



Preseason: Washington Redskins 17, Green Bay Packers (3-1) 10 Saturday September 8th 1956 (at Winston-Salem, NC)

Pack Settles Down at Home; Loses to 'Skins 17-10

Faces Cardinals in Non-Loop Finale

All Rookies Given Chance in Loss; Bays Control Contest in 2nd Half

First One	е	!			GREEN BAY vs. CARDINALS at St. Louis. Cleveland vs. Detroit at Akron. Bears vs. New York at Dallas.
NATIONAL GRAPEFI (Western Division)					Philadelphia vs. Pittsburgh at Min- neapolis. Sunday's Game
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Detroit 3	î	.750			GREEN BAY 0 0 3 7-10
Baltimore 2	2	.500	90		Washington scoring — touchdowns: Baker (7 run) James (31-yard pass
Los Angeles 2	2	.500	117	86	from Wyant); conversions: Baker 2.
(Eastern Division)					Field goal: Baker (27 yards).
New York 3	1	.750			Green Bay scoring- touchdowns;
Washington 2	2	.500	59		Rote (1 foot sneak) conversion: Cone,
Chicago Cardinals . 1	3	.250	61		Field goal: Cone (18 yards).
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Cleveland 0	4	.000	23	62	First Downs 13 17 Rushing yards 102 125
Saturday Night's Resu	100				Passing yardage 177 221
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Sunday's Results	lai	teisco	14.		Fumbles lost 0 1
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Friday Night's Game					umpire—Joseph Connell, back judge —Jim Hamer, head linesman—Sam
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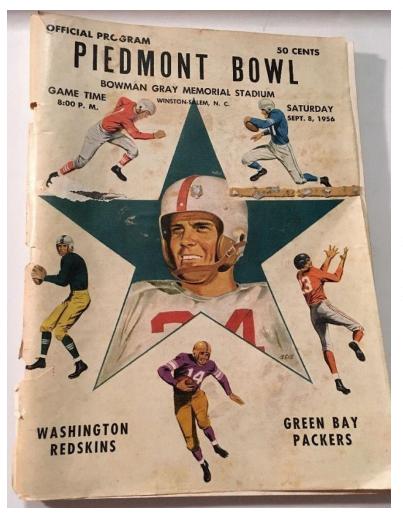
GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(WINSTON-SALEM, NC) - The Packers settled down at home today for an 11-week stay. They arrived here Sunday evening from Winston-Salem, N.C., where they dropped a 17-10 decision to the Washington Redskins in their fourth non-championship battle of the infant '56 season. Coach Liz Blackbourn gave the players today off - "they've got to have some time to settle down," he explained, but practice will be resumed Tuesday in preparation for the preseason windup against the Chicago Cardinals in St. Louis Saturday night. The current squad is composed of 46 players, but several cuts will be made sometime today. Blackbourn and members of his staff, Ray McLean, Abe Stuber, Lou Rymkus and Earl Klapstein, huddled over the slicing problem most of this morning. Additional cuts likely will be made after the Cardinal game. Most of the Packers are staying at the Northland Hotel. The married players who have their families here are living at rented apartments or houses, while two of them, John Martinkovic and Breezy Reid, own their own homes here. Referring to the Washington game, Blackbourn said "we waited just a little too long before putting in our best lineup." Liz stuck with his rookies and newcomers until well into the third quarter – after the Redskins had built up a 17-0 lead. The Bays went on to score 10 points and control the game offensively and defensively. The Redskins made only one first down in the second half. Blackbourn said he was happy with the training season, pointing out that "I played more men than I ever have. Rookies were used mostly in

the game so that every boy would have a chance to show his ability before cuts are made." The game helped to straighten out the quarterback situation. Veteran Paul Held and rookie Bart Starr split the quarterbacking in the first three frames and Liz thought Starr had the edge. Veteran Tobin Rote took command in the final period and led an 80-yard march for the Packers' only touchdown. Martinkovic, veteran defensive end, was held out of action and veteran tackle Dave Hanner played just a little. The Packers came out with the usual bumps and bruises and one injury – guard Joey Skibinski who hurt his knee. The game, played before 13,500 who watched the second annual Piedmont bowl on a perfect football night, was all Redskins the first half and almost all Packers the second half. With quarterbacks Eddie LeBaron, Al Dorow and Don Bailey all out with injuries, the Redskins' Joe Kuharich called on fourth stringer Freddie Wyant, southpaw rookie from West Virginia, who played only a total of five minutes in the previous three exhibitions.

FORGE 14-0 LEAD

Wyant responded nobly completing nine of 14 tosses for 177 yards. He hit on seven of 10 for 147 yards in the first half against the Packers' second string secondary to forge a 14-0 halftime lead. Late in the first period, Wyant pitched a 43-yard



strike to end Johnny Carson, the play carrying to the Green Bay 18. On the first play of the second quarter, he connected with Carson again – this time good for 14 yards to the Packer seven. From there, fullback Sam Baker scored on a pitchout without a defender touching him. Baker converted to make it 7-0. About halfway through the second period, Green Bay had fourth and two on the Redskin 44 and Bill Roberts was stopped inches short of a first down. Wyant went into action after the Skins had been penalized to their own 28 for illegal use of hands. He pitched to Steve Meilinger for 18, to Dick James for 12 and for the score to James for 31. Baker again converted, making it 14-0. In the first period, the Packers gained only 56 yards rushing and Held and Starr had a total of 3 for 7 passes good for 21 yards. The Redskins made it 17-0 with 3:50 in the third period on Baker's 27-yard field goal. After that, it was all Packers. After the Packers' first thrust was halted, Fred Cone put them on the scoreboard with an 18-yard field goal. Reid galloped 10 and Roberts 18 and Starr completed to Roberts to the 33 and then to Knafelc on the Green Bay 46. Three plays later, he fired four yards to Knafelc for a first on the Redskins 43. That's where Tobin Rote took over. Rote completed three of his first five, the third being a nine-yarder to Billy Howton for a first down on the Redskin 13. Howie Ferguson got to the nine on a draw play and Rote on a rollout to the left reached the Skin three. The Redskins held for three downs before Rote sneaked the last foot with 9:55 left to play. Cone converted to make it 17-10. Eight plays

later, Baker punted dead on the Packer 11. On first down, Rote faded into the end zone and completed to Howton, speeding up the right sideline. Howton took the ball on the Redskin 45 and was finally stopped on the 31. Rote immediately hit Knafelc for a first down on the Skin 15. On the next two plays, he was thrown for losses back to the 25. On third and fourth down, passes for Howton were broken up. With 2:09 left, the Redskins took over and only 55 seconds remained when Green Bay gained possession. There was not time for another threat.

GREEN BAY - 0 0 3 7 - 10 WASHINGTON - 0 14 3 0 - 17

	GREEN BAY	WASHINGTON
First Downs	17	13
Rushing-Yards-TD	125	102
Att-Comp-Yd-TD-Int	27-14-221-0-2	14-9-177-1-0
Total Yards	346	279
Fumbles-lost	1	0
Turnovers	3	0
Yards penalized	30	30

SCORING

2nd - WASH - Sam Baker, 7-yard run (Baker kick) WASHINGTON 7-0

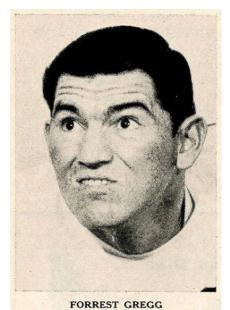
2nd - WASH - Dick James, 31-yard pass from Fred Wyant (Ralph Felton kick) WASHINGTON 14-0

3rd - GB - Cone, 18-yard field goal WASHINGTON 14-3

3rd - WASH - Baker, 27-yard field goal WASHINGTON 17-3

4th - GB - Rote, 1-yard run (Cone kick) WASHINGTON 17-10

Liz Certain of One Improvement Over 1955: Confidence



First year in professional football... Packers' 2nd draft choice in 1956... Can play offensive or defensive tackle as well as defensive end... For two straight years, 1954 and 1955, was named to All-Southwest Conference team... Played in East-West Shrine game and the Hula Bowl in Hawaii. Was captain of the SMU grid team in 1955... He joins former SMU stars Val Joe Walker, Bill Forester and Doyle Nix (Now in service) on the Green Bay roster... Attended Sulphur Springs, Texas High School and played football, baseball and participated in track... Residence: Dallas, Texas.

No. 75 - Tackle



FRED CONE No. 31 - Fullback

No. 31 — Fullback

Sixth year in professional football...Packers'
No. 3 draft choice in 1951...Led the Packers in scoring four out of the five years he has been with the club...Now has a total of 309 points and ranks fourth in the all-time Packer scoring...One of the best extra point kickers in the NFL...Last season he kicked 30 conversion attempts without a miss and booted 16 of 24 field goal attempts to break an all-time Packer record...He never kicked an extra point or a field goal before joining the Packers...Served with the 11th Airborne Infantry in the Phillipines and Japan...Entered Clemson following service and went out for football, his first football because he did not play in high school...Captained the Orange Bowl champions in 1950 and was named South Carolina's outstanding athlete in his senior year...Married...Residence: Milwaukee, Wisconsin. in his senior year. Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

PACKERS CUT SEVEN

SEPT 10 (Green Bay) - The Packers have placed seven players on waivers, including three with pro experience, Coach Liz Blackbourn announced today. They are quarterback Paul Held, who was with the Packers in '55; halfback Verl Lillywhite, a former San Francisco Forty-Niner; halfback Ralph Goldston, onetime Philadelphia Eagles; and rookies Max Burnett, halfback; George O'Brien, guard; Glenn Young, halfback; and Bobby Maddox, halfback. The cuts reduced the squad roster to 40.

LIZ CERTAIN OF ONE IMPROVEMENT **OVER 1955: CONFIDENCE**

SEPT 11 (Green Bay) - Coach Liz Blackbourn is dead sure of one improvement for the '56 Packers over the previous six-six season: "Confidence," Liz pointed out today, explaining: "It was noticeable in camp this year and it's been getting better. The boys know they've got a job to do and they're confident they can do it. I've noticed the improvement in confidence each year and right now it looks as if it's much better than a year ago." Any other improvements over' 55, coach? "At 44 players (the number with the squad before yesterday's cut) we were better than last year. But it remains to be seen whether the group (40) left will measure up to



VAL JOE WALKER No. 47 - Halfback

Fourth year in professional football... Obtained in trade from the New York Giants in 1953... Seventh draft choice of the Giants... Given honorable mention as an All-Prodefensive halfback in 1954... Injured knee in latter part of 1954 season, but knee was operated on during winter and was in top shape for the 1955 season... Last season had six interceptions to rank 9th on defense... Rated one of the top defensive backs in the six interceptions to rank 9th on defense... Rated one of the top defensive backs in the Southwest while playing for SMU and once ran 92 yards on a punt return against Texas University...Ran the high hurdles on the SMU track team... Played in the 1953 College All-Star game... Intercepted four passes in each of the past 1953-54 seasons... Returned one for 54 yards and a touchdown in 1953 against Baltimore, the fourth-longest return in Packer history... Married... During the off-season he sells insurance... Residence: Seminole, Texas.

the same number of players a year ago." Breaking down the team into offense and defense, Blackbourn pointed out that the club's scoring machinery was banked around ends Billy Howton and Gary Knafelc, fullback Howie Ferguson and quarterback Tobin Rote – the same as in '55. "The key in making the group function is the offensive line. By that I mean for Ferguson and protection for the passer. If the blocking and protection improves over last year, then an improvement can be noted in our offense." Knafelc has improved over a year ago, Liz said, "but we haven't been able to tell about Howton; he's been hurt and not in top shape yet." Incidentally, Liz said, "Gary had a bad cold in the Redskin game; he could hardly breathe." Blackbourn said that the addition of tackle John Sandusky will help. "We're hoping that the two rookies, Skoronski and Gregg, can also handle tackle well. That would give us an opportunity to work Len (Szafaryn) at guard." As to offensive halfbacks, Blackbourn said "we're about the same as last year; we'll miss Veryl (Switzer) and we've still got to find somebody to fill his shoes as a swing man." Working as swing possibilities are Jack Losch and Bill Roberts, both rookies. The other halfbacks are Breezy Reid, Joe Johnson and Al Carmichael, who, if anything, have shown considerable improvement over a year ago. Blackbourn said the club may have to carry two offensive centers - veteran Jim Ringo and newcomer Larry Lauer, although, he explained, "we'll keep working Bill Forester at the position." Dick Deschaine shapes up as the club's third end and Blackbourn noted an improvement there. "He didn't play any end at all last year; this season he has," Liz said. The veteran coach, starting his third Packer campaign, figured the defense would be about the same as a year ago. There still is considerable competition for the cornerbacker spots between Losch, Roberts (also deep possibilities), Hank Gremminger, Jim Capuzzi and veteran Billy Bookout, who has the inside track at one spot. The flying Texans, Bobby Dillon and

Val Joe Walker, have been bothered some with injuries but they figure to be set for the league opener. The linebacking

positions are in good hands, Liz smiled, with Deral Teteak, Tom Bettis, Roger Zatkoff and Forester. Bettis and Forester also can switch at middle guard. Blackbourn said there are "two good fights going on in the defensive line between Helluin and King at one tackle and Gene Knutson and Emery Barnes for the third defensive end." Jerry Helluin, a '55 holdover, and Don King are both former Browns. King came to the Pack this summer in exchange for a draft choice. Veteran tackle Tom Dahms and Bill Lucky presently are listed as swing men, playing both offense and defense. Dave Hanner will be rough to move out of his defensive tackle spot; ditto for John Martinkovic and Nate Borden at defensive end. Summing up the situation, Blackbourn said "there is no reason to get panicky or excited," and, referring to the coming NFL race, "there are so many good clubs in the league; it will be an awful dog race." The Packers have one more game and two weeks to get ready for the league opener. They engage the Chicago Cardinals in St. Louis Saturday night and then settle down for two weeks of intensive preparation for Detroit. The Packers have an off weekend after the Cardinal game. The Bays were off Monday and most of them spent their time settling down. The married players are living in apartments or houses around town and the single boys are headquartered at the Northland. The 40-player squad launched workouts this afternoon in the outfield of Bluejay Park, starting at 3 o'clock. A double drill was on tap for Wednesday and a single drill Thursday. The squad will leave for St. Louis by train Friday morning. Blackbourn reduced the squad yesterday by placing seven players on waivers – quarterback Paul Held; halfbacks Verl Lillywhite, Ralph Goldston, Max Burnett, Glenn Young and Bobby Maddox; and guard George O'Brien.

PACKERS CUT CLUB TO 41; ASK WAIVERS ON SEVEN

SEPT 11 (Green Bay) - Coach Lisle Blackbourn of the Green Bay Packers asked waivers Monday on seven players. That trimmed the squad to 41 players as the Packers get ready for their final exhibition game, against the Chicago Cardinals at St. Louis Saturday night. Of





those let go in the latest cut, only quarterback Paul Held was with the team last season. The NFL veteran lost out to rookie Bart Starr of Alabama as understudy to Tobin Rote. Two others were veterans of other league teams. They are halfbacks Ralph Goldston (Philadelphia Eagles) and Verl Lillywhite (San Francisco 49ers). Only one of last winter's draft choices was let go, Max Burnett, Arizona halfback, picked on the 12th round. The others were rookie free agents - guard George O'Brien of Wisconsin, and halfbacks Glenn Young of Purdue and Bob Maddox of Trinity (Tex.) College. Blackbourn gave all extensive tests in the first half of the exhibition game with Washington at Winston-Salem, N.C., last Saturday night. The Packers fell behind, 17-0, and the veterans could not quite catch up with the Redskins in the last quarter. The 17-10 defeat was Green Bay's first in four exhibition games. The injury situation could hardly be better. Guard Joe Skibinski sustained only a minor leg bruise. Val Joe Walker, defensive halfback who has been sidelined for two weeks with a lung injury, and Al Carmichael, offensive halfback who bumped into him in practice, will be ready to play Saturday. After the Cardinal game, the Packers will have two weeks in which to get ready for their league opener against the Detroit Lions at Green Bay September 30. The squad must be cut down to 35 players by that time.

LIZ CAREFULLY OPTIMISTIC OF CLUB'S WORK

SEPT 11 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - The Packers, trimmed down to 41 players, set up their season residency in Green Bay Monday and promptly looked ahead to their league opener against the Lions, September 30, although a final pre-season test

is slated at St. Louis Saturday night against the Cardinals. Coach Liz Blackbourn, who put seven players on the waiver list after the 17-10 defeat to the Redskins, seemed cautiously optimistic as he talked about the start of play for keeps. "Our exhibition record (3-1) has been the best ever. We've used a lot of boys, Tobin Rote, at last, hasn't been overworked. And there have been signs of improvement over last year." Blackbourn listed the quarterback post, with veteran Rote and rookie Bart Starr at the controls; the end spots, with veterans Billy Howton and Gary Knafelc; and fullback, with workhorse Howie Ferguson rarin' to go the best filled positions. "Rote is more rested with a steady Starr around," said Liz. "Knafelc should be a better end than last year. Howton got dog tired Saturday night and needs more work. Ferguson will always be a good one." Blackbourn emphasized that "Knafelc, Howton and Fergy are our big wheels. Our offensive strength rests with them. We haven't anything new at halfbacks although Breezy Reid and Joe Johnson have looked good so far." The only rookies who have were singled out by the Bay coach were defensive halfbacks Hank Gremminger and Jim Capuzzi. "Both have looked sharp and are fighting it out for that defensive halfback spot."

GIRARD ONE OF GRID'S MOST UNDER-RATED PLAYERS!

SEPT 11 (Ypsilanti, MI) - The old saying "Jack of all trades, master of none" certainly doesn't apply to the Detroit Lions halfback-end Earl (Jug) Girard. Girard, a 5'10", 175-pounder from Marinette, Wis., has been one of the key performers on the Lions club since coming to the team in 1952 in a trade from Green Bay, yet Lion coaches feel he is one of the game's most under-rated players. Because of his great versatility, Girard has switched positions at different times at the risk of his own personal glory for the overall good of the team. And the hustling Badger star has become one of the most dangerous offensive operators in the game while being overlooked by most fans. Since coming to the Lions in 1952, Girard has played offensive left halfback, both offensive ends, handled kickoff and punt returns, offensive right halfback, handled punting assignments and, on occasion, has even handled kickoff assignments for Coach Buddy Parker. He even has played some on defense when injuries have played havoc with Lion defenders. In his first season with Detroit, Girard played a key role in Detroit's first championship team in 17 years. He filled in at left halfback while Doak Walker was injured for seven games and had a 3.6 yard rushing average and caught 17 passes for 316 yards. Two years ago, Jug was moved to offensive end in the Lion's wide-open offensive system and was the Lions third leading receiver with 27 receptions for 421 yards and scored seven touchdowns. Again the Lions won the



Welcome Home . . . Squeeze Play . . . Back the the Pack—In left panel, Packer coach Liz Blackbourn (left) gets a hearty hello and handshake after arriving with Bays from Winston-Salem, N. C., at Austin Straubel field Sunday evening. Extending the good will is Bernard Darling, president of the Packer Alumni Assn. At right, George, Kathy and Susan Jane Wallenfang (left to right) wave their welcome-home banners on a "Back the Packers" car at airport. Nearly 1,000 persons turned out. Center picture shows Packer end Gary Knafelc being squeezed in this attempt to catch a pass in Packer-Washington game Saturday night. Redskin in front is Art DeCarlo and Redskin in rear is unidentified. Washington won 17-10.

Western Division title, only to lose to Cleveland in the title playoff. He also ranked among the NFL's top punters. In 1955, Girard again saw service at offensive end, grabbing 23 passes for 301 yards and continued his fine kicking work. Right now, as the Lions move into the 1956 season, Girard again is back at left halfback on offense, sharing the role with rookie Hopalong Cassady, where Parker can take advantage of his running and great pass receiving ability. Although he is in his ninth season in the NFL, after Green Bay's No. 1 draft choice in 1948, Girard has lost none of his zest for football and actually seems to improve with each year. The end isn't in sight for the former Badger star, at least not as long as there are any offensive spots he hasn't tried. Jug starts his ninth season 55 mile from his hometown, in Green Bay Sept. 30.

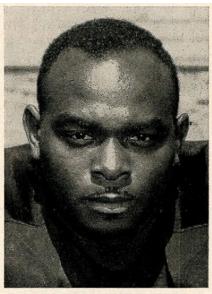
Pack Pushes for More Points Vs. Cardinals; Walker Back

Pass Catcher? — Packer

Pass Catcher? — Packer defense end John Martinkovic, who has never played offensive end as a Packer, shows that he, too, can snare a pass—for the benefit of Press-Gazette photographer Bill Peters at City Stadium Tuesday.

PACK PUSHES FOR MORE POINTS VS. CARDINALS; WALKER BACK

SEPT 12 (Green Bay) - Some 300 Packer backers crowded around the Packer offensive team at Bluejay Field Tuesday as the Bays conducted the first of 55 to 60 practice sessions on the home acres. Four or five grownups, two or three youngsters looking for a ball to kick around, one sportswriter and one publicity chief watched the defensive squad labor. That would indicate, among other things, that Mr. John Q. Tiketbyer wants and likes points for his money. The witnesses already have noticed that the Bays chalked up 75 marks in four non-league contests, which averages out to 18.75 per test. That, Mr. JOT agrees with Coach Liz Blackbourn, will have to be increased in the forthcoming league season - not to mention the final non-league game against the Chicago Cardinals in St. Louis Saturday night. Which is one reason why the fans at a football workout will generally congregate around the offense! But there was some news in the private defensive party, at which Coach Abe Stuber did the pouring. One Val Joe (Needles) Walker not only was breathing; he was running, too. A week ago last Thursday, Walker suffered a lung tear, an injured knee and a real shaking up in a collision with Al Carmichael at the Stevens



JOHNNY "Jack" SPINKS No. 61 — Fullback

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Fourth year in professional football... Drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1952... Traded to the Chicago Cardinals in 1953 but an injured foot allowed him to see only limited action... Released by the Cardinals just prior to the league season... Rates as a good blocker and has exceptional speed for his size... In his first season with the Steelers he carried the ball 22 times for 94 yards and a 4.3 average... Never played high school football... Competed in baseball, track and basketball at Stevenson High School, Toomsuba, Mississippi... Works in a Pittsburgh Department store during the off-season... Married and father of three-year-old Johnny, Jr... Residence: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Point training camp. Val Joe missed the Brown game at Cleveland (he remained in his hotel room and listened to the battle on the radio) and the Washington test in Winston-Salem, N.C. During the process, Walker healed well and gained five pounds. Also working with the defense was Jack Losch, the Miami laughing boy who had some fun with his fine speed imitating Cardinal pass receivers. The defensers wore red shirts to keep down any possible confusion. With the exception of two players, the squad is in good physical condition. Rookie halfback Bill Roberts has a couple of misplaced ribs and veteran Joey Skibinski has a knee problem, both injuries resulting from the Washington game. Both were running, however. In a one-group drill using Cardinal offenses, just about everybody jumped into the various offensive positions. One highlight saw center Jim Ringo look at things right side up as he stepped into fullback for a few plays. Emery Barnes, a defensive end, tried his hand at pass catching; so did defensive back-end Al Romine and Hank Gremminger, a cornerbacker who played offensive end in college. Against this array of "Cardinal" players, Blackbourn and Stuber tested all of the Packers' defensers, including Losch, Romine, Jim Capuzzi and Walker. The Cardinal game, oddly enough, will mark the return of the Packers' ace deep defenders, Walker and Bobby Dillon, as a unit. Various injuries floored one or the other in the first four games. The Packers likely will need all of their defensive strength for the Cardinals, who are due to explode after a 69 to 21 loss to the high-powered Los Angeles Rams last week. Blackbourn indicated Monday that he plans to go pretty well with his first offensive and defensive units Saturday night since it will be the last chance for enemy competition before the league opener here against Detroit Sept. 30. Defensively, that would mean Dillon, Walker, Billy Bookout, Roger Zatkoff, Deral Teteak, Bill Forester, John Martinkovic, Nate Borden, Dave Hanner and Jerry Helluin. That group adds up to 10 and the missing link is at cornerbacker where Gremminger and Capuzzi are fighting for work. Four or five other players are virtually interested in a stake in that defensive unit - tackle Don King, who is battling with Helluin; Emery Barnes and Gene Knutson at defensive ends; and Romine and Losch in the defensive backfield. The Packer offensive unit moved along at a brisk pace under Blackbourn and Coach Ray McLean, with Tobin Rote and Bart Starr handling the passing. The quarterbacks alternate, first one pitching to the backs and ends and then handing off for the line drills under Lou Rymkus and Earl Klapstein. The workout was ended with punting by Dick Deschaine, Bill Forester and Losch, who also spent some time fielding Deschaine's long boots. The Bays held two drills today, at 9:30 and 2:30, and one session was on tap for Thursday. The squad will leave for St. Louis on the 10:25 North Western Friday morning.

PACKERS KEEP HANDS HIGH WITH EYE TO TRIPPING CARDS SATURDAY

SEPT 13 (Green Bay) - It's pretty difficult for a burly defensive lineman to charge with his hands high over his head. But that maneuver is a must for Packer defensive ends and tackles - at least two or three times a week. Purpose of the drill, of course, is to knock down a bullet at close range and smother the quarterback in the process. Earl Klapstein, the Packer assistant coach, sent eight defensive giants through the odd-looking, hands-high drill in the second portion of Wednesday's double workout. Klapstein snapped the ball and then went back in the pocket, like a QB, while the linemen, starting from their normal stance, came in high. Working with Earl were ends Gene Knutson, John Martinkovic, Nate Borden and Emery Barnes and tackles Don King, Bill Lucky, Jerry Helluin and Dave Hanner. All of them stand six feet or taller and one,

Barnes, stretches out to six-six. Barnes' height and practice came in good stead a half-hour later during a scrimmage, when he batted down one of Bart Starr's passes at close range - maybe three or four feet. The Packers hope to get close enough to Chicago Cardinal quarterback Lamar McHan to perform similar heroics when the two clubs tangle in a nonchampionship game in St. Louis Saturday night. Coach Liz Blackbourn polished the Bays' offense during the spirited half-hour scrimmage - the first and last this week. Operating from one spot throughout, the Packers managed to go the distance three or four times. Once fullback Howie Ferguson sailed around right end and, with the aid of a couple of good blocks, went the route. Joe Johnson did the same around the left side and on another play made a spectacular catch of a Tobin Rote pass for about 30 yards. Blackbourn called for a number of belts through the line. When a certain play was stopped cold, they walked through it to determine the guilty party. The defensive players had themselves fun, too. Once linebacker Tom Bettis, playing chugger opposite Billy Howton, wouldn't let Billy loose from the line of scrimmage on a pass intended for him. Quarterback Starr was forced to run and turned the possible loss into a gain. Blackbourn worked everybody but the two injured players - halfback Bill Roberts, who has a rib problem, and guard Joey Skibinski, a knee. The scrimmage produced on casualty - John Martinkovic, who came up with a battered leg. All three were on the training table after practice when equipment chief Dan Braisher brought in a new casualty - Randy Rybicki, a nine-year old who had suffered a cut an inch from

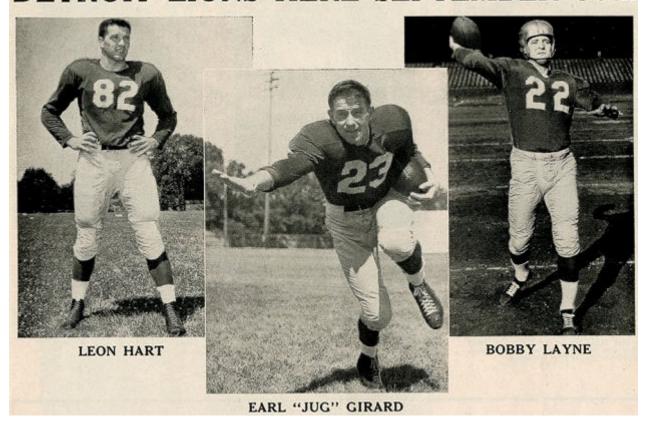


his right eye "when we were throwing some big white balls around" in back of the stadium. Rybicki was fighting back the tears when Trainer Bud Jorgensen stopped taping Roberts and treated the youngster. Skibinski consoled the lad with a few tales about cinder fights in Chicago streets "when we were kids", and pointed to a gash on his forehead where "one of those tin cans hit me." Randy thanked Bud for the patch and went on his way, feeling a bit wobbly, while Roberts, in answer to a question, told about Dartmouth, his alma mater, and the white hills of New Hampshire...One practice session was on tap for today and an early-bird workout was scheduled for Friday. The squad will leave for St. Louis on the 10:25 North Western. They'll board the Wabash Bluebird train in Chicago at 5:25 and arrive in St. Louis at 9:38 p.m. Headquarters will be at the Coronado Hotel. Kickoff is set for 8:30, Green Bay time. The team will leave St. Louis by train at 9:55 Sunday morning and return to Green Bay on the 8:12 North Western Sunday night. Forty players will make the trip and Blackbourn plans to use all of them.

LIZ TO START BEST AGAINST CARDS

SEPT 13 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - "We're going to start out best against the Cardinals Saturday night," Liz Blackbourn said Wednesday, which meant the starters will closely resemble the Packers which will face the Lions in the league opener,

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September 30. "This is our last pre-season tuneup and we've got to be shaping things up for the big ones," added Liz. "We've still got 40 players with us. I'll cut that number down Monday." Blackbourn's starting lineup for the game at St. Louis will be Billy Howton and Gary Knafelc at ends, Bob Skoronski and John Sandusky at tackles, Joe Skibinski and Jack Spinks at guards, Larry Lauer at center, Tobin Rote at quarterback, Breezy Reid and Al Carmichael at halfbacks and Howie Ferguson at fullback. Skoronski and Lauer are the only rookie. Defensively it will be another veteran unit with Hank Gremminger the only new man. Regarding the Cardinals, Blackbourn said "they'll probably be growling after that disastrous rout (69-21) at Los Angeles last week. They've always had speed galore but haven't been too successful at quarterback, with Lamar McHan failing to develop." Blackbourn was somewhat perturbed about preparations for Saturday night's contest. "We called off Monday's drills so our boys could get settled in Green Bay and Tuesday wasn't much good because our equipment didn't arrive from Winston-Salem, N.C. "We'll take a close look at the Redskin pictures Thursday and leave Friday morning for St. Louis." The Packer boss said he was pretty well set on his squad and didn't think he would be picking up any material put on waivers from other clubs. "If a good one pops up, though, that would be a different story." This will be the first football game ever played at Busch Stadium, home of the Cardinals. A major leveling process, which will take off the pitching mound, is in process to turn the baseball field into a suitable football site.

Sports Cocktail: Times Have Changed 36 of 40 Packers Married; Result: A Housing Problem!

36 OF 40 PACKERS MARRIED; RESULT: A HOUSING PROBLEM!

SEPT 14 (Green Bay) - Times have changed and whatever became of the nickel cigar. Seven, eight, 10 years ago the Packer rookie was almost a cinch to be single. And most times he stayed that way for two or three years before taking on a mate.

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Saving up for furniture, etc. In the past couple of years, however, there has been a strong trend toward early marriages. The result shows up in the current roster of 40 Packers. Only four of them are single - halfbacks Bill Roberts, Jack Losch, and Billy Bookout and tackle Bob Skoronski. Roberts is 26, Losch 21, Bookout 24 and Skoronski 22 - so there's still time. Thirty-six married Packers means that 36 wives - not to mention a flock of youngsters, must be accommodated in our town. And that brings up a problem - housing, one of the top topics among the Bays these days. The boys were kicking it around in the dressing room the other day. "Maybe, the Packers ought to build some kind of apartment house or motel and rent it out to us during the season," one remarked. Another thought the "group cottage" idea was good. Eight married players and their families have taken over eight cottages just north of Dyckesville, and included in the "party" are six children. The cottagers are the Jim Ringos, Bill Foresters, Val Joe Walkers, Fred Cones, Deral Teteaks, Hank Gremmingers, Gary Knarfelcs and Al Carmichaels. Five or six more married Packers are still hunting for places to live. They need one and twobedroom furnished apartments or houses or even cottages. Persons with accommodations are asked to call the Packer office Hemlock 2-4873...And speaking about changing times, the Packers' method of traveling - by train - to St. Louis is almost a rarity other than the short hops to Chicago and Milwaukee. The Packers have been traveling almost exclusively by plane in the last five years - other than the aforementioned short trips. The Bays are going to St. Loo by train simply because it's much less expensive than air travel and the time saved by plane is little. All National League clubs are having air problems this season since the big airlines face a severe shortage of equipment due to heavier commercial traffic and the fact that the airliners are getting ready for the changeover to jet and turbo-jet planes. Football teams can use the big airlines, but they must, in most cases, travel on regularly scheduled commercial flights. The Packers made their last eastern tour via North Central which has enough equipment to handle charters. But two planes were required... A special seat on the Packer bench in St. Louis Saturday night will be reserved for Veryl Switzer, former Packer back who is now with the Air Force at the Malden Air Force Base near St. Louis. Switzer will be seeing his first Packer game as a non-player but Coach Liz Blackbourn may have trouble keeping him out of a grid uniform. Jim Temp and Norm Amundsen, the former Badgers drafted by the Packers, sat on the Packer bench at the Washington game in Winston-Salem, N.C., last Saturday. Both are planning to report to the '57 Packer training camp.

LIZ TO START THREE 'SKIS' AGAINST CHI-CARDS SATURDAY

SEPT 14 (St. Louis-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Packer coach Liz Blackbourn put three skis and one sky (pronounced sky) in his starting lineup today for the final non-championship football battle against the Chicago Cardinals in Busch stadium here Saturday night. The skis are Skibinski (that's two right there) and Skoronski, and the sky is Sandusky. They'll all be in the opening offensive line - the unit charged with protecting Packer passers and opening holes for Packer rushers. If this sounds like a plug for our friends in Pulaski and other Polish communities, it is, and there's no charge - thank you! Starting

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on a team Blackbourn feels will carry the load for the Packers in the NFL is quite an accomplishment for 245-pound Bob Skoronski, the only rookie in the opening offensive group. Skoronski, the former Indiana star, has made it possible for Blackbourn to shift last year's starting offensive tackle, Len Szafaryn, to guard and thus toughen the team at guard. Playing alongside Skoronski will be Joey Skibinski, who has come into his own this season after a badly sprained ankle just about ruined his '55 campaign here. Doubleski is presently bothered with knee troubles but it's nothing compared to the '55 ankle...PLAY NO. 1 BACKFIELD: John Sandusky will open at right tackle - a position he's presently sharing with incumbent Tom Dahms. Sandusky and Skibinski are both former Cleveland Brownies, Joev coming last summer and John this summer. The rest of

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the offensive line will have Billy Howton and Gary Knafelc at ends, Jack Spinks at right guard and Larry Lauer, who will open at center in place of veteran Jim Ringo. Lauer is no stranger to center, having spent a couple of years in the Chicago Bear chain. Blackbourn will lead off with his No. 1 backfield - Tobin Rote at quarterback, Breezy Reid at left half, Al Carmichael at right half and Howie Ferguson at fullback. There are two surprises in the Packers' starting defensive team - Don King at tackle instead of Jerry Helluin and Tom Bettis at linebacker instead of Deral Teteak. King has moved fast in the last two weeks in a bid for work opposite Dave Hanner. Two rookies may start on defense - one a last-minute switch due to John Martinkovic's injury. Martinkovic hurt his leg in a brief scrimmage Wednesday and was sent to the hospital the next day. Treatment for the

injury was to be continued today, with the result that big John missed the trip. Rookie halfback Bill Roberts also stayed behind. He is nursing a rib injury. Blackbourn said that Martinkovic should be ready for the league opener against Detroit Sept. 30. Starting in his place Saturday night will be Emery Barnes, the long rookie. The other rookie starter is Hank Gremminger, the hard tackler who will work at cornerbacker. Other defensive starters are Nate Borden at end, Hanner at tackle, Bill Forester at middle guard, Roger Zatkoff at linebacker, Billy Bookout at cornerbacker, and Bobby Dillon and Val Joe Walker at deep safety. The Cardinals should prove an excellent test for the hopeful Packers. They'll be especially tough in view of their 69 to 21 loss to the Rams in Los Angeles last Friday night. The Bays, seeking their fourth win in five non-loop starts, beat the Cardinals twice last year, 38 to 27 in a non-leaguer and 31 to 14 in league action, and the Chicagoans are pretty much the same - with the exception of valuable experience. Lamar McHan has been the Cards' top quarterback and his chief running aides are Ollie Matson and Dick Mann. Rapidly coming into his own is Max Boydston, the Cardinals' ace pass catching end, who was injured most of the '55 season. The Cardinals have a 1-3 record in non-league play. They lost to Los Angeles, San Francisco and the Chicago Bears and defeated Detroit. The Packers whipped Philadelphia, New York and Cleveland before losing to Washington. The Packers finished off their last non-league week with a long defensive drill Thursday afternoon and a brief session this morning before boarding the 10:25 North Western. They switched to the Wabash Bluebird in Chicago at 4:25 this afternoon, and will arrive here tonight at 9:38. The Bays are staying at the Coronado Hotel. Kickoff Saturday night is set for 8:30, Green Bay time. The team will leave here at 9:55 Sunday morning and pull into Green Bay at 8:12 Sunday night on the North Western.

PACKERS DEPEND ON A VETERAN "BIG FOUR"

SEPT 14 (Green Bay) - The Green Bay Packers again will depend on four proven veterans to supply most of their scoring punch in the 1956 NFL race, but Coach Lisle (Liz) Blackbourn believes he also may get a lot of distance out of an added starter - confidence. "Of one thing I'm sure," Blackbourn said today before the Packers left by plane for St. Louis for an exhibition game with the Chicago Cardinals Saturday night. "We're much improved over 1955 in confidence. It was noticeable in camp this year and it's getting better," he said. "The boys know they've got a job to do and they're confident they can do it. I've noticed the improvement in confidence each year and right now it looks as if it's much better than a year

ago." Blackbourn said he would bank on quarterback Tobin Rote, fullback Howie Ferguson and ends Billy Howton and Gary Knafelc to anchor the Packers' attack - just as they did last year. He said all but Howton, who has been injured and used only sparingly, has improved over a year ago. Blackbourn was cautious, however, when asked whether the team was better than the 1955 club, which finished with a 6-6 won-lost record for their best showing since 1947 and took third place in the Western Division. "At 40 players we're better than we were last year," he said, "but it remains to be seen whether the 35 men we'll carry for the regular league season will measure up to the same number as last year." Blackbourn said the key to whether his "big four" post a good season is the offensive line. "By that I mean blocking for Ferguson and protection for the passer," he explained. "If the blocking and protection improve over last year, then an improvement can be noted in our offense." Blackbourn expects the addition of tackle John Sandusky from the Cleveland Browns will help in this respect. "We're also hoping that the two rookies, Bob Skoronski and Forrest Gregg, can handle tackle well," he said. "That would give us an opportunity to work Len Szafaryn at guard." Blackbourn, now in his third season as head man at Green Bay, pegged offensive halfback as about the same last year, adding "we'll miss Veryl Switzer, though, and we've still got to find somebody to fill his shoes as swing man." Among the "swing" possibilities mentioned were rookies Jack Losch, the Packers' No. 1 pick in the college draft, and Bill Roberts. The other halfbacks, veterans Breezy Reid, Joe Johnson and Al Carmichael, have shown to good advantage in exhibitions. Dick Deschaine, the NFL's second best punter last year, figures to be the Bays' third end while Jim Ringo, newcomer Larry Lauer and Bill Forester probably will share offensive center. Buddy

Brown and Joe Skibinski are the regular guards. Spelling the durable Rote at quarterback will be Bart Starr of Alabama, who has shown worlds of promise so far. Handing the placekicking, of course, will be reliable Fred Cone, the NFL's champ last year.

CARDINALS, PACKERS CLASH

SEPT 15 (St. Louis) - The Chicago Cardinals will open with John Roach, rookie from Southern Methodist, at the quarterback position when they face the Green Bay Packers here tomorrow night in an exhibition game. Roach earned the right to his first starting assignment by his performance against the Los Angeles Rams last Friday night. Subbing for Lamar McHan, regular Cardinal quarterback, Roach accounted for 224 of the 269 yards gained by the Cards and completed eight out of 11 passes. Three Cardinals are definitely out of the game defensive halfback Tom Keane, offensive starting halfback Dave Mann and offensive end Frank McPhee.

PACKERS FACE CARDS IN LAST WARMUP TILT

SEPT 15 (St. Louis) - The Green Bay Packers close their NFL exhibition season here today as they seek their fourth victory in five starts against the Chicago Cardinals. The Packers, who won three straight before losing to the Washington Redskins, 17-10, last Saturday, ruled a slight

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favorite. The Cardinals have only one victory to show in four outings and last weekend were pounded 69-21 by the Rams at Los Angeles. Packer Coach Liz Blackbourn brought 40 players for the game and said that all of them will see action. He's confronted by a problem he said he'd rather not face, that of cutting his squad to 35 on Monday. He has said right along that with his present 40 players he has a better team than he had at the same time last year. Some members of the freshman crop have shown promise and likely will be around on Tuesday. They are quarterback Bart Starr, who will understudy Tobin Rote, tackles Bob Skoronski and Forrest Gregg, center Larry Lauer, halfback Bill Roberts, defensive end Emery Barnes and defensive halfback Henry Gremminger. The Packers beat the Cards twice last year, 37-28 in an exhibition, and 31-14 in league play.

PACKER SHOOTING FOR 28 POINTS VS. CARDS

SEPT 15 (St. Louis) - Twenty-eight points and 350 yards. That's the Packers' offensive goal for tonight's final non-championship game against the Chicago Cardinals in Busch Stadium. That's a big order for any football team but Coach Liz Blackbourn feels that such an output would mean that the Bays' offensive forces have reached the desired sharpness for league competition. Actually, tonight's show will be the first full-length go for the Packers' No. 1 team. Kickoff is set for 7:30 Green Bay time, and a crowd of close to 30,000 is expected. The game is a benefit for the Cardinal Glennon Memorial Hospital fund. Picking up 28 points and 350 yards means that the Packers will have to stop up their production of the first

four games. In winning three and losing one the Bays averaged 18.7 points and 322 yards rushing and passing...The Packers' first offense could be a bit rusty tonight since it hasn't played much as a unit - especially the line which has Gary Knafelc and Billy Howton at ends, rookie Bob Skoronski and newcomer John Sandusky at tackles, Jack Spinks and Joey Skibinski at guards and Jim Ringo at center. The starting backfield has Tobin Rote at quarterback, Breezy Reid at left half, Al Carmichael at right half and Howie Ferguson at fullback - four familiar names. Only two newcomers could break into that unit tonight - Jack Losch at left half and Bart Starr at quarter. The other rookie, right halfback Bill Roberts, remained home to nurse an injury. Since the offense has been placed on the spot with a goal, how about doing the same for the defense. The absolute best would be a fat zero but shutouts in pro football are virtually extinct, so let's settle for 17 to 20 points. The defense will get a lift by the simple fact that Bobby Dillon and Val Joe Walker will be working together for the first time this season, injuries keeping one or the other on the bench earlier...However, the defense also will be weakened some by the absence of John Martinkovic, the all-pro defensive end. John hurt his knee in scrimmage Wednesday and was left home. Emery Barnes and Gene Knutson will share John's spot. The Packers will be all rookie at one cornerbacker spot, which incidentally is one advancement over a year ago when the Bays led off with two rookie cornerbackers, Billy Bookout and Doyle Nix. Bookout is back to handle the right side but Nix is in service and his position is being fought over by Hank Gremminger and Jim Capuzzi. Hank will start tonight. Keeping the Cardinals to a maximum of 20 points will be a difficult task since they are still stewing about their 69-21 loss to the Los Angeles Rams last week. This hurt because it followed a rugged 14-13 loss to San Francisco. The Cardinals have a number of defensive players injured and they expect to relieve the pressure on the defense by controlling the ball. Coach Ray Richards, who like Blackbourn is finished with his testing program, will lead off with an all-veteran team, headed by Lamar McHan at quarterback, Ollie Matson at left half, Dave Mann at right half and Johnny Olszewski at fullback, and Don Stonesifer and Gern Nagler at ends. Alex Burl, the Cards' 9.5 dasher, will share Matson's position...Richards may give his rookie quarterback, John Roach, plenty of work tonight. Roach led the Cards to a quick 14 points in the loss to the Rams and looked good. The Packers had an unhappy experience with a rookie quarterback last week when Fred Wyant led Redskins to a 17-10 win - if you're superstitious. Packer offensive backs, other than the QBs, operate at three different positions, which makes left, right and full identifies almost obsolete. The four veteran backs, Reid, Ferguson, Carmichael, Joe Johnson and Fred Cone, can play all three spots, with the result that their exact spots aren't known until they line up. And those will change on almost every play. Losch, who played mostly defense last week, likely will get a few chances to carry the ball tonight. He is being groomed as a swing man between offense and defense the only such animal in healthy condition at the moment since Roberts is injured. Reid and Ferguson enter action as the team's top ball carriers, Breezy with 177 yards in 34 attempts and Howie with 145 in 33. Knafelc is the top scorer with four touchdowns. In passing, Rote completed 25 in 46 attempts and Starr 18 out of 26.

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