



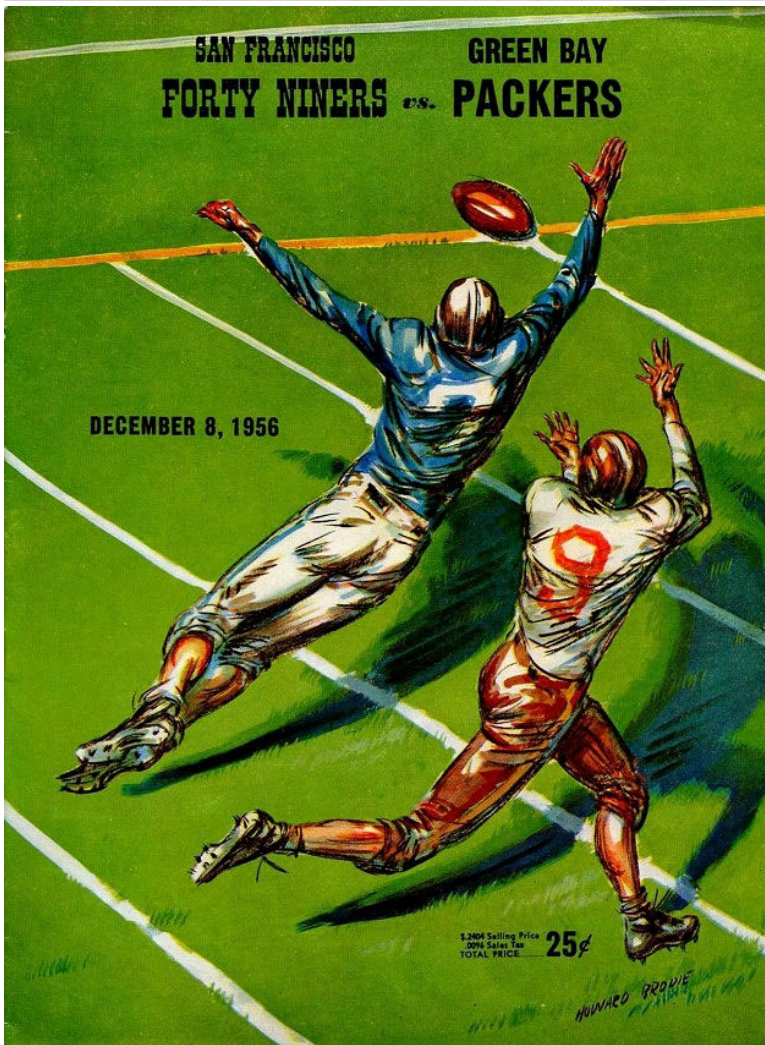
San Francisco 49ers (4-6-1) 38, Green Bay Packers (4-7) 20
 Sunday December 9th 1956 (at San Francisco)

'Frisco Ends Packer Dream—With 38 to 20 Thud

6-6 Vision Gone; Ferguson Injured, Out of LA Finale

GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(SAN FRANCISCO) - A dream can only last just so long. Then somebody pinches you or the alarm goes off, and it's back to cold reality again. The Packers were pinched by the fast-improving San Francisco Forty Niners in Kezar Stadium here Saturday afternoon and the dreams of those two last-minute victories over Detroit and the Chicago Cardinals, not to mention the fabulous draft, suddenly came to an end. The score was 38 to 20, but the Packers were happy to discover that those two triumphs and the draft still count. Everything seemed to back up on the Packers – once that alarm started ringing in the fourth quarter. The last minute heroics of the last two thrillers, the good catches, the hard rushing, the tough tackles couldn't be begged, borrowed or stolen. And just to make sure the dream was over, the Bays permitted the extra point to be blocked in the last minute. That was the last straw, though it made little difference. In the earlier Forty Niner game back home, a blocked extra point gave Frisco a 17-16 win. With dreams of a six-six record in '56 shattered, the Packers must now settle for the next best, five-seven, which means they'll have to beat the Rams in Los Angeles next Sunday. The loss popped the Pack into fifth place in the Western Division. The setback was costly. Howie Ferguson suffered a knee injury that will keep him out of the windup and a half-dozen other players were battered up. It turned out to be the last game for rookie guard Forrest Gregg, who will be sworn into the Army Tuesday. He'll be out until the '58 campaign...The loss was an awful shock to the Packers, who had expected to win - especially after they contained the 49ers to 17-14 at the intermission. "We just couldn't do anything in the last half as we seemed to get more players injured," Packer Coach Liz Blackburn pointed out later, adding: "They are an



improved club with that Conner out there working with Wilson." Frisco coach Frankie Albert said "adjustments we made in the second half stopped up your rushing and we concentrated on your wonderful passing game. We got a few breaks, too, which we appreciated, like those dropped passes." While the Packers played the 49ers even in the first half and then ran out of gas, they were facing a Frisco offense at its absolute best. Five members of the Frisco attack had their best days – Y.A. Tittle, with 14 completions in 26 attempts for 187 yards; Hugh McElhenny with 132 yards rushing in 19 tries; Joe Perry,

who hasn't run like this since '54, with 89 yards in 23; rookie Clyde Conner with seven catches for 125 yards, and Billy Wilson with six for 32... The Bays' defense played the fearsome five real tough for three quarters, but Wilson's touchdown catch climaxing a 73-yard, six-play push early in the fourth quarter opened the gates and put Frisco ahead 24-14. Then Dickie Moegle stole a Tobin Rote pass and returned 31 yards for a touchdown and the 49ers promptly put on a six-play, 64-yard splash with Perry scoring from two yards out for a 38-14 edge. Getting a lift on Deral Teteak's interception, Bart Starr drove the Packers to a score in the last minute, pitching six yards to Billy Howton, who counted his 12th touchdown of the season. The Packers were unbelievably cold in the last half hour. They never got a first down until the last few minutes of the third period and then totaled only four in the fourth period, the Bays made only 27 yards rushing and 67 passing in the second half. For the game, Frisco ran off 75 offensive plays; the Packers 53... The first half was great by comparison. McElhenny ran 26 yards to give Frisco a 7-0 lead, and Rote and Fred Cone worked a 69-yard pass play to tie it up — both scores coming in the first 4:20 of the game. Gordy Soltau kicked a 31-yard field goal to make it 10-7 midway in the first frame. The Bays led off the second heat with a 68-yard, 10-play push to go ahead, 14-10, with Rote rushing the last year. Frisco pounded back 74 yards in 14 plays, Tittle throwing nine yards to Conner for a 17-14 Frisco lead. After that touchdown, the Packers moved deep into 49er territory only twice the rest of the afternoon. Just before the half, and this might have been the turning point, Rote hurled two passes to Joe Johnson for a total of 29 yards to the 49er 22 after Jack Losch's 47-yard kickoff return. But Rote fumbled on the 49er 16 and the Diggers recovered. The Packers never penetrated again until Starr brought the team home for Howton's touchdown... The figures tell the story. The 49ers made 427 yards and piled up 239 in the second half. The Packers gained 275 yards and counted only 84 in the last half. Incidentally, Rote completed 7 out of 10 passes for 172 yards in the first half and Gary Knafelc dropped two others. And by way of comparison, the Packers counted 42 points in the second halves of the Detroit and Cardinal games, and only six against the 49ers. Cone, who couldn't hear much because of cotton in his ears to protect an infection that kept him in bed last Thursday, fumbled trying for a first down right after the opening kickoff but soon made up for the error. The 49ers turned his fumble into a quick touchdown, scoring four plays later on McElhenny's 26-yard run. After a Packer clipping penalty spoiled a 27-yard Rote to Howton pass, Cone took Rote's pass to the right and outsped two 49ers on a 69-yard scoring play. Fred matched Soltau's extra point and it was 7-7. With McElhenny and Perry running, the 49ers drove 45 yards to Soltau's field goal. Just before the quarter ended, Ferguson galloped 22 yards up the middle to midfield but Knafelc dropped a Rote pass and Dick Deschaine had to punt. The 49ers also put on a drive but John Martinkovic collared Tittle for a six-yard punt, ending that... An interference penalty on the 49ers set the Packers in motion on their 46 at the start of the second quarter. Tobin threw to Howton for 18, Johnson for 12 and Howton for 15 to the 11, from where Cone banged seven and Rote the rest of the way in three trips for a 14-10 lead with 4:25 gone in the period. Short gains by Perry and McElhenny and a 22-yard pass to Conner, among others, with Tittle, rolling out to his right, hurling to Conner for the touchdown. Then came Rote's fumble and the long offensive drought. The first Packer play of the second half sort of set the theme. Ferguson fumbled a pitchout and Rote recovered for an eight-yard loss. The rest of the third period was a punting duel between Deschaine and Earl Morrall. With three minutes gone in the fourth period, the Packers had the 49ers in a first and 22 situation due to a penalty. But Tittle hurled to Conner for 29 yards and the jig seemed to be up. Conner then took a short pitch from Tittle, wiggled away from Bobby Dillon and ran down the sideline to complete a 50-yard gain before Ken Gorgal banged him out of bounds on the six. Two plays later, Tittle, rolling out to his right, tossed to Wilson in

Nightmare?

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Western Conference

	W	L	T	Pct.	TP	OP
Detroit	9	2	0	.818	279	150
Chgo. Bears	8	2	1	.800	325	225
Baltimore	4	6	0	.400	234	275
San Frisco	4	6	1	.400	203	267
GREEN BAY	4	7	0	.364	243	293
Los Angeles	3	8	0	.273	242	286

Eastern Conference

New York	7	3	1	.700	243	190
Washington	6	4	0	.600	166	183
Chgo. Cards	6	5	0	.545	216	175
Cleveland	5	6	0	.455	160	153
Pittsburgh	4	7	0	.364	194	250
Philadelphia	3	7	1	.300	136	194

Saturday's Result

San Francisco 38, Green Bay 20.

Sunday Results

Detroit 45, Pittsburgh 7.
Chicago Bears 10, Chgo. Cards 3.
Cleveland 24, New York 7.
Washington 19, Philadelphia 17.
Los Angeles 31, Baltimore 7.

The Lineups:

Green Bay
Ends—Howton, Knafelc, Deschaine, Knutson, Martinkovic, Borden.
Tackles — Hanner, Sandusky, Skorski, Zatkoff, Heiluin.
Guards — Gregg, Forester, Szafaryn, Teteak, Skibinski, Brown, Smith.
Centers — Ringo, Bettis.
Backs — Carmichael, Walker, Gremminger, Dillon, Johnson, Ferguson, Cone, Gorgal, Losch, Roberts, Rote, Starr, Bookout.

San Francisco

Ends — Powell, Conner, Wilson, Soltau, Sogely.
Tackles — St. Clair, Cross, Bosley, Gonzaga, Herchman, Nomellini.
Guards — Henke, Toneff, Palatella, Connolly, Carr, Hazeltine, Sheriff.
Centers — Batty, Morris.
Backs — Moegle, McCormick, Maderos, McElhenny, Johnson, Perry, Hollady, Smith, Berry, Arenas, Tittle, Morrall.

Green Bay	7	7	0	.6—20
San Francisco	10	7	0	21—38

Green Bay scoring: Touchdowns—Cone (69 yard Rote pass), Rote (1-yard plunge), Howton (11-yard Starr pass). Extra point Cone 2.

San Francisco scoring: Touchdowns—McElhenny (26-yard run), Conner (8-yard Tittle pass), Wilson (6-yard Tittle pass), Moegle (31-yard return of interception), Perry (2-yard plunge). Field goal — Soltau (31 yards). Extra points — Soltau 5.

	Packers	49er
First downs rushing	2	14
First downs passing	12	9
First downs penalties	2	0
Total first downs	16	23
Yards rushing	74	246
Yards passing	201	181
Total yards	275	427
Passes attempted	29	26
Passes completed	15	14
Passes had intercepted	1	1
Yds. intercepted ret. by	18	31
Punts	6	6
Av. length of punts	41.2	38.2
Punts returned	5	6
Yardage punt returns	24	18
Kickoffs returned	6	4
Yardage kickoffs ret.	192	75
Penalties	1	5
Yds. lost penalties	15	65
Fumbles	4	0
Ball lost on fumbles	2	0

Individual statistics

Rushing: Green Bay: Ferguson gained 25 yards in 7 attempts, Rote 21 in 6, Cone 17 in 6, Carmichael 6 in 1, Losch 5 in 1.

San Francisco — McElhenny gained 132 yards in 19 attempts, Perry 89 in 23, Johnson 16 in 2, Tittle 7 in 3, Morrall 2 in 1.

Passing: Green Bay: Rote attempted 23, completed 12 for 194 yards, 1 intercepted, 1 touchdown; Starr attempted 5, completed 3 for 31 yards, 1 touchdown.

San Francisco: Tittle attempted 26, completed 14 for 187 yards, 1 intercepted, 2 touchdowns.

Pass reception: Green Bay: Howton caught 6 for 71 yards, Johnson 4 for 57, Cone 2 for 75, Roberts 1 for 14, Knafelc 1 for 6, Losch 1 for 2.

San Francisco: Connor caught 7 for 125 yards, Wilson 6 for 32, McElhenny 1 for 10.

Officials: Referee — Emil Heintz, umpire — Al Terremere, back judge — Joe Muha, head linesman — Elvin Hutchinson, field judge — Norm Schachter.

the end zone behind Hank Gremminger for the touch...After another exchange of punts, Moegle took Rote's first down pass aimed at Howton on the 31 and zig-zagged for a touchdown and a 31-14 edge with half of the last period gone. The Packers finally put together two first downs – one on a roughing penalty and the other on Rote's 12-yard pass to Howton, but more dropped pass forced loss of the ball on downs on the 49er 38. The 49ers scored another touchdown in six plays, the keys being McElhenny's 51-yard jaunt to the two and Perry's plunge. Starr couldn't move the Bays but six yards in three pitches so Tittle tried another pass after Deschaine's punt. Teteak intercepted and returned 17 yards and the Bays got another chance. Cone ran for three, Starr hurled to Bill Roberts for 22 and then to Howton for 11 and the touchdown.

GREEN BAY - 7 7 0 6 - 20
SAN FRANCISCO - 10 7 0 21 - 38

	<u>GREEN BAY</u>	<u>SAN FRANCISCO</u>
First Downs	16	23
Rushing-Yards-TD	21-74-1	48-246-2
Att-Comp-Yd-TD-Int	30-15-225-2-1	25-14-187-2-1
Sacked-Yards	24	6
Net Passing Yards	201	181
Total Yards	275	427
Fumbles-lost	4-2	0-0
Turnovers	3	1
Yards penalized	1-15	5-65

SCORING

- 1st - SF - Hugh McElhenny, 26-yard rush (Gordie Soltau kick) SAN FRANCISCO 7-0
- 1st - GB - Fred Cone, 69-yard pass from Tobin Rote (Fred Cone kick) TIED 7-7
- 1st - SF - Soltau, 31-yard field goal SAN FRANCISCO 10-7
- 2nd - GB - Rote, 1-yard rush (Cone kick) GREEN BAY 14-10
- 2nd - SF - Clyde Conner, 9-yard pass from Y.A. Tittle (Soltau kick) SAN FRANCISCO 17-14
- 4th - SF - Billy Wilson, 6-yard pass from Tittle (Soltau kick) SAN FRANCISCO 24-14
- 4th - SF - Dicky Moegle, 31-yard interception return (Soltau kick) SAN FRANCISCO 31-14
- 4th - SF - Joe Perry, 4-yard rush (Soltau kick) SAN FRANCISCO 38-14
- 4th - GB - Billy Howton, 11-yard pass from Starr (Kick blocked) SAN FRANCISCO 38-20

RUSHING

GREEN BAY - Howie Ferguson 7-25, Tobin Rote 6-21 1 TD, Fred Cone 6-17, Al Carmichael 1-6, Jack Losch 1-5
SAN FRANCISCO - Hugh McElhenny 19-132 1 TD, Joe Perry 23-89 1 TD, John Henry Johnson 2-16. Y.A. Tittle 3-7, Earl Morrall 1-2

PASSING

GREEN BAY - Tobin Rote 25-12-194 1 TD 1 INT, Bart Starr 5-3-31 1 TD
SAN FRANCISCO - Y.A. Tittle 25-14-187 2 TD 1 INT

RECEIVING

GREEN BAY - Billy Howton 6-71 1 TD, Joe Johnson 4-57, Fred Cone 2-75 1 TD, Bill Roberts 1-14, Gary Knafelc 1-6, Jack Losch 1-2
SAN FRANCISCO - Clyde Conner 7-125 1 TD, Billy Wilson 6-52 1 TD, Hugh McElhenny 1-10



HORNUNG SAYS HE'LL PLAY FOR PACKERS

DEC 10 (Green Bay) - He hasn't official signed yet, but Notre Dame's Paul Hornung apparently has made up his mind about his football future – and it's the "right" decision for the Packers. Hornung, the Packers' bonus choice in the NFL's early collegiate draft Nov. 26, told a nationwide television audience Sunday night he plans to play for Green Bay's pro representatives. Paul, recently named winner of the coveted Heisman Trophy awarded each year to the nation's outstanding college player, had been reported considering offers from a Canadian professional team. He ended speculation on this subject, however, by announcing on the network show: "Yes, I have decided to join Green Bay, although I'm a rebel. I guess I'll just have to continue getting used to play in cold weather." (Hornung is from Louisville, Ky.) Though Hornung hasn't formally affixed his signature to a contract, Packer officials have been in contact with the former Notre Dame star and it is expected that he will sign with Chief Scout Jack Vainisi, who has been handling the negotiations, later in the week.

ROTE RUNNING WAY AHEAD IN BALLOTING FOR PRO BOWL QB

DEC 10 (Los Angeles-Green Bay Press-Gazette) -

The Packers watched the Los Angeles Rams beat up the Baltimore Colts Sunday afternoon – and wondered if they could handle the Rams next Sunday. Here's a collective Packer player look at the game: "The Colts could have won it just as easily as the Rams but I don't think they wanted it. Remember there was kind of a lull after the score was 14-7? That game was up for grabs right then." A bus was provided from the Hotel Green in Pasadena for Bay players and coaches and the Ram management was kind enough to furnish seats without charge to the Packers. For most of the Packers, it was the first pro game they'd actually relaxed at in years. Buddy Brown has been in the pro league eight years and never saw a pro game he wasn't in himself – until Sunday. Coach Liz Blackburn felt that the Colts were handicapped by two things – John Unitas' inability to hit his mark and poor tackling. Liz felt that the Packers shouldn't be bothered by these handicaps next Sunday. But "we're in bad condition," Liz commented as he left the Coliseum, pointing out that Howie Ferguson, Jack Losch, Al Carmichael and Jim Ringo – to mention a few – all got their knocks in Frisco Saturday. Ferguson is the worst and "if this had happened earlier in the season, we'd lose Howie for three games." Fergie was removed to Good Samaritan Hospital for closer observation of his injured knee, a cartilage, Sunday night. He may have to undergo surgery, although the operation might be delayed until after the season. One of the hot topics in the Coliseum press box concerned the quarterbacks for the Western Division team in the Pro Bowl game here in January. Detroit's Bobby Layne and the Chicago Bears' Ed Brown are leading the league in passing and their teams are title contenders, but the Packers' Tobin Rote is the more spectacular operator, the crowd pleaser. A LA writer told us that Commissioner Bert Bell wants Rote with the Western lineup on the basis of what Tobin has done this year – particularly against Detroit Thanksgiving Day. Rote has become a tremendous favorite around the league but only two quarterbacks are carried by each bowl club and the final selections will be up to the coaches. It will be the decision of Buddy Parker or Paddy Driscoll, whoever wins the Western title. A Los Angeles paper is conducting a

poll among fans on players they'd like to see in the game. Rote is running way ahead of both Layne and Brown in the quarterback balloting. Tobin has never been selected to play in the Star battle and it'd be a darned shame if the sponsors would pass him up again. Bobby Dillon and Billy Howton are sure to make it. We'd like to see Rote pitching to Howton and the Bears' Harlon Hill. Incidentally, the league will sponsor the nationwide telecast of the bowl game. Curly Lambeau, viewing the Colt-Ram game, thought "Liz did a wonderful job in the draft," adding: "That Hornung is another Rote and besides he's as fast right now as any halfback in the pros." Gib Dawson, the former Packer back who watched the Packers

Hugh Is Hurrying To Set Up Last TD

San Francisco
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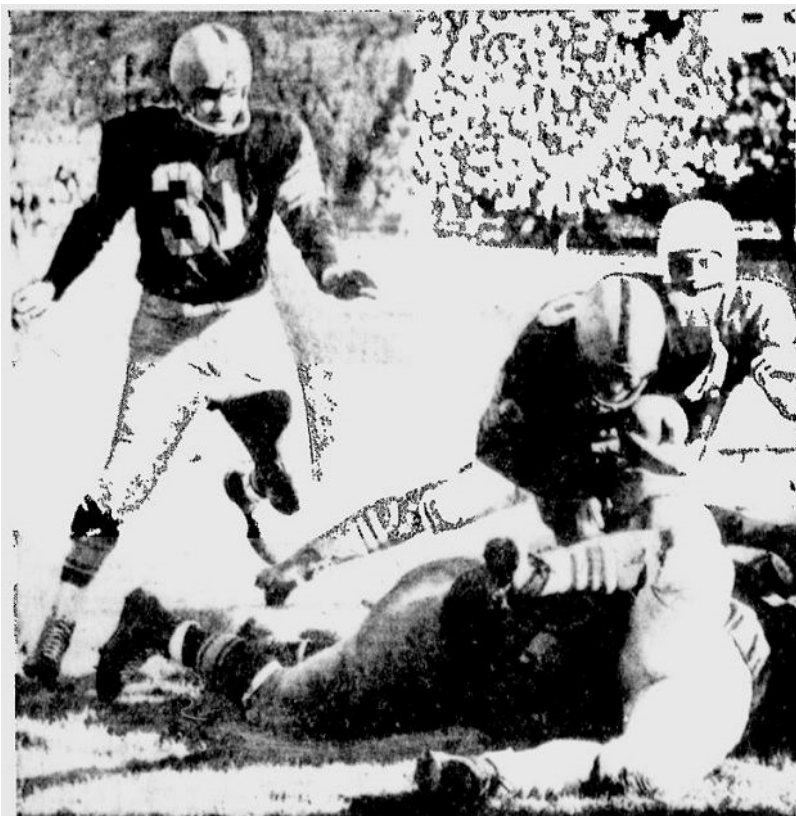
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NIFTY FIFTY!—As Joe Arenas takes out Bobby Dillon (44), Hurrying Hugh McElhenny runs out of grasp of Roger Zatkoff (74) and outfoots Bill Forester (69) en route to 50 yard gain to set up final 49er touchdown against Green Bay yesterday. Mac wound up on Packer 3 yard line. He had scored first TD of game on sparking 25 yard scamper. —Examiner Photo by Matt Brumback



The Packers took the lead in Saturday's game with the 49ers for the first and last time when Tobin Rote sneaked over from the one in the second quarter. Rote tried two runs

before cashing in on this play to put Green Bay ahead, 14-10. Fred Cone (31) watches Rovin' Tobin evade one tackler and plunge into paydirt. Associated Press Wirephoto.

battle the Forty Niners Saturday, said he'll be out of service in two months and indicated he hopes to join the Packers next fall. Blackburn read the message part of the 50-foot telegram sent by Packerland fans in the dressing room before the Frisco game and the players glanced over the names. You fans can be sure the big wire helped the Packers stay in the game for three quarters before the sharpness of the Forty Niners started to catch up with the league's leading Hairbreadth Harry eleven. The Bays had at least three hot backers in Frisco – Dan McCartin, the ex-Bayer now living in 49er land; Johnny Servotte, who is stationed in service there; and Milt Gantenbein, the former Packer who lives in Sacramento.

ROTE FILLS BILLING - HE'S EITHER THE BEST OR WORST QUARTERBACK

DEC 10 (Milwaukee Journal) - Tobin Rote lived up again Saturday to his billing as pro football's most inconsistent quarterback. He can be either the NFL's best or the worst and quite often he can be both on the same afternoon. Certainly this was the case again Saturday against the San Francisco 49ers, who pummeled the Packers, 38-20. Rote was great in the first half, very ordinary in the second. And he reversed the usual trend, for in the team's upset victories over the Detroit Lions Thanksgiving Day and the Chicago Cardinals a week ago, Rote waited until the last half to get hot. In the first half here Saturday afternoon, Rote completed seven out of 10 passes. The three he did not complete were dropped by Gary Knafelc (two) and Howie Ferguson. All of his passes were of the short or medium variety. And they kept the Packers in the thick of the game. In the second half, though, Rote began to slough off. He discarded the short pass and running game which had kept the Packers in contention earlier and became the wild, inconsistent scatter gun. Here's what happened:

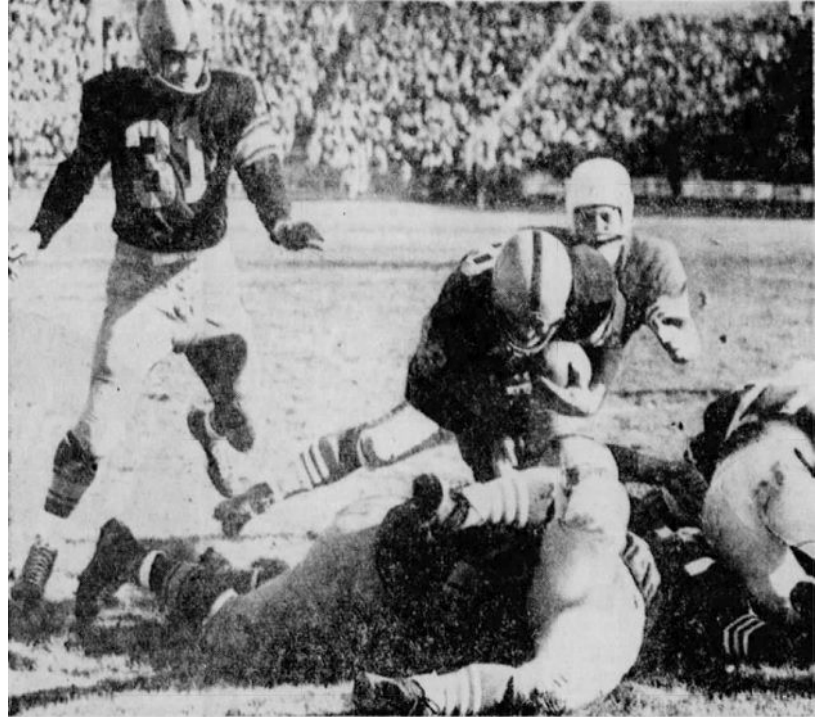
First Series, Third Quarter - Ferguson, who later departed with a knee injury, fumbled a pitchout and Rote recovered for a nine yard loss. Rote took too much time trying to throw a long pass and had to run, for a two yard gain. Rote threw long to Howton and missed.

Second Series, Third Quarter - Rote threw long to Howton and missed. Rote was way off with another long pass intended for Howton. The Packers had to punt again.

Third Series, Third Quarter - Rote returned to the short pass game and the Packers picked up two first downs, moving out from their six to their 35. As the fourth period opened, Cone gained three yards, then Rote lost six taking too long to select a receiver. Rote, back to pass on the next play, again had to run, made 10 yards but the Packers had to punt.

All this while, the Packer defense was containing San Francisco, too, but something had to give. It was Green Bay. The 49ers, on two long passes from Y.A. Tittle to rookie Clyde Conner early in the fourth quarter, got the touchdown which actually finished Green Bay for the afternoon and made it 24-14. Rote still was off the beam.

First Series, Fourth Quarter - Rote threw too long to Howton. Rote overthrew Jack Losch badly. Green Bay punted.



Only Packer Lead—Tobin Rote, Packer quarterback, evades one tackler as he scores a second period touch-down to put the Packers in the lead over the San Francisco 49ers for the first and only time in Saturday's game at Frisco's Kezar Stadium. Taking in the action is Fred Cone (31) Packer fullback. Tobin's TD made the score temporarily 14-10 in favor of the Pack in a game won by the 49ers, 38-20. (AP Photofax)



Phil Hornung, left confer: with Packer President R. W. Bogda, center, and Administrative Assistant Jack Vainisi in South Bend Friday The first contract talk with the bonus choice failed to get his signature.

AP Photo Wirephoto

Second Series, Fourth Quarter - Rote threw high to Howton. The ball bounced off the Green Bay end's fingertips, into Dick Moegle's hands and the 49er returned it 31 yards for a touchdown.

Now it was 31-14 and it mattered little that Green Bay gave up the ball on downs the next time Rote tried to steer the Packers and that the 49ers went from there to their fifth touchdown. Or that rookie Bart Starr of Alabama guided the Packers to a consolation touchdown with a minute to go. If Rote is hot, the other team might as well pack up and go home. If Rote is not hot, then the Packers might as well pack up. Here was a perfect case of the entire matter again.



Hugh McElhenny carrying ball against Green Bay Packers. The 49ers won the game 38-20 behind McElhenny's 132 yard rushing.

Packers Out To End Bunch Jinx in Finale

PACKERS OUT TO END BUNCH JINX IN FINALE

DEC 11 (Pasadena-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packers opened this unpredictable season with two losses. There is sincere confidence among the squadmen that they won't close the '56 campaign the same way - with two setbacks. But that has been the trend, wins or losses in bunches. After losing to Detroit and the Chicago Bears to open the campaign, they won the next two - over Los Angeles and Baltimore. Then came a beastly bunch of four losses - to Baltimore, Cleveland, Bears and San Francisco. That put the record at 2-6 and the Packers bunched back with two wins - over Detroit and the Chicago Cardinals, for 4-6. For the final pair, the Packers will try to break the bunch jinx with a split. They lost the two windup



Almost No. 8—The Packers' Bobby Dillon ranks among the National Football League's interception leaders with seven — and he almost had No. 8 on this play in last weekend's game at San Francisco. Clyde Conner, 49er end couldn't hold this first quarter pass and it almost dropped into the hands of Dillon, partially obscured by Conner. (AP Photo)

opener at San Francisco 31-20 but expect to close out by whipping the Rams in Los Angeles Sunday. That would give the Pack 5-7 for the trying year. The Packers aren't in the best of shape for the windup. They'll have 31 of a possible 33 players in uniform, since fullback Howie Ferguson is in Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles with a damaging knee injury and guard Forrest Gregg is now in Uncle Sam's Army, having been sworn in Tuesday in Milwaukee. Of the 31 leftees, only 29 will be in top-flight condition. Three will be slowed down by injuries received in the brutal Frisco test — Jack Losch, a rib case; Al Carmichael, knee; and Jim Ringo, knee and back... This leaves a rather strange able-bodied backfield setup of quarterback — Joe Johnson at left half, Bill Roberts at left half, and Fred Cone at fullback. There isn't a real healthy substitute in the crowd, unless quarterback Tobin Rote, who knows the plays of all the positions frontwards and backwards, make a switch. QB Bart Starr is fit and ready to work anywhere if necessary. Coach Liz Blackbourn is anxious to watch the Packers in their opening workout this afternoon. The drill will give Liz a good idea of the condition of his team. Trainer Bud Jorgenson had to set up his shop early Monday morning for six or seven cases. The loss of Gregg means that Jerry Smith, the former Frisco guard added by the Packers two weeks ago, will share some of the offensive guard duty — probably with Buddy Brown at right guard. Len Szafaryn and Joe Skibinski came out of left guard duty at Frisco alive. Smith also can do some centering if Ringo can't go the distance... There was some excitement among the Packers today. Official word had been received that four players had been selected to play with the Western Division All-Stars in the Pro Bowl game in Los Angeles in January. One of the selections was quarterback Tobin Rote, who was a popular choice among his teammates. Rote made the team for the first time in his seven-season pro career and it was particularly gratifying for the gallant Texan. Also named were linebacker Roger Zatkoff, end Billy Howton and defensive back Bobby Dillon — all holdovers from the '56 game... Bart Starr hasn't played much this season but he started and finished the two Frisco games. In the two games, he attempted 11 passes and completed six for 94 yards and two touchdowns — both to Howton. For the season thus far, Starr attempted 37 passes and completed 18 for 264 yards and two teedees. Incidentally, Bart is having a tough time deciding on whether to take his commission in the Air Force or resign and become subject to the draft. Dad is a master sergeant in the Air Force, but Bart isn't interested in making a career in service.

PACKERS, COLTS AFFLICTED BY SAME TROUBLES IN CALIFORNIA

DEC 11 (Pasadena-Green Bay Press-Gazette) — The Packers and Baltimore Colts both were in some sort of California clutch over the weekend. Green Bay lost at San Francisco 38 to 20 and Baltimore lost at Los Angeles 31 to 7 giving California a 69 to 27 edge over their cold-weather foes. Both visiting teams had the same trouble, they couldn't tackle a ball carrier. Frisco rushed for 246 yards on the Bays and the Rams ran for 207 on the Colts — a total of 453. What suddenly made the Packers and Colts two packs of powder puff tacklers? Was it the sudden climate change? Packer Coach Liz Blackbourn says that a poor athlete will tackle poorly. "He's easily off balance and the better backs will make this type of athlete miss what looks like an easy tackle," he explained. "Our tackling was quite bad in San Francisco but we have done much better," Liz pointed out. This was evident in the fourth quarter when the Bays permitted three touchdowns — chiefly on some ineffective tackling. A touchdown for the Packers in the third quarter or at least early in the fourth might have bolstered the Packer defense's morale some but there wasn't a teedee until Frisco had built up a 38-14 edge. Then it was too late. Frisco backers, of course, have a sound explanation for the 49ers' fat rushing total and it boils down to one word: McElhenny. Fleet Hughie reeled off 132 yards in 19 trips and made the Packer tacklers look slightly dizzy. In Green Bay earlier, McElhenny picked up 140 stripes in 18 carries — giving him a total of 272 yards in 37 tries against the Packers in two games for an average of 7.3 per, the Packer thus qualifying as Hugh's favorite cousins. In Green Bay, Hugh's longest run was 86 yards; at Frisco, he had trips of 50 and 26 yards. On top of it all, Joe Perry banged for 89 yards, nine more than the Cardinals, including Ollie Matson, gained on Green Bay a week ago. If you think the Packers had troubles containing a rush, the Colts were victimized by three Rams' bangers, including two rookies. Veteran Tank Younger got 76 yards, rookie Tom Wilson 65 and freshman Joe Marconi 61. Maybe the Rams and 49ers

just needed some home cooking. Both had been on the road for three games and speaking of rushing, the Packers did little to get out of the league cellar in the department, being held to 74 yards on the ground. But Pittsburgh even had a worse day, getting only 25 yards rushing off Detroit.

\$213.73 PAID IN ON PACKER WIRE; \$154.37 STILL TO COME

DEC 11 (Green Bay) - Although \$75 more than the charges on last week's telegram to the Packers has already been paid in, \$154.37 still remains to be collected, it was announced today. All money over and above the cost of the message will be donated to the Community Chest. Western Union charges were \$138.23. To date, \$213.73 has been collected of \$368.10 pledged. All signers of the telegram who have not paid their dime are asked to settle promptly either at the Press-Gazette or at one of the three radio stations - WJPG, WBAY and WDUZ.

SURGERY FOR FERGY

DEC 11 (Los Angeles) - The Packers will be in their worst physical shape of the year Sunday when they close out their season against the Rams. Coach Liz Blackburn reported Tuesday that Howie Ferguson, Jack Losch, Al Carmichael and Jim Ringo really got a going over from the 49ers. Ferguson is in the worst shape. He was removed to Good Samaritan Hospital for a closer observation of his injured knee. He will undergo surgery after the season.

FORREST GREGG INDUCTED INTO ARMY HERE

DEC 11 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - Forrest Gregg won't play for the Packers Sunday in their finale against the Rams. Worse yet, he won't play the entire 1957 season. The rookie guard from SMU was beckoned by Uncle Sam Tuesday. And in the matter of 18 hours he was plucked from the Packers' sunny Pasadena training site and sent to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. "I feel if I go now I'll only miss one season," Gregg said at the Milwaukee induction center Tuesday afternoon. The likeable Texan then told that four other rookie pals would be in the same boots soon. Tackle Bob Skoronski, quarterback Bart Starr, halfback Jack Losch and defensive halfback Hank Gremminger have already received induction orders but will finish the season. While Gregg will probably miss his pro pay for only one season, his four other buddies are not so lucky. Skoronski, Starr, Losch and Gremminger are Air Force bound, which means a three year hitch. Gregg sported a badly scabbed nose, a trademark of the treatment dished out in pro football. "Oh, this," Gregg said, pointing to his nose. "It looks likes this all season. It was nothing the 49ers did to me any differently." And talking about his first year with the Packers, Gregg said the big difference between college and pro football is they demand more here, but



Irish Quarterback Paul Hornung, left, and Coach Terry Brennan hold the Heisman Trophy presented to Hornung Wednesday.

The Packers' bonus choice in this year's pro draft is the fifth Notre Dame player to receive the trophy.

Associated Press Wirephoto



Hornung Cradles Trophy—Paul Hornung, Notre Dame quarterback who was the Packers' bonus choice in the recent National Football League draft, holds Heisman Memorial Trophy awarded him in New York Wednesday as the season's outstanding college football player. Hornung is the fifth Notre Dame player in 22 years to be awarded the trophy, given by the Downtown Athletic Club in memory of John W. Heisman, football coach who became the club's athletic director. (AP Photofax)

they pay more, too. Gregg, the Packers' second draft choice, reported to camp weighing 221 pounds as a tackle. He now hits the scales at 235 and has learned to handle himself against the best. "Lou Rymkus (Packer line coach) really helped me," Gregg said. "In this league you've got to dish it out as much as the next fellow or you'll get a good beating." Ray Krouse, a 6-3, 260 pound defensive tackle with the Lions, ranked as Gregg's "meanest" rival. "But I've learned a lot from him, too," grinned the curly-headed Texas. "I surely want to return," said Gregg when asked what his plans would be after his service days. And that surely must go for the Packers, too, who realized Gregg was improving with every game and being groomed as a topnotch pro guard.

MCGEE ON AF ALL-STARS

DEC 11 (Washington) - Former Green Bay Packers end, Max McGee, Wednesday was named to the All-Air Force football team as a halfback. He performed for the Eglin (Fla) AFB. McGee, converted to end by the Packers after starring as a halfback at Tulane, will not return to the Bays until the 1958 season.

SCOUTS RATE PACKERS - MANPOWER IS CHIEF NEED ALTHOUGH TEAM HAS HAD ITS MOMENTS

DEC 11 (Milwaukee Journal) - How do the Packers compare personnel-wise with their other rivals in the Western Division of the NFL? Scouts of other teams were asked this at different times during the season, which will end against the Rams here Sunday, and they always has pretty much the same answer. "In manpower," one said, "I would rate the Packers at the bottom of the division. They are definitely not in the same class with Detroit or the Bears and not quite, man for man, in a class with Baltimore, San Francisco or Los Angeles." How come then their successive victories over leading Detroit and the contending Chicago Cardinals and over Baltimore and Los Angeles (42-17) earlier? "The difference," another observed, "between winning and losing in this league is not too much - maybe a man or two. Take Detroit, which went from first to last to first in successive years. The Lions got a few good men back from the service and had a successful draft and there they are at the top again. My personal feeling about Green Bay is that Liz Blackbourn (coach) has been doing it with mirrors. Sure, when Rote has a hot day, Green Bay can beat almost anybody, but that's true of almost any team in the league when their quarterback goes good. I mean

Green Bay can't be consistent because of personnel shortages. They have to have everything clicking for them at once - no injuries because they're not too deep at all, everyone 'up' for the game, a few bounces their way - for them to play Detroit or the Bears even or beat any other team. That can't happen every week. The surprising thing is that Green Bay has won as many games as it has and that they come so close in so many others. The answer has to be coaching. In that respect the Packers are as well prepared as any team in the league." At various times in the season, scouts were asked to compare personnel by position and the answers came out something like this:



Packer Guard Forrest Gregg, right, is welcomed into the army by Capt. J. L. Peters, commanding officer of the Milwaukee Induction Center.

Sentinel photo



Packer Officials Confer With Hornung—President R. W. Bogda, center, and Chief Scout Jack Vainisi, right, confer with Paul Hornung, Notre Dame's All-America quarterback, at South Bend, Ind., Friday. Hornung, the Packers' bonus choice, said he will postpone a decision upon his football future until after he plays in the East-West Shrine game at San Francisco Jan. 1. (AP Photofax)

Quarterback - Tobin Rote of the Packers is inconsistent but he is still at or near the top. His inconsistency is different from others. Layne of Detroit or Brown of the Bears have good days and bad days. Rote generally mixes his up in the same game. Running backs - The Packers are better since Cone "came back" but they still lack speed to the outside and niftiness, aside from the time Rote himself carries. Injuries to Ferguson have hurt. Green Bay cannot compare with Detroit (Gedman, Cassady, Hart, McIlhenny), the Bears (Casares, Hoffman, Jeter, Watkins), San Francisco (McElhenny, Perry, Johnson), Baltimore (Moore, Ameche, Dupre) or Los Angeles (Waller, Younger, Wilson) - in power, speed or depth.

Ends - In pass catching, Howton and Knafelc of Green Bay rate with the finest. But the Packers again lack depth and they have no blocking, either at the ends or at the slot back or flanker halfback. They have no one like McColl of the Bears or Doran of the Lions who can both catch the ball and knock down an opposing end or linebacker.

Interior Linemen - Ringo at center is capable. Green Bay's guard rank with the weakest, although rookie Gregg has come along. The tackles are adequate, but not great, although rookie Skoronski shows fine promise. The offensive line is inferior to those of Green Bay's other rivals.

Defensive end - One of Green Bay's most pressing needs is a crashing type end who can harry the other team's passer. Martinkovic and Borden are ordinary. Martinkovic's play this season has been a distinct disappointment.

Tackles - Helluin traps easily. Hanner lacks speed. Neither exerts enough pressure on the passer.

Middle Guard - Forester defends against the pass well, but had shown weakness in meeting the run. He has good potential and has improved this year.

Linebackers - Teteak and Zatkoff are hard tacklers, but Teteak cannot defend well against the pass because of lack of height and Zatkoff quite often is caught out of position. By and large, however, this is not a weak spot.

Cornerbackers - This is perhaps the team's biggest problem. In 1955 rookie Doyle Nix did a fine job, but he went to the service. This year Green Bay has tried to cover up for two weak spots all season.

Deep backs - Dillon is one of the best in the league and Walker does an acceptable job. Both are fine pursuit men (covering receivers) but lack of weight makes them less adequate against the run than, say, Christiansen, Lary, David and Karilivacz of Detroit.

RAMS REACH SEASON'S SCORING PEAK WITH 31 POINTS AGAINST BALTIMORE

DEC 11 (Los Angeles) - The Los Angeles Rams football players had a day off yesterday. This was only fitting as they had a day on Sunday when they beat Baltimore, 31-7. The 31 points, incidentally, was the highest scoring production of the year for Los Angeles. Previous highs were the 30 points scoring both the winning and losing efforts against San Francisco. For the first time in weeks, the Rams escaped unscathed, so to speak, with the long injury being a bruised knee suffered by rookie tackle Ken Panfil. Panfil is expected to be ready for Sunday's finale against Green Bay at the Coliseum. Almost as amazing as the complete reversal of the results between the teams (the Colts won the first game, 56-21) was the crowd of 51,037 which turned out to see the cellar-dwelling Rams perform. Large as the crowd was, it was still the smallest home crowd for any Ram NFL game this season. It was also the first game of the season in which the Rams did not fumble. And only the second time this year that the opposition has been unable to intercept more than one pass. And in this league, it's the little things like this that count. Sunday's offensive honors were shared by the old pro, quarterback Norm Van Brocklin and three rookies - fullback-halfback Joe Marconi, halfback Tom Wilson and end Leon Clarke. Marconi equaled his excellent game of the previous week against Pittsburgh; Wilson had his most spectacular day of the season, carrying eight times for a 7.2-yard average; while Clarke, returning to action after a week's layoff, latched onto a pair of exciting 20-yard passes late in the game. The Ram defense left little to be desired, both against runs and passes. In the first meeting with Baltimore, the Rams were nicked for 572 yards, 316 of it through the air. Sunday the Rams held the Colts to 124 yards passing and 162 running, 77 of which were contributed by the flashy Colt freshman, Lenny Moore. Workouts resume at Gilmore Field tomorrow in preparation for the Packer game. Coach Sid Gillman has already named Van Brocklin as Sunday's starter.

Rams Shudder Over Rote-Howton Return

RAMS SHUDDER OVER ROTE-HOWTON RETURN

DEC 12 (Pasadena-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Sports people in this crazy country are looking for stars and apparently they've found 'em in the Packers' Tobin Rote and Billy Howton. This aerial twosome makes a pretty good talking point for

The Leaders

Leading Ground Gainers

	Att	Yds	LG	Av
Casares, Bears	217	936	50	4.3
Matson, Cards	170	844	79	5.0
McElhenny, SF	169	832	86	4.9
Gifford, NY	143	738	69	5.2
Ameche, Balt.	146	727	43	5.0
Carpenter, Cleve.	174	714	30	4.1
Webster, NY	155	562	34	3.6
Moore, Balt.	71	549	79	7.7
Walker, LA	83	543	46	6.5
Olzewski, Cards	139	508	34	3.7

Leading Passers

	Att	Com	Yds	Tdp	Int	Av
Brown, Bears	153	88	1525	10	11	9.97
Wade, LA	178	91	1461	10	13	8.21
Layne, Detroit	237	125	1867	9	17	7.88
McHan, Cards	145	70	1128	10	7	7.78
Tittle, SF	197	112	1488	6	10	7.55
Unitas, Balt.	164	89	1213	7	8	7.40
Rote, GB	287	137	2076	17	13	7.23
Thomson, Phil.	160	80	1102	4	20	6.89
Dorow, Wash.	91	48	612	6	5	6.73
Van Br'k, LA	102	51	677	4	12	6.64
Conerly, NY	174	90	1143	10	7	6.57
LeBaron, Wash.	91	45	531	3	9	5.84
M'broda, Pitt.	255	115	1408	10	18	5.52
Other passers (100 per season to qualify) — O'Connell, Cleveland —						
	65	31	389	4	5	5.98

Leading Pass Receivers

	Recd	Yds	LG	TD
Wilson, SF	53	817	77	4
Howton, GB	50	1120	66	12
Gifford, NY	49	583	48	4
Hill, Bears	44	1044	79	10
Carson, Wash.	37	481	26	3
Middleton, Det.	34	536	56	5
Mutscheller, Balt.	34	525	43	5
Walston, Phila.	34	521	51	2
Berry, Balt.	32	531	54	1
Hirsch, LA	31	559	76	6

Leading Scorers

	tdr	tdp	tt	xp	fg	fga	tp
Layne, Det.	5	0	5	33	12	15	99
Casares, Bears	11	2	13	0	0	0	78
Blanda, Bears	0	0	40	11	25	73	73
Howton, GB	0	0	12	12	0	0	72
Soltau, SF	0	1	1	23	12	19	65
Cone, GB	1	2	3	30	5	8	63
Baker, Wash.	0	0	14	16	23	62	62
Hill, Bears	0	10	10	0	0	0	60
Rote, GB	10	0	10	0	0	0	60
Gifford, NY	4	4	8	8	1	2	59
Best performance one game: 24 points; Richard Casares, Bears vs. San Francisco 10/28/56.							

Leading Punters

	Std	No	Ave	L
Van Brocklin, LA	1	48	43.1	72
Baker, Wash.	2	43	42.9	56
Deschaine, GB	3	57	42.4	57
Burk, Phila.	4	61	42.1	62
Chandler, NY	5	55	41.9	63
Morrison, Cleve.	6	35	41.3	70
Lary, Detroit	7	34	41.0	57
Brown, Bears	8	39	39.7	53
Glatz, Pitts.	9	25	39.4	60
Baldacci, Pitts.	10	26	38.8	64

Punt Return Leaders

	No	Yds	Ave	L	TDs
Konz, Cleve.	11	177	16.1	65	1
Bernardi, Cards	16	213	13.3	95	1
Perry, Pitts.	11	127	11.5	46	0
Keller, Phila.	15	146	9.7	40	0
Taseff, Balt.	23	213	9.3	90	1
Sherman, LA	12	100	8.3	76	1
Carmichael, GB	21	165	7.9	31	0
Ford, Pitts.	20	123	6.2	59	0
Tunnell, NY	17	97	5.7	11	0
Paul, Cleve.	15	81	5.4	17	0

Kickoff Return Leaders

	No	Yds	Ave	L	TDs
Wilson, LA	14	455	32.5	103	1
Matson, Cards	12	349	29.1	105	1
Carmichael, GB	27	781	28.9	106	1
Bingham, Bears	15	424	28.3	100	1
Arenas, SF	24	663	27.6	90	1
Riley, Phila.	12	321	26.8	59	0
Losch, GB	14	365	26.1	51	0
Carpenter, Cleve.	12	312	26.0	42	0
Waller, LA	11	276	25.1	40	0
Cassady, Det.	14	338	24.1	42	0

Interception Leaders

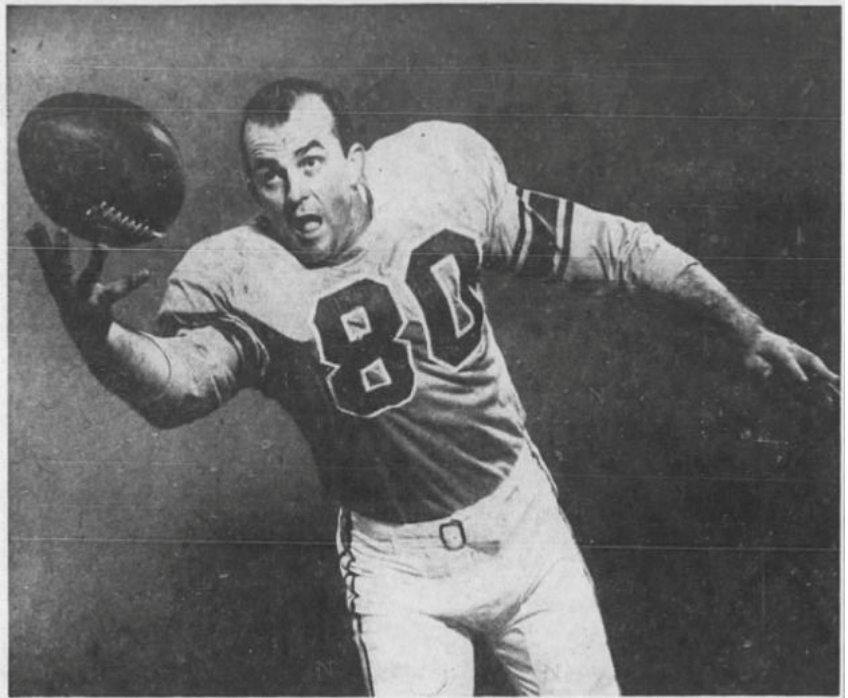
	No	Yds	TDs	L
Crow, Cards	9	142	0	42
Christiansen, Det.	8	109	0	33
Hecker, Wash.	8	26	0	14
Dillon, GB	7	244	1	45
Lane, Cards	7	206	1	66
Lary, Detroit	7	145	1	73
Caroline, Bears	6	182	2	59
Paul, Cleve.	6	151	1	42
Moegle, SF	6	75	1	31
David, Detroit	6	4	0	3

ticket sales, winning football games for the Packers, and throwing the fear of everything into the Los Angeles Rams – Green Bay's windup opponent in the Coliseum Sunday afternoon. The Rams will never forget Rote and Howton, who were largely instrumental in socking LA 37-14 in Milwaukee Oct. 28 with Billy catching seven passes for 257 yards and two touchdowns and making life easy for the other receivers and rushers. That triumph pushed the Rams toboggan downhill and, oddly enough, also skidded the Packers, who lost their next four. Now, six games later, the Rams must shudder again at the thought of the pair from Rice Institute. Rote and Howton haven't cooled off much since that fierce October day. Howton is fighting for the league pass receiving championship with San Francisco's Billy Wilson and Rote already leads the league in pass attempts, completions, yards gained and, most important, those 17 touchdown passes. Billy is on the brink of his greatest season in five Packer campaigns, the swift-footed redhead has come up with three 50-catch seasons. He nailed 53 for a Packer record-breaking 1,231 yards and 13 touchdowns in his rookie year, 1952. He picked off 52 in 1954 and his present figure with one game to go is an even 50. Wilson has 53. With a good Sunday against the Rams, Howton can fracture three of his individual highs. Four catches for 112 yards and two touchdowns would give him 54 catches for 1,232 yards and 14 teedees for the 1956 drive; anything above four, 112 and two would be gravy...KNAFELC HAVING TROUBLE: Concentrating more on catching the ball than on defensive backs, Howton has been especially effective on both long and short passes this year. In 1952, he concentrated mostly on long throws; in 1954, the emphasis was on the short toss. While Howton has been working wonders, his roomie at the other end, Gary Knafelc, has been having a tough time clutching the ball. He dropped three in Frisco and wound up with one catch, his second in two games. He caught only one against the Chicago Cardinals but it was a 38-yarder and set up the winning touchdown. Knafelc caught 40 passes in '55 against Howton's 44, but Gary has only 27 thus far this season...The Packers felt better today after the usual Tuesday afternoon light workout, which also included a touch game. They'd been quite unhappy about the Frisco game and the train trip down from Frisco Saturday night was no picnic. That setback really hurt because the Bays fully intended to finish off 1956 with six and six. Center Jim Ringo, lugging around a battered knee, did little work Tuesday and the pivoting was handled by linebacker Bill Forester, who has toiled at center off and on since training started. Fullback Howie Ferguson, who suffered a knee injury at Frisco, was discharged from Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles Tuesday and is now saddled with crutches. He plans to leave for his home in New Iberia, La., Thursday or Friday...Asked about the possibility of quarterbacks Tobin Rote and Bart Starr playing in the same backfield due to injuries to Ferguson, Losch and Carmichael, Coach Liz Blackburn, noting that Rote can run well besides pass, added: "and he can block, too. We must have run about 12 of those double reverses with Carmichael going around end and on each of them Rote sprung him loose with a sure block on the right linebacker. He never missed knocking him off his feet..."Assistant Coach Earl Klapstein pointed out to John Martinkovic that he had a good rating with his rushing of Y.A. Tittle. Martinkovic passed the buck to Dave Hanner: "Dave was clearing the way for me from the other side and we wound up with left eye trouble." John had his left eye blackened and Hanner received a cut under the same optic. Martinkovich also came out with a cracked front tooth. The bar of his helmet which is supposed to protect the teeth was jarred back against his tooth.

HORNUNG, PACKERS TALK FRIDAY

DEC 12 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - Paul Hornung, who was the fifth Notre Dame player to receive the Heisman Memorial Trophy, said he "supposes" he'll play pro football with the Packers who made him their bonus choice in the recent player draft. "I haven't talked to anyone from Green Bay yet," he said Wednesday at a New York press luncheon. "I'm to have a meeting with them Friday. I have some figures to quote and probably they will, too. I don't know whether we'll get together, but I suppose I'll play for them." The Packers will send Jack Vainisi to South Bend to discuss contract terms with the Notre Dame star. Later, while discussing his military status, Hornung explained he had been in the Air Force ROTC for awhile but had dropped out. "I suppose I'm 1-A now," he said. "But I hope I won't be called until I've had a chance to play a couple of seasons of pro ball." Hornung also has been considered as possible motion picture material but has no definite plans along that line. "I'm

going to see the movie people, of course, but I don't know what will come of it. Downhome the gag is that they're going to co-star me with Ava Gardner in 'The Barefoot Kentuckian'." The 1956 season was a rather frustrating one for Hornung, who was picked in advance as sure-fire All-American material. Early in the season, he dislocated his left thumb and later he severely sprained the right one - both times making tackles on defense. "It was an unpleasant feeling," he said. "I felt fine. There wasn't a thing wrong with me, not even a bruise. But I couldn't grip the ball." Hornung avoided a direct reply to former Notre Dame coach Frank Leahy, who recently criticized the Irish for lack of spirit and "letting down" the college by failing to show enough fight. But in response to a question, he said: "I don't think the Notre Dame spirit has dimmed a bit. Before every game we thought we had a good chance of winning. I don't think the Notre Dame spirit will ever die." Hornung plans to play in the East-West game at San Francisco December 29 and then in the Hula Bowl in Honolulu before returning to complete his studies at Notre Dame.



HIS DAY — After nine spectacular seasons in the National Football League, Tom Fears will be honored by local fans in halftime ceremonies during the Ram-Packer game Sunday at the Coliseum. Admirers of former Ram wingman hope, through contributions, to present Fears with a station wagon at the game.

PACKERS KEEP AIR HONORS; RUNNING WORST

DEC 12 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - NFL statistic disclosed Wednesday that the Packers are the league's best passing team and the worst on the ground. This is no great discovery now that Coach Liz Blackbourn, as well as most pro observers, are convinced the way Tobin Rote goes so goes the Packers. After a hot first half against the 49ers last Saturday, Rote simmered down to 12 completions in 23 attempts for 193 yards. That, with Bart Starr's three completions in five tosses for 31 yards gave Green Bay a net total of 2,224 yards for the season - 102 yards better than their Sunday foes, the Rams. The Packers have picked up only 1,240 rushing, an average of 104 yards a game. With Howie Ferguson definitely out of the Rams game with seriously wrenched knees, Rote's passes will be the only hope in the finale. If Tob has as inconsistent a day as he had in Frisco, the Packers are in for their eighth loss. However, an only fair passing game should insure the Packers the league's passing title this season. Word received from Los Angeles Wednesday quoted Blackbourn as saying Ferguson's injury "will hurt plenty." "Fergy might be able to play in two weeks but this is our last game," said Liz. "We plan to use Fred Cone and Jack Losch in the backfield with Rote or Bart Starr at quarterback and Joe Johnson and Al Carmichael in the slots. However, we're pretty well jammed up with injuries. Carmichael and Losch have bruised ribs and center Jim Ringo has a wrenched knee, but they will be able to play. Fortunately, Rote is in good health. If we get some of the injuries straightened out by Sunday we should be able to play a pretty good game. We'll certainly be out to win the last one." Blackbourn and the squad watched the Rams whip the Colts last Sunday. And the coach's reaction was "the Rams looked good, real good." With the squad in good physical shape, the Rams also have a psychological advantage in that the Packers have been unable to win at the Coliseum since 1947. When the Bears and Lions meet Sunday they will be fighting for both the Western Conference title and the loop's total yards crown. The Bears hold a 93 yard edge over the Lions with 4,091 yards gained, 2,159 by rushing and 1,932 passing. Detroit has picked up 1,964 rushing and 2,034 passing for a 3,998 total. The Rams hold the third spot with 3,786 yards, while the 49ers are fourth with 3,510 on offense and the Packers fifth with 3,464.

RAMS DISCUSS GRIEVANCES IN MEETING WITH OWNERS

DEC 12 (Los Angeles) - Members of the footballing Los Angeles Rams dropped pigskinning for parliamentary procedure yesterday. The five-player committee on gridiron grievances met with the four embroiled owners at the Ram office yesterday in a setting described as being all sweetness and light. Apparently no conclusions were reached, and while the sweetness remained, the players were still light...ANOTHER DISCUSSION SLATED: Another discussion has been scheduled soon. The players, represented by veterans Norm Van Brocklin, Elroy Hirsch, Bill Wade, Dick Daugherty and Les Richter, reopened negotiations begun after the Ram-Redskin exhibition game in August. At that time the players sought additional pay for preseason work. The owners quieted the incipient rebellion with a promise to discuss the matter at the season's end...PLAYERS' DEMANDS: Owners present yesterday were Dan Reeves, Ed Pauley, Hal Seley and Fred Levy. Also participating in the talks with General Manager Tex Schramm. Neither the owners nor the players would disclose the subjects discussed. However, player demands are reported to include such items as a \$50 minimum for each preseason game

and increased meal allowances and better living conditions on the road. During the season, players on various NFL teams conferred with Cleveland attorney Creighton Miller to represent them in negotiations with club owners...PENSION PLAN: In addition to preseason pay and increased road allowances, Miller's group is also seeking a pension plan similar to baseball's, the money to come from exhibition proceeds and donations from the Pro Bowl take. Following a recent player meeting in Washington D.C., Van Brocklin said the Rams have neither accepted nor rejected Miller's proposals, but have preferred to wait and see the results of present discussions with the Los Angeles owners...EXTRA-POINTERS: The Rams return to practice today for Sunday's curtain-closer against the Packers at the Coliseum. Although beaten 42-17 by the Packers at Milwaukee earlier, the Rams have precedent going for them in Sunday's encounter. The Packers haven't beaten Los Angeles here since 1957. And the Rams always seem to pile it up big against them. In 1949, the Rams scored 35 points; 1950, 51 points; 1951, 42 points; 1952, 45 points; 1953, 33 points; 1954, 35 points; and 1955, 31 points. Ends Elroy Hirsch, Leon Clarke and Bob Boyd have accounted for 14 of the Rams' 31 touchdowns. Hirsch has six, Boyd five and Clarke three...Of the Redskins' six victories, four have come on a total of 9 points...The Rams were squiring two of their top draft choices around town Sunday in tackles George Strugar of Washington and Billy Ray Smith of Arkansas...Green Bay will be hurting Sunday for its ace halfback, Howie Ferguson, wrenched a knee against the 49ers and won't be available. And another regular, guard Forrest Gregg, was called to the colors following the San Francisco loss.

ARMY TAKES GREGG, FERGUSON CAN'T PLAY

DEC 12 (Milwaukee Journal) - The Green Bay Packers lost guard Forrest Gregg to the army draft Tuesday, received word that four other players would be inducted shortly and were deprived of the services of fullback Howie Ferguson for Sunday's NFL finale with the Rams in Los Angeles. Gregg, a rookie from Southern Methodist, returned here from California for his induction and was sent to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Packer players who will be taken by the armed forces after the season is over are halfback Jack Losch, quarterback Bart Starr, defensive halfback Hank Gremminger and tackle Bob Skoronski. Of more immediate concern to Lisle Blackbourn's squad, which is working out in Pasadena for Sunday's game with the Rams, was the loss of Ferguson with a knee injury. The veteran fullback has been hospitalized as a result of injuries suffered against the San Francisco 49ers last Saturday and will undergo an operation after the season. Also on the shelf with injuries are Losch, Al Carmichael and Jim Ringo, all of whom were hurt in the 49ers game.

'New' Cone Gets Real Chance To Roll vs. LA

'NEW' CONE GETS REAL CHANCE TO ROLL VS. LA

DEC 13 (Pasadena-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Life may begin at 40 for most of us dudes but for the Packers' Freddie Cone, it's just starting at 30. The Packers' third draft choice in 1951, Cone was a first string fullback for three years and then, gradually as Howie Ferguson stepped into the picture, sank to the rank of specialist and No. 2 fullback for the next two campaigns. It got so bad that Cone decided to retire after the 1955 season, feeling that his days would be numbered if the Packers found another field goal kicker and a second FB. Cone's decision to retire wasn't the usual scare for more dough. Freddie picked out a home in his native Alabama and signed as an assistant high school coach. He was serious and it took a heap of talking by Coach Liz Blackbourn and assurance that he'd be around come the end of the season to make him change his mind. With 16 field goals in 24 attempts in '55, Cone turned out to be the league's top three-point specialist. He was expected to do the same - if enough field goal opportunities came up in 1956. He's had only eight shots but converted on five on them. But that isn't the story today because Cone is a "newcomer" so to speak, with the Pack. Freddie has regained the legs and push he apparently never lost. Why? This might be a mental thing. Cone states frankly that this season he doesn't have to worry about being cut...RELAXED AND READY: You've got to know Freddie to understand that. Under the cloud of humor that he wears everywhere, Cone wondered and worried a great deal - until this year now he's relaxed and always ready to cut loose on the field. Sunday will give Cone a real opportunity to slam away. He's the only heavy-type crasher the Packers can throw at the Los Angeles Rams in the Coliseum since Ferguson is out of the scene due to a knee injury. And Freddie is one of a few able bodied backs left because Jack Losch and Al Carmichael also are ailing. The healthiest backfield has Cone at fullback and Joe Johnson and Bill Roberts at the halfbacks, with Tobin Rote and Bart Starr at quarterback. The Rams will keep a close check on Cone since they know he's a hot article. Fred, in the space of five



PACKER QB—Quarterback Tobin Rote is key to Green Bay's victory hopes Sunday against Rams at Coliseum. He sparked earlier 42-17 win over Los Angeles.

games, has averaged nearly four yards per rush on 37 trips for 143 yards and caught 11 passes for 222 yards for a 20-yard average and two touchdowns. He caught a 69-yarder from Rote at San Francisco for the longest aerial TD in his pro career. Cone is sitting with 63 points and he needs only two more to become the Packers' all-time No. 3 scorer. He now has 372 - just one behind Clarke Hinkle. Ted Fritsch is No. 2 with 392 and Don Hutson, of course, is out of reach with 825. Getting old? Coming back to the hotel from the Ram-Baltimore game Sunday, the conversation got around to Elroy Hirsch's age and it was generally estimated that the Ram end was somewhere between 33 and 35. To which Freddie remarked: "He's getting up around my age." Cone was born June 21, 1926, which makes him 30 1/2. Incidentally, Cone will remain on with the Packers during the offseason working with Publicity Chief Tom Miller...California's famous smog set in during Wednesday afternoon's practice and Gary Knafelc and Bart Starr started to cough quite a bit. The rest of the athletes caught on in a hurry and before Rote could call two more Ram plays the whole bunch started to cough and clear throats. Coach Liz Blackburn had to laugh and cough himself. Ferguson saw his first practice from the sidelines and got an eyeful as the team went through a defensive workout. "They get a lot of work done out there; you don't realize it when you're practicing." Ferguson will leave for his New Iberia, La., home Friday...**BRIEFS:** Curly Lambeau ate dinner with the Packers squad Wednesday night and talked over the use of Packer draft choices in next year's College All Star game. Lambeau, preparing for his third "season" as All Star coach, indicated that the Packers' two lead choices, Paul Hornung and Ron Kramer, would play an important part in the '57 Star team. Liz, of course, doesn't like to lose his players to the Star game - especially a quarterback and especially after last year's experience which included losing the two Oklahoma boys (Burriss and Morris) and a one week vacation for Losch and Bob Skoronski. Lambeau, who had a finer in starting the bonus choice system back in '46, said, "The Packers had to wait long enough to win a bonus, 11 years, but they got a good one in Hornung."

HORNUNG EN ROUTE HOME FOR TALK WITH PACKERS

DEC 13 (New York) - Paul Hornung was on his way back to the Notre Dame campus at South Bend today, carrying the Heisman Trophy as one of his talking points in an approaching discussion with the Green Bay Packers. (Several Packer representatives, including Chief Scout Jack Vainisi, are scheduled to confer with Hornung at South Bend, Ind., Friday.) The trophy, citing the ace quarterback from Louisville, Ky., as the outstanding college football player of 1956, was presented to Hornung at a dinner at the sponsoring Downtown Athletic Club Wednesday night...**WANTS TO PLAY:** It completed a round of banquets and awards for Hornung and brought him up to Friday's meeting with representatives of the Packers as the next major part of his agenda. Hornung, first bonus pick in the NFL draft, indicated he would like to play pro football. "I haven't talking to anyone from Green Bay yet, but I have some figures to quote, and probably they will, too. I don't know whether we'll get together, but I suppose I'll play for them," he said. Both at a noon luncheon and at the dinner itself, Hornung was strong in defending the Notre Dame squad against charges it had lost its spirit while struggling through its worst record in history, two victories and eight defeats. Avoiding direct reference to former coach Frank Leahy, who hurled the charges, he said: "Before every game we thought we had a good chance of winning. I don't think the Notre Dame spirit will ever die."...**IN EAST-WEST GAME:** The fifth member of the Fighting Irish to win the coveted Heisman award, Hornung will play in the East-West Shrine Game in San Francisco Dec. 29 and then in Honolulu's Hula Bowl after the first of the year before settling down to complete work on his degree. In accepting the trophy, Hornung, a handsome senior from Louisville, Ky., expressed his gratefulness for being chosen the year's outstanding college football player because "our team had been criticized as much this year." "As part of that team, I want to thank the men who selected me," he said. "I guess I'm the only player on a losing team that has won this trophy since the first one - Jay Berwanger of Chicago in 1935."

TWO GREEN BAY BACKS OVERCAME HANDICAPS

DEC 13 (Los Angeles) - When the Los Angeles Rams face Green Bay at the Coliseum Sunday, fans will see the only three-eyed, 17-fingered defensive secondary in the NFL. Or any other league, for that matter. Bobby Dillon, one half of the Packers' double safety, has but one eye. His sidekick, Val Joe Walker, has but three fingers on his left hand. Both were victims of childhood accidents. But these handicaps, if such they are, haven't hampered either of these two Texans. On the contrary, if anything, the boys have worked harder than most in order to overcome them...**AMAZINGLY ALIKE:** Dillon and Walker are amazingly alike, in looks, size, age, everything. Both stand 6 feet 1 inch, both weigh about 180, both possess trackmen's speed, both are 26, both are married, both were born in small Texas towns (Dillon in Temple and Walker in Takoka) and both attended school in the Lone Star State, Dillon at the University of Texas and Walker at SMU. And they're

HOW THEY LINE UP

KICKOFF, 8 P.M.

RAMS				PACKERS	
No.	Name	Wt.	Pos.	Wt.	Name No.
40	Hirsch	191	LE	215	Knafelc 84
75	Fry	225	LT	240	Skoronski 76
61	Putnam	231	LG	228	Skibinski 63
51	Morrow	228	C	230	Ringo 51
63	Hock	230	RG	225	Brown 62
79	Holtzman	249	RT	250	Sandusky 77
82	Boyd	203	RE	190	Howton 86
11	Van Brocklin	200	QB	215	Rote 18
37	Wilson	197	LH	180	Johnson 40
84	Clarke	220	RH	190	Carmichael 48
34	Marconi	220	FB	200	Cone 31

222—Average Line Weight—229
209—Average Backfield Weight—196
218—Average Team Weight—215

RAM ROSTER

9 Wade, qb	41 Cason, hb	65 Hauser, t
10 Bukich, qb	43 Sherman, hb	68 Fournet, g
11 Van Brocklin, qb	44 Whittenton, hb	73 Panfil, t
22 Shiver, hb	48 Richter, lb	75 Fry, t
23 Castete, hb	50 Daugherty, c	79 Holtzman, t
25 Burroughs, hb	51 Morrow, g	81 Miller, P., e
27 Waller, hb	58 Griffin, g	82 Boyd, e
34 Marconi, fb	61 Putnam, g	83 Wardlow, e
35 Younger, fb	62 McFadin, t	84 Clarke, e
37 Wilson, hb	63 Hock, g	88 Carey, e
40 Hirsch, e		

GREEN BAY ROSTER

15 Starr, qb	47 Walker, hb	74 Zatkoff, t
18 Rote, qb	48 Carmichael, hb	76 Skoronski, t
20 Bookout, b	51 Ringo, c	77 Sandusky, t
22 Roberts, hb	61 J. Smith, g	79 Hanner, t
25 Losch, hb	62 Brown, g	80 Deschaine, e
27 Gorgal, hb	63 Skibinski, g	81 Knutson, e
31 Cone, fb	65 Bettis, g	83 Martinkovic, e
37 Ferguson, fb	66 Teteak, g	84 Knafelc, e
40 Johnson, hb	68 Szafaryn, g	86 Howton, e
44 Dillon, hb	69 Forester, g	87 Borden, e
46 Gremminger, hb	72 Helluin, t	

OFFICIALS — Referee: Jack Glascott; Umpire: Cletus Gardner; Back Judge: Norman Duncan; Head Linesman: Charlie Berry; Field Judge: Joe Gonzales.

both inseparable off the field as on. Which figures. Dillon's playing his fifth year in the league, Walker his fourth. Bobby was drafted No. 3 by the Packers in 1952, while Val Joe came to Green Bay in 1953 in a trade with the New York Giants. Dillon's record of interceptions would be outstanding for a man with two eyes. For a man with one, it's absolutely amazing, especially when one considers the emphasis attributed to "split vision" by scientific-minded coaches. During his first four years, Dillon picked off 29 enemy aerials, and in both 1954 and 1955 he was named to various All Pro teams for his defensive efforts. So far this season, Bobby the bandit has bagged seven interceptions to rank fourth in this department...29 INTERCEPTIONS: Walker hasn't swiped as many, but when he gets one he usually goes somewhere with it. He bagged six last year. An injury the latter part of the 1954 season forced him to undergo a knee operation before returning to the 1955 wars. Walker also picked one off against the Rams during Green Bay's 42-17 victory earlier this year. All those wide-open spaces behind the secondary look inviting to any passer, but when you're up against these two it's best to think twice before letting one go deep in the heart of Texas. They're liable to form a posse and capture it.

PAUL HORNUNG HITS AT IRISH CRITICS, WILL CONFER WITH PACKERS FRIDAY

DEC 13 (New York) - Paul Hornung, Notre Dame's star quarterback, accepted the Heisman Trophy here Wednesday night and at the same time hit back at critics who said the Irish football team lacked "fighting spirit" this season. "I don't think the Notre Dame spirit will ever die," Hornung said. "Before every game, we thought we had a good chance of winning." Hornung was the fifth Notre Dame gridder to receive the Heisman trophy since it was originated in 1935. Others were Angelo Bertelli in 1943, Johnny Lujack in 1947, Leon Hart in 1949 and Johnny Lattner in 1953. The blond Kentuckian is scheduled to meet Friday with officials of the Green Bay Packers and indicated he would probably sign. The Packers took Hornung as their bonus choice in the NFL draft. "I haven't talked with anyone from Green Bay yet," he said. "I'll have some figures to quote Friday and probably they will, too. I don't know whether we'll get together, but I suppose I'll play for

them." Hornung is scheduled to play in the East-West shrine game at San Francisco and the Hula bowl game in Honolulu before returning to South Bend to complete his work for a degree. "I had been in the Air Force ROTC for awhile, but dropped out," he said, explaining his military status. "I suppose I'm 1-A in the service draft now, but I hope I won't be called until I've had a chance to play a couple of seasons in pro ball." Hornung also admitted he had received an offer from Hollywood, but was not given it serious consideration.

ROTE DEFENDS HIMSELF ON CHARGES OF BEING HOT AND COLD QUARTERBACK

DEC 13 (Milwaukee Journal) - "I'd just like to know," Tobin Rote said, "where this idea that I'm a hot and cold quarterback got started." The tall signal caller of the Green Bay Packers sat in a corner of a hotel lobby. It was between breakfast and the morning meeting as the Packers prepared for their NFL finale against the Los Angeles Rams here Sunday. "Now I don't think I'm any more inconsistent than the other quarterbacks," said the dark Texan with the thinning hair. "I have days when I can't do much right - can't get loose - and that costs us. And I have days when everything goes right. But as for this getting hot after a bad start, or going bad after a good start - I don't think that that's the case with me like a lot of people think. It isn't that I start throwing better or worse all of a sudden. Mostly, it's in the other team's defense - whether we're able to do anything against it, how they cover on our passes." Rote hit a cigarette and leaned back, stretching out his full 6 feet 3 inches over which 215 pounds of leathery Texan is spread. "Take the game at San Francisco last Saturday," he said. "What did I complete - 7 out of 10 in the first half? (And the three that missed were in the receivers' hands and dropped). Well, in the first half they stuck with the same defense and were open for the short pass. And we made it work. They came out for the second half in a different setup. We had to try something else. Our running game never did make 'em tighten up and it was

less effective after Fergy (Howie Ferguson) got hurt and we had to go to the longer patterns. I'll admit I looked bad on a couple of them but once I threw the ball away rather than have it intercepted when I saw Howton was two timed and a couple of other times he wasn't able to break the way the pattern called for because the linebacker wouldn't let him go to the inside and the pass went way off." "Sure," he said, "I've always liked to run with the ball. I was a fullback in high school and thought I'd play fullback at Rice until Coach Neely told me he was going to have me play T quarterback. Man, I was awkward to start with. We had a pretty good ground game at Rice and I guess I didn't pass more than nine or 10 times a game. And you can count on your hands the number of times I ran with the ball. Running with the ball in this league isn't particularly dangerous. You're more likely to get hurt if you get hit when you're standing back there flatfooted, passing. And you're likely to get piled on, too. When you run, you usually only get hit by one guy at a time and you have a chance to hit him at the same time and sort of protect yourself. I think the quarterback should call the signals. Oh, the guy upstairs on the phone can see things I can't and can help me and sometimes it's all right for the coaches to send in a play. I've had some good plays sent in and some bad ones. One thing, with calls I've made myself in the huddle, I can always check off to another play on our audible system if I see the defense is set for us. With the plays that are sent in from the sidelines, I never do that. I figure that play was called and that play must be used. When they send in two or three plays in a row they get you fouled up. A quarterback has got to think ahead to what he's going to do next, to set things up. You can't get any sequences going or continuity if they keep sending in plays. When the other team's got the ball, I learn things from Scooter (McLean, assistant coach, who sits upstairs observing from a high vantage point and phoning information to the bench). I also find out things from my linemen and my ends tell me what the deep men are doing. I key my calls off the other team's linebackers. They tell me what defense they're in, because if they go a certain way, then the deep men must do a certain thing to compensate. Some days I don't run as much as others because of the way the other team defenses us. If our ground game up the middle isn't going - isn't forcing their ends and linebackers in - there isn't much chance for me to roll out and go around them. I figure this way: If our running backs, who are paid to run and can run a lot better than I can, can't make yardage behind good, sound blocking patterns, there's not too much chance of me getting through on rollouts or running by myself when I'm back to pass. You need one thing to make another go. Balance is what you want between running and passing and you can't always get it. I'll tell you this - we sure could use a big, fast, shifty back like McElhenny (Hugh McElhenny of San Francisco) - one that could go all the way every once in a while. Then the rest of our plays would go that much better."

HOWTON CAN BREAK HIS OWN ALL-TIME RECORD IN WINDUP

DEC 13 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - As a rookie, Billy Howton rewrote a Don Hutson record - and if you don't think that is an accomplishment, you haven't followed pro football very closely. What a draft choice this redheaded, freckled-faced Texan was. As if he were born to play the part, Howton broke Hutson's total yardage mark his very first season with the greatest of east. Billy-boy teamed up with another Rice flash, Tobin Rote, catching 53 passes for 1,231 yards and 13 touchdowns. Sunday at the Los Angeles Coliseum, Howton can better that all-time Packer record. In 11 games this season, Billy has grabbed 50 passes for 1,120 yards and 12 touchdowns, which means he must gain more than 111 yards against the Rams. If you remember, Howton had his greatest day this season against the Gold Coasters in Milwaukee. He caught seven passes for 257 yards to break another Hutson record of 237 yards set in 1943. Howton, together with Rote, Roger Zatkoff and Bobby Dillon, has already been picked to play with the Western Division All-Stars in the Pro Bowl game in Los Angeles in January. It was here, too, that Howton set a record as he thrilled the 1953 Pro Bowl crowd with a 90 yard touchdown run. Coach Liz Blackburn has often remarked, "If all my boys had the desire Howton has, we would be hard to beat. No matter how bad a going over he's had in a losing effort, Howton's the first man on the field Tuesday as we prepare for our next game - he's always rarin' to win the next one. The Rote-to-Howton combination first started clicking at Rice a few years back. "Rote threw very good then," Howton said of his Texas neighbor. "And he was very instrumental in getting me on this club. They drafted me second in 1952 and he's the one behind it, I guess." Howton never saw Hutson play but has great respect for his ability. "He and the Packers go hand in hand," Howton said recently. "He was one of the greatest. They didn't throw as much in those days but he still stood out."

Aerial Battle Looming In Packer-Ram Finale

AERIAL BATTLE LOOMING IN PACKER-RAM FINALE

DEC 14 (Pasadena-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packers and Rams will close their 1956 season in the Coliseum in Los Angeles on a common note. The two clubs are disappointments to their home backers; both are "highest" in the league in points allowed; and, on the good-guy side, they are tops in the circuit in passing yardage. In fact, they're so evenly matched that the best result would be the first tie since they started pitching at each other back in '46. Los Angeles is in the last place in the Western Division; Green Bay is next to last. A Ram win would put two teams in the cellar. Green Bay, of course, wants to win for a possible third place tie with the winner of the Baltimore-San Francisco game Sunday. Los Angeles is more of a disappointment than the Packers if that's any consolation back home. The Rams zoomed from an 8-3-1 championship record in 1955 down to the current 3-8. The Packers, by comparison, only skidded from 6-6 to the present 4-7. The Packers, kicked to the tune of 21 points in the second half at Frisco Sunday for a total of 38, have the league's most generous defense, having given up 293 marks - an average of 26.6. The Rams permitted 286 - an average of 26. Offensively, the teams are about even, the Packers scoring 243 against LA's 242...WELL-HEELED AIR-WISE: Not many years ago, a prospective aerial battle would be a tonic to ticket sales. If that was still a selling point, the Coliseum would be bulging with 10,000 plus because the two clubs are pretty well heeled with aerial experts who have lifted the Bays and Rams into a one-two race for the league's passing yards championship. The Packers have thrown 325 times for 2,403 yards for the top mark in the league; the Rams are second with 302 throws for 2,304 yards. No other club has passed more than 300 times this season and only one other, the Bears, has gained over 2,000 stripes. GB has completed 156 passes, LA 152. And for one more similarity, the Bays have scored 32 touchdowns, the Rams 31. Green Bay hasn't won an air-yards title since '42 when Cec Isbell and Don Hutson were cavorting, while the Rams last won it in 1951 with Norm Van Brocklin and Bob Waterfield...LED RAMS TO WIN: The Rams expect to win the air crown with Van Brocklin. Van, sitting out the first half against Baltimore, replaced Bill Wade and ushered the Rams to 17 points and a 31-7 victory. For this, the Dutchman is a big hero in Los Angeles. Ram coach Sid Gillman announced that Norm would start next Sunday. Packer Coach Liz Blackbourn plans to start his pitching ace, Tobin Rote, who in turn hopes to have the kind of a day he had in smacking the Rams 42-17 in Milwaukee last October. That performance, plus the Packers' victory over Detroit which was televised out here, may pull over 50,000 customers into the Coliseum Sunday. The game also has been designed as Tom Fears Day in honor of the former Ram end who retired earlier this season...Rote continued to share quarterback with Bart Starr and left half with Jack Losch in the offensive practice Thursday. Blackbourn wants to have him ready in case the Packers' badly mangled backfield experiences additional hurts Sunday. Injured Howie Ferguson leaves for home Friday, and Losch and Al Carmichael are slowed down considerable with muscle troubles. This leaves Fred Cone, John Johnson and Bill Roberts as the only healthy runners - other than Rote and Starr. The lithe Rote was throwing passes, taking handoffs and popping through the line, and catching passes deep and short. He even stepped in occasionally at left end to give Gary Knafelc a rest. At right end, Billy Howton shares the running with Dick Deschaine. Along these lines, Blackbourn mentioned the other day that the offense "really get a lot of work." As an example, the offense

PACK'S UPSET WIN OVER LIONS STILL HOT TOPIC IN CALIFORNIA

DEC 14 (Pasadena-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packers' upset victory over Detroit Thanksgiving Day is still a hot topic in these parts. The spectacular contest, featuring a 21-point fourth quarter Packer uprising against pro football's finest defense, was seen out here on television. And whenever Packer coach Liz Blackbourn is questioned, the topic shifts to that battle. Liz revealed something rather interesting on the game. The victim of Tobin Rote's superb passing that day was Joe Schmidt, Detroit captain and the top linebacker in the game. "Rote moved two backs into Schmidt's zone; then Tobin stood there and waited for Schmidt to make up his mind. When Schmidt committed himself, Rote unloaded to the open back, Fred Cone or Howie Ferguson. I never saw Schmidt so confused," Liz chuckled. We were talking about the Chicago Bears and their sudden downfall. In their last three games, the Bears, the year's top scorer, counted only 37 points in gaining a tie, a loss and a win - 17 to 17 against New York, 42 to 10 against Detroit for the loss and 10-3 against the Chicago Cardinals for the win. After the knot, Liz talked to George Halas, Bear owner, and Halas said that injuries to key linemen and backs hurt the Bruins. But the feeling is that the Bears are suffering from being too high early in the season. They were at a tremendous pitch in running up six straight victories. The natural letdown, with the injuries, may lose is all for the Bears. But with the championship at stake Sunday, Liz figures the Bears may suddenly get everything back and win the division title. Incidentally, the Bears may suddenly get everything back and win the division title. Incidentally, the Bears figured the Packers did them a big favor by knocking off Detroit. But the loss only served as a sharp jab for the Lions who promptly made the Bears look like a last-place team...Former Packer, Redskin and Bear Paul Lipscomb was at Packer practice the other day. Which reminded Gene Knutson of a knock on the head from Paul in an exhibition against the Redskins in '54. Gene got a slight concussion out of the blow. And who says they don't go the limit in non-league games?...Assistant coach Earl Klapstein, a native of Washington, will scout the East-West practice and game, the Rose Bowl and several other games in the west after the season...Ram players met with Ram owners this week for the purpose of getting a \$50 minimum for each preseason game, an increased meal allowance and better living conditions on the road. It's a followup of a player meeting with Cleveland attorney Creighton Miller who has been unofficially named to represent all players in the league in

negotiating with the clubs. Packer players are giving Miller's organization plan some thought...The Rams are showing off three of their top draft choices around LA - USC's Jon Arnett, who lives there; tackles George Struger of Washington and Bill Ray Smith of Arkansas. And speaking of Ram tackles, Art Hauser, the Xavier star who hails from Hartford, Wis., had a fantastic day against the Baltimore Colts last Sunday. He must have made 15 tackles.

PACKER HEADS HOLD TALKS WITH HORNUNG

DEC 14 (South Bend, IN) - A Green Bay delegation, headed by President Russell W. Bogda and Chief Scout Jack Vainisi, conferred with the Packers' bonus choice, Notre Dame star Paul Hornung, here today. Also sitting in on the contract discussions are L.H. Joannes and Bernard Darling, members of the Packers' executive committee. Julius Tucker, a South Bend attorney, is representing Hornung in the talks. He handles all contracts for Notre Dame players. Vainisi indicated chances of agreement upon terms were bright, reporting Hornung has been "favorable" for the past year about playing with the Packers. "Hornung is a personal friend of mine," Vainisi said, "and we knew when we picked him that he liked the club."

HORNUNG HEARS PACKERS' OFFER

DEC 14 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - The Packers talked contract terms with their bonus choice, Paul Hornung, at South Bend Friday, but the Notre Dame All-American quarterback didn't sign. "He wanted time to think over our proposal," Packer Administrative Assistant Jack Vainisi reported after the get-together. "This meeting was to start negotiations, but I believe he will sign soon. We made him a definite offer." However, after his big chat with Packer President Russ Bogda and Vainisi, Hornung said he would talk to officials of the Vancouver football club before he leaves for the West Coast next Wednesday to play in the East-West Shrine game. Vancouver has draft rights on Hornung for Canadian football, just as Green Bay holds it for the NFL. "Hornung has been a personal friend of mine," Vainisi added. "I've been in close contact with him for more than a year. And we, the Packers, knew when we picked him he liked the club." Vainisi said Hornung asked what position he would play with the Packers. "Coach Liz Blackburn will make that decision," was Vainisi's answer. It seemed apparent Hornung had much respect for Tobin Rote, Green Bay's veteran quarterback. Vainisi quoted the Irish quarterback as saying he would be "pleased to play under Rote." Earlier, this week in New York where he was awarded the Heisman Trophy Hornung was asked if he preferred playing quarterback or at halfback. "I'd rather be a quarterback," said Hornung. "It's better to have somebody blocking for you instead of being a front man for some other fellow." Vainisi said Hornung would play in the Hula Bowl in Honolulu. He has decided to pass up basketball at Notre Dame. Hornung dropped out of ROTC this fall and his present draft status is 2F, a student's status. "We expect to get at least a year of play out of him if he signs," Vainisi said. Bogda and Vainisi negotiated through Julius Tucker, attorney representing Hornung.

TETEAK CALLS PLAY: '43 BLUE DOG' AND PACKERS RESPOND

DEC 14 (Milwaukee Journal) - Los Angeles, Calif. - It is Sunday afternoon at the Coliseum. The Green Bay Packers are playing the Los Angeles Rams in their NFL finale. The Rams have the ball at midfield, third down and five yards to go. It is early in the first quarter and the score is 0-0. They go back in the huddle and quarterback Norm Van Brocklin calls the next play. At the same time, the Packers huddle near the ball. Deral Teteak, linebacker, calls the defensive signal. It is "43 blue dog." "Why that call and what does it mean?" Teteak was asked. Teteak is short (5 feet 9 inches) as pro football players go. He is blond and blue eyed and wears a crew cut. He is called "Bull" by his teammates. He is in his fifth season with the Packers and before that was a star linebacker with the "Hard Rocks", as the Wisconsin Badgers were called in those days. "Forty-three blue dog," Teteak said, "means a four man line and three linebackers and the four deep men balanced, two to a side. The weakside linebacker (the side on which the Rams have no flanker) will rush the passer if there is a pass. If it's a run, that linebacker still goes in and tries to break it up to his side or pursue it to the other." Teteak, defensive coach Abe Stuber has often said, "does a smart job of calling defensive signals." In this ever more complicated game of football, it is one of the most complicated jobs. "It's really not too tough," Teteak said. "What mostly determines the defense is position of the ball on the field, the down and the yards to go. And, of course, what kind of personnel the other team's got and what kind you've got. Say it's third down and long yardage - well, you know it's almost got to be a pass, probably a long one, and you go into the best defense for that. From the scouting reports you find out their quarterback has play calling habits. He may like to go for a long gainer on first down, or may throw a long pass on the first play of the game. We use several difference defenses, but mostly the differences are small. We ordinarily have four deep backs because that's best against the pass. You've got to be ready for the run and the pass both, but the pass determines most of your defenses. When I call defensive signals at Wisconsin in 1951, we used only one defense all season although we had a lot of defenses we could have used. We used a 5-3 and had good personnel. If you could stop the running game in college, you had 'em whipped. In the pros, they can hurt you running and they can hurt you passing and they might do both on the same day. We use the four man line most of the time and line up in our 'blue' defense most of the time. That means the deep men are even, two on a side. Then if we want to use the 'red' defense, we rotate after the offense is in motion. We hide it till then. On the 'red' we rotate the deep backs toward their strength, or where they have their flanker or slot man set out. Then there is an isolation on the weak side - in other words, a one on one situation between the one and only deep back over there. The critic (Bob Dillon, safetyman) can check my signal after the other side lines up. He may that an end like Harlon Hill of the Bears or Bill Wilson of San Francisco has an isolation with our weak side deep back. Then Dillon yells 'off' and we take the audible

signals to use a companion defense. That only happens say four or five times a game." "It's percentage," Teteak said. "It's still up to the individuals to make the defense work. A guy can call the wrong defense and one of his teammates makes a great plan and stops the play anyway. Or you can call exactly the right defense and still they run or pass through you for a touchdown. You just call 'em the best you can and hope and play for the best."

GREEN BAY, RAMS EVEN IN STATISTICS

DEC 14 (Los Angeles) - To look at the NFL's statistics, the Ram-Packer game at the Coliseum Sunday looks about as even as a game can get. The stats are strikingly similar. For one thing, the teams are the passingest in the league. The Rams have thrown 302 times for 2,304 yards; the Packers 325 times for 2,403 yards, high in the NFL...OTHERS TRAIL: No other clubs in the league have passed more than 300 times and only one other, the Bears, has gained more than 2,000 yards. L.A. has completed 152 passes; Green Bay 156. L.A. has 194 first downs rushing; Green Bay 193. The Rams have scored 31 touchdowns; Green Bay 32. The Rams have 242 points; Green Bay 243. Defensively, too, there are similarities. Green Bay has given up more points than anyone in the loop, 293, and the Rams are next, 296. Each rush against the Ram line has averaged 4 yards; against Green Bay, 5...SIMILAR STATS: Opponents have completed 141 passes against L.A. (53.8%) and 126 against Green Bay (54.1%). In view of all these facts, it can't help to be anything but a tie game. But how do you explain the score of their last meeting: Green Bay 42, Los Angeles 17. Figures. Phooey.

SID'S WIFE SPEAKS: 'GILLMAN PROVES HE CAN TAKE IT'

DEC 14 (Los Angeles) - Everyone's asking, "What's been wrong with the Rams this year?" So we asked the person closest to the situation - charming Esther Gillman, wife of the Rams' head coach. Esther didn't claim to know, but she does know one thing for sure' there's nothing wrong with Sid. "I've seen a stronger Sid emerge from all this," smiled the petite, dark-eyed Mrs. Gillman at their lovely new home atop Mulholland Drive in Sherman Oaks Estate. "In a way, I've come to know Sid better this season - after all these years - because he's talked more to me about football than ever before. Sid isn't discouraged. And I believe with all my heart that 'dissension' is not the underlying cause. But he's proven he can take it. Of course, this season has been a blow to his pride; with millions watching every game, and the eyes of a sports-loving city focused on him, it's a hard thing to live with. Sid's a very sensitive person."...SHE IS A FAITHFUL CORRESPONDENT: "But he hasn't let it spoil his home life. He's the same considerate husband he's always been. He's never once shown disappointment in front of our two youngsters, Terry, 12, and Tommy, 10. He laughs with them, and unfailingly writes weekly letters to our married daughter Lyle at Ohio State, and Barbara, a soph at Cal. But we talk about it. It's ironic, because after all these years of being pessimistic - all coaches are, you know - I really felt at the start of this year Sid was going to be optimistic. He thought he had a great team, and he said so. Then, early in the season, when our boys played well, yet still lost to the 49ers, I got a funny feeling. Call it foreboding. But I woke up at 4 a.m. with a flutter in my heart, plain scared."...LAW OF AVERAGES: "Maybe the law of averages caught up with us. Then there have been all those injuries. This is not only the worst season the Rams ever had, but it's the worst Sid's ever had. Why, it's his first losing season! I don't recall him ever losing more than two games in a row, and the poorest his record have been was 50-50. Losing is something new. It's not pleasant." Esther got up and looked out the bay windows of the living room at the sweeping mountain vista below. "We love it here. Every morning we wake up to the



LOYAL—Things may be a bit rough for the Rams at the moment, but Coach Sid Gillman's wife Esther keeps an air of optimism.
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sounds of bulldozers carving new lots out of mountainsides. It's sounds of progress. I say to Sid, 'Everything is all right as long as those bulldozers keep carving new lots out of mountainsides. It's sounds of progress. I say to Sid, 'Everything is all right as long as those bulldozers keep moving.'...DOESN'T READ PAPERS: "Everything will be all right with us again now; we'll get moving. All Sid wants is the chance to prove it. We hear the criticisms, 'too many players trade, 'dissension on the club,' Sportswriters accuse him of not reading the papers. Well, he doesn't. He just doesn't have time. Besides, I read them. Every word. Do I tell him what he needs to know?" Esther's brown eyes twinkled. "You bet." "I'm not supposed to be talking football. I'm just a wife. But Sid's whole life is football. In every house we've ever lived in, he's turned the garage into a den. We've never owned an auto that's had a home. The car has always given way to desks, chairs, movie projectors, file cabinets and blackboards. Sid rarely quits work before midnight."...ON TRIPS WITH RAMS: "Right now, defeat is a hard thing to escape. I was with the Rams on their two-weeks road trip. Everywhere we go - plane, train, even to dinner - it's, 'What's happened this year? What's wrong?' The fans have a right to ask. I sit in the stands and some guy yells, 'Why

doesn't that Gillman put in so-and-so,' and it hurts a little more. But look at Detroit, they won 3, lost 9 last year and they bounced back. So can we!"

HORNUNG AND PACKERS TALK CONTRACT TERMS

DEC 15 (South Bend) - Paul Hornung, Notre Dame's All-American quarterback who was the bonus pick in the NFL draft this year, conferred here Friday with Green Bay Packer representatives, but did not sign any contract. "I want to listen to what Vancouver of the Canadian league has to say," he said later. Vancouver won draft rights to Hornung, this year's Heisman trophy winner in the Canadian league. Hornung and his business representative, Julius Tucker, met with President R.W. Bogda and talent scout Jack Vainisi of the Packers. It was understood that the Packers suggested both one and three year contracts for Hornung. Because the 20 year old signal caller still has military service ahead of him, there were varying offers in the proposed contracts. Vancouver representatives were expected to confer with Hornung early next week.

'WE'LL KILL PACKERS', SAYS RAMS

DEC 15 (Los Angeles) - The Rams need a victory over the Packers in Memorial Coliseum Sunday to close the NFL season in a tie with Green Bay in the Western Conference. Will they get it? "We'll kill the Packers," said fullback Tank Younger after the Rams' last workout. "It's Tom Fears day, honoring one of our greatest players, and we're all going to have a great day for a great guy." "That goes for our defense," chipped in Les Richter, giant linebacker. But the Packers have a 42-17 win over the Rams and if Tobin Rote has another good day as he did in Milwaukee, the Packers are going to be hard to handle, although with fullback Howie Ferguson out of the lineup with a knee injury some of the sock may be missing from the attack. With Ferguson sent home with injured knees and halfbacks Jack Losch and Al Carmichael ailing, Coach Liz Blackburn's healthiest backfield has Fred Cone at fullback, Joe Johnson and Bill Roberts at the halfbacks and Rote and Bart Starr at quarterback. Cone, who has come to life at 30, needs only two more points to become the Packers' No. 3 all-time scorer. He now has 372 - one behind Clarke Hinkle. The Rams will certainly keep a close check on Freddie, now that he's a hot article. Cone, in five games, has averaged nearly four yards per rush on 37 trips for 143 yards and caught 11 passes for 222 yards for a 20-yard average and two touchdowns. He caught a 69-yarder from Rote at San Francisco for the longest TD aerial in his pro career. The Rams are still plagued with injuries. Coach Sid Gillman will have fullback Joe Marconi at left half. Leon Clarke, end, has been moved in as flankerback to give the team a man sized punch. Halfback Tom Wilson apparently has recovered from a rib separation that kept him out of action for two weeks, and he will add deception to the Los Angeles attack. A crowd of 45,000 is expected to watch the windup, and if so the Rams will have played to about 22,000 more persons than they did last season when they won the Western Conference title. The game will not be televised but will be aired by radio. The Rams hold a 15-6 edge in the all-time series and haven't been beaten by the Packers in the Coliseum since 1947 when the Packers won, 30-10.

RAMS OWNERS IN COUNTER BID

DEC 15 (Los Angeles) - The Los Angeles Debating Society, also known as the Los Angeles Ram football team, sandwiched some practice in between its various committee meetings yesterday as they prepared to meet the Green Bay Packers in the NFL finale at the Coliseum tomorrow. For the past week, the players have held meetings among themselves and with the embattled owners on such subjects as preseason pay, increased meal allowances and free insurance...VAN BROCKLIN NOMINATED: In one of the late developments, the Rams nominated quarterback Norm Van Brocklin to represent them when members of the proposed NFL Players' Association meet during the NFL championship game. The players will pay Van Brocklin's expenses. As it stands now, the situation is still up in the air, along with the battle for ownership among Dan Reeves, Fred Levy, Ed Pauley and Hal Seley. The players first asked \$50 a week during the exhibition season, increased road meal allowances from \$6 to \$8.50 and free group insurance (each player pays his own now)...OWNERS MAKE OFFER: The owners retaliated with an offer to slice everything down the middle and offered a preseason salary of \$25 a week, meal allowances of \$7.50 and half the insurance money. This insurance includes the players' dependents and is aside from the insurance the club purchases against player injuries. The player committee, composed of Van Brocklin, Elroy Hirsch, Dick Daugherty, Bill Wade and Les Richter, thought kindly of this proposal and presented it to the team. Meanwhile, one or two players not on the committee waged a campaign to reject this offer in favor of the proposed national organization being masterminded by Cleveland lawyer Creighton Miller. As of now, the players have neither rejected nor accepted management's offer, preferring to keep it in their hip pockets until they see whether the national group will be able to do better by them...SCHRAMM

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NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE						
Eastern Conference						
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New York	7	3	1	.700	243	190
Washington	6	4	0	.600	166	183
Chicago Cards	6	5	0	.545	216	175
Cleveland	5	6	0	.455	160	153
Pittsburgh	4	7	0	.364	194	250
Philadelphia	3	7	1	.300	136	194
Western Conference						
	W	L	T	Pct	PS	OP
Detroit	9	2	0	.818	279	150
Chicago Bears	8	2	1	.800	325	225
Baltimore	4	6	0	.400	234	275
San Francisco	4	6	1	.400	203	267
GREEN BAY	4	7	0	.364	243	293
Los Angeles	3	8	0	.273	242	286
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* However, the term of this three year contract shall be extended beyond the said three years for such period of time as the Player shall be engaged in military service.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE STANDARD PLAYERS CONTRACT

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BETWEEN

Green Bay Packers, Inc. A Corporation in the State of Wisconsin

which operates Green Bay Packers, and which is a member of the National Football League, and which is hereinafter called the "Club," and Paul Hornung of 2228 Portland Ave., Louisville, Ky. hereinafter called the "Player."

In consideration of the respective promises herein the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The term of this contract shall be from the date of execution hereof until the first day of May following the close of the football season commencing in 1957-58-59. This three year contract does not include military service.
2. The Player agrees that during the term of this contract he will play football and will engage in activities related to football only for the Club and as directed by the Club according to the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the National Football League, hereinafter called the "League," and of the Club, and the Club, subject to the provisions hereof, agrees during such period to employ the Player as a skilled football player. The Player agrees during the term of this contract to report promptly for the Club's training sessions to render his full time services during the training seasons and at the Club's direction to participate in all practice sessions and in all League and other football games scheduled by the Club.
3. For the Player's services as a skilled football player during the term of this contract, and for his agreement not to play football or engage in activities related to football for any other person, firm, corporation or institution during the term of this contract, and for the option hereinafter set forth giving the Club the right to renew this contract, and for the other undertakings of the Player herein, the Club promises to pay the Player each football season during the term of this contract the sum of \$15,000.00 to be payable as follows: 75% of said salary in weekly installments commencing with the first and ending with the last regularly scheduled League game played by the Club during such season and the balance of 25% of said sum at the end of said last regularly scheduled League game.

In addition, the Club promises and agrees to pay the reasonable board and lodging expenses of the Player incurred while playing games for the Club in other than the Club's home city and also to pay all proper and necessary travelling expenses of the Player and his meals en route to and from said games.

4. The Player agrees at all times to comply with and to be bound by all the provisions of the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the League and of the Club, all of which are hereby made a part of this contract. If the Player fails to comply with said Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations the Club shall have the right to terminate this contract or to take such other action as may be specified in said Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, or as may be directed by the Commissioner of the League, hereinafter called the "Commissioner." The Player agrees to submit himself to the discipline of the League and of the Club for any violation of such Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations subject however, to the right to a hearing by the Commissioner. All matters in dispute between the Player and the Club shall be referred to the Commissioner and his decision shall be accepted as final, complete, conclusive, binding and unappealable, by the Player and the Club. The Player hereby waives any and all rights of action against the Commissioner, the League, the Club or any of its members or stockholders, and against any officer of the Club or of the League arising out of or in connection with decisions of the Commissioner, except to the extent of awards made by the Commissioner to the Player. The Player hereby acknowledges that he has read said Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations and that he understands their meaning.

5. The Player promises and agrees that during the term of this contract he will not play football or engage in activities related to football for any other person, firm, corporation or institution except with the prior written consent of the Club and the Commissioner, and that he will not during the term of this contract engage in any game or exhibition of baseball, basketball, hockey, wrestling boxing or any other sport which endangers his ability to perform his services hereunder, without the prior written consent of the Club. The Player likewise promises and agrees that during the term of this contract, when, as and if he shall receive an invitation to participate in any All-Star football game which is approved by the League, he will play in said game in accordance with all the terms and conditions relating thereto, including the player compensation therein set forth, as are agreed to between the League and the Sponsor of such game.

6. The Player represents and warrants that he is and will continue to be sufficiently highly skilled in all types of football team play to play professional football of the caliber required by the League and by the Club, that he is and will continue to be in excellent physical condition, and agrees to perform his services hereunder to the complete satisfaction of the Club and its Head Coach. If in the opinion of the Head Coach the Player does not maintain himself in excellent physical condition or fails at any time during the football seasons included in the term of this contract to demonstrate sufficient skill and capacity to play professional football of the caliber required by the League and by the Club, or if in the opinion of the Head Coach the Player's work or conduct in the performance of this contract is unsatisfactory as compared with the work and conduct of other members of the Club's squad of players, the Club shall have the right to terminate this contract upon written notice to the player of such termination.

7. Upon termination of this contract the Club shall pay the Player only the balance remaining due him for travelling and board and lodging expenses and any balance remaining due him for football seasons completed prior to termination, and, if termination takes place during a football season, any balance remaining due him on that portion of his total compensation for that season as provided in paragraph 3 hereof which the number of regularly scheduled League games already played by the Club during that season bears to the total number of League games scheduled for the Club for that season.

8. The Player hereby represents that he has special, exceptional and unique knowledge, skill and ability as a football player, the loss of which cannot be estimated with any certainty and cannot be fairly or adequately compensated by damages and therefore agrees that the Club shall have the right, in addition to any other rights which the Club may possess, to enjoin him by appropriate injunction proceedings against playing football or engaging in activities related to football for any person, firm, corporation or institution and against any other breach of this contract.

9. It is mutually agreed that the Club shall have the right to sell, exchange, assign and transfer this contract and the Player's services to any other Club of the League and the Player agrees to accept such assignment and to report promptly to the assignee club and faithfully to perform and carry out this contract with the assignee club as if it had been entered into by the Player with the assignee club instead of with this club.

10. On or after the date of expiration of this contract, the Club may, upon notice in writing to the Player, renew this contract for a further term until the first day of May following said expiration on the same terms as are provided by this contract, except that (1) the Club may fix the rate of compensation to be paid by the Club to the Player during said period of renewal, which compensation shall not be less than ninety percent (90%) of the amount paid by the Club to the Player during the preceding season, and (2) after such renewal this contract shall not include a further option to the Club to renew the contract, the phrase "rate of compensation" as above used shall not be understood to include bonus payments or payments of any nature whatsoever other than the precise sum set forth in Paragraph 3 hereof.

11. Player acknowledges the right and power of the Commissioner of the National Football League (a) to fine and suspend, (b) to fine and suspend for life or indefinitely, and/or (c) to cancel the contract of, any player who accepts a bribe or who agrees to throw or fix a game or who, having knowledge of the same, fails to report an offered bribe or an attempt to throw or fix a game, or who bets on a game, or who is guilty of any conduct detrimental to the welfare of the National Football League, or of professional football; and the Player hereby releases the Commissioner of the National Football League, individually and in his official capacity, and also the National Football League and every club and every officer, director and stockholder of the League and of every club thereof, jointly, and severally, from all claims and demands for damages and every claim and demand whatsoever he may have arising out of or in connection with the decision of said Commissioner of the National Football League in any of the aforesaid cases.

12. Any payments made hereunder to the Player for a period during which he is entitled to workman's compensation benefits by reason of temporary total, permanent total, temporary partial, or permanent partial disability shall be deemed an advance payment of compensation benefits due the player, and the club shall be entitled to be reimbursed the amounts thereof out of any award of compensation.

13. This agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties and there are no oral or written inducements, promises or agreements except as contained herein. This agreement shall become valid and binding upon each party hereto only when, as and if it shall be approved by the Commissioner.

14. This agreement has been made under and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Pennsylvania

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Player has hereunto set his hand and seal and the Club has caused this contract to be executed by its duly authorized officer on the date set opposite their respective names.

GREEN BAY PACKERS, INC.

WITNESS: *Bernard Hoelting* 12-14-56 By *R. M. ...* Club
Date *Paul V. Hornung* Player
Bob Bell 12-14-56 2228 Portland Ave., Louisville, Ky.
Approved Commissioner Date Player's Address

This Copy to be sent to Commissioner for Approval
Return to Member Club

STATEMENT: Tex Schramm, Ram general manager, issued a statement yesterday which said, in part: "I was advised by the committee that the team has deferred action on the points discussed with the owners. They likewise elected not to join any league player representative group at this time and voted the player committee full authority to act on the team's behalf in the future. Neither the club nor the player committee plan any further discussions or anticipate any additional action at this time."...EXTRA POINTERS: Center John Morrow received a special delivery letter Wednesday which contained season's greetings from his draft board. Morrow, an ROTC graduate at Michigan, may attempt to secure the six-month deal now available. Baltimore's Alan Ameche is under the same program. The setup allows a man to go on active duty for six months provided he then remains in the active reserve program for six years...As if things haven't been bad enough for the Ram coaching staff lately, a thief broke into the dressing room quarters Wednesday and relieved Line Coach Joe Thomas of \$80, End Coach Lowell Storm of \$35 and Line Coach Joe Madro of \$9. Head Coach Sid Gillman got off for free, for a change...Although tackle Bud McFadin has intimated he may not return, unlike Gen. MacArthur, he also left himself an out in the event he changes his mind. "I've got a few scores to settle around the league," the deep-voiced giant said...End Elroy Hirsch, ever loyal, ordered a hamburger for lunch yesterday and then, on second thought, said, "Make that a cheeseburger. After all, I'm from Wisconsin."...The Rams have held so many meetings this year Ye Olde Rams club should present a gavel to the player adjudged "Best in parliamentary procedure."...It'll be interesting to watch developments between Ram end Leon Clarke and Packer halfback Bobby Dillon tomorrow. In the Packer game at Milwaukee, Dillon kicked Clarke in the head while the ex-Trojan lay on the ground after tackling a Packer. Dillon later apologized, but Clarke apparently feels he's still got a kick coming.

PACKERS TACKLE LOS ANGELES IN '56 FINALE SUNDAY

DEC 15 (Los Angeles-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - "The defense will have to pull us through. That unit is at least well." That's how Coach Liz Blackburn looked on the Packers' 1956 windup against the Los Angeles Rams in the Coliseum here Sunday afternoon. "Our offense is gimpy (bothered by little hurts), but if our defense can hold we stand a chance to win," Liz pointed out today after sending the Packers through their final practice of the current season. Loss of fullback Howie Ferguson and offensive guard Forrest Gregg and an injury to center Jim Ringo could rob the Packers of two important offensive sparks - rushing and protection for Tobin Rote. What else is there? Joe

Skibinski and Buddy Brown will divide up the duties vacated by Gregg, who had become a key figure in protecting Rote before he went into service last Tuesday. If Rote is hurried, Billy Howton, Gary Knafelc, Fred Cone and Joe Johnson will be much less effective. Injured Jack Losch and Al Carmichael are coming along better than expected and Liz announced that Losch will start in Ferguson's position at left half. Cone will be at fullback and Johnson or Carmichael at flanker. The defensive players are in perfect health and anxious to cut the Rams down to size. Actually, the defense did a commendable job in the 38-20 loss at San Francisco last Sunday. Two of the 49ers' touchdowns came on an interception and a fumble recovery deep in Packer territory. The defense, getting a lift from a spectacular performance by Rote and Howton, held the Rams to 17 points in their last meeting...**LEAD WITH VAN BROCKLIN:** The Rams will lead off with Norm Van Brocklin at quarterback, which will be a new experience this year for the Pack. Bill Wade started in Milwaukee and Rudy Bukich followed, Van only going in for punting purposes. Los Angeles is supposed to perform as a "new team" Sunday with Van Brocklin at the helm due to the life the Dutchman has injected into the Rams in beating the Baltimore Colts here last Sunday. Van Brocklin is expected to pass most of the afternoon, while using Tom Wilson, the talented rookie, and veteran Tank Younger to keep the Bays honest. With the league team passing championship at stake, Rote is expected to hurl most of the time – providing he gets some protection. If he doesn't, Rote might do a lot of running himself...A crowd of 45,000, or more with good weather, is expected for the Tom Fears Day production. Kickoff is set for 3:35, Green Bay time, and there will be no telecast back home. The test will be radioed back to Packerland via WJPG...The Packers will have the law of averages going for them Sunday because the Rams have never lost a league finale since they moved out here from Cleveland in 1946. In running up 10 straight closing triumphs, the Rams have never scored less than four touchdowns in each windup. Green Bay has beaten Los Angeles only once out here. That was in 1947 when the Pack scored a 30-10 victory in the second last game for both clubs. The Packers will be playing their 36th league game under Blackburn, who is closing out his third campaign as head coach. He has a chance to post his second best record since a win would put the Bays at 5-7 for the year. His 1954 team posted 4-8 and the '55 squad produced 6-6...**BRIEFS:** Billy Howton will be the Packers' player representative at a meeting before the championship game out East (Washington or New York) Dec. 30. The players will sit down with attorney Creighton Miller of Cleveland for the purpose of organizing some sort of player group. In time, the players hope to get a uniform pay scale for exhibitions and other concessions...The Baltimore Colts are supposed to be sounding out Buck Shaw as their next head coach to replace Weeb Ewbank...Dick Deschaine needs a 55-yard punting average Sunday for any chance to gain the league punt championship from Van Brocklin. Dick can do it.

PACKERS CONFIDENT HORNUNG WILL PLAY HERE IN '57

DEC 15 (Green Bay) - Packer officials are "very confident Paul Hornung will be with the Packers in 1957." This optimistic statement was made today by Jack Vainisi, head Packer scout, after he and four other Green Bay Packer officials conferred with the Notre Dame All-American in South Bend, Ind., Friday. "We hope to have an answer from him in the very near future," Vainisi said, explaining that Hornung wasn't signed because the Heisman Trophy winner "would rather not make a decision until after he plays in the East-West game." (The East-West game, a Shrine benefit, will be played in San Francisco Jan. 1.) Vainisi characterized the meeting "as very satisfactory," reporting that Notre Dame Coach Terry Brennan had joined Hornung and the Packer delegation for lunch. In addition to Vainisi, the Packers were represented in the discussions by President Russell W. Bogda and L.H. Joannes, Les Kelly and Bernard Darling of the executive committee. Hornung demonstrated interest in what position he might play with the Packers, Vainisi said, adding that he had informed Green Bay's bonus choice that Head Coach Liz Blackburn would make that decision. Asked what position he would prefer to play, Hornung smiled, "I'd rather be a quarterback. It's better to have someone blocking for you instead of being a front man for some other fellow." It has been indicated that if quarterbacks Tobin Rote and Bart Starr are available in '57, the Notre Dame field general may be moved to a running halfback position. Another high draft choice, No. 1 pick Ron Kramer of Michigan, has been eyed by Blackburn for use as a slot man, or blocking back. Kramer, who still has basketball and track eligibility, cannot be signed until he finishes track competition next spring. Following yesterday's conference with the Packers, Hornung said he plans to talk to officials of the Vancouver club in the Canadian football league. Vancouver has drafted the Irish star for the Canadian loop, just as the Packers picked him in the NFL.

RAMS SIX-POINT FAVORITES TODAY

DEC 16 (Los Angeles) - Players on the Los Angeles Ram football team, whose 1956 season has consisted largely of meetings and beatings, will attempt to finish matters on a happy note when they face the Green Bay Packers at the Coliseum today. A crowd of 45,000 is expected to be on hand for the 1:35 kickoff. Although the Rams were ruined by these Packers at Milwaukee two months ago, 42-17, the boys in the back room have remained unconvinced and established the locals as 6-point favorites. In that particular game, quarterback Tobin Rote teamed with his two ace receivers, ends Bill Howton and Gary Knafelc, to dissemble the Ram defenses...**HOWTON SETS RECORD:** The 6-foot, 2-inch Howton caught seven passes in the ball game, two for touchdowns, and personally accounted for gains of 257 yards to break a record of 237 set by the legendary Don Hutson. Since then the Packers record has been spotty but nonetheless turned giant killers in two successive games by beating Detroit's league-leading Lions, 24-20, and then coming back to nudge Chicago's Cardinals, 24-21. In their next and most recent outings, against the fast-finishing 49ers, the Packers bowed, 38-20. Quarterback Norm

Van Brocklin, who'll start for the Rams today, didn't appear at all against the Packers. Bill Wade opened and played the first half, while Rudy Bukich finished up. Joining Van Brocklin in the offensive backfield will be three rookies – Tom Wilson at left half, Joe Marconi at fullback and Leon Clarke at flanker. Between-half ceremonies will honor Tom Fears, the former Bruin who concluded his professional career this season after nine years as an outstanding end in the league. The Rams will be protecting a record of never having lost their final home game of the season. And they have never failed to score at least 28 points in a season-ender. The Rams, described by one of their many owners, Comedian Bob Hope as the “only team in town which hasn't been accused of playing professional football,” could drag Green Bay into the cellar with them by winning today. The Packers have a 4-7 mark, the Rams a 3-8.

Packers Tackle Los Angeles in '56 Finale Sunday