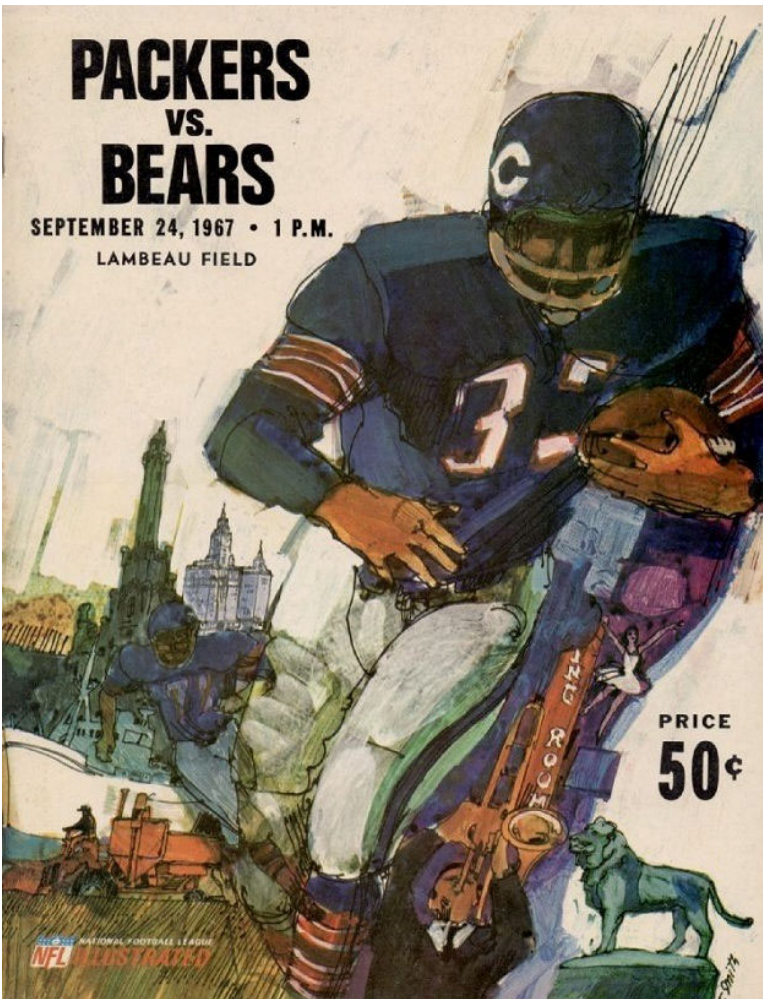




Green Bay Packers (1-0-1) 13, Chicago Bears (0-1) 10
 Sunday September 24th 1967 (at Green Bay)



Chandler Last to Know Packers Beat Bears 13-10



GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(GREEN BAY) – “It was straight...I didn’t know if it was long enough.” Laconic Don Chandler, the picture of contentment, was quietly reconstructing his last-minute field goal, a dramatic drive through a brisk crosswind which inched the Packers past Chicago’s recalcitrant Bears in Lambeau Field Sunday afternoon, 13-10, in the 97th renewal of pro football’s oldest rivalry. “I didn’t know it was good until I heard the crowd cheer, and I saw the way Sayers (Gale), the Bears’ deep man, looked,” Chandler said. “When I saw his reaction, I figured it was long enough.” An arrow-like boot from 46 yards out, the 33-year-old veteran’s kick winged through the heart of the uprights with only 1:03 remaining to rescue the Pack from the frustration of a second successive tie and preserve a deadlock for first place with the Detroit Lions, also 1-0-1, in the NFL’s Central Division. Longest field goal of the young season – and the 12th in succession – for the unerring Oklahoman, it was the second of afternoon for Chandler, who had rifled a 20-yarder home late in the second quarter to stake the world champions to a 10-0 halftime lead. That one had come after the Packers’ spectacular sophomore, Jim Grabowski, had swept his right end from two yards out for the home forces’ lone touchdowns of the afternoon at 4:29 of the second quarter en route to a record-breaking 32 carries and a massive 111 yards rushing. These 10 points loomed large until the Bears’ Richie Petitbon engineered a somewhat questionable interception of a Bart Starr pass

early in the fourth quarter and wheeled 35 yards to the Packer 16, triggering a 22-yard field goal by the Bruins’ rookie placement artist, Mac Percival. The beneficiaries of eight turnovers – five interceptions, including three by the larcenous Petitbon and three fumbles, the Bears later converted the last of these into a 10-10 deadlock on a 13-yard excursion by Sayers at 11:30 of the fourth quarter after the nomadic Dick Butkus had recovered a Grabowski fumble on the Green Bay 36.

A LITTLE CLOSER

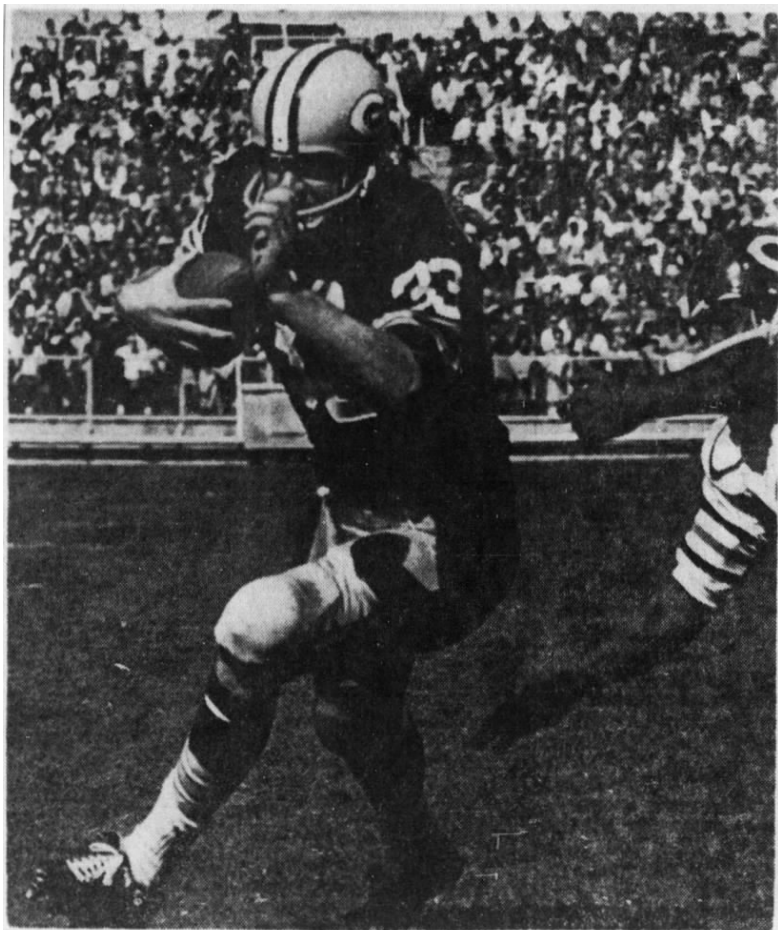
Although he had stepped into the ball with incisive authority on that climatic field goal, Chandler confessed there had been some reservations a play or two earlier. “I was just hoping they’d get a little closer,” he confided. “Than Bart made the big play.” The latter was a 4-yard flight from pass formation by a trapped Starr, who charged down the western sidelines before being bombed out of bounds at the Bear 39. Chandler’s bullseye, which came five seconds later, tended to obscure a bristling revival of the Packers’ once-vaunted ball control game, which saw the Bays rush for a bulging 233 yards in running off 71 plays to a mere 43 for the Monsters of the Midway. It was the Packers’ first 200-yard performance in nearly three years – since Dec. 13, 1964, when they amassed 213 in a 24-24 tie with the Los Angeles Rams. The focal figure in this renaissance was the explosive Grabowski, who shattered an all-time Packer record with those 32 thrusts. The old mark, 30, was established by the departed Jim Taylor in a 141-yard performance against the Steelers in 1963. It was also the first 100-yard game by a Packer since Taylor gained 111 yards against Minnesota on Nov. 21, 1965. “I’d rather have a yardage record,” a



Don Chandler Kicks the game-winning field goal against the Bears from 46 yards out. The Packers scored a 13-10 victory in the final 1 minute, 3 seconds in Green Bay Sunday. Bart Starr is the holder, while Dave Robinson (89) is at the left. The Bears' Joe Taylor (20) is unsuccessful in his attempt to block the kick. (Post-Crescent News Service Photo)

battle-scarred Grabo quipped. "I had a couple like this one in college – I don't know how to take 'em." The University of Illinois immortal, sporting a large "strawberry" on his right hip and another raw patch on his right hand where the skin had been torn away, also viewed his overall performance with mixed emotions. Grabo, who lost three fumbles to the invaders, said wryly, "I don't know where it was a good or bad day. The one I fumbled on the Bear five-yard line early in the fourth quarter was my fault. I just fumbled it." "On the one later on (recovered by Butkus to set up the Chicago touchdown), the pitchout was a little behind me, but I took my eyes off it. That's when you get in trouble – when you take your eyes off it. I was trying to look where the block was." Noting that he hadn't let those misadventures shake him, Grabowski explained, "You try to forget those things when you're playing, but it bothers me after the game." Starr, who emerged with 10 completions in 19 attempts for 113 yards despite those five interceptions, adopted a similar approach. "I'm not going to brood about it," said the Pack's veteran field general, who termed his pass protection "excellent." "It was just poor judgment on a couple of

them," volunteered Bart, who went unscathed this time after being felled seven times by the Lions last week. "I probably shouldn't have thrown it those times." Making obvious reference to the fact that he has been intercepted 9 times in two games, compared to a total of 3 last season and 9 the year before, Starr added ruefully, "I hope all our troubles are coming in one lump." The first of those five Bear thefts provided the visitors with an early opportunity when Petitbon waylaid a pitch intended for Marv Fleming on the fifth play following the kickoff, diving turf-ward to make the interception at the Green Bay 44. After a return interception, this one by towering Lee Roy Caffey following Bob Jeter's deflection of a Larry Rakestraw pass, the Bears thwarted the Packers' first major push when linebacker Doug Buffon picked off Starr's third pass of the afternoon at the Chicago 17. The Packer defense, which limited the Bears to a net of 159 yards, throttled the enemy with dispatch and the Bays were shortly en route to a 7-0 lead – after Tom Brown fielded Bobby Joe Green's punt at the Packer 29 and advanced a yard before being swarmed under. After one first down, the Pack was faced with a fourth-and-four situation at midfield. Back in punt formation, Donny Anderson noted an open "alley" on the right side as the ball arrived from center Bob Hyland and suddenly set out down the western sidelines. The streaking blonde had reached the Chicago 30 before he encountered a Bruin, who was promptly cut down by Doug Hart, and Anderson swept to the 10 before being jolted out of bounds. Grabo went the rest of the way in two plays. He barged for 6 yards on first down, on which the Bears were also penalized to the 2 for a personal foul, then dipped outside right tackle to wheel into the end



Jim Grabowski Scores the only Packer touchdown Sunday, from two yards at the Bays' fullback who set a Packer record with 32 carries. (Post-Crescent News Service Photo) Roosevelt Taylor makes a futile grab

zone. The Packers shortly were on the march again, winging to the Bear 33, largely by dint of a twisting, turning 17-yard jaunt by Anderson and a 20-yard pass from Starr to Carroll Dale, but Butkus recovered Grabo's third down fumble to end the drive. Then, after again checking the Bruins on one series, the home forces shortly before the half. Aided by a 12-yard interference penalty on the Bears, Grabo and Andy churned for 33 yards in 8 thrusts between them to reach the Chicago 13. With a fourth-and-one situation, Chandler was summoned, and he connected from the 20 with only 43 seconds remaining in the second quarter to erect a 10-0 lead. On the Pack's first offensive series in the second half, Petitbon registered his second interception, a development boisterously protested by the faithful. The ball appeared to hit the ground and bounce up, but the officials ruled it had ricocheted off the prone Boyd Dowler and into the air. Whatever the case, Petitbon's ensuing 35-yard sortie left the Bears in excellent position at the Green Bay 16. After Sayers bolted over left guard for 5, however, Andy Livingston was brought up short for no gain at left end by Jeter and Caffey threw Jack Concannon, who replaced starter Rakestraw at quarterback in the second half, for a 4-yard loss, forcing the Percival field goal. The obstreperous Petitbon again intercepted on the Pack's next series, following the kickoff, returning 6 yards to the Green Bay 40 to mount another Chicago threat. After the tightfisted defense once again had thwarted the Bruins, the Packers subsequently saw two opportunities evaporate - when Grabo fumbled at the Bear 5, Joe Taylor recovering, and early in the fourth quarter, when J. Taylor pulled down a Starr pass and returned it 27 yards to the Bear 45. The Pack soon was back on the move, via Anderson's 19-yard pass to Dale, but Butkus fell on Grabo's fumble of a Starr pitchout at the Green Bay 36 and the Bears were home in four plays. Concannon first hit Morris for 5 yards, then bootlegged right for 9 and a first down. Finding his receivers covered, the Bear quarterback charged up the middle for 9 more to the 13, and, on second down, Sayers swept left end for the TD at 11:30, eluding a desperate lunge by Caffey along the eastern sidelines at the 5. Percival's conversion made it a new game seconds later.

DECISIVE DRIVE

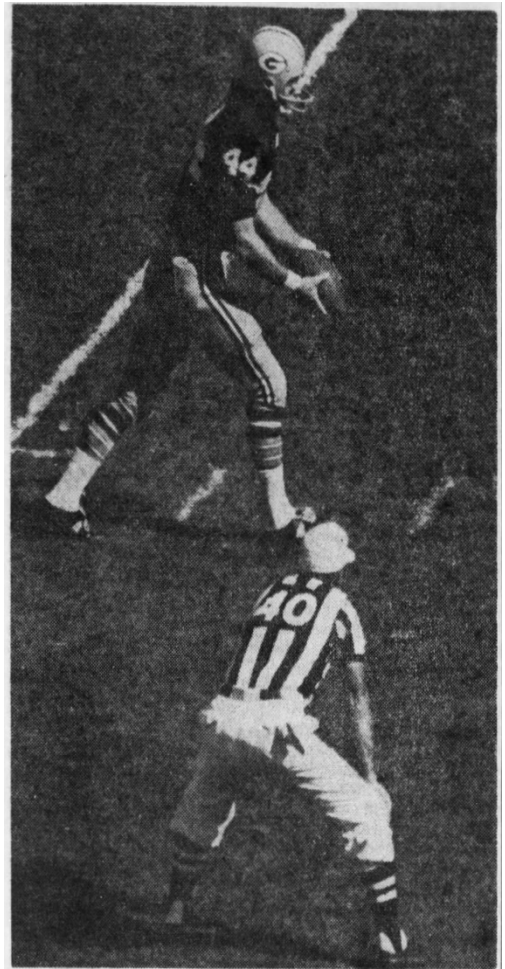
But not for long. Elijah Pitts circled left end for 15 yards, behind Dowler and Fuzzy Thurston, who went most of the way at left guard after Jerry Kramer was knocked groggy late in the first quarter, and a first down at the 41 to ignite the Pack's decisive drive. It followed a 21-yard kickoff return by Anderson and a 2-yard smash by Grabo. Then, after Grabo lost 2, Starr pitched a 15-yard strike to Pitts, who fell out of bounds at the Bear 46 with 1:51 left. Grabo swept left end for 9 behind a key block by Allen Brown, but the hearts of the faithful sank as the second year fullback next lost 6 when snowed by the right side of the Bear line. Starr then retreated to pass, had to run and was belted out of bounds at the Chicago 39 with 1:08 remaining, bringing on Chandler with fourth-and-three.

CHICAGO - 0 0 3 7 - 10
GREEN BAY - 0 10 0 3 - 13

	<u>CHICAGO</u>	<u>GREEN BAY</u>
First downs	6	24
Rush-yards-TDs	30-140-1	51-233-1
Comp-Att-Yd-TD-INT	5-12-23-0-1	11-20-132-0-5
Sacked-yards	1-4	0-0
Net pass yards	19	132
Total yards	159	365
Fumbles-lost	0-0	3-3
Turnovers	1	8
Penalties-yards	5-29	2-20

SCORING

2nd - GB - Jim Grabowski, 2-yard run (Don Chandler kick) GREEN BAY 7-0



Donnie Anderson Ran from punt formation Sunday for the first time this season. He ran 40 yards to the Bear 10 to set up the Packers' only touchdown in a 13-10 win. (Post-Crescent News Service Photos)

2nd - GB - Chandler, 20-yard field goal GREEN BAY 10-0
3rd - CHI - Mac Percival, 22-yard field goal GREEN BAY 10-3
3rd - CHI - Gale Sayers, 13-yard run (Percival kick) TIED 10-10
4th - GB - Chandler, 46-yard field goal GREEN BAY 13-10

RUSHING

GREEN BAY - Jim Grabowski 32-111 1 TD, Donny Anderson 7-68, Elijah Pitts 10-41, Carroll Dale 1-9, Bart Starr 1-4
CHICAGO - Gale Sayers 15-63 1 TD, Jack Concannon 5-22, Larry Rakestraw 1-20, Ralph Kurek 3-17, Andy Livingston 5-12, Johnny Morris 1-6

PASSING

GREEN BAY - Bart Starr 19-10-113 5 INT, Donny Anderson 1-1-19
CHICAGO - Larry Rakestraw 7-3-16 1 INT, Jack Concannon 5-2-7

RECEIVING

GREEN BAY - Carroll Dale 4-58, Elijah Pitts 3-36, Jim Grabowski 3-26, Marv Fleming 1-12
CHICAGO - Gale Sayers 2-12, Johnny Morris 1-5, Ralph Kurek 1-4, Andy Livingston 1-2

Give This Team Credit... Will Be Great: Vince

GIVE THIS TEAM CREDIT...WILL BE GREAT: VINCE

SEPT 25 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – George Halas, whose Chicago Bears were the beneficiaries of eight Packer turnovers, agreed it was “phenomenal.” Ray Nitschke, signal-caller for the Packer defensive unit, which bore the brunt of the mistakes that shook them off with admirable artistry, called it “freakish...those plays don’t happen.” Vince Lombardi, who in his sideline frustration called enough conferences with the offensive unit to stock a political convention, said simply, “We had a heck of a time. The ball kept popping up.” Considering the five turnovers (four interceptions and one fumble) of a week ago and the eight (five interceptions and three fumbles) of this week, Lombardi added, “Maybe this is the year everything is going to happen. But we’ll play ‘em anyway. Everyone has these things happen.” The coach, relaxing into an almost gleeful mood after a brief discussion of Don Chandler’s dramatic field goal reminded him that the Packers did indeed beat the Bears, 13-10, minutes before in adjacent Lambeau Field, turned up the optimistic avenue and volunteered, “Maybe next game it’ll clear up.” Serious then, he declared, “Give this team credit. One of these days, this will be a great ball club. Maybe next year, maybe this year, maybe next week. We moved the ball very well. These things just happen.” And the Packers did move the ball well. They ate up 365 yards despite Halas’ feeling that his defense played a “great game.” Papa Bear modified that slightly, however, to “fairly well” against the Packers’ running game, which claimed 233 of the total. Both Lombardi and Halas said that the Bears did nothing but employ their usual defense. Chicago defensive back Richie Petitbon, who came up with three of the five Bear interceptions, indicated that the Chi-Towners may have discovered some new knowledge, though, as he was reluctant about delving into the subject. “I hate to say too much. We have to play these guys again, you know,” he begged off in all seriousness. The Packer defense was termed “very good” by Lombardi and Nitschke, though he smilingly admitted, “We haven’t had this (turnovers) happen to us in nine years,” stated the feeling of the resistance by noting, “This is strictly a team thing.” He shrugged off the suggestion that there is considerably more pressure on the defense in a game of this sort...or games of this sort, pointing out, “We have a job to do: Keep them off the scoreboard.” This the defense has done with almost fantastic determination. Only one touchdown could realistically be charged to the defense in the Lions game and the Bears’ TD Sunday was only partially the defense’s fault since the last of the three fumbles had put the defenders into a small hole on their own 36 that marvelous Gale Sayers quickly exploited. Defensive Captain Willie Davis agreed with Nitschke, “We have one objective, that’s to stop the other team, not to give them any points.” He expanded that, however. “Things happen so fast you don’t have time to reflect on what got you into a particular situation. You can’t think about it, or you lose your concentration.” And Davis had one more point. “You must remember that every player we have is proven. It’s just a matter of time before somebody gets the big play.”...Considering the frantic finish of Sunday’s game, it was easy to turn back time one week and think about what might have happened against the Lions if the Packers had been able to get off one more play. That one play would have been a 45-yard field goal attempt by Chandler. Sunday, Chandler was called on from the 46-yard line after the Packers had moved into position in much the same manner they had tried the week before. Against the Bears, Chandler was successful. Lombardi, however, would have nothing to do with speculating about what might have happened in those two “lost” seconds against the Lions. “Last week is gone,” he stated somewhat grimly...As to Chandler’s kick, the Packer strategist amiably agreed, “It was a great kick.” Someone then noted that Lombardi had sported a big grin when Chandler came off the field after his vital three points and the coach quickly snapped, “I grin all the time.” His jaunty feeling continued when it was pointed out that the runners seemed to be slipping quite a bit on the Lambeau Field turf. “We did that to stop Sayers,” he laughed. Whether the field had anything to with it or not, the fact is Sayers managed only 63 yards for the day on 16 carries. And 34 of those came on two plays, including his 13-yard touchdown dash. On the other hand, Packer Jim Grabowski scampered for 111 in 32

carries, figures that moved Lombardi to exclaim, "That's wonderful. It's the first 100-yard game we've had in two years." The Packers were more than aware of Sayers, however. The two "onside" kickoffs were not really "onside," Lombardi explained. "We just kicked them on the ground to prevent a runback," he said, a piece of strategy not uncommon when time was running out in a half or game. Sayers figured in another of the game's multitude of big plays. This one was a fourth and one situation at the Packer 31 late in the third period with the Bears trailing 10-3. Halas signaled his team to go for the yardage but Nitschke and Henry Jordan slammed Sayers down for no gain, thereby dousing the threat. Halas, however, insisted that "it was the right call. We'd do the same thing over again."

BOB HYLAND'S HIGH PASS CONTRIBUTED TO VICTORY

SEPT 25 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The Packers have made eight costly mistakes in their hectic 13-10 win over the Chicago Bears in Lambeau Field Sunday, but it was another mistake...this one considerably more minor and, ironically, expected...that made a direct contribution to the win. It was early in the second period when the Packers faced a fourth and four situation on the 50-yard line with the score 0-0. Donny Anderson went into punt formation, but he didn't punt. Instead he caught the Bears peeling back to set up a blocking formation and he sprinted off to the right and down the sidelines for 40 yards behind Doug Hart's block. In two plays, Jim Grabowski slashed into the end zone for the touchdown. The mistake? "Bob Hyland (Packer center on punt situations) told me before we went in that the snap might be a little high," Anderson related. "It's supposed to be down here," he said, catching some dressing room air just below his belt. "But it came up here (shoulder high), and I had to look up to catch it." He grinned then. "I saw it open when I looked up and decided to hook 'em. I thought I could get the first down. It worked beautifully...but next time it might not be so beautifully." Next time? "It's something you think about because you never know what the other team will do. Some of them get pretty excited about returning punts. So you have to look up and see how the guys are coming in on you. You just play it by ear," he explained. This corroborated what Coach Vince Lombardi had said earlier when he was asked if the play had been planned that way. "If you know anything about football, you know you can't call something like that," he declared. Following that surprise explosion, Anderson took over one of the running back spots and came up with 28 more yards in six carries and tossed a 19-yard option pass to Carroll Dale. Lombard said that the punt formation run had nothing to do with Andy's going into the game at that juncture, noting, "We intended to make the change."...Lombardi also took some of the blame off Starr's arm for the string of interceptions declaring that on one of them the intended receiver was being held and that he would "swear" the ball "hit the ground" first on Richie Petitbon's controversial third period theft that set up the Bears' field goal. The coach wasn't alone in his feeling that the ball had hit the ground before Petitbon snatched it and wheeled 35 yards with it to the Packer 16. The press box and the stands erupted in similar fashion. Boyd Dowler, for whom the pass was intended, said he "didn't believe it," but Petitbon had an explanation that jibed with the report offered by the CBS instant replay crew. "I went up to catch the ball and got a hand on it, but somebody hit me at the same time," Dowler said. "The ball came down, but he (Petitbon) was between me and the ball. Then my head hit the ground and when I looked up I saw him running." Petitbon related that "Rosy (Roosevelt Taylor) hit him as he was going for the ball. He (Dowler) went down and as he hit the ground the ball hit him somewhere and bounced straight up to me. I guess that's just clean living," The TV crew reported that the playback indicated the ball had hit either Dowler's helmet or shoulder pads and bounced back into the air...The Packers suffered two injuries in the game, but Lombard said both Jerry Kramer and Marv Fleming were okay. Fleming pulled a muscle and Kramer received a knock on the head. Though Kramer appeared to be alright several minutes after he left the field in a somewhat shaky condition midway in the first period, Jerry said later that he had trouble remembering some of the team's new plays and didn't dare go back into action. He acknowledged he was okay after the game, though...**FOOTNOTES:** Petitbon's three interceptions were one short of the NFL record of four in one game. The record is held by nine players, including Packer Bobby Dillon, who stole four against Detroit in 1953...A pass interference penalty was called on the Bears right in front of the Chicago bench in the second period, spurring George Halas into some vigorous arm waving. But he didn't stop there. He stepped onto the field and picked up Lineman Gerald Bergman's flag and refused to return it to the pleading official for several anxious moments...The Packers were dealt only two penalties in the game and didn't get their first one until four



Chicago Bears running back Gayle Sayers (40) tries to elude Packers linebacker Ray Nitschke (66) and Bob Jeter (21)



Slippery Mr. Grabowski

Jim Grabowski of Packers driving toward Bennie McRae of Bears in second quarter yesterday in Green Bay, Wis.

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minutes into the second half... The West Allis Nathan Hale High School band put on a dazzling pregame and halftime show. The pregame ceremonies included unveiling a 100x65 football flag. The band is under the direction of Joel Blahnik, the former Green Bay East track star whose father, Art, is a member of the Packer Band. The halftime routine dealt with Wonderful Wisconsin Week and included hellos from Governor Warren Knowles and Alice in Dairyland... The scoreboard at one time had Dallas beating New York, 74-10, which elicited more than a few blinks and then guffaws.

PACKERS' RUSHING REVIVAL VS. BEARS NO ACCIDENT, VINCE

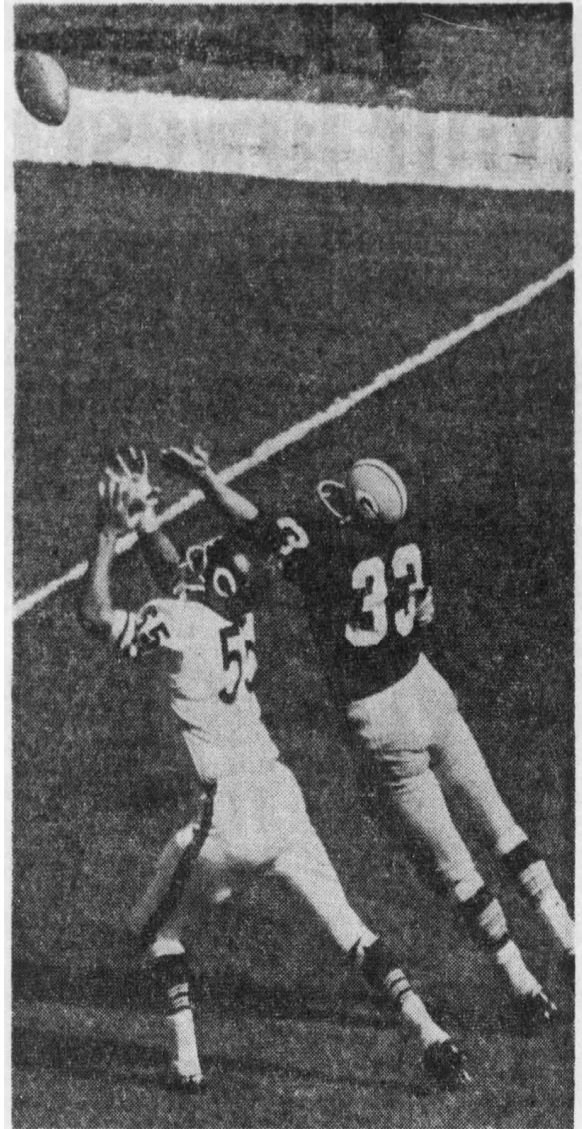
SEPT 26 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The Packers' spectacular rushing revival against the Bears, Vince Lombardi let it be known today, was no accident. Taking note of those 233 ground yards (the Pack had settled for 43 against the Detroit Lions a week earlier)

and an imposing total of 51 rushes in Sunday's last minute 13-10 victory, Lombardi said, "We had planned to run the ball that often." This did not, however, represent a change in approach, he appended. "We had 70-odd plays (71), and that's what the percentage usually is. We generally throw 20 to 30 times." Keyed by the 111-yard performance of sterling sophomore Jim Grabowski, who shattered an all-time Packer record with 32 attempts, it was a memorable afternoon for the world champions' infantry. The Packer attackers not only eclipsed the 200 mark in rushing for the first time since 1964, which would suggest that the largely veteran offensive line is not past its peak as some detractors have intimated, but crunched farther on the ground than they have in nearly four years. The last time the rushing total exceeded Sunday's bulging figure was back on Nov. 24, 1963, when the Pack churned for 246 yards en route to a 28-10 victory over the San Francisco 49ers in Milwaukee County Stadium. Sunday's heartening production also was reflected in a companion statistic – those 71 plays. The Bears were able to get in only 43, marking the first time this season the Packers, long noted for ball control, had run more plays than the opposition – aside from the preseason opener against the College All-Stars. All six of their succeeding opponents, the Steelers, the Bears (in the Shrine game at Milwaukee County Stadium), Cowboys, Browns, Giants and the Lions, had the ball more often, the Lions emerging with a 56-50 bulge in this department. Grabowski had lost three fumbles among those 32 rushed, a total that eclipsed the mark set by Jim Taylor against the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1963, which prompted the University of Illinois immortal to wryly observe, "I don't know whether it was a good or bad day." Vince shrugged off those misadventures, pointing out, "He carried the ball 32 times – he's going to fumble." Grabo suffered an ankle injury during the course of his busy afternoon, but Lombardi said, "He'll be all right (for the Packers' next assignment against the Atlanta Falcons in Milwaukee Sunday)." Turning to the Bears' five interceptions (the Bruins had to be content with 10 points despite eight Packer turnovers, a tribute to the Pack's slightly incredible defense), Lombardi itemized them thusly after viewing the game film, "On the first one, they grabbed Marvin (Fleming) and he couldn't get to the ball. The second one bounced off a linebacker, another one hit Dowler (Boyd), on the fourth we had a wrong route, and on the fifth we had a wrong route." "If you can rationalize interceptions," he added dryly, "that's what they were." In this connection, Lombardi noted, "Bart Starr is in a little slump – like a pitcher or a kicker. I haven't lost any confidence in him. I'm sure he is going to be all right." The "interceptions" which allegedly ricocheted off Dowler created considerable coffee shop controversy, but Lombardi reported, "You can't tell in the pictures. In our pictures, it looks like the ball hit the ground, but you can't tell for sure." Commenting on the defense, which limited the Bears to 159 net yards despite the added burden of those eight turnovers, Lombardi said he felt Jim Weatherwax, going the route at right defensive end in behalf of the injured Lionel Aldridge, "did very well." "Ray Nitschke," he concluded, "also did a real outstanding job."...PACKER PATTERN: The Packers returned to the practice field this morning after the customary Monday hiatus to prepare for the Falcons, led by ex-Packer Norb Hecker, and their first "road" appearance of the season... Reflecting on his 9-yard jaunt on a third quarter reverse against the Bears, Carroll Dale dryly observed, "I think that's the reason I'm playing flanker – one man to beat and I make the wrong move."... Asked if he had any doubts concerning Don Chandler's decisive 46-yard field goal, holder Bart Starr smiled and replied, "Not when he hit it. When he hits it, you can feel it."... Jerry Kramer, kayoed in the first quarter, couldn't remember what made the lights go out. "I don't know what happened," he foggily mused as he prepared to leave the dressing room following the game. "I don't know who hit me and I don't know how I got off the field. I know somebody helped me, but I don't know who. Henry Jordan told me I was pretty wobbly coming off and looked like

I was looking up at the ceiling. I couldn't remember any of our new plays after that – I could remember the old ones, but none of the new ones.”

LIKE TO PREPARE FOR GREEN BAY, SAYS HECKER

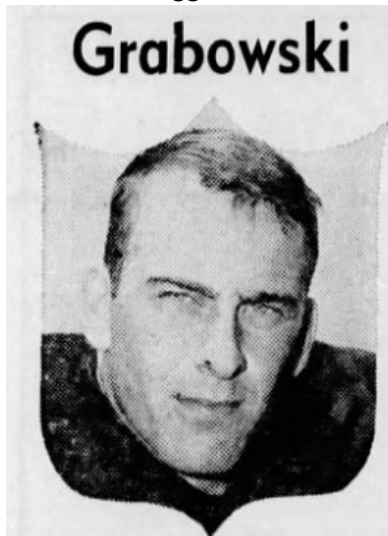
SEPT 27 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Most NFL coaches, it would seem, would hardly be enthusiastic about playing the world champion Packers. But Norb Hecker, a positive young man who served his coaching apprenticeship under the acknowledged master, Vince Lombardi, is a somewhat surprising exception. “To be honest with you, I like to prepare for Green Bay,” Hecker, whose Atlanta Falcons oppose the Packers in Milwaukee County Stadium Sunday afternoon, confided via long distance telephone from Atlanta Tuesday. “You know what they’re going to do – they just do it better than anyone else.” “That’s how 13 teams prepare for them,” Norb appended, “They’ve got the horses.” And his Falcons (0-2 after 38-31 and 38-7 losses to the Baltimore Colts and San Francisco 49ers, respectively)? “We’ve got a lot of injuries, lot of bumps and bruises – a few broken hands,” he reported, adding with a characteristic chuckle, “nothing serious. In fact, three guys will be playing with casts on their hands Sunday.” His major problem at the moment, Hecker said, is fielding an able-bodied secondary. “A couple of our defensive backs are questionable. Jerry Richardson has some tendons replaced in his hand yesterday, and Bob Riggles has a broken hand.” “So, I have three defensive backs left – Reaves (Ken), Calland (Lee) and Lothridge (Billy). Do you think,” he asked wryly, “we can play with three defensive backs?” Hecker also is grappling with some personnel woes on offense, he reported. “Tom Moore and Ron Rector (both former Packers) are questionable. Moore has cracked ribs from our game against the Vikings in the doubleheader at Cleveland, and Rector has a bad hamstring.” Protection for quarterback Randy Johnson likewise has left more than a little to be desired in the 49er match, the affable Baldwin-Wallace alumnus admitted, an inevitable disappointment after Johnson was able to rally the Falcons for 24 points in a bristling second half comeback against the Colts in their opener. “We’re going to improve that this week, though,” Hecker declared. “It was usually a case where one guy breaks down rather than the whole unit.” Not all is negative with the Atlantans, it subsequently developed. “Pressed for a favorable report,” Norb laughed and facetiously rejoined. “We still got Nobis (middle linebacker Tommy, a standout since his opening game with the Falcons as a rookie in 1966). Junior Coffey (acquired from the Pack in the expansion draft) also is doing well – he’s our best runner. You know what kind of effort you get from him.” Later, he let it be known the burdens of head coaching haven’t diminished his competitive fire. Zeroing in on Sunday’s exchange with the Pack, he grimly informed, “We’ll be there.”...His record-breaking (32 carries) performance against the Bears, which amassed 111 yards, catapulted the Pack’s Jim Grabowski into fifth place in the NFL’s individual ground gaining race, according to official figures released today. Grabo, now just five yards to the rear of 1966 champion Leroy Kelly of the Cleveland Browns and 36 back of league leader Dan Reeves of the Dallas Cowboys, has netted 147 yards in 42 thrusts, a 3.5 average. The jet-like sophomore also has been the NFL’s busiest ball carrier. His 42 attempts, seven more than runnerup Johnny Roland of the St. Louis Cardinals had, are a league high. Three other Packers rank among the statistical leaders. Donny Anderson stands third among punt return leaders with four, an 18.3-year average, and is seventh among the punters with a 43.0 average for four boots – although he didn’t find it necessary to kick against the Bears. (He dropped back in punt formation on one occasion, then elected to run and his 40-yard flight triggered the Packers’ lone touchdown). Carroll Dale, the fleet flanker with the penchant for the long ball, is tied for seventh in pass receiving with 8 catches for 167 yards and the league’s second best average, 20.9, and quarterback Bart Starr ranks 10th among passers on 24 completions in 42 attempts for 434 yards and a 57.1 percentage. The Packers, whose physical efforts were limited to a 15-minute game of touch football Tuesday, followed by a scouting report on the Falcons from Wally Cruice, returned to the practice field today for their first full scale workout of the week.



The Chicago Bears' Doug Buffone (55) is about to intercept a pass intended for the Packers' Jim Grabowski in Sunday's game at Lambeau Field. It was one of five interceptions the Bears had. (Post-Crescent News Service Photo)

PERSONALITY PARADE – FUZZY THURSTON

SEPT 27 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Rollicking Fred (Fuzzy) Thurston, a prideful veteran of six championship teams during the Packers' latest golden era, is not accustomed to a secondary role. The barrel-chested, 11-year pro, playing behind strapping sophomore Gale Gillingham at left guard this year, thus responded with alacrity when summoned to combat last Sunday after all-pro Jerry Kramer was separated from his senses in the first quarter of the Pack's tingling 13-10 squeaker over the scrambling Chicago Bears. He was not, of course, happy with the circumstances which triggered his participation. "Naturally, you don't like to see anything like that happen to get to play," Fuzzy noted, "although you want to play."... 'ON THE ADEQUATE SIDE': Thurston, who went the rest of the route at his old position (Gillingham moved to right guard) when the befogged Kramer was unable to return, evaluated his performance with typical candor. "I felt I played fairly well," he said, "but more on the adequate side than anything spectacular." Elaborating on this point, he added, "I come out of a game with one big feeling, and that is whether we win or lose. That's first. Then, naturally, I'm interested in how I played. If we didn't win then how I played becomes a big point with me." Assessing the Packers' guard corps, Fuzzy enthused, "It's a marvelous situation, because it's a long season. I hope it's a long season, with a couple of playoffs and a Super Bowl, so you definitely need three at any position."... 'HURTS NOT TO BE': "As far as being a starter is concerned, it hurts not to be, of course. But I feel, considering what football has done for me in the last 10 years, if there's anything I have and can offer the team, I should do it. Whether I should be on the bench, or whatever the coach feels will make us a better team on that day, I'm for it." "How much I'm going to play, it's obviously hard to say," the 245-pound Valparaiso alumnus continued. "It's only my personal opinion, but I don't think there'll be too much rotation. If we're moving the ball and winning, I don't think there'll be that much change. That's the way it should be – that's the way it's always been." One of sport's premier gentlemen, the urbane Menasha restaurateur is lavish in his praise of the heroically constructed Minnesotan currently holding forth at his old stand. "Gillingham is a very, very fine football player," the two-time all-pro declared. "For a second year man, it's amazing how well he does play. He's playing under tremendous pressure with us going for a third straight title."... 'HAS EXCELLENT ATTITUDE': "He has the ability, the size, speed and excellent attitude. The only thing he lacks is experience, and the only way to get that is to play." Although his stint against the Bears marked the first time this season, Thurston has gone more than three quarters, he was not unprepared for heavy duty, he pointed out. "I played pretty close to a half of each



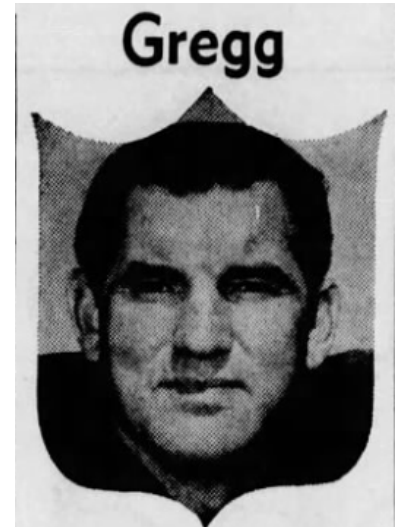
JIM GRABOWSKI

Fullback — Illinois
Height 6-2, Weight 220

Born in Chicago, Ill., Sept. 9, 1944

first round draft choice from Lions in Ron Kramer trade . . . Second year in pro ball . . . Sporting News Co-Player of the Year in 1965 . . . Consensus All-American at Illinois . . . Finance Major . . . Broke all Red Grange's records at Illinois and 6 Big Ten marks . . . Gained 2878 yards in 3 years . . . Gained more than 125 yards in 6 of ten games senior year and 1258 yards overall . . . Gained 239 yards vs Wisconsin for career high in 1964 . . . Academic All-American . . . Averaged 4.4 yds. in 29 carries in 1966 and caught 4 passes for 13 yds. Residence: Chicago, Ill.

game – I played the second and fourth quarters – during the exhibition season. Plus we work real hard every day. And you get into a game and you get a little extra adrenalin." "I was very, very tired afterward, though," he admitted, "and also very tired Monday."... 'I DON'T CHANGE': Does he find blocking for the fleet Donny Anderson and Jim Grabowski any more difficult than clearing a path for the departed Paul Hornung and Jim Taylor (both somewhat slower afoot)? "I don't find it any different – I don't change my technique at all," Fuzzy replied. "The only thing that might be is the way they run, the way they take a hole." "It's up to them to make the adjustment," Thurston, who became an NFL star despite the fact he played no high school football and donned gridiron gear for the first time as a junior at Valparaiso, appended. "I try to go as fast as I can on every play – it's up to them to adjust if they want to take advantage of



FORREST GREGG

Offensive Tackle — Southern Methodist

Height 6-4, Weight 250

Born in Birthright, Texas, Oct. 18, 1933

Eleventh season in pro ball . . . Packers second round draft choice in 1956 . . . Missed 1957 season due to military service . . . Made All-SWC in 1954 and 1955 . . . Physical Education Major . . . Captained Mustangs in 1955 . . . Named All-Pro AP in 1960, UPI in 1961, AP and NEA in 1962 and consensus All-Pro 1963, 1964, 1965 and 1966 . . . Named All-Pro at guard by AP in '65 and at tackle by UPI and NEA as he played both positions . . . Versatile performer . . . Winner of Best Blocker Award from NFL 1000 Yard Foundation in 1965. Residence: Gainesville, Texas.

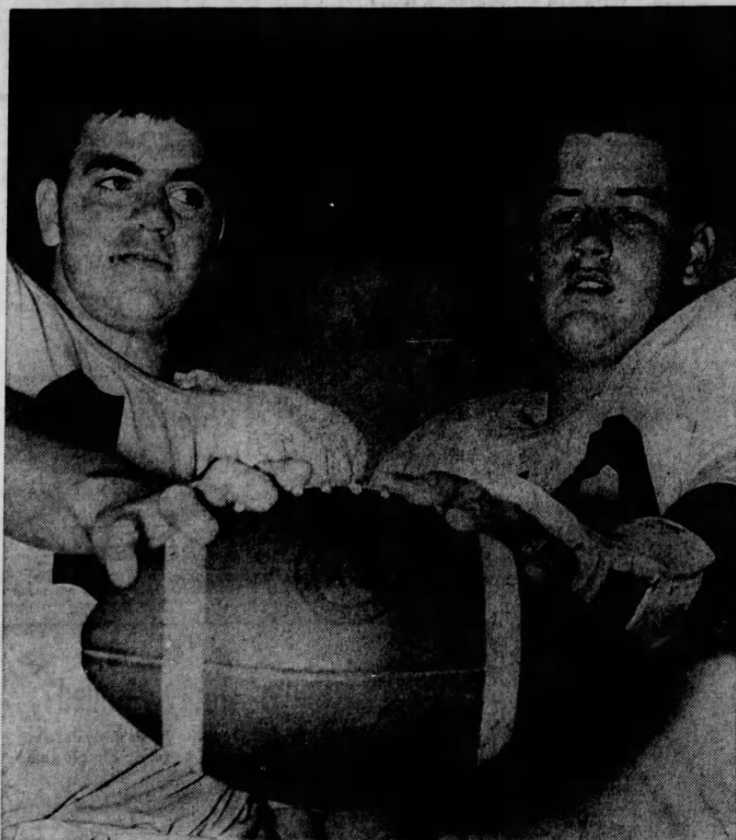
their blockers.”...OVER 200 GAMES: When a pro football player reaches 33, thoughts of retirement are inevitable and Fuzzy is no exception. But, at the moment, he says, “I don’t know how long I’ll play. I’m like a lot of guys – playing game by game. Right now, I’m shooting for that third in a row. After the season’s over, it’ll be time enough to consider that. A lot of my decision will depend on what Vince thinks.” Noting that he has played the equivalent of 20 college seasons (he’s appeared in more than 200 NFL games), the voluble Altoona native observed, “That’s a long time, but it doesn’t seem as long when you’re winning. I’m shooting for a seventh divisional title, sixth league title and second Super Bowl.” “You’ve got a lot of motivation there – a lot of people never get one of these,” Thurston pointed out, adding with fervor, “it’s really been fantastic.” Addressing himself to the immediate future, he said, “It’s tougher to keep winning. But we’ve got a great bunch of guys on our team – that’s a big part of it.” “Defensively, I think ours is the best I’ve ever seen. Offensively, we have a few problems, primarily because of experience. For that reason, I don’t think our offense is as good right now as some we’ve had. But I think we still have – and it could be next week (against Atlanta in Milwaukee County Stadium). When we do start clicking, we’ll be really tough.”

Falcons’ Hope Springs Eternal, But Do the Packers’ Mistakes?

FALCONS’ HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL, BUT DO THE PACKERS’ MISTAKES?

SEPT 28 (Atlanta Journal) – So far this week in the camp of the Atlanta Falcons there has been a feeling of hope – faint hope, to be sure – but of hope, nonetheless. Everyone knows that the powerful Packers of Green Bay, champions of the world, have shown a crack in their armor. No longer do they seem invincible. They’ve been in a slump; making as many mistakes in a ball game as they normally do in a month of Sundays. The hope from the Falcon camp is that these mistakes continue, at least for one more week. Even being three-touchdown underdogs can’t dim that hope. But while hope may spring eternal, fumbles and interceptions do not. This is especially true when the people making those mistakes work for Coach Vince Lombardi, a man who settles for noting but perfection. The Falcons know that sometime in the near future quarterback Bart Starr will become himself again and stop throwing interceptions. Elijah Pitts and Jim Grabowski will stop

fumbling the ball, and the Packers will stop committing key penalties. At that time, the world champions will jell into football’s most feared outfit again. “They’ll probably get well against us,” said Coach Norm Hecker of the Atlanta Falcons. “Starr’ll probably come out of his problems and have a hell of a day against us.” Hecker is not alone in his feeling that the Packers could rebound from a 17-17 tie with Detroit and narrow 13-10 win over Chicago with one of their finer efforts against Atlanta. “They’ll probably get well,” said defensive backfield coach John Symank; who pointed out that while fullback Jim Grabowski fumbled a couple of times against Chicago he carried 32 times. But there is that hope. “I believe every player has HIS year,” said flanker Tommy McDonald. “Maybe last year was Starr’s year.” While the Falcons are expecting the worst, they are planning for the best. Hecker inserted defensive tackle Joe Szczecko and defensive end Jim Norton into the starting lineup Wednesday to help the pass rush. Chuck Sieminski and Bobby Richards go to the bench. A good pass rush can, of course, make the shaky Starr hurry his throws and add to his total of nine interceptions in two games. What’s more, it could take some of the pressure off the defensive backfield; a crippled group of courageous performers who have been asked to do the impossible. Safeties Bob Riggle and Jerry Richardson both will play against the Packers with casts on their injured hands. Nick Rassas, of course, is out with a knee injury. The cornerbacks, Lee

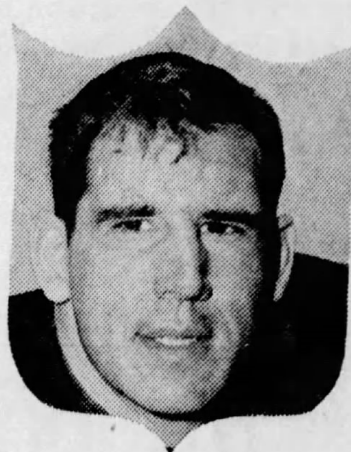


Chips Off the Old Blocks—Tony Canadeo and Ted Fritsch, two familiar Packer names of the 1940s, are still present today—with a “Jr.” at-

tached. Tony, left, is a hard-running halfback and Ted a rugged center for Premontre High.

(Press-Gazette Photo)

Wright



STEVE WRIGHT

Offensive Tackle — Alabama
Height 6-6, Weight 250
Born in Louisville, Ky., July 18, 1942.

Fourth year in pro ball . . .
Packers' fifth round choice for 1964 . . . Sociology Major . . .
Started some in 1964 . . . Plays on all special teams . . . Plays behind two Pro Bowl tackles in Gregg and Skoronski but would start with any other NFL team . . . Strong pass blocker . . . During off-season works with adhesive manufacturer . . . Residence: Green Bay, Wisc.

Calland and Ken Reaves, have been playing with virtually no replacements. Add to this fact that opposing quarterbacks John Unitas and John Brodie have had all day to throw and you can see the pressure the secondary has been working under. Considering the facts, they have turned in an outstanding performance. "They looked better last Sunday than they did the week before," said Symank. The Falcons have one factor working strongly in their favor and that is their close tie with the Green Bay organization and the pride involved with beating former mates. Hecker, of course, coached for seven years at Green Bay. Symank played there for five years, as did receiver coach Lew Carpenter. No fewer than six of the Falcons players are former Packers. Outside of the change in the front four and the possibility that Tommy Bleick, former Georgia Tech standout, may be inserted into the starting secondary in place of Richardson, the Falcons will go with the same lineup that lost 38-7 to the San Francisco 49ers and 38-21 to the Baltimore Colts.

WEATHERWAX FINDS NEW CHALLENGE IN FRONT FOUR

SEPT 28 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) — There is no substitute, especially in the violent, kaleidoscopic world of professional football. Even if said experience is calculated on a game to game basis, it might be added. The Packers' sophomore colossus, Jim Weatherwax, has made this discovery after being pressed into service at defensive end, where he has seen heavy action the last three weeks in the wake of injuries to incumbent Lionel Aldridge, shelved by a fractured leg incurred against the Bears in Milwaukee

Aug. 18, and replacement Bob Brown, subsequently hampered by a pulled groin muscle. Primarily a tackle, "Weater" found life a new challenge at the Packer front four's right flank. "When the opposing quarterback sees a new guy out there, they like to run over there and see what you can do," he pointed out while pondering his latest assignment following Wednesday's frigid practice. "The Detroit game was the first time I played out there in the league, and I didn't know how to read the keys, but this last time against the Bears, I had the moves down a little better. Caffey (Lee Roy), Jordan (Henry), and Nitschke (Ray) also helped me a lot — they are in my area and they all played real well." "The week before," Jim dryly appended, "Detroit ran all over the place, inside and out."...INTERESTING AFTERNOON: He also had an interesting afternoon with the Bears' Bob Pickens, a former Wisconsin Badger who completed his college education at Nebraska. "That kid was one of the top Greco-Roman wrestlers in the world in the 1964 Olympics," Wax said, "and he's a real strong kid. He learned a lot for just being a rookie." The 6-foot, 7-inch, 260-pound Los Angeles State grad went the route for the first time at his new post in Sunday's last minute, 13-10 decision of the Bruins. "Against Detroit, I started at end, moving in to tackle, back to end, and then back to tackle," he reported, explaining, "I played about three-quarters of the game — it was pretty hot." How does he find his current role? "It's different than playing tackle," the personable Redlands, Calif, native admits, "but I like it out there." Making a comparison of assignments, Weatherwax noted, "When you're in the middle of the line — at tackle — you're watching three guys. At end, you're playing against the tackle on the weak side and against two guys, the end and tackles, on the tight side." Although he's an end at the moment (Aldridge is making good progress and may be reactivated in the near future, which obviously could affect the 24-year-old sophomore's starting status when the veteran "Train" becomes available), Jim says he has no preference. "I like playing both spots," he informs, adding with a smile, "I don't mind moving around."...PACKER PATTERN: Taking their first major exercise of the week in preparation for Sunday's match with the Atlanta Falcons in Milwaukee County Stadium, the benumbed Packers wheeled through a regulation 90-minute workout in Wednesday's December-like temperatures. Only a handful of hardy railbirds remained at the end of the session, climaxed by a successful "two-minute drill." The latter saw Bart Starr and Zeke Bratkowski fire consecutive "touchdown" passes to Allen Brown, running at right end on both groups...The Packers will stage their final home drill

Crutcher



TOM CRUTCHER

Linebacker—Texas Christian Univ.

Height 6-3, Weight 230
Born in McKinney, Texas, Aug. 10, 1941

Fourth year in pro ball . . .
Packers third round draft choice for 1964 . . . College fullback . . . Selected to Look All-American team . . . Outside linebacker . . . Plays on all special teams . . . Hard nosed tackler . . . Intercepted 1 pass in 1966 against Atlanta. Residence: McKinney, Texas.

Wood



WILLIE WOOD

Defensive Free Safety — Southern California

Height 5-10, Weight 190

Born in Washington, D. C., Dec. 23, 1936

Eighth year in pro ball . . .

Wrote to Packers for try out . . .

Signed as free agent . . . Quarterback at USC and defensive

halfback . . . Sociology Major

. . . Surest tackler on squad

. . . Led NFL in punt returns

in 1961, second in 1962 and 1963

fenses . . . Residence: Red-

. . . Led NFL in interceptions in

1962 with 9 . . . NEA All-Pro

1963, AP, NEA and UPI All-Pro

in 1964, 1965 and 1966 . . . Played

in 1965 and 1966 Pro Bowl Games

. . . Led Packers in punt returns

in 1965 . . . Broke open Super

Bowl game in 1966 with 50 yard

pass interception . . . Residence:

Washington, D. C.

Friday morning. They are scheduled to leave for Milwaukee via bus at 9:30 Saturday morning. Upon arrival, they will work out at County Stadium, then adjourn to their Hotel Pfister headquarters.

NORB'S BIRDS 'WON'T FLY'

SEPT 29 (Atlanta Journal) — Coach Norb Hecker of the Atlanta Falcons, with a new game plan and a couple of secret weapons up his sleeve, said Thursday that his team will follow everyone else's success (?) formula against the Green Bay Packers and attempt to run down the throat of one of football's most feared forward walls. The running game to date seems to be the best way to move against Green Bay. Detroit and Chicago have gained almost 400 yards rushing against Vince Lombardi's Pack and that figures out to almost 200 yards per game. On the other hand, both teams seemed to discard the forward pass from their repertoire in respect of the great Green Bay rush. In two games, the Packers have seen only 29 forward passes and have given up an unbelievable 60 yards — just 30 a game. By comparison, Atlanta has given up 753 in two games; merely 12 times as many yards. "If we can run on any team, we will," Hecker said after a two-hour workout in cold, damp Cheney Stadium. "We'd much rather play a control game than anything else. You can control the game and, to some degree, the score." Hecker admitted that he has reworked his game plan for the Packers from the plan used a year ago. "Last year's didn't work, did it?" he asked. It didn't. The Falcons were beaten, 56-3. Hecker also put in some secret plays for Green Bay on Thursday. Hecker predicts the Packers will leave their normal style of play and throw numerous blitzes at the Falcon offense. "They'll blitz," he said. "They're crazy if they don't. We've been working on blitz pickup all week, and it's coming along real well." On the minus side of the ledge, which far outweighs the asset side, the Falcons will go into the game with starting safety Jerry Richardson on the bench and with starting flanker Alex Hawkins weakened from a bout with the flu.

Richardson, who had hand surgery early this week, will be available for limited duty. His place will be taken by former Georgia Tech back Tommy Bleick, who was activated Thursday afternoon. Hawkins has missed the last two days of practice and will not be at full strength for the game. If he can't play, his place will be taken by Tommy McDonald.

SOBERING FACT: FALCONS (0-2) HAVE OUTSCORED PACKERS (1-0-1)

SEPT 29 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) — The Packers are undefeated (1-0-1) and the Atlanta Falcons have yet to win (0-2). This suggests the world champions would have to be solid favorites in Sunday's exchange with the Georgians in Milwaukee County Stadium. There is, however, one sobering statistic to ponder in this connection. Despite their unimposing record, the Falcons have mounted more points (38) than the Pack (30) to date, amassing 31 of them in a spectacular comeback against the formidable Baltimore Colts before submitting 38-31, which is an obvious testimonial to their explosive potential. These figures indicate coping with the Atlantans is likely to prove more complicated for the Packers than it was a year ago, when they rumbled to a 56-3 triumph with the aid of some long ball heroics from the defense and a 77-yard punt return by Donny Anderson. This possibility is traceable in large part to the presence of ex-Wisconsin Badger Ron (Pinto) Smith and the accomplished Tommy McDonald in the Falcon offense. "McDonald is pushing to be our flanker (Tommy, acquired in a recent trade with the Los Angeles Rams, has been sharing the assignment with veteran Alex Hawkins to date) and probably will be," Falcon Publicity Director Jan Van Duser reports. "Smith was a defensive back all last year (he was a regular at the left corner), and we've got him at split end now," Van Duser further informed. "He went 99 yards for a touchdown against

Jordan

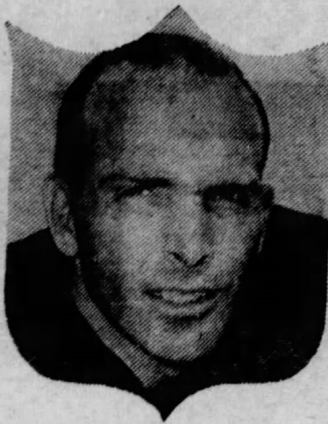
Defensive Tackle—Virginia
Height 6-3, Weight 240
Born in Emporia, Va., Jan. 26, 1935

Eleventh season in pro ball . . . Browns fifth round draft choice in 1957. . . Cost the Packers only a fourth round choice in 1959. . . Won All-Pro honors in 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963 and 1964 . . . Second team All-Pro 1966 . . . Pro Bowl performer in 1961, 1962, 1964 and 1967. . . Most Valuable Lineman in 1964 Pro Bowl . . . Captained college football team in 1956 and reached finals in NCAA heavyweight wrestling 1957. . . Business Administration Major. . . Associated with Mortgage Underwriters, Inc., during off-season. . . Excellent after dinner speaker and master of ceremonies. Residence: Green Bay, Wis.



HENRY JORDAN

Dale



CARROLL DALE

Flanker — Virginia Polytechnical Institute

Height 6-2, Weight 200

Born in Wise, Va., on April 24, 1938

Eighth year in pro ball . . . Drafted in eighth round by Rams in 1960 . . . Look All-American team and NEA Player of the Year in Southern Conference in 1959 . . . Education Major . . . Came to Packers from Rams prior to '65 season for linebacker Dan Currie . . . enjoyed most productive year of career in 1966 with 37 catches for 23.7 yard ave. and 7 TDs . . . Per catch average second highest in League . . . Caught 47 yard TD pass vs. Browns in '65 Title game and 51 yard TD bomb against Dallas in '66. . . 4 catches for 59 yards against Kansas City in AFL-NFL Super Bowl game. Residence: Bristol, Tenn.

Year	No.	Yds.	Long	Ave.	TDs
1960	19	336	63	23.0	4
1961	35	561	68	16.0	2
1962	29	584	80	20.1	3
1963	34	638	66	18.8	7
1964	32	544	44	17.0	2
1965	20	382	77	19.1	2
1966	37	876	83	23.7	7
Totals:	206	3921	83	19.0	26

the Colts — he runs the 100 in 9.6, you know.” “The addition of Smith and McDonald on offense gives us some outside speed in the receiving department,” he pointed out, “something we haven’t had.” Taking note of these developments after studying the film of the Falcons’ most recent match with the San Francisco 49ers, the Pack’s Herb Adderley observed following Thursday’s November-like practice, “Smith looks good. He’s a deep threat — he has good speed and he has good hands. He’s a good all-around athlete.” “He’s also a good defensive back,” the all-pro cornerback added, which raised a point which could be of benefit to the Pack. The Falcons currently are shorthanded in the secondary because of injuries, and Coach Norb Hecker has intimated Smith might have to be used on defense, which obviously would remove him from offense or at least reduce his effectiveness should he be used both ways. Although he customarily covers the opponents’ flanker, Adderley expects to see Smith (or ex-Packer Gary Barnes), who set an NFL record for kickoff returns in ’66 with 43 at close hand Sunday afternoon. “The Falcons flop their ends,” he pointed out by way of explanation. “Most teams are right-handed teams, though, so I’ll get the flanker about 80 percent of the time.” This means, of course, that the former Michigan State luminary generally will be confronted by either McDonald, fourth-ranking receiver in NFL history, or Hawkins. Analyzing what lies ahead, Herb noted, “McDonald and Hawkins are about the same type of receiver — they both have quick steps. McDonald probably is one of the top receivers in the league. I think he was second in the NFL last year with 62 or 63 receptions (he was ninth, it turns out, with 55). Usually, they throw passes up to 15 yads to Tommy. He catches it and then makes a long gain on it. He’s a good runner after he catches the ball, so you have to get into tackling position if you want to head him off.”...PACKER PATTERN: The Packers capped Thursday’s practice, their most intensive of the week, with a brisk kickoff coverage drill. Today’s workout concluded the “home” regimen, although they will run through a tapering off session at County Stadium upon arrival in Milwaukee late Saturday morning...“The trouble with us,” Falcon publicist Van Duser wryly observes, “is that they put us in awfully tough division. Everybody else (the Rams, Colts and 49ers) is 2-0.”

Hart



DOUG HART

Defensive Halfback — Arlington State

Height 6-1, Weight 190

Born in Handley, Texas, June 3, 1939

Fourth year in pro ball . . . Signed by St. Louis as free agent for 1963 season . . . Picked up on waivers by Packers during pre-season . . . Played on taxi squad 1963 and made squad in 1964 . . . Started at right corner in 1965 . . . Selected on the All-Texas college team of 1962 . . . Pre-Law student . . . Returned 1 interception for 40 yard TD against Atlanta in 1966 . . . 4 interceptions in 1965 for 29 yds. . . . Scored on fumble recovery and run against Vikings in 1965 . . . Excellent speed. Residence: Green Bay, Wisc.


‘OLD AGE, SMUGNESS DISSIPATING GREEN BUSH MACHINE?’

SEPT 29 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) — From Don Reilly, St. Paul Dispatch: “Old age, smugness, too many victories are all dissipating the Green Bush machine. It is on the verge of being shot down back into the pack. Last year, Starr couldn’t make a mistake if he threw the ball underhanded while dancing the Irish jig. He had three interceptions all season. This year, he’s the best man on the field — for the other team. He’s on his way to an NFL interception record with nine in two games. At that rate, he’ll eclipse wrong-way Corrigan. He should be throwing a boomerang. His pass protection’s dropped down around his ankles like a pair of old socks. His running game’s gone sour, and don’t let them tell you Grabowski will ever be another Taylor. The Packers’ severe command, austere discipline and whip lashings will keep them fighting. But they’re on the brink of disaster — if the rest of the league has guts enough to make the big move.” From Cooper Rollow, Chicago Tribune: “Green Bay’s narrow 13-10 squeak over the Chicago Bears lent credence to a belief held by some football men that the Packer fortress finally is starting to come unglued.” From Roman Gabriel, Los Angeles Ram quarterback, after the Rams beat Minnesota, 39-3: “I don’t think anybody’s going to beat us. When you have as many penalties as we had in this

game and you still win like that, you wonder how good you might be.”...The Vikings were tagged with 14 penalties for 173 yards and the Rams with 10 raps for 94 yards in their game a week ago. But Ram Coach George Allen declared, “They took a lot of cheap shots, but I’m glad we didn’t lose our poise and retaliate. We didn’t want to lower ourselves.” Allen himself was taken out of play when he strayed near the sideline and was flattened by Viking pass receiver Dave Osborne. “I barely missed the ice bucket,” Allen said of the incident. “That’s something else we must work on this week...my footwork.”...Another sideline crash, this one in the Washington-New Orleans contest, caused quite a ruckus. Sam Huff whacked Saints quarterback Billy Kilmer out of bounds and smack into the New Orleans telephone table in the first quarter, not only ruining Kilmer’ play but knocking out the Saints’ communications for several minutes...New York Jet rookie guard Randy Rasmussen of Kearney (Neb.) State was asked if they still milk cows in his hometown of Elba (pop. 184). “Heck, no,” he replied. “We go to the store like everybody else.”...But for a missing shoe, Atlanta’s Falcons might have up set up the Colts two weeks ago, according to Cameron Snyder, writing in Pro Football Weekly. The shoe belonged to Falcon quarterback Randy Johnson and was ripped off his foot by Ordell Braase while the Atlantans were driving for what they hoped would be the tying TD in the waning minutes. But Braase tossed the shoe off to the side of the field, and Johnson couldn’t find it. Precious time ticked away as Johnson searched for the shoe with no timeouts left to take. Finally teammate Jerry Richardson found the shoe and ran in from the bench with it...bringing an illegal formation penalty with him. Johnson then left the field and reserve Terry Nofsinger threw an incomplete pass. When Johnson returned on the next play, he promptly threw an interception...The Packers fake punt and end around plays last Sunday were not unique to the day’s action. In the Dallas-New York game, there were three end arounds with the Giants’ Homer Jones going 46 yards for a TD on one of them. And the Saints pulled a fake punt that saw Terry McNeill toss a 24-yard pass to Dan Abramowicz on a fourth and four situation at the New Orleans 44...Denver Bronco defensive tackle Dave Costa was talking about his transition from linebacker to lineman. “I was drafted as a linebacker. I weighed 243 pounds.

They wanted me to report at 235, but I came in at 256. So I went on a diet and shot up to 265. After three preseason games, they said I was a tackle.”...“Mainly it boils down to pride. We believe we can beat any team in the league if we play our game. We’ve got the experience and the personnel.” Sound like the Packers’ spiel? This came from Ram guard Joe Scibelli...The Bears claim they scored their touchdown last Sunday largely because they were able to fool Packer tackle Henry Jordan, who is not often or easily fooled. The Bears indicated that Jordan habitually keys on the guard in front of him so Mike Rabold was instructed to pull to his right, enticing Jordan to follow. Gale Sayers then swept left behind Bob Pickens’ block on Jim Weatherwax and zipped to the end zone...Early in last week’s game, Dallas quarterback Don Meredith overthrew fleet Bob Hayes on a deep pass play. “I didn’t know that was possible,” someone suggested to Hayes. And the

Adderley



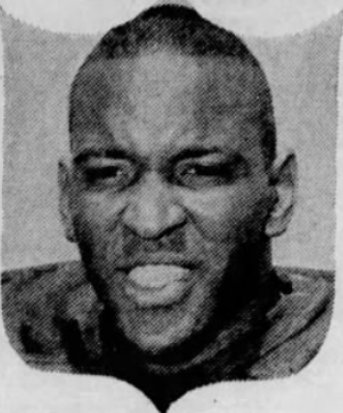
HERB ADDERLEY
Defensive Halfback—Michigan State

Height 6-1, Weight 200
Born in Philadelphia June 8, 1939

Seventh year in pro ball . . . Packers first draft choice for 1961 season . . . Starting halfback for Spartans and tri-captain . . . All Big Ten . . . Played in East-West Shrine, Hula Bowl, All-American and All-Star games . . . Physical Education Major . . . Runs hundred in 9.8 . . . Selected AP and UPI All-Pro in 1962, AP in 1963; AP, NEA and UPI in 1965 and 1966 . . . Returned 3 interceptions for TDs in 1965 . . . Tied for League record of career TDs on interceptions with 5. Residence: Philadelphia.

Year	KICKOFF RETURNS			INTERCEPTIONS				
	No.	Yds.	Ave.	Long	TDs	No.	Yds.	TDs.
1961	18	478	26.6	61	0	1	9	0
1962	15	418	27.9	103	1	7	132	1
1963	20	597	29.9	98	1	5	84	0
1964	19	508	26.7	43	0	4	56	0
1965	10	221	22.1	33	0	6	175	3
1966	14	321	22.9	65	0	4	125	1
Totals:	96	2543	25.9	103	2	27	603	5

Fleming



MARV FLEMING
Tight End — Utah

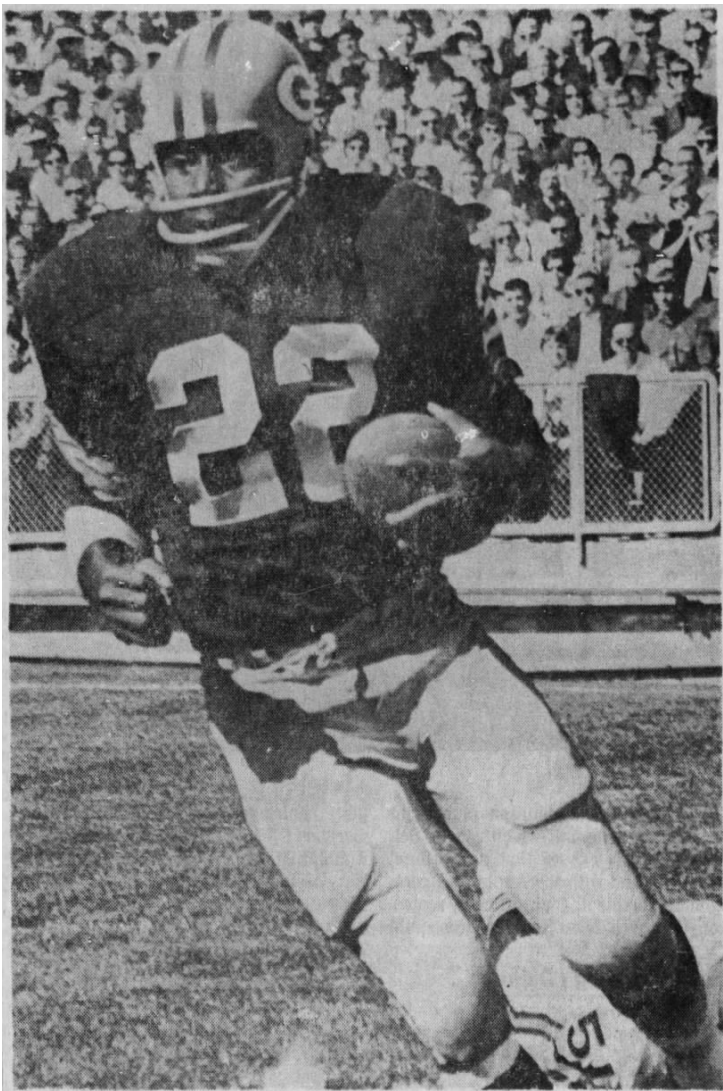
Height 6-5, Weight 240
Born in Longuien, Texas, Jan. 2, 1942

Packers eleventh round choice for 1963 . . . Has been clocked at 10.1 in 100 . . . All-Skyline Conference and played in East-West Shrine game . . . Physical Education Major . . . Strong blocker . . . Catches ball in a crowd well . . . Best day of career in 1966 when he caught 5 passes for 41 yards and 1 TD against Vikings in Mpls. . . . Caught 3 for 54 yards against Dallas in NFL Title game and 2 for 22 yds. against Kansas City in Super Bowl. Residence: Compton, Calif.

MARV FLEMING'S RECORD

Year	No.	Yards	Longest	TDs
1963	7	132	33	2
1964	4	36	20	0
1965	14	141	31	2
1966	31	361	53	2
Totals:	56	670	53	4

Fifth year in pro ball . . .



Elijah Pitts, Dangerous on pass plays as well as on scrimmage runs and punt returns, will be one of the Green Bay Packers' top threats Sunday when they meet Atlanta's Falcons in Milwaukee. (Post-Crescent News Service Photo)

“world’s fastest human” replied, “He was just showing off.”...FOOTNOTES: Dallas refers to its front wall as the “Doomsday Defense.”...Minnesota’s Vikings have scored 24 points in their two league games and all of them have come in the fourth quarters...St. Louis’ Jim Bakken can tie an NFL record for field goals in consecutive games if he makes one this week. It would be his 14th straight game. Bakken’s record breaking seven field goals last week averaged 30.5 yards, while Detroit’s Garo Yepremian averaged 25.5 when he set the former record of six in one game...The Buffalo Bills became the last AFL team to absorb a shutout last week when Boston held them scoreless. Previously, the Bills had gone through 100 regular season games and a total of 141 games without being blanked...Northern Michigan University’s Curt Marker is on the Cowboy taxi squad and playing with Oklahoma City in the Pacific Football League.

PERSONALITY PARADE – JIM TAYLOR

SEPT 29 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – There has been considerable curiosity hereabouts concerning the artistic success, or lack of it, that one James Charles Taylor has been having with the embryonic New Orleans Saints. This is entirely understandable, of course, since the Bayou Bronco not only wore Green Bay silks for nine seasons, but was a conspicuous figure in some of the Packers’ palmiest days – notably the championship years of 1961-62 and 1965-66 – before playing out his option last season and casting his lot with New Orleans. A check of the record thus seemed in order. It reveals, among other things, that the all-time Packer ground gainer has not added materially to his stature statistically, but, somewhat paradoxically, is on the verge of Sainthood in his native Louisiana. To date, in two regular season NFL appearances, the 32-year-old LSU alumnus has gained 67 yards in 19 carries – merely a good day’s work when he was a Packer – and has caught 5 passes

for 32 yards. His preseason figures, even less awesome, show 99 yards in 42 attempts, and no touchdowns running, a 2.4 average, and 13 receptions for 96 yards and one TD. Pat Cross, the Saints’ assistant director of public relations, who made this report via long distance telephone Thursday, readily admits these statistics “are not overpowering.” “But the preseason figures are only for five games – he didn’t play against the Miami Dolphins, and he also played only sparingly in one other game,” she pointed out, “because he had a hairline fracture of the cheekbone.” “That didn’t interfere too much with his football,” the one-time Missourian, only lady ADPR in the NFL, observed, “but it didn’t make him look too handsome, with a big black eye.” The figures do not, she insists, tell the whole Taylor story. “He made a great contribution,” Pat declared. “I’ve heard Coach Fears (ex-Packer aide Tom) say any number of times that just his inspiration and the fact that he takes time out to help our younger players has meant a great deal.”...CRAZY ABOUT JIM: “What everybody knew would happen has happened, of course – Jim misses the Packers’ offensive line, although our offensive line is coming along. Coach Fears felt from the beginning that it would be a trouble spot, but he says it hasn’t been as much of a trouble spot as he thought it would be.” Reporting on a more spectacular aspect of the Taylor transition, Pat enthused, “I’ll tell you one thing – these New Orleans people are crazy about Jim Taylor. I’ve never heard anything like the crowd response when he is introduced, and I’ve been at a lot of games in a lot of places. Taylor was introduced at our first preseason game against the Los Angeles Rams (in the New Orleans Sugar Bowl), and it took two minutes for the crowd to quiet down.” “I might add he also gets a lot of fan mail from kids in Wisconsin,” she laughed. “I suppose the fact that Taylor and Hornung are down here has something to do with it, but all of a sudden the New Orleans Saints are very big in Wisconsin.”

GRIMM’S ABSENCE HURTING FALCONS

SEPT 30 (Milwaukee-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The Atlanta Falcons trace their inconsistency on offense – their production fell off to 7 points against San Francisco last Sunday after soaring to 31 in their opener at Baltimore a week earlier – to the frequent absences of an ex-Packer. “Dan Grimm (dealt to Atlanta in the expansion draft two years ago) has

a muscle tear in his thigh, and he's been in and out of the lineup," Jan Van Duser, Falcon publicity director, reports. "And he's also a pretty good question mark for Sunday's game against the Packers." "Without him, it hurts both our running and passing game, because he's a good blocker," Jan added, noting, "what we need is to give Randy Johnson some time. He's a fine young quarterback, if we can just get him off his back."...Another problem, Van Duser reported, "is that we didn't do awfully well in the draft. The guy we needed, Leo Carroll, a defensive end from San Diego State who was our No. 2 choice, was hurt in our fourth preseason game and is out for the season." "We traded our first choice," he added by way of explanation, "to the 49ers." Ironically, Jan notes, "the only other rookie who made our club this year was Bo Wood, a defensive end from North Carolina, and he was on the New Orleans Saints' roster to start the season. We picked him up on waivers and he has been playing behind Bob Richards at left defensive end for us."...PACKER PATTERN: The Packs' Elijah Pitts, better known for his ground gaining prowess, has a bulging 26.8-yard average per catch for five pass receptions. It is slightly deceiving, however, since 84 of his 134 yards came on one play – the "big one" that triggered Don Chandler's game tying field goal in that 17-17 deadlock with the Detroit Lions. Elusive Carroll Dale leads Packer receivers overall with eight catches for 167 yards, a 21.0 average...Fast-maturing Jim Grabowski, the champions' leading ground gainer (147 yards in 42 attempts), is next up with six catches for 95 yards...Ex-Packer Junior Coffey is both the Falcons' leading rusher and top pass receiver with 87 yards in 24 carries and seven catches for the modest total of 16 yards.

RUSHING					
	Att.	Yds.	Ave.	L	TD
Grabowski, Pack	42	147	3.5	11	1
Coffey, Falcons	24	87	3.6	16	1
Anderson, Pack	9	69	7.7	40	0
Pitts, Pack	17	42	2.5	15	2
Johnson, Falcons	5	39	7.8	17	1
Wheelwright, Falc's	14	31	2.2	5	1

PASSING					
	Att.	C.	Yds.	Int.	Td
Johnson, Falcons	45	27	310	5	1
Starr, Pack	42	24	434	9	0

RECEIVING					
	No.	Yds.	Ave.	L	TD
Dale, Pack	8	167	21.0	51	0
Coffey, Falcons	7	16	2.3	9	0
Grabowski, Pack	6	95	15.8	53	0
Pitts, Pack	5	134	26.8	84	0
Anderson, Falcons	4	56	14.0	21	1
Smith, Falcons	4	96	24.0	60	0
McDonald, Falcons	4	56	14.0	23	0
Wheelwright, Falc's	4	46	11.5	30	0

LOGIC DOESN'T COUNT AS PACKERS BATTLE SCRAMBLING FALCONS

OCT 1 (Milwaukee-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The Packers have undergone sufficient trauma in their first two regular season appearances (a 17-17 tie with the Detroit Lions and a 13-10 squeaker over the Chicago Bears) to last them some weeks. Particularly considering 1967 was supposed to be a cakewalk – at least in the eyes of most pro football pundits – for the reigning world champions. And certainly logic would suggest a modicum of relief from tension could await them in the cool of County Stadium this afternoon, where our unbeaten heroes encounter the eager young Atlanta Falcons, still scrambling for that elusive first victory, before yet another capacity crowd. But, unfortunately, logic often does not play a major role in the NFL, where the unpredictable has become the rule rather than the exception. Fresh in the minds of the Packers, it might be added, is the memory (via film) of the Atlantans' explosive revival against the Baltimore Colts in their opener, which saw Norm Hecker's free-wheeling forces rebound from a 31-7 halftime deficit to within inches of a tie – and possible victory – in the waning minutes. Perhaps drained by that hectic experience, the Falcons' artistry declined somewhat last time out when they surrendered a 38-7 decision to the San Francisco 49ers, who figure to be a potent factor in the Coastal Division race. Cherubic Elijah Pitts, who has become an elder statesman in the revamped Packer backfield following the departure of Paul Hornung and Jim Taylor, explained these contrasting performances in three words – the big play...BIG INTERCEPTIONS: "The Falcons made a few big interceptions against the Colts," the rugged Philander Smith alumnus, who had viewed films of both Atlanta efforts, reported, "and ran a kickoff back (a 99-yard excursion by Ron Smith for a touchdown). In the other game, San Francisco made some great plays – some unbelievable catches – and it doesn't take long for a score to mount up when that happens." "Overall, the Falcons played a fine ball game against both clubs," Pitts soberly appended. "They've got some real hustlers up front there defensively – those guys never quit up there. And they've got strong linebackers. That Nobis," he said, shaking his head, "he's another Butkus." Be that as it may, the Packers are listed as 20-point favorites by one wire service and as 24-point choices by another, which may be a somewhat lavish expression of confidence, considering the problems Green Bay's favorite sons have had to date. It would not be overly unrealistic, however, if the Bays, 56-3 conquerors of the Falcons on the same turf a year ago, are able to end the epidemic of turnovers (13 of them in all), which had made life a bit sticky for them the last two Sabbaths...BIZARRE VARIETY: No one, it might be added, is more determined that such will be the case than Bart Starr, who has suffered in silence while being victimized by nine interceptions – three times as many as he permitted in all of 1966 while en route to unanimous selection as the NFL's Most Valuable Player. Several of these, of course, were of the bizarre variety – one of them bounced off Boyd Dowler's helmet into the hands of the Bears' Richie Pettibon – and a few also have been traceable to gambles by the enemy defenses, which have been known to boomerang on other occasions and could again. Although there has been considerable coffee shop conversation about these items, there has been no disposition to panic in the Packer ranks, since the champions are still undefeated – and tied for the Central Division lead – despite them. As a result, Coach Vince Lombardi is expected to open with the same alignment which started the Pack's first two ventures, including sophomore Jim Weatherwax at right defensive end in place of the rapidly recuperating Lionel Aldridge, and Pitts

Probable Offensive Lineups:			
ATLANTA		GREEN BAY	
Barnes	LE	Dowler	
Talbert	LT	Skoronski	
Cook	LG	Gillingham	
Marchlewski	C	Bowamn	
Simon	RG	Kramer	
Linden	RT	Gregg	
Anderson	RE	Fleming	
Johnson	QB	Starr	
Wheelwright	LH	Pitts	
Hawkins	FL	Dale	
Coffey	FB	Grabowski	

Probable Defensive Lineups:			
Richards	LE	Davis	
Rubke	LT	Kostelnik	
Sieminski	RT	Jordan	
Williams	RE	Weatherwax	
Rushing	LLB	Robinson	
Nobis	MLB	Nitschke	
Heck	RLB	Caffey	
Reaves	LH	Adderley	
Calland	RH	Jeter	
Lothridge	LS	T. Brown	
Riggle	RS	Wood	

in tandem with youthful Jim Grabowski at fullback. Grabo, who established an all-time Packer record with 32 attempts (good for 111 yards) against the Bears last Sunday, goes into action as the NFL's fifth-ranked rusher with 147 yards in 42 thrusts. His opposite number with the Falcons is an ex-Packer, Junior Coffey, who paces the Atlantans' ground forces with 87 yards in 24 carries, a 3.6 average. Coffey, also the Georgians' leading pass receiver at this point, is one of four former Packers who will be in Atlanta silks today. The others are Gary Barnes, the Falcons' starting split end, and backs Tom Moore and Ron Rector. A fifth, guard Dan Grimm, was placed on injured reserve this week. Moore and Rector also have been troubled with injuries and, if they do see action, their appearances are likely to be limited.

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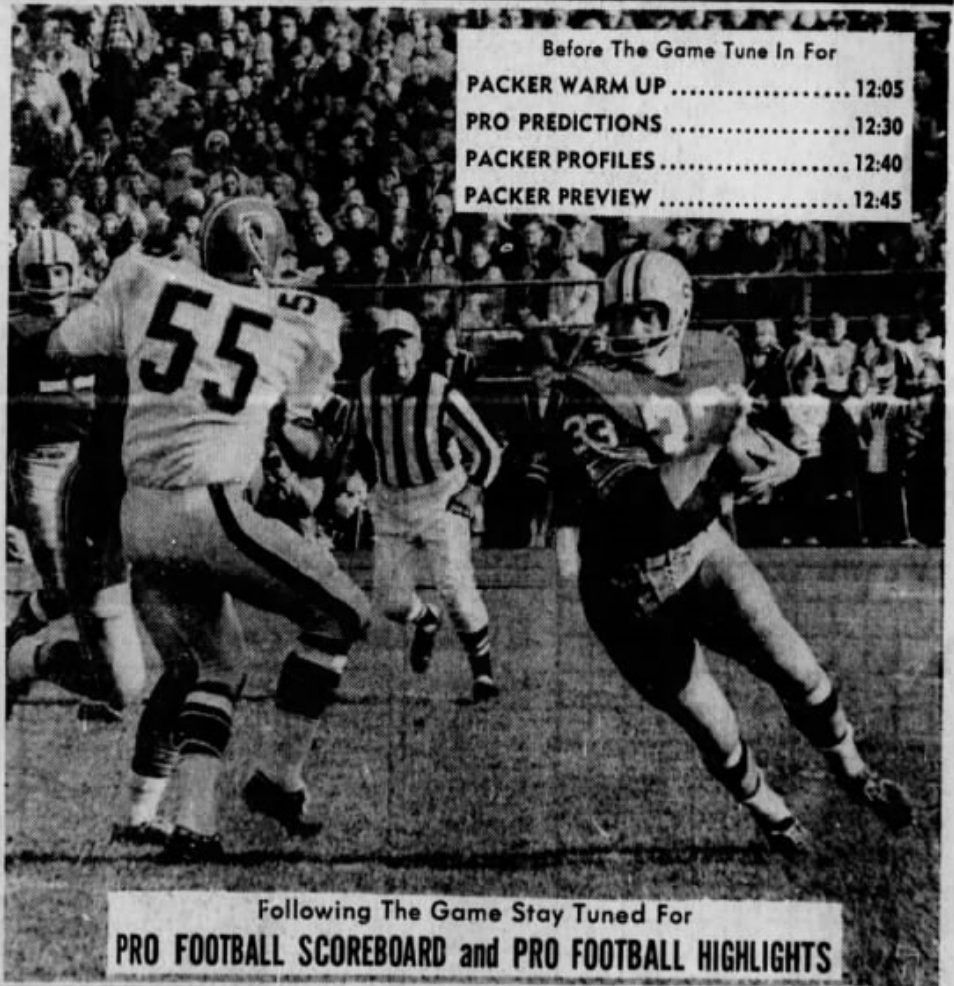
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GREEN BAY PACKERS

No.	NAME	POS.
12	Bratkowski, Zeke	QB
13	Horn, Don	QB
15	Starr, Bart	QB
16	James, Claudis	FL-RB
17	Williams, Travis	RB
21	Jeter, Bob	DB
22	Pitts, Elijah	RB
24	Wood, Willie	DB
26	Adderley, Herb	DB
28	Rowser, John	DB
32	Grabowski, Jim	RB
34	Chandler, Don	K
36	Wilson, Ben	RB
40	Brown, Tom	DB
43	Hart, Doug	DB
44	Anderson, Donny	RB
50	Hyland, Bob	T-G
55	Flanogan, Jim	LB
56	Crutcher, Tammy	LB
57	Bowman, Ken	C
60	Caffey, Lee Roy	LB
63	Thurston, Fred	G
64	Kramer, Jerry	G
66	Nitschke, Ray	LB
68	Gillingham, Gale	G
72	Wright, Steve	OT
73	Weatherwax, Jim	DT
74	Jordan, Henry	DT
75	Gregg, Forest	T-G
76	Skoronski, Bob	T-C
77	Kostelnik, Ron	DT
78	Brown, Bob	DE
81	Fleming, Marv	OE
83	Brown, Allen	OE
84	Dole, Carroll	FL
85	McGee, Max	OE
86	Dowler, Boyd	OE
87	Davis, Willie	DE
88	Capp, Dick	DE
89	Robinson, Dave	LB

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No.	NAME	POS.
7	Troyham, Wade	K
11	Johnson, Randy	QB
12	Sloan, Steve	QB
14	Nofsinger, Terry	QB
20	Riggie, Bob	DB
21	McCure, Tom	RB
22	Calland, Lee	DB
23	McDonald, Tom	FL
25	Hawkins, Alex	OE-FL
26	Lothridge, Billy	K
27	Rassas, Nick	DB
29	Rector, Ron	RB
30	Wheelwright, Ernie	RB
34	Coffey, Junior	RB
36	Reaves, Ken	DB
37	Dunn, Perry Lee	RB
40	Smith, Ron	DE-DB
43	Richardson, Jerry	DB
52	Rushing, Marion	LB
53	Marchlewski, Frank	C
54	Sanders, Bob	LB
55	Heck, Ralph	LB
60	Nobis, Tommy	LB
63	Wilson, Jim	G
65	Kircuac, Lou	G-T
66	Simon, Jim	OT
67	Grimm, Dan	G
68	Richards, Bobby	DE
70	Norton, Jim	DE-DT
71	Szeczko, Joe	DT
72	Talbert, Dan	OT
73	Linden, Errol	OT
74	Rubke, Karl	DT
75	Cook, Ed	G
77	Sieminski, Chuck	DT
80	Barnes, Gary	OE
85	Martin, Billy	OE
87	Anderson, Taz	OE
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