

Green Bay Packers (8-2) 7, Cleveland Rams (4-5-1) 6 Sunday November 26th 1939 (at Cleveland)

Late Touchdown Pass Gives Packers Cleveland Win

GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(CLEVELAND) - The Green Bay Packers raced the Cleveland Rams to the tape in a photo finish football fracas here Sunday afternoon, and in what most of the 30,960 patrons regarded as a gruesome conclusion, snatched a hairline National league victory, 7 to 6. The crowd was the largest in Cleveland's pro football history. It was just as close as it sounds. With slightly less than two minutes of playing time remaining, the Rams held a 6 to 0 lead which they had nursed since the early phase of the third period. The Packers had been knocking at the Cleveland door throughout the second half, but the vital scoring play never had clicked, and it appeared as through the redoubtable Rams would add a second Packer scalp to their growing list of league upsets. At this juncture, with the shadows lengthening over the field and Coach Curly Lambeau's face responding with the same effect, the Packers suddenly and enthusiastically slapped home a touchdown, attached thereto an extra point kick, and sent the Rams home, spanked, for their supper. The earlier Cleveland effort was attained by Jim Benton, on one of halfback Parker Hall's numerous aerial completions, and when the Packers finally struck back, it was halfback Joe Laws who annulled Benton's score, on a soaring forward pass from Cecil Isbell, which alighted in the end zone. Guard Tiny Engebretsen, who at the moment was resting upon the bench, was hustled back onto the playing area to add the extra point, which he did with a laconic boot between the posts.

FIGURES FAVOR PACKERS

Statistics reveal that the Packers were not actually outplayed, but they certainly were outfired most of the way. Their play in the first half appeared sluggish, while the Rams were inspired. The Bays only got within touchdown territory once, and their sequence of play then was nothing to get excited about, as the Rams accepted the ball on downs. In the second half it was a different story. The Packers were down there most of the time, but on every occasion but the last, their scoring thrusts failed to connect. Five times in the last two periods did the Green Bay machine rumble into territory painful to the Cleveland hopes, and four times it was repulsed. The other time Laws was in the end zone. The Rams were bottled up throughout the last period, with Hall's desperate punts failing to stem the persistent Packer advances. Finally one of his kicks, delivered from deep in his own country, dropped into Laws' mitts on the Packer 31-yard line. Laws trotted to his right, darted forward in the wake of a jolting block by Bud Svendsen, and was deposited on the Green Bay 41.

BAYS STRIKE HARD

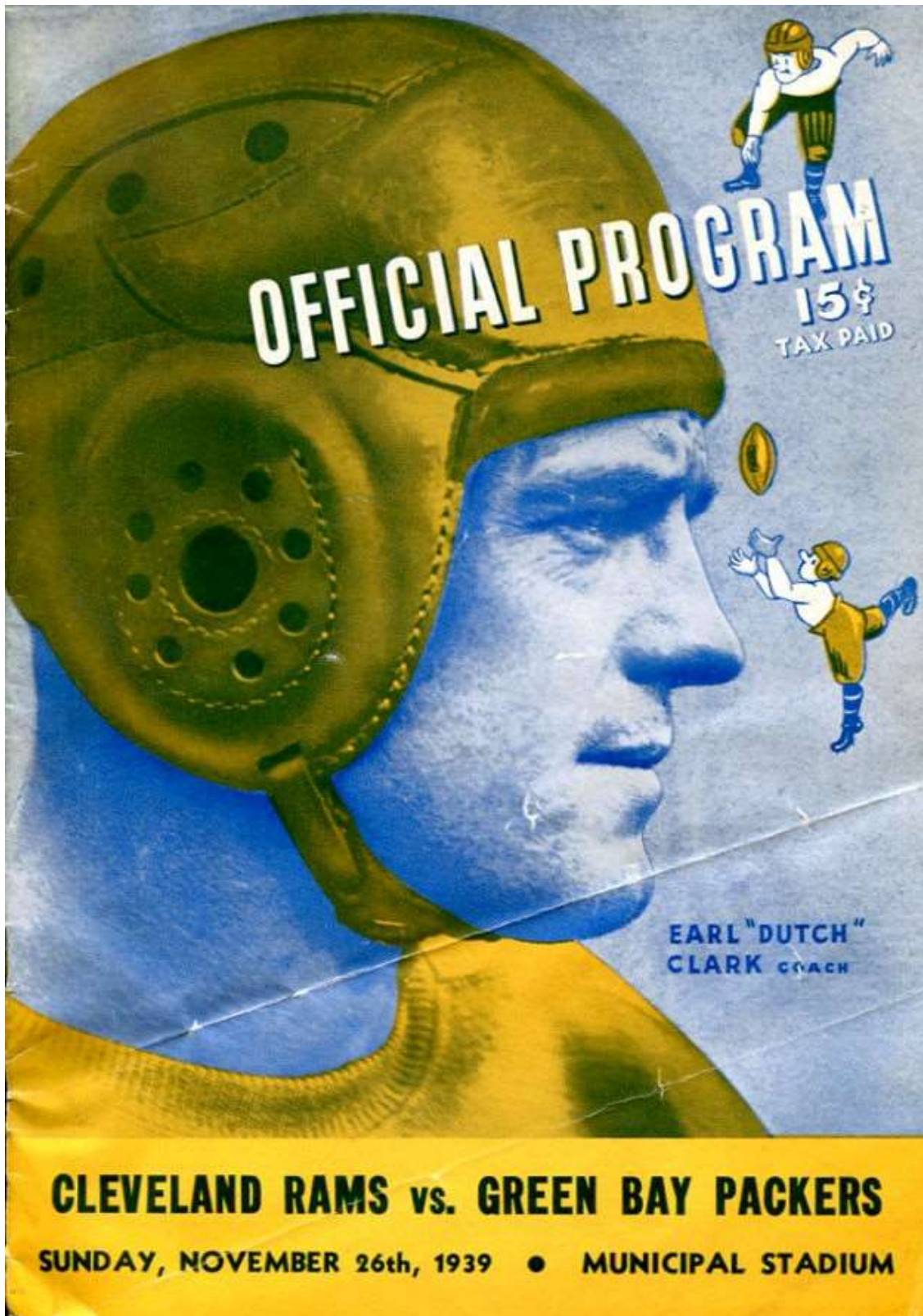
The Packers struck quickly with dynamic force, putting together the play which set up their touchdown. It was a forward pass, which Isbell hurled to Carl Mulleneaux, the latter breathing in the ball as he galloped across the Cleveland 40-yard stripe, and continuing at a bruising pace down to the Rams' 19, completing a 40-yard gain for a first down. Isbell hit Mulleneaux with another short pass, but it gained only one yard. Next the Packers fabricated a likely play which almost paid off, Mulleneaux slipping past the Ram defenses, and cutting across the goal line, but Isbell's pass was too strong, and the ball fell incomplete. It was third down. The Packers snapped into battle formation, and Laws, crouching behind center, accepted the ball. He handed it to Isbell, who flanked by quarterback Larry Craig and fullback Eddie Jankowski, stepped fast to the left. Laws huddled over an imaginary ball for a second, two seconds - then broke loose for the right sidelines and the goal. He fell down, scrambled to his feet, fell flat again.

STREAMING OVER GOAL

On the opposite side of the field Packer ends and backs were streaming across the goal line. Sucked over almost against its will was the Cleveland secondary. Isbell drew a bead on the end zone, then suddenly switched direction and lobbed a high, floating pass over the right side at Laws, who as so all alone that he looked homesick. Vic Spadaccini was the nearest Ram, and with a yell of warning he started for Joe, but the ball settled into the halfback's arms like a feather on a pillow, and the score was tied. Out from the bench came Engebretsen, trotting leisurely into the fray. Laws held the ball, the Packer blockers held out the Rams, the spectators held their breath, Tiny's aim held true and the Packers held the lead. The Rams came back furiously, and pounded back into Green Bay territory, but the drive fizzled, and Corby Davis' last second attempt at a 51-yard field goal didn't worry anyone - much.

BLEW SCORING CHANCE

The Packers muffed their first scoring opportunity in the first period, when Andy Uram hauled back a Ram punt nine yards to the Cleveland 30-yard stripe. A 19-yard gulp on an end around play by Don Hutson moved the ball in, and the Packers had a first down on the 11-yard stripe. On last down, Arnie Herber's forward pass to Uram over the goal line was too husky,



and the Rams took the ball. In the second stanza the Packers marched down to the Ram 32, and Clarke Hinkle tried a field goal, but the boot was blocked by Chet Adams, Cleveland tackle. Midway in the third period, Cleveland ate up 48 yards in five plays to score its touchdown. Starting from the Green Bay 49, where a punt from Hinkle went out of bounds, the Rams clicked on a series of passes by Hall, the last to Benton, gobbling up 19 yards. Hutson tackled Benton on the 2-yard line, but the latter's momentum carried him across. Right after that the Packers launched their four futile scoring attempts. The first, featuring a 33-yard run by Isbell and one for 25 yards by Hinkle, reached the Cleveland 4-yard line, where the Rams took over on downs.

DOESN'T WORK EITHER

The next penetrated to the Ram 24, and similarly was turned back. Then in the fourth period, aided by Isbell's 21-yard sprint around end, the Packers got to the Ram 17, only to have Hall intercept a pass by Herber. The

final unsuccessful thrust reached the Cleveland 18, getting its best punch from Uram's 14-yard gallop, and there again the Rams held for downs. The next time the Bays got the ball they rolled down and over, breaking the hearts of the fans, but sending their own small back of boosters into hysteria.

GREEN BAY	-	0	0	0	7	-	7
CLEVELAND	-	0	0	6	0	-	6

SCORING

3RD - CLE - Jim Benton, 18-yard pass from Parker Hall (Vic Spadaccini kick failed) CLEVELAND 6-0

4TH - GB - Joe Laws, 18-yard pass from Cecil Isbell (Tiny Engebretsen kick) GREEN BAY 7-6



This photo shows the Green Bay Packers on a flight from Chicago to Cleveland in November 1939. Quarterback Arnie Herber is to the left of the airline stewardess. Press-Gazette sports editor John Walter is in the back right of the photo.

Packers Back in Town, Prepare For Sunday Clash at Detroit

BOSTON IS AFTER PIRATE FRANCHISE

NOV 27 (Pittsburgh) - Art Rooney, owner of the Pittsburgh Pirates of the NFL, said today he had been offered \$50,000 "for a half interest to shift the team to Boston". He did not disclose who made the offer. Rooney said Bill Sullivan, real estate man and former high school coach, "assured me he could produce \$50,000 for a part interest if the deal materializes." The Pirates' owner previously denied several reports he would sell the franchise. The Pirates won their first game in 17 starts yesterday, defeating the Philadelphia Eagles, 24-12.

LAMBEAU AT MEETING

NOV 27 (Cleveland) - Following yesterday's victory by the Green Bay Packers over the Cleveland Rams, Coach E.L. Lambeau of the winners left for Pittsburgh, where he will attend a special meeting Tuesday, called by President Carl Storck of the NFL. The session, at the Fort Pitt hotel, will iron out playoff possibilities. Attending will be representatives of the Packers, Chicago Bears, New York Giants and Washington Redskins.

LOOKING UP IN THE REALM OF SPORTS

NOV 27 (Green Bay) - A four-period attempt to shake a mental lethargy which had gripped them like a damp shroud, and a puzzling inability to complete touchdown plays when plenty of opportunities were offered, were the chief handicaps the

Green Bay Packers faced here yesterday as they engineered their closest gridiron victory of the season. Sure of their ability to subdue the Rams despite their own assertions that the game would be one of the season's toughest, the Packers simply could not brush away the fog until the final periods, and then, as they came roaring down into scoring territory five times, they were lucky to score one touchdown. Few fans witnessed this heart-stopping event, but Joe Laws fell down twice on his way to catch the game-winning touchdown pass. Few fans saw it, but the double tumble nearly stopped the hearts of everyone on the Packer bench, where the course of the play was known. As it happened, Laws' inability to keep his feet at the time the play started was instrumental in its outcome, for the Ram defense, seeing the stocky halfback flat on his stomach, turned its attention to events taking place on the other side of the field, where Cecil Isbell, behind a screen of Packer interference, was racing away from Laws. This welcome interference enabled Joe to scramble to his feet, trod over the goal line, and he was standing there, complacently chewing his gum, when those pennies from Heaven in the shape of a pigskin came floating into his arms. Somehow you never worry about the result when Tiny Engebretsen steps up to try an extra point kick. To Green Bay fans in the throng, the score already was 7 to 6 as Tiny jogged from the sidelines, his wide outline trailing across the sod to the mass of players under the goal posts. He was sent in there to win the game, but if he felt the slightest emotion, you never would have guessed it, as he swung his foot lazily and sent the ball squarely between the posts. That was all for the Rams. They had a few passes left, and with them they penetrated into Green Bay territory, but the die had been cast, and everyone, from the furiously battling Rams to the stunned spectators in the stands, strongly suspected it...Only two Packers added to their all-time scoring totals yesterday, but their points were all-important in the results. Joe Laws' touchdown was his 14th for Green Bay. It raised his total to 84, which leaves him in ninth place, two points behind Lavvie Dilweg (1927-34). Engebretsen's extra point was his No. 37. His all-time point total is 73, and he goes into undisputed 10th place, 11 points behind Laws. Only Ernie Smith and Red Dunn have kicked more points after touchdown than the veteran Tiny. Dunn holds the all-time Packer record with 46, and Ernie, who still is an active player, has booted 44.

COOPERS LOSE TO BENGALS IN 10 TO 7 GAME

NOV 26 (Kenosha) - For the second time this season the Cooper Cardinal gridsters Sunday afternoon saw apparent victory flutter out of Lake Front stadium in the last minute and 45 seconds after a pass interference ruled against them was followed on the next play by a touchdown, the Bengals of Cincinnati scoring a 10 to 7 win in an American Professional league contest. It was the third game in eight days for the Coopers who won two of three. Clutching a 7 to 3 lead with a minute to play, Pat Howlett's 26 yard aerial was allowed for Cincinnati on interference on the 7-yard line. On the next maneuver Howlett passed to Popp, ex-Toledo university luminary, and Perry kicked goal. With eight minutes to go, Art Buck passed to Dick Hegeman, Racine end, who raced 69 yards for the touchdown with Howlett on his heels. Fred Venturelli, guard, kicked goal. Cincinnati zoomed into the lead in the second quarter when Perry placekicked from the 25-yard line. In the same frame, Venturelli's kick from the 30-yard line was carried off its course by the stiff wind. Negotiations have been completed to bring the Marquette University All-Stars, including seven members of the 1939 Hilltop varsity, to Kenosha next Sunday for a clash with the Coopers. Columbus, originally booked for a league game, has been disbanded.

KENOSHA COOPERS		CINCINNATI	
Naughton	L. E.	Kelley	
Rozoni	L. T.	Gerles	
B. Werve	L. G.	Russ	
Pick	C.	Riley	
Biolo	R. G.	Underwood	
Kilbourne	R. T.	Kruse	
Brennan	R. E.	Popp	
Gavre	Q.	Perry	
Buck	L. H.	Howlett	
Novakofski	R. H.	Blackaby	
Blaha	F.	Bernard	

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
Kenosha Coopers	0	0	0	7-7
Cincinnati	0	0	3	0-10

Touchdowns: Coopers—Hegeman Cincinnati—Popp Points after touchdowns: Coopers—Venturelli Place kick—Perry (Cincinnati). Points after touchdown: Cincinnati—Perry.

Replacements:
 Coopers — Cherny, Hegeman, Hillister
 Horhe, Venturelli, Turk, Koster, Monik,
 Pudiokas, Bleashka
 Cincinnati—Ax, Smilanich, Sheldon, Russell, Moore.
 Referee—Dyer (Madison).

FELDHHAUS IS LOST

NOV 28 (Detroit) - Bill Feldhaus, star Detroit Lions guard, will be unable to represent his team in its final game against the Green Bay Packers here Sunday. He fractured his leg in Sunday's game at Washington, it was learned here today.

PACKERS IN TOWN, PREPARE FOR SUNDAY CLASH AT DETROIT

NOV 28 (Green Bay) - Licking their wounds from a close scrape at Cleveland, and preparing to reassemble their forces for another great assignment next Sunday, the Green Bay Packers, still leading the Western division of the NFL, are back in town. The Packers climbed off the Milwaukee Road train late yesterday afternoon, and today were back at practice, their next engagement being at Detroit Sunday afternoon. If the Bays win that one, they will avoid the unpleasant necessity of meeting the Chicago Bears in a playoff game for the Western crown. Green Bay apparently will be in good shape for its last regular scheduled contest. Dr. W.W. Kelly, club physician, looked the team over last night and announced that probably all of the players will be available for the Detroit struggle...HINKLE NO. 1 CASUALTY: Clarke Hinkle, fullback, was hurt the worst. He incurred a painful bruise on his upper arm, but the injury is responding to treatment and he should be able to play. Tackle Ernie Smith had a recurrence of an old leg injury, but is moving under his own power. Buckets Goldenberg, guard, had the wind knocked out of him but is ready to go against the Lions. Two or three other Packers were bumped and bruised, but Dr. Kelly anticipates that all will be available Sunday. The team is practicing today under the supervision of

Tough Going for Isbell Against Home Team in Ohio Contest



Cecil Isbell, Green Bay Packer halfback, made four yards on this play through center in the third period of the Packers' game with the Cleveland Rams at Cleveland. Green Bay won the game in the closing minutes, 7 to 6, to maintain its leadership of the Western division.

Assistant Coach Richard (Red) Smith, due to Coach E.L. Lambeau's absence. Lambeau is in Pittsburgh, attending the special meeting of the National league to determine possible playoff sites and dates. The Packers are unable to explain the letdown which nearly brought them a painful defeat at Cleveland Sunday. Although the team outgained the Rams heavily, although the Packers drew nary a yard of penalties, and didn't fumble once; the men felt that they were giving far from their best brand of football. For one things, the Packer pass defense, which has been airtight in recent games, again folded before the sharpshooting of halfback Parker Hall, particularly when he was chucking them in the third period. The Packer line held tight, restricting the Rams to a total of 54 yards from scrimmage. The playoff situation is up in the air. If the Packers defeat Detroit Sunday, there'll be no necessity of meeting the Bears, a development which the Packers are most anxious to avoid. That will mean that the Bays will battle the Eastern champions, either Washington or New York, probably at Milwaukee, probably Dec. 10.

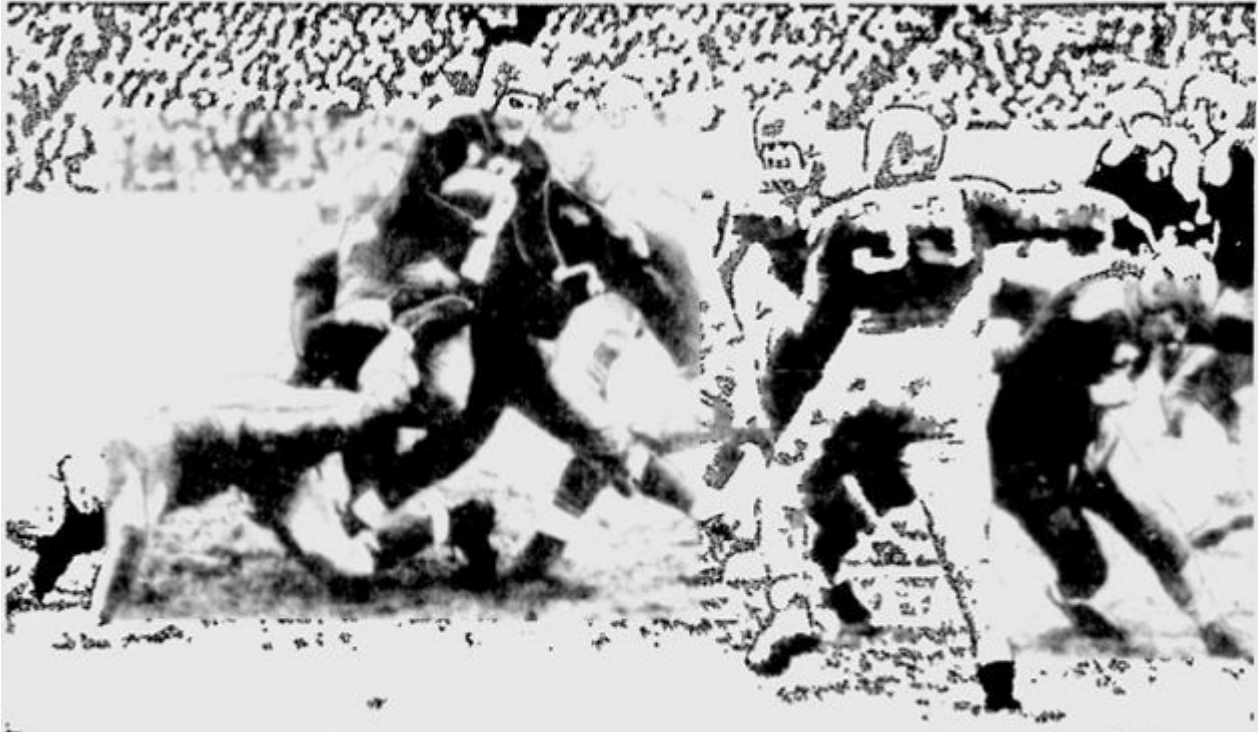
PLAYOFF SETUP IS CONSIDERED

NOV 28 (Pittsburgh) - Four club owners of the NFL gathered here today to arrange for playoff in event of deadlocks in the Eastern and Western divisions of the circuit. The quartet of survivors are the New York Giants, defending league titlists, and the Washington Redskins in the East, and Green Bay Packers and Chicago Bears in the West. The Giants and Redskins, boasting eight victories against one loss and one tie, clash Sunday in New York. A tie game would force a playoff...LEADING THE WEST: Green Bay leads the West with eight victories and two setbacks, while the Bears are close behind with eight wins and three defeats. The Packers play Detroit Sunday, and a defeat would deadlock the race. Playoffs, if necessary, probably would be held Dec. 10, League President Carl L. Storck determining today just where they would be staged. Meeting with him were Owners George Marshall of Washington, Tim Mara of New York, George Halas of Chicago, and Curly Lambeau, coach of the Packers. Two developments in connection with the Pittsburgh pro Pirates held attention as the club owners assembled...OFFERS PART OWNERSHIP: Art Rooney, offered \$50,000 for a part ownership by a Boston syndicate, was told by Vincent Scully, representing a local group, that he was prepared to match the offer and would be willing to take 49 percent of the stock. Armand Niccolai, veteran of six straight seasons of play as a star right tackle, announced he would quit the pro game. Bert Bell, owner of the Philadelphia Eagles, heard of this and offered Rooney the Eagles' second choice in this winter's draft in exchange for the ex-Duquesne star's contract. Bell through he could make such an attractive offer that Niccolai would keep on playing. Rooney is hopeful Niccolai will change his mind.

LOOKING UP IN THE REALM OF SPORTS

NOV 28 (Green Bay) - The attempt of owner Tom Lipscomb to popularize professional football in Cleveland may bear fruit, but it has been a long, hard grind. Authority for that statement rests with Cleveland sportswriters with whom we

Cecil Isbell Plows Four Yards for Packers



THE Green Bay Packers ran up a lot of yardage on running plays Sunday but found the going very tough when they got into scoring territory. The picture shows a sample. Cecil Isbell is shown making four yards the hard way. Doug Russell is bringing him down. No. 33 is Spadaccini and No. 20 is Dunstar, both of the Cleveland Rams. Green Bay won in the closing minutes, 7-6. -A. P. Wirephoto

fraternized on our recent visit to Ohio, and with Lipscomb himself, who "scouted" the Packers during one of their final workouts. "I'm doing no harm here," the Ram owner explained. "I don't know anything about the game, anyway." Lipscomb and his associates still are sadly in the red after spending seasons attempting to build up the game in Cleveland. Most of their crowds have been poor, and Lipscomb didn't really hear the turnstiles click until the last couple of Sundays, when the Detroit Lions and Green Bay Packers wandered into town. A few friends and relatives watched the Rams play the Chicago Cardinals. Davey O'Brien's reputation meant nothing to Cleveland fans, and the Philadelphia game was a flop. The Pittsburgh Pirates didn't draw flies, and why should they? But the Ram president is cheerful. "They're beginning to come," he said. "We're making money at a few games, now." Sportswriters feel that the team isn't in close enough contact with the people. Henry Andrews of the Press remarked: "They keep the Rams out at Berea, Ohio, training on the Baldwin-Wallace campus. You never see them around town; no one ever has a chance to get acquainted with them." Andrews said he understood the team would be moved into Cleveland next season. There have been rumors that the Ram franchise might be moved to another city, but no one gives it much credence. In the meantime, the slow building process continues...Bringing the Packers to Cleveland two days earlier was of great benefit in building up the game last Sunday. The Green Bay players scampered around the Municipal stadium turf both Friday and Saturday, whooping and shouting in a manner to make the empty stands ring with echoes. The giant stadium is no telephone booth for space. You can park upwards of 80,000 customers in there, and 80,000 is no platoon in any army. It was the site of the Notre Dame-Navy game this season - the one which had Lavvie Dilweg of Green Bay as referee. It has the usual fault of all stadia which are not built expressly for football - the gridiron is too far from the stands. Next to the Cleveland setup, Milwaukee State fair park stands are right on the field.

AWARD MILWAUKEE PRO GRID PLAYOFF

NOV 28 (Milwaukee Journal) - Milwaukee has been definitely selected for the National Professional Football league playoff, if the Green Bay Packers win the western title, it was announced by Curly Lambeau in a long distance telephone call from Pittsburgh Tuesday afternoon. A meeting of all clubs with a mathematical chance for divisional honors - the Packers and Bears in the western end of the league and the Giants and Redskins in the eastern end - was held in Pittsburgh Tuesday morning. "Everything now depends on our game with Detroit at Detroit Sunday. The site is set. If we win the title by beating or tying the Lions, the league has definitely decided to play the championship game in Milwaukee." Lambeau said that tickets would be scaled from \$4.40 to \$1.10. "We thought first of having a \$3.30 top but because of the relatively restricted seating capacity in Milwaukee, the \$4.40 was proposed by the directors." The game will be played at State Fair park, which has a capacity of 26,500. Additional seats to increase the capacity to about 30,000 can be built. The date of the game will not be decided until after Sunday's battle between the New York Giants and the Redskins in New York. Unless

the game ends in a tie, one or the other will win undisputed possession of the eastern title and the championship game would be played December 10. If the game ends in a tie, however, leaving them deadlocked for the eastern division crown, an eastern playoff will be held December 10 and the championship game December 17. If the Packers lose to the Lions Sunday, forcing them into a tie with the Bears in the west, a divisional playoff will be played at a site to be determined by a coin flip. If the Packers win the flip, the playoff with the Bears will also be held at Milwaukee. Lambeau left for Green Bay by plane immediately after the meeting. The Packers will leave for Detroit Friday. Sunday's game has already been announced as a sellout.

PACKER NOTES

NOV 28 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - The

Packers assured themselves of no worse than a tie for the western half title in the NFL Sunday by a margin closer than a twice over shave. It was a 7 to 6 triumph over the Cleveland Rams and it came on the wings of a Cecil Isbell to Joe Laws pass and was cinched by the old reliable toe of Tiny Engebretsen, who wobbled up off the bench, out onto the field and kicked that vital point like he was having his breakfast grapefruit. Make no mistake about it, the Packers, if all reports are true, deserved to win, but they knew they'd been in a battle. The Rams proved definitely and for all time they have emerged from the cocoon stage of professional football and from now on are a power to be reckoned with. They unseated the Packers up at Green Bay, 27 to 24; they walloped the Lions when a Detroit walloping was very much in demand by Packer adherents and they almost walloped the Packers when such a walloping was what George Halas and his little Bruins have been dreaming about and hoping for a week...CAN CLINCH CROWN: And now what? All between the Packers and an undisputed title in the western half race is Sunday's fray at Detroit with the Lions. A win or tie in the motor city will give the Bays the title and the right to meet the winner of the New York Giants-Washington Redskins game for the league championship. The Giants and Redskins are now tied for the eastern lead and next Sunday's winner will annex the Atlantic seaboard sectional crown. Will Sunday's 31 to 7 rout at the hands of the Redskins serve as a spur for the Lions or will that defeat, plus elimination from the title race, serve as an anchor? There are two schools of thought. One believes the rout and elimination from the championship race will find the Lions in the gridiron rut, ambitionless and only playing out the string. The other school believes professional players have too much pride in their own ability to take a 31 to 7 rout sitting down and that the Lions, eyeing next year's contracts, will be thirsting for revenge and anxious to get it at the expense of the Packers. I'm inclined to the second belief. History of the pro league reveals good teams, and the Lions have a good club, are never so dangerous as when they have been shellacked thoroughly. In consequence, I'm looking for the Packers to have the toughest battle of the year on their hands Sunday...GROUND ATTACK FAILS: A factor in their favor is their aerial attack. Other clubs perhaps have completed more passes, but the Bays have made the most yardage on passes and have made the most touchdowns. And that's what they pay off on. Besides, the Lions are vulnerable in the air, as the Bears, Packers and Rams proved in previous games, and the Bays, if they do win, are almost sure to do it on the good right arms of Arnie Herber and Cecil Isbell and the receiving of Don Hutson, Carl Mulleneaux, Frank Jacunski, Joe Laws, Milt Gantenbein and any number of others who have come through with timely catches in the past. Sunday's running attack against the Rams made over 200 yards, but it bogged down in pay dirt territory. Hence, it cannot be as strong as it should be in order to assure a win in the finale. Just why the ground attack is not functioning with customary power is difficult to fathom. The line is as good an offensive unit as the Packes have ever boasted; the attack has deception, power and enough speed, but still the offense on terra firma has not been clicking. Is it because the Packers are content to score the easier way - through the air? It appears that is the only logical conclusion. There is no question but what a long Herber to Hutson aerial is the bed of roses path to touchdown soil. It involves little wear and tear on the lads - except the passer who takes quite a beating - and it brings yardage in big chunks instead of by the tougher rockier sock and be socked plunge by plunge method...WIN OR FACE BEARS!: That is the danger of a successful air game. All too often the players are content to wait for the breaks in the air instead of sticking to their knitting all the way, scoring the hard way and make it that much easier for the air bombs

THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Editor, Press-Gazette: As an ardent Packer fan, and I'm sure thousands feel as I do, I can't see why there is some talk on holding the national pro championship football game in Milwaukee, should the Packers win the western division championship.

Green Bay is the home of the Packers, and as we never have had a championship game here, I feel that we are entitled to the game, if it becomes possible. As it is, the best games are always out of town. As for Milwaukee, they wouldn't consider us if this game were possible for them.

It would mean more money for the corporation and cheaper for the local fans (and those good

dyed-in-the-wool fans up north). The tickets could be raised a dollar or more, according to the location, as all final events are always raised. Look at the World Series, Golden Gloves, etc. I would gladly pay from one dollar to a dollar and a half more here in the Bay than go to Milwaukee, and as for seating capacity, Milwaukee can't accommodate many more than we can, and our weather is every bit as good as Milwaukee or Chicago.

Just take a poll through the Gazette and see what response you get. Maybe I'm wrong. But I would like to know how the fans feel. After all, it's the fans that pay the freight, and must be considered.

Thanking you, I am

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to score direct hits when they are used. One thing sure, the Bays will have to buckle down to the ground attack business this Sunday if they are to win. They can make up their minds, collectively and individually, that the only sure way to win as champions should, is to get foggin' on the ground. Once they do that it will be easy to connect in the air. But if they are content to wait for the air attack to lift 'em out of the mire, as they did against the Rams, they are very apt to find themselves on the short end of the score, with a tie for the western division title on their hands and the necessity of meeting the Bears in a playoff game. I imagine they'd rather get the chore done Sunday than have to battle the Bears again.

Packers Forget Playoff, Drill for Detroit Contest

PACKERS FORGET PLAYOFF, DRILL FOR DETROIT CLASH

NOV 29 (Green Bay) - With plenty of playoff talk in the air, but a 14-karat assignment staring them in the face for Sunday, the Green Bay Packers have plunged into an intensive work period preparatory to meeting the Detroit Lions at Detroit in their last regularly scheduled NFL game of the season. After that, the playoff - against either the Chicago Bears or the Eastern champion, or both - but Coach E.L. Lambeau stressed today that the team's every attention at the moment is being directed to the vital struggle at Detroit. Lambeau returned last night from Pittsburgh, where arrangements for possible playoffs were made yesterday at a special meeting called by President Carl Storck of the NFL. If the Packers meet the Chicago Bears - which will be necessary if Detroit defeats Green Bay Sunday - the game will be played at Wrigley field, Chicago. If the Packers reach the playoff game against either the New York Giants or the Washington Redskins, the contest will be played at State fair park, Milwaukee. Both Coach Lambeau and Leland H. Joannes, president of Green Bay Packers, Inc., today made clear their belief, and that of the Packer executive board, that the Milwaukee playoff site is the only one which logically could be chosen. Their statements were made in the face of resentment expressed locally because City stadium was not selected as the place for the inter-division playoff...GATE GOES TO PLAYERS: The No. 1 consideration in the selection of State Fair park is the cut given the players of both teams, who draw 60 percent of the playoff gate. An additional 10 percent goes to second place teams, 5 percent to each division. "A game in New York would be the best from the players' standpoint," Lambeau said. "The players already are sacrificing a considerable amount of money by having the game played in Wisconsin. As a matter of fact the selection of the playing field is a matter to be finally decided by the league rather than by the home team. In selecting State Fair park the league officials took into consideration the fact that the gate receipts would be much larger in Milwaukee than at City Stadium assuming capacity crowds at both places. Naturally the league officials gave the players' side of the matter primary consideration. It is almost unreasonable to expect any other decision when as much as \$30,000 may be involved." President Joannes went into statistics: "The setup at Milwaukee as outlined for the playoff game," he said, "will include 32,000 seats, as compared with 22,370 seats for City Stadium. This latter figure includes 1,500 seats which would have to be placed on the rack around the stadium."...DIFFERENCE OF \$30,000: "The monetary difference of the two gates, assuming capacity crowds, would be nearly \$30,000. That's a lot of money to take away from football players who are depending upon it to augment their regular salaries. Our top price will be scaled at \$4.40 - the highest price ever asked for playoff game tickets. We will have 6,254 seats at \$4.40, 4,392 at \$3.30, 7,623 at \$2.20, 11,275 at \$1.65 and 2,016 at \$1.10. This is a total of 31,730. Sixty percent of the gate goes to the players participating in the game, and another 10 percent goes to second place teams in the two divisions. The Packer executive board sincerely feels that by playing the game at Milwaukee, it will satisfy the greatest number of Wisconsin Packer fans. Green Bay itself is within two hours and 20 minutes of Milwaukee. Thousands upon thousands of loyal Packer fans live in Milwaukee and in the southern part of the state. Many Packer fans seem to overlook the great debt which the team owes to its following in southern Wisconsin. Without the support we receive from our Milwaukee games annually, we would be unable to maintain a National league franchise in Green Bay."...MANY SEATS COVERED: "Another angle is this - 50 percent of the seats at State Fair park are covered, assuring fans protection against bad weather, which must be a consideration in outdoor December sports events. Furthermore, Milwaukee is more than 100 miles south of Green Bay, which may give us an additional break in the weather. If the game were being taken to Chicago, or to New York, there would be reason for Packer fans to complain - but the Milwaukee park seems the only logical place, all matters considered, for the 1939 playoff game." Mayor Daniel Hoan of Milwaukee today sent the following telegram to Coach Lambeau: "As mayor of Milwaukee I invite the Green Bay Packers to play their final game of the season in Milwaukee. We appreciate

your courtesy in favoring Milwaukee with two games at the State Fair park and we are proud of your record."...BOOST THE PACKERS: "We are confident the Packers will come through with flying colors at Detroit next Sunday and our loyal fans will cheer your team to final victory when you come to Milwaukee for the playoff game. Officials for the Green Bay-Detroit game will be the following: referee, Edward W. Cochrane, Kansas; umpire, David Reese, Denison; headlinesman, Carl Brubaker, Ohio State; field judge, Dan Tehan, Cincinnati. Lambeau revealed today that Bobby Monnett, former Packers halfback who retired at the end of last season, was ready to join the team in Cleveland for the balance of the season, had his services been required. Monnett was ready to sign if injuries on the Packer squad made his presence necessary. No such ailments developed, and with the playing of the Cleveland game the Packers passed their deadline for adding new players this season. Only men now on the roster may play in the rest of the games.

BEARS SHATTER LEAGUE RECORDS

NOV 29 (New York) - The Chicago Bears concluded their season Sunday as the most powerful offensive team in the history of the NFL, wiping three more ground gaining and scoring marks from the books in addition to the two broken the previous week. Washington became the second team to exceed the former scoring and ground gaining marks, and with the Bears largely were responsible in establishing a new all-league scoring standard, the fourth record made this week. The Bears increased their ground gaining and scoring total to 3,988 yards and 298 points. It broke the former 11-game mark of 3,201 yards and 223 points a week ago. The new ground gaining total exceeds 3,703 yards made in 12 games by Detroit in 1936, and 3,750 yards made in 13 games by the Bears in 1934. The final scoring record this week also exceeds the 13 games by the Bears in 1934. The final scoring record this week also exceeds the 13 game mark of 286 points by the Bears in 1934, Bill Osmanski, Bob MacLeod, Billy Patterson and Sid Luckman, rookie backs, were largely responsible in the great offensive splurge of the Bears this season...PASSES GREEN BAY: Washington has 3,288 yards and 235 points, both surpassing the former league marks. Washington passed Green Bay for second place in scoring Sunday, though the Packers' 221 points is only two points off their last year's league standard. The scoring of the entire league now is 1,609 points, breaking the record 1,484 points established last year. Green Bay also is third in ground gaining with 3,182 yards.

A.C. INTERESTED

NOV 29 (Green Bay) - Directors of the Green Bay Association of Commerce, at their monthly meeting in the Hotel Northland this afternoon, went on record as favorite Green Bay as the site for the NFL playoff, but after hearing L.H. Joannes, Packer corporation president, explain why the game will be played in Milwaukee - if Green Bay wins the western pennant - decided that nothing more can be done about the matter.

GREEN BAY DEMANDS PLAYOFF

NOV 29 (Green Bay) - "They ain't done right by our Packers," was the main chorus of local townspeople today when they finally became convinced that if and when the Bays thunder out on the field for the National Professional league championship playoff it will not be here but at State Fair park in Milwaukee. Resentment against that decision reached Tuesday by league directors, even stirred the association of commerce into executive session, and from that august group came a resolution demanding the playoff contest be held in Green Bay. But Coach Curly Lambeau and Pres. Lee Joannes were unmoved by the storm of criticism and stated they were sticking to their guns. Lambeau declared: "A game in New York would be best from the players' standpoint, and already they're sacrificing a considerable amount of money by having the game played in Wisconsin. The playoff teams, remember, take 60 percent of the gate. If it was run off in Green Bay, the players would have to sacrifice about \$30,000 - the monetary difference at State Fair park in Milwaukee, which seats about 10,000 more." Resentful folk pointed out that the local pros are chartered as a "non-profit organization", and recalled it wasn't so many years ago when the civilians pulled the club out of permanent bankruptcy with real folding money. "Many Packer fans," asserted Joannes, "seem to overlook the great debt the team owes to its following in southern Wisconsin, where we have many thousands of supporters. Without the support we receive from our Milwaukee games annually, we would be unable to maintain a National league franchise in Green Bay." Still resentful, Green Bay kept on hoping the Packers defeat Detroit Sunday, making it unnecessary to tangle with the Chicago Bears for the western division title. The title would give them the right to play the Eastern half champions - either New York or Washington - for the national crown.

PRO TITLE GOLDEN

NOV 29 (Milwaukee Journal) - A small pot of gold awaits the Packers if they can get over their next two games - the Detroit game at Sunday and the championship playoff with New York or Washington at State Fair park December 10. The pot consists first of the player's end of receipts in the playoff game, the players' end of receipts in the annual exhibition game against the pro league all-stars at Los Angeles January 15, and the players' cut in the annual game with the college all-stars at Soldier field next August. Estimating roughly, the total should be at least \$1,000 for each of the boys, and, if attendance

Western Division							
	*G	YG	OY	FP	PC	PS	OP
Green Bay	10	3182	2606	228	94	221	146
Chi. Bears	11	3988	2604	221	89	298	157
Detroit	10	2752	2340	219	88	138	138
Cleveland	10	2373	2580	222	107	160	151
Chi. Cards	11	3069	2998	247	85	84	234
Eastern Division							
	*G	YG	OY	FP	PC	PS	OP
Washington	10	3288	1952	174	103	235	85
New York	10	2093	2278	165	69	159	78
Brooklyn	11	2345	3113	176	77	108	219
Phil'delphia	10	1950	2671	241	107	92	165
Pittsburgh	11	2252	3090	221	70	114	216

Teams in order of league standings.
(Washington and New York tied in Eastern division).

receipts go high, perhaps as much as \$1,500. The championship, since the Packers last won it in 1936, has more than doubled in value so far as the players are concerned. Out of the playoff game in New York in 1936, the Packers got about \$300 apiece. Out of the playoff game here alone, they should get close to \$500...Work has already started to increase the seating capacity of State Fair park for the playoff. Twenty-four additional rows of 200 seats each will be constructed on the east side of the field, bringing the total capacity to a little more than 30,000. The present capacity is 26,500. Work has also been started on a new press box with room for 75 reporters, and three new radio booths on the roof of the west grandstand...Don Hutson, always a marked man, has had a lot of goings over in his pro career, but seldom any quite as bad as the one Cleveland gave him last Sunday. You might have thought, watching Don get the works, that the outcome of the game depended entirely on how well the Rams stopped him. They checked him on the line of scrimmage, of course, covered him downfield with two men always, sometimes three, and in addition, which escaped detection, tripped him, bumped him around and held him until the poor guy didn't have a chance. Don completed two passes all afternoon - one from Herber for five yards in the second quarter and the other from Isbell for eight yards in the fourth quarter. It's when you see a team go to such lengths to stop one man that you begin to understand why no all-star pro team can be complete without him. He is far from the greatest defensive end in the league or the greatest blocker but as a scoring threat he is in a class by himself...The Packers returned from Cleveland up in arms over what they claimed was a violation of a gentleman's agreement among pro coaches not to lend each other their moving pictures of other games. In this case, they were up in arms again against your old friend, George Halas of the Bears. Halas, it appears, let Cleveland use his pictures of the last Bear-Packer game to prepare for Sunday's encounter...UNORTHODOX BUT SMART: Vic Spadaccini, former Minnesota quarterback, had all Cleveland fans in a dither in the fourth quarter. With a 6 to 0 leads, he had Hall pass on second and third downs from Cleveland's 25 yard line, on second down from the seven yard line, on third down on the 14 yard line and one second down from the 18 yard line. On only one of the passes, the last, did Hall connect. By all the rules of the college primer, of course, Spadaccini apparently invited nothing but trouble. Yet in this case, largely because this was pro ball, and because a sharpshooter like Hall happened to be in the game, it really wasn't bad at all. Spadaccini found himself in a peculiar position as the fourth quarter got underway. The Rams led, but they had their backs to the goal and had to get out of the hole at any cost. Rushing might have been a little safer, but the Packers had choked off the Rams on the ground all afternoon. Kicking might have sent the ball out to midfield, but the Packers had been storming right back. The one chance of escape, to carry the ball to midfield, perhaps, and then kick, lay in Parker Hall's arm. It was the sharpest weapon the Rams had. It had given them their touchdown and had harassed the Packers all afternoon. It should be noted, too, that Hall didn't take any chances with his fourth quarter bolts. Except on one play, he played every pass as safe as it could be played. At the slightest danger of interception, he simply threw the ball away. Spadaccini, despite what the college primer says, had more than half a leg to stand on for what he did.

PACKER NOTES

NOV 29 (Milwaukee Sentinel-Stoney McGlynn) - Decision of the Green Bay Packers Football corp. to play the championship game (if the Packers win the western title as they seem likely to do) in Milwaukee a wise, very wise move on the part of the directors. A dispatch from Pittsburgh Tuesday says that the league directors voted for the playoff game here, but when it is all simmered down you can thank the Packer officials for the chance to see the championship tussle. Some weeks ago the Packers officials had virtually consented to playing the game in Washington if the Redskins won the eastern title, but after considerable thought the Packer moguls arrived at the conclusion Wisconsin was entitled to the championship skirmish. They were right. Anything else would have been an absolute injustice to the state fans who have helped Green Bay, a city of 40,000, support the greatest attraction in present day football. Imagine, if you can, the loyal Green Bay fans, who, while the club was being nursed along by Lee Joannes, Andy Turnbull, Dr. W.W. Kelly & co., supported the team through its safety pin stages, sitting back and allowing the football tidbit of a lifetime to go eastward! Imagine, if you can, Wisconsin fans, from Superior to Kenosha, from Platteville to Marinette, from La Crosse to Green Bay, who have taken the Packers to their heats, not letting out a squawk that could be heard from Las Vegas to Slippery Rock if the game would have gone elsewhere...WARMING TO THE WARS: And now that it is settled let peace be with us and let the Packers unleash all their powers at the Lions and the Giants or Redskins, whatever the case may be, so that I don't have to take back any of the kind things I said about the Bays and the unkind things I wrote about the Washington Redskins following their game here some weeks ago. It would be very, very humiliating to have to admit to one Vincent X. Flaherty, Washington columnist, his Redskins are superior to our Packers. Flaherty is already warming to the wars as this recent comment from his portable testifies: "Pardon us if we seem to be letting out a little premature hokum, but after tussling with our own inimitable kind of calculations, we have suddenly arrived at the conclusion that the Redskins will go on from here and knock over the Detroit Lions, New York Giants and Green Bay Packers by way of gathering unto themselves the professional football championship of the whole Western Hemisphere. This happens to be our own private and purely personal opinion, but we believe the Redskins are the greatest football machine that ever galloped on 22 legs. And we, therefore, believe they're only beginning to get the feel of their full functioning facilities. Stoney McGlynn, the Milwaukee sports columnist, has taken typographical umbrage at our innocent bleat that the Redskins are a better team than the Green

Bay Packers. McGlynn has something to work with when he points to the fact that the Packers pummeled the Redskins three weeks ago by a 24 to 14 score. That's a pretty fair arguing point. McGlynn, who practically pulls the Packers' strings from his press box perch, saw the Redskins at their lowest level, for the Redskins, that day, gave the Packers full cooperation. But we think the Redskins next time will dump the load of their offensive powers upon the Packers' domes and parcel out to said Packers the almightiest plastering they've absorbed since the Chicago Bears knuckled down and got serious. In Sammy Baugh and Frank Filchock the Redskins have the two most accurate passers in the league, for both are one, two - or, we should say, two, one - in the circuit averages. Through some stupid ways of figuring, the league's statistical bureau rates ahead of Baugh and Filchock such passers as Arnie Herber, Ace Parker, Parker Hall and others who have completed more throws because they've thrown three time as many shots. In other words, they're placing the premium on quantity instead of quality because the completed averages of Baugh and Filchock tower over the rest of the league's passers like Man Mountain Dean over Mickey Rooney. What runners in the league can match Farkas and Todd and Filchock when it comes to free wheeling in the open field? Whereas the 1937 Redskins had only Cliff Battles as a running threat, the 1939 outfit has a Cliff Battles lurking in every nook and cranny of the bench. We guess that'll do for time being." Yes, Vincent, it does do. And isn't it a shame a bum like Herber is rated so highly? And Hutson, too, for that matter. But if you really wish to get at the crux of passing effectiveness look at yardage gained and touchdowns - not at percentage of completions. In my league I'd rather have one out of five for a touchdown than five out of five for a goal line stall.

Packers Entrain Friday for Crucial Contest at Detroit

PACKERS ENTRAIN FRIDAY FOR CRUCIAL CONTEST AT DETROIT

NOV 30 (Green Bay) - The Green Bay Packers will be classed as rolling stock again tomorrow, and they'll be rolling toward Detroit, where on Sunday afternoon a very important NFL engagement awaits them. Coach E.L. Lambeau, a bit fearful about the effect all the playoff talk may have on his team, is anxious to get them aboard and on the way. "It is all very fine to speculate as to whether or not the Packers will win the playoff game." he said, "but fans forget that the team is nowhere near the playoff stage as yet. We expect the most bitter stand of the season to be made by the Detroit Lions Sunday, and should we lose that game we will face a Bears team which will be anything but hospitable."...LIONS TOUGH ENOUGH: Most Packer fans chill at the thought of their team meeting the Bears again, but there are no indications that the struggle at Detroit will be any less troublesome. The Lions are fighting for their jobs. They have been put on the spot by a series of reversals, and if they don't produce with some fancy football on Sunday, a lot of them will be out of work before next fall. The Packer scout report of the Detroit-Washington game stresses the toughness and class of the Detroit team. Had not the Lions lost a first half touchdown because of a holding penalty, they might have driven through to a victory over the Redskins...TEAM WORKING HARD: The Green Bay team has been working intensively, despite the fact that the players have been bothered constantly by "playoff" talk, said Lambeau. They held an indoor meeting last night, another skull session this morning, an outdoor drill this afternoon and they will assemble for another chalk talk and quiz tonight. The Packers expect to face a Detroit team which is fired to the skies on Sunday, but the Bays are well keyed up, too. The men will board the Milwaukee Road Chippewa late Friday afternoon, and will work out at Detroit Saturday. They will sleep at Detroit Sunday night, and will start back for Green Bay at 7:45 Monday morning, arriving here on the Chippewa at 4:47 p.m., that afternoon. Then they'll settle down to practice for their playoff game - the Chicago Bears, or the New York Giants, or the Washington Redskins.

O'BRIEN, HALL WAGE DUEL FOR NATIONAL LEAGUE PASS HONORS

NOV 30 (New York) - The thrilling forward passing championship duel being waged by NFL rookies Davey O'Brien, Philadelphia, and Parker Hall, Cleveland, has narrowed down to a tie, with each breaking aerial records this week, according to individual statistics announced yesterday. A third mark was established by Jack Manders, Chicago Bears, in lifetime scoring. Hall and O'Brien are now separated by a hair-splitting margin with the championship and final possessor of new standards to be decided in Sunday's Cleveland-Philadelphia game at Colorado Springs. Only three completions, 19 yards, and three-tenths of 1 percent separate their totals. Hall has completed 90 for 1,130 yards and .494 efficiency. O'Brien has completed 87 for 1,149 yards and .497 efficiency. Both players exceeded the former league records of 81 completions and 1,127 yards made by Sammy Baugh in 1937, also in his freshmen year...SAMMY RANKS THIRD: Baugh is third in the standings this week, breaking a third place tie with Ace Parker, Brooklyn, who dropped to fourth. Frank Filchock,

Washington, is fifth, having the most touchdown passes, 10, and the best efficiency, 63 percent, though throwing more than a hundred less passes than the leaders. Manders raised his scoring total to 50 points for the season, jumping from eighth to second in the league, and overtaking Ken Strong, New York, as the lifetime scoring record holder. Manders now has a lifetime total of 345 points to 337 for Strong. Strong has one game to play while Manders has completed his 11 game schedule...**FARKAS HOLDS LEAD:** Andy Farkas, Washington, continues to lead the scorers with 63 points, and also rose from third to second in ground gaining with 545 yards, displacing Joe Maniaci, Bears, by one yard. Bill Osmanski, Bears, still tops the ground gainers with 699 yards and is in a three-way tie for third place in scoring with Jim Benton and John Drake, both of Cleveland, with 48 points. Pug Manders, Brooklyn, brother of Jack Manders, jumped from fifth to fourth in ground gaining this week, surpassing Bill Shepherd, Detroit, 482 yards to 412. Perry Schwartz, Brooklyn, is still ahead of Don Hutson, Green Bay, in pass receiving, 33 catches to 30, but Hutson has one more game to play. Benton overtook teammate Vic Spadaccini for third place, 27 to 26.

IF YOU WANT TO SEE PACKERS, GET IN LINE

NOV 30 (Milwaukee Journal) - If the Packers win or tie in Detroit Sunday and take the western division championship of the NFL, tickets for the playoff game at State Fair park December 10 will go on sale Monday noon at the Packer ticket office in the lobby of the Journal building. A few points in the seating arrangement and distribution of tickets should be noted: All seats will be reserved. No telephone reservations will be accepted. All mail order must include money order or certified check for the price of tickets, plus 20c for registration and postage. Seats between the 25 yard lines will cost \$1.40 each; between the 25 and 15 yard lines, \$3.30; between the 15 yard and end lines, \$2.20; in the section immediately beyond the end lines, \$1.65, and in all other sections, \$1.10. The ticket office will remain open each night until 9 o'clock. It's all up to the Packers now. Everything else is set. Incidentally, if Detroit wins Sunday, forcing the Packers into a tie with the Bears, the divisional playoff to determine a western opponent for the eastern champions will be played at Wrigley field and not in Milwaukee, as first announced.

Green Bay Packers on Way to Tackle Detroit Lions Sunday

GREEN BAY PACKERS ON WAY TO TACKLE DETROIT LIONS SUNDAY

DEC 1 (Green Bay) - Trying desperately to concentrate first upon their Sunday game at Detroit, and secondly upon any playoff contests which may result from that fracas, the Green Bay Packers are on the road tonight, en route to the lair of the redoubtable Lions. The Packers don't know how many more football games are ahead of them. If they lose to the Lions, they will have to invade Wrigley field for another bruising contest with the Chicago Bears. If they win at Detroit Sunday, their next engagement will be against the Eastern champion team - either New York or Washington - at Milwaukee. Coach E.L. (Curly) Lambeau would be delighted if there had not been so much playoff chatter in the air already. Try as hard as they can, the Packers have been unable to get the Detroit matter fixed firmly in their minds as their No. 1 objective, and the coach is worried to fear a vengeful Detroit eleven will pounce upon them before they can readjust their mental attitude...**TALK ABOUT PLAYOFF:** Everywhere the players went this week, the playoff and its site were the chief topics of conversation, whereas the menacing Detroit game hardly has been mentioned - except at practice sessions. The Green Bay squad was to leave aboard the Milwaukee Road Chippewa late this afternoon, and it will arrive in Detroit tomorrow morning, primed for a final intensive workout. The game will be played at Briggs stadium, starting at 2 o'clock Detroit time (1 o'clock Central standard) Sunday. Apparently, the Packers will enter the contest without serious injuries. Clarke Hinkle's battered arm, which was wrapped in ice packs at the time he hurt it at Cleveland, seems to have responded to treatment, and there is no other serious casualty on the team. The same cannot be said for Detroit, which will face the Packers minus the services of Bill Feldhaus, veteran guard who fell in combat at Washington....**FIGHTING FOR LIFE:** The Detroit life, to a man, will be fighting

Season Statistics		
	Packers	Detroit
Games	10	10
First downs	134	126
Yards rushing	1,115	1,361
Yards passing	1,767	1,340
Yards on laterals	0	61
Total yards	3,182	2,732
Passes attempted	228	219
Passes completed	95	88
Passes intercepted by	25	14
Punting average	39	40
Penalties	219	209
Fumbles	11	25
Opponent fumbles recovered	8	9
Field goals attempted	16	10
Field goals made	4	7
Opponents yards	2,617	2,310
Opponents passes attempted	231	197
Opponent passes completed	103	86
Total points	221	138
Opponents points	116	138

for its life. Wholesale releases may be anticipated if the Lions collapse again before the attack of their most hated rivals, the Packers, and well do the players know it. Their final series of defeats has been a severe disappointment to the management, which had high hopes of a championship earlier in the season. As usual the contest will be broadcast, with Russ Winnie at the microphone, over radio stations WTAQ, Green Bay, and WTMJ, Milwaukee.

POTSY CLARK LEAVES

DEC 1 (Brooklyn) - George (Potsy) Clark announced yesterday his resignation as head coach of the Brooklyn Dodgers of the NFL. His resignation, tendered to owner Dan Topping, takes effect immediately though his three-year contract does not expire until January 1. Clark, who has been coaching in the National league for nine years, said he planned to remain in the coaching profession but did not reveal any definite plans. Before entering the NFL, Potsy coached at Butler and Kansas university. In his college days, he was a star quarterback on Bob Zuppke's great Illinois teams of 1914 and 1915.

SELLOUT OF 50,000 TO SEE BAYS BID FOR TITLE

DEC 1 (Detroit) - Although the Detroit Lions have been eliminated from the race for the western division championship, a sellout crowd of 50,000 will see Sunday's game with the Green Bay Packers here. The presence of one of football's most colorful teams and the possibility that the Lions may knock the Packers into a tie with the Bears for the western championship constituted a lure which pro fans here couldn't resist. Ads were printed in newspapers advising fans of the sellout. Except for Feldhaus, a guard, who is definitely out of the game with a broken leg, the Lions were at full strength to repel the invaders. Green Bay ruled a seven point favorite.

LAMBEAU CONFIDENT OF WIN

DEC 2 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - Coach Earl (Curly) Lambeau of the Green Bay Packers is confident his club will come through with one of its great games Sunday in Detroit when the Bays meet the Detroit Lions. A win will give the Packers the western division championship in the NFL and the right to meet the eastern champions, either New York or Washington, here in Milwaukee for the league title on December 10. The Packer mentor and Line Coach Red Smith expressed themselves as confident the club was near its peak and would be in top form by Sunday. "We're not there yet," Lambeau said Friday night at the Milwaukee road station as the club detrained for a few minutes of exercising on the platform, "but it's only Friday and we don't want them up as yet. Our workout in Detroit Saturday will be enough to finish off the priming process and if we escape injury to key players we'll be mighty tough to defeat." Lambeau admitted the club had several players who were bumped, and bruised quite badly, but that each and every man was able to play. He added the Lions, too, had their share of injuries and would be in about the same physical condition as the Bays. The Bay mentor looks for quite a tussle. The 30 to 7 walloping handed the Lions by the Redskins last week will serve to put the Detroit club on edge and it should bound back with a great effort, he explained. "I've been around this league for 20 years now," he added, "and it's been my experience that the good team that have been defeated always come back with a tough game their next time out." The Packers will reach Detroit Saturday morning and will work out in Briggs stadium, site of the game.

PACKERS TO PLAY LIONS FOR TITLE SUNDAY ON SOGGY, CUT UP FIELD

DEC 2 (Milwaukee Journal) - Green Bay's bid for the western division championship of the National pro league in Detroit Sunday will be made on a soggy field torn up by a high school game 24 hours earlier, according to an Associated press report Saturday morning. An all-night rain left the field at Briggs stadium soft and muddy for the city high school championship game to be played Saturday afternoon. More rain was promised during the day. The Packers, 30 strong, passed through Milwaukee Friday night on their way to the scene of the battle confident that regardless of weather or condition of the field they would return with the championship. A victory or a tie over the Lions, whom the Packers defeated

Leading Ground Gainers			
Player, Club	*YG	Att	Ave
Osmanaki, Bears	699	121	5.7
Farkas, Wash.	545	137	3.9
Maniaci, Bears	544	77	7.0
C. Manders, Brook.	482	114	4.2
Shepherd, Det.	412	82	5.0
Hall, Cleve.	408	111	3.6
Filchock, Wash.	385	92	4.2
Leemans, N. York	383	117	3.3
Drake, Cleve.	382	106	3.6
INBELL, G. Bay	381	125	3.0
HINKLE, G. Bay	346	116	3.1
Brumbaugh, Br.-Pitta.	343	111	3.0

Key: *YG—Yards gained. Att—Attempts. Ave—Average.

Leading Forward Passers					
Player, Club	CP	C	Y	I	EA
Hall, Cleve.	182	190	1130	13	.494
O'Brien, Phila.	175	87	1149	13	.497
Parker, Brook.	157	72	977	13	.458
HERBER, G. B.	130	54	1047	9	.415
Baugh, Wash.	95	53	518	9	.557
Sloan, Det.	97	44	648	2	.453
Mason, Bears	113	44	914	9	.389
Filchock, Wash.	65	41	930	4	.630
INBELL, G. Bay	92	40	705	5	.434

(*) New National league record; old mark 81 completions by Sammy Baugh, 1937.
 (*) New National league record; old mark 1127 yards by Baugh, 1937.

League standings figured by taking position by completions and position by efficiency and adding them. Hall and O'Brien are tied for first with 5 points (Hall 1 in completions and 4 in efficiency. O'Brien 2 in completions and 3 in efficiency); Baugh third with 7 points; Parker fourth with 8 points, and Filchock fifth with 9 points.

Key: *P—Passes, C—Complete, Y—Yards, I—Intercepted, EA—Efficiency average.

Leading Pass Receivers				
Player, Club	*NC	Y	TD	
Schwartz, Brook.	33	550	3	
HUTSON, G. Bay	30	815	6	
Benton, Cleve.	27	388	7	
Spadaccini, Cleve.	26	363	1	

Key: *NC—Number caught, Y—Yards, TD—Touchdowns.

Field Goals				
Player, Club	*Att	M	TY	L
Kercheval, Brook.	13	6	220	47
Cuff, N. York	13	5	179	43
Hanneman, Det.	5	4	125	40

Key: *Att. Attempted, M—Made, TY—Total yards, L—Longest.

Leading Scorers				
Player, Club	*TD	PAT	FG	PS
Farkas, Wash.	11	2	0	68
J. Manders, Bears	4	17	3	150
Benton, Cleve.	3	0	0	48
Drake, Cleve.	3	0	0	48
Osmanaki, Bears	3	0	0	48
HUTSON, G. Bay	6	2	0	38
Todd, Wash.	6	2	0	38
Maniaci, Bears	5	4	1	37
Smith, Cards	4	6	2	36
Cuff, N. York	2	6	5	33
Parker, Brook.	5	0	1	33
Leemans, N. York	5	0	0	30
MacLeod, Bears	5	0	0	30
HINKLE, G. Bay	4	2	1	29
Hanneman, Det.	2	4	4	28
ENGBRETSEN, G. B.	0	17	3	26

(*) Brings lifetime total to 345 points, surpassing Ken Strong, New York (337) as National league record-holder.

Key: *TD—Touchdowns, PAT—Points after touchdowns, FG—Field goals, PS—Points scored.

Green Bay Ball Carrying			
Player	Yds	Att	Ave
Hutson	26	5	5.2
Uram	211	42	5.0
Jankowski	264	64	4.1
Balazs	41	11	3.7
Isbell	381	125	3.1
Craig	6	2	3.0
Hinkle	346	116	2.9
Laws	142	50	2.8
Thompson	9	6	1.5
Buhler	3	5	0.6
Lawrence	0	4	...
Herber	-14	17	...
	1415	447	3.1

Detroit Ball Carrying			
Player	Yds	Att	Ave
Moscrip	8	1	8.0
Moore	7	1	7.0
Vanzo	21	4	5.2
Ryan	41	8	5.1
Shepherd	412	82	5.0
Cardwell	141	28	5.0
Pingel	281	62	4.5
Weiss	110	25	4.4
Szakash	11	3	3.6
McDonald	77	24	3.2
Sloan	195	75	2.6
Tully	50	31	1.6
Gore	7	8	0.8
	1361	353	3.8

Green Bay Forward Passing				
Player	Att	Com	Yds	Int
Herber	130	54	1047	9
Isbell	92	40	705	5
Lawrence	4	1	15	1
Laws	1	0	0	0
Uram	1	0	0	0
	228	95	1767	15

Detroit Forward Passing				
Player	Att	Com	Yds	Int
Sloan	97	44	648	2
Pingel	45	25	328	4
Tully	69	20	356	13
Gore	1	0	0	0
Shepherd	1	0	0	0
	213	89	1330	19

Green Bay Pass Reception		
Player	No	Yds
Hutson	30	815
Laws	11	177
Mulleneaux	11	170
Isbell	9	71
Gantenbein	7	127
Uram	7	93
Jacunski	5	104
Bruder	4	65
Hinkle	3	45
Craig	3	44
Lawrence	1	21
Herber	1	18
Balazs	1	11
Jankowski	1	5
Thompson	1	1
	95	1767

Detroit Pass Reception		
Player	No	Yds
Moscrip	14	176
Shepherd	14	143
Cardwell	13	350
Hanneman	12	257
Ryan	7	46
Moore	6	82
Austin	5	102
Vanzo	4	110
Hamilton	3	53
Weiss	3	25
McDonald	3	44
Wiethe	2	5
Gore	1	20
Diehle	1	12
Clemons	1	5
	89	1330

Green Bay Punting				
Player	No	Yds	Lngst	Ave
Hinkle	37	1473	65	40
Herber	22	879	74	40
Isbell	4	123	39	31
Balazs	1	35	35	35
	64	2510	74	39

Detroit Punting				
Player	No	Yds	Lngst	Ave
Pingel	24	1030	65	43
Shepherd	21	754	49	35
Clemons	15	640	57	42
Ryan	3	112	40	37
Sloan	1	43	43	43
Hanneman	1	31	31	31
	65	2619	285	231

Green Bay Scoring				
Player	TD	PAT	FG	TP
Hutson	6	2	0	38
Hinkle	4	2	1	29
Engelbrechtsen	0	17	3	26
Laws	4	0	0	24
Uram	3	0	0	18
Isbell	2	3	0	15
Jacunski	2	0	0	12
Jankowski	2	0	0	12
Brock	1	0	0	6
Bruder	1	0	0	6
Gantenbein	1	0	0	6
Greenfield	1	0	0	6
Herber	1	0	0	6
Mulleneaux	1	0	0	6
Svendsen	1	0	0	6
Smith	0	3	0	3
Safety	0	0	0	2
	30	27	4	221

Detroit Scoring				
Player	TD	PAT	FG	TP
Hanneman	2	4	4	28
Cardwell	3	0	0	18
Shepherd	3	0	0	18
Sloan	3	0	0	18
Moscrip	1	9	0	15
Ryan	2	0	0	12
Martinovich	0	0	3	9
Moore	1	0	0	6
Pingel	1	0	0	6
Tully	1	0	0	6
Safety	0	0	0	2
	17	13	7	138

at Green Bay earlier in the season, 26 to 7, would clinch the divisional championship and assure the title playoff game, with the eastern champions, for Milwaukee December 10. A defeat would drop the Packers into a tie with the Bears, necessitating a divisional playoff before the championship game. Except for minor bumps and bruises, the Packers were in tiptop shape for Sunday's game. "We'll be ready," Lambeau said. "The boys know what the game means to them, and I think they'll really be up." A light workout was scheduled at Detroit Saturday morning.

PACKERS DEFENDANT IN A \$2,000 LAWSUIT
 DEC 2 (Detroit) - Suit for \$2,000 was started Saturday in circuit court by Norman Purucker, former Michigan halfback, against the Green Bay Packers. Purucker charged breach of contract, contending that he signed with the Packers to play the entire season at \$175 a game. He said he was injured in a preseason game against the Texas All-Stars and was released by the Packers shortly afterward. Judge Harry B. Keidan ordered service made on the Packer management while the club is in the city for Sunday's game with the Detroit Lions.

PACKERS 9-5 FAVORITE OVER LIONS

DEC 2 (Detroit) - The Green Bay Packers are 9 to 5 favorites to defeat the Detroit Lions here Sunday in the game

that will give the Packers the western half championship in the NFL race if they come through with a win. Detroit betting circles are extremely wary of the Packers and are doubly so this year because of experiences last year when they took a terrific beating in the vicinity of their pocketbooks when they went hook, line and sinker on the Lions in the game here after the Lions had trounced the Packers so soundly at Green Bay earlier in the season. The return game here saw the Packers revamping their defense, checking the Lions at every turn and running off with a 28 to 7 triumph that smacked of the pushover variety. That wasn't the only time the Packers and Packer boosters have taken the Detroit money home with them, but it was perhaps the most costly lesson of all and it left its mark where the Detroit money had to have odds in big chunks. The Packers arrived here early Saturday morning and Coach Curly Lambeau put them through a morning drill at Briggs stadium. He liked the reaction of the club and feels it will be at the peak mentally for the game. "They know they can cinch

the title Sunday with a tie or win and they are out to do it," Lambeau said. "They feel the Lions are easier than the Bears, whom they will have to meet in a playoff if they lose Sunday, and that a victory will be the easiest way to the title and the playoff game." Lambeau expects to start his hottest offensive combination right off the bat to try and get the jump on the Detroiters. This means the backfield may have Cecil Isbell and Arnie Herber, both great passers, at the halfback posts, Larry Craig as the offensive blocking back and defensive end and Clarke Hinkle at fullback. The line will have Don Hutson as offensive left end and defensive half, Milt Gantenbein at right end and Baby Ray and Bill Lee at the tackles, Buckets Goldenberg and Russ Letlow at the guards and Bud Svendsen at center. The presence of both Isbell and Herber in the backfield will guarantee a more versatile attack as Isbell offers a triple threat and it will be hard for the Lions, if the Bays carry out their deception, to follow the play as there is always the chance that Herber, too, will be doing the passing after the faking and deception has been completed. Meanwhile, Lambeau has drilled against an expected Detroit air barrage with Johnny Pingel, the former Michigan State star, as the main menace. Lambeau is aware his own air defense has been cracked wide open at times and expects Coach Gus Henderson of the Lions to shoot the works aurally Sunday in hopes of making a satisfactory finish.

LIONS TO CLOSE WITH PACKERS

DEC 3 (Detroit) - The Detroit Lions will play out their 1939 professional football string Sunday afternoon at Briggs Stadium against the Packers of Green Bay in a contest that means little to the Lions, much to the Packers. The game will start at 2 p.m. In sole possession of the Western Division leadership of the National league, the Packers automatically will contest with the Eastern Division champs for National pro honors if they beat the Lions. But if the Lions click with their man-in-motion, hidden ball offense Sunday, and slip over an upset against Green Bay, that will force the Packers into a tie for the lead with the Chicago Bears. This would result in a playoff contest in the West loop to decide the champion. And the experts contend that the Chicago Bears, coming on with a rush since midseason, have power and punch enough to trounce Green Bay if they meet again this fall. The Bears have finished with their season, a game behind the Packers. In the first Green Bay-Lion game, the Packers won, 26-7. And so Coach Earl L. (Curly) Lambeau of Green Bay certainly will have his top passing combination and best rushing formations in high gear Sunday. His best passing combination is a formidable one. It is Arnold Herber to Donald Hutson. Herber is in his ninth season of pro football. Several seasons ago it was predicted that he was nearing the end of a brilliant backfield career with the Packers, but this autumn his tosses to Hutson have been better than ever. Hutson has been at Green Bay for four years, during which time he has caught enough of Herber's passes to become a Green Bay legend. Clarke Hinkle, fullback; Hank Bruder, quarterback, and Milt Gantenbein, end, are other Packers who have worked well as alternate Packer throwers and receivers. Cecil Isbell, back, is typical of the fine new crop of athletes who have joined Green Bay, which list includes Minnesota's former Andy Uram, back, and Francis Twedell, a guard. Lee Mulleneaux, center, Larry Buhler, fullback, Ernie Smith, tackle, and Paul Engebretsen, guard, are some of the older better known Packers. A cast of 175 musicians and dancers, under the direction of G.T. Overgaard, Wayne University band and musical director, will stage an elaborate ballet and pageant between halves.

Green Bay Prepares for Thrust at Western Crown

Packer Statistics

National Football League

WESTERN DIVISION

	W	L	T	Pct	PS	OP
GREEN BAY ...	8	2	0	.800	221	146
Chi. Bears	8	3	0	.727	298	157
Detroit	6	4	0	.600	138	138
Cleveland	4	5	1	.400	160	151
Chi. Cards	1	10	0	.091	84	253

EASTERN DIVISION

	W	L	T	Pct	PS	OP
Washington ...	8	1	1	.800	235	85
New York	8	1	1	.800	159	78
Brooklyn ...	4	6	1	.364	108	219
Philadelphia ...	1	8	1	.100	92	165
Pittsburgh	1	9	1	.091	114	216

Sunday's Results

GREEN BAY 7, CLEVELAND 6,
New York 28, Brooklyn 7,
Pittsburgh 24, Philadelphia 12,
Washington 31, Detroit 7,
Chicago Bears 48, Cardinals 7.

Next Sunday's Games

GREEN BAY AT DETROIT.
Washington at New York.
Philadelphia vs. Cleveland.
(At Colorado Springs, Colo.)

The Starting Lineups:

GREEN BAY

Hutson, le
Ray, lt
Engebretsen, lg
Svendsen, c
Goldenberg, rg
Lee, rt
Gantenbein, re
Craig, qb
Uram, lh
Herber, rh
Jankowski, fb

CLEVELAND

le, Benton
lt, Adams
lg, Livingston
c, Conkright
rg, Hupke
rt, Dunstan
re, Wilson
qb, Spadaccini
lh, Hall
rh, Russell
fb, Drake

Replacements

Green Bay: Ends—Mulleneaux, Jancunski. Tackles — Kell, E. Smith, Schultz. Guards—Letlow, Zarnas. Center—Brock. Backs—Isbell, Bruder, Laws, Hinkle, Lawrence.

Cleveland: Ends—Patt, McDonough. Tackle—Niehaus. Guard—Ragazzo. Centers—Cherundolo, Dowd. Backs—Davis, Slovak, G. Smith, Lazetich.

Score By Periods

Green Bay	0	0	0	7—7
Cleveland	0	0	6	0—6

The Scoring

Touchdowns: Green Bay — Laws, Cleveland—Benton.

Point after touchdown—Engebretsen.

The Officials

Referee—Cochrane, Kansas.
Umpire—Meyer, Ohio Wesleyan.
Linesman—Brubaker, Ohio State.
Field Judge—Bacon, Wabash.

Game Statistics

First downs — Green Bay 16, Cleveland 10.

Total yardage—Green Bay 374, Cleveland 218.

Yardage from scrimmage—Green Bay 225, Cleveland 54.

Yardage from forward passes—Cleveland 164, Green Bay 149.

Forward passes — Cleveland attempted 31, completed 13, 2 intercepted. Green Bay attempted 28, completed 11, 2 intercepted.

Penalty yardage—Cleveland 35, Green Bay 0.

Fumbles—None.

Individual Statistics

Ball Carrying

Green Bay: Hutson 13 yards in 2 attempts, average 6.5. Uram 4 in 7, 6.5. Hinkle 83 in 14, 5.9. Isbell 70 in 14, 5. Jankowski 19 in 9, 2.1. Laws —6 in 4.

Cleveland: Lazetich 9 in 2, 4.5. Hall 27 in 11, 2.4. Drake 25 in 12, 2.1. G. Smith 2 in 1. Slovak 1 in 1. Patt 0 in 1. Russell —10 in 1.

Forward Passing

Green Bay: Isbell attempted 14, completed 7 for 125 yards. Herber attempted 14, completed 4 for 24 yards, 2 intercepted.

Cleveland: Hall attempted 29, completed 13 for 164 yards, 1 intercepted. Slovak attempted 2, 1 intercepted.

Pass Reception

Green Bay: Laws 3 for 60 yards. Mulleneaux 3 for 49. Hutson 3 for 29. Isbell 2 for 11.

Cleveland: Benton 5 for 66. Patt 3 for 56. McDonough 2 for 19, Lazetich 2 for 11. Spadaccini 1 for 12.

Punting

Green Bay: Hinkle 213 yards in 5 attempts, average 42.2, longest 48. Herber 64 yards in 2 attempts, average 32, longest 34.

Cleveland: Hall 448 yards in 11 attempts, average 40.8, longest 64.

