

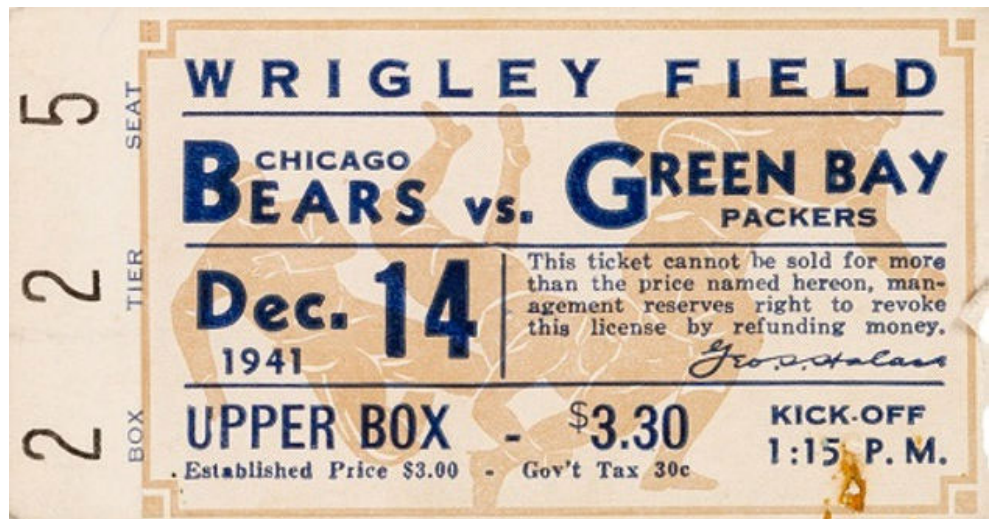
**NFL WESTERN DIVISION PLAYOFF**  
**Chicago Bears (10-1) 33, Green Bay Packers (10-1) 14**  
**Sunday December 14th 1941 (at Chicago)**

**Tally 24 Points One Period at Chicago; Get Championship Tilt**

**Bears Trim Packers, 33-14, to Win Western Division Title**

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

(CHICAGO) - Green Bay's hopes for its sixth NFL championship were dashed for at least another season when the Chicago Bears, employing their famed T-formation in a series of ruthless attacks, brought a 33 to 14 defeat down upon the Packers before 43,425 chilled customers at Wrigley field here Sunday afternoon. The game was played to break the tie for the Western division title, and victory gave the Bears the right to battle the New York Giants, Eastern winners, for the league pennant here next Sunday. Had the Packers won, the titular match would have gone to Green Bay.



Despite the trouncing, it will be difficult to convince many a Green Bay fan that the Bears actually were superior. They played better ball Sunday, but on another day things might have been much different. Something happened to the team soon after Clarke Hinkle crossed the Bear goal line early in the game for the first scoring maneuver. Team play was glaringly absent a good part of he time. The line failed to hold with any consistency, and there was little blocking to be seen. Center George Svendsen, however, had a great day. The Packers are men enough to take it, but they must not be blamed too much for the defeat. They were deadly serious about winning, and felt the sting of the defeat most keenly. It was just their bad fortune to meet a red hot team on a day when they were not at their best. For several thrilling minutes it seemed that the Packers were set for a great offensive battle. Hugh Gallerneau fumbled Hinkle's opening kickoff, and Ray Riddick recovered for the Packers 18 yards from the goal line. Five plays later, with the game 110 seconds old, the Hink crashed right guard for a touchdown. Don Hutson's conversion left the Packers seven points to the good, and hardly two minutes later Larry Craig pounded upon Norm Standlee's fumble on the Bears' 35 yard line to set up another potential scoring play. Immediately Cecil Isbell brought the air attack into action. Nothing happened, however, so Hinkle made an ill-fated try at a field goal. The kick was blocked by John Siegal, and from that moment the Packers were a beaten team. The Bears scored their first touchdown about midway in the first quarter when Gallarneau redeemed himself for the kickoff fumble by taking a Hinkle punt and dashing 81 yards to the end zone. Robert Snyder's kick for the extra point was blocked by Lee McLaughlin, leaving the Packers ahead by 7 to 6.

**BEARS THREATEN AGAIN**

At the end of the first quarter, George Halas and his bruisers were threatening again. On the fourth play in the second quarter Snyder kicked a field goal, and the Bears led by 9 to 7. The Bears exploded in the second quarter. They assured victory for themselves when Standlee bucked the Packer left guard for a touchdown. Joe Stydahar's conversion made it 16 to 7 - good

enough to make certain that the Bears and not the Packers will play off for the National league title. But the Bears did not stop with that. Not long after Standlee crossed the goal line again, and Stydahr kicked the extra point. Late in the second period Robert Swisher scored on a brilliant run, and Stydahr converted.

### BETTER SECOND HALF

Green Bay did much better in the second half, outscoring the Bears by 7 to 3. A pass, Isbell to Hal Van Every, brought a touchdown in the third quarter, Hutson kicked the extra point. Well into the fourth quarter the Bears made good on another effort to end the scoring for the day. It was a field goal from the 27-yard line that split the uprights perfectly. The statistics reveal a superiority for the Bears in several departments, but they also show that the Packers stayed right in the game. Fourteen first downs were made by the Bears, while the Packers chalked up 12. This might have been a different story if Coach Curly Lambeau's team had been able to put up something in the way of a ground attack. The Packers made 222 yards on passing, but only 35 from rushing, while the Bears gained 48 yards through the air and 267 on the ground. The Packers completed 11 out of 28 forward passes, while the Bears attempted 14 and made good on five. The Bears, however, intercepted five passes and the Packers took only two.

### BEARS DRAW PENALTIES

It seems needless to say, in view of what has happened in previous games, that the Bears also took more yardage in penalties - most of it in the second half when the game was sewed up. They were called on 12 of their infractions for a total of 128 yards; the Packers drew three penalties for 48 yards. To the observer who sat in the stands, chilled to the bone, it seems a wonder that there were not even more fumbles. The Bears fumbled five times, and the Packers three. Two of the Packer fumbles were recovered by the Bears, and the Packers recovered three that were committed by their opponents. The first fumble occurred on the opening kickoff, when Gallarneau dropped the ball and Riddick pounced on it 18 yards from the goal line. Isbell threw an incompleated pass, but Hinkle made nine yards on two ball carrying excursions. A dash through center took Isbell from the three-yard line to one foot of the goal. Hinkle's weight carried him to pay dirt over right guard, and Hutson converted with a placekick, giving Green Bay a 7 to 0 lead. The Bears drove from the 12-yard line to the 33 before Standlee fumbled the ball and Larry Craig recovered for the Packers on the 35. Isbell shot a pass straight to Hutson, who all but caught the ball on the goal line. Hinkle made only three yards through the line, and another Isbell pass fell incomplete.

### FIELD GOAL FAILS

With Isbell holding, Hinkle tried a field goal, but the ball was blocked by Siegal. Dick Plasman recovered and lateraled to Gallarneau, who was downed on his own 42-yard line. The Bears were forced to punt, and two offside penalties helped the Packers to a first down on their own 44-yard line. Isbell was smeared for 13 yards on two plays when the Chicago chargers broke through. Another scoring opportunity fizzled when Hutson, all alone on the 35-yard line, dropped a pass from Isbell. Then the Bears began to assert themselves. Hinkle punted, and Gallarneau, aided by a timely block by Ray McLean, roared down the field 81 yards to the goal line. McLaughlin blocked Snyder's try for the extra point, leaving the Packers ahead by one point. McAfee made two yards, and Andy Uram broke up a Sid Luckman pass. Luckman threw incomplete again, but the Packers were ruled offside, advancing the Bears to the Green Bay 46-yard line. Just as the quarter ended, Standlee broke loose and galloped to the Packers' 15-yard line, a gain of 31 yards, before Uram brought him down from behind.

### URAM NAILS MANIACI

Uram nailed Joe Maniaci for a one-yard gain on the opening play in the second quarter. Then Maniaci fumbled, but Luckman recovered for the Bears on the 18 for a loss of one yard. Luckman's pass to McAfee was incomplete, so Snyder entered the

# This Is Final

**The Starting Lineups:**

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| <p><b>G. B. PACKERS</b></p> <p>Hutson, lc<br/> Ray, lt<br/> McLaughlin, lg<br/> Svendsen, c<br/> Goldenberg, rg<br/> Schultz, rt<br/> Riddick, re<br/> Craig, qb<br/> Isbell, lhb<br/> Kohrig, rhb<br/> Hinkle, fb</p> | <p><b>CHI. BEARS</b></p> <p>lc, Plasman<br/> lt, Kolman<br/> lg, Fortmann<br/> c, Turner<br/> rg, Gray<br/> rt, Artco<br/> re, Siegal<br/> qb, Luckman<br/> lhb, Neiting<br/> rhb, Gallarneau<br/> fb, Standlee</p> |
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**Replacements**

Packers: Ends—Mullenaux, Jacanski, Frutig, Urban, B. Johnson. Tackles—Lee, Pannell. Guards—Kuusisto, Tinsley, H. Johnson. Centers—Brock, Greenfield. Backs—Van Every, Uram, Jankowski, Buhler, Pashvan, Canadeo, Laws.

Chicago Bears: Ends—Nowakoy, Wilson, Kavanaugh, Pool. Tackles—Stydahr, Federovitch, Mihal. Guards—Forte, Musso, Lahar. Center—Matum, Hughes. Backs—McLean, Snyder, McAfee, Swisher, Maniaci, Osmanaki.

**Score By Periods**

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| Packers .....       | 7 | 0  | 7 | 0-14 |
| Chicago Bears ..... | 6 | 24 | 0 | 3-33 |

**The Officials**

Referee—Gibbs.  
Umpire—Schommer.  
Field Judge—Sweeney.  
Linesman—Lipp.

**Team Statistics**

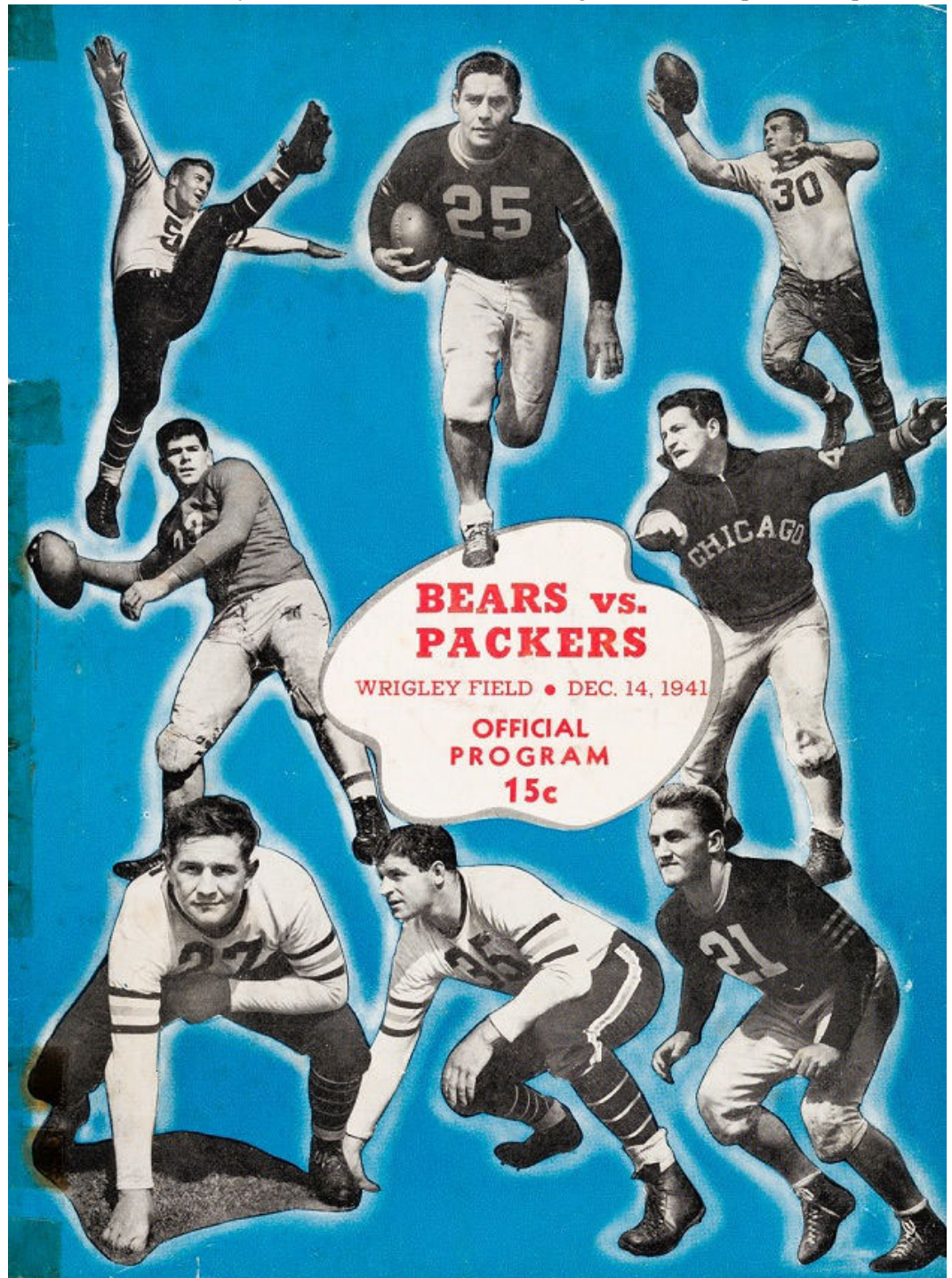
First downs—Bears 14, Packers 12.  
Total yardage—Bears 315, Packers 287.  
Yardage from scrimmage—Bears 367, Packers 35.  
Yardage from forward passes—Packers 222, Bears 48.  
Forward passes—Packers attempted 28, completed 11, 5 intercepted. Bears attempted 14, completed 5, 3 intercepted.  
Penalty yardage—Bears 128, Packers 48.  
Fumbles—Bears 5, Packers 3.  
Opponents' fumbles recovered—Packers 3, Bears 2.  
Average distance punts—Bears 37.56, Packers 28.5.  
Yards punts returned—Bears 67, Packers 66.  
Yards kickoffs returned—Packers 96 (5), Bears 43 (3).



fray for his fourth down field goal attempt. His kick from the 23-yard line was perfect, and the Bears led 9 to 7. Herman Rohrig returned the kickoff seven yards to the 26, and Isbell passed to Rohrig for a gain of one yard. On the next play Hinkle fumbled and recovered for a loss of four yards. Isbell then went back to pass, looked in vain for his receiver, and finally fumbled. Maniaci recovered for the Bears on the Green Bay 18-yard line and ran to the 12. An offside penalty set the Bears back five yards, but Maniaci more than made up for it by breaking through for 13 yards to the four-yard line. On the next play Maniaci made another yard, setting up the play in which Standlee went over the Packer left guard for the touchdown. Stydahar's kick was good, and the Bears were ahead by 16 to 7. The Packers failed to gain on Isbell's pass attempts and a line buck by Eddie Jankowskis, so Rohrig punted to Swisher to start the Bears on another scoring drive.

### **INTERFERENCE ON PACKERS**

Luckman failed to complete a pass to Swisher, but interference was ruled on the Packers and the Bears marched 27 yards to the 31-yard line. Backfield in motion cost the Bears five yards, but McAfee ran to the 13-yard line on the next play before being brought down by Hutson and Carl Mulleneaux. Standlee dashed to the six-yard line, and went to the two-yard stripe on the next play. Again Standlee carried the ball, going over left guard for a touchdown. When Stydahar kicked the extra point, the Bears were leading by 23 to 7. The Packers failed to make even a first down after the kickoff, so the Bears promptly went on the march again. Standlee downed Rohrig's punt on his own 37. McAfee picked up three yards, and Swisher went around his own right end for 22 yards to the 38. McAfee's next drive netted four yards, and a pass, Luckman to McAfee, gave the Bears a first down on the 25. Swisher picked up a yard, and Standlee was stopped by Jankowski and Mulleneaux for a loss of one yard. Luckman passed to George Wilson to the nine-yard line. Standlee was



held by Larry Buhler for no gain, but on the next play Swisher skirted his own right end, finally eluding Isbell, to cross the goal line. Stydahar's conversion kick gave the Bears a 30 to 7 lead with two minutes left in the second quarter. The Packers made a desperate attempt to rally in those last two minutes. Isbell passed to Jankowski for 19 yards, putting the ball on the center stripe. Another Isbell pass, to Buhler, carried them down to the 30, and only 15 seconds remained. Ed Frutig was one foot from the goal when was downed by Swisher after catching a toss from Isbell. George Paskvan lost a little better than a yard, Isbell went back again, elected to run, and was smeared by Luckman for a five-yard loss as the half ended. Svendsen,

who had been playing an outstanding game for the Packers all afternoon, recovered McAfee's fumble on the 50. Riddick took Van Every's pass and dashed all the way to the 14-yard line. Tony Canadeo picked up two yards, but was held for no gain on the next play. Larry Buhler was hurt here, and had to leave the field. Van Every tried two more passes, but both fell incomplete and the ball went to the Bears on downs. The Bears were unable to do anything, and the Packers were given another chance.

### **PASKVAN MAKES NINE**

Paskvan made nine yards to the Chicago 45, and Van Every, after failing to spot a receiver for a throw, ran to the 39, chalking up first down No. 6 for the Packers. After Rohrig just missed catching his pass on the 25, Van Every picked up three more yards. Canadeo then was smeared 13 yards, and Van Every was forced to punt. Luckman soon punted out for the Bears, Canadeo returning the leather 15 yards to the Bear 41. Isbell passed to Hutson, who would have scored a touchdown without any trouble if he had not stepped out on the 23. Hinkle lost two yards, but Isbell, after being rushed far back by McAfee while trying to pass, ran to the 11-yard line for another first down. Hinkle was brought down by Standlee after a gain of one yard, and then Isbell passed to Van Every in the end zone. When Hutson converted with a kick to leave the score 30 to 14, only two minutes remained in the third quarter. The Bears lost no time getting started on their next scoring drive. McAfee returned the kickoff 24 yards to his own 34, and the Bears drew a penalty for too much time in the huddle. McAfee ran 31 yards to the Packer 25 as the period ended. Swisher and Osmanski made six yards in six tries. Snyder's pass failed, so he went back to the 27-yard line to kick a field goal, leaving the Bears ahead by 33 to 14 and completing the scoring for the day. Van Every was thrown back for 11 yards, and all hopes of a Packer rally after the kickoff fizzled when Wilson intercepted Van Every's pass. The Bears picked up some yardage and then punted after Snyder was penalized for intentionally grounding a pass. Van Every lateraled to Uram, who galloped to the 35. The Bears were penalized 15 yards for roughness, which put the ball in midfield. Isbell missed on two passes, and then connected to Frutig for six yards.

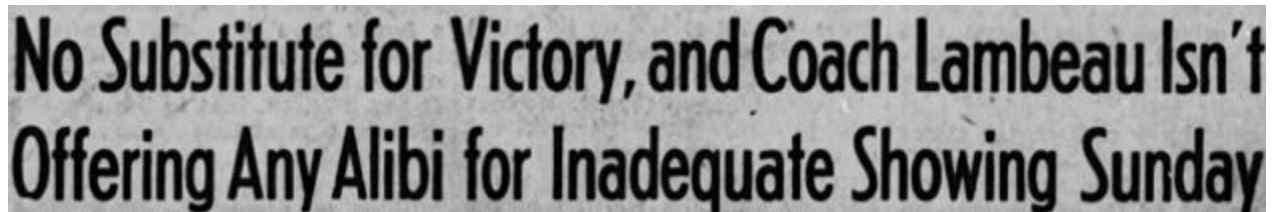
### **PACKERS ON MARCH**

Another pass by Isbell, to Van Every, carried the Packers from the 44 to the 27-yard line. Lee Artoe rushed Isbell on the next play, and it fell incomplete. Isbell was rushed by Dan Fortmann and Ray Bray for a 10-yard loss, and Bulldog Turner stopped him on the next play, giving the Bears the ball on the 35. The Bears drew two 15-yard penalties for holding, and Canadeo took Luckman's punt to the Packer 35. On the same play, however, the Packers drew 15 yards, and sprinted to the Bear 21. Canadeo tossed to Frutig for 43 yards, and sprinted to the Bear 21 on the next play. Wilson intercepted a pass tossed by Canadeo just before the game ended.

**GREEN BAY - 7 0 7 0 - 14**  
**CHI BEARS - 7 23 0 3 - 33**

### **SCORING**

1ST - GB - Clarke Hinkle, 1-yard run (Don Huston kick) GREEN BAY 7-0  
1ST - CHI - Hugh Gallarneau, 81-yard punt return (Bob Snyder kick blocked) GREEN BAY 7-6  
2ND - CHI - Snyder, 23-yard field goal CHICAGO BEARS 9-7  
2ND - CHI - Norm Standlee, 3-yard run (Joe Stydahar kick) CHICAGO BEARS 16-7  
2ND - CHI - Standlee, 2-yard run (Stydahar kick) CHICAGO BEARS 23-7  
2ND - CHI - Bob Swisher, 9-yard run (Stydahar kick) CHICAGO BEARS 30-7  
3RD - GB - Van Every, 10-yard pass from Isbell (Hutson kick) CHICAGO BEARS 30-14  
4TH - CHI - Snyder, 27-yard field goal CHICAGO BEARS 33-14



**No Substitute for Victory, and Coach Lambeau Isn't Offering Any Alibi for Inadequate Showing Sunday**

### **NO SUBSTITUTE FOR VICTORY, AND COACH LAMBEAU ISN'T OFFERING ANY ALIBI FOR INADEQUATE SHOWING SUNDAY**

DEC 15 (Chicago) - The Packers lost themselves a ball game, and next Sunday's league championship playoff will come to Green Bay via radio, with the seats at City stadium empty. As one Bay follower expresses it, there is no substitute for victory. All the post mortems in the world won't change the final result, much as we'd like it reversed. "Let's not alibi. Let's take it. The team wasn't fighting, and they made a lot of mistakes," declared Coach Curly Lambeau on the way home after the initial disappointment of losing had worn off. With his 23rd season in postgraduate football at an abrupt end, he will begin preparing for his 24th. It was evident, though, even before the start of the contest, that the Packers weren't keyed to the pitch they were at in the Nov. 2 victory over Mr. Halas and company. The silent, grim determination was lacking, and



although they wanted to win and played, at various times during the afternoon, a lot of football, they never rose to the heights they were for the previous encounter. A list of coaches that would read like a football Who's Who, gathered in the press lounge after the game, concurred in that diagnosis. Dutch Clark, the Detroit Lion veteran who coaches the Rams, ladled out a lot of praise for the Bears but said, "The Packers just weren't up for this one. They did a lot of things wrong." He pointed to the fumbles and miscues that characterized play on both sides and added that "it was a great game from the spectators' point of view." George Halas was pretty well hoarse by the time we got to him, and he steered away from specific mention of football methods, as usual. "I had a feeling we'd win this one. I figured it all along. We were better prepared, and the team was much more highly keyed than they were in November." He had just come from a session as cheerleader in the dressing room, where the photographers were busy posing team pictures...CONZELMAN OFFERS HAND: About that time Jimmy Conzelman came up to offer his congratulations, and he was still there when we asked Halas about next week's encounter with the Giants. The Bear pilot would like to keep off the spot, and see the game doped evenly. "One thing about football in this league - you never can tell from week to week who the best team is going to be." The Cardinal coach broke in there to revise Mr. Halas' observation. "The Bears, of course, should win big next week," he asserted, and added in an aside to his intra-city rival, "I'll do the announcing on it if you don't." Jimmy still thinks his Redbirds should have turned the trick in the Bear-Cardinal battle a week ago, when his played took the lead three time and kept the Bruins worried about their share of

the division title until the closing minutes. Someone remarked that Conzelman really shouldn't be congratulating Halas, after what he tried to do to the Bears a week ago. "Absolutely - I'd like to try and do it against them any time - tonight, in fact," smiled the genial Cardinal mentor...MCAFEE IS GREAT: George McAfee had a great day. He put on an exhibition that the frostbitten spectators will well remember. And Norm Standlee, the Bears' freshman fullback, was a powerhouse all the way through. "McAfee runs around 'em, and Standlee runs over 'em," someone aptly remarked. Neither of them figured in the high point of the game, however, when Hugh Gallarneau, who let the opening kickoff bounds off his chest, redeemed himself with an 81-yard punt return for a touchdown, to bring the score to 7-6. Gallarneau's run was fine, but Ray McLean's



blocking on the play eclipsed it. The New Hampshire graduate took the first two Packers down under the punt, disposing of them neatly by throwing a vicious block at one, half rising and moving far enough to get the second man. That bit of work gave Gallarneau a 15-yard start and he swung up the north sidelines to go all the way. Last minute action gave the game unusual radio coverage, with two separate NBC networks carrying broadcasts as well as Russ Winnie. Ford Pearson, who has followed the Bears all year, described the game on one hookup from next door to the football press box, and Bill Stern, on another network, held forth from a booth near the baseball box...**HIS FIRST GAME:** The game was the first professional encounter Stern saw this year, he said, and it "spoils college football for me - these fellows are really good." He added that he would have preferred a closer score, "something like 31 to 29", was his idea. The spectators got a kick out of it, he thought, in spite of this wide margin of victory. Jack Manders of the Bear coaching staff appeared with Brother Pug, the league-leading ground gainer from Brooklyn, in tow. He's quite a fullback himself, but the Dodger powerhouse had a lot of good words for the work of Norman Standlee. "I've never seen a better game by a fullback," he said. Manders plans to start work next week in a Des Moines defense plant. Hollywood was represented by the person of Joe E. Brown, the wide-mouthed comedian with a reputation as a sports fan. He arrived late in the first half and was installed on the Bear bench for

the remainder of the game...**GAME IS ROUGH:**

The game was a rough one and the Packers bore a lot of marks as souvenirs, on the trip home. A particularly flagrant violation on Ray Bray's block on Van Every after the Minnesota star had run out of bounds with the ball. The field outside the sidelines stripes was frozen hard as concrete, and 15 yards probably didn't help the bump that Van Every received on the play. A tarpaulin covered with hay kept the playing surface from freezing - it was, in fact, a little soggy as the moisture worked up through the ground. It didn't protect the spectators any from the weather, and they appeared in hunting costumes, sheepskin coats, snow suits, or anything else to shield the biting cold. The sun made it look like a football day, but it didn't raise the temperature much. There were empty seats at the game, notably in the upper reaches of the

grandstand, and the scalpers apparently took a licking. They were meeting all arriving taxicabs and buses in a desperate effort to sell tickets and were stuck with a lot of them - an item which should cheer football fans to some extent.

#### **SCRIBES PRAISE BAYS' SHOWING**

DEC 15 (Chicago) - The Green Bay Packers are still the people's choice - in New York, Chicago, and, of course, Green Bay. That may sound like a broad statement in view of the proceedings at Wrigley field here Sunday afternoon, but it represents the thoughts and opinions of a group of sportswriters too numerous to mention. One writer in particular, however, was really outspoken on the subject of the Green Bay Packers, who were going through their pregame practice at the time he was questioned. His name was Graham Mallouf and he represented the International News Service. Brother Mallouf, shivering like all the rest of us, came to bat with the statement that the Packers are "THE team in this league. They've got that certain something called color that makes them the people's choice around the National circuit." The Chicagoan, a graduate of the University of Minnesota, thought it was downright amazing how a city the size of Green Bay could support an aggregation of big league football players who can more than hold their own in the pro circuit. Mallouf has other interests in the Packers. At Minnesota he often covered the gridiron antics of Hal Van Every, Andy Uram, Bill Kuusisto, Charles



Schultz and George Svendsen, all Minnesota-Packer men, and had a particular warm spot in his heart for them. They were approximately 60 sportswriters in the baseball press box, which is located directly in back of home plate and extends partly up the first and third base lines. There were also 10 or 15 telegraph men. The football box, reserved for the papers directly interested, held about 15 writers, including one from the Press-Gazette...**SCRIBES GET EXCITED:** Supposedly a fair group of citizens, the scribes actually got excited to the point of loud exclamation when the Packers scored first. They immediately moved to the edges of their seats and pushed a little harder on their pencils. Visions of that 73-0 lacing the Bears gave Washington last year seemed to be gone for good. At least, some of the Chicago writers were recalling the massacre before the game. It wasn't long before Hugh Gallarneau got off his 81-yard gallop. This bit of scoring was greeted with mixed emotion. Some of the boys seemed to think that Gallarneau's run set the spark for complete annihilation of the Packers. Others were of that just-wait-and-see opinion. They did wait. The things that happened in the second quarter left the Packer fans among the writers gasping for breath. Then came the half, a chance to get more thoughts of some of the other typewriter pounders. It was amazing to say the least. You'd think that every one of them was writing for a Wisconsin paper, because nearly all of them had that disgusted feeling about the Bears. They weren't sore because the Bears made the game look like a runaway, but because the Halas gridders seemed to be getting all of the breaks. At this point, the Packers were definitely the underdog, and had all the hopes and well wishes that a group of sportswriters could offer. The scribes apparently did not have that I-feel-sorry-for-them feeling, because they knew that the Packers could take care of themselves. The Bays showed that on Nov. 2. As you all know, the Packers had some trouble during the second half, and also some interesting moments. But what about the "fifth quarter" or overtime that the writers were screaming about for the last two weeks?...**"PLAYER" IN UNIFORM:** A fifth quarter was held, but not on the football field. It took place in what is known as a press lounge under the Wrigley field stands. There were several football players and retired football players present. There was also a "player" in uniform. He turned out to be Andy Lotshaw, the liniment man, who soothes the muscles of the Chicago Bears and the Chicago Cubs. Among the writers present was a gent by the name of Art Daley. No, we're not kidding! He represented the New York Times. Daley, a veteran writer of baseball, track, football and just about everything under the label of sports, also expressed his like for the Packers. He, incidentally, was one of the New York boys who didn't kick about the press facilities at the New York Giant-Packer championship game at Milwaukee several years ago. Daley pointed out that Green Bay's Packer team is highly regarded by the fans in Gotham despite the opinions of some of the partisan writers. Getting back to that press box business of the Giant-Packers game, it might be remembers that the New York writers bellyached about the facilities mainly as an excuse for the terrible beating their Giants took. Green Bay and Milwaukee writers furnished opposition to the remarks of the eastern scribes...**WITHOUT FIELD GLASSES:** Speaking about press facilities, a writer without a pair of field glasses was strictly lost in the baseball box at Wrigley field. The players could not be identified by their numbers in at least half of the field. We say this with all due respect to George Strickler, publicity director of the league, who made arrangements for the press. He did the best he could, and it was perfect under the circumstances. The spectators and scribes who wore red flannels were undoubtedly the smartest in the crowd. The rest of us were soliciting business for the doctor. Pardon us, while we sneeze.





## LOOKING UP IN THE REALM OF SPORTS

DEC 15 (Green Bay) - Coach Curly Lambeau is no cry baby, and he didn't cry Sunday night. He felt the sting of defeat perhaps more keenly than any of the players on the Packer squad, but I could detect no real bitterness in his voice when I overheard him remark to his assistant, Red Smith, "I wish I were three days older." Curly Lambeau is a hard loser - just as all great coaches are. If he didn't regret losing a game, even a game that had no real importance, he would have no business trying to compete in a tough outfit



ON THE LOOSE—Norm Standlee, former Stanford great now with the Chicago Bears, is the hard running guest in this photo which was taken during the second quarter of the Green Bay-Packer-Chicago Bear game in Wrigley field Sunday. On the next play the Bears scored a touchdown. The Packers in pursuit are Larry Craig (34) and Clarke Hinkle (30). The Bears won, 33 to 14.

like the NFL. But Curly was offering no excuses. He admitted that the team did not function as it might have, and as he expected it would, but where he placed any blame or pointed out instances of faulty play he did it from a coach's and not a personal angle. When Curly is three days older, and probably even sooner than that, he will start building for next year's campaign. The war no doubt will have considerable effect, and undoubtedly there will be more changes in the Packer personnel than there would otherwise...Backfield star Lou Brock was an unhappy individual (one of many) on the trip home Sunday night. He cracked a couple of ribs while helping the Packers whip the Redskins at Washington two weeks ago, and was unable to play against the Bears. He said it was the first time since his sophomore year in high school that he did not see action in a league contest...Passer Cecil Isbell is building up quite a record for himself. When he passed to Hal Van Every for a touchdown in the third period at Chicago, it was his 12th consecutive game that he passed a receiver to pay dirt...Thus comes to an end another spectacular season for the Green Bay Packers. They did not win a championship, as they had done five times before, but they still had a great year and gave the fans their full money's worth. Over in the Packer ticket office they still are playing the championship game which Green Bay almost had for Dec. 21. They sold about \$10,000 in reservations, and now it is up to them to return the money. Spike Spachmann, director of ticket sales, said that all of the money will be in the mail by Tuesday or Wednesday.

### PACKERS SIMPLY LACKED PUNCH WHEN IT COUNTED

DEC 15 (Milwaukee Journal) - The Chicago Bears were hot and the Green Bay Packers were not, so Curly Lambeau's team was very badly outplayed Sunday at Wrigley field in Chicago. The game was not won because the Bear backs were so good or lost because Packer passes failed. It was won and lost in the line. Those hard charging Chicago forwards made the Packer running game look like a high school effort. When they did not smear the Packer passer, oftener than not they rushed him so badly that the pass was wobbly or wild or both. Nearly every Packer punt barely cleared the fingers of hurtling Bears. Hinkle, for his punting, and Isbell, for his passing, under such harassing circumstances cannot be praised enough. Despite all of this, the Packers could have won this game. This observer, in years of covering football, has seen many a team win even though badly outplayed, simply because when the scoring chances came it had the punch. The Packers just did not have the punch in the clutch Sunday. They muffed more chances than they cashed, and they needed to cash in every time to say with the Bears, who got points every time they got near the Green Bay goal...MUFFED MANY POINTS: The Packers cashed their first opportunity for a touchdown. A few minutes later they had another chance but stalled on the 32 and missed a field goal. At the end of the first half, Frutig caught a long pass on the one yard line. The Packers failed to score from there in two plays. Early in the third quarter, Riddick caught a pass in the clear but looked back and let himself be caught on the 14 and the Packers could not score from there. The next chance was turned into a touchdown. After that, the Packers had first down on the 23 and lost the ball, and first down on the 21 and a pass was intercepted. This does not include the much discussed pass which Hutson dropped. That does not rate as a legitimate scoring chance. When a championship contender is inside the 15 yard line, however, it must be counted as a scoring chance. The Packers failed on two such chances - 14 points lost. And when a pro team is inside the 35, it has a field goal chance. The Packers had three such chances - 9 points lost. The first kicks was missed. The other two chances came late in the game when a kick would do no good - but



would have done some good if the earlier chances had been cashed. So, we say, the Packers might have won if they had cashed in every chance as the Bears did. Add the points - 14 scored, 14 plus 9 or 23 missed. A total of 37. They might even have missed one of the field goals and a point after touchdown and come out of it with a tie. This is just a pipe dream, of course, but it serves to show just how badly the Packers failed. And the reason they failed was that big, bad Bear line...PLENTY OF TICKETS: Once more it was demonstrated Sunday in Chicago that one can always get tickets outside the gates of a big sports attraction, even if it has officially been sold out for days. Scores of men were standing around and running around outside Wrigley field trying to get rid of tickets. Some undoubtedly were persons left with a spare ticket or two because friends had been unable to accompany them. Many, however, had fistfuls of tickets, where they offered as low as 75c or a shiny pants button as the game began. George Halas, owner of the Bears, certainly must have done a sloppy job of selling the seats he hogged if the scalpers could get so many. And good legitimate customers in Milwaukee and other Wisconsin cities could not get tickets.

#### SHAUGHNESSY IS GIVEN CREDIT FOR BEARS' WIN

DEC 15 (Chicago) - In a far corner of the Chicago Cubs' pink poodle room where baseball and football postmortems are held, Paddy Driscoll of the Chicago Bears' coaching staff Sunday afternoon singled out Clark Shaughnessy, coach at Stanford university. "I'm sorry you lost those boys, Clark, but I'm sure glad we got 'em," said Paddy. "They brought us home today." Between them, Hugh Gallardeau and Norm Standlee scored three of the four Bears' touchdowns in a 33-14 rout of the Green Bay Packers. "Gallarneau proved his greatness in the first period," Driscoll said. "His 81 yard punt return put us back in the ball game at a time when we were so tight we couldn't do anything right. He made the mistake that cost us the first touchdown, but he loosened us up so much with his run that we were sailing in the clear even though the Packers had us, 7-6. And Standlee! He's another Bronko Nagurski." Just as a passing thought, how much actual football do you think the crowd saw for three hours watching the clock tick off an hour of playing time? The ball was in play 12 minutes 48 seconds. For every eight seconds the ball moved in the second period the Bears scored a point, and, since each team controlled the ball for 20 plays, that makes it a point for the Bears every four seconds. Or does it?

#### LEWELLEN'S TEAM FACES FINAL GAME FOR LEAGUE CROWN

DEC 15 (Jersey City, NJ) - A surging 59-yard drive for a touchdown and an extra point Sunday gave the Long Island Indians of Valley Stream, N.Y. a 7 to 6 victory over the Jersey City Giants and placed them in the final round of the American Football association playoff. The Indians are coached by Verne Lewellen, Green Bay attorney and former Green Bay Packer star. The Indians are a farm club of the Packers. John Rogalla, Giants' fullback, former University of Scranton athlete, kicked a 29-yard field goal in the first half. Sprints of 19 and 18 yards by Jules Koshlap, former Georgetown star, was climaxed by a three-yard plunge over the goal line by fullback Joe Maddox. Hayward Sanford, quarterback, booted the point to provide the winning margin. The Giants came back in the same period with another field goal by Rogalla from the 33-yard line, but all efforts to crash through the Indians' ground defenses proved futile. In the closing seasons, Bob Kahler, Long Island back, who started the season with the Packers, shook loose for a 77-yard jaunt, but he was nabbed on the seven

### PASS THAT FAILS—STANDLEE PLUNGES ON!



(TRIBUNE Photos.) Cecil Isbell, great forward pass tosser of the Green Bay Packers, is hit so hard by Bear tacklers that he fumbles the ball before Joe Maniaci, Bears' back, recovered and carried the ball to the Packers' 12 yard line. Four plays later Norman Standlee drove over for a Bear getting it away in second quarter of yesterday's game in Wrigley field. The Bears won, 33 to 14, to clinch western division title.



Standlee of Stanford, a powerhouse for the Bears thruout the afternoon, carries the ball to the Packers' 1 yard line on a plunge in rolled up 24 points in the second period for a lead of 30 to 7 at the half.



yard line. The Indians will meet the Wilmington, Del., Clippers for the championship next Sunday. Wilmington defeated the Paterson, N.J., Panthers, 33 to 0, Sunday in the other semifinal playoff.



**Hugh Gallarneau (8) of the Chicago Bears stumbles but keeps on going as a Green Bay Packer makes a flying grab at his feet**



**Bears defensive end George Wilson hits Packers quarterback Cecil Isbell after he makes a throw**



# Bears' Power and Personnel Prove Too Good for Packers

*Voices of Bears Are Raised in Victory*



The Bears' dressing room was a scene of joy as Owner-Coach George Halas led players, members of the staff, and well wishers in a rousing cheer after Chicago's 33 to 14 victory over the Green Bay Packers in playoff for western division National league title. (TRIBUNE Photo.)

## BEARS' POWER AND PERSONNEL PROVE TOO GOOD FOR PACKERS

DEC 15 (Chicago Tribune) - The Packers' passing, in yesterday's frigid weather, could not match the Bears' power and personnel. The reason for the Bears' 33 to 14 victory and western division championship is as simple as this sentence. The Packer line played on a par with the Bears in the first battle between the rivals when Green Bay was beaten 25 to 17. The Packer line completely outplayed the Bears for three quarters in the game in Wrigley field, which Green Bay won, 16 to 14, on November 2. Yesterday, despite yardage gained on the second half, the Green Bay linemen could not consistently match the Bears. Teams have been badly outplayed in the line, of course, and still have beaten their opponents. Yesterday, however, the freezing weather assisted the Bears. Numb fingers spoiled

the spectacular accuracy of Cecil Isbell's passes. He failed to complete one of five passes in the first period. And mark this, Don Hutson dropped one of these throws which would have scored. While he would be the last to alibi his failure, the thousands in the chill concrete stands experiencing the same temperatures, knew the cold was the answer. The Packers made a respectable showing in the statistical column in the second half. But before you quote those figures on passes completed, 11 in 16 attempts for gains of more than 200 yards, let us point out that the Bears led 30 to 7 at the intermission and the battle had been won. Furthermore, the Packers gained only 35 yards by rushing. This is evidence of their impotence on attack. They did not have the power and speed that must complement an air assault to make it thoroughly efficient. This was proved when Green Bay reached the Bears' 1 yard line with 15 seconds to play in the first half. On two scrimmage plays the Packers did not have the power to smack through the Bears' line. In the third quarter the Packers reached the Bears' 10 yard line. Again they failed. Only four times did they mark up first downs by rushing. Their second touchdown was the result of a short pass from Isbell to Hal Van Every. While the second half air attack of the Packers looked excellent in the statistics, there was no records of the number of times Isbell and Van Every were unable to spot a receiver and were bounced on the frozen turf by Bears' linemen. The Bears preferred a six man defensive line on first down plays but shifted to a five man line supported by three men with three others behind them. This 5-3-3 lineup was the Bears' defense except on punts. This defense of the Bears also showed a line superiority just as the Packers' seven man line on defense indicated fear of the power of the Chicago rushing attack. Green Bay came back yesterday with the same defense it had used successfully against the Bears on November 2. In the second half Green Bay occasionally shifted to a 6-2-3 defense by pulling back the man who normally would be regarded as the right defensive tackle. Individual assignments on this defense called for perfection of play since frequently there could be no support. Thus by Isbell's individual failure to tackle, the Bears scored their fourth

touchdown. Swisher took the shovel pass from Luckman running to his right, and he faked and ran outside of Isbell, who came up to tackle. The smartest defensive play of the game was made by Luckman. When the Bears were protecting on their 1 yard line with five seconds to play in the second period, Luckman stood wide on the left flank of the Bears' line. Eight Bears were jammed on the line of scrimmage with another only a step back. Luckman stood nonchalantly at the west goal post on the south end of the field. But Luckman was in position to stop Isbell's sweeping run and he threw the Packer out of bounds for a loss as the half ended. George McAfee's runs on quick opening plays were the most spectacular Bear plays if one disregards the 82 yard punt return by Hugh Gallerneau for the Chicago touchdown. McAfee shot inside of the defensive left tackle and then cut sharply to his own left, a maneuver which has not been used with this play and may have been McAfee's own addition because of the defensive alignment. McAfee was the outstanding ball carrier in the decisive game.

**BEAR AID CALLS GEORGE WILSON A PERFECT END**

DEC 15 (Chicago Tribune) - You name your hero, or heroes, but Luke Johnsos of the Bears'

coaching staff will vote for George (Decoy) Wilson, the young man from Northwestern. Of course, Luke may be a bit prejudiced, being end coach of the champions and having preceded George by a few autumns at Northwestern. Johnsos credited the Bears' end with playing the brainiest game of all those assorted fellows in Wrigley field yesterday when the NFL champions throttled the Green Bay Packers. The roughest, toughest lineman, Luke thought, was big Lee Artoe, who left his autograph with a number of the Packers in the form of bumps and jolts. "I don't like to single out any one, particularly in this game where they all were tops," said Luke. "But Wilson didn't make a mistake. We've thrown five passes to him all season. He caught every one. And he intercepted two today. He was protecting passes in the flat and he never guessed wrong. If it was a line play, George was up there where he belonged. If it was a pass, he was ready for that, too." Johnsos thought that the sun might have been in Don Hutson's eyes when he dropped that first quarter pass which might have given the Packers a touchdown and a 13 or 14 to 0 lead...Steve Owen, New York Giants' head coach; his brother Bill Owen, and Mike Palm, assistants, scouted yesterday's game from the press box. Tim Mara, owner of the Giants, and his sons, Jack and Wellington, also were in the New York party...65 carpenters built an additional 3,200 seats to the Green Bay municipal

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*And We Still Say . . .*

## WE ARE PROUD OF THE PACKERS

### And Happy To Be a Part of Packertown

**T**HE NEW BAUM'S pays tribute to a great football team, the 1941 Green Bay Packers, one of the greatest aggregations of football stars ever to represent our city. Sunday after Sunday, they have given us Big League entertainment, to come down the home stretch tie for the Western Division Championship. Yesterday, that tie was settled at Wrigley Field, Chicago. You know, the Bears won.

That's the fortune of football. You can't win them all. We've had our share, and more, of pennants. Five times Green Bay has hoisted the flag over its city stadium, a record unapproached by any other team in the league until yesterday.

The New Baum's salutes the 1941 Packers. They've played magnificent football. Ask Detroit. That score was 23 to 6 in Green Bay's favor. The next Sunday Cleveland bowed to the Packers 24 to 7. One week later we had our first and only loss of the regular season's schedule. The Bears won 25 to 17.

After that, it was a clean sweep for our Packers. They took every team in the league, the Cardinals, Brooklyn, Cleveland again, Detroit for the second time, and the big Bears too. The Green Bay invasion of the East gave us wins over Pittsburgh and Washington. That's a record better than any Eastern team, including the pennant-winning Giants.

We feel we are privileged to commend our great 1941 Packers, and we know we are voicing the sentiment of all Green Bay and Northeastern Wisconsin. They deserve this public "pat on the back." Win or lose, they're **STILL OUR PACKERS**. We are proud of them, and happy to be a part of Packertown.

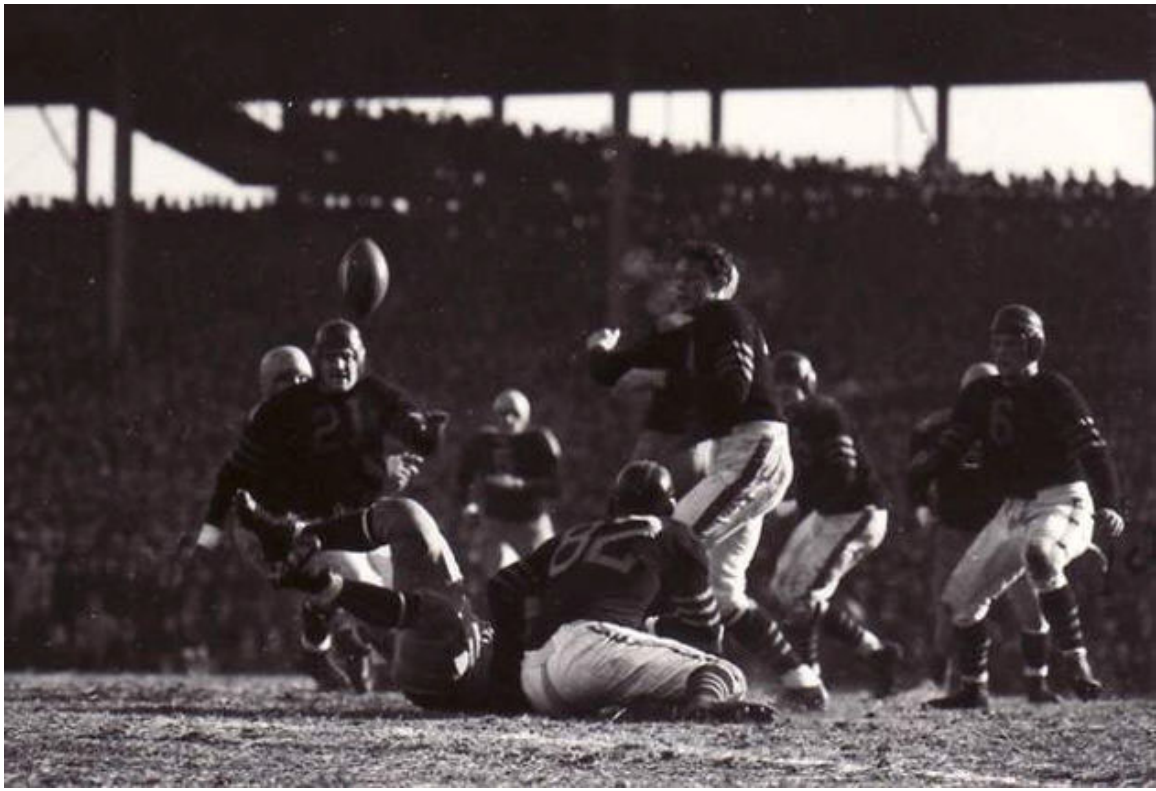
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stadium to prepare for the championship game with New York. The Bears will fill the extra seats next fall...Dick Plasman went to bed early last night from the effects of torn muscles in his right shoulder, suffered when he crashed into Ernie Pannell, Packers' tackle, after the latter took his kickoff late in the second quarter. It is believed the big end will be ready to play Sunday...There was merriment last night in Bob Snyder's apartment in a northside hotel. He and his wife celebrated this sixth wedding anniversary and Bob's Dad came in from Toledo for the party. Snyder tried four field goals this season, all against Green Bay, and made them all. His tutor, Automatic Jack Manders, is proud of him...Over in a corner of the room, Clark Shaughnessy, Stanford coach, and collaborator with George Halas and Ralph Jones with the modern "T" formation, was talking with Jim Conzelman, Chicago Cardinals' coach. "That Standlee, he looked like Frankenstein out there today!" Jim exclaimed. "Imagine them picking Pug Manders of Brooklyn as the all-league fullback. I admire Manders, who is a great player, but Standlee's far and away the best in the league." Pug, incidentally, saw the game as a guest of his brother, Jack, one of the Bears' coaches...Shaughnessy, whose trip to last year's Rose bowl game was prodded along by the feats of Standlee and Hugh Gallarneau, had this to say of the latter: "What a money player he is. When he gets close to the goal line he smells those touchdowns!"..."You can quote me as saying that this was the worst scalping debacle in my memory," declared Traveling Secretary Bob Lewis of the Cubs, whose memory is a long one. The scalpers were strung along streets leading to the ball park long before game time pleadingly offering tickets for half price. Later they were asking prospective customers to name their own price. A few were taken into custody, even though the scalpers, and not the fans, needed protection yesterday. Reports of a sellout kept fans without tickets away. That and the cold...The Bears put on their biggest clubhouse display of the year. Ordinarily, they take their victories in stride, but yesterday's triumph putting them on the threshold of a second straight title, stirred up their emotions.

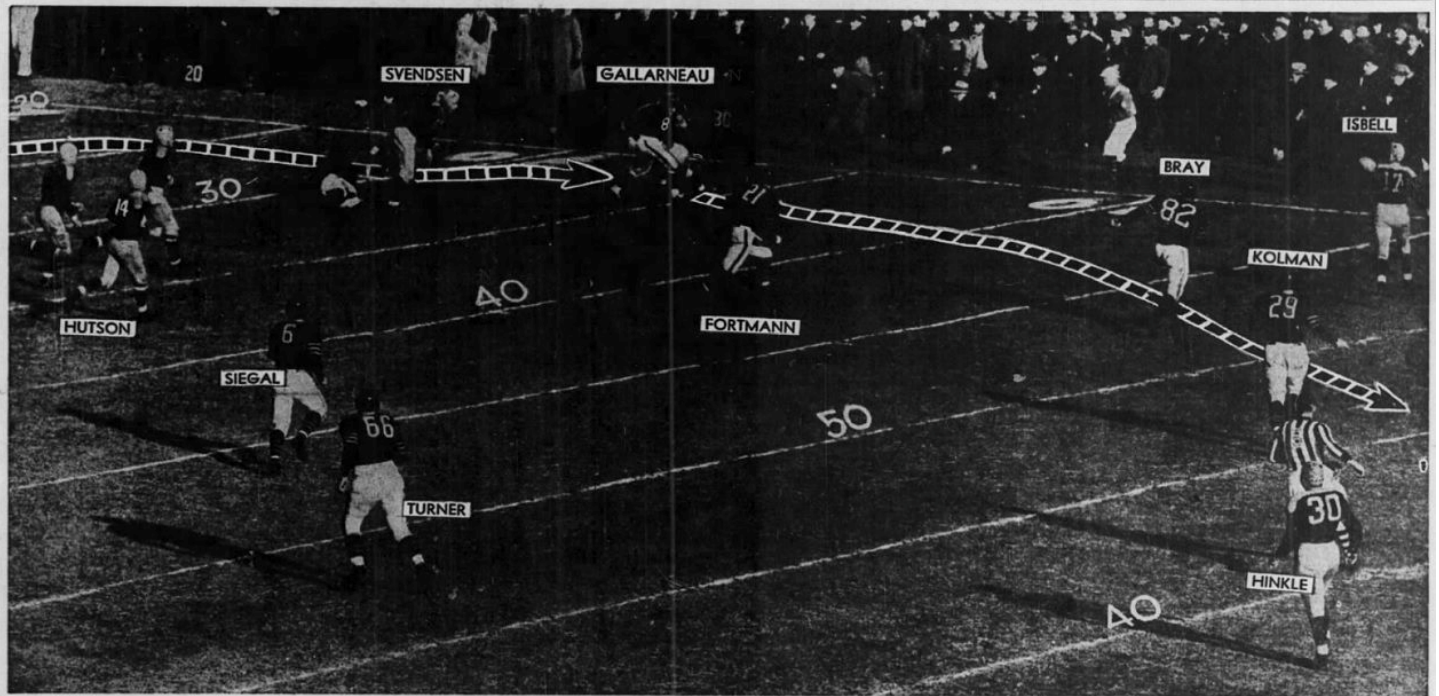


**Packers end Hal Van Every hands the ball to an official after scoring on a 10-yard pass from Cecil Isbell in the third quarter. Packers end Carl Mullineaux (19) is at left, next to the Bears' George McAfee (5). Bears defensive end Hampton Pool (76) is at right.**



The ball bounces free after the Packers' Baby Ray fumbles on a kickoff return during the first quarter. Bears lineman Ray Bray (82) is on the ground, but teammates Dan Fortmann (21) and John Siegel (6) are among those eyeing the ball. The Bears' Ray McLean -- who in 1958 was the Packers' coach -- recovered the ball.

## 82 YARDS! GALLARNEAU STARTS BEARS ROLLING TO VICTORY



Hugh Gallarneau, Bears' back, is off on an eighty-two yard jaunt to a touchdown in the first quarter of game with the Green Bay Packers yesterday in Wrigley field. Gallarneau's path to the score is indicated by broken line. A crowd of 43,424 saw the Bears beat their rivals, Packers, 33 to 14, for the western division title and the right to meet the New York Giants next Sunday for the league crown. The Bears, following Gallarneau's score, turned the game into a rout with 24 points in the second quarter.

(TRIBUNE Photo)



## Elusive Pigskin Bounds Off Baby Ray's Chest, Is Recovered by McLean



CHICAGO—Clarence Bredell, Press-Gazette cameraman, was right on the job to catch this freak fumble by Baby Ray of the Packers late in the first quarter of the gridiron battle with the Chicago Bears Sunday afternoon. Dick Plasman had kicked off for the Bears after Hugh Gallarneau had returned Clarke Hinkle's punt 81 yards for a touchdown. The ball bounded off

chest and was finally recovered for the Bears by Ray McLean, who does not appear on the picture. Note the position of the ball near the left.

Svendsen is on the ground, with only his legs showing, after having been downed by Ray Bray (82), Bear guard. John Siegal (6), Bear end, is at the right, while Danny Fortmann (21), Bear guard, is seen right below the ball.

## Gallarneau's 81 Yard Punt Return for Touchdown Starts the Chicago Bears on Way to Victory



WITH the Chicago Bears trailing the Green Bay Packers, 7-0, in the first quarter of Sunday's play-off, Hugh Gallarneau, former Stanford player, took a Packer punt near his right sideline, cut straight across to the other sideline, stumbled (left) as he eluded Craig's desperate lunge, and then recovered and finished an 81 yard run (right) for a touchdown, escorted by line interference. Not all of the interference is shown. Dick Plasman was loafing along 10 or 15 yards ahead to join the escort. The Bears kept right on scoring, to win, 33-14.

—Left, AP. Right, Journal Staff