



Baltimore Colts (3-0) 24, Green Bay Packers (0-2-1) 17 Sunday October 12th 1958 (at Milwaukee)

Colts Erase 17-0 Packer Lead, Ring Up 24-17 Win

GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(MILWAUKEE) - The Packers deserved a better fate in County stadium Sunday afternoon. They played their hearts out in an effort to post victory No. 1 in the NFL at the expense of the undefeated Baltimore Colts. But what seemed like a sure win evaporated into a tie (17-17) and then into a 24-17 defeat - all in the last three minutes.

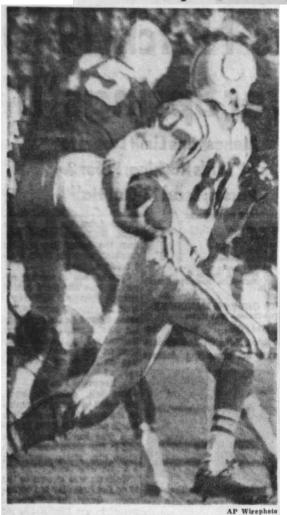
BITTER PILL

This was a bitter pill, but out of it came the knowledge that the Packers could have - and probably should have - beaten this Colt machine, which is rated one of the strongest in the league. The Packers had the Colts down 17-0, 17-7 and 17-14 before the tie. Green Bay now dips into the Eastern Division in a drive to bring the record from the present 0-2-1 to 2-2-1 facing the Redskin in Washington next Sunday and the Philadelphia Eagles in Green Bay the following Sunday. There were two key "blows" to the Packer chance in this game - and one was exceptionally unfortunate because it wasn't of their own doing. The first was the Packers' failure to make a first down by six inches on a fourth down on the Baltimore 11yard line on the third play of the fourth quarter. Green Bay held a 17-14 lead at the time; a touchdown might have done it. The second gave Baltimore a tie. The Colts had third and 10 in the Packer 10 with the score 17-14 and five minutes left in the game. John Unitas carried and fumbled while he was hit by Len Ford on the Packer seven. Ray Nitschke made a clean recovery but the official (referee Bob Austin) had his quick-whistle going. He ruled the ball dead despite the fact that the ball and Unitas parted company before the Colt QB hit the ground. The whistle-happy incident made it simply for Steve Myhra to kick a 14-yard game-tying field goal on the next play. Four plays and one first down later, Any Nelson intercepted a Bart Starr pass and returned 52 yards for the Colts' winning touchdown. The game ended with Starr stringing together three first downs into Colt territory before Don Shinnick intercepted.

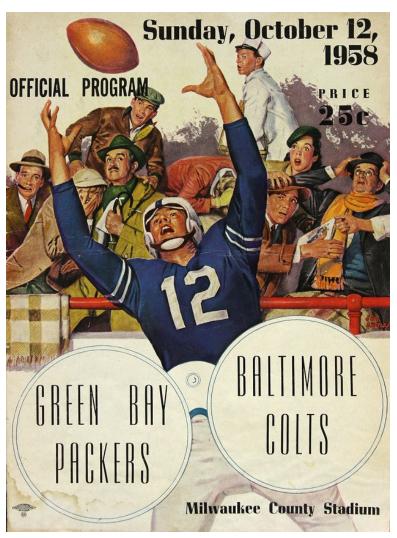
LOADED WITH IRONY

Nelson's interception was loaded with irony - and perhaps typified the Packers' day - because Starr had turned in a record passing performance. The young quarterback completed 26 out of 46 passes for 320 yards -

totals that on any other day would mean victory. Starr's completion total snapped Bobby Thomason's club mark of 24 set in 1951 against Detroit (in 33 attempts). The 46 attempts broke the record of 42 established by Tobin Rote against the Chicago



Colt Halfback Andy Nelson (80) runs 52 yards for Baltimore's winning touchdown after he intercepted a pass from Green Bay quarterback, Bart Starr in the fourth quarter of Sunday's game in Milwaukee. Nelson is shown passing Starr on his way to the score. The Colts won, 24-17.



Bears in 1954. The yardage total was the third highest in Packer history, being exceeded by Rote's 335 yards against the Rams in '51 and 333 by Cecil Isbell against the Chicago Cardinals in 1942.

55-YARD PLAY

Starr and Don McIlhenny worked a 55-yard pass play for a 7-0 Packer lead in the first quarter. The next time the Bays had the ball, Starr drove the club 69 yards in 10 plays and scored himself on a 1-yard sneak for a 14-0 lead. Midway in the second period, Paul Hornung kicked a 19-yard field goal for a 17-0 edge. Baltimore's first touchdown was set up on a first-bounce interception that the officials claimed bounced off Billy Howton's lower leg, although there was a blast of dust from the Braves' infield on the Packer 46. Unitas sneaked a foot for the touchdown 10 plays later. Unitas and Jim Mutscheller worked on a 54-yard aerial strike for a 17-14 score just before the end of the third period.

FINE PROTECTION

The Packer offensive line gave Starr excellent protection and Ollie Spencer did a good job on the "mad" charge of Gino Marchetti. Bart had to have protection to complete 26 throws. He alternated nicely, rolling out or staying in the pocket and kept the Colts wary with short strikes. Starr went the distance and the only other pass was thrown by Howie Ferguson. Bay rushers were stopped up some of the first time this season with 61 yards, although gains totaling nearly 40 yards were nullified by penalties. Baltimore rushed for 352 yards and made 243 in the air. The Colts totaled 395 yards; the Packers 381. The Packer defense held

Baltimore to its lowest total and one of the Colt touchdowns was a direct result of an interception, meaning that the defense actually allowed only 17 points. The major deficiency was the Packers' inability to score in the second half again. This is the second straight game the Packers were held scoreless in the last two quarters. The Bays got a touchdown in the second half of the Bear game and that was all thus far.

EIGHT RECEIVERS

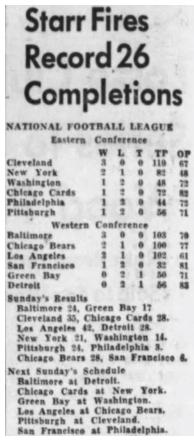
Eight Packers took part in the pass receiving, with Howton having his best day of the season - seven catches for 92 yards. Ferguson and McIlgenny each caught five. Lenny Moore, the Colts' ace back, was limited to 21 yards in six rushes and nailed six passes for 108 yards.

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	BALTIMORE	GREEN BAY
First Downs	19	21
Rushing-Yards-TD	27-152-1	26-61-1
Att-Comp-Yd-TD-Int	36-17-243-1-1	47-26-320-1-4
Sack Yards Lost	13	21
Total Yards	382	360
Fumbles-lost	1-1	0-0
Turnovers	2	4
Yards penalized	7-61	6-43

SCORING

- 1st GB Don McIlhenny, 55-yard pass from Bart Starr (Paul Hornung kick) GREEN BAY 7-0
- 1st GB Starr, 1-yard run (Hornung kick) GREEN BAY 14-0
- 2nd GB Hornung, 19-yard field goal GREEN BAY 17-0
- 2nd BAL Johnny Unitas, 1-yard run (Steve Myrha kick) GREEN BAY 17-7
- 3rd BAL Jim Mutscheller, 54-yard pass from Unitas (Myrha kick) GREEN BAY 17-14
- 4th BAL Myrha, 14-yard field goal TIED 17-17



4th - BAL - Andy Nelson, 52-yard interception return (Myrha kick) BALTIMORE 24-17

RUSHING

GREEN BAY - How Ferguson 9-35, Don McIlhenny 11-16, Jim Shanley 2-6, Paul Hornung 3-3, Bart Starr 1-1 1 TD

BALTIMORE - L.G. Dupre 10-84, Johnny Unitas 5-27 1 TD, Lenny Moore 6-21, Alan Ameche 6-20

PASSING

GREEN BAY - Bart Starr 46-26-320 1 TD 4 INT, Howie Ferguson 1-0-0 **BALTIMORE** - Johnny Unitas 35-16-238 1 TD INT, George Shaw 1-1-5 **RECEIVING**

GREEN BAY - Billy Howton 7-92, Don McIlhenny 5-90 1 TD, Howie Ferguson 5-41, Steve Meilinger 4-50, Max McGee 2-27, Gary Knafelc 1-9, Paul Hornung 1-6, Jim Shanley 1-5

BALTIMORE - Lenny Moore 6-108, Raymond Berry 5-54, Jim Mutscheller 3-68 1 TD, L.G. Dupre 1-8, Billy Pricer 1-5, Alan Ameche 1-0

MASSEY SUFFERS BROKEN LEG IN GAME WITH COLTS

OCT 13 (Green Bay) - Carlton Massey, Green Bay Packer linebacker, was discovered today to have suffered a broken leg in Sunday's NFL game against the Baltimore Colts in Milwaukee. He will be out of the lineup four to six weeks. Massey, a first string defensive player, was hurt on the last kickoff of the game late in the fourth period but left the field under his own power and returned to Green Bay with the club. The leg remained sore overnight and he entered a hospital this morning. An X-ray disclosed a fracture of the fibula of the left leg. Massey, formerly of the Cleveland Browns, joined

the Packers two years ago. He had drawn praise from Head Coach Ray "Scooter" McLean for his play this fall.

SCOOTER CAN'T SQUAWK

OCT 13 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - Packer Coach Scooter McLean declined to comment on the officiating after Sunday's game with the Colts at the Stadium - calls which probably cost his club the ball game. Under NFL rules, McLean had no choice but to button up or face an imposing fine. Scooter, in a voice so low it was hard to detect what he was saying, pointed out that Ray Nitschke was not given credit for what could have been the game saving fumble recovery because the play had stopped. "It was a judgment play - that's all I can say," said McLean.

Referee Bob Austin said later it was a ball dead immediately situation. This meant Johnny Unitas fumbled on the Packer 7 after the play had been stopped. "This was a tough one for our boys to lose," Scooter continued. "Starr was really picking them apart with those passes...then those interceptions slipped in. We figured we had to gain more than 100 yards rushing to keep up with them," Scooter said, looking at statistics which showed his club gained only 61 yards on the ground. "But then we knew we had 'em beat throwing the short ones. Not only did it stop them shooting the gap with linebackers, but we moved well." So now the Packers have only a 13-13 tie with Detroit to brag about. Fullback Howie Ferguson, however, was of the opinion "we still haven't played a club better than ours." Over in the Baltimore dressing room. Coach Weeb Ewbank dished out praised galore to the Packers. He was happy indeed to escape with this victory. "I just want to tell you Scooter has done a fine job with this Packer club," Ewbank said. "Green Bay is a good club which will get better. Right now, it's capable of beating anyone." Ewbank didn't think his passer (Johnny Unitas) was as sharp as in the Colts' first two wins over the Lions and Bears, but he quickly added, "maybe the Packer defense had something to do with that."

THE REF EXPLAINS - PASS NEVER HIT GROUND; LATER UNITAS DID

OCT 13 (Milwaukee Journal) - Two questionable officiating calls helped the Baltimore Colts rally and beat the Green Bay Packers, 24-17, in their NFL game at County Stadium Sunday. On the first in the second quarter, Andy Nelson was given an interception on Green Bay's 46 after the ball had apparently bounced off the ground. The Packers were ahead at the time, 17-0. Baltimore went on to score its first touchdown. On the second, late in the fourth quarter with the Packers ahead, 17-14, Baltimore quarterback Johnny Unitas was tackled and the ball popped loose. Ray Nitschke of the Packers recovering. The officials ruled that Unitas had control of the ball when he hit the ground and gave the ball to Baltimore. The Colts

Bays Seek to Boost Second-Half Punch

Have Scored Only 7 Points After Intermission in 3 League Games



Billy Kinard knocks down a Johnny Unitas pass intended for Ray Berry in the fourth quarter and prevents the Colts from scoring a touchdown from the Packer 10. However, Baltimore kicked a field goal two plays later.

kicked the tying field goal on the next play. On the "first bounce" interception, two players said that the ball bounced off Billy Howton's foot. Referee Robert Austin said the ball "hit him (Howton) on the leg and caromed off. If it had hit him on the foot, it would have been illegal kicking." "The ball hit me on the foot," Howton, Green Bay end, said. "I looked down and there it was. I saw it too late to do anything about it." "I was right where I could see it," Colt defensive halfback Carl Taseff said. "It hit him on the foot." Whether the ball hit Howton on the leg or foot did not matter. An illegally kicked ball is not dead. A 15 yard penalty against the Packers for kicking would have been declined so the interception would have stood anyway. On Unitas' fumble, which was not a fumble, Austin said, "That's what we call a BDI case. That means ball dead immediately. It was not a fumble. When the ball carrier has been contacted by a defensive player and touches the ground, the ball is dead instantly. He fumbled after he hit the ground." Three



Packer Slotback Steve Moilinger makes a remarkable catch of a Bart Starr pass in the third quarter as Carl Taseff tries to steal the ball. Moilinger picked up four yards and the Colts were penalized 15 yards on the play when Gene (Big Daddy) Lipscomb punched a Packer.

plays before that Unitas had picked up a first down on Green Bay's five. A penalty

marker had gone down but no penalty was signaled. "There was no penalty on the play," Austin said. "The penalty marker was down by mistake." Packer Coach Ray McLean, disappointed at the 24-17 defeat, was far from discouraged. "That's a tough one to lose," he said. "We played well enough to win. They were giving it everything they had." The quarterbacking, subpar in the first two games, pleased McLain. "Starr was picking 'em apart pretty good." As the game got underway, the Colts put a rush on Starr but eased off soon thereafter. "He was picking the short men," McLean said. "He was playing ball control, retaliating perfectly. We knew we couldn't bet them running. We had to beat them with passing." The final turning point, McLean said, came on the third play of the final quarter when Paul Hornung was stopped on the 11 yard line inches short of a first down. Green Bay at the time still held a three point lead. "A field goal wouldn't have done us any good," McLean said. "We needed a touchdown. If we'd only made that first down..." He pounded his fist in his hand and shook his head disconsolately. Baltimore's Weeb Ewbank, coach of the only undefeated team in the Western Division, lauded the Packers highly. "That's the toughest fight we've had so far," he said. "They (the Packers) have fine receivers and Starr threw real well." Can the Colts, who also won their first three games last year but then lost five of their final nine, go all the way this season? "We'll just have to play each game in time," Ewbank said. "Right now I can't think of anything but the game with Detroit next week."

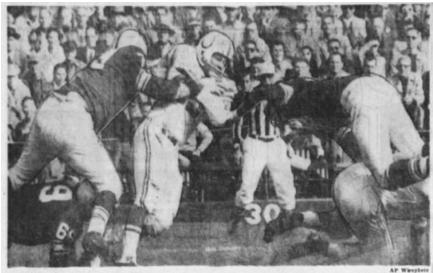
MORE PACKER WOES - MASSEY BREAKS LEG

OCT 14 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - The Packers influenced everyone but the official Sunday that they have a good football team, one which should be winning as the season goes into its second quarter of play. Yet Green Bay is winless in three starts and now faces the imposing task of rubbing noses with the Redskins in the nation's capital next Sunday. Scooter McLean, hardly as chipper as he was on the eve of the season opener, offered no alibis Monday as he reviewed his club's 24-17 loss to the Colts. However, McLean was downright discouraged when he learned that linebacker Carlton Massey broke his leg and will be out of the lineup four to six weeks. Massey, who has drawn praise from McLean for his play this fall, was hurt on the last kickoff of the game late in the fourth quarter. He left the field under his own power and returned to Green Bay with the club. The leg remained sore overnight and he entered a hospital Monday morning. An X-ray disclosed a fracture of the fibula of the left leg. McLean, remembering seven broken bones which jinxed the Packers, dreads reading Monday morning's injury list. When asked about the loss to the Colts, Scooter quietly said: "Our boys thought they played well enough to win...they fell pretty bad about this one...all we can do now is pick up the pieces and shoot the works against Washington next Sunday." McLean called the third play of the fourth quarter the game's turning point. Paul Hornung failed to gain two yards for a first down on the Colt 11. "If we could have cashed in for a touchdown," McLean said wistfully, "we would have had 'em on the ropes. It would have been a morale breaker for Baltimore." The Packers had a similar opportunity

in the second quarter. With third down and two yards to go from the Colt 11, Hornung was dumped for a two-yard loss. Green Bay then had to settle for Hornung's 19-yard field goal which upped the lead to 17-0. The former Notre Dame flash has been no ball of fire as a runner this season. Hornung picked up only three yards in three carries Sunday. Green Bay's ground attack therefore, goes only as Don McIlhenny and Howie Ferguson go. McIlhenny found the Colt defense the toughest yet, picking up 16 yards in 11 carries. As a pass receiver, he was more effective. McIlhenny grabbed five for 90 yards. Ferguson is making a determined comeback after knee surgery last winter. He's punching with authority and running over 'em instead of around 'em once again. But the Packers didn't have a Lenny Moore type speedster. Too much depended upon Bart Starr's arm even though the Alabama flipper was having his greatest pro game, hitting 26 of 46 receivers for 320 yards. Four interceptions hurt plenty. Scooter said "these things will straighten out." Starr is one of the most accurate passers in the business. "He got good protection," McLean insisted, "and he passed well." McLean said he would start Starr against the Skins. And he won't alternate his quarterbacks for the sake of alternating.

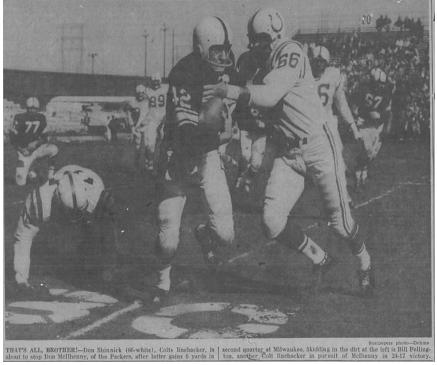
BAYS SEEK TO BOOST SECOND-HALF PUNCH

OCT 14 (Appleton Post-Crescent) - Tuesday Quarterback No. 3...The question remains: Why is it so tough for the Packers to score - much less move the ball in the second half? The Bays have counted just seven points in the second halves of the first three games - that coming as a consolationer in the last two minutes of the Bear game. It's a problem - this second half is - that "Doc" McLean and aides



Halfback L. G. Dupre of the Baltimore Colts makes a 5-yard gain against the Green Bay Packers in the first quarter of Sunday's game in Milwaukee County

stadium as would-be tackler Ray Nitschke, right, is sent sprawling. But Dave Hanner, left, brings Dupre down. The Colts won, 24-17.



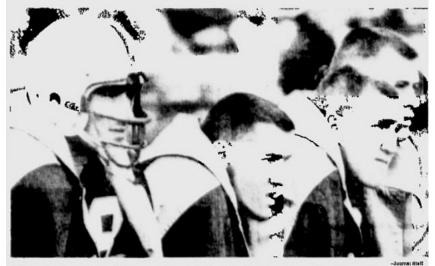
Jack Morton, Breezy Reid, Ray Richards and Nick Skorich are presently studying...IMPERATIVE TO MOVE: The Packers made one trip into the promised land during the second half of the Colt loss (24-17) Sunday - just as they did vs. the Lions the previous Sabbath. The drive against Baltimore also turned out to be one of the turning points of the game. The Colts had just cut Green Bay's lead to 17-14 on John Unitas' 54-yard touchdown business with Jim Mutscheller. Now it was imperative that the Packers move in and score. They moved in but didn't score, missing a good shot for lack of 6 inches of turf. The drive opened from the Packer 41, innocently with a 2-yard pass gain from Bart Starr to Don McIlhenny. Then, McIlhenny got off a fine 19-yard gain around left end but the Packers were offside, nullifying the advance. That was a bad break, but on the next play Big Daddy Lipscomb evened things by slugging Steve Meilinger at the end of a 6-yard pass. The officials, eagle-eyed on this one, marched off 15 stripes for Lipscomb's illegal use of his mitts and the Bays were on the Colt 42. The Bays made 21 yards in the next four plays and had a first down on the Baltimore 21. On the last play of the third quarter, Starr is incomplete. Starr hurls to Howie Ferguson for five yards to start the last period. Now, it's third and five and McIlhenny gets three at left tackle to the 13. Hornung replaces Ferguson and the sophomore hits off right guard on fourth down toward a little opening. He is hit low and then veers to his right and it looks like a first down, But nix. Muffing that fourth downer removed what the Packers needed the most at that point - a lift...There were two quick whistles by the officials Sunday. The one that robbed the Packers of a fumble recovery in the last few minutes and gave the Colts a tie was hashed and bashed yesterday. The other took place midway in the third period when Ferguson made a good grab of Starr's pass up



Here's the play which beat the Packers at the Stadium Sunday. Andy Notson, defensive halfback ace for the Colts, is goalward bound—52 yards —with the winning touchdown after intercepting a Bart Starr pass with 2:12

eft in the game and the score knotted, 17-17. Hank Bullough of Green Bay makes a desperate attempt to nail the galloping Colt, as Don Mcllhenny (42) and Jim Salsbury (67) are steps behind.

Senting photo by Ernis Asheyer.



Chewing his fingernalis, Jim Taylor second from left, sat tensely on the Packer bench at County Stadium Sunday. With him, from left, were line backer Dan Currie, takke

Norm Masters and guard Jerry Kramer. From the expressions on their faces the Baltimore Colts must have been causing trouble about this time. The Colts won, 24-17.

the middle and then bolted away from two clutching Colts. But the official whistled Howie dead - just as he was breaking into the clear!...These officials mean extremely well, believe me, but they should be more "uniform" on calling an end to a play? Some call 'em quick; others are slow. Remember the Packer-Brown game in Milwaukee two years ago? The Browns went fishing for a Packer fumble and while everybody stood around as if the play had been stopped a Brownie suddenly hooked the ball and went running touchdown-way. And lest you think we're prejudiced, how about the call on Jim Shanley's kickoff return in the Detroit game here a week ago Sunday. Shanley fumbled as he was hit and, mind you, still upright. Detroit recovered but the Packers kept the ball on the grounds that the official called a dead ball - apparently as he was hit. Thanks for the break, but eight fumbles followed in the fierce game and five changed hands.

BAYS DEBATE WHAT TO DO WITH MASSEY

OCT 14 (Appleton Post-Crescent) - The Packers went back to work today minus a combination meanie, holler guy and defensive expert. That would be Carlton Massey, the 220-pound outside linebacker who suffered a broken leg near the end of the Colt game in Milwaukee Sunday. Massey, who played briefly despite the injury, will be lost from four to six weeks. And today, Coach Ray McLean and staffmen Jack Morton, Breezy Reid, Ray Richards and Nick Skorich are wrestling with a 2-way problem: (1) keep Massey on the active list and play with 34 men until he returns or (2) put Massey on the injured

list which would knock him out of the season and add a new player...ON REPORT: McLean said today he'd base his decision some on the medical report, which shows that Massey fractured the fibula bone in his left leg. Defense Coach Richards has two players ready and willing to step into Massey's boots - Tom Bettis, the veteran who played the same spot last year and who is now recovered from an injury, and freshman Dan Currie, who is so anxious to play it hurts. Massey, who was shifted from defensive end, was just getting the feel of the outside linebacker spot. He's a rough house and will punish anything coming his way. Besides, he's peppery. Anything less out of Bettis or Currie will hurt the Packers' defense against the Redskins' crushing rushing game in Washington Sunday - not to mention Eddie Le Baron's pin-point short passing.

PACKERS GET WHITTENTON

OCT 14 (Green Bay) - The Packers Tuesday acquired defensive halfback Jesse Whittenton on waivers from the Bears. Whittenton will replace Carlton Massey, who suffered a broken ankle in Sunday's game with Baltimore and has been placed on the Packers' injured reserve list. Massey will be out four to six weeks. The 24-year old Whittenton is in his third season in the NFL. The Bears obtained him from the Rams in a trade but placed him on waivers before the current season opened. He was recently discharged from the hospital after treatment for pleurisy. He has been working out with the Packers for several weeks on a look-see basis.

GREEN BAY GAMBLED FOR SEVEN POINTS BUT GOT NONE AND LOST

OCT 14 (Milwaukee Journal) - George Wilson, coach of Detroit's fallen champion Lions, phrased it this way for pro football coaches: "Any time you get inside their 30, you've got to come away with some points. Maybe you won't score a touchdown, but you'd better at least get a field goal." The Lions play it that way. They kicked a field goal on fourth down from the one last year in San Francisco. Paul Brown of the Cleveland Browns, an eminently successful coach, plays it the same way. Lou (The Toe) Groza is his weapon on fourth down within field goal kicking distance. The Packers gambled the other way

Sunday. They lost the gamble and the game to the Baltimore Colts at County Stadium, 24-17. The situation was this: Green Bay led, 17-14, early in the fourth quarter. The Packers had fourth down and two yards to go on Baltimore's 13. The kicking team started onto the field but was waved back. Instead, quarterback Bart Starr sent Paul Hornung over right tackle. Hornung didn't make it. Baltimore took over. The score was still 17-14. If Hornung had kicked the field goal, not an unreasonable expectancy, the score would have been 20-14. Ray (Scooter) McLean, Green Bay coach, said after the game, "A field goal would not have done us any good. We needed a touchdown." Subsequent events did not bear this out. The Colts had fourth down on Green Bay's seven yard line with little more than four minutes to go after the officials took Johnny Unitas' fumble away from the Packers and gave the ball back to Baltimore. The Colts then went for the field goal and Steve Myhra tied the score at 17-all. What if Green Bay had scored a field goal earlier instead of gambling for first down? Then Baltimore would have had to go for the touchdown. Would the Colts have made it? Perhaps, but the percentage and the pressure would have been against them. Green Bay's running game was not much Sunday, aside from Howie Ferguson who made 35 yards on nine carries. The rest of the carriers gained only 26 yards. On two crucial situations, Hornung was called on for the big play. He didn't make it in the second quarter and Green Bay had to settle for three points. He didn't make it in the fourth period and Green Bay had to give the ball away with no points, little over 10 yards from the goal. Hornung, in fact, made only three yards on three carries. He was the one who failed on fourth down gamble a year ago against the Bears in Chicago and the Bears went from there to their winning touchdown. Hornung, the Notre Dame All-American, has been a distinct disappointment as bonus draft choice of a year ago. Considering that Green Bay could run hardly at all against Baltimore, Starr's job as passer is all the more outstanding. Starr possesses the intelligence and the potential to be a fine quarterback. For some reason, the coaching staff vacillated in the exhibition season between Starr and Babe Parilli. Starr needs



confidence. He needs to become a take charge guy. He could hardly get that way when the coaches said they didn't know who was No. 1. In Sunday's game here, Starr's passes gained 320 yards. The Packer record for a single game is 335 yards, set by Tobin Rote against Los Angeles in 1951. Cecil Isbell gained 333 yards against the Chicago Cardinals in 1942. Starr completed 26 passes Sunday, as compared with Rote's 20 and Isbell's 10 in their record efforts. The NFL records for yards gained by passing in a single game? Norm Van Brocklin passed for 554 yards on September 28, 1951, as Los Angeles beat the New York Yankees, 51-14. He required 27 completions to go that far. Starr broke two club records with his 46 attempts and 26 completions. The old marks were 42 tries by Rote against the Bears in 1954 and 24 completions by Bobby Thomason against Detroit in 1951.

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OCT 15 (Appleton Post-Crescent) - NFL statistics made their first public appearance of the 1958 season today and there are these noteworthy items: (1) The Packers aren't setting the league afire figurewise and (2) the quarterbacks in Sunday's Packer-Redskin clash are both digit leaders. Let's start with the pleasant - Eddie Le Baron, the Redskins' little quarterback who is leading the league in passing, and the Packers' Bart Starr, who performance in the Baltimore game ranks as the best in the league thus far this season...AVERAGES 9.68 YARDS: Le Baron, who stands 5-7 and packs 165 pounds, has averaged 9.68 yards on 44 attempts (leaders are based on yards per attempt). He completed 25 for 426 yards for two touchdown passes and three interceptions. Starr, tenth in the league, doesn't match Eddie's average gain, with his 6.79, but the Packer strike thrower has completed 50 out of 90 pitchers for 594 yards and two touchdowns. Starr has had six intercepted - four less than he had stolen all last year. Le Baron's completion percentage is 56.8; Starr's 55.6. The Redskins, in preparing for the Packers, undoubtedly are making a special blow-by-blow view of Starr's 320-yard pitching performance against the Colts last Sunday. He attempted a Packer record 46 and completed a Packer record 26, the best showing he's

ever made. Both Green Bay and Washington are not listed in the top rushers. The reason might be backfield balance. The Redskins shift the duties of rushing pretty much between Jim Podoley, Don Bosseler and Ed Sutton, while four Packer backs are getting their licks in - Don McIlhenny, the leader with 105 yards, Howie Ferguson (87), Paul Hornung (34) and Jim Shanley (23). The Packers have the ninth rank in pass catching - Ferguson, and that fellow represents quite a switch. He's a fullback, you know, and has caught a dozen passes. With 10 each, McIlhenny and Billy Howton just missed the top 10. The Redskins' Great Johnny Carson is seventh with 13 catches. Hornung, with five field goals in eight attempts plus a touchdown and five extra points, is sixth in scoring, while Washington isn't represented among the leaders. Puntingwise, the Redskins' Sam Baker is second with 45.7, while Packer Max McGee is fifth on 42.4. Former Packer Dick Deschaine, recently traded to Cleveland, is third with 43.3...PLAN MEETING: On the way home from the 24-17 loss to Baltimore in Milwaukee Sunday, the Packer players confided that "we've got to get that winning attitude and this Washington game is the place to get it." The players were scheduled to hold a meeting among themselves this week to talk over "winning". The players were most anxious to get "Scooter off on the winning track" against Baltimore. They feel that "it will just take one victory and we'll start rolling."

BAYS COME UP WITH A REAL 'STARR'

OCT 15 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - Bart Starr established himself Sunday as a take charge quarterback, a No. 1 man needed to fuse the Packers' offense. His passing against the Colts (26 completions for 320 yards) is the best performance by any quarterback in the NFL this season. Starr has always been a "cool" player. But he needed a big showing as a morale builder. Green Bay is blessed with good receivers -Billy Howton, Max McGee, Gary Knafelc Steve Meilinger. Until last Sunday, there were running out just for the Green Bay Packer Football on WTMJ



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exercise. The Bears and Lions red-dogged Starr to death. It was a different story against the Colts. Bart picked 'em apart with the short ones, hitting eight receivers. Baltimore gave up shooting its linebackers when Starr was rapidly firing with perfection. Starr proved he can do the job if he gets protection. He got comparatively loads of it against such renowned Colts as Gino Marchetti, Art Donovan, Gene (Big Daddy) Lipscomb and Don Joyce. Tackle Ollie Spencer came up with his best game since being traded to Green Bay from Detroit. Marchetti was Spencer's target and Ollie took most of the spunk out of the mean one as the game wore on. Starr was a questionable starter Sunday. He suffered a badly sprained ankle in the Detroit game and it was feared just how long he could go against Baltimore. However, the Alabama pro looked good rolling out of the pocket. He'll run, too, once his ankle gets in shape. New that Coach Scooter McLean has found his quarterback, it's time to get a complementary ground attack rolling. The Packers gained only 61 yards rushing against the Colts, 40 yards were called back by penalties. The holes are closing too quickly. When most of the openings are too small for pro football's smallest back, Jim Shanley, what kind of a chance does a bruiser like Howie Ferguson have? Brute force is not enough.

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STOPPING REDSKINS' RUSHING RATES AS DIFFICULT ASSIGNMENT

OCT 16 (Appleton Post-Crescent) - The Giants beat the Redskins, 21-14, last Sunday. How did they do it? New York Coach Jim Lee Howell explains it this way: "Washington's big weapon is a running attack and we stopped it cold at 69 yards. In the air, we weren't too sharp as Eddie LeBaron threw for 238. Still, the boys showed in the final period they could handcuff LeBaron and everybody else." So what's for Sunday when the Packers play the Redskins in Washington? Judging by what Jim Lee says, the Packers can expect to be rushed at real good - unless, of course, Redskin Coach Joe Kuharich feels that the Packers might be more vulnerable to passing...RANKS AMONG LEADERS: The Packers' defense against rushing ranks among the leaders - and, man, that's a chance from the last few years. The Bays have allowed 331 yards rushing and only two teams have given up less - 262 by those Giants and 274 by Baltimore. Green Bay gave the Bears 146 yards rushing, the Lions 33 and the Colts 152. Stopping up Washington's rushing rates was a difficult task and here's why: The Redskins' three big rookie rushers of a year ago are now more experienced and undoubtedly rougher to handle. As freshmen in '57, they totaled 1,522 yards (an average of 507) as Don Bosseler picked up 673, Jim Podoley 442 and Ed Sutton 407. Bossler carried 167 times, Podoley 114 and Sutton 108. Jesse Whittenton, the former Ram and Bear defensive back who was placed on the active list Tuesday, continues to work into the Packers' defensive pattern. Whittenton plays the corner or safety. Whittenton gained admittance when Carlton Massey was placed on the injured list. Massey suffered a broken leg in the loss to Baltimore Sunday. Carlton is staying in Green Bay for treatments and will work in the Packer office for a spell and then return to practice to start toughening up the leg for '59. Also helping classify plays, etc., in the Packer office is Earl Miller, a rookie defensive back, who broke his leg during the training season and then was placed on the injured reserve list. Whittenton, former Texas Reserve star who was traded to the Bears in the Kline Gilbert deal, intercepted three passes as a Ram rookie in '56 and returned them 83 yards - one for a touchdown. He stole one for 31 yards in '57.

CHICAGO BEARS, WITH 2-1 RECORD, SHOW BEST GAIN OVER LAST YEAR IN PRO LEAGUE

OCT 16 (Milwaukee Journal) - With the NFL season one-fourth over, the Chicago Bears have made the biggest gain over last year. At this stage of the 1957 campaign, the Bears had won none, lost three. Now they have a 2-1 record as owner George Halas coaches them once again. Baltimore and Cleveland, the undefeated division leaders, have made no gain, for they were the only unbeaten, untied teams after three games last year, too. Los Angeles, with a 2-1 record, gained one game in the Western Division, and Philadelphia, with 1-2, is a game better off than last year in the Eastern. The losers include San Francisco, Green Bay, and champion Detroit in the Western and Pittsburgh in the Eastern. Detroit (0-2-1) has slipped a game and a half, San Francisco (1-2) and Pittsburgh (1-2) one game each, and Green Bay (0-2-1) a half game. The Western Division, obviously, has undergone more face lifting. The Eastern Division standings are the same as a year ago, except in the case of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. New York is again 2-1 and Washington and the Chicago Cardinals 1-2 each...Green Bay and Washington, opponents in Washington Sunday, could hardly be more evenly matched in statistics. Green Bay has scored 50 points to Washington's 48 and allowed 71 points compared with 72 for Redskin opponents...LEBARON PRAISED: Joe Kuharich, Washington coach, said Wednesday that the Redskins' troubles were definitely not due to Eddie LeBaron, the quarterback. "To my mind," Kuharich said of LeBaron, "he is the most intelligent, best all-around quarterback in football today. He performs well in every phase of his duties, from play selection to passing. There isn't a quarterback in the league who can pick a defense to pieces like LeBaron, and no one comes close to him in the art of faking." A recent story in a Washington newspaper intimated that LeBaron, a little guy (5 feet 7 inches, 165 pounds) was thinking of retiring, that he was tired of being manhandled by massive linemen. "It's just not true," LeBaron said. "I intend to play at least one more season." He will play against Green Bay Sunday for sure...George Wilson, Detroit coach: "The Rams are the best team we've seen except for maybe the Browns." Wilson was asked if Los Angeles was better than the Chicago Bears. He nodded assent...NO SPECIALIST: Max McGee now punts for Green Bay and plays first string offensive end, as well. The last few year, Dick Deschaine punted for the Packers and did nothing else. Cleveland now has Deschaine the specialist. After three games, Deschaine is averaging 43.3 yards a punt and McGee, 42.4, less than a yard difference...Danny Lewis of Wisconsin, back in action for Detroit after a knee injury, gained 54 yards in nine carries against Los Angeles. The rookie fumbled twice. however...Jerry Mertens, former Racine St. Catherine star, has intercepted three passes as defensive back with the San Francisco 49ers. He says he likes the pro game better than the college because he does not take as great a physical beating playing only defense as he did when he went both ways at Drake University.

BAYS, SKINS 'AIRBORNE'

OCT 16 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - Comparative statistics can be tossed out the window when Sundays roll around in the NFL. Yet, it's interesting to observe the similarity between the Packers and Redskins, who will battle in Washington this weekend. Here's the picture as the two clubs hit the second quarter pole:

- * Washington, a pre-season favorite in the Eastern Division, has been able to win only once, an opening 24-14 conquest over the Eagles. Green Bay, tabbed the most improved team in the Western Division, can half-heartedly brag about holding the Lions to a 13-13 draw.
- * The Redskins' hopes rest on the arm of Eddie LeBaron, the league's best passer. Bart Starr, who turned in the top individual passing game in the NFL this season, is the Packers' bread and butter player.

* Washington's rushing attack, once the scourge of the league, has fallen on its face. Green Bay, for the umpteenth season is again having trouble cranking up its ground machinery.

Coach Joe Kuharich, who last season had the 'Skins moving well with his unbalanced T, refuses to blame individuals, merely commenting: "We're not getting the blocking up front and we have too many backs who aren't 100 percent healthy." Kuharich pointed out that backs like Jim Podoley, Ed Sutton, Don Bosseler and Bert Zagers are not in A-1 shape. Bosseler, suffering from an ear infection, is 19 pounds under what he weighed last year. "Everyone of them is just a step slower hitting the holes," Kuharich said. Scooter McLean has discovered that his power guys are better receivers. If the Packers can't punch through 'em, they'll pass over 'em. Neither the Packers nor the Redskins has a leader among the NFL's top 10 ground gainers. Halfback Don McIlhenny paces the Packers with 105 yards in 26 carries. McIlhenny, on the other hand, has caught 10 passes for 99 yards and one touchdown. Fullback Howie Ferguson, who has gained 87 yards in 26 ties, is the league's ninth-ranked receiver, grabbing 12 passes for 121 yards. LeBaron, the little guy with the big savvy, paces the league in passing with an average gain of 9.68 yards for every pass completed. The mighty mite hit on 25 of 44 for 426 yards, two touchdowns and a 56.8 percentage. Starr ranks No. 10 in the league. He has an average gain of 6.6 yards per pass, has completed 50 of 90 for 594 yards for a 55.6 percentage, two of them good for touchdowns. Green Bay could have the advantage in kickoff returns. Al Carmichael and McIlhenny rank 2-3 in the league. Carmichael has a 38.3 yard average and McIlhenny 29. Washington's Joe Scudero is the league's 10th best punt return leader, averaging six yards on 18 tries. The Skins could also have the edge in punting with Sam Baker averaging 45.7. However, Max McGee is improving with each game. The Packers booter has upped his average to 42.4 yards. The Packers have been penalized 198 yards, more than any team in the league. Add these 198 yards to the ground attack and they'd have something.

PACKERS' OLLIE SPENCER MUST FACE RUGGED GENE BRITO SUNDAY

OCT 17 (Appleton Post-Crescent) - Life gets more interesting by the week for the Packers' fine offensive tackle, Ollie Spencer. Last week he played across from Gino Marchetti, the Baltimore Colts' man-earing defensive end-tackle. And the insurance agent from Birmingham, Mich., sold Gino a sort of blanket coverage plan, thereby keeping Bart Starr from collecting on his insurance.



Two of the Fellows That Washington linemen have to move if the Redskin backs are to go anywhere Sunday are these two Green Bay Packer defensive stalwarts. Above is tackle J. D. Kimmel who was traded from Washington to the Packers before the 1958 season. Below is Jim Temp, rugged Green Bay end.



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Spencer now faces the Eastern division version of Marchetti - the honorable Gene Brito, the Washington Redskin end-tackle. This will be part of the Packer-Redskin action in Washington's Griffith stadium Sunday. Marchetti and Brito are the top defensive wings in their respective divisions. They were early choices in the Pro Bowl game last January. Brito wound up as the best lineman in the game won by the West, 26 to 7. Before the Packer-Colt tilt last Sunday, we asked Ollie: "All set for Gringo?" And Spencer pointed out: "I'm ready." The coaches have got some good plays figured out and maybe it will help keep him (Marchetti) out of there. He's tough to handle for one man."...SKORICH IMPRESSED: Offensive Line Coach Nick Skorich said he was impressed by Spencer's work on Marchetti. "He did the best job on Marchetti I've ever seen. Nobody really handles that animal," Nick said, adding an explanation of Brito: "Gene is a good one but he's a different type. Briton has great speed and fakes and rolls around a guy. Marchetti just overpowers his opponent and he's much bigger than Gene." Brito is 6-2 and close to 230. Marchetti is 6-4, 245...'GOOD JOB': Incidentally, Nick felt that Forrest Gregg did a "generally good job" in his first start at offensive left tackle against the Colts Sunday. Gregg opened in place of Norm Masters and went the distance. Gregg will open at the position in Washington. Five of the offensive linemen stayed out after

Now You See Him, Now You Don't-Packers' Bart Starr Smothered

the regulation workout yesterday, running up and down the field a few times. They were guards Hank Bullough, Jim Salsbury, and tackles Gregg, Masters and Spencer...KNAFELC STARTS: And, speaking of Packer starters, Coach Ray McLean said Thursday Gary Knafelc will start in place of former Redskin Steve Meilinger at slot back Sunday. Working only as a replacement for Meilinger in the first three games, Knafelc still managed to catch five passes. Meilinger caught eight as a regular. Howie Ferguson, the league's top pass-catching fullback a few years ago, is leading the Bays in pass receiving with 12 catches. Billy Howton and Don McIlhenny are next with 10 each.

Big Gino Marchetti (89) of the Baltimore Colts went right over Oliver Spencer to throw Starr (15) for a seven yard loss in third quarter of Sunday's game at County Stadium

HEALTH, GOOD PLAY = WIN

OCT 17 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - Scooter McLean, by no means discouraged even though his club has yet to chalk up a league victory, said his Packers would be in their best shape physically when they take on the Redskins at Washington Sunday (WXIX-TV, WTMJ, 12 o'clock). "It seems good to go into a game in this condition," said McLean Thursday after he directed the Bays through a two-hour drill with emphasis on running plays. Linebacker Carlton Massey, who broke his leg in last Sunday's game against the Colts, is the only casualty. Tom Bettis will start in Massey's spot. Bettis has fully recovered from an elbow injury which sidelined him nearly a month. When asked what it will take to beat the Redskins, Scooter answered, "a lot of good football." McLean realizes his club will have to contend with pro football's best passer in Eddie LeBaron. However, the Packer boss said, "We've got to do more than stop LeBaron - a lot more with the kind of running game they can spring." Scooter singled out Jim Podoley, the former Central Michigan flash, as a "good receiver, good runner and good blocker...a big man in (Joe) Kuharich's unbalanced stuff." This will be Green Bay's first road trip after earning only a tie in three home dates. McLean admitted there is an advantage playing on home grounds. "The crowd," he said, "but we can't let anything like that bother us now." Apparently happy the way his passing clicked against the Colts, McLean said he would stick with the same backfield except for slotback. Here, Gary Knafelc got the starting nod over Steve Meilinger. Bart Starr, it is hoped, will unleash his buggy-whip arm to a host of receivers - Billy Howton, Max McGee, Howie Ferguson, Don McIlhenny and Knafelc. McLean is by no means relying on Starr's arm alone. "Our running against the Colts (61 yards) just wasn't there," Scooter pointed out. "Sure, we were up against a good defensive club...but we've got to open with our running to keep their defense honest." The Packers will wind up drills Friday and take off for Washington Saturday morning. They'll headquarter at a motel in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Sunday's game in Washington marks the first time since 1949 that the Packers have played in the nation's capital. Green Bay lost that one, 30-0. In a return match in Milwaukee (1952), the Packers won, 35-20. The teams have met 10 times since 1937 with Green Bay holding the series edge, six to four.

PACKERS, FOR PLAGUED BY SIMILAR TROUBLE

OCT 17 (Milwaukee Journal) - The Green Bay Packers will go to the other division to find someone in their own league when they meet the Redskins at Washington Sunday. Both NFL teams have had scoring troubles. Each has shown a

respectable defense and an inconsistent offense. Green Bay, without victory, has gone without a point in the second half for two straight games - in the 13-13 tie with Detroit and the 24-17 defeat by Baltimore. In fact, Scooter McLean's Packers have scored only seven points in the second half so far this season. That was in the opener when the Chicago Bears, with a 34-13 lead, let up and permitted Green Bay a consolation touchdown. Joe Kuharich's Redskins have not been much better. They went scoreless in the second half last Sunday and lost at home to the New York Giants, 21-14. Like the Packers, they passed up a field goal chance and failed to make a touchdown. They came away with no points in the second half because of the gamble. The Redskins failed to score in the first half the weekend before and lost to the Cardinals at Chicago, 37-10. They have one more victory than the Packers. They won their opener by beating Philadelphia, 24-14, coming from behind with 14 points in the last quarter. Washington is rated the favorite over Green Bay Sunday, perhaps because it will be playing at home. The National Symphony Orchestra will play, too - between halves...Ken Gray, rookie tackle from Howard Payne (Tex.) College, who started training with the Packers, now is with the Cardinals. He was at Pittsburgh briefly.

Redskins 7-Point Favorite Over Packers on Sunday

Packers 3rd In Aerial Yardage Total

Philadelphia — (4) — Statistics of the National Football league show the Green Bay Packers have the third greatest total of aerial yardage gained.

The Packers have gained 566 yards through the air in its first three NFL games. The Chicago Cardinals lead with 718 yards, followed by Baltimore with 658.

Cleveland's Browns lead the rushing totals, 781 yards to 634 for the Los Angeles Rams, 549 for New York and 532 for the Cardinals.

The Cards lead the entire league in total offense, 1,250 yards to 1,238 for Cleveland. Los Angeles ranks third with 1,179 and Baltimore fourth with 1,123.

All figures are based on the first three games of the season.

REDSKINS 7-POINT FAVORITE OVER PACKERS SUNDAY

OCT 18 (Washington-Appleton Post-Crescent) - The Packers and Redskins both expect to run into buzz saws in Griffith stadium Sunday. And somebody could get cut up in this first league meeting between these two teams since 1952 and the Packers' first showing in the nation's capital since '49. The possibility of surgery without an anesthetic could lure more than 25,000 fans into the ancient local ball yard, which was once made infamous by the Redskins' 73 to 0 loss to the Bears in 1940. This will be the Packers' first road league game of the season but it's a good bet that more fans in Packerland will "see" it then when they're playing at home. The reason, of course, is television. Kickoff is set for 12:06, CST. What's with the buzz saws? Washington, the Packers feel, might come out like same in view of Coach Joe Kuharich's reputation as a canner. He put up one players in a monkey-less jar after the Redskins lost their first game to the Chicago Cardinals. He preserved two of them as civilians after the Redskins lost to the Giants last Sunday...LONG OVERDUE: A third loss (Washington beat Philadelphia in the opener) won't necessarily mean three firings but reportedly Kuharich has been waving the axe in practice this week - a gentle threat, as it were. Thus, it's possible the Redskins will be frenzied Sunday. The Packers don't have any such hatchet hanging over their noggins. But they are overly anxious to win for the simple reason that they haven't won yet. The Bays figure they lost a tough, maddening decision to the Colts last Sunday and they're now overdue. Thus, the Packers might have a light buzz saw of their own a-going. The Redskins figure to have the toughest metal in their buzz saw, judging by the odds which rate Washington a 7-point favorite. That's an insult to the Packers. Green Bay's major plans for Sunday are twofold - (1) scoring more than two or three touchdowns and (2) stopping up Washington's tough ground attack. In losing, tying and losing, the Packers scored 20, 13 and 17 points - a total of 50, five touchdowns, five field goals and five extra points. The key could be in gaining some yards on the ground - at least enough to spark the Bay aerial fame which last Sunday produced 320 yards, including 26 completions in 46 passes by Bart Starr. The Packers moved only 62 yards on the ground. Coach Ray McLean will make one major change in his starting offensive lineup, benching former Redskin Steve Meilinger in favor of Gary Knafelc at slot back. This will put the Bays' three noted receivers in the game at the same time. Gary joining with

Max McGee and Billy Howton...SEVERAL PROBLEMS: The Packer defense will have several problems. One is the Redskins' unbalanced line - the only one of its kind in the league. The other is the Redskin rushing - Jim Podoley, Don Bosseler and Eddie Sutton, who are all hard-running sophomores. The Redskins' attack is wrapped around little Eddie LeBaron, who is a big man when it comes to throwing strikes to his three backs and the Redskins' ace ends, Johnny Carson and Joe Walton. LeBaron will keep a special eye on the Packers' Bobby Dillon. The last time they met, in the Pro Bowl

game last January, Dillon stole a LeBaron aerial and returned it 39 yards for a touchdown...PACE DEFENSE: Spearheading the Packers' defense against LeBaron and the Redskins backs, who run out of a straight T on occasion, will be Packer defensive tackle J.D. Kimmel. He came to Green Bay from Washington (with Meilinger) in exchange for Doyle Nix and John Petitbon. Kimmel and Dave Hanner have anchored the Bays' tough defensive line. It will also be like old times for Len Ford, another Eastern division long-timer. Len was obtained from the Cleveland Browns and is an old Redskin hater. Incidentally, Nix is stationed chiefly as a left cornerbacker, which means that his major job will be keeping tab on Howton. Behind Nix at left safety will be Joe Scudero. Bert Zagers plays the other safety. The Packers are in good physical condition, although their major casualty of last week is out for the season - Carlton Massey who broke his leg against Baltimore. Jesse Whittenton, a defensive back, replaced Massey on the roster. Returning to the lineup Sunday will be Tom Bettis, who missed the first three games with an arm injury. Tom will take over Massey's position, with Dan Currie as the chief standby for all three linebacker spots.