Green Bay Packers (5-4-1) 30, Los Angeles Rams (4-6) 10 Sunday November 30th 1947 (at Los Angeles)

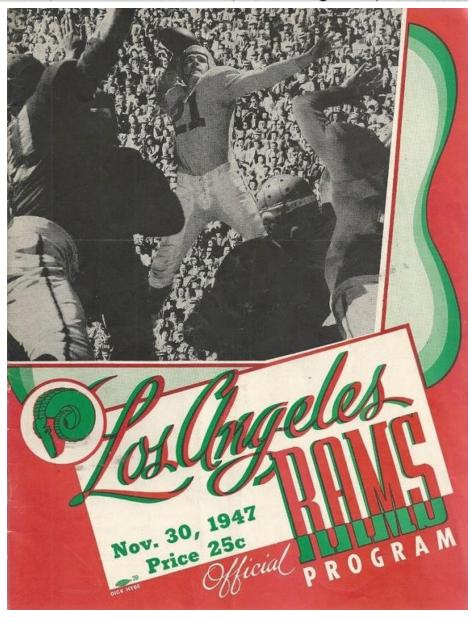
# Fritsch, Canadeo Run, Jacobs Passes in 28-Point Splurge

Bays Regain Third Place in National League; Rams Take 3-2 Lead at Half on a Field Goal

# Packers Rally in Last Half To Trounce Los Angeles, 30-10

# GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(LOS ANGELES) - Green Bay retained its third place standing in the Western division of the NFL Sunday, defeating the Los Angeles Rams, 30-10, before 31,040 fans after trailing by a one-point margin at halftime of a rough and bruising game. Paced by Ted Fritsch and Tony Canadeo's rushing, and Indian Jack Jacobs' passing, the Packers scored first on a safety in the first period, trailed 3-2 at the half on Bob Waterfield's 20-yard field goal, but surged to the front with a pair of touchdowns in the third quarter, and two more in the final period. Fritsch scored two touchdowns and Clyde Goodnight and Canadeo the other two as the Packers romped through the final stages of the game. The Packers' safety came when Dante Magnani fumbled in the end zone and Charlie Brock, a defensive standout, and Bob Forte pounced on his neck for the two points. Green Bay threatened again later in the first quarter when Herman Rohrig intercepted Bob Waterfield's pass and ran 27 yards to the Ram 37. In two bucks, Jim Gillette and Canadeo made six; a Ram penalty for 12 men on the field gave the Packers a first down on the Ram 25, then Bruce Smith lose five at end and Jacobs' pass was stolen by Jack Banta who returned to the Ram 23 to halt the drive. Brock intercepted another Waterfield pass early in the second period on the Ram 40



but on the next play Schlinkman fumbled the ball away to Bob Hoffman. On the following series, the Packers continued to show alert pass defense as Larry Craig grabbed Jim Hardy's long throw on the Packer three.

# WATERFIELD BOOTS FIELD GOAL

A punt exchange between Jacobs and Waterfield gained 11 yards for the Packers, but they were unable to get their running attack rolling. Waterfield then passed to Benton for 15 yards and Harmon broke off tackle for 12 to carry the ball to the Green Bay 18. Jerry Cowhig made five in two tried and Waterfield's pass was incomplete. On fourth down, with Fred Gehrke holding, Waterfield booted a field goal from the 20, on a slight left angle, to put the Rams in front, 3-2. A moment later Fritsch tried a placekick from the 50 yard line, but the field goal attempt fell short and wide to the right of the uprights. The first half ended two minutes later after the Rams had chalked up two first downs moving from their 20 to the 43. Dick Wildung tossed Waterfield for an 11-yard loss on the last play of the half. The tight defensive battle which dominated the first two periods was revealed by statistics which gave the Rams

Sounds	Easy!	The Replacements  Green Bay: End-Wells, Craig, Wilson, Tackles - Odson, Croft, Bell.
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Washington	3 7 0 .300 245 319	The Scoring
New York 1	7 2 .125 145 265	Green Bay, Touchdowns-Fritsch 2
Sunday's Result	LOS ANGELES 10.	Goodnight, Canadeo. Points after touchdown-Cuff 4. Safety-Brock.
	hicago Cardinals 31. Pittsburgh 6.	Los Angles: Touchdown — Hamil- ton, Points after touchdown—Water- field, Field goals—Waterfield.
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GREEN BAY	LOS ANGELES	Punting average 44.3 41
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Jacobs, qb	qb. Waterfield	
Canadeo, lhb	lhb, Gehrke	
Forte, rhb	rhb, Magnani	
Fritsch, fb	fh, Cowhig	
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87 yards running and passing to the Packers' 80. Green Bay took the kickoff opening the second half but had to punt after getting up to the Packer 24. A tripping penalty against Green Bay on the first play from scrimmage put the ball on the Packer 41. The Rams crossed up their opponents when Harmon dropped back and sailed a long pass to Ray Hamilton, good for 31 yards to the Packer ten. Hoffman and Kenny Washington banged the line for no gain, and then Waterfield shot a pass to Hamilton in the end zone. Hamilton made a fine catch to elude Canadeo. Waterfield booted the extra point and the Rams took a 10-2 lead. Green Bay took the kickoff, returned it 20 yards to the 33, and promptly went for seven points. Jacobs passed to Goodnight for 12 yards, and then the Packers did a bit of crossing the opposition - Canadeo stepped back and let loose with a long one to Goodnight. He caught it on the Ram 18 and was downed. Canadeo made two off tackle and then Jake fired a swift pass to Forte, who caught it and was dumped on the two. Fritsch then hit the middle of the Ram line to score. Ward Cuff kicked the conversion and the Packers pulled up to trail, 10-9.

### GOODNIGHT GOES OVER

The Rams failed to dent the Packers' Brock, Neal and company after taking the kickoff and punted on fourth down from their own 24. Gillette returned it 25 yards to the Ram 35 and the fired-up Bays lost no time scoring again. Canadeo made one yard and then fireball Fritsch, with Waterfield, Hoffman and Gehrke strewn out behind him, ripped off 20 yards through the line to the Ram 14. Once again Jacobs found Goodnight, this time on the one yard line, and Clyde fell over for the touchdown, barely missing going out of bounds as he toppled. Cuff converted and the Packers moved into a 16-10 lead. Fritsch kicked off for the second straight time into the end zone where it was downed. and the Rams started laboriously again from the 20. Fred Gehrke got loose for 16 yards before Brock hauled him down on the 40. Bleeker carried the ball on into Packer territory with a 13-yard smash, but the Rams were called on a roughing penalty and the ball went back to their own 37. Waterfield tried a long pass and Comp rushed in and intercepted it on his own 21. Fritsch got two but the enraged Ram line, with Matheson and Huffman charging through, got to Jacobs on a pass try and dumped him back on the Packer three. Jacobs punted out to midfield and then his big line stopped the Rams' running game and Waterfield kicked out to the Packer 10. Fritsch and Canadeo got up to the 24, lost five for offside and Jake punted. Harmon took it on the run. Returned it 22 yards and lost part of his jersey to the Packer tacklers before he was brought down in midfield.

# **NEAL, WASHINGTON "BEEF"**

Washington tried to pass, was hit, tried to get rid of the ball or run, and was smeared for a 19 yard loss. He and Neal had some beef on the sidelines and Neal took off his nose mask and doubled up his fists, but the trouble was stopped before it

really started. Kenny got back two and 11 in two runs as the game headed on into the fourth quarter. Waterfield finally punted to the Packer 27. Indian Jack lofted a long one for 38 yards to Goodnight, who ran the distance of the play to the Los Angeles 35. Canadeo added five, and once again Fritsch bulleted through the line and left Waterfield, Hoffman and Gehrke strewn behind before he was pulled down on the Ram 13. Tony made two and Jacobs picked up 10 more to the one yard line with a pass to Luhn. Fritsch was stopped on the first smash but rocked off his own left guard on the next try for the touchdown. Cuff converted and the Packers breezed ahead, 23-10. After the kickoff, the Rams got to midfield and punted. It took 10 plays for the Packers to go 87 yards - 30 of which were negotiated as roughing penalties were called on the Rams. The second one took the ball from their own 45 to the 28. Fritsch steamed through for 13, for one, and then Jacobs handed the ball to Canadeo, who cut through his guard, slanted to the left and went on over for the final touchdown. Cuff's kick was good and the game ended a moment later.

GREEN BAY - 2 0 14 14 - 30 LOS ANGELES - 0 3 7 0 - 10

# **SCORING**

1ST - GB - Safety, Dante Magnani tackled in the end zone GREEN BAY 2-0

2ND - LA - Bob Waterfield, 20-yard field goal LOS ANGELES 3-2

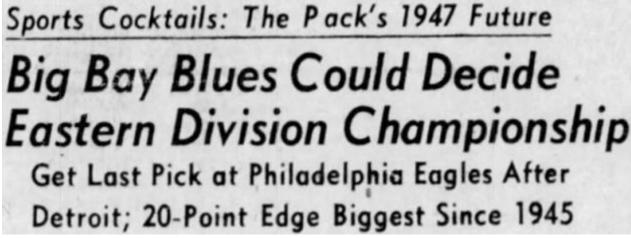
3RD - LA - Ray Hamilton, 10-yard pass from Waterfield (Waterfield kick) LOS ANGELES 10-2

3RD - GB - Ted Fritsch, 2-yard run (Ward Cuff kick) LOS ANGELES 10-9

3RD - GB - Clyde Goodnight, 14-yard pass from Jack Jacobs (Cuff kick) GREEN BAY 16-10

4TH - GB - Fritsch, 1-yard run (Cuff kick) GREEN BAY 23-10

4TH - GB - Tony Canadeo, 14-yard run (Cuff kick) GREEN BAY 30-10



# BIG BAY BLUES COULD DECIDE EASTERN DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP

DEC 2 (Green Bay) - The Green Bay Packers festivities for 1947, which border on the hard-luckish side, could be called successful if the Big Bay Blues dispose of the Detroit Lions and Philadelphia Eagles in their remaining two engagements. And they may have a hand in deciding the Eastern division team which will meet the Western division champ in the title playoff in Chicago's Wrigley field or Comiskey park Dec. 21. Should the Cardinals dump the Philadelphia Eagles next Sunday and Pittsburgh down Boston, as expected, the Packers can push Pittsburgh into a playoff by whipping Philly in the regulation finale. The Steelers will finish their season next Sunday. The Packers have plenty to live for - a possibility of second place cash just in case the Cardinals, or even the Bears, do a nose dive. The Green Bays' 1947 season, if they bump the Lions and Eagles, will go into the history manuals as the year in which "that team from Green Bay, known as the Packers, lost four games by only nine points." The Pack lost two games to the Cardinals by five points, 14-10 and 21-20; one to the Bears, 20-17; and one to Pittsburgh, 18-17. On the victory side, the Packers won five games thus far by 66 points, any nine of which could have been used in those four losses. The Packers' 20-point margin (30-10) over the Los Angeles Rams Sunday was their biggest since they clubbed Boston, 28-0, back in 1945. Beating the Rams was sweet for the Packers who were victimized twice by the LA's in 1946 - one a disputed 21-17 affair that the Rams eked out in the last six seconds. The Bays' 24-24 tie with the so-called lowly Giants isn't such a blot today - now that the Giants' 35-31 upset victory over the Cardinals has been verified...Our sincerest sympathy goes to Mr. James Conzelman, coach of the Cardinals, but, it must be added, the Packers and their dogged 9-point luck hexed you. All they did was wish you'd beat out the Bears for the championship, so what happened: Your Big Red got beat by Washington and New York. From now on, the Packers hope you lose and maybe the jinx will reverse itself. Anyhow, Mr. Conzelman, here's a tip: Be sure and check your telephone service in Wrigley field come a week from Sunday. Incidentally, whatever became of the yokels you yelped that the Western division was so much tougher than the Eastern. Only the Bears escaped the Eastern fury, although they had to settle for a three-point win over Boston; the Cardinals lost to both the Redskins and Giants; the Packers dropped a decision to Pittsburgh and tied the Giants; the Rams got bounced by Philly and Boston; and the Detroits lost to Pittsburgh and Boston...The Packers' field goal string finally was snapped Sunday. The Bays had kicked one or more three-pointers in 10 consecutive league games starting with the last game in 1946 - a 38-17 setback to Los Angeles. It ended on the same west coast turf last Sunday. The Packers need one more FG to knot the mark of 14 for a single season set by the New York Giants in 1939. Speaking about FGs, Bob Nussbaumer, a Packer in 1946, kicked a field goal for Washington last Sunday, surprising everybody in these parts. Bob just wasn't interested in kicking with the Packers...The Los Angeles sheets booked the Packers as a three-point favorites over the Rams last Sunday.



Bay won 30 to 10. (AP Wirephoto).

One of the papers carried this quote from Ram Coach Bob Snyder: "The Packers gave us the worst physical beating (17-14 in Milwaukee) - mind you they did it cleanly - we have taken all season so we are looking forward to a bruising afternoon of football. The Rams have promised to win this one for Bagarus. Steve broke his leg in the first Packer game."

# PACKERS BACK; LEAD LEAGUE IN POINT DEFENSE

DEC 2 (Green Bay) - The Green Bay Packers return home tonight - leading the NFL in defense but ranking third in the standings. They'll start preparations at Rockwood lodge Wednesday morning to demolish the Detroit Lions in the Motor City next Sunday and the Eastern division leading Philadelphia Eagles the following Sabbath. Out of the championship race, the Packers will attempt to solidify their grip on third position and stand ready to grab that second place cash - pending the fortunes of the Chicago Cardinals, who are a full game behind the Western division pacing Chicago Bears. Long the statistical defensive leader in the league, the Packers today find themselves tops in defense on points. In 10 games, the Packers have allowed just 168 points, or an average of 16.8 per engagement. The second best in the Western sector is 189 allowed by the Cardinals and the best in the Eastern loop is 183 permitted by Philadelphia...GIANTS GOT MOST POINTS: The New York Giants scored the most points on the Packers - 24 - and they came out with a tie. Next in line are the Cardinals, who counted 21; the Bears 20; and Pittsburgh 18. The Packers dropped each of those games - by a total of five points. That gives you an idea why the 1947 Packers are sometimes termed luckless. For the season, Green Bay lost four games by nine points. It's interesting to note that 42 of the 168 points the Packers allowed were scored by non-T formation teams - Pittsburgh and New York. This means that the Packers may have the start on a defensive that Coach Curly Lambeau hopes some day will catch up with the original T. The Packers' eight T-opponents (Bears, Cards and Rams twice, Washington and Detroit once each) therefore got 126 points or an average of 15.7. The Packers' 28-point splurge in the last half at Los Angeles last Sunday gave them a last half pointage of 136 - 64 in the third quarter and 72 in the fourth. The Packer scoring by quarters thus far follows:

47 72 - 225PACKERS 64 44 - 168 OPPONENTS 30 50 44

The Detroit have outscored the Packers in two quarters - the second by 64 to 47 and the fourth by 84 to 72. Here is Detroit's scoring by quarters and kindly compare the points allowed by the two clubs:

84 - 217DETROIT 45 64 24 OPPONENTS 65 69 61 75 - 270

Detroit is probably one of the leading last-quarter-scoring teams in the league. The Lions failed in only two games to go scoreless in the final heat - against Boston in losing 17-10 and against the Cardinals in losing 17-7...MISCELLANEY: The Packers are due to arrive in Green Bay on the North Western at 8:15 tonight. Original plans to train at the University of Kentucky at Lexington were abandoned Saturday when the weatherman forecast "winter" temperatures for that area. The present weather in Green Bay is considered ideal for practice. The squad will drill Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings at Rockwood lodge and probably leave for Detroit Friday afternoon.

# OWNER OF PHILLY EAGLES ASKS FOR COMMON DRAFT

DEC 2 (New York) - Alexis Thompson, millionaire owner of the Philadelphia Eagles of the National league, suggested here Monday that his league and the All-American conference get together in a common draft, as is done in major league baseball, to halt what he called "crazy bidding for players." Using the final session of the Football Writers' Association as a soapbox, Thompson proposed that the two leagues get together and draw up an agreement whereby a college player would be permitted to dicker with only one club. Thompson put the question to Lowell (Red) Dawson, coach of the Buffalo Bills of the American league, who replied that he favored such a move, too. Thompson then answered his own question affirmatively, but admitted he had no idea how many of his brother National league owners felt as he did. National league Commissioner Bert Bell later said he had "no comment". Commissioner Jonas H. Ingram of the All-American said he has long favored such a move.

# NEW OWNER, NEW COACH REPORTED FOR 1948 LIONS

DEC 2 (Detroit) - The end of the football season always brings rumors of personnel changes. Since the Detroit Lions will end their 1947 campaign in Briggs stadium Sunday against the Green Bay Packers, it is only natural that "the boys in the know" are predicting some sweeping changes in the Lions' organization. If the rumors are to be believed, the following will happen in the next few days - or weeks. 1 - Gus Dorais will coach his final game for the Lions

COACH GUS DORAIS Does his regime end Sunday?

Sunday. 2 - The Lions, as a team, will play their last contest for Fred L. Mandel, Jr., who has owned the club since 1940. 3 - A group of Detroit industrialists will purchase the team. The basis for rumor No. 1, the replacement of Dorais as coach of the Lions, was Mandel's blast at the coaches back in October. In an interview Mandel stated that he was "dissatisfied with the coaches and would remain so until they produced a winner." At the time of the blast he said that no "immediate" changes would be made, but didn't say that the coaches would return in 1948. The usually reliable sources report that Mandel is ready to sell his interests in the Lions. Discouraged by the team's showing after loosening the purse strings to buy top-flight performers, Mandel is reported awaiting offers for his franchise. Included in the list of persons reported interested in purchasing the club are Spike Briggs, the Fisher brothers, Fred Matthaei, Harry Wismer and a combine of Detroit sportsmen...All the prospective purchasers previously have been linked with the All-America Football Conference as owners who would serve in competition with the Lions. Another rumor has Frank Leahy, Notre Dame coach, coming to Detroit as the coach, general manager and president of the Lions - running the show for a group of "industrialists". Last week, in California, Leahy denied that he was leaving Notre Dame. Mandel has always indicated that he was ready to listen to offers for his football team. But, he claims, the prospective purchasers always bypass him in their maneuvers. Meanwhile, the coaches and front office staff are planning for next year. Preparation of draft lists, lining up material for the 1948 season, is going forward as though Mandel, Dorais and Co. were going to be doing business at the same old stand. One thing is certain. The Lions will be handicapped in their season finale. Bill Dudley, Clyde LeForce and Mitchell Olenski are all suffering injuries that may keep them out of action. Even Dorais is on the ailing list, being confined to his home with a severe cold. The team resumed practice Monday after a three-day holiday following the Thanksgiving engagement with the Chicago Bears.

# Packers Looking for Bloody Fray in Detroit Next Sunday

### PACKERS LOOKING FOR RLOODY FRAY IN DETROIT NEXT SUNDAY

DEC 3 (Green Bay) - The Green Bay Packers started to bolster themselves today for what they figure will be a bloody battle in Detroit next Sunday afternoon. The Four by Nines (that's four losses by nine points, Alger) took only one physical beating this season and the administrator was Detroit. The place was at City stadium and the date was October 26. Trainer Bud

Jorgenson and his assistant, Timothy O'Brien, never worked so hard as they did after that Detroit game. The quarterback and defensive expert, Herman Rohrig, came out with an uncalled-for broken nose and twelve other players suffered leg wrenches and what not. Most of the pain, of course, was lifted by the score which showed the Packers with 34 points and the Detroits with 17. The Lions might have served the purpose because the following Sunday in Milwaukee the Bays were nudged by Pittsburgh, 18-17. To say that the Packers will be looking for revenge next Sunday would be putting it extremely mild. One classic remark from one of the Packers injured after the game sums up the Packer attitude: "Don't those guys know that we get another crack at them." The Bays have only until next Sunday afternoon to wait...Anyhow, the Packers came home on Tuesday night to find lovely football weather. They will grant anybody that the clime was ideal in California but just a bit too hot for football. The squad is in first class physical condition. Coach Curly Lambeau prescribed a long session on defense today for Detroit's unbalanced T-formation, which, he says, "can be puzzling if we're not ready for it."...The league statistics arrived by mail this morning in a couple of knots, as it were. The Bays' Tony Canadeo was tied in first place in the Western division in ground gaining with the colored Los Angeles back, Kenny Washington. Tony picked up 396 yards in 87 attempts and Kenny got the same number in 55. That makes Washington's average 7.2 and Canadeo's 4.6. Walt Schlinkman of the Pack and Detroit's Camp Wilson, both fullbacks, are knotted

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in the No. 2 spot with 343 yards apiece. Jack Jacobs, Bay quarterback, has leaped into the No. 2 spot among Western division passers behind the honorable Sid Luckman of the Bears. Jack has completed 82 of 187 attempts for 1296 yards while Sid has 146 completions on 265 tries for 2209 yards. Jacobs continues to lead the league in punting with his 44.1 yardage in 47 kicks.

# JOHNNY BLOOD SAVES LIVES OF STRANDED SWIMMERS ON GUAM

DEC 3 (Green Bay) - Restless John McNally, who etched his name on the memories of thousands of Green Bay and Wisconsin football fans as the Green Bay Packers' immortal Johnny Blood, is still doing the unexpected. This time, however, there is a more serious note to the latest exploit of the handsome vagabond, now manager of Camp Ethridge on Guam in the Pacific's Mariana Islands, although still in keeping with

the fine scorn of life and limb he frequently displayed on the gridiron. According to the Constructionite, a pocket-sized newspaper published at the island base, Blood (or McNally) was "one of a group of men who strove to save two reef-stranded swimmers at the camp late Sunday afternoon"...and "was responsible for saving one or more lives." He also assisted in recovering the body of a worker who lost his life in trying to save another.

# PRO FOOTBALL WAR COMING TO AN END?

DEC 3 (Milwaukee Sentinel-Lloyd Larson) - Alexis Thompson, millionaire owner of the Philadelphia Eagles, emphasized that he was talking only for himself and expressed doubt that other NFL leaders would go along with his "common draft" proposal. But coming from him, that's quite a significant suggestion. It could develop into the first break in the National League's solid front against the rival All-America loop and ultimately lead to the end of a war which must be costing both leagues plenty. There was no hint of the NFL's regular battle cry: "We'll never get together with those people." Instead, Thompson was all for taking steps "to put an end to this crazy bidding for players." I don't blame the National League oldtimers for their refusal to welcome the "upstarts" with open arms. After all, they spent years in building up pro football to the point where it became a money making proposition. It's only human to resent competitors and wish them lots of luck - all bad. All-

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America leaders have worked pretty much in reverse and certainly haven't done anything to break down this resentment. Typical of the lefthanded operations are the public challenges and wisecracks by Jonas Ingram, former admiral in Uncle Sam's Navy who succeeded Jimmy Crowley as the new league's commissioner. However, one of these days all concerned must wake up to the fact that war, ruinous in football as between nations. can't continue...EVEN **MILLIONAIRES ABOUT UNHAPPY** LOSSES: Thompson's proposal is something of an admission that even millionaires don't iump with joy when expenditures are greater than receipts. Fortunes aren't accumulated maintained (in the case of those who inherit) by operating in the red. That, of course, hits at propaganda spread



pps, it's a fumble by Fullback Jerry Cowhig (3) of Los Andress and Green Bay at Los Angeles. Cowhig recovered the ball, but it was to little avail as the Packers won, 30-10.

by both sides from time to time. The National League, it was said, had enough wealth to wait for the All-America's collapse. The A.A., on the other hand, was backed by so many rich men that it could take losses for years if necessary. Reality is something else again. A couple of supposedly well-heeled big shots faded from the new league's picture after one season and Thompson's public statement proved that all National Leaguers aren't inclined to sit tight and take it on the chin financially. The brutal truth is that it costs lots of money to maintain a big time pro football club these days. Coaching staffs and playing squads are larger than ever before. So are their salaries and bonuses. Rent, training expenses, medical care, insurance, office help, promotional and publicity staffs, travel, uniforms, and countless other items go into the regular outlay. Add 'em up and it's easy to understand why crowds of 20,000 to 25,000 aren't big enough. Could be that a club needs a lot better average attendance to make out...PLAYERS ENJOY BENEFITS OF WAR: Players, of course, are on the gravy train. Obviously, instead of looking forward to the end of the way, they hope it continues for a long, long time. "I'm in the old league, but I figure the All-America has been mighty good to me," a National League veteran said recently. "By playing one against the other I picked up a swell bonus for signing and a contract for at least twice as much dough as I'd be getting if there was no other league. The boys in the other league don't want peace, either. And that's for sure." But, sooner or later, there'll be a change of some kind, for the owners more and more are coming to realize that salary and bonus commitments must be based on average attendance. Unlike major universities and colleges, the pro can't bank on a string of sellouts. Sunday crowds go up and down as the standings change. There have been rumors of the National League "swallowing up" the All-America by taking in Cleveland, San Francisco, New York and one other club. Eagle Boss Thompson apparently leans toward a sound working arrangement. Whatever it is, something's in the air.

# LOWLY LIONS, LED BY DUDLEY, ATTRACT RECORD 311,807

DEC 3 (Detroit) - How valuable is Bill Dudley to the Detroit Lions? A look at the attendance figures for the club's 11 games to date provides at least part of the answer. With Dudley in the lineup, the Lions have shattered nearly all of their crowd marks despite a mediocre record of three victories in 11 games. So far this season, the Lions have drawn 311,807 fans on the road and at home. This exceeds by 1,650 the mark established in 1939 by a team which won six and lost five. In five homes games, the Lions have attracted 150,797, while six road games have lured 160,010. The latter total also is a record, exceeding the 1939 high when 128,786 witnesses the games abroad. The Lions will add to their record Sunday when they close the season with the Green Bay Packers in Briggs Stadium. The only mark not in danger is the home attendance figure established in 1938. That year, 198,251 fans paid to see seven games. Last year, the Lions drew 241,158 while winning one of 11 games. Of that number, 117,507 watched five home contests and 123,651 saw six tilts on the road. In rolling up their record total, the Lions have not had unusual crowds. Only once in the eleven games played to date have the Lions performed before more than 37,000 fans. The Los Angeles Rams drew 45,774 to the Detroit home opener when the Lions boasted a record of one victory and two losses. Crowds under 20,000 have seen the Lions play only twice this year. The Washington game here and the Boston Yanks clash in the Hub attracted slightly more than 19,000. This year's attendance is even more

remarkable when the schedule is taken into consideration. Since they started playing in Briggs Stadium, the Lions have been unable to get early dates in the Tiger ball park because of the possibility of a World Series. Despite the fact that the team has come home after playing as many as its first three games on the road - many times with a losing record - crowds have been faithful. Even better attendance could be expected if the Lions opened their season at home. For example, the road opener against the Cardinals drew only 27,573 fans to Comiskey park in Chicago. With a rebuilt Detroit team facing one with such names as Trippi, Christman, Harder and Goldberg, Briggs Stadium probably would have been filled.

# POINTS? PACKERS GOT 565 IN 1919 SEASON

DEC 4 (Green Bay) - The no-news-isgood-news sign was posted at Rockwood lodge today. So let's go historical in our daily discussion of the Green Bay Packers. First, for the benefit of you fans who don't carry handy pocket scheduled, the Packers next meet the mighty Lions in Detroit next Sunday afternoon. Historically, folks, the Packers will be in search of their 212th NFL victory since the Big Bay Blues started action on a league basis back in 1921. This total includes championship playoff wins in 1936, 1939 and 1944. Including the years 1919 and 1920 when the Packers played independent ball, the totals include 230 wins, 87 losses and 23 ties. Actually, the Packers have close to 300 wins and 100 losses since exhibition victories and beatings are not included. Coupled with those 211 wins in loop competition, the Packers have 85

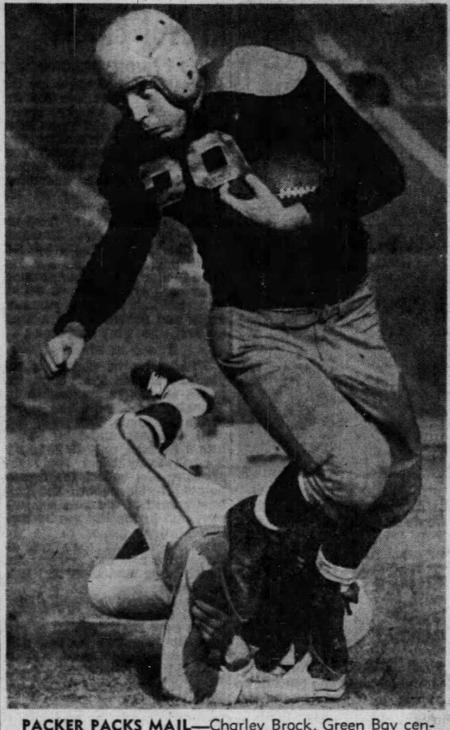


setbacks and 22 knots, the latest of which was a 24-24 deadlock with New York two weeks ago. Though it is difficult to discuss points after watching the Bays lose four games by only nine points this season, the Packer pointage must be related. The Bays counted a total of 5,270 markers against their foes' 2,916. They averaged nearly 17 points in 318 loop battles since 1921 and permitted their opponents an average of 9.2 - which is almost 2 to 1. The best scoring year the Bays ever had in league competition was 1942 when they rolled up an even 300 counters in winning eight, losing two and trying one for second place. That was the year Don Hutson established a league record, which still stands, of 138 points on 17 touchdowns, 33 extra points and one field goal. The best defensive year was 1929 when the Bay champs allowed only 24 points in winning 13 games, losing none and tying one. Actually, the Packers' best offensive and defensive season was 1919 - though not in league play. That first year they roared up 565 points and permitted only 18. Regarding individuals, it's timely in this point-depression year to report that Hutson has scored a total of 825 points on 105 touchdowns, 174 extra points and seven

field goals. Fullback Clarke Hinkle ranks next with 390 and Verne Lewellen is third with 301. Ted Fritsch of the present Packers could leap over Lewellen this season. With 49 markers so far this year, Fritsch now has a total of 285 or 16 less than Lewellen. Only four players have kicked 10 or more field goals for the Packers. Hinkle is still the leader, getting 28 from 1932 to 1941, while Fritsch has 22 in his four years plus 10 games. The other two FGers are Paul Engebretsen (1935-41) 16 and Cub Buck (1922-25) 12. Eight Packers have scored 100 or more points. Besides those four mentioned, there are: Johnny Blood 224; Joe Laws 132; Curly Lambeau 109; and Hank Bruder 100.

# NEW GROUP 'INTERESTED' IN LIONS

DEC 4 (Detroit) - The rumored sale of the Detroit Lions took a more concrete form Wednesday when it was learned that Edwin J. Anderson, president of the Goebel Brewing Co., head a local group of "interested purchasers". Included in this group are Harry Wismer, C.T. Fisher, Jr., and Walter O. Briggs, Jr. The Free Press further learned that while a definite offer has not been made to Owner Fred Mandel. that bid will be made within the next two weeks. Mandel, who purchased the Lions in 1940 for a reported \$225,000, will come to Detroit Friday to attend the final game of the year Sunday, when the Lions play the Green Bay Packers here. The Anderson combine is the second to enter the picture. Fred Matthaei, prominent Detroit industrialist, heads another group eyeing the National League pro football franchise here. Matthaei, however, will not make a definite move until after Fed. 6. By that date he will know whether Detroit will be given official United States sanction as this nation's choice for the next Olympic games. Matthaei is the spearhead of the Detroit Olympic Committee, and believes that if



PACKER PACKS MAIL—Charley Brock, Green Bay center, scooted 10 yards with intercepted pass before Mel Bleeker of Rams tripped him in yesterday's tilt at Coliseum.

Detroit is given the nod he should not be connected with a professional sports enterprise. The Anderson-Wismer-Briggs-Fisher combine looms as a strong one. Briggs is the son of the owner of the Detroit Tigers and Briggs Stadium. Anderson's brewery has sponsored the broadcast of baseball and professional football games in Detroit for the past five years. Wismer, a well-known radio man, is general manager of Station WJR. Queerest twist of the pending deal is that Wismer's employer is G.A. Richards, who sold the Lions to Mandel in 1940. While Mandel has never revealed the financial status of his club, it is believed that the Lions have been a losing proposition in all seasons since '40 with the exception of 1943 and 1945. In those years, Mandel was believed to have audited his books with black ink instead of the customary red variety. Mandel has not yet been contacted by either of the groups of "interested purchasers" but said that he would be interested in disposing of his football franchise "if a suitable and fair offer is made." The injection of Wismer into the deal revives the probability that Coach Frank Leahy, of Notre Dame, would be asked to take over as coach if the sale is consummated. Leahy and Wismer

are close friends and during the past football season a Leahy broadcast has been serviced by Wismer. The Notre Dame coach also holds the title as WJR sports adviser. While Leahy has said he did not plan to leave Notre Dame, it is believed that the Anderson combine is ready to make him an attractive financial inducement to reconsider his decision to stay in the collegiate ranks.

# Pack Pegs Snowballs; Drills on Defense Lag

# PACK PEGS SNOWBALLS; DRILLS ON DEFENSE LAG

DEC 5 (Green Bay) - The Green Bay Packers went to pitchin' snowballs this morning in preparation for their football battle with the Lions next Sunday. It was good exercise, though the snowball is admittedly smaller and of different shape than the football - thereby taking some of the "foot" out of the workout. Anyhow, Coach Curly Lambeau decided to hold practice today despite the four-inch carpet of stuff that was 'really something to see" for the southern boys. Most of 'em had seen snow but "it was never like this". Inclement weather, such as rain, snow, sleet or hail, generally handicaps a team's defensive practice. The Packers, for instance, used the morning to operate its own offense - however spotty in the deep snow. To work a defense for Detroit's passing attack would be rather difficult in view of the defenders' inability to deploy properly on the slippery floor. And Detroit has a passing attack - third best in the NFL...THIRD TO BAUGHS, LUCKMANS: The Lions gained nearly 1,000 more yards by passing than the Packers, 2,252 to 1,397. Only teams better than Detroit in pitching are the Sammy Baughs with 2,790 yards and the Sid Luckmans with 2,450. Clyde LeForce, the rookie quarterback, and Roy Zimmerman, the veteran, do most of the Detroit throwing although Bill Dudley gets in a lick or two now and then. He pegged one touchdown pass in the game here last Oct. 26. Though the Detroits have a slick aerial game, the Packers boast the league's best defense against throwing. The Packers have permitted 1,373 yards by passing, with the Chicago Cardinals ranking second on 1,545. Detroit's defense against throwing is the worst in the loop, the Lions permitting a total of 2,323 yards. In first downs, the Packers have allowed opponents only 59 by passing. The next best is Pittsburgh's 65 and Detroit again is "high" with 96. The Packers, through no fault of their own, had no outdoor defense against passing this week. So, the Detroits could catch the Packers napping if the Bays forget their assignments. Official team figures released today show the Packers leading the loop in seven offensive departments of play - yards rushing, 1,800; number of rushes, 426; average gain per rush, 4.2; average distance punts, 43.9; opponents fumbles, 35; field goals made, 14; field goals attempted, 25...DON'T FORGET 1945!: As a

The Standings NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE Western Division Chicago Bears 328 Chicago Cards 700 231 189 GREEN BAY 168 .556 Los Angeles 400 Detroit Eastern Division OP Philadelphia 700 259 183 Pittsburgh ..... 0 .636 223 252 148 199 Boston Washington New York Sunday's Games GREEN BAY AT DETROIT. Los Angeles at Chicago Bears. Chicago Cardinals at Philadelphia. Washington at New York. Boston at Pittsburgh. Last Sunday's Results GREEN BAY 30, LOS ANGELES 10. New York 35, Chicago Cardinals 31, Philadelphia 21, Pittsburgh 6, Boston 77, Washington 24. The Probable Lineups: PACKERS Goodnight, le Souders Ray, lt Wildung, lg Olenske Batinski Brock, c Pregulman Tassos. Deshane Lipscomb, rt Luhn, re Jacobs, qb lhb, Duusik Smith, lhb Forte, rhb Fritsch, fb Wilson

comparison to the Packers' "best" figures, Detroit gained 1,149 yards by rushing; ran the ball 306 times; made an average gain per rush of 3.8; averaged 43.2 on punts; forced opponents to fumble 22 times; made five field goals; and attempted 11 FG's. Though the Packers hold a statistical club over the Lions, Lambeau isn't forgetting the 1945 season, when the Packers trounced Detroit, 57-21, in the first game and then invaded Detroit to take a 14-3 beating. This season, the Packers whipped Detroit, 34-17, in the opener. A year ago, the Packers edged Detroit twice, 10-7 in Milwaukee and 9-0 in Detroit. The Packers will leave on the Milwaukee Road Chippewa at 5:25 this evening and arrive in Detroit Saturday morning. They'll headquarter at the Statler hotel.

# PACKERS, LIONS TO PLAY SUNDAY

DEC 5 (Milwaukee Journal) - Still with a good mathematical possibility of finishing second in the western division of the National League, the Green Bay Packers Friday tapered off for their engagement with the Detroit Lions in Detroit Sunday. The squad came out of the game with the Los Angeles Rams in good shape and was in top condition for the return meeting with the team it defeated rather handily in the first game at Green Bay six weeks ago. The Packers ruled 13 point favorites.

# PACKERS EYE SECOND IN PRO GRID RACE

DEC 5 (Detroit) - "The Green Bay Packers are going to finish second in the Western division of the NFL." That's the straight dope from George Strickler, assistant general manager of the Packers, who is in town to ballyhoo the Green Bay-Lions game in Briggs Stadium Sunday. George, lacking the pessimism of a football coach, says this his team will defeat the Lions Sunday and then beat the Philadelphia Eagles in the season's finale. "Of course, we'll have to have a little help from the Eagles and the Bears to get that second spot," Strickler added. "But I'm sure the Eagles will beat the Cardinals this Sunday and the Bears will win from them the next week - that puts



us in." That's a prediction - in a left-handed sort of way - that the Bears will win the Western division title. The Bears have a record of eight won and two lost with two games left to play. The Cards stand at seven and three, while the Packers have won five, lost four and tied one. Just to help Strickler as a prognosticator, Lions Coach Gus Dorais points out that his club will be severely handicapped for this final game of the season. Five Lions - including Clyde LeForce, Bill Dudley, Cy Souders, Mitchell Olenski and Merv Pregulman - are listed as doubtful starters. "Dudley hasn't been in uniform all week," Dorais said. "His ankle injury seems to be getting worse instead of better." As a result, Joe Margucci is slated for double duty against the Packers. Joe will alternate with Roy Zimmerman at quarterback and take a turn at left half. The No. 1 left halfback will be Tippy Madarik, who has been playing right half all season. Meanwhile, the Packers will be in perfect shape for the encounter. According to Strickler, the Packers' No. 1 fullback - Ted Fritsch - has finally regained the form that made him the all-league fullback last season. "Fritsch played his best game of the season against the Rams last Sunday," Strickler declared. "Several of the other veterans also came through for the first time. This Packer team is the most amazing I have ever seen. Seeing it play week after week you can't figure how it can lose a game - but it has, four of them."

# 'DUD' OUT FOR LIONS' FINAL TILT

DEC 6 (Detroit) - The Detroit Lions will close their NFL season here Sunday against the Green Bay Packers without their coach and their two backfield stars. Coach Gus Dorais, only recently up from a sick bed, was ordered back to bed today with a recurrence of influenza. Bullet Bill Dudley, key man in the Lions' attack, was ruled out as a participant when X-ray pictures revealed he was suffering from a chipped bone in the ankle. He had been receiving treatment for two weeks for a bruised achilles tendon. Clyde LeForce, the rookie passing sensation, also has been suffering from leg injuries, and was not listed among those ready to play. By contract, the Packers, including Coach Curly Lambeau, are in great condition. Only three players, halfback Bob Forte, tackle Baby Ray and center Charley Brock received treatment this week and their injuries are minor. The Packers arrived this morning and are headquartered at the Statler hotel. They were scheduled to drill in Briggs Stadium this afternoon. Lambeau was to make his decision this noon as to whether the Packers would return to Green Bay for training for the Philadelphia game there a week from Sunday. There is a possibility that they may drill on the outskirts of Philadelphia rather then return to snow-covered Rockwood lodge. It was snowing lightly here today, and, though the weatherman was undecided, there is a possibility that they may drill on the grass which will be covered with snow for

Sunday's game. Regardless of the weather, the Packers are expected to look at plenty of passing. The Lions have been passing on nearly three out of four plays, with LeForce and Roy Zimmerman on the throwing end.

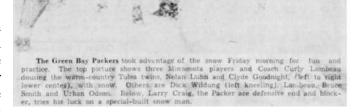
# CUFF PLAYING LAST YEAR; JACOBS DUE FOR 'GREATER' DEEDS IN '48

DEC 6 (Green Bay) - Ted Fritsch, the Packers' plunging fullback, never allows the Bays a dull moment. As the players were sitting down to their last meal this season at Rockwood lodge Friday noon, Fritsch stood up and called "for a moment of silence in tribute to Rockwood lodge." So the boys all got up and faced the practice field (east) while Dick Wildung sounded laps with a knife on a water glass...Ward Cuff, who played 10 seasons with the New York Giants and one each with the Chicago Cardinals and Packers, has decided that the 1947 season will be his last...Packer Coach Curly Lambeau thinks Jack Jacobs "will be even a better quarterback next year because this was his first year under the center; his performance this season terrific."...When the Los Angeles Rams started swinging fists and elbows in Los Angeles last Sunday, the most belligerent and uncontrollable gent on the Packer bench was Eugene Pallette. The hefty movie star leaped to the sidelines every time an official came within reaching distance.

# BAYS PLAY LIONS, EYE 2ND PLACE

DEC 6 (Detroit) - Curly Lambeau's Green Bay Packers continue their drive for second place in the Western Division of the National League here tomorrow. Their opponent in Briggs Stadium will be the Detroit Lions, an eleven which has had even

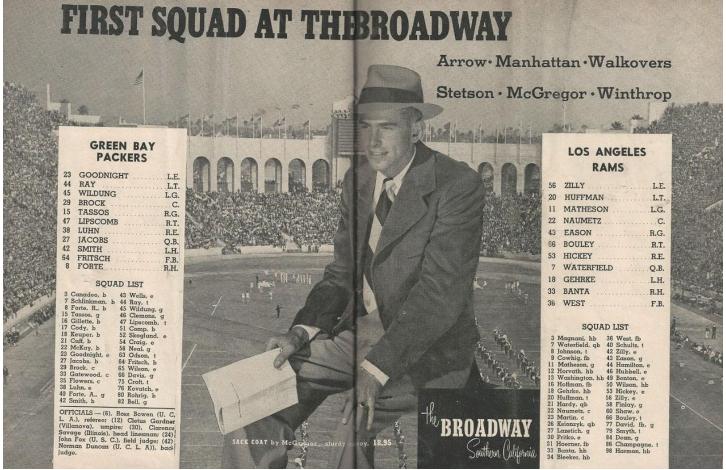




worse luck than the Packers. The Lions, whipped by the Packers, 24 to 17, in Green Bay October 26, wind up their season tomorrow without the services of their coach, two backfield stars and probably most of their following. Estimates of the attendance indicate the smallest crowd of the National League season will see the game. Coach Gus Dorais was sent back to bed yesterday with a severe case of influenza. Bullet Bill Dudley was ruled out today as participant when X-ray photos finally revealed his leg trouble of the last few weeks has been a chipped bone in his ankle. Previously he had been receiving treatment for a bruised achilles tendon. Clyde LeForce, the sensational passing rookie from Tulsa, also is bothered with ailing underpinning and assistant coaches Bob Winslow and Joe Bach doubted very much whether he would see any action. Green Bay arrived here this morning (Saturday) from its Rockwood Lodge headquarters with all hands ready for action. The Packers' plans for taking second place are quite simple. All they need is a little cooperation from Philadelphia and the Chicago Bears. The Eagles must defeat the Chicago Cardinals today while the Packers are thumping Detroit. Then next week the Bears will be called upon to lick the Cardinals while the Packers are throwing the Eastern Division race into a playoff by continuing their perfect league record against Philadelphia. Such a string of circumstances, considered highly probable by the Packers, would give them second place and a slice of the championship playoff purse.

# FULLBACKS MAY RULE LIONS' FINALE

DEC 6 (Detroit) - If the current soggy weather still prevails when the Lions tangle with the Green Bay Packers in Briggs Stadium Sunday, the contest could develop into a battle of fullbacks. Detroit's Camp Wilson and the Packers' Walt



Schlinkman are deadlocked for second place in the Western division race for ground gaining honors. The two fullbacks have identical yards gained records - 343. But Wilson has an edge in the averages. He has picked up his total in 77 tries for a gain of 4.5 per attempt. Schlinkman's average is 3.9 for 89 attempts. In fact, the fans who see Sunday's contest will have a chance to see three of the Western division's four top ground gainers. In addition to Schlinkman and Wilson, Tony Canadeo, who runs from the left halfback spot for the Packers, will be smashing through the line. The Grey Ghost of Gonzaga is tied with Los Angeles' Kenny Washington for the leading ground gainer's mantle in the West. Canadeo has collected 396 yards in 87 attempts for an average of 4.6 per. On the basis of the team's defensive showings so far this season, the Packer ball carriers will have an edge in the Lions' finale. The Lions have permitted a total of 1,793 yards rushing in 11 games while the Packers have given up 1,343 in 10 contests. Should the field become too soggy for even the fullbacks, the Packers have another effective weapon. So far, in the 10 games, Green Bay's Ward Cuff and Ted Fritsch have booted 13 field goals, just one short of the league record. So much faith has Coach Curly Lambeau in the accuracy of these two place kicking artists that he uses the field goal attempt in place of a punt. In the first meeting between the teams in Green Bay, the Packers punted only once. However, when the attack stalled anywhere on Detroit's side of the 50-yard line Fritsch or Cuff tried for the three points - connecting on two attempts. These place kicking aces are super specialists. Fritsch, for example, only kicks the long ones. He has connected for two at 49 yards and another at 50. He isn't trusted with the shorter efforts, however, because his kicks take too long to reach the height of the crossbar. That's where the vet Cuff comes in. He handles all the short boots, but lacks the power to connect on those past the 30-yard stripe. All of which adds up to the fact that the Lions seem to be in for a busy afternoon when they close the 1947 football season in Detroit.

# WINDUP AGAINST PACKERS MAY PROVE MASS FINALE FOR LIONS

DEC 7 (Detroit) - The Detroit Lions ring down the curtain on a disappointing noon when they engage the Green Bay Packers in Briggs Stadium. In addition to being the final contest of the 1947 season, it may also be the last game for Owner Fred L. Mandel and Coach Gus Dorais. Rumors have persisted that Mandel will sell his Detroit franchise in the NFL before the start of next season. By coincidence, the final game of the season will mark the "Golden Anniversary" of the Lions' first appearance in Briggs Stadium. General Manger Lew Cromwell reported that Sunday's encounter will be the 50th game the Lions have played in the Stadium. Detroit will be a decided underdog to the Packers. Green Bay boasts the best defensive unit in the NFL and probably the hardest-tackling and blocking squad in the circuit. The Packers have their sights set on second place in the Western Division, and a victory over the Lions is included in their plans. With Tony Canadeo and Walt Schlinkman heading an imposing list of ball carriers and Jack Jacobs doing the passing chores, the Packers will present a

balanced attack. Detroit, however, will be handicapped by the loss of two vital cogs in their offensive machine. Both Clyde LeForce and Bill Dudley are expected to be kept out of action because of leg injuries. Elsewhere in the league, the Chicago Cardinals and the Philadelphia Eagles will mix in a game that will go a long way toward deciding the championship of both the Eastern and Western Divisions. The Eagles are currently leading the Eastern half of the league by a half game - over Pittsburgh. The Cardinals are a full game behind the Western leaders, the Chicago Bears. A victory for the Eagles would virtually eliminate the Cards in the West and strengthen Philadelphia's hold on first place in the East. The Steelers will play the resurgent Boston Yanks. Pittsburgh is handicapped by the loss of several key players through injuries and may have trouble. The Bears will be seeking their ninth triumph in a row when they entertain the Los Angeles Rams in Chicago. The Bears hold a 41-21 decision over the Rams so far this season and are favored Sunday. In the other game Sunday the Washington Redskins will invade the Polo Grounds for a contest with the Giants, who pulled one of the season's major upsets by dumping the Cardinals last week, a feat that Washington accomplished the week before.

# LION ELEVEN MAY BE SOLD

DEC 7 (Detroit) - A group of Detroit sportsmen, headed by radio announced Harry Wismer, will hold a conference with Fred Mandel of Chicago, owner of the Detroit Lions, this week to make an offer for the club, it was learned here today. Wismer's group hopes to close the deal before the annual National League draft, scheduled for the weekend of the championship playoff, either December 21 or December 28 depending on whether a divisional playoff is needed. Although it was reported several days ago that the club has been sold, it now has been established that Mandel has not yet been approached. Wismer's associates in the plan to restore the Lions to hometown ownership include Arthur Hoffman, Detroit chain drugstore owner, and C.J. Fisher. Other partners, of whom there are said to be four, have not been identified. Wismer once was acting president of the Lions when they were owned by George A. Richards to whom Mandel paid \$225,000 for the franchise in 1940. The group is said to be ready to pay \$300,000 cash for the club.

# PACKERS FAVORED OVER WEAK LIONS IN BID FOR SECOND

DEC 7 (Detroit) - The revived Green Bay Packers, encouraged by their 30-10 victory over the Los Angeles Rams last week, will continue their fight for second place in the NFL's western division Sunday when they face the hapless and crippled Detroit Lions at Briggs Stadium. Coach Curly Lambeau's eleven is a heavy favorite to defeat the western division cellar dwellers. The Packer cripples are back in shape, which means that Bruce Smith, Tony Canadeo and Jim Gillette will be ready to complement Jack Jacobs' accurate passing with their running. The Lions, on the other hand, are in bad shape. Bill Dudley, halfback, and Clyde LeForce, passing star, will not play because of injuries, and Gus Dorais, coach, will not be able to direct the team because of a severe case of influenza. Dudley has a chipped bone in his ankle and LeForce has leg injuries. Quarterback Roy Zimmerman, halfback Camp Wilson and end Johnny Greene will be Detroit's chief offensive threats. Zimmerman, one of the league's real veterans, has connected on 54 of 126 aerials for 795 yards; Wilson ranks third in western division ground gaining with 343 yards, and Greene has snagged 37 passes for third place in that department. Zimmerman has also kicked 28 conversions and five field goals to tie for fourth in division scoring. Jacobs is the league's leading punter with an average of 44.1 yards on 47 kicks, and ranks second to the Bears' Sid Luckman in western division passing with 82 successful pitches in 187 tries for 1,296 yards and 11 touchdowns. The contest will be the twenty-ninth in the long series between the two National league rivals. The Packers, who whipped the Lions earlier this season, 34-17, hold a defensive edge, 23 games to five.

# CARDS AND EAGLES PLAY FEATURE GAME

DEC 7 (Milwaukee Journal) - Two of the four teams remaining in the National league championship race will clash Sunday when the Chicago Cardinals face the Philadelphia Eagles at Philadelphia. The slipping Cardinals, who dropped from the western division lead last week by losing to the New York Giants, must win to retain their chance of overtaking the Bears. A victory would assure the Eagles, eastern leaders, of at least a tie for the division crown. The rampaging Bears, whose recent play has been reminiscent of that of their 1940 and 1941 "super" teams, will be seeking their ninth straight triumph in their battle against the Los Angeles Rams at Chicago's Wrigley field. A succession of injuries has weakened the Rams considerably, but they may prove dangerous if Bob Waterfield and his colleagues have one of their good old days. The Pittsburgh Steelers conclude their regular season against the much improved Boston Yanks in the Smoky City, and need a victory to keep alive their title hopes. However, with Johnny Clement, their ace, a doubtful participant, they are no better than an even choice. In the other league contest the revitalized New York Giants will seek their second straight triumph when they entertain the Washington Redskins at the Polo Grounds.