrily. The Bears had difficulty getting their offense going even though Sid Luckman played the greater part of the period after Ronzani started for the Bears.

#### **BEARS START DRIVE**

The Bears began to move after the next kickoff, however, going from their own 35 to the Packer one-yard line after Grygo recovered Sorenson's kick for the eight to the Bear 35. Fordham picked up four and then Luckman threw a pass to Kavanaugh, who caught it on the Packer 37 and ran to the 33. The play carried 28 yards. Hank Margarita circled left end to the nine, where he was stopped by Laws. Three plays failed to gain and then Luckman threw to Connie Berry who was stopped on the one - short of first down. The quarter ended two plays later with the Packers in possession on the 9 1/2. After Fritsch, Laws and Comp moved to the 19, Comp threw to Hutson. Don missed the ball and the officials ruled interference on McLean, giving the Packers possession on their 43. A line play gained a half yard. Then Hutson made a patented catch of a McKay pass, taking the ball away from Margarita on the 19 for a first down. McKay, on three straight plays, went to the 10, eight inches short of a first down. Fritsch failed to make the necessary yardage and the Bears took over. Luckman and Margarita bulled to the 22 but Luckman was smacked down on the 12 by Goodnight, Luhn and Baby Ray. A pass was no good and the Bears were forced to punt, the Packers taking over on the Bears 49. The Packers moved to the Bears 34. Glen Sorenson's attempted field goal from the 43 was shy of the uprights. Taking the ball on their 34, Margarita, Fordham and Luckman moved it down to the Packer 39, from where Luckman passed to McLean on the 26. The same play worked to the 18 and then Luckman went through the middle to the 12. Two Luckman passes were no good. On the second,



Goodnight, Luhn and Charley Tollefson knocked him down. Hutson ended the threat when he intercepted Luckman's pass in his own end zone. Two plays later, the half ended, the Packers leading, 10-0. Green Bay wasted no time in the second half, nor did the Bears. Fritsch returned the kickoff from the 12 to the 37, 25 yards. Lou Brock skirted left end to the Bears' 49 for a first down. Then McKay passed to Hutson on the 24 and Don ran it to the 20 as Tipp Mooney failed to stop him. On the first play, McKay ran between right guard and tackle over the goal. Hutson kicked the point after to make it 17-0 with just a little over a minute of the third quarter gone.

### BEARS MOVE FOR SCORE

The Bears put together four first downs from their own 10 to the Packers 42 before they were forced to kick when the Green Bay line held. Johnny Long's quick kick on fourth down went over the goal line and the Packers took over on their 20. Three line plays failed and McKay punted to Long on the Bear 30, Long returning to the 35. The Bears then moved to their first touchdown. Margarita circled left end to the 40 and then Luckman passed to McLean who ran out of bounds on the 17, the play covering 43 yards. Luckman was stopped by Kuusisto on the 24 and then tossed an incomplete pass but the Packers were penalized for clipping to the 11. Margarita dashed to the 5 up to the middle and Famiglietti failed but the Packers were offside, losing half the distance to the goal. Famiglietti then pushed the remaining two and a half yards over the middle. Pete Gudauskas kicked the point after to make it 17-7 with only four minutes left of the period. After the ensuing

kickoff the Packers couldn't pick up enough yardage for a first down and McKay punted to Long, who returned it from the Bears 35 to the 46. Two passes from Luckman to Berry brought the ball to the Packer 30. On the second heave, Berry caught the ball and lateraled to Grygo, who went to the 29. A penalty for clipping on the Bears put the ball back on the Packer 45 and then Luckman passed to Margarita on the 32 to gain back some of the yardage, as the third quarter ended. After a pass was no good, Luckman threw a screen pass to McLean, who caught it on the 19 for a 13-yard gain and another first down. Margarita ran to the 16 and another pass from Luckman to Berry brought the ball to the 7 1/2. Famiglietti took it on first down and rammed over the middle for the second Bear touchdown. Gadauskas again kicked the point after to make it 17-14 with 13 minutes left. After an exchange of punts, the Packers moved again, Laws taking a Luckman punt from the 34 to the 41. Brock gained a yard and then threw to Luhn on the 26 for another first down. Fritsch bulled over left tackle to the 22. Hutson attempted to catch McKay's pass but failed because of interference by Mooney and Long, the Packers getting possession on the 3-inch line. On first down, Fritsch rammed over the middle. Hutson added his third straight point after to

# Packer-Bear Game Statistics

## The Starting Lineups:

### BEARS

Smeja, le  
Roberts, lt  
Sprinkle, lg  
Schiechl, c  
Zorich, rg  
Burgeis, rt  
Berry, re  
Ronzani, qb  
Mooney, lhb  
Grygo, rhb  
Fordham, fb

### PACKERS

le, Goodnight  
lt, Ray  
lg, Sorenson  
c, C. Brock  
rg, Tinsley  
rt, Lipscomb  
re, Luhn  
qb, Craig  
lhb, Comp  
rhb, Laws  
fb, Fritsch

## Replacements

Bears: Ends — Kavanaugh, Wilson, Artoe, Morton. Tackles — Hoptowit, Ramsey, Babartsky. Guards—Guduaskas, Perez. Center—Masterson. Backs —Famiglietti, Long, Mitchell, Luckman, Margarita, Vodica, McLean, Gallarneau.

Packers: Ends—Mason, Hutson, Mulleaneux. Tackles — Neal, McPherson, Croft. Guards — Frankowski, Bucchianeri, Tollefson, Kuusisto. Center—Flowers. Backs — McKay, L. Brock, Keuper, Perkins, Starret.

## Score By Periods

Bears	0	0	7	14	—21
Packers	0	0	7	14	—21

## The Scoring

Bears: Touchdowns — Famiglietti 3. Points after touchdown—Guduaskas 3. Packers: Touchdowns — Fritsch 2. McKay, Perkins. Points after touchdown—Hutson 4. Field goal—Fritsch.

## The Officials

Referee—Dowd, Holy Cross.  
Umpire—Kelly, Loyola.  
Field Judge—Downes, Illinois Tech.  
Linesman—Pecoraro.

## Team Statistics

	Bears	Packers
First downs—		
Rushing	11	8
Passing	13	5
Penalty	2	3
Total first downs	26	16
Yards rushing	188	198
Yards passing	237	111
Yards laterals	16	0
Total yardage	441	309
Passes attempted	28	15
Passes completed	16	5
Passes intercepted by	0	1
Yds. int. passes ret. by	0	0
Punts	4	4
Punts average	39.5	40.5
Yards punts returned	18	19
Yards kickoffs returned	84	87
Penalties	6	5
Penalty yardage	89	49.5
Fumbles	3	1
Op'ts. fumbles recovered	0	1

## Individual Statistics

### Ball Carrying

Bears—Margarita, 49 in 7 attempts, average 7.0; Grygo, 29 in 5, average 5.8; Famiglietti, 51 in 9, average 5.7; Fordham, 38 in 8, average 4.8; Mooney, 14 in 4, average 3.5; Long, 4 in 1; Gallarneau, 3 in 1; Luckman, lost 28 in 6; McLean, lost 10 in 1.

Packers—Perkins, 59 yards in 3 attempts, average 19.7; McKay, 55 in 10, average 5.5; L. Brock, 27 in 6, average 4.5; Comp, 25 in 7, average 3.6; Laws, 6 in 2, average 3.0; Fritsch, 26 in 11, average 2.4.

### Passing

Bears—Luckman attempted 24, completed 14 for 237 yards, 1 intercepted. Ronzani attempted 4, completed 2 for 26.

Packers—McKay attempted 10, completed 2 for 39 yards; Comp attempted 4, completed 2 for 36; L. Brock attempted 1, completed 1 for 16.

### Pass Receiving

Bears—Berry 8 for 94 yards; McLean 4 for 77; Famiglietti 2 for 18; Kavanaugh 1 for 28; Margarita 1 for 20.

Packers—Hutson 3 for 85; Luhn 1 for 16; Fritsch 1 for 10.

make it 24-14 but the Bears weren't done yet. Mooney returned Sorenson's kickoff from the end zone to his 24. He and Grygo combined to bring it to the 37 for a first down and then the Luckman-Berry pass combination worked again for another first down on their own 49. Luckman, warming up, passed to Margarita on the Packer 31 but Luhn, on the next play, pushed Luckman back to the 42. Another Luckman pass was ruled complete to Kavanaugh on interference on the 21 1/2. Famiglietti bulled through the middle to the 8. Famiglietti scored his third straight touchdown on the next play. Gudauskas kicked the point after, and the Packers were leading by a slim three-point margin of 24-21 as the game rapidly approached its end, 2 minutes and 40 seconds remaining. Fritsch took the next kickoff from the 13 to the 39 and was replaced by Perkins when he was hurt. Perkins, on first down, started around right end, almost got piled up but was aided by McPherson's block of two Bears. Perkins didn't stop until he got down to the 14-yard line. McKay then dashed through the middle to the 1 1/2 and Perkins scored the fourth Packer touchdown standing up. Hutson's kick was perfect to make it 31-21.

**CHI BEARS - 0 0 7 14 - 21**  
**GREEN BAY - 10 0 7 14 - 31**

**SCORING**

- 1ST - GB - Ted Fritsch, 7-yard run (Don Hutson kick) GREEN BAY 7-0
- 1ST - GB - Fritsch, 35-yard field goal GREEN BAY 10-0
- 3RD - GB - Roy McKay, 20-yard run (Hutson kick) GREEN BAY 17-0
- 3RD - CHI - Gary Famiglietti, 3-yard run (Pete Gudauskas kick) GREEN BAY 17-7
- 3RD - CHI - Famiglietti, 8-yard run (Gudauskas kick) GREEN BAY 17-14
- 4TH - GB - Fritsch, 1-yard run (Hutson kick) GREEN BAY 24-14
- 4TH - CHI - Famiglietti, 8-yard run (Gudauskas kick) GREEN BAY 24-21
- 4TH - GB - Don Perkins, 2-yard run (Hutson kick) GREEN BAY 31-21



**Don Hutson, closely guarded by Hugh Gallarneau (obscured) still makes the catch of Irv Comp's pass for a long gain against Chicago Bears in City Stadium in 1945. Bulldog Turner (No. 66) Bear center, is hoping the secondary closes in on Hutson before he gets too far. It did... 32 yards down the field.**

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OCT 1 (Green Bay) - "The boys came through when the chips were down," was the comment of Head Coach E.L. (Curly) Lambeau following his Green Bay Packers' 31-21 conquest of the "hated" Chicago Bears at City stadium Sunday afternoon, officially marking the beginning of the Packers' 27th season in professional football. The Packer coach obviously referred to the manner in which the Packers came back to score a game-clinching touchdown in the last four minutes of play after the Chicagoans looked as though they might be staging a typical Bear finish by closing the gap to 24-21. It took the Bays only three plays to score that conclusive marker on a 70-yard march, fullback Don Perkins setting up the score with a thrilling 48-yard run to the Chicago 22, and after Roy McKay squirmed through a mass of would-be Bear tacklers to inside the two yard line, the Platteville Teachers alumnus plunged for the score...PLEASED WITH PLAYERS: "I was pleased with the way the boys fought,"

Lambeau said, adding that "Comp's injury (the Packers' starting left halfback suffered a head injury early in the second quarter that kept him on the bench the remainder of the game) made it tough, leaving us with only one left half." (The latter was Texas Roy McKay, who did a bit of all right after taking over the tailback duties from the injured Comp, scoring one touchdown, setting up another with a run and pitching passes that paved the way for another.) Lambeau, however, tempered his praise with "we know we have a chance for improvement - definitely. It was our first game and naturally we made mistakes - mistakes we hope to correct..." "GOOD, AS USUAL", BEARS SAY: At the Northland Hotel, Bear headquarters whenever they are in town, Co-Coaches

Heartley (Hunk) Anderson and Luke Johnsons of the Bears agreed that the Packers "have a good ball club - same as usual." As has been the case nearly every time the Bears have played here in the last decade, Hutson came in for the major share of the time - or credit - for the Bears' loss. "It was old man Hutson," Johnson remarked ruefully. "Without him they would be equal to us," adding that "I hope the fifth time he retires he means it..." TWO BEARS FLY FOR GAME: Two of the Bears joined the team less than an hour before game time, Anderson revealed. Hugh Gallarneau, star halfback in the days of George McAfee, Norm Standlee, et al, who was honorably discharged from the Marines at San Francisco late in the week, and Ray (Scooter) McLean, who has caused the Packers many a headache on past occasions, both arrived here by plane at 1:15 Sunday afternoon - in time to render valuable service to the Chicagoans. McLean was a particular thorn in the side, snagging frequent passes from Sid Luckman...GOLDENBERG GIVES VIEWS: One of the better known spectators was Charles (Buckets) Goldenberg, veteran guard who retired this year to devote his time to Milwaukee business interests. Buckets, who put in 12 seasons with the Bays, said, "All I want is for the Packers to wipe 'em off the field." He admitted that he was "itching" for action. Another visitor was Ernie Pannell, a Packer tackle in 1942, who was recently honorably discharged from the Navy after three years' service, including 27 months in the Pacific. Pannell, who held a lieutenantcy at discharge, indicated he would begin working out with the Packers Tuesday...ANDERSON RECEIVES GIFTS: Although his Bears lost, Anderson came away from the game richer by a hunting jacket, woolen sports shirt and a pair of leather gloves, presented to the former Notre Dame coach by the Houghton Chamber of Commerce in recognition of his

### A PACKER BACK PICKS UP EIGHT YARDS



Full Back Ted Fritsch (64) of the Green Bay Packers picks up eight yards in first period against the Chicago Bears in yesterday's game in Green Bay, Wis. Others identified are: Larry Craig (54), back; Pete Tinsley (21), guard; Irv Comp (51), back, of the Packers, and Connie Berry (23), end, and John Long (33), back, of the Bears. The Packers won, 31 to 21. [Associated Press Wirephoto]

accomplishments in the coaching profession. Anderson is a native of Calumet, but apparently has been adopted as a favorite son by the people of Houghton because of his coaching exploits. Anderson's father and his sister, Mrs. Robert McDonald, also of Calumet, were both in Green Bay for the game...**TITLE PENNANT RAISED:** The pennant emblematic of Green Bay's sixth NFL championship was raised just before game time, with appropriate music by the Packer Lumberjack band, under the direction of Wilner Burke. Other Packer titles were annexed in 1929-30-31-36-39.

**HEROES KEEP PROMISE TO PLAY WITH PACKERS**

OCT 2 (Green Bay) - Two PT boats division leaders sweating out a Japanese raid in an uncharted cover along the New Guinea coast 14 months ago promised themselves that after the war they would play together in the Green Bay Packers' line. After nearly four years in service, 24 months of which they spent together harassing Jap shipping in the far Pacific, Lt. Ernie Pannell and Lt. Bernie Crimmins, wearers of the silver star, wound up a 34 day trip from the war front here Sunday in time to see the Packers defeat the Chicago Bears. Monday they signed Green Bay contracts. Pannell, a regular right tackle for the Packers before he entered service, will be at his old position Sunday when Green Bay meets the Detroit Lions in Milwaukee. Beside him at guard will be Crimmins, a standout at Notre Dame before Pearl Harbor. The close friendship between the two began when they were assigned to the same PT squadron in New York early in 1943. After 17 months in the Pacific, they returned to the United States together on leave. They went back to the Pacific and operated together against Jap shipping for seven more months before being discharged in the Philippines. Impending invasion of Japan tied up air transportation to the States,

thwarting their efforts to report in time for the Chicago All-Star game. Instead of a few days trip by plane, they had to sweat out a 30 day voyage on a slow transport. Reticent about their silver stars and their activities in the Pacific, they apologize for not being able to furnish accurate figures, but to the best of their recollection Pannell and his crew accounted for 25 Japanese ships and barges, and Crimmin's PT sank 20. The addition to the Green Bay squad is expected to relieve Coach Curly Lambeau of his chief worry - the right side of the line - in defense of the pro championship.

**IT'S SOMETHING NEW FOR MR. BLOOD; HE'S PACKERS' TUB THUMPER NOW**

OCT 2 (Milwaukee Journal) - It's Tub Thumper Johnny Blood now. The onetime vagabond of the football fields, now 43 and not a little gray, came to town Tuesday to do an entirely new bit for the Green Bay Packers he has served for so long. He came to drum up business for Sunday's game with the Detroit Lions at State Fair park. "If I can't play for 'em anymore, than I have to whoop it up for 'em," he explained, "and if I have to whoop it up for 'em, I might as well get paid." Johnny did not exactly wish it so. The indomitable will to play is still there, graying hair and all, and upon his service discharge two



**COME TO PAPA—That ir-**pressible Packer man—Don Hutson—demonstrates perfectly how he nabs those passes which drive the rest of the National Professional grid teams crazy. Here he is shown about to gather in a pass over the outstretched arms of the Bears' Henry Margarita. Irv Comp was the tosser and the play put the Packers on the Bears' 19 in the second quarter of their clash at Green Bay yesterday.  
Photo by Leiland Benter, Sentinel photographer.

months ago he asked for and what got a player's contract to see what he could do in the exhibition games the Packers played in the east. It was no go, though. Johnny played only a few minutes in two of them...UNPREDICTABLE JOHNNY: In all football there probably has never been another quite like Johnny. Utterly carefree. Intelligent. Unpredictable. His twenty-odd years as a player in professional football, 17 of them in the NFL, which is a record, have never been matched in color, excitement, adventure or courage, and probably never will be. Johnny was one of those rare fellows to whom so many things happened that only a book could tell them all. He was born to be the center of things, to do the impossible and perhaps fail on the simple, to make real adventure out of the commonplace. He was just plain Johnny Blood - the only guy of his kind. It is hard to imagine him as nothing more than an advance man for a football team - but that's just it. You can never tell about Blood...SIGNED NOTES IN BLOOD: Johnny's right name, of course, is McNally, the good old Irish handle of McNally, and his home is in New Richmond, Wis. How he came by the name of Blood is a story in itself. He got it, or appropriated it, on the eve of his first professional game with the Duluth Eskimos in the early twenties. Johnny at the time was playing college football at a small school near Minneapolis. And he was a star, of course. But college football was tame, and when he got the chance to pick up a little money on the side, as a pro on Sundays, Johnny and a friend quickly grabbed it. Johnny couldn't use his right name, of course, and he pondered the situation. Smith? Jones? Green? All names too tame for one on a little adventure like this. But the late Rudolph Valentino, at the height of his glory at the time, helped him out of his problem. Valentino was appearing in the movie, "Blood and Sand", and the idea struck Johnny like a ton of bricks. "You take the name of Sand on Sunday," he ordered his pal, "and I'll take the name of Blood." And so Johnny Blood was born. He has been Johnny Blood ever since - as countless damsels along Johnny's life can testify with touching little letters which Johnny used to sign - in blood...NEVER AT A LOSS: The stories about Blood are legion, of course. There was the time he just had to give a party in his room at one of the best hotels in New York. They needed ice and Johnny called for room service. No service. Johnny called again. Still no service. A third time he called, and when after another little wait no ice appeared, Johnny took things into his own hands. He got into a cab, drove to an ice company, bought a 200 pound chunk and marched right through the crowded lobby and into an elevator with his ice. There was also the night in one of those near honky-tonks in the upper Forties. Johnny, of course, was there. He has never missed a party in his life. Things were gay, and in the course of the evening the emcee caught more raspberries than he could handle. The strange thing was that Johnny wasn't handing them out. But when the emcee, in extreme annoyance finally turned to the table and announced, "If any of you guys can do better, come on out here," Johnny accepted. Out on the floor he went and with an eccentric dance that ended up with a cartwheel into his chair, he wowed the crowd...SENSE OF THE DRAMATIC: Johnny always had a fine sense of the dramatic. At the captain's dinner and dance aboard ship on the way back from Hawaii, where the Packers some 12 years ago played a series of exhibitions, all were present except Blood. Blood was strangely missing. At the stroke of 12, however, he emphatically announced himself. A string of firecrackers came sailing out on the floor, and Blood followed. Dressed in a hula skirt, he again put on a show and again wowed the crowd. The man's courage alone is the basis for any number of stories about him. To gain entrance to a hotel room in Los Angeles, he jumped from the seventh floor across a narrow court to the window ledge on the sixth floor in a driving rain - a driving rain - and held on. He went 10 days with a ruptured kidney, playing the equivalent of a game and a half before collapsing on the field. And in a friendly fracas with Lavvie Dilweg on a train, he escaped from the pursuing Dilweg by climbing out of the coach, crawling along the top of the speeding train and winding up in the locomotive cab, where the engineer and fireman almost fainted...TOSSED PASS



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**RIGHT BACK:** You could never tell what Johnny would do on the football field. Those gray hair of Curly Lambeau's were undoubtedly encouraged largely by Johnny. Red Dunn tells one tale about him which typifies the man. "I threw a long lateral to Johnny on one play," he called, "and Johnny went 50 yards for a touchdown. About five minutes later I called the same play and threw another long lateral to him. But Johnny wanted to be funny. The field ahead was clear for another touchdown, but Johnny laughing took the ball and threw it back to me." It was inevitable that Johnny should come by the name "Vagabond". I happened to give it to him under circumstances that amounted to comic relief in a particularly bitter game between the Bears and Packers in Green Bay some years ago. The score was tied only a couple of minutes remained and the Packers were in the midst of a touchdown drive down near the 10 or 15 yard line when time was taken out. A lot of the boys sprawled in exhaustion on the ground and the crowd was tense as only a Packer crowd at a Bear game can be. That is, everybody in the stadium was exhausted or tense except Blood. To Johnny it was just another game, and while during the timeout a loudspeaker blared a catchy tune, Johnny pulled off to one side and did a clever jig. Only a vagabond at heard could do that...**SLATED FOR STARDOM:** Johnny's college career was varied. He started at Notre Dame, where he spent half his freshman year; quit school because it was too dull, and headed west on a motorcycle. His family caught up with him, however, and, deciding he better be kept close to home, sent him to the college near Minneapolis. Incidentally, while at Notre Dame he was on the freshman team which included another McNally, who later became a varsity star. It was McNally the Blood, however, whom the coaches originally tabbed for stardom. With everything else, Johnny is exceptionally well read. Poetry he can spout by the hour. Shakespeare he can dissect. Economics he likes to talk about. Shortly before he sailed for the Indo-China theater, for instance, he came to Milwaukee to see the Packers play at State Fair park. That night, in Lambeau's room, the talk got around to the war and economics and something was mentioned about the Malthusian theory. "Malthusian theory!" Johnny started, and proceeded to give a dissertation on the theory, pro and con, that would have done credit to a lecture room at a university. But that's Johnny. And now he's a tub thumper - Oliver Kuechle

#### **LIONS SHARPEN ATTACK TO MATCH BAY OFFENSE**

OCT 2 (Detroit) - Unawed by Green Bay's offensive record last Sunday in its 31-21 victory over the Chicago Bears, the Detroit Lions are devoting major attention this week to sharpening their own offense rather than to perfecting a defense intended to slow down the Packers in their meeting at Milwaukee this weekend. Coach Gus Dorais, who with other NFL leaders has long regarded the Packers as one of the "passingest" teams in the league, still doesn't know what to make of the fact that Green Bay completed only five of 16 aerials against the Bears. But Dorais does know that as long as the Packers have such receivers as Don Hutson and Clyde Goodnight and passers like Irv Comp and Roy McKay they can click through the air at anytime. He also knows that last season the Packers were the only team in the Western division to make more yardage on the ground than by passing, and to stop the Packers in both respects Dorais will depend upon a topnotch line which has improved steadily in recent works. The Detroit coach has been working his backs in units and the starting combination against the Packers will show Bill Callihan at center, Cotton Price at left half, Art Van Tone at the wing and Bob Westfall at fullback. Chuck Fenenbock also will see duty at left half as will Dave Ryan who booted a 35 yard field goal against the Cards. Dorais will depend heavily upon the passing of Price. The Lions will go into the game with a NFL winning streak that has reached six straight, and also with a losing streak to the Packers that has numbered nine in a row since 1940.

## **Pannell and Crimmins, Veterans Of Pacific War, Join Bay Squad**

#### **PANNELL AND CRIMMINS, VETERANS OF PACIFIC WAR, JOIN BAY SQUAD**

OCT 2 (Green Bay) - Lt. Ernie Pannell and Lt. Bernie Crimmins, who spent 24 months together harassing Jap shipping in the far Pacific as PT boat division leaders, today had signed Packer contracts, according to announcement by Coach Curly Lambeau. That in itself is good news because Pannell is returning to the Green Bay team where he starred at tackle before entering service and Crimmins is a former All-American guard from Notre Dame. But there is more to the story than that. It goes back 14 months, when the two were sweating out a Japanese air raid in an uncharted cove along the New Guinea coast. They decided then they would play together in the Packers' line, where they will get that chance next Sunday when the Bays, successfully past their first hurdle, play the Detroit Lions at State Fair park in suburban Milwaukee. Both players, wearers of the Silver Star for heroic accomplishments while in the Pacific, wound up a 34-day trip from the war front Sunday, in time to see the Packers thump the Bears, 31-21. They signed contracts Monday and began drills with the team this morning. After what they have gone through, opposition teams should hold no terrors for them...**ASSIGNED TO SAME SQUADRON:** The close friendship between the two began when they were assigned to the same PT squadron in New York



early in 1943. After 17 months in the Pacific, they returned to the United States together on leave. They went back to the Pacific and operated together against Jap shipping for seven more months before being discharged in the Philippines. They wanted to be in Green Bay in time for the Packers' contest with the College All-Stars in August but the impending invasion of Japan tried up air transportation to the States. Instead of a few days trip by plane, they had to sweat out a 30-day voyage on a slow transport. Reticent about their Silver Stars and their activities in the Pacific, they apologize for not being able to finish accurate figures but to the best of their recollection. Pannell and his crew accounted for 25 Japanese ships and barges and Crimmins' PT sank 20...PLAYED HERE IN 1941: Pannell, who played undergraduate football at Texas A. and M., played with the



Executing one of his famous fumble recoveries, Capt. Charley Brock (with ball) set the stage for the Packers' successful field goal attempt in the first quarter of Sunday afternoon's game at City stadium. Charley grabbed the ball from Bear Halfback Al Grygo (32) on the county 40 and returned it to the 31. Coming in to clear the way for Brock are Charley Tollefson (46) and Tiny Croft (75). Center John Schiechl (66) of the Bears is angling in for a shot at Brock.

Packers in 1941. He is 6 feet 2 inches tall and weighs 220 pounds. Crimmins, who finished Notre Dame in 1942 and then entered service, is 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighs 200 pounds. He played a year at fullback with the Irish, and then was shifted to guard, where he was named to practically every All-America squad. The addition to the Packer squad should help to relieve Lambeau of one of his chief worries, the right side of the line. The Packer coach, naturally jubilant over the team's victory Sunday, has been around the league long enough to know that it doesn't pay to rest on laurels won. "We've got another tough one coming up next Sunday," he said, "and we can't afford to ease up in preparing for it." The Lions could bring the Bays up short in their National league title defense and they'll be fighting to preserve a winning streak of six games, five of which came at the end of the 1944 season and the sixth in their opener this year against the Chicago Cardinals. They defeated the Cardinals, 10-0, a week ago Sunday. The Lions, idle as far as championship play was concerned last Sunday, dropped a 21-14 decision to the Washington Redskins but George Preston Marshall, the talkative owner of the 'Skins, told Lambeau over the phone Monday that "we were lucky to win."

#### **SELLOUT RUMORS FALSE**

OCT 2 (Green Bay) - Rumors that the Packer-Cleveland game at City stadium Oct. 14 are sold out are untrue, Ticket Director Ralph C. Smith said today, adding a word of warning, however, that all \$3.60 tickets have been sold and that there is a brisk demand for other ducats. Approximately 10,000 remain to be sold. Tickets are also moving fast for the Packer-Detroit contest at State Fair park in West Allis next Sunday.

#### **ACE AGGIE BLOCKER JOINS LIONS**

OCT 2 (Detroit) - Capt. James N. Tomason, Army Air Force pilot who paved the way as blocking back for John Kimbrough on the great Texas A&M teams of 1939 and 1940, joined the Detroit Lions Monday. Known as one of football's greatest blockers, Tomason was the No. 1 draft choice of the Lions in 1941. He was called to active duty with the Army in June of that year, however. Tomason was one of the main cogs of the Aggie teams that went through the 1939 and 1940 seasons with only one defeat. The Aggies were national champions in 1939, beat Tulane in the Sugar Bowl and won from Fordham in the Cotton Bowl a year later. The 200-pound blocking back was an iron man during his college days, starting all but three games and playing every minute in 13 games in his last two seasons. He comes to the Lions in excellent condition and is counted on to help the Detroiters in their important game with Green Bay at Milwaukee Sunday. Tomason is a veteran of 65 bombing and strafing missions in the Pacific. He went overseas in January, 1944, and returned last May. He holds the Air Medal with five clusters, three battle stars, the Purple Heart and three theater ribbons. Coach Gus Dorais gave the club a day of rest Monday after its 21-14 loss to the Washington Redskins in an exhibition game at Baltimore. The Lions escaped without injury in that game and will resume drills Tuesday afternoon.

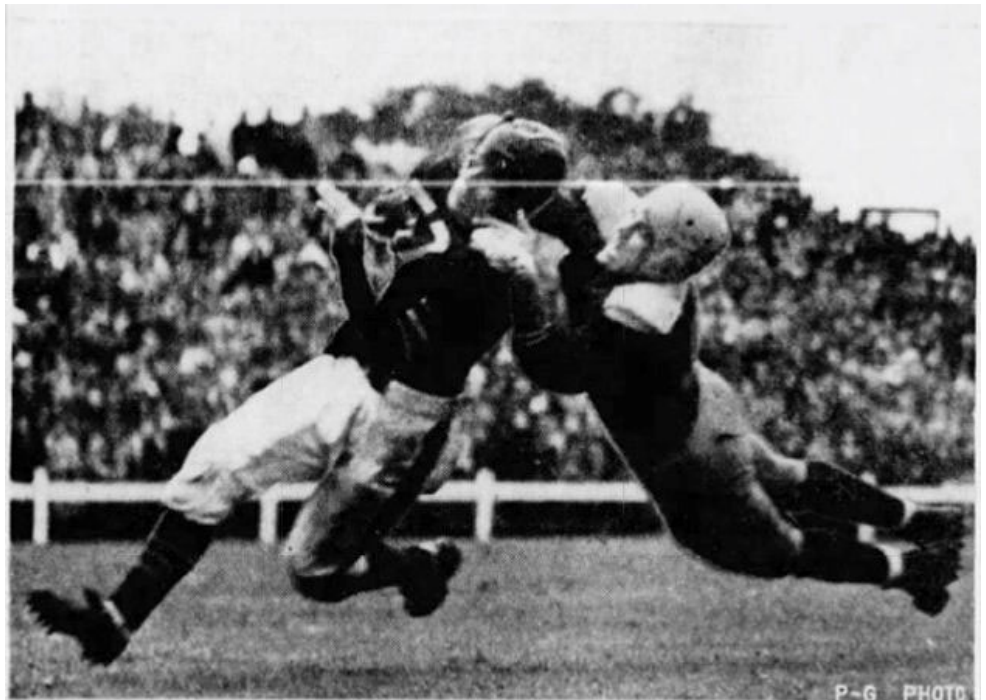
# Detroit Lions Seek 7th Straight League Victory Against Packers

## DETROIT LIONS SEEK 7TH STRAIGHT LEAGUE VICTORY AGAINST PACKERS

OCT 3 (Green Bay) - The Detroit Lions, a team that hasn't been defeated since the Packers turned the trick last October, will be fighting to maintain their consecutive victory mark when they tangle with the Packers at State Fair park in Milwaukee next Sunday afternoon. It will be up to the Bays to end the string and to raise their own stock in the national championship a little more. Coach Curly Lambeau, scheduling double workouts for the Bays Wednesday and Thursday, emphasized that the Lions cannot be underestimated. "We must recognize the Lions as a definite threat in the Western division and in the league this year. Why, they've got all their veterans back from a year ago - Sinkwich excepted, of course - and they've added some new boys who won't hurt their chances any."...**LETDOWN WOULD HURT:** The Packer coach warned that a letdown now would seriously hamper the club's chances for a victory. Such a development would also put a considerable crimp in the team's title ambitions, which certainly were not deflated any in last Sunday's victory over the Bears. But they'll have to knock the Lions out of the way first and cut their victory string at six straight. The last defeat the Lions suffered was by the Packers at Detroit last Oct. 29. It was a 14-0 decision. Then, they walloped Card-Pitt twice, the Chicago Bears, Cleveland and Boston. They added another victory in their opener this year against the Cardinals, 10-0, and are itching for No. 1, and their first margin over the Packers since the game here in 1940...**GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION:** The Packers, immeasurably bolstered by Asst. Coach Don Hutson's decision to come out of retirement and the addition of veteran tackle Ernie Pannell and guard Bernie Crimmins, who showed a world of speed in Tuesday morning's workout, came out of the Bear fray physically unscathed. They should be in top shape for the invasion of the Lions. Several of the ex-servicemen who joined the squad after the All-Star game have had difficulty keeping pace with others on the team who have been in training in early in August. Despite this, however, Lambeau indicated today he would use practically every member of the 33-man squad against the Lions. Incidentally, the Packers now have three players for each position, marking the first time since the 1941 season that this has occurred...**LEAVE SATURDAY AFTERNOON:** The Packers are working on rough spots that showed up in the Bear game, especially on defense. They will work here through Saturday morning, leaving for Milwaukee on the Milwaukee road's Chippewa at 5:20 in the afternoon. As usual, they will headquarter at the Schroeder hotel. Lambeau announced that tackle Don Clark has been released.

## CLEVELAND MAY BE ELEVEN TO RESHUFFLE DECK IN GRID LOOP

OCT 3 (Cleveland) - There may be a re-shuffling of the deck in the NFL this season. Since the origin of the league's divisional system in 1934, no team other than the New York Giants and the Washington Redskins ever has won in the east and only one club (Detroit in 1935) has broken the monopoly of the Green Bay Packers and the Chicago Bears in the west. Prospects for a change are bright this year. The Philadelphia Eagles have indicated they will be a power in the east while if any team is going to stop the Bears and Packers in the west the Cleveland Rams will have to do it...**BIG JOB FOR WALSH:** It's a large assignment for Adam Walsh, the new Ram coach, in his first season in professional football because he's



Halfback Ray (Scooter) McLean of the Bears didn't get very far when he attempted to run the ball through the Packers in the fourth quarter of Sunday's Packer-Bear contest. Fullback Ted Fritsch, who scored 15 of the Packers' 31 points, grabbed McLean from behind and dropped him for a three-yard loss. Not how all four feet are above the ground.

banking largely on rookies. The Rams started building last year when owner Dan Reeves gave General Manager Chile Walsh what, in effect, amounted to a blank check for rounding up talent. The club has signed more than a score of new players and was the most active team in the player market during the offseason. Many of the new men still are in service but such standouts as Bob Waterfield from UCLA, Don Greenwood of Illinois, Gil Buley of Boston college, Milan Lazetich of Michigan and Art Mergenthal of Notre Dame were available immediately...GOOD RUNNING ATTACK: So far this season the Rams have shown more drive on running attack than at any time in their history. The Cleveland passing, with Waterfield throwing and ends Jim Benton and Steve Pritko receiving, has been exceptional. Return of Howard Hickey gives the team another good pass snatcher. The Rams won three of their four exhibitions, spanking Pittsburgh, Washington and New York and losing to Philadelphia. They crushed the Chicago Cardinals 21 to 0 in their league opener Sunday. The answer to whether the Rams really have it this year will come this Sunday when they battle Sid Luckman and the Chicago Bears.



The Packers and Bears played before 24,525 fans who jammed City stadium Sunday to watch the Green Bay eleven successfully open its 25th season in the National Football league. Here a portion of the crowd is shown before the eastside gates shortly before game time. It wasn't long after they were seated that the Packers took a 7-0 lead over the Bears. They kept the lead thereafter and won 31-21.

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#### **SUNDAY'S TILT DRAWING WELL**

OCT 3 (Milwaukee Journal) - The heaviest demand for tickets in the history of Green Bay's appearance in Milwaukee, except for the championship playoff with the New York Giants in 1939, indicated a capacity crowd of 26,000 would probably see the Packers take the field against the Detroit Lions at State Fair park Sunday afternoon. The ticket office at the public service bureau in the lobby of the Journal building had sold more than \$20,000 worth of tickets up to Wednesday noon and the demand continued. An original lively interest in the game was stimulated further by Green Bay's excellent and thrilling showing against the Bears last Sunday. Out of the rival camps, meanwhile, come reports of intensive preparations. At Green Bay, Curly Lambeau, anxious to get off to the same kind of flying start which practically cinched the western division championship for his club at the halfway mark last season, continued to drive his club in long workouts in which new men like Ernie Pannell, tackle, and Bernie Crimmins, guard, got the major attention. In Detroit, Gus Dorais juggled the lineup which started here against the Cardinals two weeks ago. New men have replaced four of the veterans who appeared to have their places cinched. Both clubs will arrive here Saturday. Sunday's game will start at 2 o'clock.

#### **PACKER-LION CONTEST IMPORTANT LOOP TILT**

OCT 4 (Green Bay) - One of five games scheduled in the NFL next Sunday afternoon, the Packers' clash with the Detroit Lions at Milwaukee, will draw the attention of clubs and fans in both divisions of the circuit for two reasons. The first, naturally, is whether the Packers have the power necessary to continue successfully defense of their world football championship. They started well last Sunday against the Bears but some doubting Thomases argue that statistics prove the Bears were better even though the scoreboard showed a difference of 10 points for the Bays. The other reason concerns Detroit. Riding along on a six-game winning streak in league competition, the Lions are itching to nail up No. 7 and to wipe out a string of nine defeats the Packers have pinned on them. The string is the longest the Lions have suffered since the franchise transferred from Portsmouth in 1934...BETTER THAN BEARS: Coach Curly Lambeau has the utmost respect for the 1945 Lions, who again are tutored by Coach Gus Dorais, one-time teammate of the famed Knute Rockne at Notre Dame. The Packer coach will even go so far as to say, "Those Lions are better than the Bears, and they're being strengthened all the time." He may have had reference to the addition of Frank Szymanski, Notre Dame's captain-elect this fall who resigned his post and will be at center against the Packers; Jim Thomason, former blocking back for Texas A. and M, and Bobby Nelson, Baylor guard. Or he may be have been thinking about the stars the Lions have gained since V-J day. They include Cotton Price and Chuck Fenenbock, who with rookie Dave Ryan are Detroit's main offensive threats from the left half position. Then there are Bob Westfall and Andy Farkas, adding a heavy pinch from fullback. Yes, Lambeau is right

# Packer-Lion Contest Important Loop Tilt

Outcome of Sunday Contest at Milwaukee to  
Prove Bays' Worth or Make Detroit Eleven  
League Darkhorse; Dorais Has Veteran Squad

when he says the Lions are tough even without mentioning the all-veteran line including such stalwarts as Alex Wojciechowicz, Stan Balinski, Dave Diehl, Al Kaporch, Jack Matheson and Dom Sigillo...**LINE IS FORTIFIED:** But the Packers aren't any shrinking violets either, considering their victories over the College All-Stars and the Bears. Fortification of the line, where a flock of veterans were lost, has come about through service discharges, and several rookies have made their presence felt. Two of the newcomers, tackle Paul Lipscomb and end Nolan Luhn, have plugged gaps on the right side of the line. A third, end Clyde Goodnight, is developing rapidly. With Don Hutson and Goodnight operating at left end and Luhn, a good pass catcher as well as defensive wingman, at the other, opponents' backfield should be kept busy on pass defense. Lipscomb's ability brought praise from Lambeau. Defensively and offensively he is better than any of the veterans who held down the right tackle post during 1944, the coach said. A Packer victory over the Lions would bolster their chances for a title repeat and it's not too early in the season to be talking about titles...**HOLD DOUBLE WORKOUTS:** Double workouts Wednesday and today marked the end of heavy practice for Sunday's tilt. Plenty of defensive dill has been dished out. The Lions have returned to the popular T-formation and Coach Dorais has increased offensive repertoire with a bundle of new T plays, according to reports from Detroit. These will supplement the attack already based upon the box and short punt offensive alignments. Dorais has indicated he will alternate lines and probably three different backfields to take advantage of the quick opening line thrusts characterizing the T. Pass plays off the T will also come in for heavy use. The Dorais idea is to get the 11 best defensive or offensive players on the field, and ample reserve power - best the Lions have had since before the war - make this possible...**FOUR OTHER GAMES:** Other league contests include: Chicago Bears at Cleveland; Chicago Cards at Philadelphia; Washington at the Yanks in Boston, and New York at Pittsburgh. The Bear-Cleveland game is rated a tossup, Philadelphia should pin the 29th straight defeat on the Cardinals, Washington is favored over the Yanks, and the Giants over Pittsburgh.

## **LIONS TO JUGGLE LINEUP**

OCT 4 (Detroit) - In an attempt to uncover greater scoring punch, Coach Gus Dorais will juggle his Detroit Lions starting lineup for Sunday's important league battle with Green Bay at Milwaukee and will turn the heavy duty job at left halfback over to Navy dischargee Cotton Price, pre-war backfield alternate here with Whizzer White. By naming Price, tall Texan, as his starting left half, Dorais indicated he will count heavily upon forward passing against the Packers. Dorais will turn the end assignment over to a new pair. Johnny Greene and Lake Roberson from Michigan and Mississippi, respectively. Mike Kostniuk, rookie 220 pounder just out of the Army, will hold on to his left tackle berth, but on the other side of the line, 245 pound Luke Lindon will give way to Dominic Sigillo, Stan Batinski and Al Kaporch will start the guards. Rex Williams, another service dischargee from Texas Tech, will be in the starting lineup at center in place of Alex Wojciechowicz. Frank Szymanski, who recently resigned his Notre Dame captaincy and signed with the Lions, also is due for considerable center play Sunday

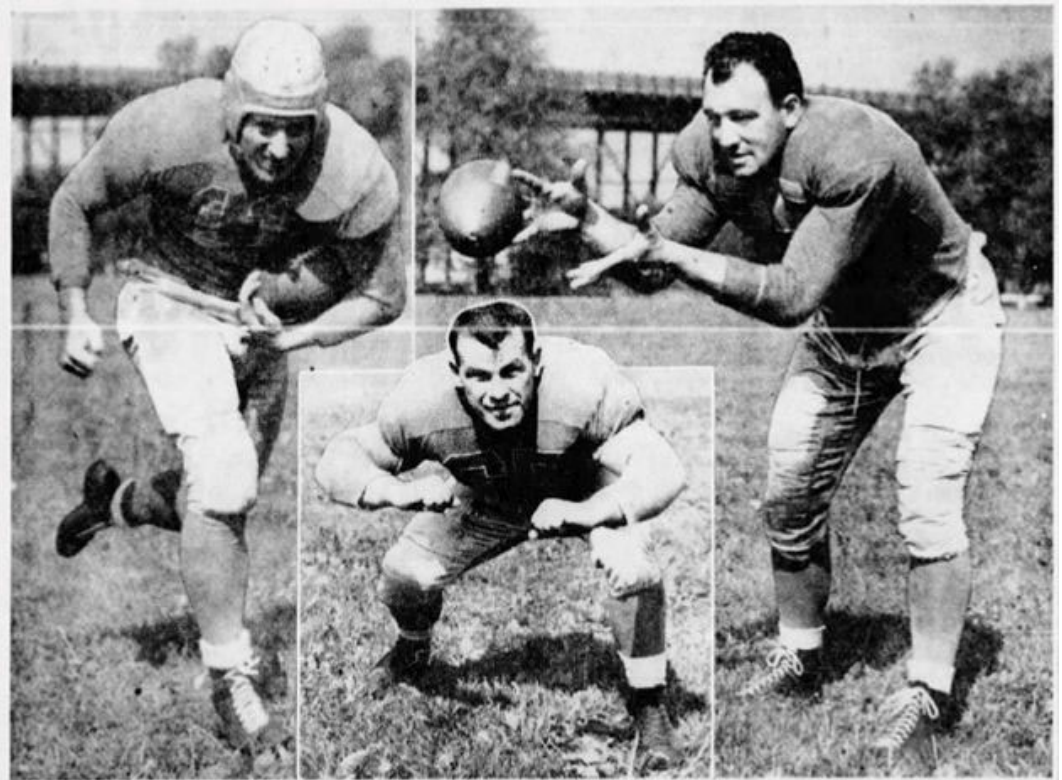
## **HUTSON WILL PLAY HERE SUNDAY; LIONS HAVEN'T BEATEN PACKERS IN NINE GAMES**

OCT 4 (Milwaukee Journal) - Don Hutson will definitely play here Sunday against the Detroit Lions. There was doubt at first, in view of his oft-stated retirement, whether his start against the Bears last Sunday might not have been his only one of the fall. He'll be in there, though, "until some of our new men come along a little farther," Curly Lambeau explained, "Don will play. And why shouldn't he after what he did last Sunday?"...The man who was supposed to lead and captain

Notre Dame this season, Frank Syzmanski, will make his first professional start in Sunday's game. Syzmanski was declared ineligible a couple of weeks ago and immediately signed with Detroit...The big smile on Curly Lambeau's face these days is there not only because of what his Packers did to the Bears. Bernie Crimmins, late of Notre Dame and the Navy, accounted for some of it. "He's the best guard prospect we've had in a long, long time," Lambeau confessed...Clark Shaughnessy of Pittsburgh calls Walt Kiesling, who is Lambeau's good man Friday, one of the best line coaches in the game...STREAK INVOLVED: The Lions will carry a six game winning streak into Sunday's game - at the moment the longest in the National league. So what, say the Packers, and they point to a record of their own. They haven't lost to the Lions in nine games since 1940. What is more, they have rolled up in this time 266 points against Detroit's 54...And speaking of records, Charley (The Horse) Bidwell's Chicago Cardinals will lose their twenty-ninth straight Sunday when they meet the Philadelphia Eagles at Philadelphia. The league better do something about the Cardinals before the Cardinals do something about the league - ruin it...The Lions will open with five men who didn't start in the Cardinal game two weeks ago - John Green and Lake Robertson at ends, Dom Sigillo at tackle, Syzmanski at center and Cotton Price at left half. Gus Dorais himself calls his present lineup 50% stronger than the one with which he faced the Cardinals.

### 25,000 EXPECTED TO SEE PACKERS AND LIONS TODAY

OCT 4 (Detroit) - Off to a flying start with their triumph over the Chicago Bears last week, Curly Lambeau's Green Bay Packers will be gunning for victory No. 2 in the bid to keep the championship they won last year when they meet Gus Dorais' Detroit Lions at State Fair park Sunday afternoon. The kickoff is scheduled at 2 o'clock. The game has aroused tremendous interest, and if the weather is clear, a capacity crowd of 25,000 is expected. A sellout here would be Green Bay's sixth in six games. The Packers played to 92,000 in the all-star game, 90,000 in the exhibition with the Eagles, 24,000 in the exhibition with the Steelers at Hershey, Pa., 34,000 in the exhibition with the Redskins at Washington and 24,000 in their league opener with the Bears at Green Bay last week. The interest in the game here has not been misplaced, either, for the battle promises to be a dogfight all the way. Like the Packers, the Lions have also won their lone league start, a game with the Cardinals, and like the Packers, they have designs on the championship which has eluded them since back in 1935. One of two streaks will be broken. The Lions will take the field with six straight league victories behind them, extending to midseason last season; the Packers with nine straight victories over Detroit, extending back to 1940. Somehow or other, Green Bay in recent years had just had it on Detroit - and Detroit has had some good clubs. But Sunday is another day, and with a team that is perhaps the best to wear the sky blue and silver since before the war, the Lions are but little worst than even choices to break Green Bay's string. Green Bay ruled a scant six point favorite Saturday night. Against the Cardinals two weeks ago the Lions almost sank to the level of the team they played. But that often happens when a good team meets a "cripple". The fact is that the Lions this year are loaded with men like Bill Callihan, Cotton Price, Art Van Tone and Bob Westfall in the backfield, and Rex Williams, Stan Batinski, Dom Sigillo, formerly of the Bears and Al Kaporch in the line - and any coach would gladly have them. Lambeau was in a fretty mood as he led his Packers into town Saturday night. The failure of the Lions to look better against the Cardinals has not deceived him at all, and he looked for a game every bit as tough as last Sunday's, especially since his own club might have suffered from a natural letdown after having been so high. "I'm scared stiff of this one," he said. "We've let down a little since last Sunday, and we may be in for a licking." Lambeau always frets before a game, however, and while



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the club may have let down, as he says, it still has some powerful stuff in the lineup - Don Hutson, Ted Fritsch, Baby Ray, Paul Lipscomb, Charley Brock, Larry Craig, Irv Comp, Joe Laws just to mention a few. The game promises to be a wide open aerial battle with Comp, fully recovered from last week's injury, pitching for Green Bay, and Price, one of the best in the league until he went into the service in 1942, for Detroit. There will still be a difference in this, though. The Lions have no Hutson to be on the receiving end. Sunday's game will be one of two Milwaukee appearance by the Packers this season. Two weeks hence, they will meet the Boston Yankees.

# Packers Are Ready for Contest With Detroit Eleven on Sunday

## Second Test

### NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

#### Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PS	OP
GREEN BAY	1	0	0	1.000	31	21
Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	10	0
Cleveland	1	0	0	1.000	21	0
Chicago Bears	0	1	0	.000	21	31
Chicago Cardinals	0	2	0	.000	0	31

#### Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PS	OP
The Yanks	1	0	0	1.000	28	7
New York	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Washington	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Philadelphia	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Pittsburgh	0	1	0	.000	7	28

#### Sunday's Games

##### DETROIT VS. GREEN BAY

(At Milwaukee).

Chicago Bears at Cleveland.

Washington vs. The Yanke at Boston.

New York at Pittsburgh.

#### Last Sunday's Results

GREEN BAY 31, CHI BEARS 21.

Cleveland 21, Chicago Cardinals 0.

#### Portsmouth-Detroit Series

1929—Packers	14	Portsmouth	0
1930—Packers	47	Portsmouth	13
1930—Packers	6	Portsmouth	6
1932—Packers	15	Portsmouth	10
1932—Packers	0	Portsmouth	19
1933—Packers	17	Portsmouth	0
1933—Packers	0	Portsmouth	7
1934—Packers	0	Detroit	3
1934—Packers	3	Detroit	0
1935—Packers	13	Detroit	9
1935—Packers	31	Detroit	7
1935—Packers	19	Detroit	20
1936—Packers	20	Detroit	18
1936—Packers	26	Detroit	17
1937—Packers	26	Detroit	6
1937—Packers	14	Detroit	13
1938—Packers	7	Detroit	17
1938—Packers	28	Detroit	7
1939—Packers	26	Detroit	7
1939—Packers	12	Detroit	7
1940—Packers	14	Detroit	23
1940—Packers	50	Detroit	7
1941—Packers	23	Detroit	0
1941—Packers	24	Detroit	7
1942—Packers	38	Detroit	7
1942—Packers	28	Detroit	7
1943—Packers	35	Detroit	14
1943—Packers	27	Detroit	6
1944—Packers	27	Detroit	6
1944—Packers	14	Detroit	0
1944—Packers	595	Detroit	263

Packers Won 23; Detroit 5; One Tied.

## PACKERS ARE READY FOR CONTEST WITH DETROIT ELEVEN ON SUNDAY

OCT 5 (Green Bay) - Everything the Packers need to know about the Detroit Lions was tucked away in their minds today for reference Sunday when they tangle with the high-flying Detroit Lions in State Fair park at Milwaukee. The Bays have finished the most important part of their preparations and the burden of proof is on them, whether they will add another notch in their title defense or whether the Lions can upset them for their seventh straight league victory. Coach Curly Lambeau didn't have anything new to offer today about the team's chances against the Lions, a squad of veterans and a few transfers from other clubs and newcomers who have fit into Coach Charles E. (Gus) Dorais' plans very well. But the Packer coach seemed to think the team is ready for its second league start, even though he knows the Lions aren't going to go down smiling. They've got too much at stake...FINISH HEAVY PRACTICE: The Packers, who finished heavy workouts this morning following double practice Wednesday and Thursday, much of it on defense, are physically in good condition to snip the Lions' winning streak at six straight and to post their 10th victory in a row over the Motor City aggregation. But there is a chance that they may take the game too lightly even though Lambeau has warned that such thinking would be fatal. The two elevens are now tied, along with Cleveland, for the league's Western division lead with a victory apiece. The Lions opened their season with a 10-0 victory over the hapless Cards while the Packers pasted the Chicago Bears, 31-21. Cleveland knocked the Cards for another loop last Sunday and meets a toughie next Sunday in the Bears. A Packer victory would put them in good position for the Oct. 14 contest at City stadium against Cleveland...LIONS WORK ON DEFENSE: Although the Lions admit that practice this week is being geared to stop Don Hutson particularly and the Bay offense in general, Coach Dorais has also spent no little time improving offensive timing. Three backfield units probably will be used against the Packers with the Lions relying heavily on the passing of Cotton Price and Chuck Fenenbock. The Lions will also use the new free substitution rule liberally, Dorais said, taking advantage of individual defense and offensive abilities. At least two new players will appear in the Packer lineup for the first time. They are this week's additions, veteran tackle Ernie Pannell and guard Bernie Crimmins. The latter, Lambeau said, has fit in to the Packer system very well and very probably will see considerable action. The former All-America player from Notre Dame has shown a world of speed in drills...DEPART ON SATURDAY: The Packers will hold a light practice Saturday morning, leaving for Milwaukee at 5:20 in the afternoon on the Milwaukee road

Chippewa. The Lions also are scheduled to arrive in the downstate city in the afternoon. Both teams will headquarter at the Schroeder hotel. Sunday's game will start at 2 o'clock. The team will return to Green Bay that evening.

## PACKERS FEAR BEAR LETDOWN

OCT 5 (Green Bay) - Curly Lambeau, driving his Packers at top speed, fears an old Packer bugaboo in Sunday's game in Milwaukee as much as he does Detroit. He fears a letdown. "It happens so often to us," he fretted Friday. "We knock off

the Bears, and then the next week have one awful time trying to get back in the groove. I see signs of it again now. We've let down, and we don't dare." The Packers were to complete light drill Saturday morning, and then head to Milwaukee Saturday afternoon. Several thousand Packer rooters will follow them.

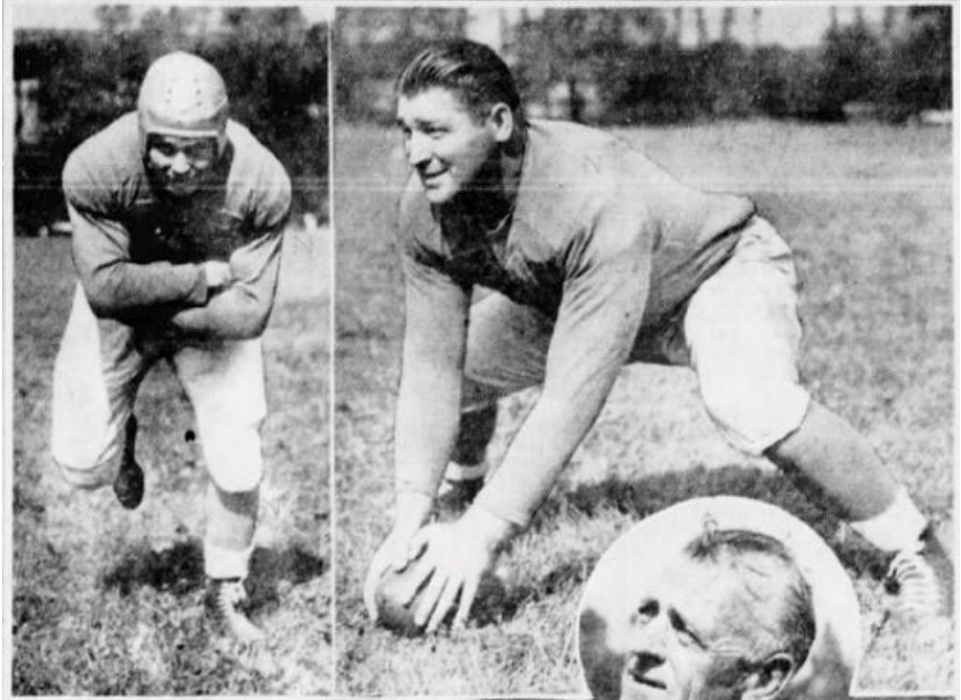
### HALF MILLION SPECTATORS IS PACKERS' GOAL

OCT 5 (Chicago) - All signs point to the Green Bay Packers playing to at least half a million fans in 1945. They already have drawn almost half this total in six appearances and have nine games left in which to get the other 250,000. At the Fairgrounds in Milwaukee Sunday the professional champions and Detroit Lions, each unbeaten in the National league, will attract a sellout crowd of 28,000. The Packers displayed their gate appeal in the College All-Star game Aug. 30 in Soldiers' field before 92,753. A crowd of 90,000 watched the Packers lose to the Philadelphia Eagles in Philly. An exhibition against the Washington Redskins in Griffith stadium brought out 26,000. In Hershey, Pa., against the Pittsburgh Steelers, the champions performed before 14,000. Last Sunday, 24,525 watched the Packers whip the Bears in Green Bay...MANY CHOICE DATES REMAIN: Curly Lambeau's eleven has many other choice dates coming up, the first one being a week from Sunday in Green Bay against Cleveland. If the Rams beat the Bears Sunday and the Packers whip the Lions, the game with the Rams on Oct. 14 will match the only unbeaten teams remaining in the west. The half million estimate does not include the possibility of the Packers participating in the East-West playoff and this would sent the total soaring far over that mark.

Coach Lambeau professes to be too worried about the Lions to concentrate on the club's turnstile prospects. He pointed out yesterday that the Lions have lost only Frank Sinkwich, but he could have added that this comes under the heading of a terrific loss. The Green Bay gridiron professor also reported, without prompting, that Don Hutson will play Sunday and on succeeding Sundays, too...MCKAY DOES ALL RIGHT: Irv Comp, who suffered a head injury in the Bear game, will be in shape to face the Lions, Lambeau said. Roy McKay played in Comp's place in the second half last week and the Texas youngster kept the Packers' attack going to such an extent that they scored three touchdowns while he was at left half.

### FOOTBALL ALSO HARD WORK

OCT 5 (Detroit) - Capt. Jim Thomason did a lot of heavy work piloting a B-25 on 65 missions against the Japs in the Southwest Pacific, but he couldn't have toiled much harder than he has for the last few days with the Detroit Lions at



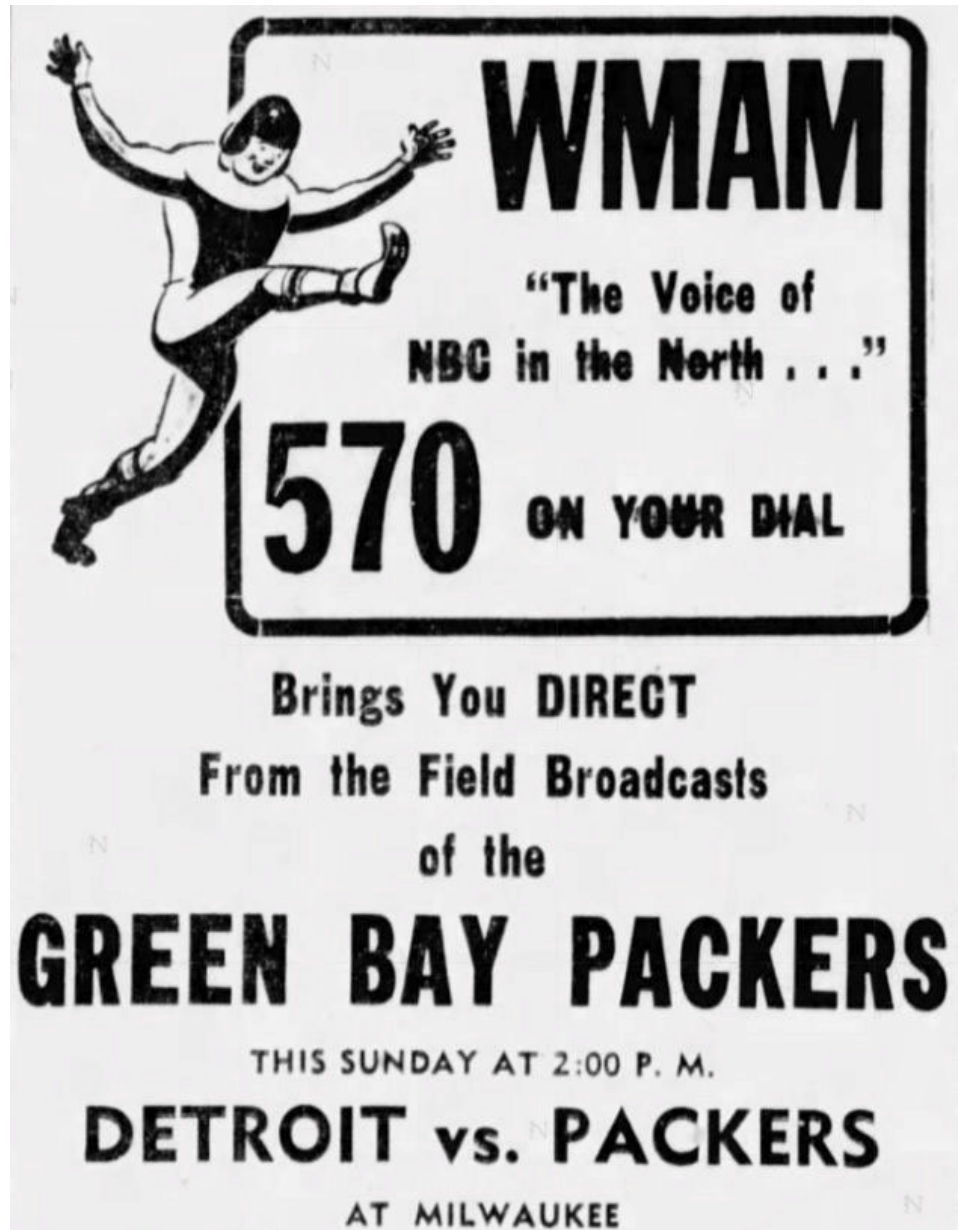
Coach Charles E. (Gus) Dorais of the Detroit Lions, (bottom photo) should be smiling more broadly because his team this year is composed almost entirely of veterans plus several outstanding rookies. Two of the experienced hands who will be heard from Sunday when the Packers tangle with the Lions at Milwaukee are shown at the top. At the left is Bullet Bob Westfall, the former Michigan full-back who earned his spurs in professional competition last year. Although his name is practically unspellable, Center Alex Wojciechowicz, right, doesn't let that bother him. He is playing his eighth season with the Lions.

Robinson Field. Back in a football uniform for the first time since becoming a flier, Thomason is due to see action against Green Bay at Milwaukee Sunday. Because it has been a long time since he blocked for Johnny Kimbrough at Texas A&M in 1939 and 1940, Thomason is not sparing himself in getting into condition. Coach Gus Dorais had been drilling Thomason as a replacement for quarterback Bill Callihan. This means that Thomason will be blocking for such ball carriers as Bob Westfall, Andy Farkas, Cotton Price and Charley Fenenbock. Dorais expects big things of the 200-pound Thomason. Calligan has carried the brunt of the blocking duties in recent seasons, and the Lions have been woefully weak in a replacement for their veteran quarterback. Meanwhile, Price and Fenenbock again were put through a long passing drill Thursday. Dorais also plans to use Bobby Nelson, recently discharged from the armed forces, Sunday. Nelson originally was a center, but must be worked in at guard to give Detroit a better-balance forward wall.

#### **PACKERS TO MEET DETROIT AT MILWAUKEE SUNDAY**

OCT 6 (Green Bay) - Moving out of town for the first time this season to defend their world championship, a squad of 33 Packers was to entrain late this afternoon for Milwaukee where Sunday they will pit their strength against the Detroit Lions in a NFL game in suburban State Fair park. The kickoff is scheduled for 2 o'clock and a crowd that may run over 20,000 is anticipated. The Packer-Lion fracas is one of five NFL games on tap for Sunday. Although the eight other teams in the league will be busy about their own business of attempting to win, it is a virtual certainty that the outcome of the game will be watched with interest by all of them. A victory for the Packers will stamp them as a definite contender for the Western division pennant again this year. A triumph by the Detroit eleven will cast them in the role of league darkhorse, give them their first victory over the Bays since the second game on the 1940 season, and increase their winning streak in league competition to seven straight...GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION: The Packers will be in excellent physical condition for Sunday's battle. They have shown gobs of fire during workouts this week, evading a letdown this week, evading a letdown that would have been natural following their 31-21 victory over the Chicago Bears in the league opener. They were particularly sharp in Friday morning's last heavy workout, when the

entire repertoire of offensive plays got a polishing. However, Coach Curly Lambeau had a warning. Said the coach, "Our one concern is whether the team realizes that the Lions are as tough an outfit as they really are. I think they'll play one of their best games against us and we can't afford to have a letdown from the showing we made in the Bear game. We'll have to start rolling from the first kickoff and keep right on going through 60 minutes." The Packers' principal trouble on defense is expected to come from a trio of Lion halfbacks, all veterans. They are Bob Westfall, the former Michigan ace who scored the first touchdown against the Bays in Milwaukee last year, Chuck Fenenbock and Cotton Price. Westfall is a hard driving fullback and a pass snatcher while Fenenbock and Price will share the left halfback chores along with rookie Dave Ryan. Another power in the Lions' backfield is Anvil Andy Farkas, who joined Detroit this year after several brilliant seasons with the Washington Redskins. The Lions' forward wall has been bolstered by several new men, most publicized among them



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being Frank Szymanski, Notre Dame's captain-elect this year who recently resigned from the Irish squad. He is a center and will spare off veterans Alex Wojciechowicz. But the Packers have a veteran squad also and several rookies who have shown promise. With the return of Asst. Coach Don Hutson to active player ranks, the team has an additional scoring punch that was evident in last Sunday's game even though he didn't score a touchdown. Hutson's left end spot will be taken at the start Sunday by rookie Clyde Goodnight but the veteran end will see action for certain. Two other rookies who earned starting assignments against the Bears will also open against the Lions. They are tackle Paul Lipscomb and end Nolan Luhn. Others in starting roles in the line are veterans, including tackle Baby Ray, guards Bill Kuusisto, who made a rapid comeback physically after an early September appendectomy, and Pete Tinsley, and center Bob Flowers, who will share the pivot duties with Capt. Charley Brock...**ALL-VETERAN BACKFIELD:** The all-veteran backfield ready to open against the Lions includes Larry Craig at the blocking back spot, Irv Comp and Lou Brock at halfbacks, and Ted Fritsch at fullback. Shifts in the backfield would have Joe Laws at right half, Don Perkins at full and Roy McKay, who played three quarters of the game against the Bears and scored his first touchdown as a Packers, at left half.

**LIONS BATTLE PACKER JINX AGAIN**

OCT 7 (Detroit) - The end of the Green Bay stranglehold which has been squeezing the football life out of Detroit for nine games will be the aim of the Lions here Sunday when they meet the pass-conscious Packers before 25,000 fans at the State Fair Grounds. Not since 1940, when Detroit beat the Packers, 23 to 14, at Green Bay, have the Lions stopped Don Hutson and Co. Late in the 1941 campaign the Packers came back to lacerate the Lions, 50 to 7, at U. of D. Stadium and their streak now stands at nine contests. To the Lions this will be no ordinary contest. Owner Fred L. Mandel contends that the difference between victory and defeat Sunday may be \$100,00 in gate receipts. He figures that a Lion victory would put them in the thick of the championship race and result in the extra receipts at the gate. A defeat would have the opposite effect. Coach Gus Dorais has juggled his team since Detroit's 21-14 defeat by Washington last week. He plans to have Cotton Price at the key left halfback position.

In this spot Price will be doing most of the Detroit passing. Dorais also plans to have Frank Szymanski, the ex-Notre Dame football captain, at center and Mike Kostiuk, the 215-pounder from Hamtramck, at left tackle...Ted Fritsch, regular Green Bay fullback, was injured in the 31-21 victory over the Chicago Bears last week and may see only limited service. Ben Starrett is expected to substitute for Fritsch in a backfield with Larry Craig, Joe Laws and Irving Comp. The latter is the best passer on the squad. With Comp throwing aeries to Hutson, the Lions will have to be on the alert if they intend to end the Green Bay jinx. Hutson is the best pass receiver in the history of the National league.

**LIONS' WIN WOULD MAKE GRID HISTORY**

OCT 7 (Milwaukee Sentinel - Stoney McGlynn) - Unless the Packers are still reading about their thrilling 31 to 21 conquest of the Bears last Sunday or thinking too much of that all-out struggle listed next week at the Bay against the Cleveland

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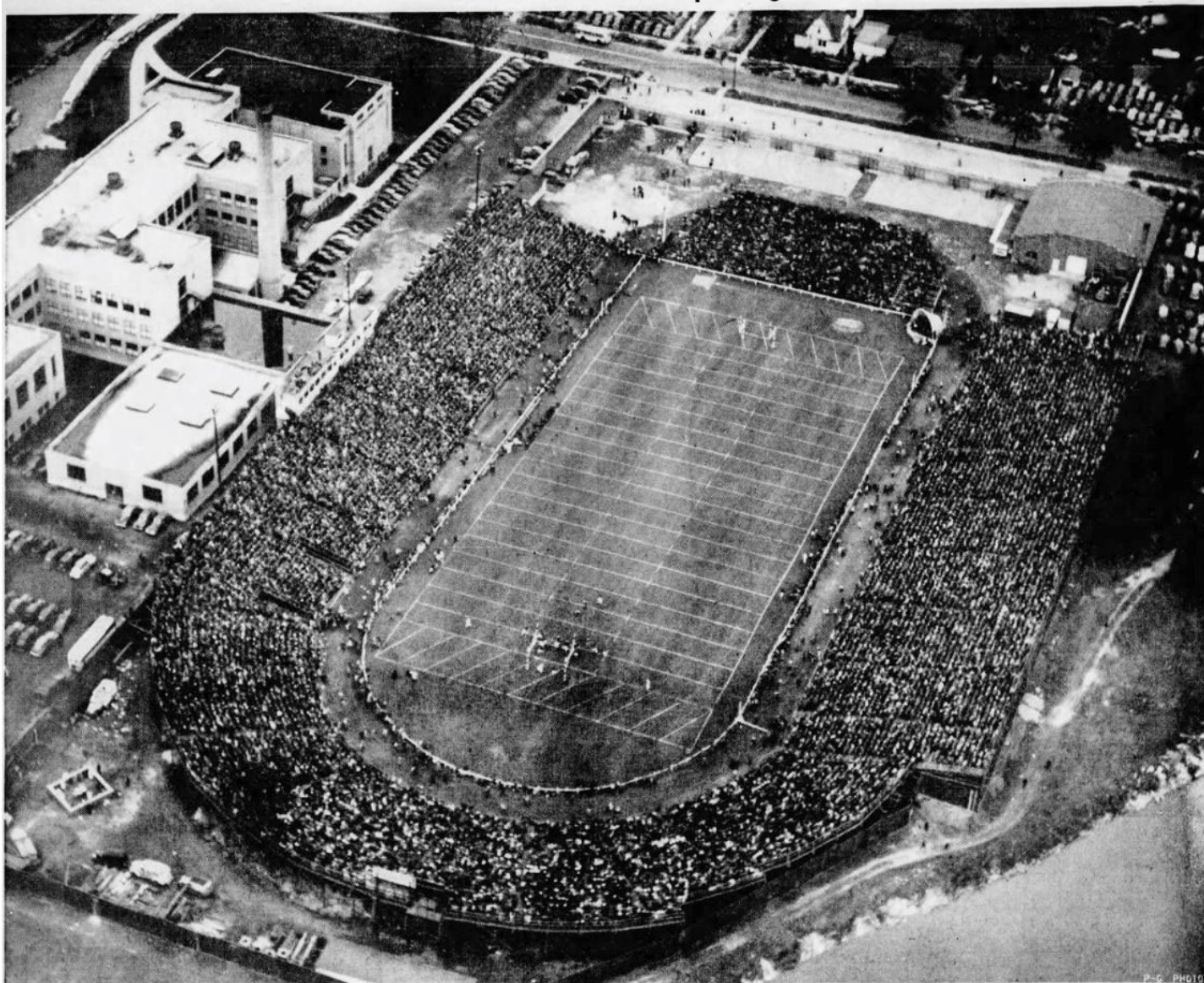
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Rams, Western half title favorites, they should manage to at least squeak by the Detroit Lions this afternoon at State Fair park. If they don't a crowd of some 25,000 will see history made. They'll see the Lions run their current league winning streak to seven in a row, five of the wins last year and the other here two weeks ago against the Chicago Cardinals, the longest winning streak now alive in the NFL, which, by no means, means Non-Partisan league, the NFL being, by all means, the most highly partisan sports outfit alive today...A SAD MISTAKE: They'll also see the Lions triumph over their greatest jinx club. The Packers have not been beaten by the Lions since their first meeting in 1940 when the Lions came from behind to rub the Bay noses in the clover by a 23 to 14 margin. That, apparently, was a sad mistake. It riled the Packers no end. In the return meeting at Detroit the Packers smacked 'em down by a mere 50 to 7 margin. Since then the Packer triumphs have been regular if not so one sided, but today Coach Gus Dorais, favored by the return of more veterans from service than any other club, is loaded for the fray and he hopes to cash in on the expected Packer letdown after the Bears game. He may, but he should go about the task easy enough. An early Detroit spurt might well do what Coach Curly Lambeau has tried to do via less drastic measures - arouse the club to the point where it will start doing some pushing around just out of plain meanness and without any inner needling methods...PACKER FANS COKED UP: The old Detroit weakness against passes should be improved somewhat, what with the veterans back, but on attack the Lions don't figure to be too highly tuned, not with Frankie (Flatfoot) Sinkwich back flatfooting it for Uncle Samuel. Although, to be sure, Frankie himself never caused the Packers more than passing concern and I mean that literally and figuratively. Frankie never was such a much hot stuff against Bays, although his league record proved he must have had sumpin' besides flatfeet against the other pigskin pumpers. Defeat of the Bears last week seems to have coked Packer followers up to a prewar pitch, which is all well and good for the Packer coffers if it doesn't coke the Packers themselves up to some hifalutin' ideas about their own invincibility. That win was well merited, although the Bears outgained 'em from Oshkosh to the southern tip of Winnebago, but don't forget the Bears aren't the Bears of old or nearly as strong, as potent, as scientific as they'll be, say along about November 1 when the next Bears-Packers struggle is coming up...MR. FOOTBALL TO PLAY: I hope and trust the Packers realize the Lions they'll be meeting today will be a far different club than other Detroit teams they've faced of late. However, Mr. Football, in the person of Don (I Want to Be Alone) Hutson, who generally manages to be alone when out pass receiving, will be in the Packer lineup. That practically guarantees a touchdown or two from that sector to say nothing of what he sets up for having the opponents play fox and hound over his decoy trail. This corner could make a stab out of the job of picking the starting lineups, but it all depends upon who will do the putting and who will do the taking on the kickoff. And it figures to be a put and take affair all the way.

## Packers to Meet Detroit at Milwaukee Sunday

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City stadium was packed to capacity Sunday afternoon when the Green Bay Packers and the Chicago Bears renewed a bitter gridiron rivalry that has been red-hot since the first game in the series was played in 1921. The setting for the game, watched by 24,525 fans, is shown above in an aerial photograph taken just after the contest started. The

Packers scored first to take a lead that they never relinquished. The victory provided an auspicious opening for the team's 25th anniversary season in the National Football League and it started the Packers on the road to a successful defense of their world professional football championship. The Packers won, 31-21.

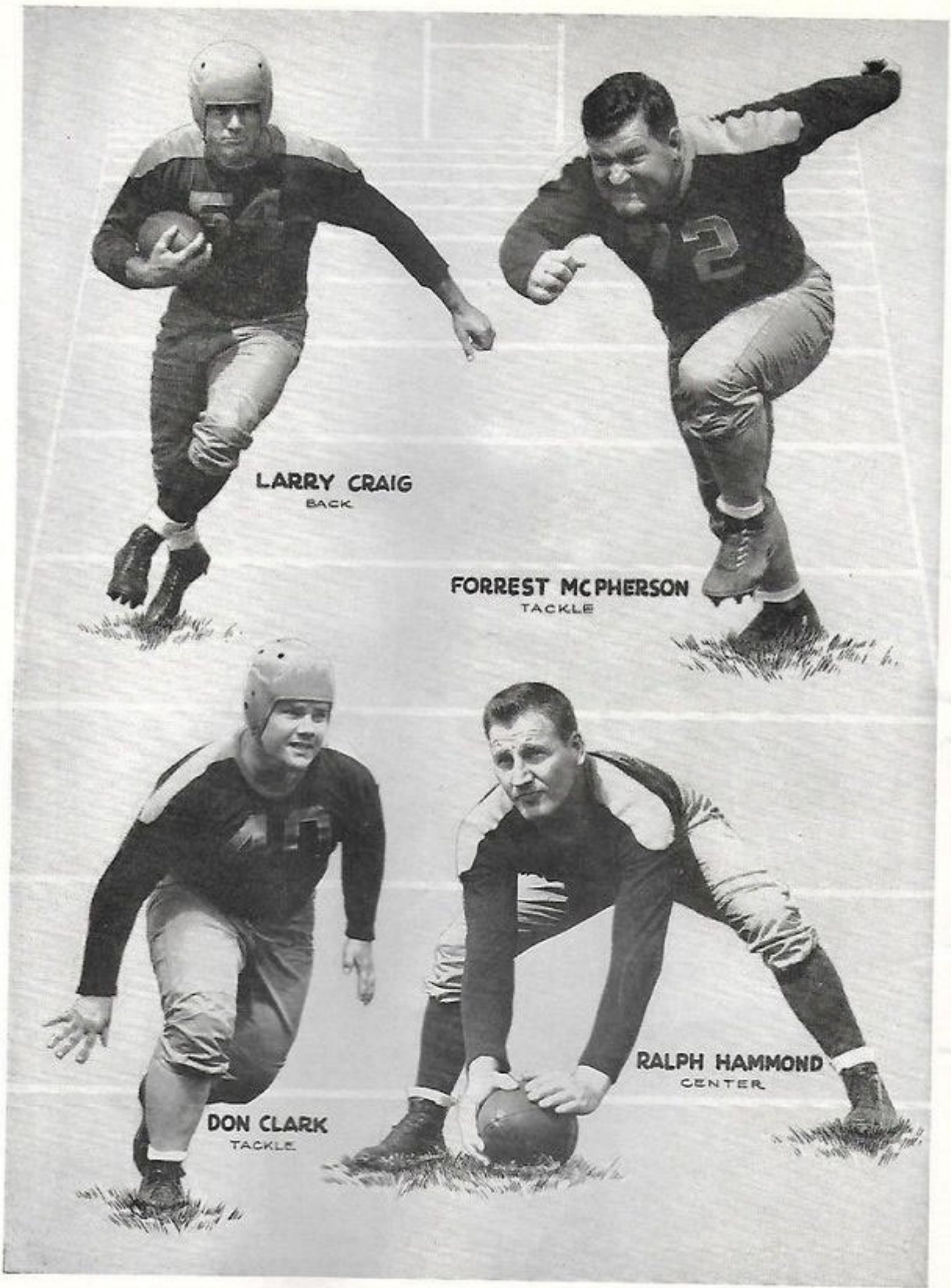
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