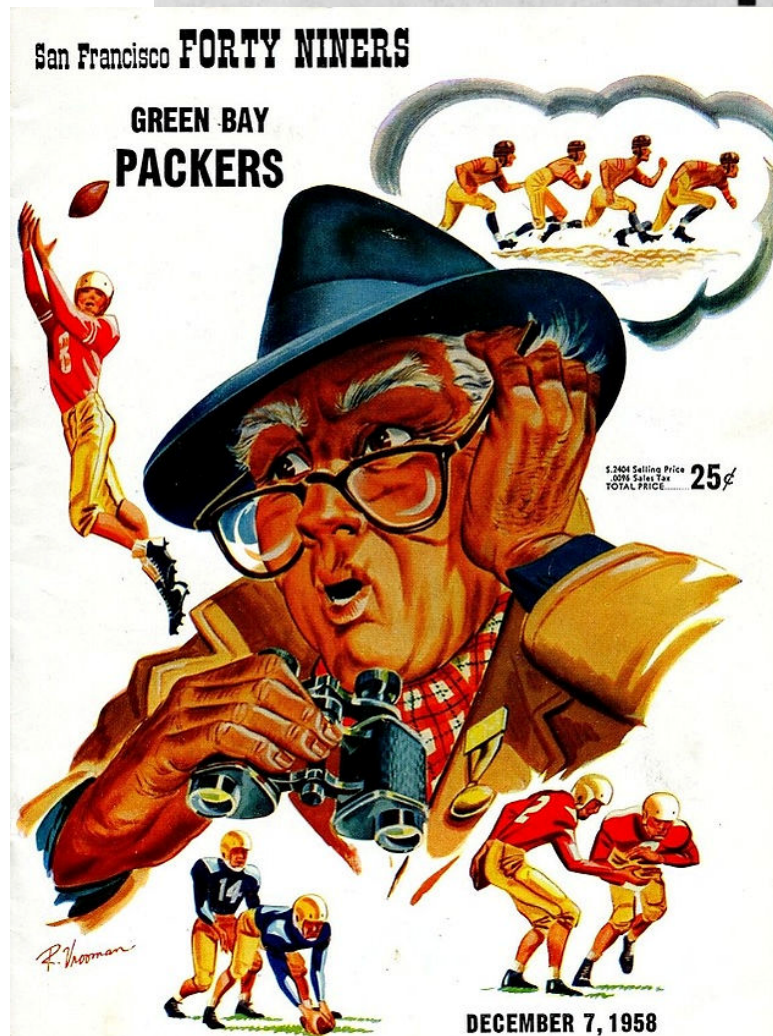


San Francisco 49ers (5-6) 48, Green Bay Packers (1-9-1) 21
Sunday December 7th 1958 (at San Francisco)

Generous Packers Help 'Frisco Romp, 48 to 21

GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)



(SAN FRANCISCO) - The Packers played a disgraceful first quarter and the 49ers took advantage of the foolishness to grab a 27-0 lead and then coast into a 48-21 triumph before a delirious crowd of 50,792 in Kezar Stadium Sunday afternoon. The Packers were ridiculously generous, pitching interceptions on each of their first three passes and then fumbling. The 49ers turned the four mistakes into four touchdowns. The two teams played a 14 to 14 tie after the first quarter with the 49ers leading at the half 34-7 and at the three quarter mark 48-7 before the Bays "broke loose" for two consolation TDs. And now the Rams in Los Angeles next Sunday in the National League windup for both teams. Sunday's grief left the Pack with a 1-9-1 record and darned little hope for a surprise Sunday. The Packers didn't survive the game without something on the "good" side. They displayed a bench warmer by the name of Jim Taylor, who started at left halfback and rolled up 137 yards in 22 carries. That's the biggest single game rushing total for a Packer in years. Taylor, a freshman out of LSU, hasn't been used much because the Pack's offensive signals posed quite a problem for him. But he was hitting the right spots Sunday and the 205 pounder was a demon - especially up the middle. Taylor could be the answer to the Packers' need for a successful running back. The speed merchant with power gained all but 27 of the Packers' 163 yards by rushing...One other Packer rookie had a few moments - Joe Francis, the quarterback who pitched a touchdown

pass among his four completions in six attempts. Best of all, Joe hurled the scorer to a loose receiver (Steve Meilinger) when the intended catcher was covered in the fourth quarter. Starr started the show and his first two passes (in three plays) were intercepted. Parilli, with a 13-0 deficit, threw an interception to an end, Bob Toneff, on a screener and the 49ers turned that muff into a 20-0 lead. A few moments later, Parilli fumbled and the 49ers recovered, then scored for 27-0. San Francisco, with Y.A. Tittle going the first quarter, scored the first three of their seven TDs in 5 minutes and 50 seconds. Tittle hurled

Old Story

By Associated Press
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Western Conference

	W	L	T	Pct.	PS	OP
Baltimore	9	2	0	.818	369	182
Los Angeles	7	4	0	.636	310	258
Chi. Bears	7	4	0	.636	277	214
San Francisco	5	6	0	.455	236	312
Detroit	4	6	1	.400	245	255
GREEN BAY	1	9	1	.100	173	348

Eastern Conference

	W	L	T	Pct.	PS	OP
Cleveland	9	2	0	.818	292	204
New York	8	3	0	.727	233	173
Pittsburgh	6	4	1	.600	223	209
Washington	3	7	1	.300	194	268
Chi. Cards	2	8	1	.200	240	318
Philadelphia	2	8	1	.200	235	286

Saturday Result

Los Angeles 30 Baltimore 28

Sunday Results

SAN FRANCISCO 48, GREEN

BAY 21

Cleveland 21, Philadelphia 14

New York 19, Detroit 17

Pittsburgh 14, Washington 14

Chicago Bears 30, Chicago Cards

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Saturday's Game

Chicago-Cards at Pittsburgh

Sunday's Games

GREEN BAY at LOS ANGELES

Baltimore at San Francisco

Cleveland at New York

Detroit at Chicago Bears

Philadelphia at Washington

Green Bay 0 0 7 14—21

San Francisco 27 7 14 0—48

Green Bay scoring: Touchdowns —Johnson (32 yard Parilli pass, 14:40 of second) Howton (7 yard Parilli pass 14:36 of third) Meilinger (5 yard Francis pass, 11:45 of fourth) extra points Hornung 3.

San Francisco scoring: Touchdowns — Wilson 2 (44-yard Tittle pass, 1:57 of first; 22 yard Tittle pass, 12:32 of first) Perry (2-yard plunge, 4:45 of first) Connor (10-yard Tittle pass, 5:47 of first) Jessup (26-yard Brodie pass, 13:50 of second) Smith (80 yard run :20 of third) Pace 4 yard run 6:18 of third) extra points, Soltau 6.

Officials: Referee Harry Brubaker, Umpire Cletus Gardner, Head Linesman Steve Pritko, Back Judge Jack Nix, Field Judge Joe Gonzales.

Team Statistics

	Pack.	49ers
First downs rushing	9	10
First downs passing	12	13
First downs penalties	0	0
Total first downs	21	26
Net yds. rushing	172	210
Net yds. passing	163	258
Total net yds.	335	468
Passes attempted	31	30
Passes Completed	15	21
Passes had int'd	5	7
Yds. Int'd ret. by	32	59
Ave. length of punts	3-43	3-36
Yardage of punt ret.	0	41
Yard. of Kick. ret.	123	20
Penalties against	1	3
Yds. lost penalties	15	38
Fumbles	2	1
Ball lost on fumbles	1	0
Yards lost passing	25	8

Individual Statistics

Rushing:

Green Bay: Taylor gained 137 yards in 22 attempts; Hornung 18 in 6; Francis 9 in 2; Shanley 8 in 3. San Francisco: Smith 113 in 7; Pace 40 in 11; Perry 28 in 3; McElhenny 25 in 4; Babb 6 in 4; Brodie minus 2 in 1.

only seven times but completed five and three of those went for touchdowns. John Brodie worked the last three quarters with sort of a second team offense and completed 16 out of 23 passes for 162 yards. Green Bay's other two touchdowns came on passes, Parilli throwing 32 yards to Joe Johnson for six points just before the half and seven yards to Bill Howton who made a tough catch for a touchdown in the third period. While 49er passers were hot and the Albertmen were rolling up 468 yards, including 258 passing, the Packers were hurting on defense without Hank Gremminger at left cornerback. Billy Kinard wasn't doing the job and Bobby Dillon later moved up from safety to the key position. On top of that, the Packers couldn't or wouldn't rush 49er passers. The Packers, despite the final score, finished with 61 plays, the 49ers 66. And how about this: in the first quarter, the Packers had 20 plays; the 49ers 14 - yet the score was 27-0. Starr's first pass was down the middle toward Howton. It was short and Jim Ridlon intercepted on the Packer 48. Three plays later Tittle faked a short shot to Billy Wilson and Kinard came in. Tittle backed up and heaved a 44-yard touchdown strike to Wilson, who had hooked into the clear. Gordy Soltau made it 7-0 at 1:55.

BLOCK SOLTAU KICK

After Taylor ran four, Starr fired a shortie to Max McGee, but Bill Atkins made a terrific interception and returned 10 yards to the Packer 36. The 49ers ran for this one, old Joe Perry 7, McElhenny 22 and 5, and

Perry 2 for the touchdown. Tom Bettis and Dave Hanner blocked Soltau's kick and it was 13-0 at 4:35. Parilli came forth next. After a Taylor run, Parilli pulled a screen pass about four over Paul Hornung's head and lumbering Bob Toneff intercepted and ran to the Packer 10. On the first play, Tittle pitched to Clyde Conner for the TD and Soltau started a string of five conversions for 20-0 at 5:50. Parilli produced three quick first downs on three passes to McGee, Howton and Johnson - plus some runs by Taylor, to the 49ers 29, which was a real treat, but on a third and six situation Parilli was rushed badly and fumbled as he tried to hurl the ball away. The officials could have called an incompleated pass. Henke recovered at midfield. Despite a 49er roughing penalty, they scored in five plays with Tittle hurling the last 22 yards to Wilson for a 27-0 score at 12:32.

TAYLOR KEYS DRIVE

The teams exchanged holding each other on fourth downs early in the second period. Hanner and Bettis ganged up on Smith at the Packer 6 on a fourth downer after which the Packers moved 77 yards from that point to the 49er 17. In the drive, Taylor ran 54 yards in 7 rushes and Parilli threw to McGee for 17. Taylor missed the fourth down to crack on a biff up the middle. Just before the half the teams traded TDs, getting all the time in the world. Brodie hurled 26 yards to Bill Jessup for a 34-7 lead. After Jerry Kramer recovered an onside kickoff at midfield with 1:05 left in the half, Parilli went into a spread and produced a touchdown in four plays. He hurled to McGee for 10, to Howton for 9, missed Jim Shanley and then arched a 33 yarder to Johnson for the touchdown. Joe took it in the end zone.

SMITH RACES 80 YARDS

The 49ers scored the first two times they had the ball in the third period. Smith set sail around right end for 80 yards on the first play to make it 41-7. The 49ers then drove 50 yards in 10 plays for a 48-7 edge with Jim Pace galloping the last six yards. A nifty interception by Dillon and return of nearly 30 yards set up the Packers' second TD from the 49er 37. Taylor ran twice for 24 yards to the 13 and after Shanley and Taylor made six Parilli hurled to Howton for the touchdown. Paul Hornung's kick made it 48-14. Dan Currie made his first appearance at defensive end as the game moved into the final period which opened with Ridlon intercepting a Parilli pass. Francis guided the Packers 65 yards in nine plays for the final touchdown. The big plays were successive 21 and 13 yards passes to Howton, the first of which drew a big hand as Bill made a fighting catch. From the 12, Francis hurled to Meilinger for 5, handed off to Taylor for 2 and then hurled to Meilinger for the touchdown. Near the end and after Taylor ripped off a final 16 yards, Francis proved he was human by having a long pass intercepted by Woodson who almost ran it back for a touchdown before Kramer put him down.



Good Tries, No Dice — Here are two overhead thrusts that failed to connect in the Packer-49er game at San Francisco Sunday. At the left Packer halfback Joe Johnson (40) stretches all out but is

unable to come up with a pass in the second period. Defending for the 49ers are Jerry Tubbs (50) and Jim Ridlon (42). At right Bobby Dillon (44) breaks up a toss from 49er quarterback John Brodie to Bill

Jessup (85) in the same quarter. The ball, which popped from Jessup's grasp, can be seen at left, behind Dillon's hand. The 49ers romped, 48-21. (AP Photofax left, and UPI Telephoto)

GREEN BAY	-	0	7	7	7	-	21
SAN FRANCISCO	-	27	7	14	0	-	48

	<u>GREEN BAY</u>	<u>SAN FRANCISCO</u>
First Downs	21	23
Rushing-Yards-TD	33-172-0	30-210-3
Att-Comp-Yd-TD-Int	31-15-188-3-5	30-21-266-4-1
Sack Yards Lost	25	8
Total Yards	335	468
Fumbles-lost	2-1	1-0
Turnovers	6	1
Yards penalized	1-15	3-38

SCORING

- 1st - SF - Billy Wilson, 44-yard pass from Y.A.Tittle (Gordie Soltau kick) SAN FRANCISCO 7-0
- 1st - SF - Joe Perry, 2-yard run (Kick blocked) SAN FRANCISCO 13-0
- 1st - SF - Clyde Conner, 10-yard pass from Tittle (Soltau kick) SAN FRANCISCO 20-0
- 1st - SF - Wilson, 22-yard pass from Tittle (Soltau kick) SAN FRANCISCO 27-0
- 2nd - SF - Bill Jessup, 26-yard pass from Steve Brodie (Soltau kick) SAN FRANCISCO 34-0
- 2nd - GB - Joe Johnson, 32-yard pass from Babe Parilli (Paul Hornung kick) SAN FRANCISCO 34-7
- 3rd - SF - J.D. Smith, 80-yard run (Soltau kick) SAN FRANCISCO 41-7
- 3rd - SF - James Pace, 5-yard run (Soltau kick) SAN FRANCISCO 48-7
- 3rd - GB - Billy Howton, 7-yard pass from Parilli (Hornung kick) SAN FRANCISCO 48-14
- 4th - GB - Steve Meilinger, 5-yard pass from Joe Francis (Hornung kick) SAN FRANCISCO 48-21

RUSHING

- GREEN BAY** - Jim Taylor 22-137, Paul Hornung 6-18, Joe Francis 2-9, Jim Shanley 3-8
- SAN FRANCISCO** - J.D. Smith 7-113 1 TD, James Pace 11-40 1 TD, Joe Perry 3-28 1 TD, Hugh McElhenny 4-25. Gene Babb 4-6, John Brodie 1-(-2)

PASSING

- GREEN BAY** - Babe Parilli 23-11-137 2 TD 2 INT, Joe Francis 6-4-51 1 TD 1 INT, Bart Starr 2-0-0 2 INT
- SAN FRANCISCO** - John Brodie 23-16-162 1 TD 1 INT, Y.A. Tittle 7-5-104 3 TD

RECEIVING

- GREEN BAY** - Billy Howton 5-69 1 TD, Max McGee 4-47, Joe Johnson 3-54 1 TD, Steve Meilinger 2-10 1 TD, Jim Taylor 1-8
- SAN FRANCISCO** - Gordie Soltau 5-59, Fred Dugan 4-35, Bill Jessup 3-59 1 TD, Billy Wilson 2-66 2 TD, Joe Perry 2-12, J.D. Smith 2-7, R.C. Owens 1-12, Clyde Conner 1-10 1 TD, James Pace 1-6

Jim Taylor, Francis Earn Coaches' Plaudits



AP Wirephoto
San Francisco's R. C. Owens gathers in a Y. A. Tittle pass good for 12 yards in the first period of Sunday's National Football league game against Green Bay. Coming up for the tackle is Billy Kinard (25). The Packers lost, 48-21.

TAYLOR CHEERS MCLEAN

DEC 7 (San Francisco) - Coach Ray McLean sat glumly on a truck after his Green Bay Packers' 48-21 defeat by San Francisco Sunday, but smiled when Jim Taylor's name was mentioned. "The kid played a helluva game. He really came through," McLean said. Taylor, rookie from Louisiana State, carried 22 of the 33 times Green Bay ran the ball and rolled up 137 yards for a 6.23 average. Taylor, fast and hard hitting with his 205 pounds, was the Packers' only consistent offensive threat after San Francisco exploded for four first quarter touchdowns. "The breaks beat us before the game got well started," McLean said morosely. Coach Frankie Albert commiserated with McLean. "It reminded me of what happened to us in Detroit. Bang, bang, and we were two touchdowns down before the game's really going. Breaks like that are pretty discouraging." McLean said, however, he saw nobody let down after the 49ers jumped off to a 27-0 lead. He praised Taylor for putting out all the way and also the last quarter work of Joe Francis, who directed Green Bay's last quarter touchdown march. Taylor ran at fullback for the first time since Paul Hornung shifted to right halfback in place of Don McIlhenny. "The 49ers made exactly the right call in breaking J.D. Smith loose for an 80 yard touchdown run on the second half's first play," Scooter said. "We were red dogging on the inside and Brodie pitched to the outside."

HOWTON SEES PENSION

DEC 7 (San Francisco) - Billy Howton, Green Bay end and president of the NFL Players Association, predicts the football pros will have a pension plan within a year. "The time is ripe for adoption of the plan and creation of a pension fund," Howton declared Sunday. "All the clubs are in good shape financially. In fact, this will be a record season for everybody. The players should share in this good fortune," Howton said. Howton, spokesman for the organized football pros seeking a pension system similar to organized baseball's, declared, "We are in a good position to deal a crushing blow if they don't cooperate. We feel strongly about this."

He indicated the players have in mind a resort to the courts under antitrust laws rather than any strike action. Howton said the players pension program has been worked out by Bill Dudley, a former league player and now an insurance executive. The players hope to talk it over with Commissioner Bert Bell and club owners at a meeting before the championship game or at the league's regular February meeting.

JIM TAYLOR, FRANCIS EARN COACHES' PLAUDITS

DEC 8 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packers' Scooter McLean and 49er aide Phil Bengtson had the same things in mind after Sunday's game. Those three interceptions and fumbles in the first quarter. "You can't win with stuff like that," McLean bittered after the game, "and I'm anxious to see in the pictures what happened on those three interceptions." Bengtson, of course, looked at it in a different light: "They were tough breaks for you and a great boost for a club like us because you know we can get tough with the passing when we get down close like that. No, we didn't pick on Gremminger's spot although we had it easy there until Dillon moved." Hank Gremming, Bay cornerback, is done for the season with an injury and Billy Kinard worked in his spot. Safety expert Bobby Dillon blocked up that alley pretty much in the second half. "I guess maybe people will realize now how valuable Gremminger is out there," Dillon said. Hank had been under much fire as a rookie and so was cornerback. Fortunately, there was a bright spot - Jim Taylor, who gained 137 yards in 22 carries. "He's going to be quite a back. We just couldn't hold him at all," said Bengtson. "He was blasting open his own holes," aide Nick Skorich commented. Both Scooter and Nick agreed that "Jim just now has got our offense down pat. It was difficult for him until the last game or so." Another pleasant surprise was rookie Joe Francis, the quarterback who completed four out of six passes, one for a touchdown. He had trouble with the signals once and Jim Ringo had to call a timeout to avoid loss of five on too much time, but his touchdown pass to Steve Meilinger was a beaut. "You noticed he picked out a loose receiver and hit him. His intended receiver was covered," Scooter said. Francis might have earned himself a starting berth against the Rams in Los Angeles Sunday. That 80 yard run on the first play of the second half? "We were in a full blitz and shot everybody into their backfield," Scooter said, "but they called the one play that would hurt the blitz the most - Smith's end run. There wasn't anybody left once he turned the corner except those coming across." As Bengtson explained, "Smith just stepped away. He's much faster than other teams realize. I believe he's the fastest man in the league."

TAYLOR A BRIGHT SPOT IN BAYS' BLACK DAY

DEC 8 (San Francisco) - The running of rookie Jim Taylor was one of the few things the Green Bay Packers had to cheer about in their 48-21 beating by the San Francisco 49ers here Sunday. Taylor, who had hardly played earlier this season, gained 137 yards in 22 carries. Several times he kept going after being hit by four or five tacklers. His efforts frequently

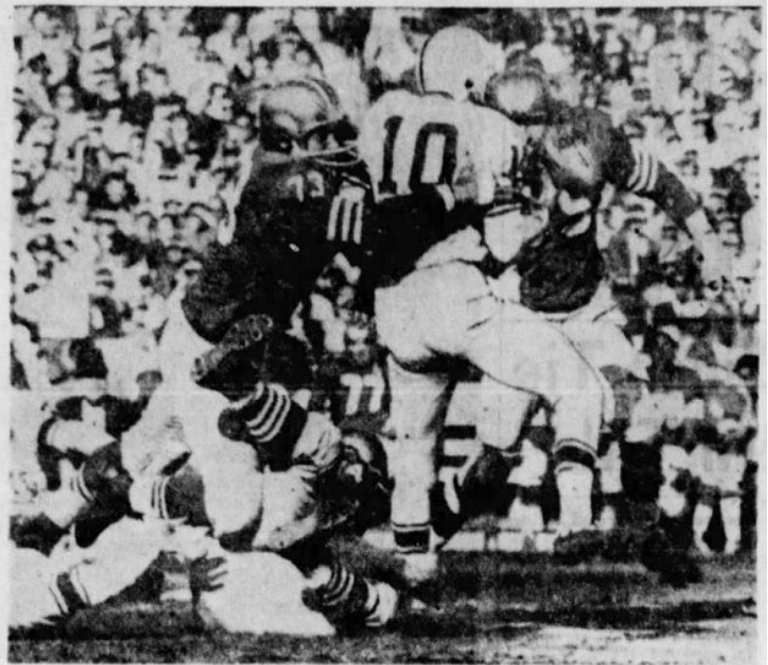
brought cheers from even the rabid 49er fans. "He stated looked good this last week," Coach Ray (Scooter) McLean said after the game. "He's been running good since we came out here." Joe Francis, rookie quarterback from Oregon State, completed four of his first five passes in the final quarter before his last desperate effort, on the last play of the game, was intercepted. "Joe will get to play a little more at Los Angeles next Sunday," McLean said. "He's catching on now." After the 49ers took a 34-0 lead, the Packers went into a spread formation. Quarterback Babe Parilli lined up six or seven yards behind center and took a direct snap. He immediately moved the team 52 yards in four pass to a touchdown. Thereafter, the Packers alternated between the T and the spread. Twice Taylor, who was stationed about two yards ahead of the quarterback as a blocker, took a direct pass from center and ran for gains. McLean said after the game, "Did you ever see so many men running around wide open as they had in the first quarter?" The coach was asked if the lack of a run on passer Y.A. Tittle might not have been part of the trouble. "Tittle had lots of time to throw, sure," McLean said. "But we didn't cover any of their receivers. It was awful." Elroy Hirsch, former Michigan, Wisconsin and Los Angeles Rams' start from Wausau, helped with the 49ers telecast. He was a substitute for Tom Harmon, who was ill. Jack Losch, halfback from the University of Florida, Green Bay's first draft choice in 1955, watched the game from the Packer bench. He is stationed at nearby Hamilton Air Force base. He expects to be out of the service next June and says he will be "ready to go" next fall.

PETITION ASK FOR LAMBEAU

DEC 8 (Green Lake, WI) - Two local merchants Monday launched a petition campaign seeking the return of Earl L. (Curly) Lambeau as coach of the Green Bay Packers. They hope to distribute the petitions throughout the state and then present them to the Board of Directors of the NFL club. The plan is the brain child of H.H. Eaton, who operates a food market, and Harry Norton, a restaurant owner. Norton reached Lambeau, founder and for 31 years coach of the Packers, in Los Angeles and was told: "If it could be arranged, I'll be glad to come back." Lambeau quit after the 1949 season, unloading a fiery blast at the Board of Directors. He said the 45 man board was outmoded and that he was sick and tired of the constant bickering. The Packers enjoyed their greatest success under Lambeau, whose teams won six world championships, including three consecutive titles in 1929, 1930 and 1931. Eaton said he and Norton had not yet decided how to go about distributing their petitions elsewhere in the state. "That's all in the making," he said. "At least we're doing something," he added. "Nobody else is doing anything. They (the board) doesn't seem to be able to agree on anything or anyone. I don't know who else would work, but Lambeau." Eaton said he and Norton were long time Packer fans who are "fed up with the way things have been going."

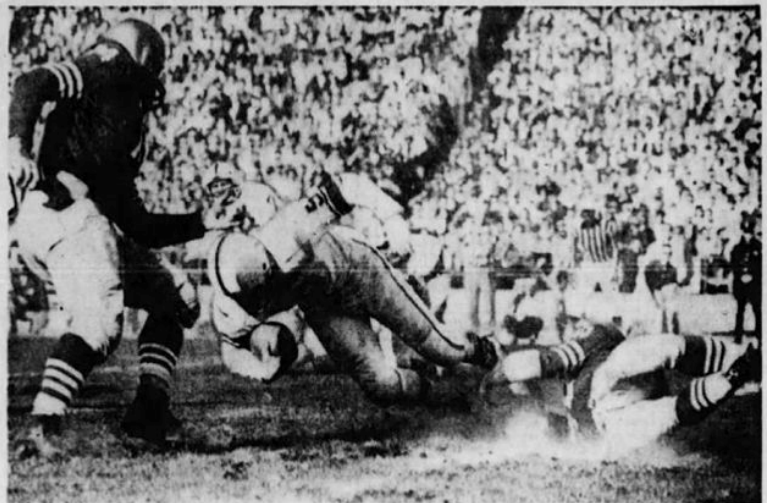
BERT BELL HAS NEW, SERIOUS PROBLEM ON HIS HANDS

DEC 8 (Milwaukee Sentinel-Lloyd Larson) - Professional football, now grown into a thriving business as well as highly entertaining sport, could be heading for trouble, serious trouble, because of player-owner differences. And if trouble does come, a lot of it can be traced to a considerable extent to intemperate remarks of two men with opposite points of view. The Packers' Billy Howton, spokesman for the players' association, said in a West Coast interview that the time is ripe for a pro football pension plan and predicted it will come within a year. But Billy did not stop there. He added that players "are in a good position to deal a crushing blow." That thinly veiled threat was a cinch to cause somebody on the other side of the



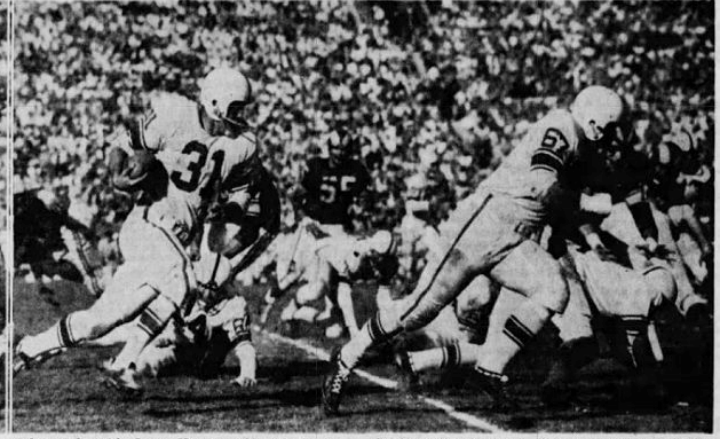
Babe Hemmed In — Babe Parilli (10), Packer quarterback, fumbles when hit by 49er tackle Leo Nomellini (73) while trying to get off a pass at Kezar Stadium. As if that weren't

trouble enough, Parilli finds a grinning but unidentified 49er right in front, ready to dump him. The 49ers recovered. They also won, 48-21. (AP Photofax)



Dumped for No Gain — Packer halfback Paul Hornung (5) heads for turf for no gain in first period at Kezar Stadium as he is tripped by San Francisco 49er back Abe Woodson (40) in Sunday's game.

Coming up to make sure Hornung goes no farther is 49er tackle Bob Tonelf (74). Frisco smeared Packers, 48-21. Over 50,000 fans witnessed game. (AP Photofax)



Shades of '59 — Two rookies, Quarterback Joe Francis and Fullback Jim Taylor, gained more than two-thirds of the Packers' yards rushing and pass-

ing in the two games on the west coast. They are shown in action above in the Ram game in Los Angeles Sunday. Francis (20) is at the left picking up

eight yards with Jerry Kramer (64), also a key rookie, aiming a block at George Strugar (77). Taylor (31) lugs for 12 yards in second quarter with Jim

Salsbury (67) up front. Rams won 34 to 20 on Bill Wade's long passes to Jon Arnett, Red Phillips and Del Shofner. (AP Photos)



Henry Eaton, Left, and Harry Norton, Green Lake businessmen and ardent Green Bay Packer fans, look at a new batch of petitions they hope will help bring back E. L. "Curly" Lambeau as Packer coach and general manager. They have 2,500 petition blanks distributed in Wisconsin. AP Wirephoto

fence to see red. It did. In accepting the challenge, George Preston Marshall did not limit himself to asking, "Where's the money coming from?" and pointing out problems peculiar to pro football. The Washington owner chose also to give the players' representative the works by suggesting that he (Howton) should be concentrating on game preparation "or he will get a pension plan quicker than he thinks." No mistake about the meaning of that threat either...NO TIME FOR LOOSE TALK: Last week Bert Bell threatened to quit his high salaried job as NFL commissioner unless all the bickering and squabbling come to an end. If Bert was serious, owners presumably not only agreed with him but also gave him unlimited whipcracking power, for there is nothing to indicate that he is stepping out. It isn't quite clear if feuding in the Howton vs. Marshall manner comes within the framework of bickering as outlined by Bell and which was driving him to distraction. Suffice to say (1) such intemperate expressions should be included and (2) should command the commissioner's full attention. After all, the pension program probably hasn't advanced beyond the suggestion stage; certainly not beyond early negotiating. Forcing Howton to button up may not be possible. But Bell should be in position to tie a gag on Marshall. It behooves both spokesmen to get wise to the fact that too much talking at this stage of the game can do real damage to all concerned...SOME OF THIS AND LITTLE OF THAT: There

is real publicity value to pro football's early draft and all the emphasis on top selections. But it's becoming more and more of a two way street as the most sought after players play harder and harder to get. A case in point is that of Randy Duncan, the Packers' No. 1 choice. He will play; he will not play. He may or may not play pro ball. The Canadian League is mentioned as a possibility. Also law and political careers. Reading between the lines one gathers that the Iowa star is doing quite a job of quarterbacking himself into the best possible contract. In other words, he's going to cash in on that publicity, too - IF he plays. Smart young man, that Randy...Three pass interceptions and a fumble led to four touchdowns for San Francisco in the first quarter against the Packers. As yet, no member of the Packer executive committee or board of directors has been blamed for the mechanical errors. That's worthy of note.

Sports Cocktails: 'Strong as an Ox'

Taylor's Running Cheer In Latest Packer Loss

TAYLOR'S RUNNING CHEER IN LATEST PACKER LOSS

DEC 9 (Pasadena-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Tuesday Quarterback No. 11: There isn't much to "quarterback" about Sunday's 49er-Packer game since it's pretty much the same story - no points. The excitement (if there is such a thing for us)

in the Packer camp is the running of Jim Taylor who reeled off 137 yards in 22 trips. Taylor's charging was a conversation piece among the Packers and Colts Sunday night and Monday morning. The Colts also stayed at the Green Hotel while preparing for the Ram game and left Monday for San Francisco. "He could be a great one if he continues to run like that," said Babe Parilli, adding: "He's as strong as an ox." The best part of Taylor's running was his speed. He always had the power but the way he broke out of the starting gate and into the line was amazing. He carried his knee high all the way and never broke into a gallop. Why wasn't Taylor used more before? Coach Scooter McLean explained it this way: "He had difficulty learning our play system and we couldn't take a chance. He ran real hard all week before the game and had no trouble with the plays. He worked out exceptionally well, we thought." Taylor, a 205-pounder, might be the answer to the Packers' need for a running back to go with Paul Hornung. It's a rotten shame the interceptions goofed up the Packers' offense Sunday. With Taylor running like he did in a close game, the Packers might have done some business. Phil Bengtson, 49er coaching aide, admitted that "we just couldn't hold your Jim Taylor." With Taylor starting last Sunday and Joe Francis doing same next Sunday, Scooter is previewing 1959. The Bay coach took a look at Dan Currie as a defensive end in the second half Sunday. His performance will be a thorough inspection in the movies but off hand the coaches thought he did well...The Green Hotel looked like a physical education palace Monday morning with 70 burly beasts down for breakfast - members of a first place team and a last placer. Really, the athletes of the upper and lower classes don't look much different. The Colts might smile a little more often than the Packers. As Bobby Dillon put it, "The winners smile and losers yell deal." John Unitas, the Colts' Cinderella quarterback, and John Symank, the Packers' defensive back, had a chuckle over stories that John had deliberately wrecked Unitas' ribs in the 56-0 game in Baltimore. "I don't hold anything against Symank. This is a rough sport and I'm sure that there wasn't anything intentional. We quarterbacks expect rough treatment - and we usually get it." Unitas isn't saying which team they'd like to play in the title game. The Colts won't talk about that because Coach Weeb Ewbank doesn't want any newspaper clippings in the dressing room of the eastern champs.

FRANCIS TO START AT QB IN FINALE AGAINST LA RAMS

DEC 9 (Pasadena- Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Joe Francis will start at quarterback for the Packers against the Rams in the Coliseum Sunday. Coach Scooter McLean said he based that decision on the rookie QB's work in the last few minutes of the 48-21 loss to the 49ers in San Francisco. Francis moved the Packers 65 yards in nine plays for the third touchdown. Needing five yards on a third down, Joe ran six himself to set off the four first-down drive. He fired successive passes to Bill Howton for 21 and 13 yards to the 49er 12, hit Steve Meilinger for five, handed off to Jim Taylor for two and then hit Meilinger - not the intended receiver - for five and the touchdown. The Hawaiian proved human in another drive at the end when Abe Woodson intercepted a long throw. "We'll see how he carries us and he'll stay in there for a good test - the whole



Taylor-Made—Jim Taylor (31) Packer fullback, runs smack into 49er Jerry Mertens (80) while picking up eight yards in second period of Sunday's clash at Kezar Stadium, San Francisco. Number 77 for

Packers is Ollie Spencer. In all, Taylor rumbled for 137 yards in 22 carries for best performance of year by a Packer back. The 49ers won, 48-21. (AP Photofax)



THERE GOES JOE—49er fullback Joe Perry (34) turns on the speed to race past Green Bay Packers Tom Bettis (65), J. D. Kimmel (72) and Dave Hanner (79) on his way to

a 17-yard gain in the first quarter of yesterday's game at Kezar Stadium. This was longest run of the day for Joe, who is having one of his best years. Tribune photo



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SETTING IT UP—49er halfback Hugh McElhenny is tackled on the one-yard line as he attempts to follow guard Lou Palatella (68) into the end zone in the first period of yesterday's game at Kezar Stadium. Packer halfback Billy Kinard makes grab.



Tribune photo

PACE RACES—49er halfback Jim Pace reels off some nice yardage as he scoots past Green Bay Packer halfback John Symank (27) during third quarter action of yesterday's game at Kezar Stadium. The 49ers recorded their second win over Packers.

game if he clicks," McLean said. Francis will be the first rookie quarterback to start for the Packers since Bart Starr got the opening bid in the 49er game in Green Bay in 1956. Tobin Rote finished off and the 49ers won 17-16. Starr started last Sunday and his first two passes were intercepted. Babe Parilli followed and completed 11 out of 23 for 137 yards and two touchdowns and two interceptions. Francis appeared after Babe's second interception and completed four out of six passes for 51 yards. Francis said he felt "at ease out there for the first time," indicating that he now has the hang of the Packer offense and pro defenses. Both are extremely difficult for rookies, especially for Francis who is converting from a single wing tailback to a T-type quarterback. McLean is sure of one other rookie starter Sunday. That would be Jim Taylor, the bullish back who ripped up 137 yards rushing in 22 trips against the 49ers. Scooter is anxious to see the 205-pound freshman work against tacklers Les Richter and Co., and the Rams are probably also wondering about the surprise of the West Coast. The Packers came out of the 49er game in good physical condition, and it's a good thing: McLean had difficulty finding a trainer to take over for Bud Jorgensen, who was called home last Friday by the illness of his wife. Con Jarvis, Stanford trainer, handled the duties of the weekend in San Francisco...**RAY RICHARDS HELPS:** With the help of defensive coach Ray Richards, the Packers were able to get Dr. D.H. Archer of Hollywood to handle the training duties for the Packers' final week. Richards has known Dr. Archer since the early 1950s, when they were on the Ram staff. Private business forced Dr. Archer to leave the team. Dr. Archer, who accepted the opportunity as relaxation from a busy schedule, told Scooter "I'm going to enjoy this." The Packers opened training this afternoon in Brookside Park, which is just a punt from the Rose Bowl. The major problem was the same as in other weeks - offense. The Packers have averaged only 10.6 points in losing their last six games. Maybe Francis can provide an offensive boost.

SKINS' MARSHALL DISPUTES HOWTON VIEWS ON PENSION

DEC 9 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Associated Press reported today that George Preston Marshall, owner of the Washington Redskins, Monday disputed a prediction by the Packers' Billy Howton that the NFL will adopt a pension plan within the next year. "Who's going to pay for it?" Marshall asked. Howton, Packer head of the pro players' association, said in San Francisco, where the Packers lost, 48-21, that the time is ripe for a pension program. Marshall said Howton

"would have been better off to have spent a little more time Saturday concentrating on his game Sunday and also his game next Sunday in Los Angeles. These are the things he should be doing, or he will get a pension plan quicker than he thinks."

LAMBEAU PREPARED TO LISTEN TO PACKERS

DEC 9 (Los Angeles) - Earl L. (Curly) Lambeau, former coach of the Green Bay Packers, said here Monday he "might be interested in returning to the club under the right circumstances." Lambeau, who quit in 1949 with a parting blast at the

Packers' 45 man Board of Directors, indicated that he would want an absolutely free reign if he were to return. Often mentioned as the man capable of leading Green Bay back to NFL prominence, Lambeau entered the Packer picture again Monday when a petition campaign for his return was launched at Green Lake, WI. "I have been contacted by individuals on the Board of Directors," Lambeau said, "but they were acting strictly as individuals and not speaking for the club." He said the Packers needed a strong organization from top to bottom, such as the Braves or the New York Yankees, if the team was to improve or even survive.

Switch: Meet Packers' New Cornerback, Bobby Dillon

LEADING GROUND GAINERS			
	Att.	YG	Ave.
Brown, Cleveland	231	1379	6.0
Ameche, Baltimore	162	777	4.8
Perry, San Fran.	118	708	6.0
Tracy, Pittsburgh	151	679	4.5
Casares, Chi. Bears	169	643	3.8
Arnett, Los Angeles	119	599	5.0
Gallimore, Chi. Bears	121	561	4.6

LEADING PASSERS				
	Att.	C	YG	AV
LeBaron, Wash.	128	72	1181	9.23
Layne, Pittsburgh	245	122	2101	8.58
Plum, Cleveland	177	96	1479	8.36
Wade, Los Angeles	318	167	2632	8.28
Unitas, Balt.	238	125	1850	7.77
Reynolds, Chi. C.	163	85	1187	7.28
Brodie, S. Fran.	170	103	1224	7.20
Tittle, San Fran.	172	96	1226	7.13

LEADING PASS RECEIVERS				
	Recd.	YG	TDs	
Berry, Baltimore	56	794	9	
Retzlaff, Phil.	52	711	2	
Shofner, L. A.	49	1050	7	
Moore, Baltimore	48	899	7	
Lewis, Chi. Cards	41	646	4	
Conner, San. Fran.	41	426	4	
Wilson, San Fran.	38	536	5	
Owens, San Fran.	36	565	1	
Howton, Green Bay	35	498	2	

LEADING SCORERS					
	TD	EP	FG	FGAT	TP
Brown, Cleve.	17	0	0	0	102
Moore, Balti.	14	0	0	0	84
Cothren, L. A.	0	38	12	23	74
Walston, Phil.	3	31	6	12	67
Blanda, Chi. Br.	0	33	11	22	66
Gallimore, Ch. B.	11	0	0	0	66
Miner, Pitts.	0	26	13	24	65
Gifford, N. Y.	10	0	0	0	60
Hornung, Gr. B.	2	30	9	18	59

LEADING PUNTERS			
	No.	Av. D.	L'gest
Baker, Wash.	45	45.4	64
Chandler, N. Y.	58	44.1	67
Lary, Detroit	53	43.3	62
McGee, Gr. Bay	57	43.2	61
Deschaine, Cleve.	44	42.1	63
Van Brocklin, Phil.	48	41.9	58

SWITCH: MEET PACKERS' NEW CORNERBACKER, BOBBY DILLON

DEC 10 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Let us pause today to pay tribute to Bobby Dillon, who at times was the "only" back in the Packers' secondary in San Francisco. The Bays had five secondarymen for the game - Al Romine, John Symank, Billy Kinard, Jesse Whittenton and Dillon. Hank Gremminger, also a defensive halfback, was lost for the last two games due to injuries. Symank, who started at safety with Dillon, hurt his shoulder in the second quarter and had trouble tackling - the starting cornerbacks - Whittenton and Kinard - just weren't doing the job. Dillon, in the heat of the battle, suggested playing in Kinard's spot and having Romine take over at safety with Symank. Dillon was like a traffic cop out there, playing cornerback and giving the injured a hand - "I hadn't played cornerback as a Packer but I know the plays so it wasn't so hard." Dillon explained in making the understatement of the year. Bobby is well acquainted with the plays of each secondaryman - Dillon, most valuable as a safetyman, played cornerback in a couple of pro bowl games. Wittenton, the former Ram and Bear, just couldn't get untracked - a hot ticket at times, Jesse said, "I can't explain it." With only one skilled and unhurt individual in the secondary, Y.A. Tittle and John Brodie completed 21 out of 30 passes for 266 yards and four touchdowns - chiefly by sticking clear of Dillon - the tackling also fell off, leading to seven 49er TDs. San Francisco scored on strikes of 48 yards in 3 plays, 56 in 5, 10 in 1, 53 in 5, 83 in 9, 80 in 1, and 50 in 10 - thus, in seven touchdown marches, the 49ers moved 380 yards in 34 plays - an average of 11.1 yards

each touchdown-drive play. Coach Scooter McLean plans to give the defenders special work this week in preparation for the Rams' explosive attack. The battle is set in the Coliseum Sunday. Scooter may start Dan Currie, mostly a linebacker, at defensive end. "He did good," Scooter said after viewing the pictures and defensive coach Ray Richards added: "He certainly covered well on the rollouts and Brodie never did get a pass off when he went wide." Big Dan has had some difficulty with the outside linebacker spot and he could find his future as a defensive end. "It's a lot harder than playing linebacker. That three-point stance makes it hard to see everything - not like linebackers where everything's in front you," Currie said. Dan also understudies Jim Ringo. Currie is one of at least three rookies who will start Sunday. The other two are Jim Taylor, who gained 137 yards against the 49ers, and Joe Francis, the quarterback who completed his first four passes last Sunday. Paul Hornung will continue to play at left halfback while Taylor will be at fullback. Hornung, who plays either spot, made

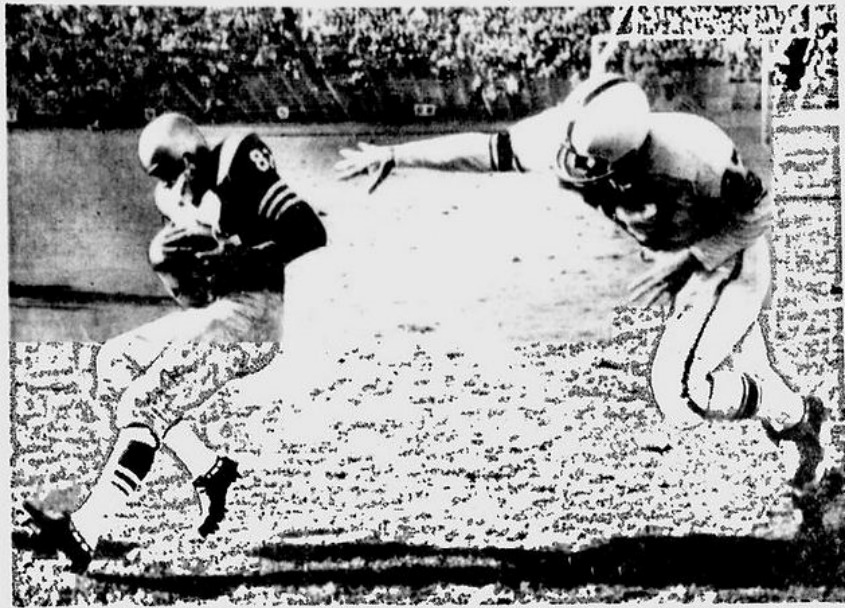
Now Lambeau Says He's Not Interested

Post-Crescent News Service

Los Angeles — "Curly" Lambeau, former Green Bay Packer coach, who now winters here, said Tuesday evening that he is not interested in returning to the Packers.

Lambeau discussed the matter freely at a pre-dinner gathering before the annual Ye Olde Rams party, honoring the Los Angeles Rams, in Hollywood's Moulin Rouge. Lambeau also has been quoted by Bob Kelley, widely-known west coast sportscaster, as saying he wouldn't go back to Green Bay. (Earlier, Lambeau had told the Associated Press that he would be interested in returning to Green Bay under the right conditions.)

18 yards in six carries vs. Frisco. McLean gave the Packers a stiff workout Tuesday a departure from the usual week-opening loosening session. There was considerable work on a spread formation with all three quarterbacks and Hornung and/or Taylor in the lone running-back spot in front of the QB. The spread was used some in the 49er game...Rams quarterback Bill Wade was named the club's most valuable player at the annual Ye Olde Rams party at the Moulin Rouge in Hollywood Tuesday night. Other awards were given to Lou Michaels, outstanding rookie; Del Shofner, outstanding lineman, and Jon Arnett, outstanding back. More than 900 persons - at \$10 a copy for dinner and the night club's show - attended the affair at which comedian Bob Hope delivered the major "address". His classic crack referred to the Rams' unexpected high rating. "That's the biggest surprise of the year outside of Crosby's baby."



Gordie Soltau, 49er end, makes a sideline grab of John Brodie's pass on a disputed second quarter play in a game against the Packers Sunday at Kezer Stadium. Lunging in a vain effort to head off the aerial is Green

Bay's Jesse Whittenton. The catch caused a minor rhu-barb, but officials ruled that Soltau caught the ball in-bounds. The completion gave the 49ers a first down and they scored a touchdown on the next play. UPI Telephoto.

Among familiar faces were Mickey McCormick, former Packer director out of Menominee who is living in LA now; Curly Lambeau, a winter resident in these parts, and Lou Rymkus, former Packer offensive line coach. Bob Kelley, widely known West Coast sportscaster, quoted Lambeau Tuesday night as saying that he wasn't interested in returning to the Packers in some capacity. The question was raised following rumors out of Wisconsin that Curly was being considered by Packer officials. Lambeau discussed the matter freely at the pre-dinner gathering Tuesday night and restated that feeling.

NOTES AND NOTIONS

DEC 10 (Appleton Post-Crescent) - I've known that personable Tom Miller works hard in his capacity as the Green Bay Packers' sales promotion director, but I didn't suspect till now that he peddles a little "baloney" in the side. Miller was interviewed in San Francisco prior to the Packers' Sunday appearance, and some of his observations were used in a column by Call-Bulletin Sports Editor Jack McDonald. Since Tom's remarks put the Packer picture somewhat out of focus for Frisco readers, I feel obligated to straighten them out in at least three respects. Item No. 1: Green Bay, according to Miller, is a healthful place for a coach. As evidence, he points out that the Bays have had only four coaches in 40 years (which is true but misleading. Curly Lambeau reigned the first 31 of those years. Since then, there have been three coaches in nine years. If there's a new one in '59 (the Packers' sorry showing Sunday did little to strengthen McLean's hopes for staying on), it will be four in 10 years. Item No. 2: "We've been almost perennial tail-enders for the last eight years, yet nobody's squawking." Nobody's squawking? Now, really, Tom! That's probably the best example of heard-in-the-sandism since the Chicago Tribune proclaimed Dewey president of the United States in November 1948. The rumbles of discontent started in early season and reached a crescendo after the 56-0 Colt debacle. Via newspapers, radio and television; across-the-counter, over-the-bar and on-the-street-corner have come the gripes and charges of "bungling" on the management, playing and coaching levels. Now, there's word of a "let's draft Lambeau" petition. If all of this sounds to the Packers like wholesale contentment or apathy, it's time they installed some new radar equipment...**'BEING' IN THE LEAGUE NO END IN ITSELF:** Item No. 3: "We're just glad to be in the league," Miller was quoted as saying. "They'd like a winner in Green Bay, like anywhere else, but they go a long way to give a team a break." We fervently hope the Packer board doesn't adhere to that philosophy - though sometimes this appears to be the case. "Being" in the league shouldn't be an end in itself - it's the "doing" that counts. What kind of pride can any Wisconsinite, current or former, take in the Packer team that quit in the 56-0 thing at Baltimore? And about the time the Packers gifted the 49ers with 4 first-period TDs, even the staunchest Badger-stater might have been tempted to claim he was really from Rhode Island. Yes, the Packers can be tremendous advertisement for the state and potentially give us the chance of seeing the world's best football played in our own neighborhood. But, this can only be accomplished if the Packers regain their big-time vigor, vitality and know-hoe. Being a doormat - even a major league doormat - is no particularly laudable goal.

PACKERS SURE TOP 3 DRAFTEES WILL PLAY

DEC 10 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - Jack Vainisi, the Packers' chief talent scout, has returned to Green Bay with a confident opinion that the club's top three draft picks in the recent draft will be playing for Green Bay this fall. Vainisi hasn't talked contract terms to quarterback Randy Duncan of Iowa, halfback Alex Hawkins of South Carolina or quarterback Boyd Dowler of Colorado because it is the NFL's policy not to touch a draftee until his college eligibility is completed. However,

PEOPLE'S FORUM

Letters intended for publication in the People's Forum should be addressed to the Editor, be LIMITED TO 400 WORDS, written on one side of paper only, and must invariably bear the name and address of the writer as evidence of good faith.

Packers and Press-Gazette

Editor, Press-Gazette: I wish to express my disagreement with your paper's policy regarding the 1958 Packers and their dismal record. Art Daley's writings reflects an utter and complete disregard of both the facts and are an insult to the intelligence of his readers. In my opinion, a newspaper has a duty of courageous leadership in issues which affect the public and honest independent reporting to their readers in all matters. Daley's reportings and analyses are about as independent as a paid public relations person. One might suspect that he is on the payroll of the Packer Corp. rather than the Press-Gazette. He reminds me of a parent, who when confronted with evidence of misdemeanor by his child, refuses to believe it and says "my child would never do that." The only persons who have been criticized by Daley are not those responsible for the record, but those who don't have their head in the sand and have raised some constructive questions or have offered constructive suggestions with only one goal in mind; namely, the improvement of the Packer team.

For several years, I have wondered how your managing editor could fulfill his duty of independent reporting to your readers and perform his duties as a member of the executive committee of the Packer Corp., which is a public institution. It seems to me that it is not possible to serve both masters fairly and that such a situation must be a violation of the ethics of good journalism.

My main purpose of writing this letter is to remind you of the forgotten man, namely, the fan and the Green Bay taxpayer. The Packer Corp. owes their fans and the taxpayers who are paying for the stadium a fighting team that gives it all in trying to win and does occasionally win. If this is not achieved soon, Green Bay will have no Packers. If this happens, Daley will undoubtedly reflect as he drives by the unused and empty stadium, that the reason the Packers failed was caused by the harsh unfair criticism to which they were subjected. I'm tired of your lack of leadership and your policy of protecting the players, coaches and executive committee and failing to protect the fans and taxpayers.

John J. Canning
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Green Bay, Wis.

The Press-Gazette's policy toward the Packers was formed in 1923 when A. B. Turnbull, publisher, was instrumental in the formation of the Packer corporation as we know it today and became its first president. That policy is a very clear one. It is to assist in every possible way not inconsistent with the prime duty of publishing a newspaper to keep the

Packers in Green Bay. The Press-Gazette will criticize the Packers when it believes such criticism will be constructive, but it will not criticize the Packers just for the sake of publicity or because it is the popular thing to do.

We believe this policy has worked over a period of 35 years. Art Daley became sports editor long after this policy was enunciated. Because of his ability and good judgment he has earned greater freedom in the direction of his department than most sports editors in Wisconsin enjoy.

John Torinus, Press-Gazette managing editor, succeeded Mr. Turnbull as a Packer director and executive committee member. The newspaper's policy would be the same if he were not a member of that committee.

There is no conflict between the Packers, the Press-Gazette or the fans. All have the same goal—the continued existence of the Packers in Green Bay. At times of disappointment like the present there may be a difference in opinion as to how that goal can be best attained, but the Press-Gazette has confidence that management of the Packer corporation will reach decisions which in the end will be successful. — Editor.

Packer Problems

Editor, Press-Gazette: All this talk about firing everybody connected with the Packers isn't going to solve anything.

Everybody including our coaching staff and one of our ends are condemning our quarterbacks. They are condemning our running backs and condemning Vern Lewellen. But nobody ever says anything about our real trouble, which is our offensive line and coach. Our team is very poorly coached in the fundamentals of football, blocking and tackling.

Babe and Bart aren't so bad if given an even chance. I wonder how Van Brocklin or Unitas would look behind our line. Pretty silly to be sure. And how would Jim Brown or Arnett run behind our line? They too wouldn't do a thing. No folks, it's sad but true—we haven't got an offensive line and we don't have blocking and tackling. Let's put the blame where it belongs and go on from there.

As far as Mr. Lewellen is concerned, financially the Packers have never had it so good since he's been there. Let's be practical, he's done a terrific job and his job is strictly handling the money for the team, nothing else.

Let's get some real coaching for a change and go Xmas shopping for some real linemen. The kind that can open up holes for our backs. The kind that can give our quarterbacks necessary protection. The kind that aren't afraid to make a real tackle, and the kind that will go in and do a respectable days work, for their respectable salary which they get in Packerland.

Fred Kocian
Green Bay, Wis.

Vainisi has contacted all three to explain the football strategy played by the Packers. This is what Vainisi reported on his top three picks:

DUNCAN - "I talked to Randy several days prior to the draft. He told me then he would be happy to play with us. After the draft came reports that he wanted no part of us. Randy told me that he never made any such statements. His father also told me that he was absolutely misquoted, saying he wanted his son to be an attorney and not a pro football player. Mr. Duncan told me that his son is old enough to make up his own mind and that he has no objections to his playing pro football. We have promised Randy that we won't make any overtures until he wants to talk. Then we'll sit down with him, his mother and dad. The boy really appreciates this and so does his family." Duncan will graduate in January from Iowa and will go into the service under the six-month program. As far as Duncan's desire to attend law school, Vainisi said something will worked out for sure. HAWKINS - "Here is another boy who said he was very disturbed about reports saying he wouldn't play for us. Certainly, he's been contacted by Canada - all the top draft picks were. Hawkins is one of the finest two-way players available; he's a strong, bullish runner and a good defensive man. I'm confident he'll be with us." DOWLER - "This kid was very pleased to be drafted by us. He won't sign until June because he is out for track. He played quarterback on a multiple offense - was a good blocking back on the single wing and a leading passer off the wing T. He could play offensive end for us, slotback or quarterback because he has a good arm." In each case these players were scouted personally and thoroughly by the Packers. Vainisi checked Duncan's play against Wisconsin and Ohio State. The entire Green Bay coaching staff purposely took time out to take in Duncan's game against Notre Dame. Packer Assistant Coach Jack Morton watched Hawkins against Maryland and then four South Carolina films were closely checked. Coach Warren Giese, a former Milwaukeean and a friend of Liz Blackburn, was contacted as was Athletic Director Rex Enright, a former Packers. All reports on Hawkins were favorable. Vainisi saw Dowler play against Oklahoma. Movies were obtained on Dowler and he was recommended highly by conference coaches. Dowler turned down a Senior Bowl bid so he would be eligible for track. He will participate in the East-West game. A lot of long, hard work has one into making these selections. Detailed scouting reports, films and personal contact have been appraised by pros. But the encouraging news is that three promising rookies will bolster the Packers next fall.

PACKER PRESIDENT OLEJNICZAK HANGED IN EFFIGY FROM LAMP

DEC 10 (Green Bay) - Dominic Olejniczak, president of the Green Bay Packers, was hanged in effigy here Tuesday. A five foot dummy found hanging from a street lamp in front of the Packer ticket office had a sign on its chest reading "Ole". Police took it down. The football club is owned by a nonprofit organization and is guided by a 13 member executive committee, composed of members of a 45 man Board of Directors. The executive committee has been blamed by some as the original source of the Packers' troubles in recent years. This year's team has won one game, tied one and lost nine. The record is the worst in the team's history. Meanwhile, a petition asking for the return of Curly Lambeau as general manager and coach was being circulated by two Green Lake businessmen, H.H. Eaton and Harry Norton. The petition reads: "We, the undersigned, respectfully submit this petition to the Board of Directors of the Green Bay Packers' football team to reinstate Curly Lambeau as head coach and general manager." Lambeau founded the team in 1919 and directed it through 1949 when he resigned because of what he said was intolerable interference by the executive committee. Norton, who had 500 petitions printed, said "we'd welcome

similar campaigns through the state, only we'd like them channeled through so we know where we stand." Lambeau's name cropped up after the Associated Press was told by a member of the executive committee that both Coach Scooter McLean and General Manger Verne Lewellen would be dropped at the end of the season. McLean is in his first year, Lewellen in his fifth. Under Lambeau, who founded the team, the Packers won six world championships. He said at this home in Los Angeles Monday that he "might be interested in returning to the Packers under the right circumstances," apparently meaning the directors would have to give him a free hand.

Scooter Looks to '59 In Pack's Last Start



Ole Judge Lynch—Usually it's the coach who gets hanged in effigy, but somebody in Green Bay pulled a switch Tuesday night. This dummy, placarded "Ole," was found hanging in front of the Packer office on South Washington Street Tuesday night. It apparently refers to Dominic Olejniczak, president of the Packer Corp. (P-G Photo)

SCOOTER LOOKS TO '59 IN PACK'S LAST STAND

DEC 11 (Pasadena-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - What about 1959? That's about all there is to look forward to now - what with the worst record in history staring the Packers in the face. If the Packers lose to the Los Angeles Rams Sunday, they will have a 1-10-1 mark which "betters" the previous worst of 2-10, class of '49. Coach scooter McLean apparently is giving next season some thought. This is based on his decision to open with rookie Joe Francis at quarterback and to take a look at both Ray Nitschke and Dan Currie at defensive ends. A number of other players may get work at different jobs. Francis will toil in a backfield composed of Jim Taylor, whose 137 yards rushing last Sunday was the Pack's top one-game production of the season, Paul Hornung and Joe Johnson. Taylor is the fullback, Hornung left half and Johnson the slot back...UNVEIL NEW VARIATIONS: The Packers will unveil some new variations of the spread. McLean's purpose is to give the Packers more rush power, with Francis, Hornung and Taylor running. In one setup, Hornung will even go under center with Francis shifting back to halfback. The major reason behind starting this threesome (two rookies and a sophomore) is to provide some new blood in hopes that there will be in a bit of new and surprising life. The Packer offense has been somewhat "flat" of late, except for the running of Taylor, occasional blasting of Hornung. and Francis' good work last Sunday. What Francis does against the Rams isn't going to solve this year's problem but starting him will give McLean a better opportunity to size up the youngster for next year. On the other hand, Scooter said he won't be keeping Francis in the game if he has extreme difficulty - too long...OFF-SEASON TRADES LIKELY: There's an indication in this losing camp that things will be different next year, in that the emphasis Sunday will be placed chiefly on the most promising of the newcomers, it's possible that there will be considerable and careful trading of personnel in an effort to rebuild the broken dreams with new blood. The Packers had a noisy workout Wednesday in warm (90 degree) sunshine. Other than the quarterbacks and running backs fumbling a few pitchouts and the ends doing what comes naturally this season (dropping passes), the workout was especially spirited. Today's drill in Brookside Park will offer something of a key to the kind of showing Green Bay might make Sunday - the experts aren't figuring on much since

the Bays were 20 point underdogs Tuesday. That will probably go down to 12 Saturday...Speaking about the ends dropping passes, Billy Howton looked like his old self in the San Francisco game Sunday. Three of his five catches were on the spectacular side, including on the touchdowner. Howton has caught 35 passes in 11 games thus far, which is only three less than he nailed all last season. Max McGee has 33 catches thus far, which is 16 more than he caught all last year. The big trouble? Nobody is making up for the 28 passes Ron Kramer caught in '57. That hurts...BRIEFS: Dave Hanner has missed only two plays since he reported to the Packers as a rookie in 1951 - "They put Logan (Dick) in for me for the last two plays of the last game out here in 1952," Dave recalled...Bobby Dillon and Jim Ringo may be the only Packers in the Pro Bowl game in Los Angeles next month...Curly Lambeau visited the Packer camp last Wednesday afternoon but had to pass up an

invitation to stay for chow...LA writer claim the Rams would have taken Randy Duncan if the Packers had passed him up. And where doesn't that leave most valuable player Bill Wade? And speaking about quarterbacks, there's no secret that the Bays need a quarterback and also that two of the Packs' first three picks were QBs - Duncan and Boyd Dowler. Boyd, however, probably will go to offensive end, where an opening could exist - Dowler stands 6-5 will go above 215 later, and has good hands. Better yet, he can block.

KENTUCKY COACH KO'S RUMOR

DEC 12 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - Blanton Collier, Kentucky football coach, Thursday spiked rumors he would succeed Scooter McLean as coach of the Packers. "That's complete news to me," Collier said. "I never heard anything about it. Nobody has said anything about such a thing to me, neither the Packers nor anyone else. I have been out of town in western Kentucky for three days and I haven't heard anything like that." There have been rumors in Green Bay that Curly Lambeau's appointment as general manager of the Packers would be announced Monday. Collier, former aid to Paul Brown of the Browns, was said to be Lambeau's choice as head coach. In Green Bay, bumper stickers which read "We Want Lambeau" appeared on hundreds of cards. Lambeau founded the Packers in 1919 and ran the team until 1949. Meanwhile, McLean reported from his Pasadena camp that two rookie backs will start Sunday's game against the Rams. Joe Francis will get the quarterback call and Jim Taylor will be at fullback. Scooter said Francis will play the whole game if he clicks. The Hawaiian, who was a single-wing quarterback in college, feels that he now has the hang of the Packer offense. Taylor, who picked up 137 yards against the 49ers, is another newcomer who has had difficulty learning the Packers' play system. The former LSU All-American is one of the fastest men on the team. Ray Nitschke and Dan Currie, rookie linebackers, will start at defensive ends. The oddsmakers, who have batted 1.000 on the Packers this season, have installed the Rams as a 17-point favorite. Another loss and Green Bay will finish with its worst season in 40 years (1-10-1). As was the case last year, the entire team will be flown back to Green Bay after the West Coast finale. The Packer Corp. will sponsor a dinner for the players Tuesday night before the team disbands. No executive members or directors are with the team in Los Angeles.

PACKERS TO OPEN UP IN FINALE WITH RAMS

DEC 12 (Milwaukee Journal) - With nothing to lose but their 10th game, the Green Bay Packers will shoot the works on offense against the Los Angeles Rams in the Coliseum here Sunday. The Packers have won only one game, lost nine and tied one. The highly favored Rams have a 7-4 record, and share second place in the Western Division. Coach Ray (Scooter) McLean of Green Bay said Friday that he would start rookie Joe Francis of Oregon State at quarterback but that doesn't mean that Francis will necessarily be the quarterback on every play or even on the first play. "We're going to use the spread formation and also the double wing," McLean said. "We'll also use the T. We'll give them something to think about." Francis will call the signals. McLean also admitted that many of the plays would be sent in from the bench. "Joe's got a lot to learn," McLean said. "We're trying to keep it simple for him because he's a rookie and he was a single wing tailback before he came to us, not a T formation quarterback. He doesn't know all the plays and which formations to run them from. He got mixed up once in San Francisco game and called a play from the wrong formation. It couldn't be run like that and we had to take time out. This week I've given him only two formations to run plays from. He'll have about six plays to call from one and maybe 10 from the other. Then he won't be likely to get mixed up. And we'll help him all we can." The Packers used the spread against the 49ers in San Francisco last Sunday, with Babe Parilli and Francis both trying it from the tailback spot. The double wing with Hornung under center is entirely new. Francis gets the starting nod over veterans Parilli and Bart Starr because of his fine showing at San Francisco, He completed four straight passes to get a consolation touchdown. Starr and Parilli both gave the ball away twice in the first quarter to help the 49ers to a 27-0 lead.

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LEN FORD SAYS HE'LL RETIRE AFTER BAY FINAL IN LA

DEC 13 (Pasadena-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Len Ford is the Packers' most likely retirement suspect. How about it, Len? "As of my thoughts right now, Sunday's game will be my last professional football game. Circumstances could make me



ACCLAIMED—Rams players honored at Ye Olde Rams banquet last night were, from left, Jon Arnett (best back); Lou Michaels (best rookie); Bill Wade (most valuable); Del Shofner (top lineman). Times photo

Len Ford Says He'll Retire After Bay Finale vs. LA

Howton Also Possibility; West Coast Press Showing Respect for Packers

Cards Deny Rumor

CHICAGO (AP) — While rumors persist the Chicago Cardinals will move their National Football League franchise, Walter Wolfner, the club's managing director, said today "we'll play in Chicago next year."

Reports continue the Cardinals may wind up in Houston or Dallas. A year ago, a Houston group reportedly offered a million dollars for the franchise. Miami also has been mentioned as a new Cardinal home.

The Cards, who now are contesting with the Chicago Bears for the right to shift operations from Comiskey Park to Dyche Stadium in suburban Evanston, are tied for last place with Philadelphia in the NFL's Eastern Division at 2-8-1.

The Bears claim an old agreement restricts the Cardinals to the territory south of Madison Street, Chicago's north-south division line. The Cards have filed suit to challenge this.

Wolfner said Card Coach Frank Ivy would be signed to a new long term contract in a day or two. Ivy reportedly has been considering a return to the Canadian League which he left to join the Cards this year. Vancouver is said to have made Ivy a fat offer.

change my mind but right now I'm planning on retiring for good as a player," the big defensive end said. Ford is in his 11th pro season - two with the Los Angeles Dons, eight with the Cleveland Browns, and one with the Pack. He will be 33 years of age next February. "No, I'm not the football player I was five or six years ago," he said in answer to a question, adding: "I was faster then and more active. But football has changed a lot. They used to pull the guards out to block against us

defensive ends, which meant that I got a start of two or three steps. With that start, it was easy to overpower the guard or run around him and just step over the back. Now they play it different. The tackle plays head on with us defensive ends. You don't get those two or three steps anymore. It's hard but they keep changing football and changing during the game." Ford is one of the game's all-time defensive stars but he admitted "I'm not what I used to be." Anybody else going to retire? This is the time of the season - especially when it's a bad one - four or five of the boys will swear they'll never don the moleskins again. Unless an athlete's 30-plus - like Ford - there isn't much use talking retirement talk serious. A good example of that was Tobin Rote, who swore he'd never play again after the '56 season. That, in part, prompted his trade to Detroit. Now they tell me Rote will play indefinitely. There might be a similar situation developing with Rote's onetime teammate from Rice - Billy Howton, president of the NFL Players' Assn. Howton, who turned 28 last July 5, is giving retirement some thought. There is also this to consider: the Packers' poor season could force a few unplanned retirements and bring about wholesale changes. Poor season or not, the Rams who battle our Packers in the Coliseum Sunday let it be known today that they haven't forgotten the tough fight they had in Green Bay Nov. 16. Duane Putman, the Rams' all-pro guard, said: "We can't forget the Packers led us 7-3 right up to the closing minutes of the first quarter and that it took a 93-yard pass play (Bill Wade to Red Phillips) for the Rams to score their first touchdown. Our second touchdown didn't come until the fourth quarter, and it took a pass interception by Don Burroughs to set up the scoring drive."...**'PLAY SOUND FOOTBALL'**: Told that the Packers are continuing work on a spread with Joe Francis back, Ram Coach Sid Gillman said: "The Packers play sound football, so we won't put all of our eggs in one basket defensively. We'll try and be ready for everything they might throw at us." Asked why Francis was starting at quarterback, McLean told the LA press: "We haven't been winning with either Babe Parilli or Bart Starr. I feel Francis is deserving of a starting chance. How he moves the team will determine his stay out there." Despite the fact that the Packers are 17-point underdogs, they are being treated with great respect by the press, radio and television, which want to make sure the local prides finish second with 8-4. Regardless, it's a good feeling for the Packers to note that they are being treated with great respect. More sunshine and 88-degree weather was on tap for the Bays in practice today. "It's working wonders for our injured players and everybody should be in top condition," McLean said. The Packers didn't have a good practice Thursday, but there's an old saying in pro football that a poor Thursday means a good Sunday. The offense was having an

awful time trying to complete a pass, while the defense made several interceptions. The spirit of the squad is high - Scooter is hoping it remains through Sunday afternoon.

PACK RUMOR MART BRISK; NO ACTION

DEC 13 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packer rumor mill whirred at record speed today, the latest batch tabbing Blanton Collier to succeed Scooter McLean as head coach and Monday as the day for announcement of Curly Lambeau as general manager, but official sources indicate there is nothing imminent. Collier, former Cleveland Brown aide now head coach at the University of Kentucky, said the report was "complete news to me. I never heard anything about it. Nobody has said anything about such a thing to me, neither the Packers nor anyone else. I have been out of town in western Kentucky for three days and I haven't heard anything like that." As for the Lambeau phase, the former Packer coach Thursday modified an earlier statement to Press-Gazette Sports Editor Art Daley with, "I might return if given the opportunity if it can be in a capacity to do the job it takes to build the team to power again. I repeat, if I could be in a position to help the Packers, I might be interested." In Los Angeles Wednesday, Lambeau told Daley he would not be interested in returning to the Packers. He emphasized yesterday, however, that "I have not heard officially - or unofficially - from anybody connected with the

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team with authority to contact me." Meanwhile, Fritz Van, employed by a small sports magazine here, began organizing a drive for Lambeau's return. He started distributing bumper stickers and window cards declaring "We Want Lambeau". He said several hundred had been handed out. Elsewhere, three former Packer players were quoted by the United Press as denying they are leaders in the move to bring Lambeau back but two of the three said they thought he would make a good manager. Pete Tinsley, now coaching at Wrightstown High School, denied he is handling a petition campaign, asserting, "I wouldn't have the time or money for anything like that." He said he felt Lambeau would be "a good general manager." Former passing ace Arnie Herber said, "I don't care who they get as long as they win ball games." Buckets Goldenberg, now a Milwaukee restaurant operator, also denied any connection with the petition campaign, but said he would like to see Lambeau return as general manager. "I don't think he would want to come back as coach," Goldenberg added. "I know for a fact he has not yet been approached. However, you couldn't find a better man. He is respected and he would give the Packers a lot of authority at league meeting." He also said he felt that McLean had not been given a "fair test." "I don't think anyone else could have done any better under the present circumstances."

PACK DUELS RAMS, FACES WORST YEAR

DEC 14 (Los Angeles-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packers play the last 60 minutes of what probably will be their worst season in history in the Coliseum Sunday afternoon. That's an awful thing to say about our beloved Bays, but they've been far from successful during this season of 1958. A loss to the Rams would set the Green Bay mark at 1-10-1, which would be worse than the 2-10 for 1949. Green Bay isn't exactly conceding the Rams their eighth victory against four losses, since

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the Packers put in a good practice week and seem ready, but the experts still rate Los Angeles a 17-point favorite. A crowd of 60,000 is expected and anything over 52,000 will give Los Angeles its second straight one-million attendance season. Kickoff is set for 3:30 Packerland time. This has been a shocking campaign for Green Bay - in fact the second in a row. A year ago, that dedication victory skyrocketed everybody's hopes and the Bays finished with three wins. This season, with a new head coach - Scooter McLean, better things were expected. But...ugh. A victory would take some of the curse off the campaign, but windup victories are hard to get out here. Los Angeles has never lost a season-ender here and the Rams will be going for their 13th straight tomorrow. And they have never failed to score at least 29 points in their home-closing victories... 'LOTS OF ROOKIES': McLean indicated that he plans to keep an eye on '59 by using "a lot of rookies." Two freshmen will be in the starting backfield - Joe Francis at quarterback and Jim Taylor at fullback. Jerry Kramer will start at offensive guard and Dan Currie will see plenty of action at linebacker or defensive end. Francis' starting at the key quarterback position - where Bart Starr and Babe Parilli have had difficult all season, offers an interesting study - at least from the start. Francis led the Packers down for a quick touchdown in San Francisco last Sunday. Francis likely will throw and run some from the spread formation, which will also see Paul Hornung operate from under the center. Taylor will be the fullback and Hornung mostly left half. The entire business is expected to help Green Bay keep the ball and maybe do some scoring. The Rams probably will be offensive crazy - especially with the pass, because QB Bill Wade needs just 307 aerial yards to break the record of 2,938 held by Sammy Baugh. The Packers' big defense problems are Del Shofner, Leon Clarke, Lamar Lundy, Jon Arnett and Red Phillips. The backfield, headed by Bobby Dillon, will have its hands full. The injured Hank Gremminger will be sorely missed. A good rush on Wade will help the defensive backfield; Bill will get

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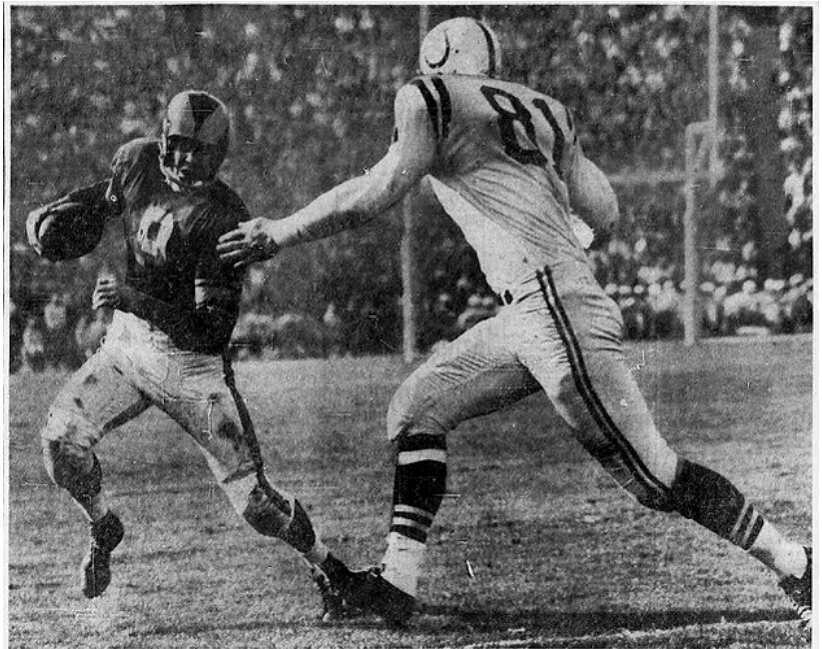
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flustered under fire. The Packers, based on past performances, will need plenty of luck Sunday. The best that could happen to them would be a couple of early touchdowns - by hook or crook...At least two tough defensive pros will be closing their football careers Sunday - the Packers' Len Ford and the Rams' Dick Daugherty...Green Bay hasn't won a game in the Coliseum since 1947 when the Packers carved up the then-new West Coasters 31-10. The Packers now have lost 10 in a row here...Carl Mulleneaux, the former Packer end, is head coach of the Santa Monica Junior College team that plays Northeastern Oklahoma in the Junior Rose Bowl today. "We're favored by a touchdown, and we'll use a lot of pro stuff, including the spread," Mulleneaux said last night. Both junior teams are staying at the Green Hotel, also the Packers home, and the joint is jumping with football...The Packers will fly out of here in their chartered United Airlines plane Monday morning and arrive at Green Bay in the afternoon. They'll break up for the season in Green Bay.

MCLEAN FIRES FORD FOR 'RULES VIOLATION'

DEC 14 (Los Angeles) - Green Bay's longest NFL season drew to a close on still another sour note Saturday. On the eve of Sunday's final game against the Los Angeles Rams, Len Ford, veteran defensive end, was suspended for violation of club rules. The former University of Michigan and Cleveland Browns star, obtained by the Packers in a preseason trade, was given a plane ticket home to Detroit and meal money. Ray (Scooter) McLean, Green Bay coach, made the announcement after the Packers held their final workout Saturday morning. Ford did not go to practice. Asked why Ford was suspended, McLean said, "Because he violated club rules." "What rules did he violate?" "Just say he broke training," the coach said. McLean was asked if this meant the end of Ford's pro career. "Probably," the coach said, "he's all done. He can't play anymore." The Packers gave up their fourth draft choice this year for Ford's service. He was one of the big disappointments

of a disappointing season. With Ford suspended, the Packers will have only 32 players in the finale. The league limit is 35. Also missing and not replaced will be guard Hank Bullough and defensive back Hank Gremminger. Bullough went out for the season with a knee injury and subsequent operation after the Ram game in Green Bay a month ago. Gremminger suffered a hairline fracture in his left leg against the Lions at Detroit Thanksgiving Day. Bullough did not make the trip west. Gremminger did but later was sent home to Dallas, when it became obvious that he could not play. Up to 60,000 fans are expected to see the Packers thrown to the Rams in the Memorial Coliseum here. The Rams are overwhelmingly favored and if they do as they are supposed to, the Packers will be holders of the worst record in Green Bay's 40 years of professional football. Sid Gillman's Rams, who beat the Packers at Green Bay in November, 20-7, will be after at least a share of second place in the Western Division. They have won seven games and



BIG MAN FOR RAMS—Quarterback Billy Wade, shown ripping off yardage against Colts last week end, leads Rams in season finale at Coliseum Sunday afternoon when locals face Green Bay Packers. Billy was named Most Valuable Player at Ram fete last night. Times photo by Ben Glazer

lost four and are tied with the Chicago Bears, who play the Detroit Lions today, two games behind the division champion Baltimore Colts. The Packers have never won here. They have been trying since 1950 and the scores have been 51-14, 45-27, 33-17, 35-27, 31-17, 49-21 and 42-17. The Packers, in fact, have had trouble beating any team this season. They have one victory, nine defeats and one tie to show for 11 games. This will wind it up. The worst previous Green Bay record was 2-10 in 1949. The Rams will use Billy Wade at quarterback with Joe Marconi, Jon Arnett and Tom Wilson as the runners and Del Shofner, Lamar Lundy, Jim Phillips and Leon Clarke, the receivers. Green Bay will counter with rookie Joe Francis at quarterback, Paul Hornung and rookie Jim Taylor as the running backs and Bill Howton, Max McGee and Joe Johnson, the receivers, with Steve Meilinger in reserve. If Francis cannot do the job, Babe Parilli and Bart Starr will be tried again at quarterback. The Packers plan to use a lot of fancy stuff - spread formation, double wing, split T and the like. They are desperate. Anything goes in the finale.

NO FIRINGS DUE, SAYS OLEJNICZAK

DEC 14 (Green Bay) - Dominic Olejniczak, president of the Green Bay Packers corporation, said here Saturday night that no decisions would be made on the futures of General Manager Verne Lewellen and Coach Ray (Scooter) McLean when the club's 13 man executive board holds its weekly meeting Monday. "McLean and Lewellen are not on the agenda," said Olejniczak. "There may be an announcement later in the week. The season is not over. It would be unfair to comment on personnel, players or otherwise at this time." Olejniczak refused to comment on whether McLean or Lewellen would be

replaced. He also would not make any statement as to whether the Packer management intended to contract former coach Curly Lambeau who is being supported in drives initiated by fans.

RAMS ARE RIPE - BUT PACKERS MAY NOT HAVE UPSET TOUCH

DEC 14 (Los Angeles) - If the Green Bay Packers aren't too far gone, and there is some reason to believe that they are, they are in an ideal position for an upset when they meet the Los Angeles Rams here Sunday. Ray (Scooter) McLean, the Packers' coach, put it this way. "I told the boys," he said, " 'look at this: They've made the Rams the biggest favorite I've ever seen in pro football.' Then the Los Angeles papers are full of all the records that the Rams can set against us. How Billy Wade can break this passing record and that passing record. And how the Rams can do this and can do that. It is almost as if they didn't think we were going to provide any opposition at all. So I told the boys, 'Here's your chance to do something about this season of ours.' I don't know how the boys will react, but I've got to hope." Curly Lambeau, the former Packer coach who lives out here in the winter, stopped by to pay his annual respects to the Green Bay coaching staff. "You're in an ideal spot for an upset," he told McLean. "They think they can murder you. I feel very strongly that if each one of your men does his job you can win Sunday. They're ready to be upset."...GOOD ROOKIES: McLean had praise for two of Green Bay's rookies, guard Jerry Kramer of Idaho and linebacker Dan Currie of Michigan State, even in the midst of this worst of all Green Bay seasons. "Kramer is starting to find himself," McLean said. "You should have seen the job he did on Herchman of the 49ers last Sunday. Why, in the movies, he rode him right out of there several times on pass protection and on running plays. Kramer's going to be a fine one. He came to us at 230 and now he's 246 and you don't even know he's gained a pound. He'll be 250 next year. He's a growing boy and with experience, he will be one helluva guard." Of Currie, McLean said, "We've been trying Dan at defensive end as well as linebacker. He may play defensive end next year because with Carlton Massey back and with Marv Matuszak with us all year, we should be well fixed at linebacker."

PACKERS DROP FORD; MEET RAMS TODAY

DEC 14 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - Lenny Ford, an 11-year veteran in pro football, was suspended by Packer coach Scooter McLean Saturday on the eve of the club's final game of the season in Los Angeles against the Rams. McLean said that Ford had been suspended for breaking training rules. He declined to elaborate but said Ford had been given a plane ticket home to Detroit. Ford had announced Friday that Sunday's game would be his last. He will be 33 next February. He commented, "I'm planning to retire for good as a player. I'm not what I used to be." The defensive end joined the Packers this fall after eight seasons with the Browns and three with the Los Angeles Dons. Green Bay gave up a fourth round draft choice for him. The Packers close out their unhappiest NFL campaign in 40 years in the Coliseum and 50,000 are expected. Kickoff is 3:30 p.m., WTMJ. What effect Sunday's finale will have on McLean's future and that of General Manager Verne Lewellen is a matter of conjecture. Packer President Dominic Olejniczak said no decisions will be made at the club's weekly meeting in Green Bay Monday. The team is expected Monday night and a party is planned for the players Tuesday. The futures of McLean and Lewellen "are not on the agenda," according to Olejniczak, who said, "there may be an announcement later in the week." He said he could not give a specific day. "The season is not over," Olejniczak continued, "and it would be unfair to comment on personnel, players or otherwise, at this time." Asked to comment on speculation that McLean or Lewellen, or both, might be replaced, Olejniczak said, "I will answer with a flat 'no comment'." Meanwhile, McLean promised from his Pasadena camp an all-out effort with a vastly revised offense against the Rams. He said Joe Francis, rookie from Oregon State's single wing offense, will lead off as quarterback. And much of the attack, so McLean says, will be from the double wing spread. If things don't pan out, of course, either Bart Starr or Babe Parilli will step into the quarterback spot. The weather has been warm and sunny all week and the Packers should be in good physical shape.