

Preseason: Philadelphia Eagles 24, Green Bay Packers (1-3) 10
 Saturday September 3rd 1955 (at Charleston, WV)

Packers Look to 'Skins After 24-10 Loss; Add Halfback

GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(CHARLESTON, WV) - The Green Bay Packers looked to the Washington Redskins today and another chance to post their second non-league victory. The second win has been a long time coming, three straight losses having been placed on the board since the Pack downed the New York Giants in their season start. Since the win in Spokane, Wash., Green Bay lost to Cleveland in

Akron, Ohio, Pittsburgh in Green Bay and Philadelphia in Charleston, W. Va., Saturday night by a score of 24 to 10. A number of things have happened since the Eagle setback. The Packers moved down to Winston-Salem, N.C., to prepare for the Redskin battle Sunday and welcomed Norm Nygaard, a rookie 185-pound halfback from San Diego State who started this season with the Los Angeles Rams. If Norm makes the Pack, the Rams get a draft choice. Halfback Al Carmichael suffered a dislocated shoulder in the Philly game and will be lost for a couple of weeks. Al came to Green Bay for treatment over the weekend but quickly left for Los Angeles on the advice of the doctor attending Mrs. Carmichael, who is expecting. Middle guard Bill Forester as expected in camp tonight. He left Green Bay at 12:40 this afternoon after remaining with his eight-month-old son Michael William, who suffered an attack of polio last Friday. Forester said that his boy's fever had gone down and he has shown some improvement. Coach Liz Blackburn sent the Packers through a workout this afternoon and concentrated on pass offense. "We dropped nine passes against the Eagles and six of them in the first half. We could easily have built up a 14-0 lead in the first quarter by hanging onto the ball," Blackburn said, adding: "Tobin was throwing well until he was injured and even after he came back in after getting hurt. He hit his head on the ground when tackled and was unconscious for a short

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GREEN BAY PACKERS vs. PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1955
 LAIDLEY FIELD - CHARLESTON, W. VA.

time. We played Tom Bettis in Forester's position and he did reasonably well. Jennings played half the game and looked reasonably good." Blackburn said that the Packers will cut down to one practice a day from "now on." Blackburn said movie meetings are held in the morning and outdoor drills in the afternoon. Except for a fourth-quarter thrust engineered

by Rote, Green Bay's offense generally went nowhere Saturday night. The Eagles did a little sputtering themselves for one period, but really worked Green Bay over the rest of the way. A crowd of about 12,500 sat in on the contest on a clear, moon-lit evening, and the spectators moved about restlessly as the first period ended in a 3-3 deadlock after bringing little in the way of the spectacular. Rote was shaken up considerably near the end of the initial 15 minutes, and didn't get back into action until near the close of the half. The Packers, without Rote, could muster no steam at all. The ace Green Bay passer wound up the evening with 13 completions in 31 tosses, but only in the final quarter did his bullets find their mark consistently. The Green Bay touchdown thrust covered 80 yards in 10 plays, with four passes from Rote to Fred Cone, Joe Johnson, Veryl Switzer and Gary Knafelc eating up 44 yards. The pass to Knafelc from the six was the touchdown play. The Eagles held a 10-3 halftime lead after rolling 74 yards in 11 plays for a second period touchdown. Fullback Dick Bielski, the former Maryland star, rammed over for the score from the one after two passes from Bobby Thomason to Pete Pihos, each good for 20 yards, provided the big ground gaining plays in the push.

PACK SCORES FIRST

The Packers managed to score first in the game on a 40-yard field goal by Cone. They then fell behind 24-3 before Rote managed to pull Green Bay together for a touchdown march. Cone's three-pointer came the second time the Packers were able to move in for a field goal attempt in a spirited early showing. The Eagles, at that point, were having troubles of their own getting started. They didn't get out of trouble, in fact, until the Packers' Carmichael fumbled Burk's punt in the Green Bay 23 and Jim Weatherall recovered for Philadelphia. The Eagles ground to the 17 in three plays and on fourth down Bobby Walston - who also added three conversions after touchdowns - tied the score with a field goal from the 25. The Philadelphia powerhouse opened the throttle wide immediately on grabbing the third period kickoff. Jerry Norton took the boot on his five and raced to the 23. He immediately broke away again for 13 yards on a quick-opener and the Eagles were on their way. Chiefly on Burk's passing, they surged 77 yards in 12 plays, with Burk passing to Pihos in the end zone from the three for the touchdown to make it 17-3 Eagles. Green Bay's Roger Zatkoff managed to throw a momentary monkey wrench into the drive by once tossing Burk for a 10-yard loss back to the Packer 32, but the Eagles quarterback promptly uncorked another pass to Norton on a play which carried to the Green Bay five. Green Bay again could get nowhere with the ball after the next kickoff, and the Eagles were off and flying again. Burk flipped passes to Pihos for 21, 11 and 12 yards and to Bill Stribling for 12 in a 64-yard scoring drive which took 12 plays.

DROP 21 BEHIND

Bielski picked up his second touchdown of the night by ramming through left tackle from the eight on the second play of the fourth quarter and the Packers were 21 points behind. Once Rote got Green Bay moving a few moments later, the Packers moved from their own 20 to the 48 on a 28-yard burst by Switzer. A moment later, Rote hit Cone for a first down on the Eagles 34. Still throwing strikes, Rote connected with Johnson for five and Switzer for 16 yards to move the ball to the 13. Breezy Reid moved in at that point to click off two and three-yard gain and Cone got a yard before Rote connected with Knafelc for the touchdown...Switzer was the top individual ground gainer for Green Bay, with 40 yards in five carries from scrimmage. Reid netted 21 yards in five trips with the ball. Teddy Wegert gained 48 yards in 10 carries for the Eagles; Bielski 44 in 11 attempts and Norton 38 in 10 carries. Burk completed 11 of 21 passes for 145 yards, and Thomason eight of 10 for 83. Rote's 13 completions netted 172 yards, with Switzer catching three of the tosses for 64 yards. Pihos was the big thorn in the Packers' side in the Eagle aerial attack, grabbing six passes for a net of 85 yards. The Eagles' mastery was so complete Saturday night that they let the Packers have the ball for only five plays in the third quarter in scoring one touchdown and setting up another. A fine punt return by Harold Giancanelli from his own four to the 27 seemed to inspire the Eagles just before the end of the first period, and they didn't give up the ball again that time until they had their first six-pointer.

Still Unbeaten							GREEN BAY			
NATIONAL GRAPEFRUIT LEAGUE (Western Peeling)							Ends—Knafelc, Martinkovic, Borden, Jennings, Howton, Knutson. Tackles—Szararyn, Helliun, Hanner, Dahms, Boub, Zatkoff. Left Guards—Spinks, T e t e a k, Brown, Ruzich, Timberlake, Bullough. Centers—Ringo, Bettis. Backs—Rote, Brackins, Carmichael, Walker, Switzer, Self, Cone. Fullbacks—Clemons, Ferguson.			
San Francisco	4	1	0	.800	144	69	PHILADELPHIA			
Los Angeles	3	1	0	.750	124	93	Ends—Pihos, Scott, Vaught, Willey, Stribling, Dugger. Tackles—Snyder, Wydo, Huggins, Sharkey, Lansword, Weatherall, Andry, Richards. Guards—Kilroy, Jarmoluk, Magee, Huxford, Horrell. Centers—Kelly, Bednarik, Robinson. Backs—Burk, Thomason, Norton, Don Johnson, Bell, Wegert, Bawell, Walston, Dowda, Kudson, Roffler, Giancanelli, Bielski, Maravick. Green Bay 3 0 0 7—10 Philadelphia 3 7 7 24 Green Bay Scoring: Touchdown—Knafelc (6, pass from Burk), Point after touchdown—Cone. Field goal—Cone (40). Philadelphia Scoring: Touchdowns—Bielski 2 (1, plunge, and 8, run); Pihos (3, pass from Burk), Point after touchdown—Walston 3. Field goal—Watson (25). Officials: Referee—Jack Glascott, Umpire—Mike Wilson; Field judge—Alva Ball; Head linesman—C. J. McDade; Back judge—John F. Isaac.			
Detroit	2	2	0	.500	65	45	G. B. Phila.			
Chicago Bears	1	2	0	.333	71	58	Rushin; yardage	73	143	
Green Bay	1	3	0	.250	62	77	Passing yardage	172	228	
Baltimore	0	1	1	.000	35	49	Total yards	245	371	
(Eastern Peeling)							Passes attempted		35	32
Philadelphia	4	0	0	1.000	86	45	Passes completed	13	19	
Chicago Card.	2	1	0	.667	45	65	Passes intercepted	2	0	
Cleveland	1	2	0	.333	48	62	Punts	7	4	
New York	1	2	0	.333	68	71	Punting average	46.2	40.1	
Washington	1	3	1	.250	89	125	Fumbles lost	1	1	
Pittsburgh	1	3	0	.250	54	133	Yards penalized	0	35	
Saturday Night's Results							First downs		13	23
PHILADELPHIA 24, GREEN BAY 10.										
Bears 45, Washington 10.										
Sunday's Result										
San Francisco 43, Cardinals 7.										
Tonight's Game										
New York vs. Baltimore at Minneapolis.										
Friday Night's Game										
San Francisco at Los Angeles.										
Saturday Night's Games										
GREEN BAY vs. WASHINGTON at Winston-Salem, N. C.										
Detroit at Cleveland.										
Baltimore at Cardinals.										
New York vs. Bears at Little Rock, Ark.										
Sunday's Game										
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh.										
The lineups:										

GREEN BAY - 3 0 0 7 - 10
PHILADELPHIA - 3 7 7 7 - 24

	<u>GREEN BAY</u>	<u>PHILADELPHIA</u>
First Downs	13	23
Rushing-Yards-TD	73	143
Att-Comp-Yd-TD-Int	35-13-172-1-2	32-19-228-1-0
Total Yards	245	371
Fumbles-lost	1	1
Turnovers	3	1
Yards penalized	0	35

SCORING

1st - GB – Fred Cone, 40-yard field goal GREEN BAY 3-0

1st - PHIL - Bobby Walston, 25-yard field goal TIED 3-3

2nd - PHIL - Dick Bielski, 1-yard run (Walston kick) PHILADELPHIA 10-3

3rd - PHIL - Pete Pihos, 2-yard pass from Adrian Burk (Walston kick) PHILADELPHIA 17-3

4th - PHIL - Bielski, 9-yard run (Walston kick) PHILADELPHIA 24-3

4th - GB - Gary Knafelc, 6-yard pass from Tobin Rote (Cone kick) PHILADELPHIA 24-10

Packers Get Philbee, Install Flanker Setup

OBTAIN HALFBACK

SEPT 5 (Charleston, WV) - Halfback Norm Nygaard of San Diego State Saturday was obtained by the Green Bay Packers from the Los Angeles Rams. If he makes the grade, the Rams will receive an undisclosed draft choice.

PACKERS GET ELLIOTT BACK

SEPT 6 (Los Angeles) - The Los Angeles Rams released Stretch Elliott Tuesday, sending the veteran back to the Green Bay Packers for tackle Tom Dahms. Elliot was acquired in a trade with the Packers for Dahms and a high draft choice.

PACKERS GET PHILBEE, INSTALL FLANKER SETUP

SEPT 7 (Green Bay) - The Packers today: (1) looked over former Bradley fullback Jim Philbee, a 1953 draft choice, and (2) settled on a flanker offensive system to compensate for the loss of Al Carmichael. As a sidelight to the news, Coach Liz Blackbourn said that "Tom Dahms will go back to the Los Angeles Rams over the end of a musket." He was referring to an Associated Press story out of Los Angeles earlier today that Stretch Elliott had been placed on waivers, Dahms was going back to the Rams and the Rams were returning a draft choice to the Packers. Early in the training season, Elliott was traded to LA for Dahms and a draft choice. As yet, no club has picked up waivers on Elliott, the former Packer veteran. He was traded when the Bays developed a surplus of defensive ends and a shortage of offensive tackles. Blackbourn said that "Dahms has been doing fine." Philbee was the Packers' 18th draft choice two years ago, but was called into service before the Bays had a chance at him. Blackbourn had high hoped he'd join the Pack for '55, but the former Bradley speedster decided to sign with the Saskatchewan Rough Riders of the Canadian league. Philbee turned out to be an offensive star, chiefly as a pass catcher, but Canadian coaches also wanted him to play defensive end - a position not suited to his 185 pounds. Philbee decided to try his luck with the Pack and Blackbourn has placed him at offensive end in competition with Bill Howton, Gary Knafelc, Jim Jennings and Bob Peringer. Philbee gained a wide reputation for his speed at Bradley, specializing in long runs. He ran the 100 under 10 seconds and qualified for the Olympic trials as a hurdler. Under the flanker plan, Veryl Switzer, Joe Johnson and Al Carmichael will be spotted wide to the left or right as "third ends". Breezy Reid, Howie Ferguson and Fred Cone will play halfback or fullback and will remain back with the quarterbacks. A number of the flanker plays were used against the Eagles and "the receivers were open half the night but we dropped too many passes," Blackbourn recalled. The protection given QBs Tobin Rote and Charlie Brackins was considered better than in the previous game against Pittsburgh. "Loss of Carmichael leaves us with one less pass receiver and the flanker system will correct that some," Blackbourn said. Bill Forester, who was called to Green Bay when his son developed polio over the

weekend, rejoined the squad last night. Bill will toughen the defense for the Packers' fifth exhibition game against the Washington Redskins in Winston-Salem, N.C., Saturday night.

AC FAVORS NEW STADIUM, 'REC' AREA WITH LINKS

SEPT 7 (Green Bay) - The Sport Committee of the Association of Commerce went on record at a breakfast meeting this morning as favoring development of two important sporting facilities for Greater Green Bay - enlarged seating capacity in a stadium for the Green Bay Packers, and a county recreational area to include a public golf course. Mayor Otto Rachals, outlining the present status of plans for providing the Packers with seating capacity of 32,000 fans here, announced that he had instructed architect Ed Berners Tuesday to prepare cost estimates for a completely new stadium in a location other than the present City Stadium. But the Mayor said that he favored construction of the new seating facilities at the present City Stadium site for three prime reasons: First, he was confident that a new stadium would cost considerably more; second, that a new stadium far out on the west side would be used probably only four times a year whereas City Stadium is used 50 times a year in addition to Packer games; and third, that Green Bay businessmen would derive little benefit from Packer games at a stadium on the far west side...**COST ESTIMATED AT \$900,000:** The Mayor also said he wanted to make it clear that the Board of Education had approved plans drawn by Berners for new stands at City Stadium only in the sense that they were satisfactory as far as East High School is concerned; that the board did not feel it should attempt to make any determination on where a new Packer stadium should be located or what type it should be except where that interest affected East High. The Mayor said that present estimates would place the cost of erecting new stands at City Stadium with a capacity of 32,000 at approximately \$900,000. Berners said that salvage of materials from the present stands would pay for taking those stands down. Commenting on this year's Packer team, General Manager Verne Lewellen predicted that "when the league season rolls around, I am sure fans here will again be proud of their Packer team." Lewellen asked fans to remember that these are "preseason games" and that the coaching staff had a very difficult problem this year trying to find replacements for four key men from last year's squad. "I think we are still ahead of last year at this stage and when we get into the league season I think you will find that the coaching staff will have solved many of these problems," he concluded.

LACK OF PASSING OFFENSE CAUSES POOR RECORD; IMPROVEMENT LIKELY

SEPT 7 (Milwaukee Journal) - There is nothing wrong with the Green Bay Packers, fretting and stewing down there in Greensboro, NC with a 1-3 record in exhibition games, which a little offense couldn't cure. The bare results at the moment will hardly send Green Bay's good burghers into a Kozatchok down the main stem, but they certainly don't portend a dull, unhappy fall ahead. The club beat the Giants in the opener, 31-24, then bowed to Cleveland, 13-7, Pittsburgh, 16-14, and Philadelphia 24-10. All but the Philadelphia game was close. Each, except maybe the Philadelphia game, could have gone the other way, and even the Philadelphia game might have, had the receivers not suddenly developed a severe case of butter fingers. Nine passes were dropped - a couple of them touchdown passes. On defense, the club has left little to be desired. Only three teams in fact, judging by points allowed, have done a better job so far - Philadelphia, Detroit and San Francisco. Philadelphia has allowed 11 points per game, Detroit 11.25 and San Francisco 13.8. Green Bay has allowed 19.25. All of the others have allowed more. On offense, though, the story is entirely different. There lies the key to the difficulties so far - perhaps the key to the season. The offense must begin to jell and specifically the passing offense. No team can go very far in pro ball without a good, consistent aerial arm. The Packers just haven't had it. Either Tobin Rote, off to a slow start, has passed poorly as he did in the Pittsburgh game in which he completed only 29 percent, or his protection has been spotty, or his receivers have dropped the ball as they did in the Philadelphia game Saturday night. Actually, the running hasn't been too bad. The Packers in their present state will never have a ground attack like San Francisco's or Los Angeles' or even close to it. But they could come up with something that would let them get by as a .500 club if only the passing improved. In their four games, they have been outgained on the ground by some 120 yards, which isn't bad. Some of the trouble undoubtedly stems from the very nature of Lisle Blackburn's rebuilding program. He wanted defensive men first in the last draft and he got them - Tom Bettis, linebacker, the No. 1 choice; Jim Temp, defensive end, the No. 2 choice; Norm Amundsen, defensive guard (now in the Army), No. 6 choice. The best offensive man he picked was Buddy Leake of Oklahoma, but he jumped to Canada. At any rate, it's the offense that will cure a lot of the present little ills and the offense should come. More work will certainly help. So will offensive halfback Norm Nygaard just obtained

Stadium and Packers

Editor, Press-Gazette: How could any one of our city officials possibly think of erecting a new stadium on its present site — anyone with such thoughts is not mentally fit for a city official's job unless they've never attended a Packer game — and fought their way through the traffic after walking a mile to the stadium — and then on the way out walk into the biggest bottleneck in town — Three Corners on one side — the East River on the other, and all roads leading from the stadium one way streets that were built for horse and wagon traffic. And where does 75 per cent of the traffic wind up? Back on the west side or maybe it's the stinking smell of East River that our officials like. Did they ever take a census to find how many auto accidents there are after each game. Let's wise up and build the stadium for the people.

And Liz, when are you going to find a quarterback for us? Let's face it for heaven's sake, if Brackins is good use him now, not later when the chips are down Liz, we're used to losing but why not let us lose a few with men like Brackins and Deschaine, at least for the exhibition season.

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from the Los Angeles Rams and offensive end Jim Philbee of Bradley, a refugee from Canada. Bill Lucky, offensive tackle, should soon begin to round into shape after his appendectomy, and guard Jack Spinks, converted from a fullback, should continue to improve as an offensive guard. At the moment, the Packers stand 10th among the 12 teams as a scoring machine. Only the Cardinals and Washington have shown less of a punch. This will still be a Packer team that will give trouble to all.

Nygaard Breaks Wrist, Out for '55

Need Convertibles

More convertibles are needed for the Packer welcome home Sunday afternoon. President Bernard Darling of the sponsoring Packer Alumni Assn., said today. Anyone with a convertible available about 3:45 Sunday afternoon is asked to call Darling at Hemlock 5-7597. The Packers will be welcomed on their return from North Carolina at Austin Straubel Field. There will be fireworks and a brief program after which the team will be driven to Green Bay in convertibles.

NYGAARD BREAKS WRIST, OUT FOR '55

SEPT 8 (Greensboro, NC - Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Green Bay Packers counted out Norm Nygaard today. The former San Diego State and Los Angeles Ram halfback suffered a broken wrist in practice Wednesday afternoon and will be lost for the season. Nygaard came to the Packers on a conditional trade - that is, if he made the team the Packers would give Los Angeles a draft choice. He likely will be placed on waivers. Coach Liz Blackburn shortened rough work yesterday due to the heat. It was in the 90s. The team went through a one-on-one aerial drill designed to sharpen the defense and at the same time give the backs and ends practice catching the ball under fire. The line was drilled on protection for the passer...SKIBINSKI BETTER: Blackburn said that guard Joe Skibinski's ankle is

"better". Skibinski suffered a sprained ankle in the first scrimmage at Stevens Point shortly after reporting from the Cleveland Browns. An offensive workout was on tap for this afternoon - the last concentrated drill for the non-league game against the Washington Redskins in nearby Winston-Salem Saturday night. The injury to Nygaard was the second serious hurt in five days. In the Saturday test against Philadelphia, Al Carmichael suffered a dislocated shoulder. He'll be ready to start practice in three weeks and should be ready to play in the fourth week. With a 1-3 record in their first four games, Packer opponents showed a composite statistical edge on the Bays in every department but punting, where the Packers, with Dick Deschaine's long punts, have an average of 45.6 against the foes' 39.8. In total yardage, Packer foes (New York, Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia) produced 1,347 yards against Green Bay's 1,117. The foes counted 805 passing against the Packers' 757. In rushing, the opponents let 542 yards to 420. The Packers tried 126 passes and completed 55 while the opponents attempted 151 and completed 64. In first downs, the Packers made 58, opponents 71. Individually, Veryl Switzer is leading both punt and kickoff returners with an average of 5.1 on punts and 35.7 on kickoffs. Howie Ferguson has gained the most yards rushing - 120 on 36 trips for an average of 3.4. Switzer and Tobin Rote each have gained 69 for second, Veryl gaining 4.6 and Rote 3.8. In pass catching, Billy Howton caught 11 for 207 yards, Joe Johnson 10 for 100, Al Carmichael 8 for 121 and Gary Knafelc 7 for 86. Rote attempted 112 passes and completed 50 for 716 yards and five touchdowns. He had six intercepted. Charlie Brackins completed five out of 14 tries for 41 yards.

'Skin' Game?

NATIONAL GRAPEFRUIT LEAGUE (Western Peeling)

	W	L	T	Pct.	Ps	Op
San Francisco	5	1	0	.833	175	79
Los Angeles	3	2	0	.600	134	124
Detroit	2	2	0	.500	65	45
Chicago Bears	1	2	0	.333	71	58
GREEN BAY	1	3	0	.250	62	77
Baltimore	0	2	1	.000	49	66

(Eastern Peeling)

	W	L	T	Pct.	Ps	Op
Philadelphia	4	0	0	1.000	86	45
Chicago Cards	2	1	0	.667	45	65
New York	2	2	0	.500	83	85
Cleveland	1	2	0	.333	48	62
Washington	1	3	1	.250	89	125
Pittsburgh	1	3	0	.250	54	133

Friday Night's Results

San Francisco 31, Los Angeles 10

Tonight's Games

GREEN BAY vs. WASHINGTON at Winston-Salem, N. C.

Detroit at Cleveland

Baltimore at Cardinals

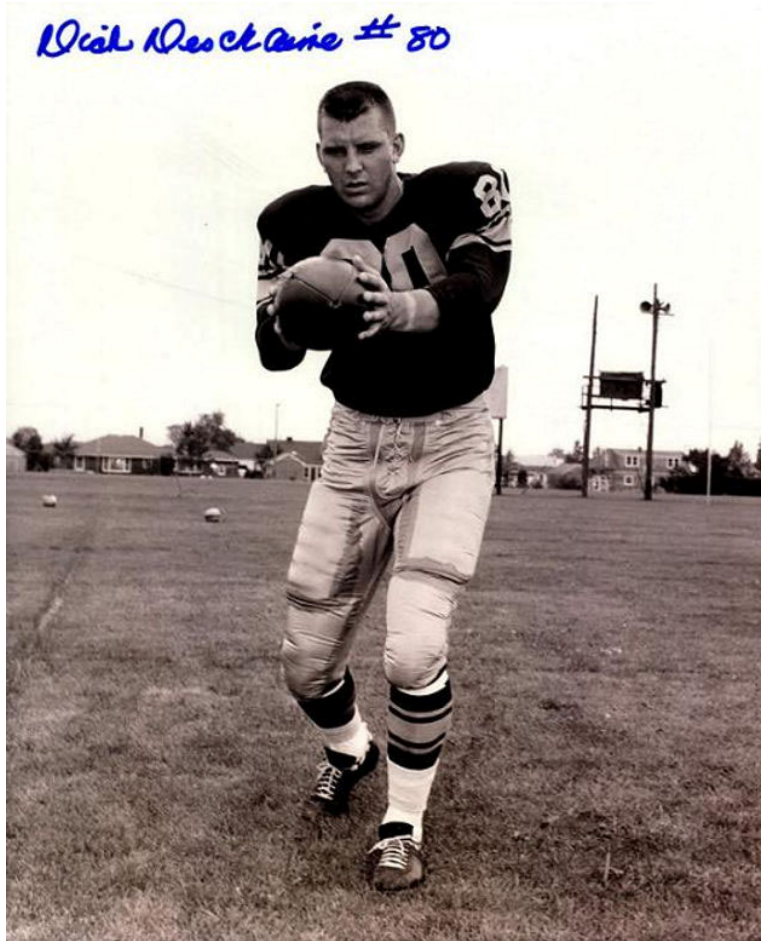
New York vs. Bears at Little Rock, Ark.

Probable Offensive Lineups:

PACKERS	WASHINGTON
Knafelc, le	le, Carson
Szafaryn, lt	lt, Boll
Skibinski, lg	lg, Witucki
Ringo, c	c, Ujinski
Brown, rg	rg, Hansen
Dahms, rt	rt, Morgan
Howton, re	re, Hecker
Rote, qb	qb, LeBaron
Johnson, lhb	lhb, Janowicz
Reid, rhb	rhb, Goode
Ferguson, fb	fb, Drazenovich

ROTE EARNS HIS KEEP

SEPT 8 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - Tobin Rote is the highest paid Packer in 37 years of professional football, earning a reported \$18,000 a season. He's Mr. Offense for Green Bay and his achievements deserve every penny the Packers can pay him. The 1954 season showed that Rote was the passingest and runningest quarterback in the league. The competition was talent like Graham, Layne, Van Brocklin, Tittle and Burk. But if there was a quarterback to make the defense honest, it was Rote. Tobin completed 180 passes in 1954 (best in the league), but when the defense covered his receivers, Rote took to the obvious, free-wheeling like a halfback for 301 yards (best in the league). A review of last season's statistics reveals that Rote was the second leading yard producer. He gained 2,612 yards, only 15 less than Norm Van Brocklin of the Rams. Otto Graham of the Browns was third. This is Tobin's sixth season with the Packers and it could be his best IF his receivers can hang on to his baseball-like pitches and IF he gets assistance from an offensive line which, on paper, appears stronger. Rote has been an in-and-outer during the exhibition trail. He's appeared like a pitcher reporting to spring training, finding his control not up to par. The consequence has been three losses in four starts. So Saturday night at Winston-Salem, NC, Packer followers will be watching to see if Tobin can regain his 1954 form, a necessary adjustment if Green Bay expects to make itself respected



in a usually tough Western Division. Rote, 27, is one of the sturdiest quarterbacks in the league. He's a well-proportioned 205 pounds, stacked on a 6-3 frame. While Rote can pass 'em dizzy, it's his running that really kills 'em. In five previous seasons at Green Bay, Tobin has averaged an imposing 5.6 yards every time he lugged the ball. Tobin is a Texan and became adept at running while playing high school ball at San Antonio from 1943-45. Rote was used a fullback and tailback in a single win. Tob's frequent fondness for running has time and again given enemy tacklers an opportunity to put his out of business. But they haven't, just to show Rote's durability. He has never missed a Packer game, playing in 60 straight league contests and also taken part in countless intra-squad tussles and exhibitions. In ball carrier ratings, Tob was ranked 23rd in the league, highest among the quarterbacks. The next QB on the league list was the Rams' Billy Wade, who understudied Van Brocklin. Wade was 35th in ground gaining, the Cardinals' Lamar McHan was 47th, the Lions' Bobby Layne was 52nd, the Washington Redskins' Al Dorow was 53rd and Graham was 55th, 22 places behind Rote. One of the most feared backs in the NFL, Rote's reputation as a passer and runner is second to none. The Rote-propelled Packers could be a barn-burner when warmed up...BAYS KEEP DAHMS, WAIVE ELLIOTT: Veteran end Stretch Elliott, released by the Los Angeles Rams, has not been reclaimed, the Green Bay Packers announced Wednesday. The Packers will retain ex-Ram tackle Tom Dahms, acquired in a trade for Elliott and a high draft choice. Green Bay will fulfill the draft choice part of the trade, but Elliott may now be claimed by any club in the NFL.

PACK MAY GET ONE 'ANSWER' IN SKIN TILT

SEPT 9 (Greensboro, NC-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packers may get an answer to one of their most pressing 1955 problems when they oppose the Washington Redskins in their fifth non-league game at neighboring Winston-Salem Saturday night. The man who can provide it is Joe Skibinski, bulky guard obtained in a late July trade with the Cleveland Browns as a potential replacement for Al Barry at left offensive guard. The Packers also acquired tackle Bill Lucky in the swap that sent Art Hunter to the Browns. Skibinski will start against the Redskins tomorrow night, replacing Jack Spinks, Head Coach Liz Blackbourn announced today. It will be the first major test for the stocky Purdue alumnus, who has been hobbled by a sprained ankle since the day he arrived at the Packers' training camp in Stevens Point. A hale Skibinski well could put new life into the Packers' ground offensive, which has been on the inconsistent side in their last two starts against the Pittsburgh Steelers and Philadelphia Eagles, both of them losing ventures. Joe will be the only new member of the starting offensive platoon against the 'Skins, Blackbourn indicated. The rest of the alignment will include Gary Knafelc and Bill Howton at end, Len Szafaryn and Tom Dahms at tackle, Buddy Brown at right guard, Jim Ringo at center and Tobin Rote, Joe Johnson, Breezy Reid and Howie Ferguson in the backfield...WILL SEE LITTLE ACTION: Johnson will be

stationed as a flanker in the new system Blackbourn has installed to compensate for the loss of Al Carmichael, who suffered a shoulder dislocation in the Eagle match and will be sidelined for at least two more weeks. Blackbourn said that another Packer "white hope", Jim Philbee, will see little if any action tomorrow night. Philbee, regarded as a possible replacement for the departed Max McGee at left end, reported to the club Wednesday afternoon, leaving Canadian football. "If we use him at all, it will be only on kickoffs and punt returns," Liz said, adding, "he's a 9.7 man in the 100-yard dash, you know. But he's got an awful lot to learn about our system. In fact, he'll have a terrific job picking up all he has to learn." The Packer defense will be strengthened against the Redskins by the return of Bill Forester, who missed last Saturday's Eagle engagement because his son was stricken with polio on Friday. Forester, middle guard in the Bays' defensive alignment, rejoined the squad Tuesday. Liz said there may be one change in the defensive platoon. It would have Jim Temp, who has been "coming along pretty well," at right end in place of Nate Borden. The other starters will be John Martinkovic at left end, tackles Jerry Helluin and Dave Hanner, linebackers Deral Teteak and Roger Zatkoff and backs Billy Bookout, Doyle Nix, Bobby Dillon and Val Joe Walker.

PACKERS PLAY IN EAST AGAIN

SEPT 9 (Milwaukee Journal) - Smarting under three straight defeats since they beat the New York Giants in their first game a month ago, the Green Bay Packers will attempt to halt their exhibition slide when they meet the Washington Redskins Saturday night. Green Bay ruled a one point favorite. The Packers will be without Al Carmichael, veteran halfback, who suffered a shoulder separation in last week's game with Philadelphia, but will have middle guard Bill Forester again. Forester missed last week's game because of his son's illness in Green Bay.

PACKERS PASS 'GLUE' TO ENDS

SEPT 9 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - The Packers will be out to hang on to Tobin Rote's pitches and break a three-game losing streak Saturday night when they meet the Redskins at Winston-Salem, NC in the fifth exhibition game of the season. Failures to hang on to the football cost the Packers a 24-20 defeat by the Eagles last Saturday. Nine perfect passes from Rote were dropped during the course of the game. An offensive stepup has been the theme of drills at Greensboro, NC this week where coach Liz Blackbourn has been ironing out flaws. The Packers will break their eastern camp Saturday and return to Green Bay Sunday. Blackbourn received disturbing news when it was reported halfback Al Carmichael had suffered a dislocated shoulder in the fourth quarter of the Eagles' game and will be lost for at least two weeks. No other injuries were incurred, although Rote had to sit out part of the game when he was shaken up...Jim Philbee, drafted by the Packers in the 19th round in 1953, has joined the club after a trial with the Saskatchewan Roughriders of the Canadian League. A former track star, Philbee qualified for the Olympics as a hurdler. Blackbourn will try Philbee as an end, hoping he will be the answer to the problem created by the departure of Max McGee...Dick Deschaine, rookie punter from Menominee, MI, continued his



Trapped — Green Bay Packer halfback Veryl Switzer managed about five yards on this play despite the fact that he was surrounded by Philadelphia Eagles in Charleston, W. Va., Saturday night. He was trapped and tackled by Norm Willey (86) and Jerry Norton (41). (AP Wirephoto)



Hurdler—Packer halfback Joe Johnson and Packer center Jim Ringo combined for this short gain and eye-catching picture in Packer-Philadelphia Eagle game in Charleston, W. Va., Saturday night. Johnson is leaping over a fallen teammate while Ringo elbows out a would-be tackler. Note the towel tucked in Jim's belt. It's used by the quarterbacks to keep their hands dry.

sensational punting against the Eagles. On seven punts, Deschaine had a 45.9 average. That gives him a three-game average of 46.9 on 19 punts...Norm Nygaard, recently obtained from the Los Angeles Rams, is considered one of the finest backs in San Diego State College history. He was the Rams' fourth choice in 1954 but plays with San Diego last season. Nygaard set an all-time school rushing record in 1952 with 1,116 yards. Last season, he was named to the Little All-American eleven and was all-league for three straight years.

NYGAARD LOST AS PACKERS GET SET FOR 'SKINS TONIGHT

SEPT 9 (Winston-Salem, NC) - The Green Bay Packers concluded one of the most rugged drills ever in preparation for their Saturday night exhibition against the Washington Redskins and it cost them the services of halfback Norm Nygaard, recently acquired from the Los Angeles Rams. Nygaard suffered a broken wrist in passing drills, designed to sharpen Green Bay's lacking offensive punch. The former San Diego State back will be lost for the season, and he will likely be placed on waivers. It was the second serious injury in less than a week, Halfback Al Carmichael sustaining a dislocated shoulder in the Philadelphia Eagles game. Carmichael should be ready to start practice in three weeks. Coach Liz Blackbourn worked the squad in 90 degree heat Friday mainly on its aerial timing, with the emphasis on Tobin Rote throwing under fire. Rote seemed to be approaching his better self, hitting targets time and again - with the receivers hanging on to his rocket passes.

The Redskins, training at Memphis, TN, will be slight underdogs. Both squads have similar exhibition marks, winning but one game. Green Bay turned back New York, 31-24, while Washington upset Los Angeles, 31-28. Since those wins, the Packers took it on the chin from Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. The Redskins lost to San Francisco, Detroit, Baltimore and the Chicago Bears. The teams met only once in 1954, the Packers winning, 31-3, at Raleigh, NC.

PACKERS TACKLE REDSKINS, SECOND QUARTER SAG

SEPT 10 (Winston-Salem, NC-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - If the Green Bay Packers end their three-game losing streak against the Washington Redskins at Bowman Gray Stadium here tonight, it is likely to be by overcoming the "second quarter sag" that has afflicted them throughout the grapefruit season. Tonight's game, fifth in a preseason series of six for Coach Liz Blackbourn's athletes before they inaugurate NFL competition against the Detroit Lions in Green Bay Sept. 25, is expected to attract a near-capacity house. Bowman Gray, like Green Bay's City Stadium, seats approximately 25,000 spectators. (WJPG broadcast 6:55, Green Bay time.) It is rated as more or less a tossup since the Redskins, like the Packers, have won only once in four starts, although their record also includes a tie with the Baltimore Colts. The 'Skins, who held the San Francisco 49ers to a 7-6 edge and upset the Los Angeles Rams 31-28 earlier in the season, fell before the Chicago Bears in their last start, 45-10. Defensively, the Packers hold a definite edge over George Preston Marshall's hireling, having yielded only 77 points, compared to 125 by the Redskins. They have, however, played one less game than the 'Skins. Offensively, the point totals favor Washington, 89-62...On an overall basis, second period misfortunes have been the key to the Packers' present 1-3 non-league reading. For reasons not readily apparent to Blackbourn and his aides, the Bays have been off color both offensive and defensively during those last 15 minutes before intermission time and these lapses have cost them dearly. The cold figures show that the Packers have scored only one touchdown during the four second quarters of their four previous starts against the New York Giants, Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. Defensively, their luck has been even worse. The opposition has run up a total of 38 points, five-tenths of a point lacking half the overall enemy total, during the same span. Totals on the other three quarters reveal the Packers have outscored their rivals, 55-39, sufficient evidence that Blackbourn's proteges have that fatal second quarter to thank for their present record...Tonight, however, will bring another game and another opponent - and the Packers, on the word of Blackbourn, "will be out to get this one" as a present for the fans when they debark from their chartered airliner at Austin Staubel Field at approximately 3:30 Sunday afternoon. There will be two changes in the Packers' offense-defense platoons tonight, as announced by Blackbourn Friday. One will have Joe Skibinski starting at left guard on attack, replacing Jack Spinks, and the other will



see Jim Temp, instead of Nate Borden, opening at right end on defense. The Packers' recently-installed flanker system also will get another test. The system, unveiled against the Eagles last Saturday in a move to compensate for the loss of Al Carmichael, will employ Joe Johnson as a permanent flanker, thus providing quarterback Tobin Rote with three prime targets (including ends Gary Knafelc and Bill Howton) on every aerial maneuver. Insofar as springing receivers into the open is concerned, the operation proved effective against the Eagles but eleven of Rote's tosses reportedly slipped through the fingers of his intended receivers...Ground-wise, it is hoped that the presence of Skibinski, ready to go after being hobbled by a sprained ankle for a month, will accelerate the Packers' movements overland. Defensively, the Packers probably will get their first look at the Redskins' No. 1 draft choice and the 1955 College All-Stars' move valuable player, quarterback Ralph Guglielmi of Notre Dame. Veteran Eddie LeBaron, however, has been Washington's regular offensive engineer most of the season to date. A third candidate for the post, Michigan State alumnus Al Dorow, also will be available to Head Coach Joe Kuharich if needed. Blackbourn will enter tonight's engagement with a perfect record against Washington. Last year, his first as the Packers' head man, the Bays humbled the Redskins, 31-3, in a non-looper at Raleigh, N.C. They did not meet during the league season. The game has been vigorously promoted here, starting with a banquet for both teams last Tuesday night. Blackbourn and Packer General Manager Verne C. Lewellen attended the last of these functions, a Winston-Salem Touchdown Club fete, Friday night. The Packers, with a police escort from Winston-Salem, were scheduled to leave their Greensboro base, 30 miles distant, for the stadium at 4:30 this afternoon, Green Bay time.

Packer Welcome Set Sunday

The Packers, who have been at their Stevens Point base or on the road since they opened practice July 16, will be accorded a civic welcome when they arrive at Austin Straubel Field at ap-

proximately 3:30 Sunday afternoon.

The welcome program, which will include fireworks, has been arranged by the Packer Alumni Ass'n. After the ceremonies, the coaches and players will be driven

to Green Bay in a string of convertibles.

Monday, the Packers will open practice here for their final non-league game of the season against the Chicago Cardinals in Milwaukee next Saturday night.

Packers Tackle Redskins, Second Quarter Sag