

**Green Bay Packers (6-4-1) 35, Detroit Lions (3-9) 14**  
**Sunday December 7th 1947 (at Detroit)**

**Green Bay Takes 35-0 Lead;  
Losers Count in Last Frame**  
Jacobs Pitches Two Touchdown Passes, Forte  
One; Fritsch, Schlinkman Score on Plunges

## **Packers Intercept Five Passes, Trounce Detroit Lions, 35-14**

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

(DETROIT) - An alert pass defense that turned five interceptions into three touchdowns enabled the Green Bay Packers to grind out a simple 35 to 14 NFL victory here Sunday over the Detroit Lions before a chilled crowd of only 14,055 fans who turned out to watch the Lions finish the season in the western division basement for the second straight year. Green Bay, scoring three times on short passes - two by Indian Jack Jacobs to end Clyde Goodnight - and twice on two yard touchdown smashes through the line, ran up a 35-0 lead before permitting the Lions two fourth period scores. The Packers' second substantial decision over Detroit this year sends them into their final game against Philadelphia next Sunday with a record of six wins, four losses and a tie. The Packers scored at least one in every period slapping down a Detroit team that surely missed Bill Dudley, its running ace who saw no action because of a foot injury. Dudley watched the entire game from the bench and Clyde LeForce, the Lions' rookie pass pitcher, was so hampered by a leg injury he saw just enough action to throw three passes, two of which were intercepted. Bill Margucci, Detroit's right halfback converted to quarterback for the day to plug a gap caused by injuries, completed nine of 21 passes for enough yardage to bring the Lions a 29-yard edge over the Packers by air.

### **CUFF CONVERTS PAT'S**

But while one of Margucci's pitches was to Ralph Heywood for a touchdown, two others were hauled down by Bob Forte and Bob Flowers of the Packers to set up Green Bay touchdowns. Jacobs passed five yards to Goodnight for one of them and nine yards to the same receiver for the other. Forte's eight-yard pitch to end Nolan Luhn accounted for the Packers' third aerial touchdown and both fullbacks, Ted Fritsch and Walt Schlinkman, battered over from the two yard line for additional Green Bay scores. Ward Cuff converted all five times. Averting what had all the aspects of their first shutout licking of the year, the Lions marched 77 yards for one fourth period score and 67 yards for another. Heywood drifted unnoticed out wide on the flank to take Margucci's six-yard pass all alone in the corner for the first one and Bob Westfall plowed the last two yards for the other one after Margucci's 40-yard pass to Heywood had set it up. Le Roy Zimmerman converted both times. Cuff's field goal efforts from the 44 and 39 in the first half both were wide and Fritsch's placement attempt from the 35 just before the final gun fell short. Two other scoring chances were muffed - one by each club. Trailing 7-0 after Jacobs' first touchdown pass to Goodnight the Lions stepped into Green Bay territory for the first time on Margucci's 35 yard pass to Heywood as the second period opened and Westfall's plunges gave Detroit first down on the 30. Two passes were incomplete before Zimmerman connected on a 25-yard toss to Heywood, who fumbled when tackles and Ken Keuper recovered for the Packers in the end zone.

### **LIONS GAMBLE ON CLOCK**

After the Packers had marched 66 yards to send Fritsch smashing over from the two-yard line late in the second period for the touchdown that gave Green Bay a 14-0 lead, the Lions gambled on the clock and it almost caused trouble. With only 40 seconds left in the half, a fourth down Detroit pass was incomplete and the Packers had first down on the Lions 15. Jacobs passed to Goodnight, who caught it on the four but fumbled as he was tackled and Frank Szymanski recovered for the Lions. Jacobs' 55-yard quick kick put Detroit in a hole early in the third stanza and after the Lions punted out, Green Bay called

on Ed Cody and Bruce Smith, both of whom had sat out the first half to spearhead an attack that rolled to the Lion eight, from where Forte faded back and passed to Luhn, all alone in the end zone. Less than two minutes later, the Packers scored again. Herman Rohrig intercepted LeForce's pass on the Detroit 20 and barreled to the 10. Cody gained a yard and after Canadeo's pass bounced off Luhn's fingertips on the goal line, Jacobs tossed his second touchdown pass to Goodnight. It was another intercepted pass that paved the way for Green Bay's fifth touchdown. Flowers grabbed Margucci's toss as the final period opened and raced all the way to the Lion 17. Cody and Jim Gillette took it to the seven in two plays for first down and Detroit drew a five yard penalty for substituting illegally. That put the ball on the two yard line and Schlinkman sliced across for the touchdown that hoisted the Packer margin to 35-0. Then the Lions finally came to life. Margucci lugged the kickoff back to the Detroit 23 and with Zimmerman doing the passing and Wilson the running the Lions moved it to the Packers' 10-yard line in eight plays.

#### BAY RUNNING GAME SUPERIOR

Zimmerman's fumble cost the Lions 12 yards and two passes were incomplete but a roughing penalty against the Packers gave Detroit a first down on the 11. Westfall hit to the six and Margucci flipped his touchdown pass to Heywood on the flank that caught Green Bay completely by surprise. A couple of minutes later Joe Watt brought Jacobs' punt back 13 yards to the Detroit 33 and the Lions were off and running again. Margucci passed 24 yards to Johnny Greene and on the next play tossed to Heywood, who covered 40 yards before Canadeo threw him on the three yard line. Westfall required two punches to put it over from there. The Packers' running game, sparked by Schlinkman and Smith, was widely superior to Detroit's, 184 to 85, but Wilson peeled off 69 yards of Detroit's total to the best individual total. Schlinkman netted 63 yards running and Smith 49. Jacobs completed 10 of 19 of his passes for 99 yards of Green Bay's 107 yard passing total while Detroit's 136 yard aerial total was divided almost exactly even between Margucci who completed nine of 21, and Zimmerman who connected on three of 12. Green Bay made 17 first downs to Detroit's 14.

**GREEN BAY - 7 7 14 7 - 35**  
**DETROIT - 0 0 0 14 - 14**

#### SCORING

1ST - GB - Clyde Goodnight, 5-yard pass from Jack Jacobs (Ward Cuff kick) GREEN BAY 7-0  
 2ND - GB - Ted Fritsch, 2-yard run (Cuff kick) GREEN BAY 14-0  
 3RD - GB - Nolan Luhn, 8-yard pass from Bob Forte (Cuff kick) GREEN BAY 21-0  
 3RD - GB - Goodnight, 9-yard pass from Jacobs (Cuff kick) GREEN BAY 28-0  
 4TH - GB - Walt Schlinkman, 2-yard run (Cuff kick) GREEN BAY 35-0  
 4TH - DET - Ralph Heywood, 6-yr pass from Joe Margucci (Roy Zimmerman kick) GREEN BAY 35-7  
 4TH - DET - Bob Westfall, 1-yard run (Zimmerman kick) GREEN BAY 35-14

## The Lion Purrs

### NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

#### Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PS	OP
Chicago Cards	8	3	0	.727	276	210
Chicago Bears	8	3	0	.727	342	211
GREEN BAY	6	4	1	.600	260	182
Los Angeles	5	6	0	.455	225	204
Detroit	3	9	0	.250	231	305

#### Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PS	OP
Pittsburgh	8	4	0	.667	240	259
Philadelphia	7	4	0	.636	280	228
Boston	4	6	1	.400	155	216
Washington	3	8	0	.273	255	354
New York	2	7	2	.222	180	275

#### Sunday's Results

GREEN BAY 35, DETROIT 14.  
 Los Angeles 17, Chicago Bears 14.  
 Chicago Cardinals 45, Philadelphia 21.  
 Pittsburgh 17, Boston 7.  
 New York 35, Washington 10.

#### Next Sunday's Games

GREEN BAY AT PHILADELPHIA.  
 Chicago Cardinals at Chicago Bears.  
 New York at Los Angeles.  
 Boston at Washington.  
 (Only games scheduled).

#### The Starting Lineups:

<b>GREEN BAY</b>	<b>DETROIT</b>
Craig, le	le, Cramer
McKay, lt	lt, Thomas
Wildung, lg	lg, Batinski
Brock, c	c, Szymanski
Tassos, rg	rg, Deshane
Davis, rt	rt, Dugger
Skoglund, re	re, Greene
Comp, qb	qb, Margucci
R. Forte, lhb	lhb, Kmetovic
Rohrig, rhb	rhb, Madarik
Fritsch, fb	fb, Wilson

#### Replacements

Green Bay: Ends—Goodnight, Luhn, Wells, Wilson. Tackles—Lipscomb, Odson, Croft, Ray. Guards—A. Forte, Clemons, Neal, Bell. Centers—Gatewood, Flowers. Backs—Canadeo, Schlinkman, Gillette, Keuper, Cuff, Jacobs, Smith, Cody. Detroit: Ends—Cook, Heywood, Mote. Tackles—Hekkers, Chase, Olenksi, Staeco. Guards—Ward, Lear, Jones. Centers—Nilson, Prégulman, Stovall. Backs—Zimmerman, Watt, Susic, Defulter, Wiese, Westfall, LeForce.

#### Score By Periods

	1	2	3	4	Total
Green Bay	7	7	14	7	35
Detroit	0	0	0	14	14

#### The Scoring

Green Bay: Touchdowns—Goodnight 2, Fritsch, Luhn, Schlinkman. Points after touchdown—Cuff 5. Detroit: Touchdowns—Heywood, Westfall. Points after Touchdown—Zimmerman 2.

#### Team Statistics

	Green Bay	Detroit
First downs	22	14
Yards gained rushing (net)	184	85
Passes attempted	22	36
Passes completed	11	12
Yds. gained forward passes	107	136
Passes intercepted by	5	0
Net yds. runback int. pass.	74	0
Punting ave. (scrimmage)	48.6	45
Total yards all kicks ret.	344	137
Opp. fumbles recovered	1	1
Yards lost by penalty	97	33

# Packers Hold Key to Eastern Loop Winner; Face Philadelphia Sunday

## CROWLEY QUILTS ROCKETS; REORGANIZATION PLANNED

DEC 8 (Chicago) - The resignation Sunday of Jim Crowley as coach and general manager of the Chicago Rockets was only the prelude to a complete reorganization of the club, it was learned Monday. The announcement will be made at the annual meeting of the All-America conference in New York this weekend. Crowley and his two boyhood associates, William S. Toohey and John S. Brogan, will sell their majority interests to a syndicate of Chicago businessmen. The team will remain in Chicago, at least for the 1948 season, despite repeated rumors that the organization would abandon competition with the well-entrenched Chicago Bears and Chicago Cardinals of the National league. Crowley is the only member of the present Rocket leaders who will be completely out of the new group. Toohey and Brogan, their interest in the club reduced to a minority, will remain on the board of directors. A present minority stockholder, R. Edward Garn, will be the new general manager. The Rockets, who in recent games have drawn fewer than 1,000 fans, have lost between \$200,000 and \$400,000 this fall.

## TWO LEAGUE DRAFT HINTED AS MONOPOLY

DEC 8 (New York) - Alexis Thompson, president and owner of the Philadelphia Eagles, has better eyesight than officials of other NFL clubs. From where he stands he can see the All-America conference. The other National league officials stand on their own little mountaintop and see only a pro domain which they like to think of as their very own, safe from invasion. Thompson also sees a ragged army of poachers taking the best game from the forests and making the National leaguers pay dearly for what remains, and he'd like to have his co-officials do something about it. Vividly aware of the threat of the apparently now prospering All-America conference, the Eagle executive suggests the two leagues unite to the extent of a common draft. This proposal probably has nothing to do with admiration for the All-America, but is made with an eye on the welfare of the pocketbooks of the National league clubs, who are forced to pay boom prices for their recruits because of competition from the up-and-coming rival. A kid just out of college now can barter for his services, playing one league against the other to the financial distress of both. Thompson's proposal seems to be a step in the right direction, but from a kibitzer's viewpoint, it would seem that his particular plan runs the danger of being ruled a monopoly even greater than baseball enjoys. A baseball player, turning pro, has his choice of the club with which he would like to affiliate. After he signs, of course, his life no longer is his own, and he must go where he is told and do what he is told to do, or else. A common draft operated by the All-America conference and National league would rob him of the opportunity to sign an original contract with a team of his choice. He signs with the pro team which drafts him, or he doesn't sign at all. Here, for instance, is an eager young kid whose name has been plastered over the sports pages as a collegian, and who consequently would be quite a drawing card as a pro. With two leagues studiously ignoring each other, he could approach, or be approached by, teams in both, all trying to outbid each other. He picks the best offer, and the team he wants to play with, and that's that. Under the common draft, if it operated as it did in baseball, the teams at the bottom of the standings would get the first shot at him. It would be hands off as far as the

## And Why Should He Smile?



Free Press Photo by Wally Steiger  
Bill Dudley, the Detroit Lions' star halfback, sits out Sunday's game with the Green Bay Packers. Bill looks a little sad here, and you can't really blame him. In addition to being laid up with injuries Dudley watched the Lions go down to a 35-14 defeat, their ninth of the year.

other teams were concerned. He'd play for what was offered by the one club. The All-America conference has survived two years of play now, and this year it was more prosperous than last year. There is no reason to believe it won't continue to prosper, and it seems foolish under the circumstances for the National league to ignore it. Foolish, and poor business, as the wild bidding for players is costing it plenty of money. We don't know just how the two leagues would skirt a monopoly charge if they operated together, but there must be a way. The kids must be given some choice in the matter of which team they originally will sign with. To give them such a choice and still keep them from bidding one team against the other would be the big problem.

**PACKERS HOLD KEY TO EASTERN LOOK WINNER; FACE PHILADELPHIA SUNDAY**

DEC 9 (Philadelphia) - The Green Bay Packers arrived here Monday and today prepared for the Eastern division's most important battle against the Philadelphia Eagles next Sunday afternoon. Here's the Eastern sector picture: Pittsburgh's Steelers, which closed their season with a victory over Boston last Sunday, are riding in first place by a half game. Philadelphia, which has played one less game than Pittsburgh, is second. Pittsburgh won eight and lost four, while the Eagles won seven and dropped four. Not that the Packers have any love for Pittsburgh which handed Green Bay one of its four defeats (18-17), it will be Green Bay's intention to boost the Steelers into the championship playoff with the winner of the Bear-Cardinal tussle in Chicago Sunday...PACKER DEFENSE TOPS: They



Ward Cuff, former Green Bay Packer, is shown above signing as head football and track coach at Central Catholic High school. Looking on are the Rev. J. A. Mailhot, O. Praem., left, athletic director, and the Rev. Richard D. Mulroy, principal.

can feed the Steelers to the Cardinals or Bears by whipping Philadelphia. If Philadelphia wins, the Eagles and Steelers will be tied for first place and the first divisional playoff since 1941, when the Bears and Packers collided, will be necessary. The Packers, who hold the key to the Eastern division title, care nothing about the Eastern division plans since they are out of the western sector running themselves. With six wins, four losses and one tie, the Packers can better their 1946 record of six wins and five losses by beating the Eagles. On only three other occasions did the Packers lose five or more games - five in 1925; seven in 1933; and six in 1934. Sunday's Packer-Philadelphia game will mix the league's leading defensive club, Green Bay, and the Eastern division's top offensive club, Philadelphia. The Packers, only team to permit less than 200 points, has allowed 182 for a defensive average of 16.6 points while Philadelphia scored 287 for an offensive mark of 26.4. The Packers scored 260 points while Philadelphia allowed 228...THE SCORING BY QUARTERS: The two clubs' scoring by period shows that the Eagles have counted most in the first and fourth frames, getting 82 points in each of those two frames. The Eagles have permitted 105 points in the last quarter. Here is the Eagles' scoring by frames:

PHILADELPHIA	82	45	78	82	-	287
OPPONENT	27	56	40	105	-	228

Despite a 14-point splurge in the third period by Detroit, the fourth frame continued to be the Packers' most productive. Here's how the Packers and their foes scored:

PACKERS	49	54	76	78	-	260
OPPONENTS	30	50	44	58	-	182

The Packers are headquartered at the Ben Franklin hotel here and they are following the normal practice procedure at a high school field near Shibe park when Sunday's game will be played.

### **BALTIMORE BETTER SPORTS TOWN THAN GREEN BAY, SAYS CEC ISBELL**

DEC 9 (Baltimore) - Fans in that red-hot football town of Green Bay, Wis., aren't going to like this, but Cecil Isbell says Baltimore is a better sports town than Green Bay. Isbell ought to know what he is talking about for he formerly was the Green Bay Packers' ace passer. Thoughts of the Isbell-to-Don-Hutson pass combination still bring shudders to other National league teams. Now, however, Isbell coaches the Baltimore club of the rival All-America conference. "Green Bay, where I used to play, is noted for being a sports town," Isbell admitted Monday. "I agreed it was tops until I came to Baltimore. The people here just push Green Bay right off the sports map as far as enthusiasm goes." President Bob Rodenberg of the Colts also had high praise for Baltimore. "Everyone knows that Baltimore is a real sports town," Rodenberg said. "Without much of a team (the Colts won only two games and tied one), they still gave us great support. We averaged nearly 29,000 a game in spite of a losing team and three rainy Sundays." Rodenberg suggested franchises in both leagues. For franchises in the National league of his choice, he omitted Green Bay entirely and mentioned New Orleans and Dallas as his selections.

### **MRS. CUFF CONFIRMS HUSBAND'S RETIREMENT**

DEC 9 (Milwaukee) - Mrs. Ward Cuff, wife of the veteran NFL halfback, said yesterday her husband will retire after next Sunday's game at Philadelphia between the Green Bay Packers and the Eagles. Cuff is completing his first year with the Packers and his 11th in the National League. He spent nine years with the New York Giants and last season with the Chicago Cardinals. "Ward hasn't been happy playing football this year," Mrs. Cuff explained. "He told me just the other day his happiest year in professional football was last season with Jimmy Conzelman and the Cardinals." Cuff, one of the stars of Marquette's Cotton Bowl team of 1937, has been used only sparingly at Green Bay this year, seeing little action beyond extra point tries and field goals.

### **DOSS INJURED, LOST TO EAGLES**

DEC 9 (Philadelphia) - With the most important game of the year coming up, the Eagles when thrown for a loss yesterday when it was announced that halfback Noble Doss had been injured. X-rays disclosed two broken ribs in Doss' left side. To all intents and purposes he's lost for the rest of the season, as Sunday's game with the Green Bay Packers will be the last scheduled contest. A victory for the Birds would put them in a tie for the Eastern title and force a playoff with the Pittsburgh Steelers, moving the championship game back to Dec. 28. Most of the team came out of Sunday's battle with the Chicago Cards with bumps and bruises serious enough to hinder the Eagles' chances against the Packers. Among the more seriously injured were Pat McHugh, Alex Wojciechowicz, Don Talcott, Cliff Patton, Dick Humbert, Vic Lindskog, Bosh Pritchard, Joe Muha and Alf Bauman. Meanwhile, the Packers, fresh from Sunday's 35-14 triumph over the Detroit Lions, arrived in town yesterday and will practice at Shibe Park starting at 2 p.m. today. The squad, headed by Coach Curly Lambeau, is headquartered at the Benjamin Franklin hotel. The Eagles never have beaten the Packers in 10 league games.

### **BATTERED EAGLES BELIEVE THEY CAN TAKE PACKERS**

DEC 9 (Philadelphia) - Earle (Greasy) Neale surveyed his battered, limping and forlorn flock of Philadelphia Eagles Tuesday and remarked almost cheerfully, "We'll win Sunday." "We've got to win," he repeated. Neale was right there. The Eagles skidded right out of first place in the eastern division of the NFL Sunday by losing to the Chicago Cardinals, 45-21, and now must beat the Green bay Packers this week to tie for the divisional title. And the Eagles have never defeated the Packers in a league game. Neale, disregarding the bumps and bruises, pointed to the mysterious of psychology as his team's greatest ally this week. The trainers' boxscore following the rough battle with the Cardinals follows: halfback Steve Van Buren, weary, tired and disgruntled at gaining a mere 44 yards; halfback Noble Doss, two broken ribs; halfback Bosh Pritchard, a sprained left ankle; Dick Humbert, a severely injured hip; fullback Joe Muha, a charley horse; center Alex Wojciechowicz, a bruised rib; end Jack Ferrante, a charley horse. Both Neale and the players were at a loss to explain the Eagles' bad showing. For the first time in several years the Eagle forward wall was badly outcharged. "Psychology," Neale commented. "The Cardinals were up. We weren't. They knew they had to win that one to stay in the race. But the same factors will be on our side week." "I don't feel too badly about the game," Neale said. "That Cardinals team is quite an outfit. Charley Trippi is everything they said he is, Marshall Goldberg is as good a defensive back as you'll find. Pat Harder can hit that line as well as anyone in the league. Paul Christman is the cutest quarterback around and can throw the ball." "The Packers," he added, "are not as good as that. And we're going to take them." Some 40,000 fans will crowd into Shibe park to see if he is right. If so, the Eagles will meet the Pittsburgh Steelers at Pittsburgh a week later in a playoff for the divisional championship. If not, Philadelphia will have finished second in the division for the fourth straight year.

*Clyde Goodnight May Be Lost  
For Packer Finale With Eagles*

## CLYDE GOODNIGHT MAY BE LOST FOR PACKER FINALE WITH EAGLES

DEC 10 (Philadelphia) - Coach Curly Lambeau and the Green Bay Packers settled down to a week of intensive preparations here today for the final game of their 1947 season. It was evident throughout Tuesday's long drill in Shibe park, site of Sunday's game against the Philadelphia Eagles, that the Packers still are determined to have a great deal to say in the championship race although events have progressed to the point where there no longer is any opportunity for them to speak for themselves insofar as the title is concerned. A Packer victory over the Eagles Sunday will put the Pittsburgh Steelers in the championship game and the Packers are ready to do just that. And they will have the support of every team in the league, except Philadelphia. Everyone but Greasy Neale shudders at the thought of a championship playoff after Christmas. Clyde Goodnight took only a passive part in today's drill, favoring a bruised leg received at Detroit last Sunday, when he turned in his best performance of the season. He caught two touchdown passes from Jack Jacobs and otherwise conducted himself as a major league star. Lambeau said after the drill he would not be able to tell whether Goodnight will be able to take part in Sunday's finale. The Eagles' press department was busy today sending out bulletins on the bruised and batted condition of Neale's squad. Five men, it was reported, did not show up for practice. They included halfback Noble Doss, Bill Mackrides, the old Eagle mascot who came back from college to quarterback the team, tackle Alf Baums, end Dick Humbert and back Bosh Pritchard. It was, perhaps, only coincidence that the bulletins were all directed at the Ben Franklin hotel, where the Packers are staying, instead of to the press. Regardless of their direction, the Packers expect to see all five hands in at the kickoff on Sunday. Neale is no stranger to the Packers and moreover he is not called G east just of his fondness for barbecued ribs...VAN BUREN, CANADEO VIE: Sunday's game will feature the leading ground gainers of each division - Steve Van Buren of the Eagles in the Eastern and Tony Canadeo of the Packers in the Western. Van Buren hopes to set a league record in the final game. He already has 912 yards on 194 attempts and needs 1,004 to snap the mark held by Beattie Feathers. Canadeo, in 96 tries, has gained 420 yards to 412 on 89 attempts by Camp Wilson of Detroit. Los Angeles' Kenny Washington, held to 14 yards by the Bears last Sunday, slipped to third. Bob Forte, with three interceptions off Detroit last Sunday, pulled into a first place tie with Red Cochran of the Cardinals in that department. Each has eight. Irv Comp and Herman Rohrig each intercepted five. Jack Jacobs continued to lead the league in punting with his 44.6-yard average. The Bay quarterback ranks second to Sid Luckman in passing. Jacobs completed 92 passes in 206 attempts for 1,395 yards and fourteen touchdowns.

## GREEN BAY OUT-PERCENTS THAT SUBURB IN EAST BY 53 TO 2.7

DEC 10 (Green Bay) - See here, Mr. Cecil P. Isbell. You are a nice fellow and your passing did the Green Bay Packers a heap of good, but a lot of people are very disappointed at your statement as follows: "Green Bay, where I used to play, is noted for being a sport town. I agreed it was tops until I came to Baltimore. The people here just push Green Bay right off the sports map as far as enthusiasm." Your boss, Mr. Robert (I Wanna Be A Baseball Owner Too) Rodenberg, backs you up with this: "Without much of a team they still have us great support. We averaged nearly 29,000 a game despite a losing team and three rainy Sundays." In case you tuned in late, Isbell is coach of the Baltimore Colts and Rodenberg is owner. Rodenberg offered us the only means of comparison. Let's take the two populations and see what percentage attends their professional football contests, discounting the fact that both cities draw a large number of fans from surrounding towns. The Packers averaged 25,000 in their three league games last fall and Green Bay's population, for figuring purposes, is 47,000. That means that 53 percent came to the three loop games - over half. The population in Baltimore is 1,046,692, and that attendance, again, averaged 29,000. That makes for a "far" percentage of 2.7. This may seem unfair 'cause no metropolitan city can compare with little Green Bay when you figure attendance here on a per-population basis. But, Messrs. Isbell and Rodenberg, isn't it

Leading Ground Gainers				
Western Division				
	Att	YG	LG	Ave
Canadeo, G. Bay ...	96	420	35	4.4
Wilson, Detroit ....	89	412	48	4.6
Washington, L. A. ...	56	407	92	7.3
Schlinkman, G. Bay	105	406	20	3.9
Trippi, Chi. Cards ...	73	388	41	5.3
Angsman, Cards ...	95	385	18	4.1
Harder, Cards ...	101	349	45	3.5
Dudley, Detroit ....	80	302	28	3.8
Eastern Division				
	Att	YG	LG	Ave
Van Buren, Phila. ...	194	912	45	4.7
Clement, Pitts. ....	129	670	43	5.2
Lach, Pitts. ....	120	372	19	3.1
Cifers, Pitts. ....	87	356	41	4.1
Pritchard, Phila. ...	65	293	31	4.5
Castiglia, Wash. ...	84	292	14	3.5
Rosato, Wash. ....	62	277	20	4.5
Robertis, New York	76	277	46	3.6

**LONGEST RUN**—Ken Washington, Los Angeles, 92 yards, against Chicago Cards, Nov. 2, touchdown.

Leading Passers						
Western Division						
	Att	C	YG	TP	LP	Int
Luckm'n, Bears	299	166	2505	23	74	28
Jacobs, G. Bay	206	92	1395	14	69	12
Christ'n, Cards	280	128	1944	15	70	21
Mallouf, Cards	36	21	340	1	52	2
LeForce, Det. ...	175	94	1384	13	79	20
Waterf'd, L. A.	218	95	1203	8	45	18
Zimmer'n, Det.	138	57	864	7	53	10
Hardy, L. A. ...	42	17	278	5	33	5
Eastern Division						
	Att	C	YG	TP	LP	Int
Baugh, Wash. ....	313	185	2595	22	74	14
Thomps'n, Phil.	192	94	1460	15	69	14
Govern'li, N. Y.	223	95	1617	16	78	18
Clement, Pitts.	123	52	1004	7	68	9
Youel, Wash. ....	62	21	398	3	55	3
Dancewicz, Bos.	152	62	1163	12	77	17
Reagan, N. Y. ...	24	12	191	1	88	2
Slater, Pitts. ...	39	18	215	1	37	5

**LONGEST COMPLETION**—Frank Reagan, New York, 88 yards, vs. Washington, Oct. 12.

Leading Pass Receivers				
Western Division				
	Rec	YG	LG	T
Keane, Chi. Bears	57	749	50	8
Kutner, Chi. Cards	39	846	70	6
Dewell, Chi. Cards	39	522	46	4
Greene, Detroit ...	38	621	47	5
Goodnight, G. Bay	36	572	69	5
Luhn, G. Bay ...	34	561	32	6
Benton, Los. A. ...	34	502	43	0
Kavanaugh, Bears	31	725	74	12
McAfee, Chi. Bears	30	475	53	1
Eastern Division				
	Rec	YG	LG	T
Nussbaumer, Wash.	44	550	55	4
Jansante, Pitts. ....	35	599	46	5
Saenz, Wash. ....	34	598	74	4
Taylor, Wash. ....	25	498	62	6
Crisler, Boston ...	25	363	49	2
Curryvan, Boston	19	710	78	8
Pihos, Phila. ....	19	274	43	6
Armstrong, Phila.	17	197	46	2

**LONGEST COMPLETION**—George Franck, New York, 88 yards, vs. Pittsburgh, Oct. 12.

also rather unfair to use Green Bay as a butt of your remarks that were carried throughout the country via the Associated Press, and in the next breath omit Green Bay entirely and mention New Orleans or Dallas as a new franchise site for the NFL. In closing, let's point out that Baltimore's only claims are these: (1) That Babe Ruth played his early baseball there; and (2) that Baltimore is the largest suburb in the world - to Washington, that is.

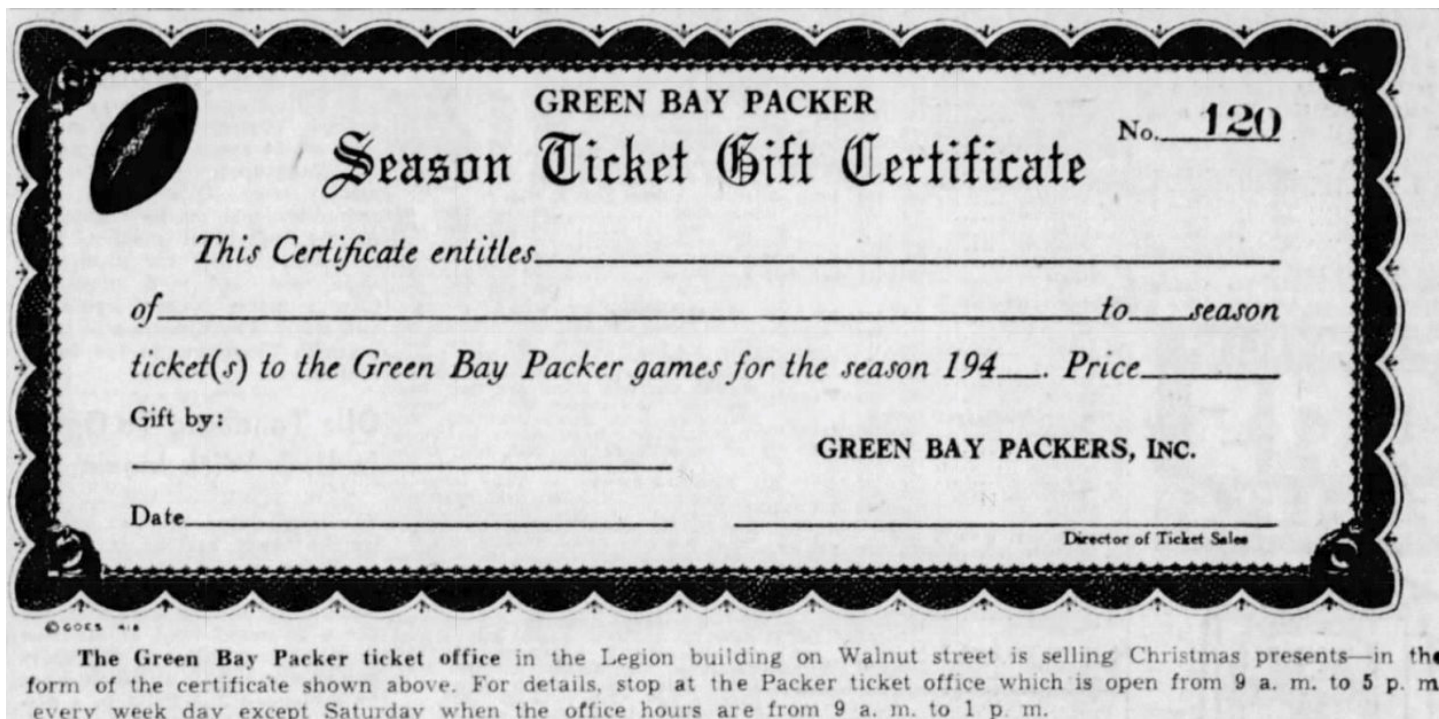
### **CRUICE PICKS BEARS OVER CARDINALS**

DEC 10 (Milwaukee Sentinel-Lloyd Larson) - The winner in the National League's western division title game in Chicago next Sunday? Wally Cruice, Packer scout who has seen every team in the league at least once this season, picks the Bears over the Cardinals. "I saw the Cardinals put on a great second half rally to beat the Eagles last Sunday, but they're not the team they were really in the season," said Cruice. "Once the Cards got wise to the fact that the Eagles were wide open for certain types of passes, there was nothing to it. Sure, I was surprised to hear about the Bears losing to the Rams. But I still think Halas will have his boys ready for the big one Sunday." On the subject of quick changes of fortune in pro league games, Cruice offered this interesting observation: "Pros, like college players, are human. So it's natural for them, too, to ease up and feel a bit satisfied when they're a touchdown or two ahead. But the pros can strike faster and go for distance much more effectively than the collegians. This quick striking power, plus an occasional letdown by the team ahead - add 'em up and you have the reason for the quick turnabouts which mark so many pro games." The best team in the league? "If the season were starting again, I'd still pick the Rams," said Cruice. "They had the personnel. Injuries hurt them, of course, but I have a hunch they needed more experience in the coaching department as well. It takes time to develop the knack of handling older, more mature players."

# **Packer-Eagle Tiff to Draw 34,000 Despite Bad Weather Threat**

### **PACKER-EAGLE TIFF TO DRAW 34,000 DESPITE BAD WEATHER THREAT**

DEC 11 (Philadelphia) - Rain and sleet tied up traffic around the home of the Liberty Bell today, but it did not slow down the Packers' preparations for Sunday's finale against the Philadelphia Eagles, nor did it dampen their eagerness to thwart Steve Van Buren's quest for a new major league ground gaining record. The Golden Boy of the Bayous, who spent a collegiate career at Louisiana State attempting to star as a blocking back, needs 93 yards to break the mark established by Beattie Feathers in 1934. Feathers, of course, set his record in eleven games, although the National league championship that year was over a twelve game course. Feathers suffered a knee injury in the eleventh game, against the Chicago Cardinals, and did not dress for the season finale. Sunday's Packer tilt will be Van Buren's 12th...NOT AGAINST THEM: There is no particular reason why the Packers should desire to protect a record set by a Chicago Bears, except the fact that they are not anxious to have it said that anyone established a new mark against them. Van Buren is one of the greatest running backs of the decade, and exceptionally fast runner big enough to bull his way through any kind of going if he gets a start. But he was limited to 44 yards in the Cardinal game last week and the Packers feel they are even tougher to gain against than Conzelman's darlings. The Cardinals gave him little chance to start. Capt. Charley Brock and his line associates plan on giving him even less chance. The wish undoubtedly is farther to the thought in this case, but it might not be such a difficult task at that, considering that the Packers at the moment are the best defensive team in the league...ALLOWED FEWEST YARDS: They have allowed fewer yards than any other club (2998) and only the Eagles and the Bears have permitted opponents less by rushing. While the Packers are building themselves up to doing a handcuffing job on Van Buren, they are not forgetting that some good honest rockem' and sockem' effort will make it possible for Tony Canadeo and Walter Schlinkman to finish one-two among ground gainers in the Western division. Canadeo is out in front now by



eight yards over Camp Wilson the Detroit fullback, but Wilson has completed his schedule. Schlinkman is a yard behind Kenny Washington of Los Angeles, the only player who has a chance of overhauling both, although Charlie Trippi of the Cardinals could out distance the field with a good break. Canadeo has a total of 420 yards, Wilson 412, Washington 407, Schlinkman 406 and Trippi 388. The Eagle management today announced it expects a sellout of 34,000 despite the inclement weather forecast for the next few days. There are a few tickets still available, and interest in the game is picking up.

#### **BEARS AND CARD PLACE THREE EACH ON ALL-STARS**

DEC 11 (Philadelphia) - The Bears and Cardinals, Chicago's two representatives in the NFL, each placed three men Thursday on the United Press 1947 all-league team. A poll of football writers who covered the National league campaign weighted heavily with the opinions of coaches around the league, also named two players from the Eagles and one each from the Washington Redskins, New York Giants and Pittsburgh Steelers. Quarterback Sid Luckman, veteran passing master, end Ken Kavanaugh and tackle Fred Davis are the Bears' representatives. The Cardinals placed fullback Pat Harder, end Mal Kutner and center Vince Banonis. Sammy Baugh of the Redskins and Steve Van Buren of the Eagles rounded out the backfield. The remaining positions were awarded to tackle Al Wistert of the Eagles and guards Len Younce of the Giants and Bill Moore of the Steelers. Kavanaugh and Wistert are the only repeaters from the 1946 eleven. Of the 33 men selected to the first, second and third teams, 22 played for western division clubs.

#### **PACKERS INJURY-JINX VAN BUREN**

DEC 11 (Green Bay) - If Steve Van Buren expects to set a NFL rushing record against the Green Bay Packers Sunday, he'd better think twice because the Packers have jinxed him in other years. In 1945, Steve sustained a broken finger against the Bays in an exhibition in Milwaukee and last year he received several broken ribs in a league tussle with the Pack in Philly...Regarding the rumor in Braven (Los Angeles Times) Dyer's column about Packer Coach Curly Lambeau moving to the Dons, the Associated Press tracked down the following: From Harry Thayer, general manager of the Dons: "I can say that after my conference Tuesday with Owner Ben Lindheimer the position of coach is still wide open. The rumor may have originated in the east but certainly no one has been offered the job and I don't believe we will decide anything on the matter for some time." From Lambeau in Philadelphia: "This is the first I've heard of it." Packer corporation officials stated after the rumor first came out, "Lambeau's contract still have several years to run."...A faulty timepiece and a mislaid overcoat caused little Gene Wilson to miss the Packers' special out of Detroit Sunday night after Gene had sat around the station for two hours awaiting the hour of departure. He arrived in Philadelphia 12 hours behind the club - on a bus. Gene is keeping warm in the big furlined ulster that Lambeau usually wears up and down the sidelines.

#### **EAGLES BADLY BATTERED; MUST DEFEAT PACKERS**

DEC 12 (Philadelphia) - The badly battered Philadelphia Eagles head into Sunday's "must" game against the Green Bay Packers with only four of the seven halfbacks who started the season available for heavy duty. Coach Earle (Greasy) Neale will have at his call only Steve Van Buren, Ernie Steele, Russell Craft and Pay McHugh in a game the Eagles must win to tie the Pittsburgh Steelers for the eastern division championship. Bosh Pritchard, one of the several Eagles injured in last Sunday's game with the Chicago Cardinals, reported for practice Thursday for the first time this week but will be used only sparingly if at all. He has an injured leg. Gil Steinke and Noble Doss, who completed the ranks of the halfbacks at the



opening of the season, definitely are out, along with Bill Mackridides, third string quarterback. "We are so hard up," said Neale, "that I have told Al (Lefty) Sherman to be ready to fill in as one of the halfbacks." Sherman is the No. 2 quarterback behind Tommy Thompson. The list of linemen on the injured list is almost as imposing. Alf Baulist, tackle, will sit out the entire game due to a leg injury received in the Cardinals' donneybrook. Alex Wojciechowicz, veteran center, is in such a physical condition that he will probably be used only on defense and ends Dick Humbert and Jack Ferrante expect to see only limited action. By contract, the Packers are in perfect physical condition, except Clyde Goodnight, pass catching end, who also has an injured leg and who will play sparingly. Van Buren needs 93 yards rushing to pass the mark of 1,004 yards established by the Chicago Bears' Beattie Feathers in 1934.

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#### **FRITSCH, NEAL GET MENTION ON AP ELEVEN**

DEC 12 (New York) - Six players from the NFL and five from the All-America conference have been selected on the Associated Press 1947 All-Pro team announced today. While there is no basis of comparison between the two rival leagues the players were chosen after checking the reports of Associated Press sportswriters in the 14 cities with major professional teams. Only two Green Bay Packers, 290-pound guard Ed Neal and fullback Ted Fritsch, an all-league choice the last two years, were named in the AP poll. They received honorable mention. The first team backfield includes Sid Luckman of the Chicago Bears, Otto Graham of the Cleveland Browns, Steve Van Buren of the Philadelphia Eagles and Orban (Spec) Sanders of the New York Yankees. The line includes four players from the National league, which is completing its 28th season, and three from the Conference, now winding up its second campaign. Both ends, Mac Speedie of the Cleveland Browns and Bruce Alford of the Yankees, are from the conference as is Bruno Banducci, a guard with the San Francisco 49ers, Two National league tackles, Al Wistert of the Philadelphia Eagles and Dick Huffman of the Los Angeles Rams, were selected. Riley Matheson of the Rams made the team as a guard for the fourth straight year while Clyde (Bulldog) Turner of the Chicago Bears was chosen as center for the fifth time. Besides Matheson and Wistert, the only repeaters from 1946 are Sanders and Turner. Four players who drew the most support were Sanders, Van Buren, Turner and Matheson with Wistert and Speedie close behind.

# Packers Seeking 10th Victory Over Eagles

#### **PACKERS SEEKING 10TH VICTORY OVER EAGLES**

DEC 13 (Philadelphia) - The Green Bay Packers will close their 1947 season in the NFL in a crucial Eastern division contest with the Philadelphia Eagles Sunday afternoon. The Packers have never lost to Philadelphia in regular league competition,

and they'll be looking for their 10th straight victory. The Packers whipped the Eagles, 19-7, in their last appearance together in 1946. The Packers outscored Philadelphia, 190 points to 62, in the nine meetings. Philadelphia must defeat Green Bay to remain in the running for the Eastern division championship. If the Eagles win, they'll tie Pittsburgh and force a playoff the following Sunday. If the Packers win, Pittsburgh will meet the winner of the Cardinal-Bear game for the league championship in Chicago on Sunday, Dec. 21. A crowd of more than 30,000 fans is expected Sunday, slightly less than anticipated. The weather prediction is for freezing temperature and snow. The Packers will enter the game in good condition, although offensive left end Clyde Goodnight may be used only in spots. He injured his leg in the Lion game last Sunday. Tackle Baby Ray, who was hurt in the Los Angeles contest, was rested considerably during the Detroit test and will be ready for Philadelphia. The Eagles have five players on the injured list, but three of them are expected to see full duty. All of the field goal and extra point kicking will be handled by Ted Fritsch, the fullback, since Ward Cuff, who signed as head football coach at Central Catholic High in Green Bay, left the squad this week. Coach Curly Lambeau expects to spring a passing attack on the Eagles since their ground defense is considered the toughest in the NFL. Jack Jacobs will be throwing to Nolan Luhn and possibly to Red Wilson, with Goodnight on the ailing list. All of the Packers but two or three will return to Green Bay after the game to close their business here for the year. The squad will arrive Monday afternoon.

**WARD CUFF NAMED FOOTBALL COACH AT CENTRAL CATHOLIC**

**DEC 13 (Green Bay)** - Ward Cuff, a veteran of 19 years of football action, today became head football and track coach at Central Catholic High school. In making the announcement, the Rev. Richard D. Mulroy, O. Praehm, school principal, will start his duties at the beginning of the second semester, early in February. Cuff will also be in charge of the physical education department. Thus Cuff closes out a gridiron career that started with four years at Redwood Falls, Minn., High school in 1929 continued with four years at Marquette university, and sparkled in the NFL for nine years with the New York Giants and one each with the Chicago Cardinals and Green Bay Packers. Cuff, the fourth coach at Central since the boys' school opened in 1940, plans to use T-formation with variations next season. Cuff succeeds Norb Christman, former Notre Dame gridder, who retired because of business reasons. Marvin Miller was the school's first football coach serving in 1940-41-42-43 and Dave Zuidmulder coached in 1944, with Christman following in 1945-46-47. Though Cuff played continuous football since 1929, he found time to coach the football team fo Cardinal Hayes High school in New York in 1942 and 1943. Hayes is the second largest Catholic high school in the United States. His 1943 team played for the New York City Catholic championship. The new coach, who left the Packers in Philadelphia this week, played football and basketball and competed in track at Redwood Falls and decided to attend Marquette with a teammate, enrolling in 1933. He won the M.U. heavyweight boxing championship and competed in the high jump, javelin and decathlon events in track. He qualified for the 1936 Olympic track team in Germany, in the javelin, but decided to joint the pro football ranks...

**PICKED BY STEVE OWEN:** Cuff reached his peak on the Marquette university football team of 1937, which played in the Cotton Bowl. He played fullback or right half in a backfield that included Ray Buivid, Art and Al Geupe and Ray Sonnenberg. He was picked by New York Coach Steve Owen quite by accident. Owen came out to look over Buivid but decided on Cuff. Buivid joined the old New York Yankees in 1937 and finished his pro career that year with the Chicago Bears. Cuff went on to star for the Giants. He has a lifetime pro running average of 5.1 yards and in 1943 led the league by gaining 523 yards in 80 attempts for an average of 8.5. Cuff is most noted for his kicking ability. He booted 156 extra points, 43 field goals and scored 21 touchdowns for 411 points in 11 years. In 1939, he booted seven field goals to help establish the National league record of 14 with Ken Strong. With the Packers this year he kicked seven field goals and an even 30 extra points without a miss. With the Cardinals he kicked five FG's and 28 extra points, his only three "misses" being blocked. Cuff also tried his hand at professional basketball - with the New York Giants in 1939. The Giant cagers won 56 straight before losing that season to the New York Celtics, highly regarded at the time, dodged scheduling the Giants on several occasions. The Cuff family, now residing in Milwaukee, plans to move to Green Bay. The Cuffs have three children - Lee Ann, Clarelee and Ward Jr.

# Brotherly Love?

## NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

### Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PS	OP
Chicago Cards	8	3	0	.727	276	210
Chicago Bears	8	3	0	.727	342	211
<b>GREEN BAY</b>	6	4	1	.600	260	182
Los Angeles	5	6	0	.455	225	204
Detroit	3	9	0	.250	231	305

### Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PS	OP
Pittsburgh	8	4	0	.667	240	259
Philadelphia	7	4	0	.636	280	228
Boston	4	6	1	.400	155	216
Washington	3	8	0	.273	255	354
New York	2	7	2	.222	180	275

### Sunday's Games

**GREEN BAY AT PHILADELPHIA.**  
Chicago Cardinals at Chicago Bears.  
New York at Los Angeles.  
Boston at Washington.

### Last Sunday's Results

**GREEN BAY 35, DETROIT 14.**  
New York 35, Washington 10.  
Pittsburgh 17, Boston 7.  
Chicago Cardinals 45, Philadelphia 21.  
Los Angeles 17, Chicago Bears 14.

### The Probable Lineups:

<b>GREEN BAY</b>	<b>EAGLES</b>
Goodnight, le	le, Ferrante
Ray, lt	lt, Douglas
Wildung, lg	lg, Patton
Broek, c	c, Wojciechowicz
Tassos, rg	rg, Kilroy
Lipscomb, rt	rt, Wistert
Luhn, re	re, Pihos
Jacobs, qb	qb, Thompson
Smith, lhb	lhb, Van Buren
Forte, rhb	rhb, Pritchard
Fritsch, fb	fb, Muha

### Philadelphia Series

1933—Packers	35	Philadelphia	9
1933—Packers	10	Philadelphia	0
1934—Packers	19	Philadelphia	6
1935—Packers	13	Philadelphia	6
1937—Packers	37	Philadelphia	7
1939—Packers	23	Philadelphia	7
1940—Packers	27	Philadelphia	20
1942—Packers	7	Philadelphia	0
1946—Packers	19	Philadelphia	7
Packers	190	Philadelphia	62

Packers Won 9; Lost 0; Tied 0.

# UP All-NFL Teams

FIRST TEAM	POS.	SECOND TEAM
Ken Kavanaugh, Chicago Bears	E.	Val Jansante, Pittsburgh
Al Wistert, Eagles	T.	Jim White, New York
Len Younce, New York	G.	Dick Wildung, Green Bay
Vince Banonis, Chicago Cards	C.	Chuck Cherundolo, Pittsburgh
Bill Moore, Pittsburgh	G.	Riley Matheson, Los Angeles
Fred Davis, Chicago Bears	T.	Dick Huffman, Los Angeles
Mal Kutner, Chicago Cards	E.	Jim Keane, Chicago Bears
Sid Luckman, Chicago Bears	B.	Paul Christman, Chicago Cards
Steve Van Buren, Eagles	B.	John Clement, Pittsburgh
Sammy Baugh, Washington	B.	Charley Trippi, Chicago Cards
Pat Harder, Chicago Cards	B.	Walt Schlinkman, Green Bay
THIRD TEAM		
ENDS—Jim Benton, Los Angeles, and Larry Craig, Green Bay.		
TACKLES—Walt Stickel, Chicago Bears, and Stan Mauldin, Chicago Cards.		
GUARDS—John Badaczewski, Boston, and Roger Eason, Los Angeles.		
CENTER—Bulldog Turner, Chicago Bears.	BACKS—Frank Dancewicz., Boston; Bill Dudley, Detroit; Tony Canadeo, Green Bay, and Camp Wilson, Detroit.	

## EAGLES FACE PACKERS TODAY; PLAYOFF BERTH AT STAKE

DEC 14 (Philadelphia) - Gen. George A. Custer, who set the standard for last stands some 70 years ago out in the Montana Territory, should be present in spirit with the Philadelphia Eagles today at Shibe Park at 2 p.m. For theirs, too, is a final attempt at survival - the chance to live in order to fight another day for the NFL title. And theirs is the grim prospect of sending undermanned, ill-equipped forces out to meet - most coincidental of all - an enemy onslaught led by an Indian. To spoil a good story, he's only three-quarters Indian, is this Jack Jacobs, quarterback and all-around ace of the Green Bay Packers. And as a member of the Blackfoot Tribe, Jacobs is no direct descendant of Sitting Bull, he of the Custer Massacre, whom historians have chronicled as a member of the Dakota Sioux...NEED VICTORY FOR PLAYOFF: But the parallel and situation are inescapable to the Eagles. They know that their courage and finesse must overcome their other deficiencies and bring them a victory over Green Bay - or they will be forced to take the runner-up berth in the Eastern division for the fourth straight year. Victory would bring them a playoff with the Steelers in Pittsburgh next Sunday for the Eastern title. The Eagles will put 12,000 reserved and 2,500 general admission seats on sale at the park at noon. The Western title will be decided today in Chicago, barring a tie, when the Bears and Cardinals clash at Wrigley Field before an anticipated standing-room crowd of some 47,000. If there is no playoff in either division, the league title game will be at Wrigley Field next Sunday; a playoff would defer it to Dec. 28...MENTAL ATTITUDE FACTOR: The Eagles have one major factor going for them in addition to their spirit and the presence of some of the league's top operatives in their banged-up lineup. That is the mental attitude of the Packers, who consider themselves the uncrowned champions of the league, but have nothing tangible to gain by a triumph. The Packers definitely have finished in third place in the Western division, despite the fact that the opposition has only scored a total of nine points in handing them four defeats and a tie. They lost to the Cards, 14-10 and 21-20; dropped a 20-17 decision to the Bears after downing them, 29-20; lost to Pittsburgh, 18-17, and were tied by New York, 24-24...DOSS, MACKRIDES OUT: The Eagles will be without the services of backs Noble Doss and Bill Mackrides and tackle Alf Bauman, but the physical beating absorbed in the last game extended to most of the squad and makes the presence of several others doubtful. The hardest-hit spot is right half, where Bosh Pritchard and Pat McHugh are injured, and, in addition to Doss, which might leave Russ Craft the only player available. And Craft has been nursing an injured leg all year. But the Birds still have Steve Van Buren in shape and rarin' to go for the 93 yards he needs to set a league record, and Tommy Thompson available for a barrage of passes to talented receivers - although ends Jack Ferrante and Dick Humbert are ailing. And Joe Muha is back in form for excellent kicking, blocking and tackling, and occasional running. The Packers, one of whose coaches is Don Hutson, greatest end in pro history, this year run from an adaptation of the "T" - a style that Coach Curly Lambeau says he employed back in 1929-3-31. The quarterback is back behind, but to the side of the center, with two backs split and the third on either wing. The Packers are twice as big as necessary and a bruising, hard-hitting team. But they can be beaten - and by the Eagles.

## LAMBEAU WEIGHS 2 COAST OFFERS; RAMS 1ST CHOICE

DEC 14 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - Curly Lambeau, who nurtured the Green Bay Packers from short plants into the long breeches stage, is seriously considering leaving the Bay for the West Coast. The Sentinel learned last night from a reliable source close to the Packers that Lambeau is pondering offers from both the Los Angeles Rams of the National League and the Los Angeles Dons of the All-America circuit. The two Coast football clubs are reported ready to dig deep into the money coffers to get the man who put Green Bay on the football map. It is probable, however, that if Lambeau does go, he'll go to the Rams. With them he will be in a position to continue his "feuds" with the rival National League clubs in general. Rivalries would be particularly intense with the Bears and Green Bay. It has been known that Mrs. Lambeau, whom he married in Hollywood two years ago, has urged her husband to give up his Green Bay connections so he can spend his time in California, where they have a magnificent home. The Rams, pre-season favorites to win the National League flag, hit the skids early in the race and now rest near the bottom of the Western Division. Much of the failure of the team to click has

been attributed to the coaching, which is handled by Bob Snyder. Therefore, it is reasonable to assume that the Rams are in the market for a new coach. The Dons fired their coach, Dud De Groot, several weeks ago and have been in the hunt for a replacement. Lambeau, currently vice president of the Packers, winds up his 27th league season with Green Bay today. He originally was a halfback and then added the coaching duties. Since the National League was established in 1921, Lambeau has come up with six national championships. He turned the trick three straight years - 1929-31 - a league record, and also walked off with the crowns in 1936, 1939 and 1944. Some of the outstanding players developed under Lambeau were Clark Hinkle, Don Hutson, Lavern Dilweg, Cecil Isbell, Arnie Herber, Buckets Goldenberg, Mike Michalske, Cal Hubbard, Red Dunn, Verne Lewellen and Larry Craig. It is easily conceivable that Lambeau has reached the point where he is taken for granted in Green Bay. A move to Los Angeles, on the other hand, would give him a fresh start and enhance his popularity, as well as his earning power. Another factor which might induce him to leave his old stamping grounds is the fact that Los Angeles now is rated one of the nation's major sports centers and will continue to grow. Evidence of the coast's metropolis status is the desire of the major league baseball clubs to invade the territory.

#### **PRO GRID LEAGUE PLANS NEW DEAL FOR ROCKETS**

DEC 14 (New York) - The membership of the Chicago Rockets was terminated Saturday but the All-America conference announced that a new group would be formed shortly and that the new club would also be in Chicago. The franchise was taken over temporarily by the conference and the club's draft rights will be protected at the annual meeting which originally was scheduled to get underway Monday. Jonas Ingram, commissioner of the two year old loop, would give no indication who would undertake to finance the erstwhile Rockets next season, but from Chicago came reports that Daniel F. Rice, grain dealer, and Col. Henry Crown, president of the Materials Service Corp., might be the majority stockholders. William S. Toohey, president of the dispossessed group, attended Saturday's club owners meeting and said late that "I probably will be connected with the new group in a minority way." This is the third time the Chicago franchise ownership has transferred in the two years of the circuit. John L. Keeshin, Chicago trucking magnate, was the original owner. He sold out to Toohey and John J. Brogan a year ago. Jim Crowley, who gave up his job as commissioner of the conference to take over as Rocket coach and general manager, resigned a week ago after the club has won but one game in 14 starts.

#### **EAGLES' PATH BLOCKED BY GREEN BAY SUNDAY**

DEC 14 (Philadelphia) - The Green Bay Packers, themselves eliminated from the National league race by virtue of four defeats by a total of nine points, will have a hand in determining the eastern division title winner here Sunday when they face the injury riddled Philadelphia Eagles before a capacity crowd at Shibe park. The Eagles, knocked out of first place last week by the resurgent Chicago Cardinals, must win to gain a tie for the crown with the Pittsburgh Steelers, who finished their regular season with eight victories and four defeats a week ago. If the Eagles win they will meet the Steelers next Sunday in Pittsburgh in a divisional playoff which will shove the league championship game back to December 28. If they lose, they will have finished second in the division for the fourth straight year. Only four of the seven Eagles halfbacks who started the season will be available at game time. Gil Steinke and Noble Doss are definitely out, and Boss Pritchard will be used only sparingly if at all. Bill Mackrides, reserve quarterback, is also on the injured list. Al Sherman, second string signal caller, has been groomed for duty at both quarterback and halfback. Linemen on the hospital roster include tackle Alf Bauman, center Alex Wojciechowicz and ends Dick Humbert and Jack Ferrante. On the other hand, the Packers are in fine physical condition, only end Clyde Goodnight being a doubtful starter. They have never been beaten by the Eagles in nine league meetings, and a victory Sunday would atone in some measure for the season's disappointments. Win or lose, Coach Curly Lambeau's eleven will finish in third place in the western division. Green Bay ruled a three point favorite. In other closing games Sunday, the rejuvenated New York Giants will seek their third straight victory against the Los Angeles Rams in Los Angeles, and the Boston Yanks will meet the Washington Redskins in the nation's capital.