



Baltimore Colts (3-0) 24, Green Bay Packers (2-1) 20
Saturday October 8th 1955 (at Milwaukee)

Pack Drive Short, Colts Win 24-20 Before 40,199

Bays Outplay Baltimore After 21 to 7 Deficit in First Period

GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(MILWAUKEE) - Maybe it just wasn't in the cards for the Packers to win two of their first three games in the last few seconds. They roared 80 yards in 1:30 to beat Detroit in the last 20 seconds three weeks ago. They had 60 yards to go against Baltimore here Saturday night and two minutes to make it in but the drive and the game ended on the Colts' 16 when Tobin Rote's last pass seemed inches from completion to Billy Howton for what would have been the winning touchdown. Thus, the Colts skinned through for a 24 to 20 victory before a record crowd of 40,199 in County Stadium. it was the Packers' first National league loss of the season and the Colts' third straight win. Los Angeles is next for the Pack - here Sunday, while the Colts visit the Chicago Bears. There was one big difference in the last-ditch drives against Detroit and Baltimore. Against the Lions, the Packers had two timeouts left and used 'em to stop the clock; they had none left vs. Baltimore and the clock kept running. Actually, the game might have been won earlier. The Packers had a Rote-Howton touchdown pass nullified by an offside penalty in the third quarter. This would have produced a 21-21 tie at a time when the Colts were hanging on for dear life. In fact, the Baltimores had to trust to crossed fingers after they built up a 21-7 lead in the first quarter. They were held to no touchdowns, a measly four first downs and one field goal in the last three quarters by the Bays' stout defense. The Packers made it 21-14 at the half, 21-17 in the third quarter and traded field goals in the fourth period. There wasn't a touchdown scored by either team in the last half and four of the game's five TDs were scored in 13 minutes and 35 seconds of the first quarter. Baltimore's 21 points at the start exceeded by one the entire output of the Bears and Lions in two games against the

Packers. The game's first two TDs were scored in the first 41 seconds. On Baltimore's first play, Alan Ameche fumbled when tackled hard by Bobby Dillon, Roger Zatkoff recovering on the Colt 37. On the first play, Rote, faking Baltimore's line to a standstill, hurled to Howton for a touchdown and the big crowd screamed its approval. They kept yelling when the Pack forced a punt but on the Bays' second down Rote fumbled and Don Joyce recovered on the Packer 12. Ameche scored in two thrusts, going around right end for five for the touchdown. Then, in quick order, George Shaw hurled an 82-yard aerial to Buddy Young and a 40-yarder to Jim Mutscheller for a 21-7 lead. Other than a field goal by Bert Rechichar in the fourth quarter, set up by Rote's second fumble, the pass to Mutscheller was the end of Baltimore's offense for the night. The

Bays made it 21-14 on Ferguson's plunge in the third quarter - also the end of the Bays' offense, other than two field goals. While the Bay defense slammed the door shut, the Packer offense just couldn't catch up - labor as it did in the last three quarters. In the second half, the Packers had the ball for 50 plays and the Colts for only 24, with the Bays making 10 first downs to the Colts' two. But the Packers couldn't beg, borrow or steal a touchdown. They gambled twice in the third quarter on fourth down inches-to-go situations around midfield and came out with Fred Cone's 47-yard field goal, the longest in his career. They gambled twice in the fourth quarter. With 7:50 left, Veryl Switzer missed a first down on Baltimore's 25 by inches. With 5:50 left, the Packers needed six on fourth down and Rote completed a 15-yarder to Howton on Baltimore's 27. On the next series, the Packers were a foot from a first down on the Colt 18 when an offside penalty on fourth down made it six yards to go. What to do? Gamble and maybe lose the ball or kick a field goal and go for the win instead of a tie! Bay Coach Liz Blackburn called for a field goal and he said later: "The field goal was my decision and mine alone. I went for the win - not the tie. We figured to get the ball again with over four minutes left. We did get the ball again and if Rote's pass had been six inches shorter we would have won." Cone field goaled perfectly from the 28 and the score was 24-20 with 4:33 left. With Nate Borden and Roger Zatkoff making key tackles of Alan Ameche and George Shaw, the Colts had to kick right back and the Packers started their last drive from their own 40 with 2:00 left. Rote called seven pass plays in the last-ditch campaign and completed four of them for 44 yards. Here's what happened: Rote hurled to Howie Ferguson for 11 to the Colt 49; Rote's pass to Gary Knafelc was incomplete; Rote threw to Switzer for 14 to 35 and then hit the same receiver for eight to the 27 with 39 seconds left; Rote was incomplete to Howton in the end zone; Rote threw to Knafelc for 11 to the 16; Rote was incomplete to Howton in the end zone. The heralded duel between the two fullbacks - Ferguson of the Pack and the Colts' Ameche, was won by Fergie, who was at his best against the Colts' strong defense. Each crasher carried 20 times, Ferguson making 71 yards and Ameche 57. The talented Horse of Wisconsin displayed plenty of power, but the rugged Packer line cut him down repeatedly on his favorite bursts up the middle. Never used as a pass catcher at Wisconsin and in the Colts' first two games, the small-handed Ameche caught two short flips for 18 yards. Ferguson caught three for 15. One of the unbelievables is that the Colts won the game with only eight first downs, while the Packers lost with 17. The yardage also shows how much the Bays outplayed their red-shirted guests. The Packers rolled up 327 yards against 252 for the Colts. The losers had 136 yards rushing to the Colts' 90, while Rote hurled for 191 yards passing against Shaw's 162. Actually, Shaw made 142 of his yards on the two touchdown strikes. He was virtually shut out the rest of the game, completing three passes after the first quarter. He finished with six completions in 15 attempts. Rote completed 19 - 15 in the last half - out of 39 tries, 28 in the last half. In the "unfortunate" department, the two clubs were even, the Packers intercepting three passes and the Colts recovering three fumbles. The game was extremely rough but the officials didn't call a personal foul all night. The Colts did a lot of work with their fists and elbows, several times in the open, but they suffered the most for the future in that two of their best defensive men experienced damaging injuries - Gino Marchetti, with a shoulder separation, and Joe Campanella, with a knee, and will be lost for two or three games or more. Halfback L.G. Dupre went out early with a knee injury. After Howton and Ameche exchanged touchdowns, the game looked like a tight tussle as Dick Deschaine and Monte Brethauer went in to a punting duel. Dick's second punt put the Colts back on their 14 but two plays later the Colts scored. Young went off right end for four. On the next play, he eased down the right sideline, while Doyle Nix picked up the short man, and then took off like a scared rabbit. He took Shaw's perfect pass on the Packer 48 and chased into the end zone to complete an 82-yard play. Bert Rechichar kicked the first of three extra points for a 14-7 score. Deschaine had to punt right back and the

Offside!

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	PS	OP
Baltimore	3	0	0	1.000	75	50
Los Angeles	3	0	0	1.000	67	50
Green Bay	2	1	0	.667	64	44
San Francisco	1	2	0	.333	37	80
Chicago Bears	0	3	0	.000	39	67
Detroit	0	3	0	.000	40	65

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	PS	OP
Chicago Cards.	2	1	0	.667	59	41
Washington	2	1	0	.667	68	71
Cleveland	2	1	0	.667	76	47
Pittsburgh	2	1	0	.667	70	57
Philadelphia	1	2	0	.333	74	69
New York	0	3	0	.000	57	85

Saturday Night's Results
BALTIMORE 24, GREEN BAY 20

Sunday's Results
Los Angeles 17, Detroit 10
Cleveland 21, Philadelphia 17
Pittsburgh 30, New York 23
Cardinals 24, Washington 10
San Francisco 20, Bears 19

Next Saturday Night's Game
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh

Next Sunday's Games
GREEN BAY vs. LOS ANGELES at Milwaukee
San Francisco at Detroit
Cleveland at Washington
Cardinals at New York
Baltimore at Bears

The Lineups:
BALTIMORE
Ends - Berry, Marchetti, Colter-yahn, Brethauer, Mutscheller, Joyce.
Tackles - Radosevich, Donovan, Jackson, Campanella, Chorovich, Finnin.
Guards - Spinney, Patera, Eggers, Sandusky, Preas.
Centers - Szymanski, Nutter, Pellington.
Backs - Shaw, Kerkorian, Renfro, Bryan, Thomas, B. Young, Dupre, Tassef, Shula, Rechichar, Ameche, D. Young.

GREEN BAY
Ends - Knafelc, Howton, Martin-kovic, O'Donahue, Borden, Romine, Deschaine.
Tackles - Szafaryn, Lucky, Hel-luin, Dahms, Hanner, Zatkoff.
Guards - Skibinski, Bullough, Forester, Teteak, Brown, Bettis.
Centers - Ringo, Timberlake.
Backs - Rote, Brackins, Reid, Walker, Nix, Switzer, Johnson, Dil-lon Bookout, Carmichael, Ferguson, Cone.

Baltimore 21 0 0 3-24
Green Bay 7 7 3 3-20

Baltimore Scoring: Touchdowns - Ameche (5 yards, 2:59 of first quar-ter), B. Young (82-yard Shaw pass 9:43 of first), Mutscheller (40-yard Shaw pass, 13:35 of first), Field Goal - Rechichar (10 yards, :39 of fourth).
Extra Points - Rechichar 3.
Green Bay Scoring: Touchdowns - Howton (38-yard Rote pass, :41 of first), Ferguson (1 yard, 10:57 of second), Field Goals - Cone 2 (47 yards, 9:42 of third) (28 yards, 10:31 of fourth.)

Officials: Referee - Robert Austin, **Umpire**-Gilbert Castree, **Head Lines-man** - Sam Cooperman, **Back Judge** - James Hamer, **Field Judge** - Wil-liam Grimberg.

Team Statistics
Individual Statistics
Rushing:
Baltimore - Ameche gained 57 yards in 20 attempts, B. Young 26 in 6, Bryan 4 in 2, Dupre 1 in 1, Shaw 1 in 1, Renfro 0 in 3.
Green Bay - Ferguson gained 71 yards in 20 attempts, Reid 24 in 11, Rote 18 in 5, Switzer 14 in 3, Carmi-chael 9 in 1.
Passing:
Baltimore - Shaw attempted 15, completed 6 for 162 yards, 2 touch-downs, 3 intercepted.
Green Bay - Rote attempted 39, completed 19 for 191 yards, 1 touch-down, 0 interceptions.
Pass Receptions:
Baltimore - Mutscheller caught 3 for 62 yards, Ameche 2 for 18, Young 1 for 82.
Green Bay - Howton caught 6 for 86 yards, Switzer 4 for 30, Knafele 3 for 35, Ferguson 3 for 15, Carmi-chael 2 for 18, Reid 1 for 7.

Colts made a first down to the Packer 41. After Dean Renfro made one, Shaw hit Mutscheller in the end zone. Nix was with him but apparently misjudged the ball and it was 21-7. The Packers matched together two first downs as the game entered the second quarter on Ferguson's 15-yard run and runs of seven and four yards by Rote and Breezy Reid. The drive stalled on the Colt 42 and Cone missed a field goal from the 49. After another exchange of punts, Dillon intercepted Shaw's throw on the Colt 36 and returned to the 26. The Bays went all the way in eight plays on the ground. Ferguson went nine in two tries and Reid carried four to the 13. Reid made five in two tries and Ferguson bolted to the two, knocking out Marchetti, who had to be removed on a stretcher. Reid bucked one and then Ferguson crashed off left tackle and scattered photographers like scared chickens as he crossed the end line. Cone's kick made it 21-14. Just before the half, Val Joe Walker intercepted a Shaw pass but the Packers couldn't move and Deschaine punted. The Packers received to start the second half and appeared furious. Reid, weakened by the flu, banged seven in two tries and Ferguson went four to the Bay 34. After Reid added another four, Howton took Rote's pass on the Colt 40 and raced down the sidelines to pay dirt. But the Bays were offside and the thankful Colts forced a punt. The Colts couldn't move and the Packers started again from their own 38. Ferguson and Reid crashed nine yards plus and Rote threw to Ferguson for 3 1/2 and on fourth down Ferguson slammed three yards in another gamble to the Colt 40. Three passes went awry and Cone made it 21-17 with his 47-yard field goal – a shot that just cleared the crossbar. The officials, after some delay, ruled it good, but the Colts put up an argument. Rechichar tried to even it up with a 50-yarder a moment later but he was wide. Just before the end of the third period, Rote fumbled and Tassef recovered for the Colts on the Packers' 21. Ameche hit center for three and then took a screen for 10, Zatkoff blasting him out of bounds on the eight. The Packer defense really went to work, stopping Ameche on two tries on the Packer four after which Walker stopped Shaw running wide as the last quarter opened. The Colts then settled for a field goal, a 10-yarder by Rechichar for a 24-17 score. The Packers reached the Colt 48 on Rote's pass to Al Carmichael for eight and Ferguson's 12-yard run, but Howton fumbled after catching a Rote pass on the Colt 40 and Shula recovered. Zatkoff smeared Shaw for a 12-yard loss and the Bays took over on their 39. Rote went into the air and hurled to Carmichael for 10, Knafelc for 15 and Howton for nine to the Colt 25 with 8:25 left. Needing a yard for a first down, Switzer missed it by inches on a pass from Rote. Nix put the offense right back in motion when he intercepted Shaw's pass on the 50 and moved to the Colt 46. Rote hurled to Howton for 15 on fourth down with 5:00 left to the 27. After one incomplection, Rote threw to Howton for nine to the 18 on second down. Reid missed the first down, and the Packers were offside on the next play, moving it back to the 23 and setting the stage for Cone's field goal from the 28.

BALTIMORE - 21 0 0 3 - 24
GREEN BAY - 7 7 3 3 - 20



Alan Ameche fumbled (above) the first time he carried the ball for Baltimore Saturday night at County Stadium, but the ex-Wisconsin Horse more than made up for the miscue later on, scoring a touchdown in the Colts' 24-20 victory over the Packers and otherwise conducting himself like a

high class fullback. Ameche is being tackled by Bobby Dillon of the Bays as the ball pops out of his hands. Roger Zatkoff recovered for the Packers and they immediately rolled goalward.

Sentinel photo by Star's Mitchell.

Colts Nip Packers in 24-20 Duel



PACKERS' BREEZY REID (LEFT) SAILS 30 YARDS ON KICKOFF RETURN; TACKLED BY COLTS' NATE BORDEN

Sentinel Photo By Harry Meyer.

	<u>BALTIMORE</u>	<u>GREEN BAY</u>
First Downs	8	17
Rushing-Yards-TD	33-103-1	40-136-1
Att-Comp-Yd-TD-Int	16-6-162-2-3	39-19-191-1-0
Sacked-Yards	1-10	1-5
Net Passing Yards	152	186
Total Yards	255	322
Fumbles-lost	1-1	3-3
Turnovers	4	3
Yards penalized	4-30	3-25

SCORING

1st - GB - Billy Howton, 38-yard pass from Tobin Rote (Fred Cone kick) GREEN BAY 7-0

1st - BALT - Alan Ameche, 5-yard run (Bert Rechichar kick) TIED 7-7

1st - BALT - Buddy Young, 82-yd pass from George Shaw (Rechichar kick) BALTIMORE 14-7

1st - BALT - Jim Mutscheller, 40-yard pass from Shaw (Rechichar kick) BALTIMORE 21-7

2nd - GB - Howie Ferguson, 1-yard run (Cone kick) BALTIMORE 21-14

3rd - GB - Cone, 47-yard field goal BALTIMORE 21-17

4th - BALT - Rechichar, 10-yard field goal BALTIMORE 24-17

4th - GB - Cone, 28-yard field goal BALTIMORE 24-20

RUSHING

GREEN BAY - Howie Ferguson 20-71 1 TD, Breezy Reid 11-24, Tobin Rote 5-18, Veryl Switzer 3-14, Al Carmichael 1-9

BALTIMORE - Alan Ameche 20-62 1 TD, Buddy Young 6-26, Dean Renfro 3-8, Walter Bryan 2-4, L.G Dupre 1-1, George Shaw 1-1

PASSING

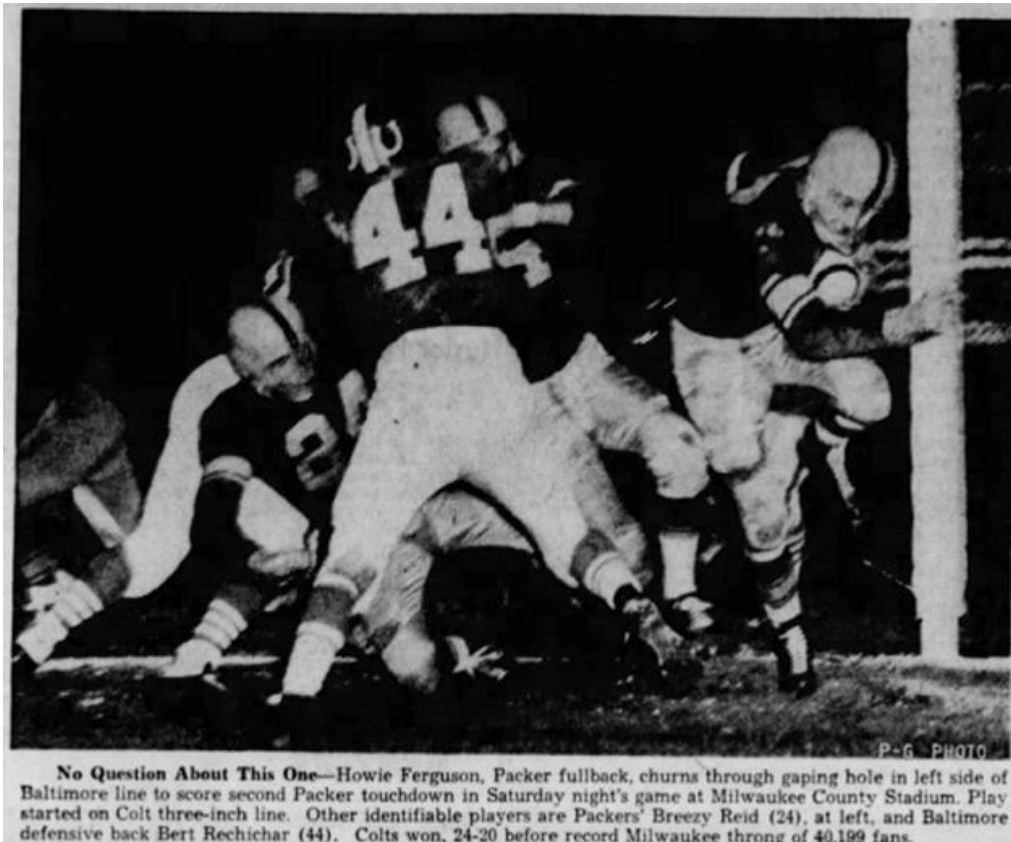
GREEN BAY - Tobin Rote 39-19-191 1 TD

BALTIMORE - George Shaw 16-6-162 2 TD 3 INT

RECEIVING

GREEN BAY - Billy Howton 6-86 1 TD, Veryl Switzer 4-30, Gary Knafelc 3-35, Howie Ferguson 3-15, Al Carmichael 2-18, Breezy Reid 1-7

BALTIMORE - Jim Mutscheller 3-62 1 TD, Alan Ameche 2-18, Buddy Young 1-82 1 TD



No Question About This One—Howie Ferguson, Packer fullback, churns through gaping hole in left side of Baltimore line to score second Packer touchdown in Saturday night's game at Milwaukee County Stadium. Play started on Colt three-inch line. Other identifiable players are Packers' Breezy Reid (24), at left, and Baltimore defensive back Bert Rechichar (44). Colts won, 24-20 before record Milwaukee throng of 40,199 fans.

First TD Cost Packers Dearly, Ewbank; Offsides 'Hurt,' Liz

Baltimore Colts, riding high in National Football League, upset Green Bay Packers 24-20 at Milwaukee on long-range passing of George Shaw, last-quarter field goal by Bert Rechichar, won third straight to keep pace with Los Angeles Rams at top of Western Conference standings.

Los Angeles all but eliminated slipping Detroit Lions from race, handed 1954 division champions their third consecutive loss in 17-10 game played before 54,836 at Detroit. Norm Van Brocklin passed for one Ram touchdown, set up other.

Cleveland Browns moved into contention in Eastern Conference, outscored Philadelphia Eagles 21-17 on veteran Otto Graham's passing, Dante Lavelli's skilled receiving at Cleveland.

Chicago Cardinals took advantage of Washington miscues, expert direction by second-year Quarterback Lamar McHan, handed Redskins their first defeat by 24-10 score at Washington.

Pittsburgh Steelers came from behind on Jimmy Finks's 23-yard touchdown pass to Ray Mathews in last quarter, throttled New York Giants 30-23 at Pittsburgh after Coach Walt Kiesling was fined \$500 (heaviest in league history) by Commissioner Bert Bell for Kiesling's behavior toward officials week earlier.

San Francisco 49ers finally got into win column, rode to close 20-19 victory over Chicago Bears on Y. A. Tittle's two touchdown tosses, hard-driving Hugh McElhenny's short plunge at Chicago.

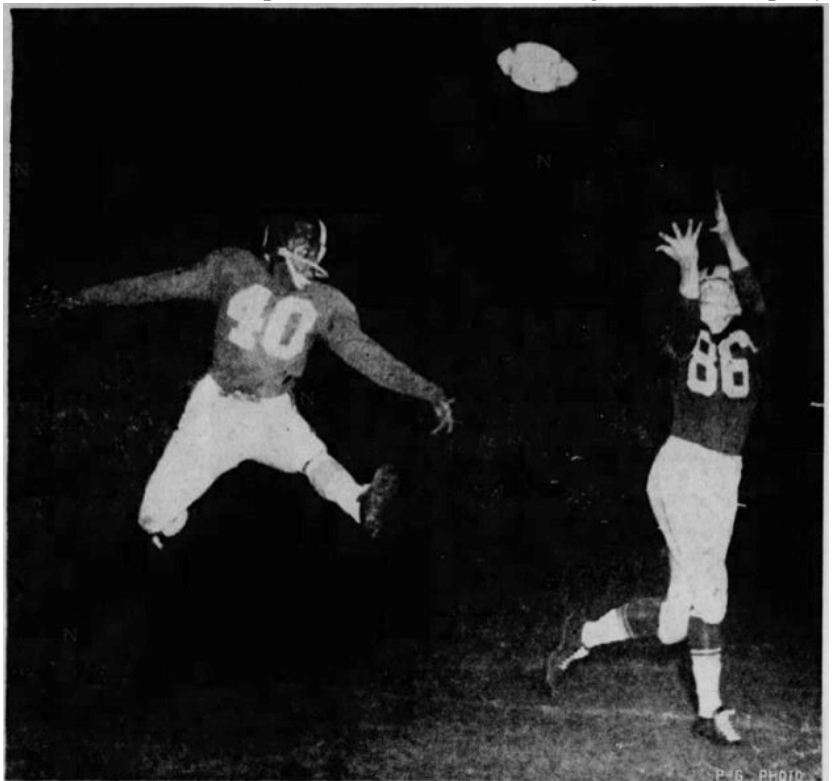
Packer secondary. "We have respect for all of them back there," Weeb declared. "That's a fine defensive backfield. On those two quick touchdowns, Shaw had an option. He saw the short man but found the long man open both times so he just lobbed it out there."...ALAN TRYING TOO HARD: He refused to compare his own Alan (The Horse) Ameche and the Packers' Howie Ferguson, but asserted, without reservation, "Ferguson is wonderful. We had respect for him before we came here. I do think, though, that Alan was trying too hard. He was on the spot up here. I think, too," he opined, "Ferguson got a little better blocking than Alan did. But there's nothing wrong with either one of them. I'd like to have both of them." Toweling himself in front of his locker just a few feet away, Ameche also declined to compare the Packers with the other NFL teams he has run against. The rookie sensation, held to 57 yards in 20 carries by the stout Packer defense, said, "Just say they're a good ball club. I've already been misquoted four times in the eastern papers," The Horse disclosed. "Somebody quoted me directly in a Baltimore paper as having said that it was easier to run in the NFL than in college football. If you don't think that doesn't hurt, you're crazy."...The Packers, undoubtedly reflecting bitterly upon what might have been, preserved a moody silence as they clumped wearily into the dressing room. Head Coach Liz Blackburn was the first to break it. Obviously proud of his athletes' all-out effort, he told them, "You played a hell of a football game, all of you - a real good one." Locker-mates Tobin Rote and Howie Ferguson sat, shoulder to shoulder, staring blankly at the floor. Rote, who held a cup of milt in his hand for a long time without drinking, was blaming himself. "I fumbled twice and gave 'em 10 points," he said bitterly. Ferguson, massaging a badly bruised left ankle, injured on the second play of the game, reminded him, "Don't forget there are eleven men out there, Tobe." A dispirited Doyle Nix, asked what happened on the Colts' second scoring pass in the end zone, replied in a low voice, "I just misjudged it." Dave Hanner, who had the pleasure of stopping Ameche on more than one occasion, left no doubt about how he ranked the Horse and Ferguson. "I don't think he compares with Fergie," he said without reservation. "I'll tell you that."...Blackburn analyzed the game differently than Ewbank. "Those two offsides, on Howton's second touchdown and before we kicked our last field goal, hurt us a lot more than those two quick Baltimore touchdowns," he said, "because they came in clutch situations. But overall," Liz felt, "the boys played marvelously, a whale of a football game, and they hung in there all the way. The defense," he continued, "was really great,

FIRST TD COST PACKERS DEARLY, EW BANK; OFFSIDES 'HURT', LIZ
OCT 10 (Milwaukee) - It may come as a surprise by diminutive Wilbur (Weeb) Ewbank, sophomore head man of the upstart Baltimore Colts, felt the Packers' first-play touchdown may have cost them dearly here Saturday night. "I think that when you get a cheap one like that," Ewbank explained, "it sometimes boomerangs on you. It's only natural for you to immediately think you have a soft touch. There is a tendency to let down and, before you recover, the other team is back in the game or ahead of you. I think that's what may have happened tonight." Still figuratively pinching himself, Weeb volunteered, "We're only thanking the good Lord for winning," as he surveyed the Colts' littered dressing room beneath the County Stadium stands. "Our scout reports were right that the Packers are a real good football team." "They hit harder than anybody we've played," he added, shaking his head with something akin to awe. "The kids were just saying the same thing. They gave us a good physical beating. The Packer did the same thing to us last year," Weeb recounted. "They beat us up so badly we didn't have enough able-bodied men to play the Redskins the next week. This time we had three players pretty badly banged up and six of them, altogether, will have to be x-rayed Monday morning." Itemizing the more serious injuries, he reported, "Gino Marchetti has a shoulder separation, Joe Campanella a knee injury and L.G. Dupre a bad ankle." All three of them are starters, Marchetti and Campanella in the Colt defensive wall and Dupre, standout rookie from Baylor, at halfback. Did he think the Colts had been keyed up for this one? "I'll answer that one this way," he said. "We don't think there are any easy teams in the NFL so we're keyed up all the time. The thing I like about our ball club is that it never quits. They gave us one on a silver platter and came right back to get a couple of their own." Ewbank denied discovering any weakness in the

except for those two lapses, and they are to be understood because we didn't ever figure them to throw long. As for the strategy on that last field goal," Liz replied in answer to a query, "I was gambling for the win (there was still 4:33 left to play) and the boys concur with it."...**SHORTEST PENALTY:** The Colts may have been assessed the shortest penalty in NFL history when, with the Packers on the Baltimore six-yard line late in the second quarter, the Hosses drew a three-inch offside levy. Ferguson scored the Packers' second touchdown on the next play...**DELAY:** The game was held up for more than five minutes shortly before that "record" penalty when the Colts' Gino Marchetti was injured. Dr. James W. Nellen, acting as Packer team physician in the absence of Dr. H.S. Atkinson, called for a stretcher after a cursory examination determined an apparent shoulder separation...**ROUNDY BREAKS TRADITION:** Joseph Leo (Roundy) Coughlin, the sage of Madison, missed a Wisconsin game for the first time since he joined the Wisconsin State Journal staff in 1931 in order to take in the Packer-Colt collision. He didn't forget his beloved Badgers entirely, however, watching Wisconsin's 9-0 victory over Purdue on television...**CONTACT!:** "I thought my ribs were caved in when Martinkovic hit me one time," the Colts' watcharm-sized Buddy Young said in the Baltimore dressing room. "Man, that's the hardest I've been hit in all my life."...**MORAL SUPPORT:** The 40,199 assembled made it abundantly clear how they felt about the Packers. They gave them a standing ovation as they came on the field before the game, and more significantly, another as they left it following the final whistle...**ASSIST FROM BRAVES:** The Braves, in the person of Asst. Trainer Joe Taylor, gave the Packers a helping hand. Taylor, in addition to serving as a volunteer cheerleader, helped Packer Trainer Bud Jorgenson and Property Man Toby Sylvester in ministering to their charges...**ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION:** The halftime entertainment, which was presented by the Packer Lumberjack band, its corps of majorettes and televised back to Baltimore, was accorded an enthusiastic reception. Featured were the Packerettes, 30 strong and waving green and gold paper pom poms, the Rockettes in a twirling demonstration, the Karsten Family acrobatic team and an exhibition by Miss Mary Jane Van Duyse, the band's head majorette and 1954 national champion...**'COLLEGE TRY':** A bit of the old college try by Al Carmichael gave the Packers an unexpected first down early in the fourth quarter. Carmichael was tackled by the Colts' Carl Taseff better than a yard shy of the mark, after taking a pass from Tobin Rote, and it appeared he had been brought to a dead stop. But Taseff relaxed his hold ever so slightly, Al wrestled himself free and dove ahead for two more years.

PRO TREND TOWARD DEFENSE - GILLMAN

OCT 10 (Milwaukee-Los Angeles Times) - The 12-hoss field in the NFL Grand Prix has passed the quarter pole and already Coach Sid Gillman of the undefeated Los Angeles Rams says he can see a definite trend on how the race will be run. Sid's not foolish enough to try to pick a winner yet, but he's convinced that the teams with the strongest defenses are the ones to beat. "Most of the clubs are resorting to sledgehammer football, grinding out their points the hard way," Gillman commented today as the Rams flew across Lake Michigan from Detroit, where they stiffed the Lions yesterday, 17 to 10. Next Sunday, they play Green Bay here...**LOW SCORES:** "I simply can't find the reason for all these low scores. The same old guys are playing quarterback, but they're not throwing as much as they have in the past," he continued. That is certainly true of the Ram quarterbacks. Dutch Van Brocklin attempted 81 passes in the Rams' first three games last year to only 66 this year. Bill Wade threw 12 against only eight so far. Yet the Rams have a 3-0-0 record and are tied with Baltimore for the lead. Despite the tremendous aerial barrage in '54, the Rams were 1-1-1 after three games. The answer, of course, is the brilliant defense fashioned by Gillman's able aides, Jack Faulkner (secondary) and Joe Thomas (line)...**TWO DRIVES:** Only two prolonged touchdown drives have succeeded against L.A., one each by Pittsburgh and the 49ers. At this point last season, we'd intercepted five passes. Will Sherman, who swiped three Sunday, already has that many. Don Burroughs has four and Les Richter two for a total of 11. Alert Rams have pounced on four enemy fumbles. Rival passers have been put under ceaseless pressure, particularly by ends Paul, Miller and Andy Robustelli and tackles Bud McFadin and Art Hauser. The Rams, with the accent on offense, yielded an average of 23.75 points per game to the opposition last year. They have reduced this by

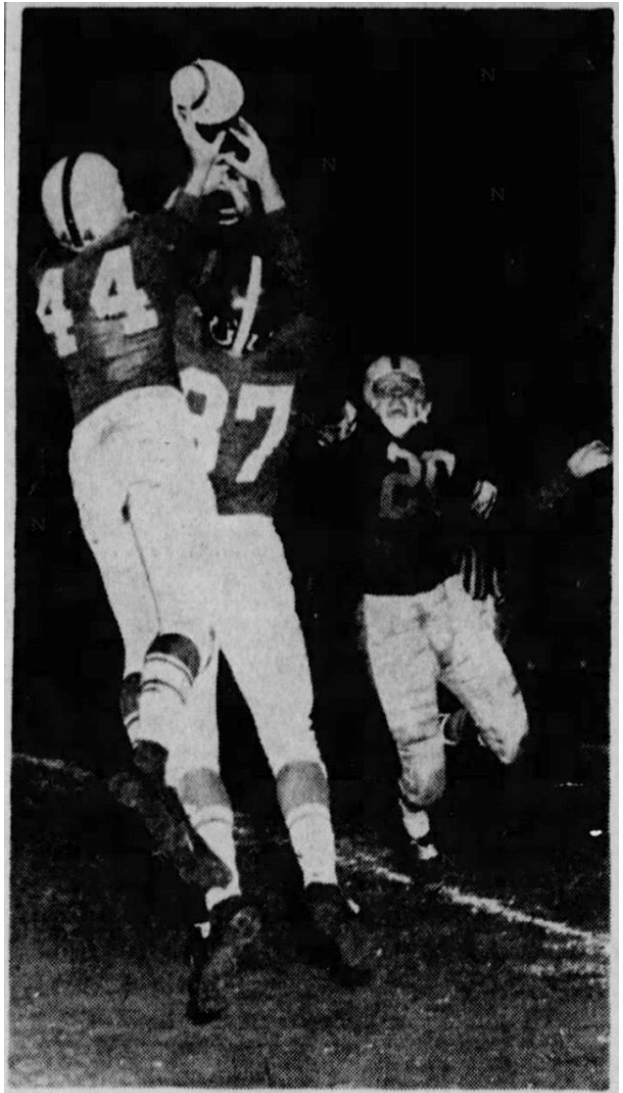


All for Naught—Packers' Bill Howton spreads hands as ball nears on third quarter pass from Tobin Rote. Howton subsequently out-ran Colts' Jesse Thomas (40), fooled on play, to goal but play was recalled because Packers were ruled offside on play. The play covered 62 yards overall.

the remarkable margin of a touchdown so far, the present average being 16.66 points per game. And but for three "gift" touchdowns to Pittsburgh, the figure would be even more impressive. Scoring throughout the league long famous for its "glorified basketball" type of play and whopping scores is down, bearing out Gillman's contention that the defense is in charge...**HAVE A CHANCE:** The average team tallied 262.7 points in 12 games in '54. At the rate they're hitting the scoreboard to date, the average will be 241.6 points per team. "You may not win 'em all, but with a good defense you'll have a chance in every ball game," Gillman said. "You can't depend on matching the other guy touchdown for touchdown. Sometimes your passers aren't hitting or your receivers aren't catching. Then you're in trouble." Sid wasn't alarmed because Bobby Layne completed 26 passes for 273 yards Sunday. "You can't just stop those short ones unless you've got 12 men on the field, and I hear that's illegal. You have to give 'em something and just hope you can pick off a few."...**RAMBLING AROUND:** Miller sprained his neck while making a key tackle in the game, but was released from Harper Hospital in Detroit today and accompanied the team here...Richter, who booted a 42-yard field goal but had near missed on three shorter attempts, said that on two of them he allowed too much angle for a brisk wind that was blowing. Incidentally, Richter credits tips he got from Doak Walker at last January's Pro Bowl game for his increased range...End Jack Bighead, who joined the club only last week, made three tackles on kickoffs...Van Brocklin's ball-handling magic with Ron Miller and Dan Towler kept the Lions baffled...Things are tough all over in Detroit. Last night, the champion Red Wings lost their third straight hockey game.

FUNERAL RITES TUESDAY FOR JAMES COFFEEN

OCT 10 (Green Bay) - Funeral services for James (Jim) Coffeen, the Green Bay Packers' first quarterback and long-time "Voice of the Packers", will be held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock from St. Willebrord's Church. Coffeen, who would have been 68 years old in October, was stricken with a heart attack on the Packer bench in County Stadium, Milwaukee, Saturday night and died a few minutes before the kickoff of the Green Bay-Baltimore game. Jim was one of the group of hometown football enthusiasts that organized the Packers as a sandlot team in 1919 and he played with it for its first two seasons. After a few years as a NFL official, he became field announcer for the Packers' home games, both here and in Milwaukee, a post he occupied until a heart ailment forced him to give it up at the beginning of the 1954 season...**FIRST IN U.S.:** Coffeen was not only field announcer for the Packers for nearly 30 years, but also the first in the United States. He began his career at old Bellevue Park in 1923, using primitive equipment devised by Pete Platten. His unique position and long service to the NFL was recognized last fall when he was presented with a lifetime pass to all league games. An all-around athlete in his youth, Mr. Coffeen was also a crack bowler and outstanding golfer for many years. He bowled in most of the major leagues in the Green Bay area, being a member of the state champion Lynch Alleys team in 1924. He gave up bowling about five years ago on the advice of his physician. As a golfer, he was one of the better players in the area and usually played several rounds a day until a couple of years ago, when he limited his game to 18 holes daily touring the Shorewood Golf Club course on a motorized caddie cart, one of the first in the area. He competed in the 1955 Wisconsin Senior tournament but withdrew after the first two days because of the heat...**EMPLOYED BY STATE:** In private life, Jim was a state beverage tax collector, having worked for the Wisconsin beverage tax division for more than 20 years. He was a member of the County Board of Supervisors from the Third Ward for many years. James Coffeen was born in Green Bay, Oct. 19, 1887, the son of the late Dr. and Mrs. Wellington B. Coffeen, and he lived here all his life. He graduated from East High School, where he was an early football star, in 1905, and then attended Beloit College and Finley, Ohio College where, he also played. While at Beloit, he set a record of a 52-yard drop kick that stands as a college standard. He served in the Army during World War I, and played for a time with the powerful Camp Zachary Taylor eleven that placed two members on Walter Eckersall's All-Midwest service team and defeated Indiana University while losing to powerful Centre College. Shortly after his return from service, he joined the original Packers, of whom seven are now



Just in Time — Bobby Dillon (44), Packer defensive halfback, arrives in nick of time to break up third quarter pass intended for Baltimore end Lloyd Colteryahn (87). No. 20 is Packers' Billy Bookout.

Funeral Rites Tuesday for James Coffeen

Longtime 'Voice of
Packers' Dies Before
Milwaukee Contest



JAMES COFFEEN

dead... WAS MARRIED IN 1919: In 1919, he married the former Christine Hermesen of Green Bay, who survives him at their home at 200 S. Adams St. Other survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Joan Coffeen McCabe, also of Green Bay, who has carried on the family golf tradition as one of the leading women golfers of Wisconsin. Two brothers, Lew Wallace Coffeen and W.G. Coffeen, live in Miami. The body is at the Schauer and Schumacher Funeral Home, where friends may call at any time. The Rosary will be recited at the funeral home tonight at 8 o'clock by St. Mary's Court No. 859, WCOF. The funeral requiem Mass Tuesday morning will be offered by the Rev. David Rondou. The American Legion, of which Coffeen was a member, will conduct military rites at Allouez Cemetery.

SPOTTY PLAY HURT US - LIZ

OCT 10 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - This cockeyed pro football season is made to order for those thousands who plunk down a small fortune and want to get their money's worth. Any team is liable to defeat any opponent on any day. It amounts to a super-duper spectator sport and a down to the wire battle for league honors. Take Saturday night's Colt-Packer game at County Stadium., for example. The Packers roared back from a 21-7 first quarter deficit and were 16 yards from victory as 40,119 went wild in the stands. Green Bay had marched from its own 40 to the Colt 16 with eight seconds left in the game, a heart thumping situation which kept the record crowd on its feet to the very end. When Tobin Rote's last ditch pass to Billy Howton was incomplete, the Colts jumped up and down like delirious high school players, relieved that their shaky session with the Packers was at last over and a 24-20 victory could be taken back to Baltimore. "It was very disappointing for us," said Packer Coach Liz Blackbourn from Green Bay Sunday. "We didn't get started right away and it was those offsides penalties and fumbles which hurt." Blackbourn praised the Colts as a "real explosive club" with a line which "really gouges you." "But, oh, how we wanted this one," added Liz. "That was a great turnout in Milwaukee, did they like it?" The Colts got off to a fast start when George Shaw hit Buddy Young for an 82 yard touchdown play and Jim Mutscheller for a 40 yard scoring scamper. It happened within three and half minutes in the first quarter and shot Baltimore's advantage to 21-7. "That first one was a defensive lapse," admitted Liz, "you can't let a guy like Young get a step on you. Doyle Nix apparently misjudged the ball on Shaw's next touchdown heave. Honestly, I thought the ball was being thrown over the end zone, myself. Except for those two long passes, Shaw didn't do much," said Liz. Statistics glaringly show that George completed but four passes after his mighty ones for 40 yards. "An offsides penalty killed us in the fourth quarter when Ferguson had apparently made a first down on the Baltimore 17," pointed Liz. "Instead it was a fourth down situation from the 23 and we went for Cone's field goal. There was still time (4 1/2 minutes) to go for the big one. And another bum break was the offside called when Rote hit Howton for a touchdown as the third period started."

The play covered 62 yards, but the penalty moved the Packers back to their own 30 where the attack sputtered. "I still believe we've got a good football team," said Liz. "But we've got to play steady all the time in this league." What about the Horse? Al Ameche met the toughest defensive line this season as he totaled only 57 yards on 20 attempts. "Ameche is a good back, there's little question about that," praised Blackbourn. "We didn't design anything special to stop him, our defense just played good football." Blackbourn reported that Breezy Reid was not at his best. "He was sick with an attack of the flu. And his performance wasn't up to par. We're taking two days off up here. Maybe a little rest wouldn't hurt us before the Ram game next Sunday." The rugged Packer defense can be indicated by three Colts who were put out of action for several weeks. Halfback L.G. Dupre was pounded in the second quarter, suffering a sprained ankle. But more serious, guard Joe Campanella and end Gino Marchetti required hospital care. Campanella tore lateral ligaments and Marchetti a dislocated shoulder. "We got kind of jammed up ourselves," reported Liz, "but I don't think too seriously. That Baltimore defense was murder." Blackbourn admitted he was a little tired and would rest by listening to some of Sunday's pro games. The Detroit-Los Angeles game seemed to get the nod. "I hope we gave Milwaukee a good game," Liz added, "it certainly supported us wonderfully."

ROTE IS NOT RUNNING AS MUCH AS BEFORE; IT'S DANGEROUS WORK

OCT 11 (Milwaukee Journal) - Tobin Rote of the Green Bay Packers is generally acclaimed as the hardest running quarterback in the NFL. Yet, when the alley was open ahead of him a couple of times against the Baltimore Colts here last

BALTIMORE COLTS

PROBABLE STARTING LINE-UP

No.	Name	Position
82	RAY BERRY	LE
72	GEO. RADOSEVICH	LT
63	ART SPINNEY	LG
52	DICK SZYMANSKI	C
68	ALEX SANDUSKY	RG
78	DICK CHOROVICH	RT
84	JIM MUTSCHELLER	RE
14	GEORGE SHAW	QB
26	ROYCE WOMBLE	LH
45	L. G. DUPRE	RH
35	ALAN AMECHE	FB

THE COLTS SQUAD

14	Shaw, QB	63	Spinney, G
18	Kerkorian, QB	65	Pellington, G
21	Bryan, HB	67	Eggers, G
22	Young, B., HB	68	Sandusky, G
23	Tuseff, HB	70	Donovan, T
24	Young, D., HB	72	Radosevich, T
25	Shula, HB	73	Campanella, T
26	Womble, HB	74	Jackson, T
31	Hugasian, HB	75	Marchetti, E
35	Ameche, FB	76	Joyce, E
40	Thomas, HB	77	Finnin, T
44	Rechichar, HB	78	Chorovich, T
45	Dupre, HB	79	Myers, T
50	Nutter, C	80	Brethauer, E
52	Szymanski, C	82	Berry, E
60	Preas, G	84	Mutscheller, E
61	Patera, G	87	Colterayhn, E



GREEN BAY PACKERS

PROBABLE STARTING LINE-UP

No.	Name	Position
84	GARY KNAFELC	LE
68	LEN SZAFARYN	LT
63	JOE SKIBINSKI	LG
51	JIM RINGO	C
62	BUDDY BROWN	RG
78	TOM DAHMS	RT
86	BILL HOWTON	RE
18	TOBIN ROTE	QB
24	BREEZY REID	LH
27	VERYL SWITZER	RH
37	HOWIE FERGUSON	FB

THE PACKERS SQUAD

15	Brackins, QB	63	Skibinski, G
18	Rote, QB	66	Teteak, G
20	Bookout, HB	67	Bullough, G
24	Reid, HB	68	Szafaryn, G
27	Switzer, HB	69	Forester, G
28	Self, HB	71	Lucky, T
31	Cone, FB	72	Helluin, T
35	Clemens, FB	74	Zatkoff, T
37	Ferguson, FB	78	Dahms, T
40	Johnson, HB	79	Hanner, T
42	Carmichael, HB	80	Deschaine, E
44	Dillon, HB	81	O'Donahue, E
45	Nix, HB	83	Martinkovic, E
47	Walker, HB	84	Knafelc, E
51	Ringo, C	85	Jennings, E
53	Timberlake, G	86	Howton, E
58	Bettis, G	87	Borden, E
62	Brown, G		

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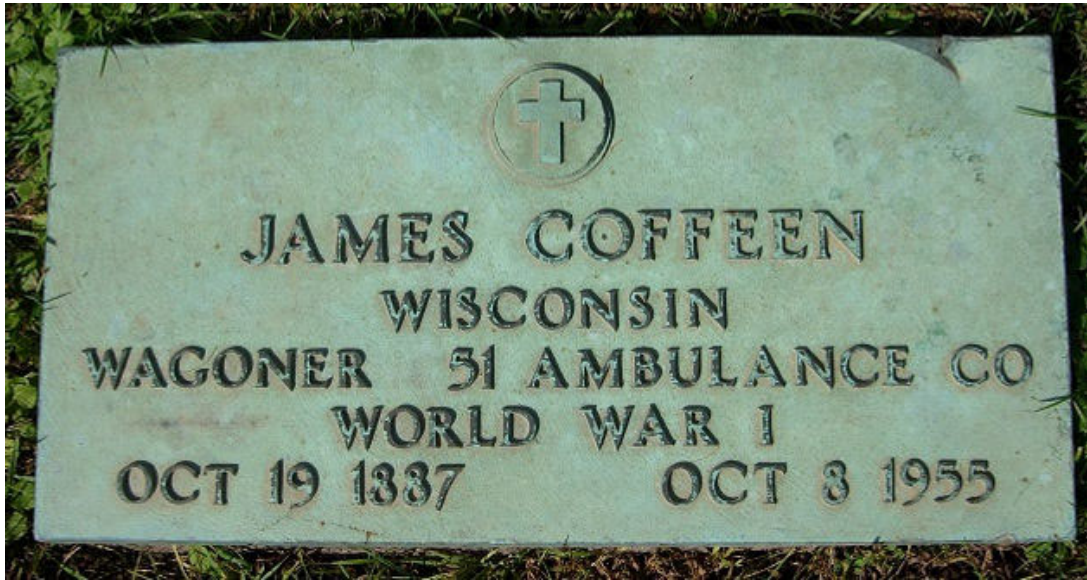
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Saturday night. Rote chose to throw rather than run. The same situations came up in earlier games, victories over the Detroit Lions and Chicago Bears at Green Bay, and in most of those instances, Rote passed. Lisle Blackburn was asked about this after the 24-20 defeat by Baltimore. "Tobin isn't running as much as perhaps he should," the coach said, "but I certainly am not going to urge him to run more." "Let's face it. He's slowed down a step from last year. He's taken a terrific beating in his six years in the league. He's still a terrific running quarterback - a great competitor in every sense of the word - but he can hardly be blamed for throwing now, rather than running into those big pro linemen." Rote gained eight yards on one run in the first quarter against Baltimore. When he came back to the bench, he told Blackburn, "I've never been hit so hard in my life." The passer in pro football gets every possible protection in the rules - against piling on and the like. But when the quarterback chooses to run, he is no better off than any other ball carrier. Because of the pro rules, which allow a runner to get up and go again if he hasn't been completely squashed, piling onto the ball carrier is not illegal, it's a necessity. The pros do not fool around much with the split T and its running quarterback option play for the same reason. The coaches know that big pro ends and tackles would go after the quarterback, and in a few such plays they would not have a quarterback left. Rote and Layne and Graham and Van Brocklin are much too valuable to risk on many running plays, other than when they go back to pass and can't find a receiver or see a really big opening. Most pro clubs carry only two quarterbacks and usually there is quite a gap in ability between first and second stringer. The coaches know that if their No. 1 quarterback gets injured, the team will be in trouble. The key man is not expendable...Rote has only one pass intercepted in three games this season. That was by Jack Christiansen of Detroit on the last play of the first half of the opener. Since then, Rote has thrown 84 passes without a steal. Last year, he threw 104 passes between interceptions, which may have been some sort of a record, although records for such things are not kept...CARDS STINGIEST: The most stingy team in the league in allowing points. Surprise, it's the Chicago Cardinals, against whom only 41 points have been chalked up in three games. The Packers, who beat the Cards, 38-27, in their final exhibition game, rank next with 44. Cleveland has allowed 47, Baltimore and Los Angeles, 50 each. Cleveland ranks first in point scoring with 76, followed by surprising Baltimore (which surprised the Packers with three touchdowns in 10 1/2 minutes) with 75 and Philadelphia with 74. Los Angeles, Green Bay's opponent at County Stadium Sunday afternoon, ranks sixth with 67 points scored and the Packers, seventh with 64...Rote, in three games, has completed exactly half of his passes, 58 out of 96, for 542 yards and four touchdowns...NO STOPPING CLOCK: Under pro rules, having used up their allotment of five times out in the second half, the Packers could not stop the clock with a time out in their drive which was frustrated by the final gun. In college football, a five yard penalty is assessed

for each extra time out at any stage of the game. The same is true in pro football, except in the last two minutes of each half, when the clock can only be stopped by a legal time out, an out of bounds play, an incomplete pass or by officials in case of injury. Even the feigned injury trick to stop the clock has been pretty well halted by officials, as witness the Bears running out of time at the half on San Francisco's one yard line Sunday. The Bears themselves probably caused the pro football league to clamp down on stopping the clock in the last two minutes of either half.



The gravesite of James (Jim) Coffeen at Allouez Catholic Cemetery And Chapel Mausoleum, Green Bay (More information on Find A Grave.com)

Packers Tackle Rams (3-0) in Milwaukee Sunday

PACKERS TACKLES RAMS (3-0) IN MILWAUKEE SUNDAY

OCT 11 (Green Bay) - And now the Los Angeles Rams - one of the two undefeated teams left in the NFL! The Packers feel they, instead of the Baltimore Colts, should be the other unbeaten eleven. But, as a result of the Packers' 24-20 loss to the Colts Saturday and the Rams' 17-10 win over Detroit Sunday, the Colts and Rams are sitting today with shiny 3-0 records. The Packers will get a chance to confirm their feelings when they tackle the Rams in Milwaukee's County Stadium Sunday afternoon. And if all goes as hoped - the Packers beating LA and the Bears beating Baltimore in Chicago the same afternoon, the upper half of the standings could look like this way next Sunday night:

	W	L	.PCT
GREEN BAY	3	1	.750
LOS ANGELES	3	1	.750
BALTIMORE	3	1	.750

But Sunday night is a long way off and the Packers today were concerned with getting ready for a Ram team which already knocked off the San Francisco Forty Niners, the Pittsburgh Steelers and Detroit. Coach Liz Blackburn and aides Tom Hearden, Ray McLean and Lou Rymkus were going early Monday morning, sifting reports from Hearden, McLean and Wally Cruice who scouted the Lion-Ram game. They flew to Detroit early Sunday while Rymkus and Scout Jack Vainisi went to Cleveland to observe the Browns, who will be Green Bay's foe a week from Sunday. The Packers viewed their performance against the Colts on film today, saw their mistakes, swallowed and vowed not to repeat 'em against the Rams Sunday. The Bays took to the field this afternoon feeling refreshed what with two full days of relaxation. The Packers came out of the Colt game in good physical condition as compared to the Colts, who lost at least two players for duty in the immediate future - defensive end Gino Marchetti and middle guard Joe Campanella. Also damaged was offensive back L.G. Dupre. The hard-driving Packers came out with the usual bumps and bruises and minor injuries to fullback Howie Ferguson,



Bobby Dillon, Packer defensive halfback, lost the sight of one eye at an early age. But the handicap has never hampered his stellar defensive play. Dillon was All-Pro last season and was one of the league's interception leaders.

halfback Al Carmichael, who was playing for the first time in five games, and tackle Len Szafaryn. All three are expected to be at full speed against the Rams...The Rams arrived in Milwaukee Monday, flying in from Detroit. They'll practice there all week - probably in different places for security reasons, as they did a year ago. They're headquartering at the Schroeder hotel...Speaking about a year ago, it is interesting to recall that the '54 Packers lost their first three games - 21 to 20 to Pittsburgh, 10 to 3 to the Bears and 23-17 to San Francisco, before winning their next three - 35 to 17 over the Rams, 7-6 over Baltimore and 37-14 over Philadelphia. Thus, the Packers' 2-1 mark in their first three this year indicates a definite improvement over '54 when the standings read 0-3 after the first three. The Packers' key game this year must be considered the Ram contest. It is a springboard battle. Not only would a victory knot up the league (with an assist from the Bears), but it would stamp the Bays as a real contender...The first batch of league statistics was due today but hadn't arrived up to noon. However, an Associated Press dispatch from league headquarters in Philadelphia said that Otto Graham of the Cleveland Browns and Alan Ameche of the Colts are leading in

Team Statistics:		
	Colts	Pack.
First downs rushing ..	3	9
First downs passing ..	5	8
First downs penalties ..	0	0
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	8	17
Yards gained rushing ..	97	136
Yards gained passing ..	162	191
TOTAL YDS. GAINED	259	327
PASSING: Attempted ..	16	39
Completed ..	6	19
Had intercepted ..	3	0
Yds. Inter'd ..	0	18
Passes Returned ..	6	6
PUNTS: Number by ..	6	6
Average yardage ..	32.5	39.5
Number punts returned by ..	6	2
Yards punts returned ..	26	0
KICKOFFS: Number by ..	5	5
Yrs. kickoffs ret'd ..	128	66
FUMBLES: Number by ..	1	3
Ball lost ..	1	3
PENALTIES: Number against ..	3	3
Yards penalized ..	30	25

passing and rushing, respectively. Graham is averaging 9.59 yards per flip while Ameche has gained 404 yards on 62 runs for an average of 6.5 per try. The Packers' Ferguson must be close behind what with his 294 yards in 53 carries for an average of 5.3. Speaking about statistics, the team figures on Sunday's Packer-Colt game were inadvertently left out of yesterday's Press-Gazette. The table is particularly interesting because it shows how the Packers dominated the Colts in most phases of the game.

ENOUGH TO GO ALL THE WAY? PACKERS NOW CONVINCED OF IT

OCT 11 (Green Bay) - It's pretty tough to feel chest after a loss, but the Packers were convinced more than ever in Milwaukee Saturday night that they have enough to go all the way. Before facing the Baltimore Colts, Coach Liz Blackbourn was worried because George Shaw was to be the first two-way (runner and passer) quarterback to go against the Bays. Shaw was highly touted; he led the Colts to wins over the Bears and Lions. But when they fired the final shot in County Stadium, Shaw and his mates were lucky to escape with a 24-20 victory. Baltimore was out-played almost 2 to 2, scoring but three points after getting 21 in the first. The Colts' first TD was set up on Tobin Rote's fumbles on the Packer 12. The next two were 82 and 40-yard Shaw passes to Buddy Young and Jim Mutscheller. Doyle Nix, the Packers' prized rookie defensive halfback, let Young get behind him (while Nix took a short man) on Young's score. Nix misjudged the ball going up with Mutscheller in the end zone on the other. Blackbourn took some of the blame himself. "We didn't figure Baltimore as being overly strong as a long-passing team; the Colts never passed long against us last year and neither did they in their first two games this year," Liz pointed out. After that second one, the Packers quickly changed their defensive thinking and Shaw completed exactly five passes in the last three frames - thanks to the rushing Packer line and alert play by the secondary. What's more, the Colts were limited to four first downs in the last three quarter - none in the fourth quarters - none in the fourth. In the entire game, the Packers had the ball for 79 rushes and passes (40 and 39) and the Colts had it for 48 (33 and 15). The Packers felt that they outplayed the Colts but good. Which is why they're not worried about the future. The Packers still must score more points. Three touchdowns is the absolute minimum - even with the Bays' strong defense. The Packers scored two on Detroit and won in the last 20 seconds; they scored three on the Bears and won handily; and they counted two on Baltimore - and lost. While the Colts' defense certainly ranks with the best in the league, the Packers stymied their own offense with three fumbles and two damaging offside penalties. Two fumbles by Rote were turned into 10 points, the other by Billy Howton killed a Packer drive on the Baltimore 40 in the fourth quarter. One offside penalty recalled a Howton touchdown on a pass from Rote in the third quarter - a touch that would have tied the score. The other ruined a first down on the Baltimore 16 with five minutes to go. As Blackbourn put it Saturday night, "one of the fundamental rules of football is that you've got to stay onside."...Attendance at the Packer-Colt clash, 40,199, is mighty significant in Green Bay. It means, to put it bluntly, that Green Bay had better get itself a new stadium without undue delay. The Baltimores took a check for \$40,000 out of Milwaukee. The Bears took \$27,000 out of Green Bay the previous Sunday. Which means that other league clubs will want to play in Milwaukee. Uncle George Halas, owner-coach of the Bears, was in County Stadium Saturday

Three Key Rams

Hirsch, Towler, Van Brocklin Face Packers



Here are three key Los Angeles Rams who will face the Green Bay Packers in their National Football league game at County Stadium Sunday afternoon. From top to bottom they are Elroy Hirsch, former Wisconsin star who came out of retirement since the season started and is one of the team's best pass catchers; Deacon Dan Towler, who is carrying most of the fullback load alone because Tank Younger is out with injuries, and Norm Van Brocklin, quarterback and punter.

night. You can imagine what he was thinking about!...The second guessers were kicking around Blackburn's decision to go for the field goal instead of gambling on making six yards on fourth down with 4:33 left in the game. Liz was emphatic after the game about his verdict. "We played to win - not for a tie," Blackburn said, "and we almost did it." It was one of those tough decisions to make - one of those "you're either a hero or a bum" thing. Actually, it missed by about six inches - the distance Rote's last pass was above Howton's fingers in the end zone on the last play. Nobody is going to call Blackburn a "bum" for that one because 33 hard-socking Packer players, and at least one skinny sportscaster, are backing him up on this decision to win - not tie. And speaking about second guessers (who, incidentally, have never lost a game), Halas was wide open in Chicago. The score was 20-19 in favor of the San Francisco 49ers and the Bears had the ball on the Forty Niner 20 with 30 or 40 seconds to go. The Bears tried one more running play - and fumbled to Frisco, while Bear fans yelled for George Blanda and a field goal. George, you remember, booted a 47 yarder against the Pack a week ago. He's pretty accurate from around 27, where the ball would have been placed. Halas wanted to wait until the last possible second so Frisco couldn't retaliate. But because Halas didn't know Hoffman was going to fumble, Uncle George was a bum. Halas, like Liz, has the backing of his players and the Chicago press!

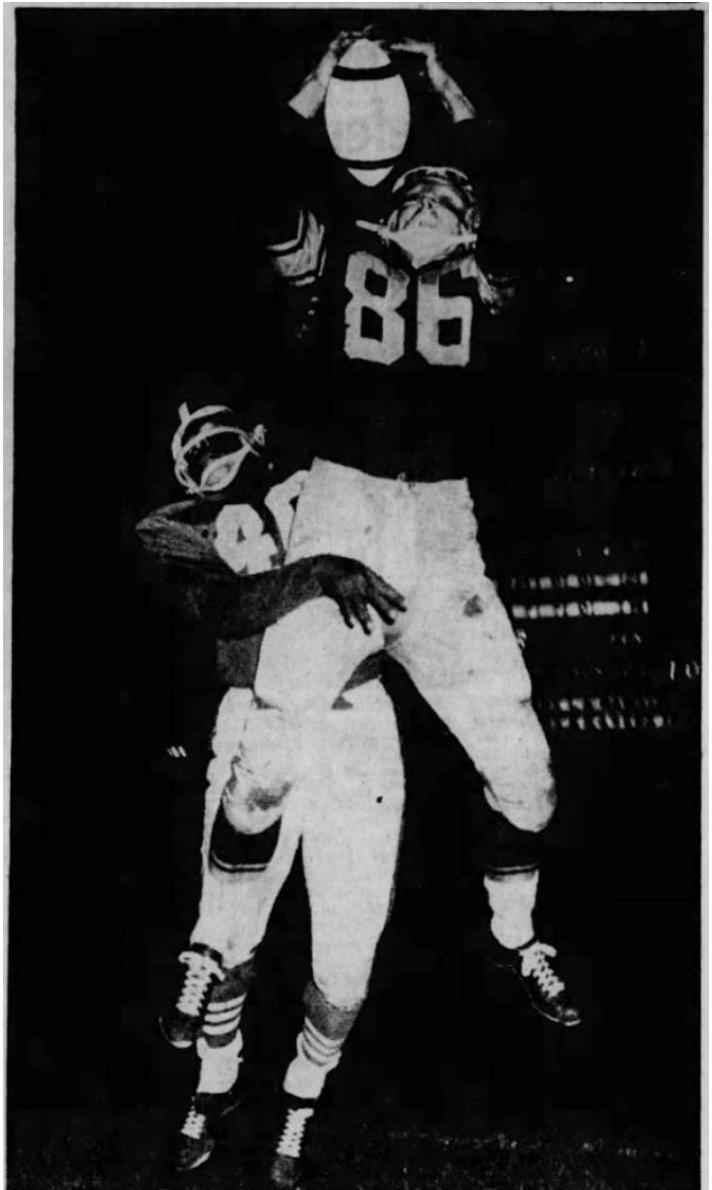
BRIDGE ACROSS EAST RIVER AT IRWIN PROPOSED

OCT 11 (Green Bay) - Discussion of a proposal by north side businessmen that a bridge be constructed across East River at N. Irwin Avenue featured a three-hour forum at the Rocket Restaurant Monday night. The forum was sponsored by the North Side Businessmen's Assn. Attending as special guests were Mayor Otto Rachals, City Engineer F.J. Euclide and Aldermen Robert Baye, Don Tilleman, Clarence DeChamps and Rhynie Dantine. Among other key topics discussed extensively were: northeast side traffic problems; current re-routing of Highway 57 over Willow Street; recent installation of new green arrow traffic signals at Three Corners; location of a City Stadium; and East River odor...On the City Stadium issue, Rachals said he favored remodeling the present stadium for the following reasons: Rejuvenating the present structure would cost considerably less than building a new stadium at Military Avenue and Boland Road; building the stadium on the west side would keep business out of the city; the present stadium is the "traditional Packer home" and should be kept where it is. Rachals added that it was his opinion the traffic and parking problems given as reasons for not rebuilding the present stadium have been overplayed. "I don't feel that traffic is the problem some people are trying to make out of it," the mayor said. The mayor added that the Packers play only four games a year at the stadium and "We don't have to worry about the situation for the rest of the year," he said. "The stadium can be emptied in 20 minutes after a game," Rachals declared. "I was in Milwaukee Saturday night and discovered that it took much longer to empty County Stadium after the Packer game there."...WOULD TAKE LONGER: The mayor said it was his opinion that it would also take a longer period to remove traffic from parking lots if a new stadium were erected at the proposed Military Avenue-Boland Road site. Rachals added that remodeling of the present City Stadium would cost about \$500,000, which he said was considerably less than the cost of building a new stadium. He added that new steel stands proposed in the City Stadium remodeling could be removed and relocated in a new stadium if it was decided in the future to build a new arena. Rachals explained that the issue eventually will come to a referendum if a bond issue is authorized.

PACKERS HURT BY 'BONERS' ON DEFENSE

OCT 11 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - The Packers are a pretty good football team, and Coach Lisle Blackburn is one of the first to admit it. But to stay up with the fast company in the Western Division they cannot afford to pull boners. Green Bay jumped off victories over the Lions and the Bears with a hard striking defense and a veteran backfield punching successfully. But when two costly defensive lapses allowed Baltimore to cash in on two quick touchdowns, it resulted in ultimate defeat. "We're not too deep, but we've still got a pretty good club" is Blackburn's appraisal of this surprising team which was pegged as doormat material before the season started. "But," warned Liz,

"we can't make costly mistakes like we did against the Colts and expect to stay alive in this business." The Packers found the Lions and Bears in a quarterback dilemma. Bobby Layne apparently has lost his explosive brilliance of the past. The Bears just haven't got a first rater. George Blanda, Ed Brown and Bobby Williams bear no resemblance to a slick operator named Sid Luckman or Johnny Lujack. Baltimore is no flash in the pan. Quarterback George Shaw from Oregon and fullback Alan (The Horse) Ameche from Wisconsin have made the whole pro league sit up and take notice. Between them, they have accounted for all the Colt touchdowns. Shaw five on passes and Ameche four on running. The success of the Colts might well be the formula of a college spirited bunch to whoop up an early lead and then fall back on tough, old pros to hold it up. It's worked that way, anyhow, in their three unexpected victories. They got 20 of their 23 points against the Bears in the first half. Against the Lions, Baltimore ran up a 21-13 halftime lead while its grizzled defense held Detroit scoreless in the second half. The pattern was similar against Green Bay Saturday night. The Colts zipped for three touchdowns in the first period for a 21-7 lead and held on for a 24-20 victory. But against the Packers that rah-rah steam of the rookie romping Colts just about ran out of gas. It was all Green Bay in the second half, with Baltimore hanging on for dear life. And how dearly the Colts paid for this one, losing such ferocious linemen as Gino Marchetti, Joe Campanells and backs L.G. Dupre and Buddy Young. A bone crushing Packer defense played its heart out, trying to save face after Shaw had drilled two long ones with ridiculous ease. Sunday, the Packers return to County Stadium and can jump back into title contention if they can beat the Rams who have rambled over three straight opponents. If there is a quarterback who should be "right" it will be Norm Van Brocklin. Then there are old Packer tormentors like halfback Bob Boyd, fullback Dan Towler and ends Elroy Hirsch and Woodley Lewis. In beating the Lions Sunday, the Rams got a big lift from three pass interceptions from halfback Willard Sherman to win, 17-10. Towler scored on a one yard plunge, a 12 yard Van Brocklin pass to Boyd accounted for the other and Les Richter booted a 41-yard field goal. The Packers will certainly have their work cut out. But the way the pro picture is shaping up these football days, anything can happen. Green Bay turned the tables on Los Angeles last season, 35-17 in Milwaukee as Rote hit 21 of 37 passes. A Rote tossing like that and a defense playing headsup ball could do it again.



In and Out—Packers' Bill Howton had this third quarter pass from Tobin Rote—briefly. Ball popped out of his hands as he was hit by Colt defensive halfback Jesse Thomas.

CONE'S 47-YD. FG AGAINST COLTS NO GOOD - CLAIM

OCT 11 (Baltimore) - Motion pictures of last Saturday's Baltimore-Green Bay showed Tuesday that Fred Cone's 47-yard field goal attempt passed under the goal post crossbar - not over it as officials ruled, the Baltimore Sun said Tuesday night. The Colts won the game, 24-20, regardless of the call and plan no protest, the paper said.

PACKER COACH RATES HIS FULLBACK, RAM CASTOFF FERGUSON, AMONG BEST

OCT 11 (Milwaukee-Los Angeles Times) - Here in Wisconsin to say that there is a better fullback than the all-time Badger great, Alan Ameche, would seem to border on heresy. It would be tantamount to asserting at a Chamber of Commerce meeting in Lynwood that there is a better ball player than Duke Snider. Yet in this great and beautiful state, most football fans will tell you that there is a better fullback than The Horse and, ironically, he's a Ram castoff...**UNsung STAR:** That would be 210-pound Howie Ferguson of the Green Bay Packers, an unsung star (until recently) who never went to college, but learned how to crack a line and catch a pass at New Iberia (La.) High School and in service football. Lisle Blackburn, the able coach of the Packers, says he wouldn't swap Ferguson for any fullback in the National League except Joe Perry of the 49ers. "Not only has he been our most consistent player, but also our best one," declared Blackburn. Old-time Packer fans rate the powerful Louisianan right behind the greatest runner in Packer history,

Clarke Hinkle...PACKER TALENT: That is the man the Los Angeles Rams' sensational defensive platoon must stop here Sunday if they wish to return to the Coast with a perfect 4-0-0 record. Plus, of course, Tobin Rote, Billy Howton, Gary Knafelc and Al (Hoagy) Carmichael, among others. The Rams found Ferguson virtually unstoppable here a year ago when the Packers blasted them, 35-17, and now he is an improved ballplayer, according to Blackburn. His greatest game to date was against Green Bay's hated rival, the Chicago Bears. He averaged a shade better than 10 yards a crack as the Packers won breezing, 24-3, carrying the ball 15 times for 153 yards. The largest football crowd in Milwaukee's history, 40,199, turned out at the home of the baseball Braves last Saturday to pay homage to Ameche, the Baltimore Colts' fine rookie...BATTLE OF FULLBACKS: The Colts won, 24-20, although outplayed, and in the battle of the fullbacks Ameche was overshadowed by Ferguson. Each scored a touchdown. Ameche gained 57 yards in 20 carries, while the Packer workhorse gained 71 yards in an equal number of attempts. Howie was signed by the Rams in 1952 as a free agent after his release from the Army. He was cut after the first league game. The club recognized his potential, but he was a green hand and had no chance of beating out Tank Younger or Dan Towler for a fullback job. Green Bay picked him up in 1953. It was like picking up an Ameche or a Hinkle without a diploma...RAMBLING AROUND: Tackle Charley Toogood, the Nebraska Tiger, has recovered from a knee injury and will play Sunday...Today's practice was on the light side. "Our deep men on defense are pretty battered and rest will do them more good than work," said coach Sid Gillman. Sid studied movies of the Detroit game and commented, "I think we're improving each week."...The crowd for the Packer-Colt game was so big that 115 illegal parking tickets were issued to fans who couldn't get their cars in the 9,000-car stadium lot...The Packers charge \$4.75 a seat from goal line to goal line...Bobby Dillon, Green Bay's crack defensive halfback, plays with the handicap of only one eye.

Ram 'Steal' Figures Warning to Packers!

RAMS 'STEAL' FIGURES WARNING TO PACKERS!

OCT 12 (Green Bay) - NFL statistics served a startling warning to the Packer today. The two men leading the circuit in pass interceptions are Los Angeles Rams and, if you just got here, the Packers play the Rams in Milwaukee Sunday afternoon. They are Bill Sherman, a six-foot, three-inch sophomore, who grabbed five enemy aerials in three games, and Don Burroughs, a 6-4 rookie converted quarterback with four steals. Between 'em, they posted nine of the Rams' 11 interceptions against San Francisco, Pittsburgh and Detroit. These two form something of an additional road block to the Packers' offense which went without a touchdown in the last two quarters against Baltimore last Saturday. Both safetymen, Sherman and Burroughs, have been stealing against three of the top quarterbacks in the league - Y.A. Tittle, Jimmy Finks and Bobby Layne, who had five waylaid by the Rams last Sunday. The Packers' pitchin' ace, Tobin Rote, will find the Rams' defensive outfield, which also includes Ed Hughes and Hall Haynes, a big challenge since he had only one of his 96 throws intercepted in the last three games. Jack Christiansen negotiated the steal on Rote's 14th pass in the opener against Detroit. Tobin now has thrown 82 straight passes without an interception - 13 against Detroit, 30 vs. the Bears and 39 against Baltimore. Rote won't be the only Packer getting the test from the Rams' outfield. His two main receivers, Billy Howton and Gary Knafelc, will have to twist through the four booby traps. But Howton and Knafelc have had considerable success, the Rams defense is probably warned. Billy is second in the league with 13 catches - just one behind the Philadelphia Eagles' Pete Pihos. Jud Girard of the Lions also has 13. Knafelc has 12, tied with Harlon Hill of the Bears and Jim Doran of the Lions. Individual statistics show up a number of interesting points about the belligerents. For instance, there isn't a Ram among the first 12 pass receivers, thus indicating that the stars must have tremendous balance - no special catchers. Tom Fears caught none, Bob Boyd eight, Corky Taylor seven, Ron Waller and Dan Towler six each and Elroy Hirsch four in one game. The Rams' top ground gainer is Waller, a rookie halfback who has 157 yards in 30 trips for an average of 5.2 - also indicating balance in rushing. Towler picked up 129 and Taylor 109. Waller, incidentally, gained 98 yards in 21 carries against Detroit last Sunday. Waller is ninth in the standings and third among the halfbacks. The top six rushers are fullbacks - topped by Alan Ameche of Baltimore with 404 yards. The Packers' Howie Ferguson is second with 294. Behind Howie are Fred Morrison of Cleveland 261, Alex Webster of New York 193, Fran Rogel of Pittsburgh 192 and Joe Perry of San Francisco 170. Norm Van Brocklin, the Rams' top quarterback, ranks seventh in passing - a pretty low rank for the perennial champion. Rote is

RUSHING				
	TCB	YG	Gain	Av.
Ameche, Balt.	62	404	79	6.5
Ferguson, Gr. Bay	53	294	57	5.5
Morrison, Clev.	47	261	42	5.6
Webster, N.Y.	32	193	71	6.0
Rogel, Pitt.	49	192	16	3.9
Perry, S.F.	35	170	35	4.9
Chandross, Pitt.	44	169	16	3.8
J. Hoffman, Ch. B'rs	27	167	31	6.2
Waller, L.A.	30	157	20	5.2
Watkins, Ch. B'rs	31	147	23	4.7
Reid, Gr. Bay	33	147	28	4.5
Giancanelli, Phil.	35	147	20	4.2
Longest gain—79 yards, Alan Ameche, Baltimore vs. Detroit, TD.				

PASSING				
	PA	PC	YG	TD Int. Av.
Graham, Clev.	41	26	393	2 2 9.59
LeBaron, Wash.	51	25	472	3 3 9.25
Thomason, Ph.	72	40	619	5 0 8.60
Shaw, Balt.	47	23	377	5 4 8.02
Finks, Pitt.	30	16	657	4 8 7.39
Brown, Ch. B'rs	39	28	423	0 6 6.39
VnB'klin, L.A.	65	39	424	4 5 6.42
Layne, Det.	106	53	666	3 6 6.28
Rote, Gr. Bay	96	48	542	4 1 5.65
Conerly, N.Y.	57	26	321	+4 6 5.63
Tittle, S.F.	65	29	346	3 9 5.32
McHan, Ch. Cd.	53	18	281	3 6 5.30
Blanda, Ch. B'rs	32	12	103	1 0 3.22
Longest completion—82 yards, George Shaw, Baltimore vs. Green Bay, TD.				

PASS RECEIVERS				
	PC	YG	LG	
Pibos, Phil.	14	178	27	
Howton, Gr. Bay	13	187	38	
Girard, Det.	13	170	21	
Hill, Chi. Bears	12	227	59	
Doran, Det.	12	209	38	
Knafeic, Gr. Bay	12	178	28	
Mathews, Pitt.	11	203	35	
Wilson, San Fran.	11	153	36	
Layell, Clev.	10	184	49	
Bernet, Pitt.	10	154	25	
Carson, Wash.	10	146	24	
McCull, Chi. Bears	10	120	23	
Longest completion—82 yards, Buddy Young, Baltimore vs. Green Bay, TD.				

SCORERS					
	TR	TD	Pat.	FG	Total Pts.
Janowicz, Wash.	3	1	4	5	2 35
Ameche, Balt.	4	0	4	0	6 24
Cons. Gr. Bay	0	0	0	7	5 23
Reichler, Balt.	0	0	0	9	4 21
Blanda, Ch. Bears	1	0	1	4	3 19
Modzelewski, Clev.	2	1	3	0	0 18
Towler, L.A.	3	0	3	0	0 18
Richter, L.A.	0	0	0	8	3 17
Gross, Clev.	0	0	0	10	2 16
Walker, Det.	0	1	1	4	2 16

LEADING PUNTERS				
	*Sids.	No.	Av. D.	Long-est
Van Brocklin, L.A.	1	15	44.3	59
Brown, Bears	3	17	42.8	55
Mann, Cardinals	4	17	42.6	54
Gillom, Cleveland	4	11	42.6	54
Girard, Detroit	5	13	42.1	54
Deschaine, Green B.	6	14	41.9	58
Burk, Philadelphia	7	14	41.3	59
LeBaron, Washington	8	15	41.1	47
Lynch, New York	9	23	40.0	54
Luna, San Francisco	10	19	39.1	63
Longest punt—63 yards, Robert Luna, San Francisco vs. Cleveland.				

PUNT RETURN LEADERS				
	No.	YR	Av. D.	Long-est
Drzewiecki, Bears	4	42	10.5	28
Heap, New York	3	28	9.3	28
Matson, Cardinals	5	44	8.8	17
Konz, Cleveland	4	31	7.8	19
Bernardi, Cardinals	7	47	6.7	25
Switzer, Green Bay	3	45	5.6	26
Smith, Bears	4	15	5.0	8
Paul, Cleveland	6	28	4.7	14
Taseff, Baltimore	6	26	4.3	20
Lewis, Los Angeles	6	25	4.2	12
Longest return: 28 yards, Ronald Drzewiecki, Chicago Bears vs. San Francisco; 28 yards, Joseph Heap, New York vs. Pittsburgh.				

KICKOFF RETURNS				
	No.	YR	Av. D.	Long-est
Norton, Philadelphia	4	189	47.3	96
Watkins, Bears	3	106	35.3	64
Arenas, San Fran.	7	225	32.1	42
Zagers, Washington	4	120	30.0	34
Lons, New York	6	172	28.7	31
Walton, Pittsburgh	6	163	27.2	41
Switzer, Green Bay	4	106	26.4	41
Switzer, Washington	10	284	28.4	41
Taseff, Baltimore	8	165	20.6	33
Waller, Los Angeles	3	79	26.3	33
Longest return: 96 yards, Jerry Norton, Philadelphia vs. New York, TD.				

PASS INTERCEPTIONS				
	No.	YD	TD	Long-est
Sherman, L.A.	5	31	0	25
Burroughs, L.A.	4	47	0	31
Keane, Cardinals	3	40	0	32
Hecker, Washington	3	24	0	24
Tunnell, New York	3	32	0	15
Longest return: 32 yards, Leo Sanford, Chicago Cardinals vs. Pittsburgh, TD.				

ninth in the list with his average of 5.65 yards per pass attempted against Van Brocklin's 6.42. Rote has thrown 96 passes, Van Brocklin 66. Norm has had five passes intercepted...Packer Coach Liz Blackburn and Ram Coach Sid Gillman will be meeting for the second time. In 1953, when Blackburn was coaching at Marquette, he sent a team against the Gillman-coached Cincinnati eleven. Marquette won 31 to 7...The Rams have five of their six rookies in key roles - Jack Ellena, 226 pounds at middle guard, safety Burroughs and linebacker Larry Morris, 210, on defense; and halfbacks Waller, 174, and Corky Taylor, 192, on offense. The other rookie is tackle Glen Holtzman who may start in place of veteran Charley Toogood at right offensive tackle. Waller and Taylor do most of the left halfbacking while Hirsch, who made his name in pro ball as an end, will be at a flanker - at least that's where he played last Sunday. Dan Towler handles the fullbacking. The Rams have two pretty hot ball-carrying spares in their backfield - halfback Woodley Lewis and Tom McCormick, who is listed as a fullback despite his 180 pounds. Van Brocklin has done just about all of the quarterbacking thus far, throwing 66 times. His understudy, ball handling wizard Bill Wade, has tried eight passes and completed two.

RAMS' INJURIES WORRY COACH; FOUR AILING

OCT 12 (Milwaukee-Los Angeles Times) - The news out of the Los Angeles Rams' camp today was disconcerting if not downright alarming. Injuries suffered by four players - Don Burroughs, Dan Towler, Paul Miller and Hall Haynes - in Sunday's Detroit game, which at first were thought to be more or less of a minor nature, have not responded well to treatment. None of these key men have been declared out of the game here Sunday with the Green Bay Packers yet. Normally a full-blown optimist, Coach Sid Gillman wore a frown on his face after a long drill in a biting wind this afternoon at a South Side high school...GILLMAN WORRIED: "You bet I'm worried about these fellows," Gillman declared. "I don't like the looks of it, at all. All we can do is hope that they'll be ready." Burroughs, the flashy rookie safetyman, didn't even suit up. He was downtown being fitted for a special plastic devise designed to protect his badly bruised ribs. The other injured defensive men, Haynes and Miller, reported for practice but did not join in the contact work. Because of an ankle injury, halfback Haynes could not run at more than half speed. Miller, the end, had to take it easy because of a persistent groin injury...TOWLER IN PAIN: Towler limped off the field in the second quarter of the Lion game after being kicked on his right leg just above the ankle. However, he returned to action a few plays later and the injury was forgotten. However, the pain has persisted. The big fullback didn't even try to break out of a slow job today and did not run with the team. What with the club's other regular fullback, Tank Younger, in Los Angeles and on the unavailable list, Gillman had to do some juggling. Behind Tommy McCormick and Corky Taylor, Sid had linebacker Larry Morris running at fullback. The big fellow had good speed and played fullback in high school and during spring practice when he was a Georgia Tech freshman.

SID GILLMAN INSTILLS NEW SPIRIT IN RAMS

OCT 12 (Milwaukee Journal) - Desire, an elusive quality, and defense, a real, solid things, set Sid Gillman's first Los Angeles Rams team apart from earlier Ram teams. Gillman's formula apparently has worked wonders. The Rams, who will meet the Green Bay Packers at County Stadium Sunday afternoon, share first place in the NFL's western division with the Baltimore Colts. Of the league's 12 teams, only the Rams and Colts remain undefeated. Lisle Blackburn, Green Bay coach, was asked Wednesday what the scouting reports told about the Rams. "First, that they're a real good team," Blackburn said. "What impressed our men most was how much more desire Gillman's team has than last year's Rams. They are like high school boys now - jumping up and down and waving their arms. They really want to play football, hustle 100% all the time. Their defense has been very sound, but I honestly don't believe it could be any tougher than the one Baltimore threw against us last Saturday night." Bill Sherman and Don Burroughs of the Rams stand one-two in the league in pass interceptions. Sherman has five and Burroughs four. Blackburn was asked what the scouts said about them. "Keep the ball away from their areas," Blackburn said, "or they'll take it away from you. They are the two deep men in Los Angeles' secondary." Off their exhibition season, the Rams appeared to be the same old Rams, who had finished fourth in the western division last year. But Gillman, former Minneapolis high school and Ohio State

star end who went to the Rams from the University of Cincinnati, had prepared them well for the games that count. The Rams broke even in six preseason games, scoring 155 points and giving up 159. One of their defeats was by the San Francisco 49ers, 31-10. When the league season started, thought, it was a different story. The Rams whipped the 49ers, 23-14. They followed up by shading the Pittsburgh Steelers, 27-26, on Les Richter's 33 yard field goal as the gun sounded in a highly controversial finish. Then last Sunday they handed the Detroit Lions their third straight licking, 17-10. After the Lions game, the Detroit News said that the Rams turned in their "finest defensive performance against Detroit within memory." "Sid Gillman, the new coach, deserves ample credit for imparting defensive tactics to football's Hollywood glamor boys," the paper said. The Rams have intercepted 11 passes, high in the league, in three games. By comparison, the Packers have intercepted eight. Against Detroit, Los Angeles recovered two fumbles and intercepted four passes, an unusual showing for a team that used to try only to outscore the other side on most occasions.

COLTS CLAIM MOVIE SHOW CONE'S FIELD GOAL WAS NO GOOD

OCT 12 (Baltimore) - Motion pictures of last Saturday's Baltimore-Green Bay NFL game showed that Fred Cone's 47 yard field goal attempt passed under the goal post cross bar - not over it as officials rule, the Baltimore Sun said Wednesday. The Colts won the game, 24-20, but if the officials had not ruled the kick good for a Packer field goal, the Sun said, the score at that point would have been 24-17, and the Colts would have had the ball on their own 20 by virtue of a touchback. The Colts won regardless of the call and plan no protest, the paper said. Charlie Winner, assistant Colt coach, ran the film of the field goal attempt in slow motion and then stopped the film entirely. The flight of the ball was followed panel by panel, and at the point it reached the cross bar its downward flight the ball blotted out that portion of the bar.

BLACKBOURN SAYS COLTS CAN HAVE THE POINTS

OCT 12 (Green Bay) - "They can have those three points if they want them," Lisle Blackburn, Green Bay Packer coach, said Wednesday when informed of what the Baltimore Colts' movies has showed on Fred Cone's 47 yard field goal in their game at Milwaukee last Saturday. "We lost anyway," Blackburn said. "I did not study that part of our film closely - it makes no difference."

TIGHTER DEFENSES TRIM SCORES - VAN BROCKLIN

OCT 12 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - Take it from Norm Van Brocklin, six year veteran quarterback with the Los Angeles Rams, defensive specialists in the NFL have been responsible for curtailment in scoring this season. Van Brocklin, who has thrown accurately from distances up to 60 yards, tells from experience that the long ones just aren't clicking this season. "This league has toughened up defensively, making it practically impossible to pass long one down the middle," said Van Brocklin Tuesday night. "Consequently, there are not too many touchdowns being scored, the short passing game being used more efficiently." And right Van Brocklin is. A comparison to last year's pro picture shows that every club is about two touchdowns below its offensive pace of 1954. With that in mind, the Rams move into the Stadium Sunday against the Packers with not as explosive an offense but a much sturdier defense. "Our defense has been responsible for three consecutive wins," added Rams Publicitor Bert Rose. "Our line is putting more pressure on opposing quarterbacks than ever before and it's resulted in 11 interceptions by our secondary." If that outstanding secondary continues to intercept with regularity it will be an all-time Ram showing. At the moment Los Angeles is leading the league in interceptions with Willard



First Down Faras—Baltimore Colts' Carl Taseff (right) is closing in on Packer halfback Veryl Switzer (27) on this play in third quarter of Saturday night's game at Milwaukee County Stadium— but not until Veryl had made enough for first down. Colts won, 24-20, before 40,199, a record Milwaukee crowd.



Break for Colts—Howie Ferguson, Packer fullback, is caught by camera just after slipping to ground following five-yard gain on pass from Tobin Rote in third quarter. Baltimore's Bill Pellington makes sure Bayou Bronco stays down.

Sherman (five) and Don Burroughs (four) being the demons. Les Richter can also be added to that devastating pass stealing corps, grabbing two enemy aerials. The result has saved the Rams from possible defeat by the 49ers, Steelers and Lions. Los Angeles built up early leads in all three games but had to hang on for dear life, the defense coming through to save victory. Sherman is leading the league with five interceptions, three coming against the Lions last Sunday. The biggest man in the Ram secondary, he's 6-3, 194. Sherman is coming into his own as a defensive ace. "Burroughs has been awarded two games balls," said Rose. "That's what our club thinks of the lad who was almost dropped in summer camp. Burroughs worked out as a quarterback. But with Van Brocklin and Wade doing the pitching, we had no room for Burroughs. He knew he was going to get the axe but asked at the last moment for a tryout on defense. Well, you know the rest. He started at safety for us against the 49ers, intercepting three passes and knocking down three. That earned him a starting berth. Incidentally, he's a skinny boy to be in pro ball (6-4, 176 pounds). Burroughs comes from Colorado A&M, the same school that produced the Lions' great pass defender, Jack Christiansen. He was signed by the Rams as a free agent. Richter, the two-time All-American from California, was bought by the Rams from the now defunct Dallas Texans for 11 Rams in 1952. No one remains from the transaction with the Baltimore adopted Texans at this time. And so the Rams can show a 23-14 verdict over the 49ers, a 27-26 win over the Steelers and a 17-10 decision over the Lions - thanks to these on the spot interceptions. Rose reported that Elroy (Crazylegs) Hirsch started against the Lions and caught three passes for 79 yards, a resemblance of the Hirsch of old. His first one for 55 yards set up the first Los Angeles touchdown from the four yard line. With Skeet Quinlan still on the injured reserve list, recuperating from a knee operation, Coach Sid Gillman has employed the flanker system with Hirsch playing as a right half on the flanker. It amounts to three ends available for Van Brocklin's tosses. Rookie Ron Waller, a 174 pound halfback from Maryland, had moved to left half. He was good for 98 yards in 21 carries against the Lions.



Runaway 'Horse'—Alan (The Horse) Ameche, Baltimore fullback, is on way to a 12-yard gain after pass from quarterback George Shaw on this third quarter play. Closing in at left is Packer tackle Dave Hanner (79).



This One Didn't Work—Packers' Breezy Reid is stopped for one-yard loss by Baltimore Colts' Carl Taseff (on ground) in this first quarter action. Bill Pellington (65) of Colts comes in to lend hand while Packers' Bill Howton (86) moves in at right. Also shown, at far right, is Packers' Tobin Rote (18).

All 'Stars' in Rams' Balanced Offense

Packer Rushing			
	Att.	Ydgs.	Ave.
Carmichael	1	9	9.0
Ferguson	53	294	5.6
Reid	33	147	4.5
Rote	15	68	4.5
Switzer	4	15	3.8
Cone	1	2	2.0
Johnson	1	-4	0.0
Ram Rushing			
	Att.	Ydgs.	Ave.
Waller	30	157	6.5
Taylor	25	108	4.3
McCormick	3	12	4.0
Towler	39	129	3.8
Younger	17	25	1.4
Packer Receiving			
	No.	Yds.	TDs
Howton	13	197	2
Knafelc	12	178	2
Reid	7	62	0
Switzer	7	70	0
Ferguson	5	27	0
Johnson	2	0	0
Ram Receiving			
	No.	Yds.	TDs
Fears	9	90	1
Boyd	8	197	1
Taylor	7	49	1
Waller	6	33	0
Towler	6	25	0
Hirsch	4	85	0
McCormick	1	-4	0



Two fine defensive ends, perhaps as good as any in the National Football league, will match talents at County Stadium today when the Green Bay Packers meet the Los Angeles Rams. Andy Robustelli (top) of the Rams played at little Arnold (Conn.) college where he was a little all-American. The Rams drafted him 19th in 1951. John Martinkovic (bottom) of the Packers is having his greatest of five pro football seasons. The former Xavier (of Cincinnati) star was obtained in a trade with the Washington Redskins in 1951. Robustelli weighs 230 pounds; Martinkovic, 245.

ALL 'STARS' IN RAMS' BALANCED OFFENSE

OCT 13 (Green Bay) - The Los Angeles Rams – located in the Land of the Stars – don't appear to have any particular star this season. Just a lot of them! The Rams aren't running away with the league statistics – unless you want to get excited about Norm Van Brocklin leading the punters. Los Angeles seems to have unusual offensive balance thus far in '55 – a far cry from the days when Van Brocklin led the loop in passing and Tom Fears and Elroy Hirsch went on record-breaking pass catching binges. The Ram team the Packers face in Milwaukee Sunday afternoon has distributed its offensive power among several individuals, with the exception of quarterback where Van Brocklin performs with his usual skill. Los Angeles pass catchers are actually six, instead of the usual two or three. The top receiver is veteran Fears with nine catches. Next is Bob Boyd with eight. Corky Taylor has seven and Ronnie Waller and Dan Towler have six each. Hirsch has four but he played only one full game – against Detroit. You can tell the long gainers by the yardage averages – Boyd with 24.6 per reception; Hirsch 21.2; Fears 10; Taylor 7; Waller 5.5; and Towler 4.1. Thus, Van Brocklin had almost equal success with six receivers. Packer receiving, by comparison, is wrapped up mostly in two receivers – ends Billy Howton and Gary Knafelc who caught 13 and 12 passes, respectively. The total of 25 is more than four other receivers caught together. Breezy Reid and Veryl Switzer each caught seven, Howie Ferguson five and Joe Johnson two. Howton averaged 15.1 yards per catch, Knafelc 14.8, Switzer 10, Reid 8.1 and Ferguson 5.4. Comparison of the averages indicates that Boyd and Hirsch are the Ram long gainers – no particular secret, and that the Packers have stayed clear of the long shot – no particular secret, either...

RUNNINGEST QB: One fullback and two halfbacks have carried the Rams' rushing load. Halfback Ronnie Waller leads the trio with 157 yards in 30 attempts. Fullback Dan Towler raced 129 in 39 and HB Corky Taylor made 108 in 25. Paul (Tank) Younger shared the fullbacking with Towler until he was injured vs. Pittsburgh. He won't be back for two more games. Packer rushing is spaced between fullback Ferguson, halfback Reid and quarterback Tobin Rote- runningest QB in the league. Ferguson carried 52 times for 294, Reid 33 for 147 and Rote 15 for 68. The Rams' Van Brocklin rarely runs but makes a number of sneaks for short yardage, moving twice for three yards against Detroit... Can the defenses of the Rams and Packers stop their enemy offenses? If the Rams and Packers maintain their defensive averages of their first three games, each team will average 3.8 yards rushing but in the air the Rams will complete only 36.4 percent of their passes and the Packers will complete 51.5 percent of their throws. The rushing might make sense but can you imagine Van Brocklin winding up with 36 percent? Of course, anything is possible but the Packers defense would have to be just about on the super side to hold Norm that low. The Rams' defensive average against passing, 51.5, seems human and certainly a nice figure for Rote to ponder. With all due respect to the Packer defense, it must be admitted that the Ram defense faced some tougher throwers than the Packers. The Rams went up against Y.A. Tittle in the opener and opposed Jimmy Finks in a one-point win over Pittsburgh. Last Sunday, the Rams faced Bobby Layne, who was a darned sight healthier than he was against the Packers in the opener here. After Layne, the Packers faced George Blanda and Ed Brown of the Bears, who were mediocre throwers that day, and Baltimore's George Shaw who completed by six – two for touchdowns. The Packer defense's percentage of completions, 36.4, is by far the best in the league. Next best is the Cleveland Browns' 42.2. Yardagewise, the Packers allowed 377 passing, the Rams 502. They're about even on rushing yardage permissions – the Packer defense 400, the Rams 413. In first downs, the Packers enjoy another wide defensive margin. The Bays gave up just 35 first downs, the Rams 64. The Bays allowed only 14 first downs passing – lowest and best in the league, while the Rams permitted 31, almost highest.

COLT CONTEST 'TOUGHEST', SAYS COACH
 OCT 13 (Green Bay) - The Packers' loss to the Baltimore Colts was "the toughest since I've been here," Coach Liz Blackburn told the Quarterback Club at the Columbus Club Wednesday night. "We had the edge throughout the game except for two defensive lapses but overall the defense did an exceptional job," he pointed out. The two defensive lapses permitted George Shaw to throw 82 and 40-yard touchdown passes to buddy Young and Jim Mutscheller. "The ironic part

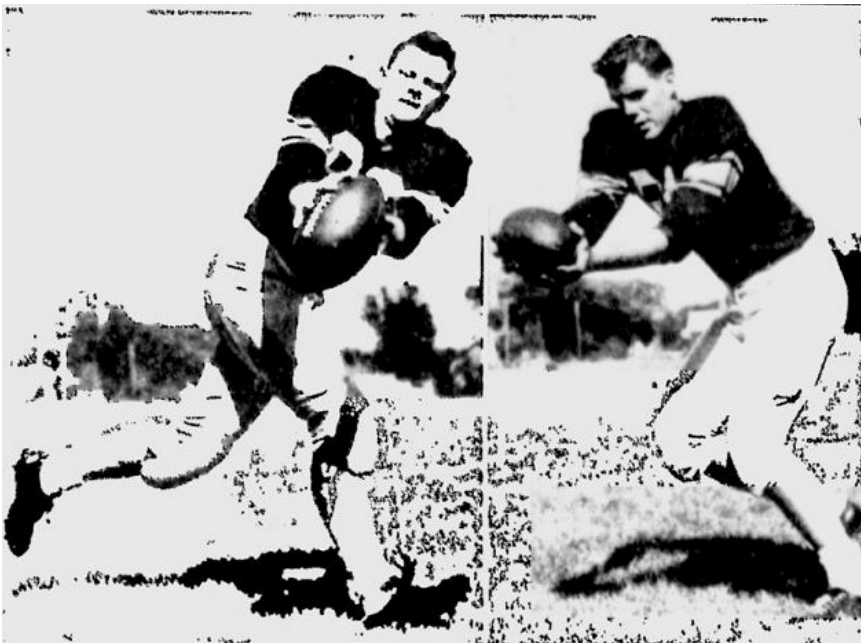
of those two touchdowns was that they were scored against our strong side on those particular plays. The pass to Young was originally intended for Colteryahn, who was covered, but Shaw threw to Young when he saw him in the clear. Doyle Nix went down with Mutscheller but misjudged the ball," Liz pointed out. Blackburn had no excuses – "it was just a mistake, a defensive error" – but he pointed out that it can happen to other people, too. "Jesse Thomas (Colt defensive back) made two on Bill Howton," Liz added. Howton scored on both but his second was nullified by a penalty. Continuing on the Colt game, Blackburn said: "Alan Ameche was as we expected. He's not as hard a hitter or as determined as Howie Ferguson, but he has wonderful balance and never seems to get knocked off stride. Dave Hanner probably had just as much to do with Ameche fumbling on the first play of the game as the boys who tackled him. We expected Ameche to go up the middle as he did in the Colts' first two games. Hanner stopped up the play and forced Ameche to swing wide, probably surprising Alan to the extent that he didn't have good possession." The picture showed that Nate Borden hit Ameche a good lick as he moved wide and back of the line of scrimmage. The Horse kept moving and fumbled when Bobby Dillon smacked him near the sideline, Roger Zatkoff recovering. Blackburn said, in answer to a question, that he thought the turning point of the game was when "we were offside when Ferguson made the first down on Baltimore's 16-yard line with five minutes left." Liz took time out to praise the players and mentioned, in particular, quarterback Tobin Rote and defensive end John Martinkovic. He referred to Rote's intense desire and competitive spirit, his passing and running, and then said: "Yet, Tobin actually is thought of more in other league cities than he is in Packerland." The audience of 200 let loose with a thunderous applause to that, indicating that every one of them were Rote backers. Martinkovic was selected by sportswriters and sportscasters as the most valuable player in Sunday's game and will receive a \$50 purchase certificate from Steifel's Clothing. Liz, who earlier presented Big John, said that "John is playing his best football this year and hasn't been fooled by a pitchout this season." In answer to a question concerning stopping the clock in the last two minutes, Blackburn said that "we don't fake injuries; it's against the spirit of the new rules and



Not What It Seems—To all intents and purposes, Packers' Al Carmichael, in grasp of Colts' Carl Taseff, appears at end of trail on this third quarter play. But Carmichael, who had taken pass from Rote, wriggled away to pick up two more yards.



Leftover Closeups — Press-Gazette Photographer Lowell Georgia caught these two "portrait" shots during the Packer-Colt game in Milwaukee Saturday night. At top left, Packer Billy Howton seems to be grabbing his chest on this incompleting pass from Tobin Rote in second quarter, while Jesse Thomas kicks from behind. Lower right, Colt Alan Ameche keeps running despite the fact that he's out of bounds. Packer Roger Zatkoff (on ground) had just bumped him outside the sideline in third quarter.



Green Bay's ends, Billy Howton (left) and Gary Knafele, will attempt to continue their fine pass catching when the Packers meet the Los Angeles Rams in their National Football league game at County Stadium Sunday afternoon. Howton, who has caught 13 of Tobin Rote's passes in three games, is tied

for second among league receivers with Jug Girard of Detroit, only one behind Pete Pihos of Philadelphia, the leader. Knafele with 12 catches, shares fourth place with Harlon Hill of the Bears and Jim Doran of Detroit. Howton has gained 187 yards and Knafele, 178.



The Rams worked out lightly at Washington Park Tuesday. Here, Elroy (Crazylegs) Hirsch, right, blocks End Jack Bighead.

Hirsch, the former Wisconsin All-American, will start at right half as a flanker against the Packers at the Stadium, Sunday.

Sentinel photo.

besides under the new rule the clock won't stop completely for an injury." In case of serious injury, the clock would stop but it would also start as soon as the injured player is carried off, the new rules states. The officials also, under the new rule, have the power to keep the clock running if they feel an injury is faked. Pro teams are allowed three timeouts in each half and they can't be carried over from the first to second half. The Packers had used up their timeouts before the last two minutes and thus couldn't legally stop the clock, except to run out of bounds - which they did on three occasions. Chief quarterback Charley Brock presided and Packer Scout Jack Vainisi narrated the film in the absence of Tom White.

TOBIN ROTE SETTING NEW QB STYLE

OCT 13 (New York) - Paul Brown, coach of the Cleveland Browns, said in an Oct. 28 Collier's magazine article that Tobin Rote, the Green Bay Packer quarterback, is a new development in pro football. Rote's run-or-pass options, Brown said, "are setting a new style for T quarterbacks. The great quarterbacks in future years will have to run as well as pass to survive pro lines, which seem to get bigger and rougher and faster every season. The Green Bay Packers style their attack to take advance of Rote's versatility," Brown said. "Rote, a rugged six-footer who weighs 205 pounds, can do more different things well than any other pro quarterback. He's a good passer - long or short - and an excellent runner. Therefore, the Packers employ numerous plays on which Rote runs or passes according to the situation." Brown said. He said Rote represents a "new development in pro football - the running T-formation quarterback. Since the Chicago Bears popularized the T in the late 1930's, the great quarterbacks, like Sid Luckman of the Bears, Bob Waterfield of the Rams and Otto Graham of the Browns, seldom risked injury by running with the ball. Instead, they worked primarily as passers and ball handlers. In order to put pressure on these quarterbacks, the defense placed greater emphasis on rushing the passer with big ends like our 225-pound Lenny Ford," Brown said. "But those big crashing ends don't fluster Rote because he's nimble enough to sidestep them and run outside when hard pressed," he said.

TOWLER STILL DOUBTFUL FOR PACKER TILT

OCT 13 (Milwaukee-Los Angeles Times) - The Rams' powerful fullback and leading scorer, Deacon Dan Towler, remained a question mark today as Sid Gillman guided the team through a defensive drill for Sunday's crucial game here with the Green Bay Packers. Nursing an injured ankle, the 226-pounder appeared to have progressed since yesterday when he

couldn't even break out of a slow job, but he still can't cut or drive off his right foot effectively. "I won't use Deacon Sunday, unless he's 100% ready," said Gillman. "And I don't think I'll use Charley Toogood either, although he says he's ready again."...COWBOY NO. 2: Until Towler recovers, the Rams' No. 1 fullback is 185-pound Cowboy McCormick. The club cutup, who presented Tommy Fears with a Davey Crockett coonskin cap today to keep Tommy's semi-nude noggin warm, has the hear of a lion but lacks Towler's crushing power. Gillman is impressed with Larry Morris' development as a reserve fullback. He plans to give the 218-pound center linebacker from Georgia Tech another good shot at fullback when they work on offense tomorrow. "A guy with his size, speed and desire might just fill the bill," Sid said...RAMS FAVORED: The unbeaten Rams are a 3 1/2-point favorite here. Meanwhile, let's look at the Packers. Tom Dahms, the former Ram tackle, is doing a better job for the Pack than did its No. 1 draft choice last year, All-American Art Hunter of Notre Dame, and its top 1955 draftee, Tom Bettis of Purdue can't break into the starting lineup because of the sensational linebacking of the veterans, Roger Zatkoff and Deral Teteak. The Rams hold a 14-4 edge over Green Bay. This won't be the first meeting between Sid Gillman and Liz Blackburn. In 1952, Blackburn, then head coach at Marquette, ruined a perfect season for Sid's Cincy Bearcats by a 31-7 score.

PACKERS BEST ON PASS DEFENSE

OCT 13 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - The Packer have the best pass defense in the league, at least at the moment. NFL statistics released Wednesday show that opponents have completed only 36.4 percent of their passes against Green Bay. League statistics also show that the Rams are second only to the Browns with pass completions, proving Norm Van Brocklin is up to his old tricks with an accuracy rating of 59.1 percent. Something will have to give Sunday when the undefeated Rams battled the once-beaten Packers at Milwaukee. Green Bay should bump into a quarterback at his very best and Los Angeles will be up against the toughest pass defense. It's true the Packers didn't find Bobby Layne anywhere near the Layne of old as they defeated the Lions, 20-17, in the league opener at Green Bay. Layne completed eight of 19 passes for 155 yards and one touchdown. He had one intercepted. Bobby didn't have too bad a first half as he triggered a 14-6 halftime lead, but he could only complete one of two passes the rest of the game. The Bears had similar problems, rotating George Blanda, Ed Brown and Bob Williams without success. Consequently, Chicago completed six of 19 passes and had four intercepted. The Packers won handily, 24-3. Against Baltimore two lapses allowed rookie quarterback George Shaw to hit Buddy Young on an 82-yard touchdown play and Jim Mutscheller on a 40-yard scoring strike - and the Colts kicked off to a 21-7 first quarter lead which ultimately proved too much of a deficit to overcome. The Packers came back to rush Shaw off his feet after those two fatal shots and the Oregon flash could only hit four receivers for 40 yards the rest of the night. Patrolling the outer spaces for the Packers is a quartet of two veterans and two rookies. Doyle Nix, an 18th draft choice from Southern Methodist, and Billy Bookout, a free agent from Austin, are two cornerbacks who have performed as if pro football was old stuff. Both possess speed and can diagnose plays with uncanny ability. Val Joe Walker and Bobby Dillon are the seasoned operators who make many a coach worry about the Packers' pass defense. Walker is a hard man to outmaneuver, staying atop his man. Dillon, All-Pro selection last season, is the Packers' Mr. Pass Defense. He has been Green Bay's best ballhawk for four seasons and is a bruiser of a tackler. A 217-pound Al Ameche was hit by 180-pound Dillon last Saturday night. The impact resulted in an Ameche fumble, an indication that Dillon can take care of the big boys. After disposing of Layne, Brown, Blanda, Williams and almost getting even with Shaw, the Packers can now stew their poison for Van Brocklin. For the record, here is Norm's performance through three league games: He has completed 39 of 66 passes for 424 yards and four touchdowns. His longest completion was 74 yards. He has averaged 6.42 yards per completion and has had five intercepted. By comparison, the Packers' Tobin Rote has completed 48 of 96 tosses for 542 yards and four touchdowns. His longest completion was 38 yards. He has averaged 5.65 yards per completion and has had only one pass intercepted.



Let's Go Kids!—That's what Fire Chief Dave Zuidmulder appears to be telling Vicky Sullivan, 1614 11th Ave., and John Jahnke, 1342 S. Broadway, as the children inspect prizes to be awarded fourth and fifth grade students in Junior Fire Marshal Essay Contest. Vicky is a fifth grader at St. Joseph's School and John a fourth grader at Norwood School. Prizes for contest, to be held in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week which began today, are a teddy bear for the girls and a Green Bay Packer night football for the boys. Prizes were donated by the Murphy Insurance Agency.

RAMS' BURROUGHS A SURPRISE


OCT 13 (Milwaukee Journal) - The scouting report which the Los Angeles Rams received on Dan Burroughs when he played at Colorado A. and M. said that he was a great passer and ball handler and faker at quarterback, but only "fair" on defense at safety. Either the scout's evaluation was all wrong, or Burroughs changed a lot while he was in the service. The thin (176 pounds stretched over 6 feet 4 inches) Ram will bring into the game with the Green Bay Packers at County Stadium Sunday afternoon a rating as one of the finest defensive backs in the NFL. Only his teammate, Bill Sherman (6-3, 194 pounds) has intercepted more passes than Burroughs in the entire league this season. Sherman has intercepted five, Burroughs four. Burroughs, who was signed as a free agent, came to the Rams' camp last summer with aspirations to be offensive quarterback. One look at Norm Van Brocklin and Bill Wade and he asked to be tried on defense. He really clinched a spot on the Rams in the league opener when he knocked down three San Francisco passes and intercepted three others. The Rams won that one, 23-14, and two more as well. The skinny man is no small factor in their undefeated season. Burroughs is another of a long line of Colorado A. and M. players to burn up the pro league. Others to come out of this relatively small school and star in the NFL include Thurman McGraw, Jack Christiansen and Jim David of the Detroit Lions and Dale Dodrill of the Pittsburgh Steelers...RYMKUS PRAISED: Otto Graham, Cleveland Browns quarterback, calls Lou Rymkus, Packer line coach, "the best blocker on pas protection to ever play in front of me." Rymkus was all-pro tackle with the Browns a few years ago. Lisle Blackbourn, Packer coach, and Sid Gillman, Ram coach, last met in a football game when Blackbourn's Marquette team ruined a perfect season for Gillman's Cincinnati Bearcats in 1952. The score was 31-7. "Don't mention it, though," Blackbourn said the other day. "I don't want Sid to get mad over ancient history." Of the Baltimore game, Blackbourn said, "You can't overemphasize the importance of the pressure the Colts' big line put on our passer. It made their pass defense job easy. We could afford to send out only two or three receivers at any time. We needed all the blocking we could get to give Tobin (Rote) any chance at all." The Rams hold a 14-4 edge over the Packers in their series. Green Bay broke a 10 game losing streak against Los Angeles by winning here last year, 35-17...The Packers' defense apparently gets better as the game progresses. Detroit and the Bears each kicked a field goal in the third quarter and Baltimore one in the fourth. Those nine points, and no touchdowns, are all that Green Bay has given up after the intermission.

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OCT 14 (Green Bay) - Tom Dahms, the Packers' steady at offensive right tackle, can't be blamed if he feels a little different this week. The 245-pound native of San Diego will be playing his former teammates for the first time in Milwaukee County Stadium Sunday afternoon. Dahms made the Los Angeles Rams as a free agent fresh out of San Diego State in '51. He was the club's regular offensive right tackle for four seasons before the Packers obtained him in a trade for defensive end Stretch Elliott and a draft choice last August. Big Tom will play against left defensive tackle Bud McFadin, 250 pounds, or defensive end Paul Miller, 221. "Both of them came up last year and both of them are good boys," Dahms said. Frank Fuller, also a newcomer in '54, may exchange with Miller. Dahms and halfback-fullback Tom McCormick were roommates a year ago. Tom is the Rams' No. 1 handyman, playing both offensive halfback spots and fullback in a pinch. According to word from Milwaukee, where the Rams are playing, fullback Dan Towler has been held out of action in Tuesday and Wednesday practices because of an ankle injury. Being tried at the spot were Corky Taylor, linebacker, Larry Morris and McCormick. Towler was supposed to have been injured against Detroit. Packer Coach Liz Blackbourn expects to see Towler running at full steam Sunday - reported injury or not!...The Rams and Packers are almost direct opposites in the matter of scoring points and allowing some. Los Angeles hasn't permitted a touchdown in the first halves of their first three games. The Packers haven't allowed a touchdown in the last halves of their three. Which means probably nothing once Sunday's battle starts, but off the following composite scores by quarters the Rams must be awfully tough defensively in those first two quarters and the Packers must be same in the last two frames:

PACKERS	-	7	23	17	17	-	64
OPPONENTS	-	28	7	6	3	-	44
LOS ANGELES	-	16	27	7	17	-	67
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The nine points scored against the Packers in the last halves resulted from three field goals. Lest you get the idea that the Rams are easy to score on in the last half, 26 of the Rams' 47 permissions in quarters 3 and 4 were scored by the Pittsburgh Steelers, who blocked punts, recovered fumbles, etc. - after the Rams had built up a 17-0 halftime lead. The Forty Niners scored 14 on the Rams in the last half and Detroit got its only touchdown in a 17-10 loss to LA in the fourth frame. That lone "3" against the Rams in the first half was made by Detroit's Doak Walker. The Packer defense has been vulnerable in the first quarter - especially since Baltimore scored 21 in that stanza. Thus far, 28 of the 44 points scored vs. Green Bay came in the first heat. The Rams' key offensive quarters have been in the second (27) and fourth (17). They counted 17 on Pittsburgh in the second and 10 in the fourth to beat Pittsburgh. The Packers broke the tough first quarter ice against Baltimore with a touchdown following Alan Ameche's fumble. The Bays have been steady in the last three frames...The Packers hammered offensive in a heavy drill in the Bluejay outfield Thursday and more of the same was on tap for today, although Friday workouts generally include a smattering of defense. Everybody was running well but Trainer Bud Jorgenson had all three training tables occupied after the session. Howie Ferguson has an ankle hurt, Al Carmichael a shoulder - to mention a few. Feeling wonderful this week is Breezy Reid, the veteran halfback who was weakened badly with the flu during the Baltimore game. "Started to snap out of it Tuesday," Breezy said. He seemed to have his usual drive the next day. The Packers will drill lightly Saturday.

SPECIAL TRAIN READY TO ROLL

OCT 14 (Green Bay) - The Packer Alumni Assn.'s second special train is ready to roll, Alumni Prexy Bernard Darling announced today. Nearly 800 fans took advantage of last week's package special - on the Milwaukee Road - to the Packer-Colt game and Darling is hopeful that "a crowd approaching that figure will be aboard for the trip to Milwaukee for the Packer-Ram game." The special will leave the Milwaukee Road depot on Washington Street at 10 o'clock Sunday morning and take the fans directly to County Stadium. The train will leave the stadium a half hour after the game and return to Green Bay at 6:45 Sunday evening. Kickoff is at 1:35. The entire trip, plus a ticket to the game, costs \$9. Food service will be available on the train - going and returning. The Alumni will run a similar special for the Packers' final league game in Milwaukee - against the

San Francisco Forty Niners Sunday, Nov. 20...The Packers will leave Green Bay on the 5 o'clock North Western Saturday evening. They'll headquarter at the Astor hotel and return to Green Bay on the North Western at 10 o'clock Sunday night...Packer ticket chief Carl Mraz indicated today that a crowd of approximately 30,000 is expected for the important battle. The ticket sale in Milwaukee and Green Bay started to pick up yesterday and the activity increased today. Mraz emphasized that plenty of tickets are available both at the stadium in Milwaukee and at the ticket office here. A record crowd of 40,199 saw the Packers battle the Baltimore Colts last Saturday night. The Packer-Ram game has generally been a good draw in Milwaukee. One of the reasons was the presence of Elroy Hirsch, the former University of Wisconsin star who hails from Wausau. Hirsch will be back again this year after "retiring" last winter. He warmed up with three catches against Detroit last Sunday. The Rams have another Wisconsin native in their lineup - tackle Art Hauser, who played prep ball at Hartford and then starred at Xavier University. Hauser has four brothers, including the Rev. Jerome Hauser, who is at St. Francis seminary in Milwaukee.

GILLMAN GRIPING ABOUT LA BEING FAVORITE VS. PACKERS

OCT 14 (Green Bay) - Well, now, look what came out of Milwaukee today! A gripe from Sid Gillman, the new coach of the Los Angeles Rams! Sid doesn't like the odds on Sunday's Packer-Ram game. What Gillman likes or dislikes isn't earth-shaking around these parts, but his complain about the "experts" making the Rams a three-point favorite really is quite ridiculous. Here's what Sid was quoted as saying via the United Press: "Ridiculous! So we've won three straight. So what?" Just what does he expect? His team has a 3-0 record, the Packers 2-1. He's darned lucky the odds weren't wider - maybe seven! In fact, Packer Coach Liz Blackburn would be justified in complaining that the odds weren't more than three. But Liz is rather busy this week - too busy to be worrying about the odds. Gillman bases his moan on injuries to his club. He mentions, for instance, that Skeet Quinlan and Don Paul are both out. The ridiculous part of that is this: Quinlan and Paul both have been on the injured reserve list since before the league season started, and both had been placed on waivers. It beats us now this complaint was even swallowed in Milwaukee - much less passed out for publication. Quinlan and Paul, both top-flight players, had nothing to do with the Rams' three straight. They were just "with the club". Gillman complained about the loss of fullback Tank Younger who was hurt in the first game and thus didn't figure in the victories over Pittsburgh

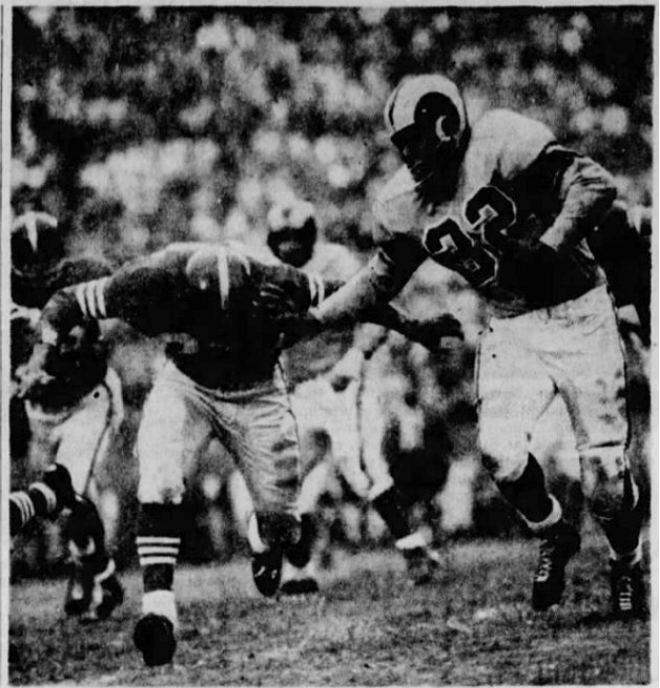
and Detroit. He also harped about fullback Dan Towler's bad ankle, which stiffened up Tuesday. Towler's injury seems to be the only sound complaint but certainly not enough to attach it to a gripe about the odds. In fact, the Packers can more than balance Towler's injury with at least three of their own, including incidentally, a fullback, Howie Ferguson. P.S. - The Rams were 10-point underdogs vs. San Francisco, a seven-point choice over Pittsburgh and a two-point underdog vs. Detroit last Sunday. The tightest battle was with Pittsburgh 27-26. And how do you figure the Rams, then sporting 2-0, being favored over Detroit, then with 0-2? You can't be blessed with the underdog role two weeks in a row, Sid, although you're mighty close - three points!...PRO BRIEFS: The Rams hold a 14-4 edge over the Packers since the series was started in '46, the Rams' first year in Los Angeles. The Packers lost the first two, won the next three, and then lost 11 straight before winning the opener in Milwaukee 35-17 last year. LA took the nightcap on the coast, 35-27...A rebroadcast of the Packer-Colt game was beamed to the U.S. armed stations throughout the world Sunday night. Pete Platten picked it up on shortwave. The game also was carried on 500 stations throughout the United States Saturday night via Mutual...The aforementioned Rose said that Ram halfback Ronnie Waller can do anything you want a good halfback to do. He looked good against the Lions, Packer scouts discovered.

RAM DRILL DELAYED BY HAIL, RAIN

OCT 14 (Milwaukee-Los Angeles Times) - Hail and rain today delayed the Rams' final practice session for Sunday's game here with the Green Bay Packers but they finally managed to get in a 90-minute drill on a soggy turf. The United States Weather Bureau's forecast for Sunday in the Milwaukee area is "partly cloudy, with afternoon temperatures in the upper 50's." The advance sale has been good. The revitalized Packers attracted a record 40,119 to the home of the baseball Braves last Sunday and given good weather, another crowd of more than 35,000 is expected...RAMS CONFIDENT: While they are not discounting the Green Bay team that walloped 'em by a 35-17 count last October, the unbeaten Rams are confident they can take the likes of Tobin Rote, Billy Howton, Veryl Switzer and Howie Ferguson. They know what it would mean to return to Los Angeles with a 4-0-0 record to begin a home stand against Detroit, the Chicago Bears and 49ers. This is the greatest start any Ram team has made since Clark Shaughnessy's 1949 outfit swept its first six games. The teams of 1950-51-53 boasted 2-1-0 records after three games. The 1952 standing was 1-2-0 and last year 1-1-1...SAME LINEUP: After today's workout, Coach Sid Gillman announced that his starting lineup will be the same as the one which opened against Detroit - including a backfield combo of Norm Van Brocklin, Ron Waller, Elroy Hirsch and Dan Towler. "Towler was still limping at practice today, but we are going on the assumption he can play," Gillman said. The Packers don't come to town until tomorrow evening. With the exception of halfback Al Carmichael, the former Trojan star, the team is in top condition. Carmichael has a sore shoulder, but will play.

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RAMS THREE POINT CHOICE TO DEFEAT PACKERS SUNDAY
 OCT 14 (Milwaukee Journal) - The Los Angeles Rams are favored by three points to beat Green Bay in their NFL game at County Stadium Sunday afternoon and, in a way, that's good news for the Packers. In 18 league games thus far, the underdogs have won 13. The Packers won both games (Detroit and Chicago Bears) that they were picked to lose and lost the one game (Baltimore here last Saturday) that they were favored to win. The Rams, unbeaten in three games, overcame



Offensive Wheels—Two of the many Los Angeles Rams who gain yardage by rushing are shown in action above. In the top game picture, fullback Dan Towler gives the stiff arm to a San Francisco Forty Niner. Below, rookie halfback Corky Taylor exhibits his "cut." These two—plus others—will give the Packer defense its toughest test in Milwaukee County Stadium Sunday afternoon. Kickoff at 1:35.



Rams In Action — The unusual picture above shows what good protection a passer actually can get—at least a fraction of a second after the snap. It was snapped during a Los Angeles Ram-Chicago Bear game a year ago and shows Quarterback Norm Van Brocklin going back to throw. No. 61 is Duane Putnam and linemen (helmets from left to right) are Bob Cross, Harry Thompson, Leon McLaughlin and Tom Dahms (71). Dahms is now a Packer and Thompson is with the Giants. Below, Ram tackle Bud McFadin makes like a boogey man—probably for the benefit of Dahms who will play across from him part of the time when the two clubs meet in Milwaukee Sunday afternoon.

the jinx once. They beat Pittsburgh, 27-26, but required Les Richter's 33 yard field goal as the gun sounded to make it. A somewhat questionable ruling on a complete pass and a penalty for roughing gave them position. Against San Francisco in the opener and Detroit last week, the Rams overcame the odds and won handily. Sid Gillman, rookie coach with the Rams, took the news that his boys were favored Sunday with apparent concern. "Three points," he said, "that's the first I've heard. Well, I'd say we've got a good chance to win any game we play." Gillman's talent laden Rams, playing with new gusto and a defense the likes of which Los Angeles has never known in pro football, have won three games despite injuries which might well have ruined any other team. The Rams currently are without four regulars, middle guard Don Paul (an all-pro linebacker in other years), halfback Volney (Skeets) Quinlan, fullback Paul (Tank) Younger and offensive tackle Charlie Toogood. Rookies in the depleted backfield and defense have carried the Rams. Elroy Hirsch, the old Wisconsin halfback, came out of retirement to help out. He is the flanker back, sort of a third end for Norm Van Brocklin to throw at. Bob (Seabiscuit) Boyd and Tom Fears line up as conventional ends. Glen Holtzman, rookie from North Texas State, has filled in capably for Toogood. Dan Towler, who has taken it easy this week because of an ankle injury suffered at Detroit, gives the Rams veteran punch at fullback. He will be ready Sunday, Gillman said. Ron Waller of Maryland and Corky Taylor of Kansas State share left halfback. Both are rookies and good ones. The depth in the backfield is such that Larry Morris, rookie linebacker from Georgia Tech, has been practicing at fullback. Tom

McCormick, 185 pound halfback from College of the Pacific, is Towler's understudy, but as Gillman says, "He's just a little fellow." The defense has been very good, Gillman said, and he was rather proud when he told of 11 interceptions by his secondary. "Our line has been fine," Gillman said. Across the front on defense, the Rams line up Andy Robustelli and Paul Miller at end, Art Hauser (of Rubicon, Wis.) and Bud McFadin at tackle and Jack Ellena, rookie from UCLA, at middle guard. "Hauser has been real good," Gillman said. "McFadin is having his best season. Robustelli is the best defensive end in the league." Richter, former California all-Americans who is rated among the finest in the league, backs the line with either Bob Griffin or Morris. In the backfield are rookie Don Burroughs, Bill Sherman, Ed Hughes and Hall Haynes. The Packers hold the edge in most offensive statistics, although there is no great difference any place among the line. Gillman said that he was "concerned" about Green Bay's attack. "Rote at quarterback is great," he said, "and backs like Ferguson, Reid, Switzer and Carmichael and ends to throw to like Howton and Knafelc will be plenty to handle." Green Bay's study defense also was praised by Gillman as "one of the soundest in the league." The Packers have permitted three opponents to complete only 20 passes (36.4% low percentage in the league) and have intercepted eight. In all of the talk about "dirty" football these days, the Packers received an unusual complement this week. The Baltimore Sun said: "The Colts have always said that the Packers give them a worse beating than any other team. It isn't that the Packers play dirty. It's just that they play rough and tough football."

BLACKBOURN, GILLMAN SEE TIGHT RACE

OCT 14 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - Liz Blackbourn and Sid Gillman have at least one thing in common this week. Both believe the NFL is so balanced that any one of 10 clubs could take the championship. Blackbourn, speaking from his Green Bay encampment, said Thursday "the way this season is progressing anyone could grab the title." And Gillman reporting from his Schroeder Hotel headquarters said: "Sure we've won some close ones, but that's the way the whole pro picture is shaping - anyone could win it." It all adds more fuel to the fire when the once-beaten Packers try to dump the undefeated Rams at the Stadium Sunday. If the Rams win they'll have a fast start toward that objective. If Green Bay wins, it will stay in title contention. Statistics show that the Packers have fumbled 10 times, a league high, and have recovered only three of them. Last year the Packers fumbled only 21 times during the entire season, second only to the Colts who lost the ball 20 times.

Quarterback Tobin Rote has had the misfortune of fumbling at the most crucial time. The Rams possess the kind of linemen who loves to rack a passer before he gets the ball off. They have that kind of personnel and Rote is the logical target. "If we can only correct that fumbling we should give everyone a battle," added Blackburn. "Our defense has been playing head-up ball, keeping us in business. Gillman may have changed his offense, since taking over at Los Angeles, but I expect the same type of defense he used at Cincinnati," Liz continued. The Ram offense centers around Norm Van Brocklin. He can spread his defense by setting up a halfback as a flanker (Elroy Hirsch) or he can often place a fast end like Bob Boyd in such a position the Packers will find themselves covering him with a slower defensive back. Although Van Brocklin has bumped into a toughened defensive league this season, he still is the longest passer in pro ranks. "That's the same old wealth of Ram material," said Liz, "but I think the difference is the Rams are a more controlled team under Gillman. (Hampton) Poole went for the spectacular brand of football. Gillman is the kind of guy who plays the percentages. And he's getting results." Blackburn reported that halfback Al Carmichael, sidelined four weeks with a dislocated shoulder, injured his other shoulder against the Colts. Fullback Howie Ferguson and center Jim Ringo have minor ailments. "We've got a lot of bruises and knocks which will be coming out near the end of the week. We haven't been able to drill at top speed this week as a consequence." Gillman took time from a coaches' meeting to say "team spirit has been the key to our success." Reminded of the Packers' 35-17 win over a darn good Ram team last October in Milwaukee, Gillman retaliated with, "Oh, the Packers are a wonderful team. They've got good balance, a good defense - I've taken a good look at that 35-17 deal." There was confidence in Gillman's voice and an equal assurance in Blackburn's appraisal.

REGARDLESS OF MOVIES AND FAN OPINION, PACKER SCORE STANDS

OCT 14 (Milwaukee Sentinel - Lloyd Larson) - That was an interesting item out of Baltimore about checking the movies of last Saturday night's game with the Packers. But there was nothing particularly new about the Colts' findings for just about everybody in the record crowd of 40,199 has and still has the same opinion about Fred Cone's 47 yard field goal try, namely: The ball went under the crossbar, not over. In other words, the Colts insist it wasn't a field goal - merely a long kick that resulted in a harmless touchback. And the score, therefore, should have been 24-17 in their favor instead of 24-20. I doubt that any eyewitness will say no to that claim. Regardless of what the Colts and fans say, however, it's still a field goal for Cone and the official score is 24-20 because the game official charged with the duty of passing judgment on the kick ruled it went OVER the crossbar. The question before the house now is: What if the kick had enabled the Packers to eke out a tie or win the game? Would a Baltimore protest have caused three points to be deducted from the Packer total? Or would Commissioner Bert Bell have ordered a complete replay of the game? One thing for sure: There would be no adjustment on the score, no matter what the movies showed. Conceivably, the commissioner has the right to order a replay because of a bad call. But I doubt that he would because of setting a dangerous precedent. Movies might reveal a dozen such judgment decisions in a game, any or all of which might directly affect scoring by either or both sides. When would he stop and where would he draw the line? It is not the first time that officials have erred and not the last either. They have the last word, right or wrong, in judgment matters. It must be so. Otherwise there would be something akin to sports chaos. Booting a specific rule, with no accompanying judgment angle, is something else again. Then and then only are there grounds for logical protest. Saying yes or now on a field goal try is the same as ruling fair or foul on a ball hit over the fence in baseball, or a runner staying in bounds or stepping out in football. Movies and still pictures might prove conclusively the official was wrong. But his decision stands. There have been some outstanding examples of not reversing decision after the fact, regardless of convincing evidence. Remember the famous pickoff play in the first game of the 1948 World Series between the Braves and Indians? Pictures bore out what everybody at Braves Field believed - Phil Masi of the Braves was out at second on a throw from Bob Feller to Lou Boudreau. But Umpire Bill Stewart motioned safe. So Masi was safe. A moment later he scored the only run on Tommy Holmes' safe blow to left. Only one man's opinion prevailed - Stewart's. A rhubarb that was given nationwide publicity developed over a Notre Dame-Carnegie Tech football game of some 20 yards ago because of the officials' failure to keep accurate track of the downs. Carnegie Tech, having informed it was the third down coming up, tried a line plunge that failed to gain enough for a first down near midfield. When the easterners were lining up to punt, they were told, correctly, the previous play was fourth down. The referee was sorry, but that's the way it had to be. So the ball went over to Notre Dame, which went on from there to chalk up the game's only touchdown. Obviously, there could be no

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	W	L	T	Pct.	PS	OP
Baltimore	3	0	0	1.000	75	50
Los Angeles	3	0	0	1.000	67	50
Green Bay	2	1	0	.667	64	44
San Francisco	1	2	0	.333	37	80
Chicago Bears	0	3	0	.000	39	67
Detroit	0	3	0	.000	40	65

Eastern Division						
	W	L	T	Pct.	PS	OP
Chicago Cards	2	1	0	.667	59	41
Washington	2	1	0	.667	68	71
Cleveland	2	1	0	.667	76	47
Pittsburgh	2	1	0	.667	70	57
Philadelphia	1	2	0	.333	74	69
New York	0	3	0	.000	57	85

Tonight's Game

Philadelphia at Pittsburgh.

Sunday's Games

LOS ANGELES vs. GREEN BAY at Milwaukee (1:30, WJPG).

San Francisco at Detroit.

Cleveland at Washington.

Cardinals at New York.

Baltimore at Bears.

Probable Offensive Lineups:

LOS ANGELES		GREEN BAY	
Fears	LE		Knafele
Cross	LT		Szafaryn
Putnam	LG		Skibinski
McLaughlin	C		Ringo
Hock	RG		Brown
Toogood	RT		Dahms
Boyd	RE		Howton
Van Brocklin	QB		Rote
Waller	LH		Reid
Hirsch	RH		Switzer
Towler	FB		Ferguson

Officials: Referee—John Pace (55);
 Umpires—James Crowe (50); Head
 Linesman — Dan Tehan (36); Back
 Judge — Yans Wallace (34); Field
 Judge—Chuck Sweeney (22).

replay and no post-game adjustments of any kind. What if Jackie Robinson's steal of home during the recent World Series had given the Dodgers the winning run in that game and turned out to be the clincher? Yankees (players and fans) could yell their heads off, even if the weight of pictorial evidence was on their side. Robinson would be safe forever more because umpire Bill Summers called him safe. It was Summers' job to call the play without help from cameras and volunteers in possibly better position to see it. That's the way it is and must be in sports.

PACK BIDS TO KAYO RAMS, TIE NFL IN KNOT SUNDAY

OCT 15 (Milwaukee-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packers make a determined bid Sunday to tie the NFL's Western division lead in a three-way knot. Two things will have to happen if the Packers are to put themselves in a first place tie with the Los Angeles Rams and the Baltimore Colts: (1) The Packers will have to beat the Rams in County Stadium here Sunday afternoon and (2) the Colts will have to lose to the Bears in Chicago at the same time. The Packers and Rams will be aware of the early proceedings in the Windy City since the Bear-Colt game starts at 12:05, Green Bay time, while the Bay-LA match won't begin until 1:35. More than 30,000 fans are expected to help the Packers in

their most difficult task, and the weatherman will chip in with sunshine and temperatures in the low 60's. The Rams will be shooting for their fourth straight victory against no defeats. They enter the game with verdicts over San Francisco (23-14), Pittsburgh (27-26) and Detroit (17-10) under their belts. The Packers will be seeking their third win in four starts. They beat Detroit 20-17 and the Bears 24-3 and lost to Baltimore 24 to 20. Known for years as a star-studded offensive powerhouse, the Rams of '55 will be unusual from the past in that they have a defense to go with a balanced offense. LA presently has allowed but 50 point in its first three games - second best in the Western circuit. The Packers boast the best defense in the division, having permitted only 44 markers, but the unexploded Rams offer something of a new challenge in quarterback Norm Van Brocklin, ace pass catchers Tom Fears, Bob Boyd and Elroy Hirsch, and scatsters Ronnie Waller - to mention a few. The Rams have scored 67 points thus far - three more than the Packers. The Packer offense has yet to really catch fire and it's interesting to note that it did the same for the first time in '54 against the Rams in Milwaukee. The final was 37-17, thanks to 21 points in the fourth quarter. But, as they say, this is a new season and what happened in '54 won't help in '55. Whether there'll be a Packer fire on the Braves' slick playing surface depends a great deal on the accuracy of quarterback Tobin Rote, his ball handling, the protection he receives, and the ability of his receivers to out-fox such Ram defensive halfbacks as Don Burroughs, Bill Sherman, Hall Haynes and Ed Hughes. Rote will be bolstered at left half by the fact that Breezy Reid won't be weakened by the flu as he was against Baltimore last Saturday night. Fullback Howie Ferguson picked up an "ankle" early vs. the Colts but it didn't hamper him the rest of the game and isn't expected to bother him against LA. Veryl Switzer and Al Carmichael will switch at right half. One of the to-watch figures in the Packer offensive inner line will be right tackle Tom Dahms, who will be playing against his ex-teammates for the first time. He'll be surrounded by Len Szafaryn, Joe Skibinski, Jim Ringo and Buddy Brown. The Packer defensive line and linebackers Roger Zatkoff and Deral Teteak have had success putting pressure on the last four quarterbacks they faced. Due to his skill, Van Brocklin presents even more of a problem for such bruisers as John Martinkovic, Nate Borden, Jerry Helluin, Dave Hanner and Bill Forester. Once Van Brocklin lets it fly it's up to Bobby Dillon, Val Joe Walker, Billy Bookout and Doyle Nix. Packer Coach Liz Blackbourn is hopeful about Sunday's game but by the same token expects the Rams to be extremely tough to defeat. Both teams are noted for their fierce determination. The Rams under Sid Gillman showed it in holding off the Forty Niners, Steelers and Lions in the fourth quarter. The Packers showed it by rallying to defeat the Lions in the last 20 seconds, by standing-still the Bears and by crashing back hard against the Colts. The Packers will relax

Packer-Ram Series: Rams won 14, Packers won 4, 0 tied. Points: Rams 554, Packers 307.

Packer-Ram Comparison.

OFFENSE

	LA	GB
First Downs	57	54
Rushing	30	29
Passing	24	23
By penalty	3	2
Yards gained (total)	839	1002
Rushing (net)	425	531
Passing (net)	414	471
Number of rushes	121	121
Ave. gain per rush	3.5	4.1
Passes attempted	74	96
Passes completed	41	48
Per cent completed	55.4	50.0
Yds. gained passing	453	542
Yds. lost att. passing	39	71
No. had intercept.	6	1
Yds. interc. ret. op.	79	10
Op. Touch. interc.	0	0
Number of Punts	15	15
Average distance	44.3	41.9
Returned by	10	9
Av. dist. ret. by	3.2	5.6
Kick-Offs returned	11	9
Av. dist. ret. by	20.8	22.1
Number of penalties	17	9
Yards penalized	145	110
Fumbles	9	10
Own fumbles rec'd	5	3
Opp. fumbles	4	3
Opp. fumbles rec'd	4	4
Touchdowns (total)	8	7
Touch. running	4	3
Touch. passing	4	4
Extra points	8	7
Field goals	3	5
Field goals attempt.	8	10
Total points	67*	64

DEFENSE

Opponents' points	50	44
Opp. first down	64	35
Rushing	26	20
Passing	31	14
By penalty	7	1
Opp. yards gained	915	777
Rushing (net)	413	400
Passing (net)	502	377
No. Opp. rushes	108	108
Op. av. gain per rush	3.8	3.8
Opp. passes att.	97	55
Completed	50	20
Per cent completed	51.5	36.4
Intercepted by	11	8
Yds. interc. ret. by	101	114

at the Hotel Astor here tonight. They were to leave Green Bay on the 5 o'clock North Western. They return to Green Bay at 10 o'clock Sunday night.

HONEST, THIS WILL BE MY LAST YEAR - HIRSCH

OCT 15 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - Sunday will be the last time Elroy (Crazylegs) Hirsch will romp on a Milwaukee gridiron when the undefeated Rams meet the once-beaten Packers at the Stadium, kickoff at 1:35. Hirsch, the former Wisconsin All-American who came out of retirement last month to join the Rams for his 10th season of pro ball, said Friday, "Honest, this is my last year." Whatever possessed Crazylegs to withdraw from the television and acting business to ask for another season of bumps and bruises in the rock and sock league? "Oh, I thought about it for a long time," answered Hirsch. "But when the Rams lost (Skeet) Quinlan and were out looking for a receiver, I just signed again. You know my wife always had her doubts about me giving up football." Hirsch signed with Coach Sid Gillman after the first game at San Francisco. He played only a short time against the Steelers in the next game and started against the Lions in Detroit last Sunday. "I was surprised that I wasn't in too bad a shape. Oh, my legs felt stiff after the first game, but my wind was real good. I guess that was because I had been playing tennis all summer." "I was worried about having anything left," added Hirsch. "I missed one right in my hands against the Steelers but had a little better day against the Lions." Indeed he did. Elroy grabbed three Van Brocklin tosses for 79 yards against the Lions, the first one going for 55 yards to set up the first Los Angeles touchdown. "I had every reason to quit after we finished against the Packers in the Coliseum last December. We had lost quite a few games - it was an unhappy year. But things are going great now, Gillman seems to have instilled in us a winning frame of mind. He keeps the club loose. Gillman is not an easy coach. When we have an hour and half drill it amounts to an hour and 29 minutes of concentrated work. Everything is organized." Hirsch believes the reason for the closeness in the league this season is because the defense has caught up with the offense. "It's ruined our long stuff. Oh, I still like to go for the long ones. But with a defensive ace like the Packers' Bobby Dillon running backward as fast as I can go forward and always smiling at me it's pretty tough. Faking rather than speed seems to be the only out." Hirsch prefers Van Brocklin's "soft-like-a-feather pass" - one that is consistently on the button. "He can drill the hard ones, too." Explaining the Rams' fast start, Elroy said, "This seems to be the year everything is clicking for us. We've been lucky, too. You've got to have luck in this league. I still think an 8-4 record can take it." "I'm not surprised at the Packers' start. They gave us a good beating here last year and we've never had an easy time against them. I think we'll give 'em a good battle." Hirsch, who makes his home in Los Angeles, says sports announcing is his dreamed of ambition after this season. "I've had a weekly TV show, but I sure would like to report games on the spot." And his movie career is still active.



Hirsch's next picture will be a post Civil War field, Elroy taking the part of a northern officer doing military police work in a southern town. But today Hirsch looks like Ram who has always been feared in the NFL. His weight is the same (193) and he's till catching big ones against the best defenses in the league.

FOR MIRACLE FINISH, PACKER-RAM GAME OF '52 RANKS WITH THE BEST

OCT 15 (Milwaukee Sentinel-Lloyd Larson) - Talk turned to some of football's miracle finishes - teams that refused to be beaten and somehow managed to come from behind though the odds against winning were staggering. High on the list of super comeback jobs of all time, even though 20 years have passed since the accomplishment, was Notre Dame's miraculous finish to beat Ohio State in 1935. That really was one for the books. The Buckeyes had a 13-0 lead at the end of the third quarter. The Irish, sparked by Bill Shakespeare and Andy Pilney, scored in the first minute of the final quarter. They connected again five minutes before the end, only to miss the point. Still they trailed, 13-12. But they got their mitts on the ball once more, and once more they racked up a TD to pull the biggest game of the year out of the fire. There have been numerous other movie finishes among them Wisconsin's 6-0 win over Indiana in the snowstorm four years ago. The clock

showed only seconds to play when Johnny Coatta fired the TD pass to Bill Hutchinson. But it is safe that nothing in the past, collegiate or pro, had anything on the Packer-Ram game of 1952. Many of the folks who sat in on the show still can't believe what they saw...**PLEASANT DREAM TURNS BAD:** For three periods, it looked like a dream game for the Packers. Pleasant dream, that is. They could do nothing wrong and the Rams, by contrast, very little right. It was a breeze, with the Bays leading 28-6 as they turned down the home stretch. Then Bob Waterfield, Elroy Hirsch, Tank Younger, Dan Towler and assorted Rams of 1952 caught fire. The hotter they became, the more the Packers cooled off. What everybody thought was a consolation touchdown reduced the deficit to 28-13. The next time around the Rams chose to go for three points, via a Waterfield field goal, instead of shooting for a TD. So now it was 28-16. To the average fan, Waterfield was a rockhead for adding three points instead of trying for six or seven. But the wisdom of that decision became more apparent when the L.A. boys quickly regained possession and swept to another six-pointer. With the conversion, the score became 28-23. Now there was no stopping them. Back they came again for another "touch" to complete the miracle. Then the supposedly foolish field goal's importance was brought home. Without it, the Rams couldn't have won. A 24 point spree by a team definitely on the ropes and ready for the knockout 15 minutes earlier...**NEW CHANCE TO EASE OLD PAIN:** Some of the current Packers - like Tobin Rote, Breezy Reid, John Martinkovic, Dave Hanner, Bill Howton, Deral Teteak - were on the 1952 club. No matter how long they continue to play football, they'll never get completely even for that one-in-a-thousand reversal. They made some headway by slipping the Rams a 35-17 mickey at County Stadium last year. And it goes without saying that they can soothe the three year pain even more by pulling a repeat act Sunday. By winning this time, Liz Blackburn's boys can tie for the western division lead (if Baltimore loses to the Bears) or stay within hailing distance (if Baltimore wins) and put an end to Los Angeles' three-game winning streak at the same time. In other words, victory will provide a two-way tonic. Rote, Howton and Co. certainly have the fans on their side. Last week's sellout crowd of 40,199 told all. People like what they saw, even in defeat. And most of them will be back again. Such encouragement can mean the difference against the Rams or any other team in the league.

RAMS 3-POINT PICK TO BEAT GREEN BAY



ELROY HIRSCH
This Time for Keeps

RAMS 3-POINT FAVORITE PICK TO BEAT GREEN BAY

OCT 15 (Los Angeles) - On the field where they met with disaster last season, the Los Angeles Rams tomorrow will seek one of their most vital victories in years. They tackle the rugged Green Bay Packers at Milwaukee Stadium, and more than 35,000 fans are expected. The weatherman says it will be partly cloudy with the temperatures in the upper 50s. There will be no telecast, but the Los Angeles fans can turn in on KHJ at 11:30 PST for the broadcast...**TIE FOR FIRST:** The Rams haven't had a chance at the championship since 1952. A victory over the Packers would send them home with 4-0-0 record and nothing worse than a tie for first place in the NFL's Western Division with Baltimore, provided the battered Colts also beat the Bears in Chicago tomorrow. Although Green Bay's brilliant Tobin Rote tore them to pieces here by a 35-17 count a year ago, Los Angeles remained a 3-point favorite. Rote, plus a talented if somewhat thin cast of characters, figures to provide the Rams with just about all they can handle. Particularly since we've had to rely on our defensive team to bail out the offense in the first three league starts. Rote, master of the option play, can give the Rams' amazing

pass defense, led by Will Sherman and Don Burroughs, a lot of trouble. The 210-pound veteran from Rice has thrown 84 successive passes without an interception since early in the league opener with Detroit...**SAME LINEUP:** The Rams' stout defensive line will be faced with the problem of containing one of the league's best fullbacks, Howie Ferguson. The Ram castoff now rates second to Baltimore's Alan Ameche in ball carrying. Ram Coach Sid Gillman is going with the same lineup which got the jump on Detroit last week. Norman Van Brocklin heads up a backfield which includes Ron Waller at left half, Crazy Legs Hirsch at right half (third end) and Dan Towler at fullback

PACKERS BID FOR SHARE OF FIRST PLACE AGAINST UNBEATEN RAMS HERE TODAY

OCT 16 (Milwaukee Journal) - Lisle Blackburn's Green Bay Packers hope to be the first to introduce Sid Gillman's Los Angeles Rams to the wrong end of a NFL score. They hope to make the introduction before 35,000 or more spectators at County Stadium this afternoon. The kickoff will be at 1:30 p.m. If the Packers are successful - and the oddsmakers, who

have been wrong in 14 out of 19 league cases this season, say they won't - they will bring the Rams down even with them. Such an accomplishment for a team tabbed for the second division over another preseason also ran would bring Green Bay at least half of second place and perhaps one-third of first place. Prospects of good football weather (temperatures in the fifties and no rain forecast) and another close duel such as the Baltimore-Packers game of a week ago may bring out a throng to rival the record Milwaukee crowd of 40,199 which watched the Colts barely win, 24-20, in a struggle of unbeaten teams. Now the Packers must bring these high spirited Rams back to them and hope that the Bears (three point favorites) pitch in and trip the Colts at Wrigley Field in Chicago. Such a competition would be entirely in keeping with this frantic season, for then, with one-third of the campaign over, no undefeated team would be left. Both the Rams and the Packers have played solid football this season. Against them, a touchdown is no easy matter. Gillman, a rookie in the league, up from the University of Cincinnati, and Blackbourn, a veteran coach in his second year with the Packers, both believe in defense. Gillman, as a matter of fact, believes every team in the league is more conscious of defense this season than ever before. "No question about it," he said Saturday. "This is my first year as coach here, but I have watched the pros from time to time. I am surprised at the sledgehammer way it is now. You really have to work for yards. But it's a better, more balanced game this way." Gillman's impact on the Rams has been tremendous. He has them hustling, veterans and rookies alike, as the Rams never hustled before. And defense. The Rams never had much. They went out to score more points than the opponent. Now the attack suffers by comparison, not than an offense which has operators like Van Brocklin, Towler, Waller, Fears, Boyd and Hirsch - old Crazy Legs himself - need suffer much. In the Rams and Packers, Milwaukee fans will be seeing two alert, well-coached teams. The Rams, with their tall safety men, Willard Sherman and Don Burroughs, have intercepted 11 passes in three games. The Packers have intercepted eight, and at the same time have permitted their opponents to complete only 20. That means that for every time the other side completed five passes, the Packers took two away from them. Blackbourn said Saturday that he thought pass defense was the place where games were won. "That's it," he said. "How you rush the passer, how you cover the receivers, how you react to a running play - those things make the difference." Little difference can be noted in scoring and being scored against. The Rams have a 67-64 edge in point making, but the Packers have given up only 44 points, low in the division, to the Rams' 50. With Tobin Rote throwing and running and Howie Ferguson and Breezy Reid leading the ground assault, Green Bay has gained 1,002 yards, nicely divided between 531 rushing and 471 passing. Norm Van Brocklin, fine passer and ball handler who rarely runs himself, has guided the Rams to 839 yards, all told. Again good balance, 425 on the ground, 414 in the air. Rookie Ron Waller of Maryland and veteran Deacon Dan Towler carry the running load and Elroy Hirsch, out of retirement; Tom Fears and Bob Boyd, track man in football togs, the receiving job. Rote's targets at ends are Billy Howton and Gary Knafelc and the tall Texan had just as many touchdown passes (4) as Van Brocklin this season. Van Brocklin has been stymied pretty much in what used to be his forte, the long pass. "No particular reason," Gillman said, "just the way the pattern of the game has worked out. We'll throw long any time the situation is right. But we will not throw long just to be throwing long." Gillman and Blackbourn will be meeting as coaches for the second time. Two years ago, when Gillman was at Cincinnati and Blackbourn was at Marquette, they met here. Gillman's team that year won nine out of ten games and had only 57 points scored against it. Blackbourn's Marquette team scored 31 of them in a 31-7 triumph. Gillman said he had no thoughts concerning revenge. "That night," he said, "Liz had the better - and better prepared - team. He is a fine coach and I look forward to meeting him again."

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