

# New York Giants (2-0) 6, Green Bay Packers (0-2-1) 0 Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup> 1928 (at Green Bay)

## PACKERS LOSE HARD GAME 6 TO 0

GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(GREEN BAY) - There is a hard luck story to relate about the Packer and New York Giants game at the City stadium Sunday - a tale of what might have been. It might have been a Green Bay victory by two touchdowns, or probably only one, or perhaps a tie. But regardless of what might have happened, the Packers lost, 6 to 0. But it wasn't a disgrace to be beaten by this great team that won the National league championship in 1927, for even in defeat the Packers showed the Easterners how a Green Bay team fights. And when the battle was over some 7,000 fans filed out of the park telling each other about the great work of practically every man on the Packer team, about Hubbard the smashing, hole blocking Giants end, and about the colorful Caldwell and a host of others. Eddie Kotal came in for much of

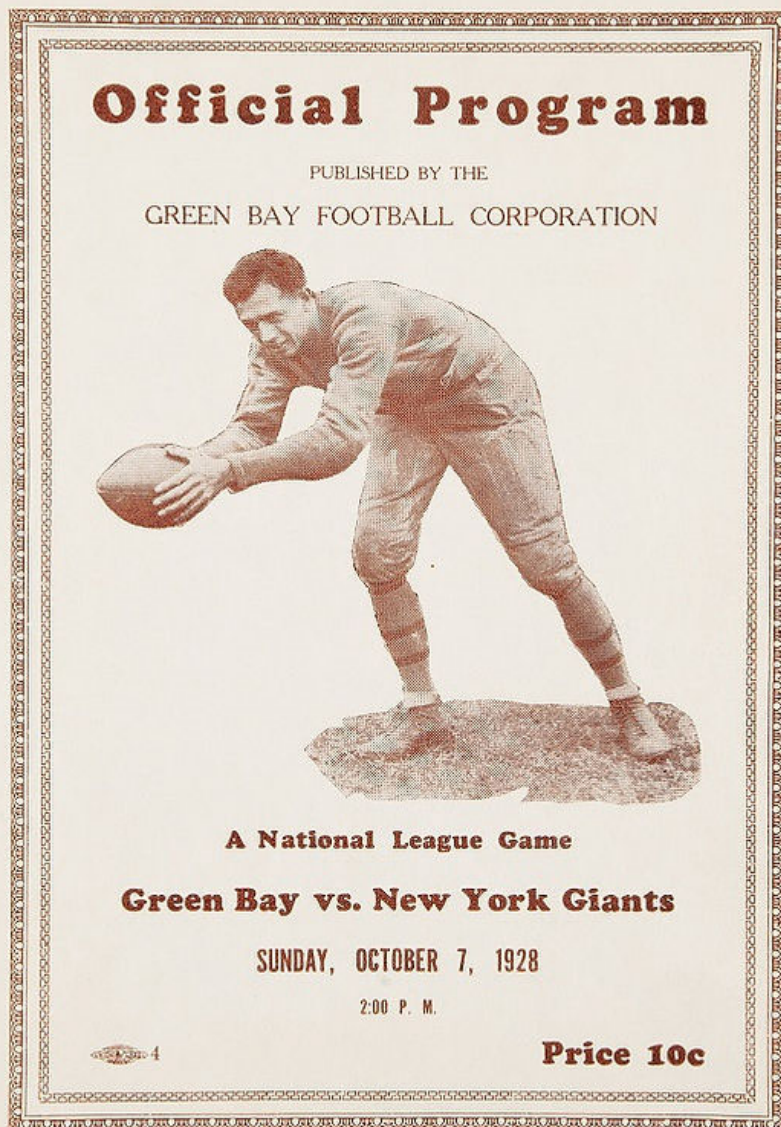
the praise with fans talking about his gains around the ends, his catching of forward passes and his valiant defensive work. Then there was favorable comment about Dick O'Donnell, who broke up every play that came his way and many others, and Perry, who crashed through the Giant forward wall time after time to stop the New Yorkers without a gain, and about the great punting of Lewellen.

### SEVERAL GOOD ATTEMPTS

But getting back to "what might have been" it probably would be well to tell about the time the Packers carried the ball down near the goal line, and then were not successful in putting it over. On one of these tries it looked like a certain touchdown as the Bays had the ball on the three yard mark and a lunge through center by Lewellen ended right at the goal line. It appeared as if Lew had made the touchdown, but the referee thought otherwise and gave the ball to the Giants two inches from the goal line. That happened in the second quarter. Again in the third quarter the Packers were within striking distance when they recovered a fumbled kickoff on the Giant 20 yard line. Two plays netted nine yards and brought the ball to the 11 yard line but the Bays failed on the next plunge and the fourth play was an incomplete pass that gave the ball to the Giants.

### WILSON MAKES TOUCHDOWN

The Giants' touchdown came near the end of the third quarter after the Packers had possession of the ball most of the period. Wilson took the ball from his own 33 yard line and on a criss-cross play down the field to the Packer 27 yard line before Baker caught him from behind. A pass then was



thrown to Hagerty who received it and ran about 5 yards before being tackled. Hagerty fumbled the ball when tackled and Hartzog picked up the ball and ran about ten more yards before being stopped on the 2-yard line. Wilson made no gain at left tackle, but on the next play went off tackle for a touchdown. The try for an extra point by a kick was blocked. In the first quarter the Packers brought the ball to the 19 yard line after an exchange of punts. Eddie Kotal ran 30 yards with a forward passed ball on the play that put the Packers in striking distance of the goal. Two passes then were tried, the first being knocked down, and the second intercepted by Caldwell and the Giants punted out of danger. The second period saw the Packers on the offense most of the time and when the period was about half over, the Packers started one of the most determined marches of the game toward the goal before they were stopped. Taking the ball from his own 40 yard line, Kotal went wide around right end for a 35 yard gain. O'Boyle then made 11 yards through tackle, a pass, Lewellen to Kotal, brought the ball to the 16 yard line. Dunn then brought the ball to within three yards of the goal, and Lew tried to carry it over only to have the ball given to the Giants on the fourth down, inches from the goal as was related previously. In the final period of play, Captain Lambeau went into the game and a series of long passes were tried in a desperate effort to avert defeat, but the Giant defense continued to break them up and the game ended with the ball in midfield.

<b>NY GIANTS</b>	-	0	0	6	0	-	6
<b>GREEN BAY</b>	-	0	0	0	0	-	0

**SCORING**

3RD - NYG - Bruce Caldwell, 1-yard run (Kick blocked) NEW YORK GIANTS 6-0

# CARDINALS MEET PACKERS SUNDAY

**SIDELIGHTS**

OCT 8 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Marks was knocked out when he tackled Hubbard in the third quarter after the Giant end received a forward pass. He had to leave the game. Marks was not injured seriously however, and recovered a few minutes after going on the sidelines...Hubbard played on the secondary when his team was on the defense. The big end who is the tallest and heaviest wingman in the league, was in every play always plugging up holes in the Giant line...The Giants employed a five-man defense for forward passes that was effective as only six of 12 passes tried by the Bays were completed. The Giants completed six of eight passes during the game...Earpe played a brilliant game both at center and tackle frequently breaking through the Giants line to tackle the New Yorkers. Jones and Minick both did good work at guards...Wilson, McBride and Caldwell alternated in carrying the ball for the Giants and all did equally well. Wilson gained more yardage than his other teammates and was the shiftest player in the backfield...Bowdoin contributed some remarkable tackling for the Packers, and on one occasion tore down the field on a punt and nabbed Hagerty but a fraction of a second after the latter received the ball. He had to evade three of the Giant players to make the tackle...There wasn't much to choose from in the yardage gained by either of the teams, as the Giants made nine first downs to eight by the Packers. The Packers' total yardage gained was slightly more than the Giants...Lollar, who was injured a few weeks ago, was on the bench with the Packers, but not in uniform. His injured leg is nearly healed now and he expects to get in the game next Sunday against the Cardinals. Lewellen continued to punt in great order Sunday. One of his kicks was about the most perfect boot ever seen. It traveled about 80 yards in the air, and was a perfect spiral...The American Legion band contributed several well received numbers to the day's entertainment before the game and between the halves...Rosy Rosatti, who played with the Packers in 1925 and 1927, has come to terms with the New York Giants to play on their line. Rosy was traded by the Packers to the Yankees this year and released by that team to play with the Giants. He was at the game yesterday and will begin practice with the squad here tomorrow...The Giants will remain here all this week training for the Bear game at Chicago next Saturday. They will work out every morning at the same time as the Packers. Dr. Harry March, master of

# WILSON CARRIES BALL OVER FOR GIANT VICTORY

Crowd of 7,000 See Bays Battle New York Championship Team.

## HARD TO LOSE

<b>G. B. Packers</b>	<b>N. Y. Giants</b>
O'Donnell lc.	lc. Allison
Perry lt.	lt. Owen
Minick lg.	lg. Garvey
Griffin c.	c. Murtagh
Jones rg.	rg. Nesser
Ashmore rt.	rt. Milstead
Nash re.	re. Hubbard
Dunn qb.	qb. Hagerty
Lewellen lhb.	lhb. Plansky
Kotal rhb.	rhb. Wilson
O'Boyle fb.	fb. McBride

Substitutions—Green Bay Packers: Earpe for Griffin, Woodin for Minick, Webber for O'Donnell, O'Donnell for Nash, Marks for Kotal, Baker for Lewellen, Griffin for Earpe, Minick for Bowdoin, Earpe for Ashmore, Lewellen for Marks, Nahs for O'Donnell, O'Donnell for Webber, Kotal for Baker, Webber for O'Donnell, O'Donnell for Nash, Lambeau for Dunn, Earpe for Griffin, Ashmore for Earpe, Woodin for Jones.

New York Giants: Caldwell for Plansky, Hartzog for Milstead, Reed for Nesser, Jappe for Allison, Eckhardt for Wilson.

Touchdown, Wilson.  
Referee Cahn, Umpire Christenson, Headlinesman Downer.

Score by quarters:

Giants	.....	0	0	6	0-6
Packers	.....	0	0	0	0-0



ceremonies for the New York Giants, is a "rock-ribbed" Republican. Sunday afternoon when one of the New York players was hurt, the "Doctah" majestically strode forth on the gridiron to give first aid. He was a bit slow in getting off and somebody in the north stands bellowed "Get off the field, Tammany". It was, at least, five minutes. Tim Mara's "corporal of the guard" cooled down.

**CARDINAL MEET PACKERS SUNDAY**

OCT 9 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packers resumed practice today, stressing defensive work and running through several plays in preparation for the game Sunday against the greatly strengthened Chicago Cardinals at the City stadium. The men came out of the Giant game in good shape and all were out for the session. Lavvie Dilweg, Tiny Cahoon and Lollar are the only men who are not quite recovered from the injuries. Dilweg and Lollar are expected to be in shape for next Sunday, however, but Tiny's injured leg may keep him on the sidelines for a few weeks yet...**MANY REGULARS BACK:** A hard fight is expected Sunday as the Cardinals, after a poor start this season, came into their own Sunday against the strong Dayton Triangles to win. Dayton held the Philadelphia Yellowjackets to one touchdown a few weeks ago and was regarded as a favorite to cop over the Cards. Chris O'Brien has gathered many of his old regulars back with him this season and has added a few new men who look impressive. Among the newcomers that he has are Davidson, a giant guard, Grant, Illman, Risvold and Bradley. Davidson came to the Cardinals after making quite a reputation for himself as a lineman at North Carolina. Grant is a quarterback from St. Mary. Illman was a plunging and hard blocking fullback with the University of Idaho team last year...**TWO COLORED STARS:** Risvold was with the University of Southern California last year and Bradley is from Iowa. Bradley and Duke Slater are both colored players who compete for the Cardinals. Marston Smith, former University of Chicago grid captain, is coaching the Cardinals now, and his work has greatly improved the Chicagoans. He has the line charging fast and all of his backfield men working in good shape, according to reports from the Windy City.

**CHICAGO CARDINALS PREPARE PASS DEFENSE**

OCT 10 (Chicago) - Coach Marston Smith of the Chicago Cardinals sent his squad through another tough drill today stressing defensive play against forward pass formations such as used by the Green Bay Packers. He had his men divided into two groups with most of his regulars on the offensive working on formations that are expected to stop the Packer pass attack. The Cardinal coach expressed himself

particularly pleased with the work of the new linemen who have joined the team this year and also with the work of Grant at quarterback...**FIRST PRO YEAR:** The former St. Mary's star who is playing his first year in professional football showed himself an able field general against Dayton last weekend, and his punting was remarkable, getting 60 yards and over on almost every try. Smith predicts that Grant will give Lewellen of the Packers a fight for premier kicking honors in the National league this year. Jones, at fullback, also showed up well in Sunday's game and is expected to do a lot of ground gaining against the Green Bay team. The former Penn State star is a veteran pro leaguer and before joining the Cardinals this year was considering an offer to play with the Packers. Bradley, a colored guard from Iowa, who is playing his first year of professional football also appears impressive. He is fast charging and good at opening up holes...**SLATER IS BACK:** Duke Slater, another colored star, who is a veteran professional leaguer, is just as active as ever this year, and also is counted on to do a lot against the Packers. Springsteen and Blumer, both veteran Cardinals showing their old time form. Blumer, who has been with the Cardinals for three years, plays at either end or in the backfield, while Springsteen switches from a wing berth to center at any occasion. Other new men who are expected to make the grade in the professional field this season. They all are playing their first game in the postgraduate game and have shown a lot of promise. Marelli was signed by the Packers to start the season but then released to the Cardinals. He was with Notre Dame in his college days. Illman comes to the Cardinals from the University of Idaho where he made a good reputation for himself as a fullback last year. Davidson is a guard and played with North Carolina last year.

**CHICAGO CARDS AT GREEN BAY SUNDAY**

OCT 10 (Green Bay) - Another of those football teams in the National Professional league which comes under the moniker "ancient enemies" comes to Green Bay Sunday to tussle with the Packers and another red hot argument such as the recent games between the Packers and the Bears and the New York Giants should be the result. The invaders are none other than the famous Chicago Cardinals and outside of the Bears there is no team in the league which the locals would rather win over then the Cardinals. It was only a couple of year ago that the Cardinals boasted one of the classiest pro teams in the country but, with the departure of the famous Paddy Driscoll from the Card lineup, their stock went down but even last year when most every team in the league took a fall out of Chris O'Brien's aggregation they held the Packers to a tie in a 6-6 game. The one thing above anything else which earned a tie for the Chicago team was

**TEAMS CLASHED  
IN FIRST GAME  
SEASON OF '21**

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**Lambeau Kicked a Field  
Goal to Tie Chicago-  
ans 3 to 3.**

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**CARD-PACKER RECORDS**

	1921		1922		1924		1925		1926		1927
Packers	3	Cardinals	8	Packers	3	Cardinals	16	Packers	0	Cardinals	3
Packers	6	Cardinals	9	Packers	7	Cardinals	13	Packers	13	Cardinals	0
Packers	3	Cardinals	0	Packers	6	Cardinals	6				

the fight which they showed all during the game. But this year O'Brien, after a poor start against the Bears, determined to get a real team together and apparently has accomplished what he set out to do for Sunday his revised Cardinals came to life with a vengeance and defeated the strong Dayton Triangle by a 7 to 0 score which was exactly the same score by which the Frankford Yellowjackets trimmed the Ohioans. Several new faces have been added to the personnel of the Cards including a new coach named Smith, a former captain under the grand old man of football, Alonzo Stagg of Chicago University. New plays have been added to the list and every one on the squad including the veterans of other year such as Erickson, Blumer, Springsteen, Jones, Weiderquist and old Duke Slater. Beside the famous Slater, the Cards also have another colored player named Bradley, also from Iowa and it is said by opponents that when the two get working together side by side that it takes a good combination to stop them. The Packers are confident, however, that they will be able to chalk up their first league victory of the season at the expense of the Cardinals and figure that in the last two weeks they have had about coming for the season. The players came out of the hard tussle with the Giants in good shape and all of the team except Cahoon and Lollar will be in shape for the Sunday game.

# Cards And Packers Resume Feud Here

## **CARDS AND PACKERS RESUME FEUD HERE**

OCT 11 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packers and Chicago Cards will renew a gridiron rivalry of many years standing when they meet again Sunday at the City stadium. The football feud started back in 1921 when the Bays first battled Chris O'Brien's team to a 3 to 3 tie. Lambeau kicked a field goal just before the half in that game, but Paddy Driscoll knotted the count in the closing minutes with a similar boot. In 1922, the Cardinals whipped the Packers, 16 to 3. Charlie Mathys got the Bays' long counter while the Chicagoans' scores were made by the Horween brothers, one of whom is now coaching Harvard...NO GAME IN 1923: There was no game in 1923, but a year later Paddy Driscoll booted the ball through the uprights for the only counter to beat the Packers, 3 to 0. It was in this fray that Buck missed several attempts for field goals. Fans also will remember Tillie Voss' dash in that game down the field to the 10-yard line where the Cardinals' line held against any further advance. The Cardinals won in 1925, in a game that almost broke up in a riot. The game was played at White Sox park and the Packers scored first to gain a six-point lead by two placekicks which they held when the rumpus started. An illegal forward pass gave the Cards a touchdown and Packer rooters dashed out on the field and stormed the referee. When peace was restored the teams went at it again and a few moments before the closing whistle, Driscoll kicked a field goal for the winning score. In 1926, the Cardinals made their first appearance in Green Bay and beat the Packers, 13 to 7. Red Dunn was playing with the Chicagoans that year and was an outstanding star in the game. Later in the same season, the Bays met the Cards in Chicago and won 3 to 0. It was Pid Purdy's field goal that spelled the victory...CARDS LOSE 13 TO 0: Last fall, the Cards came to Green Bay again and took a 13 to 0 licking, although the game was much more one sided than the score would indicated. When the Bays went to Chicago it was a 6 to 6 tie. The Packers came back in the fourth quarter of that game to tie the score. Weller grabbed a Cardinal pass for his team's score. Fans are wondering what is going to happen in Sunday's game. The dope has been upset so often when the two clubs battled that the gridiron enthusiasts are beginning not to be surprised at anything. One thing is certain, that is when the teams come together, and whatever squad comes out with a victory. It will know that it has been a real tough game.

## **PACKERS SHOW SMOOTHNESS IN PRACTICE**

OCT 12 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Rain cut short the Packers' daily practice session today at the training field so the men participated in a chalk talk and a light workout at the Columbus club in preparation for the game here Sunday with the Chicago Cardinals. The team has been working smoother in practice this week than at any time previous, and when it takes the field against Chris O'Brien's eleven from the South Side of Chicago it is expected to present a formidable running and blocking offense as well as a stellar defense. Line charging and running of interference has been particularly stressed by Captain Lambeau during the session. Despite Bay defeats by the Yellowjackets and the champion Giants, the game Sunday is creating a lot of interest for local fans because of the traditional rivalry between the Packers and the Cardinals. The Cardinals, although they enjoy the unique distinction of numbering no All-American pros in their ranks, have been improving steadily under the coaching of Marston Smith, former University of Chicago star. In their 7 to 0 victory over the Dayton Triangles last Sunday - a club which held the Yellowjackets to a 7 to 0 count - the Cards looked like a great club. The line looked particularly powerful and the backfield men had a great deal of success in breaking up Dayton passes. Many of the Cardinals are well known to fans here. They are men who have been stars in pro football for a number of seasons. Their list includes such luminaries as Harold Erickson and Wiederquist, former W. and J. flashes; Claypool, former All-Conference center at Purdue; Fitzgibbon, who starred with Ernie Nevers and the Duluth team; Springsteen and Mahoney, of Creighton.

## **PRO GRID NOTES**

OCT 12 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Tony Plansky, Olympic athlete, who is holding down a backfield job with the Giants, will probably be on the bench for several weeks with an injured ankle. He got bumped hard when playing the Packers...Tillie Voss continues to win his



fight against Father Time. The big Chicago Bear end is getting around pretty lively this fall. Tillie is an experienced wing-man and he is a sure shot at grabbing the air tosses...Ben Jones has returned to the Chicago Cardinals' battle front. The chunky backfielder was wanted by several clubs but O'Brien held tight to him and he finally decided to again don the Cardinal gridiron togger...Sneeze Achui is going good for the Dayton Triangles this season. Achui is one of the few Chinese playing football. He is a product of Dayton university where he gained fame...Moran, a former Frankford Yellowjacket, appears to have won a home in the Pottsville Maroons backfield. Moran is a triple threat artist of the 60 minute type. So far this fall he has starred often for the Miners...Bo Molenda continues to crash for the New York Yanks. When this product from Yost's school of football at Michigan starts ramming a line, the yard sticks are generally moved forward...The Frankford Yellowjackets have picked up a good pair of collegians from Penn State in Mahoney, a center, and Roepke, backfielder. Both these gridders are big and husky which is just the type that goes in the pro game...There are several "pairs" on the Providence club and the sport writers are having their troubles. B. and J. Cronin are backfielders; G. Wilson is a half and A. Wilson guard while the Smiths, C. and O., are linemen...After three preliminary games, the Detroit Wolverines are all set to open in New York Sunday. Manager Andrews has molded an "ace" club together which includes such stars as Benny Friedman, Cobb, Backus and Jackson...The Chicago Cardinals broke into the win column at the expense of the Dayton Triangle. Swede Erickson was in the limelight for the O'Brien clan as he grabbed a Triangle pass in the third quarter and ran for a score...Pottsville nosed out the New York Yankees, 9 to 7, in an exciting combat. The Pyle-men showed a much improved brand of ball but the Maroons' forward line was just a bit too good for Gibby Welch and his aggregation...The Chicago Bears put the skids under the Minneapolis Marines, 12 to 6, in a non-league game. The Gophers, headed by the mighty Joesting, gave the Bruins lots of trouble but fumbles lost the contest for them...The New York Yanks will attempt the first double session of the season this weekend. On Saturday, the Gothamites are booked to play in Frankford while Sunday they will have their home opening against Detroit...There should be a real battle in Chicago Sunday where the Bears lock horns with the New York Giants. Both of these clubs are of the "bone crushing" type and the winner will be well along the road to the 1928 title...Manager Redelle will take his Dayton Triangles to Providence Sunday. The Ohioans have been bumped in their first two starts but the squad is blessed with good material and it should have soon get the winning habit.

#### PACKERS, CARDS CLASH SUNDAY

OCT 13 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The colorful Cardinals will come up from the "back of the yards" in Chicago tomorrow to clash with the Green Bay Packers at the City stadium in the first game between the two teams this season. The kickoff will be at 2 p.m. All indications point toward another hard fought battle between the National league teams with neither having much of an edge, for the Cardinals after a poor start showed a great deal of improvement in the Dayton game last Sunday and have prepared to avenge the 13 to 0 defeat suffered here last year. Coach Marston Smith of the Cardinals has been pointing his men for this game, according to reports from the Windy City, and has them on fighting edge ready to hand the Packers a setback...FIELD IS SLOW: A field made slow by the rains of the last two days will greet the squads tomorrow, and may handicap both teams in their aerial games. Punting and line bucking probably will prove to be the best method of gaining ground under these circumstances. While Capt. Lambeau has not announced his starting lineup, he is expected to begin the game with his heaviest set of forward linemen and his fastest quartet of ball carriers. Dunn at quarterback, Kotal at one half, Lewellen at the other, and O'Boyle at fullback is the likely quartet. Dilweg, who has recovered from his injury of two weeks ago, will be able to get back into the game tomorrow. Lollar and Cahoon, however, probably will be out for another week yet as they are still handicapped by their injuries...HOLD HARD WORKOUTS: The Packer players have been going through some hard workouts this week and have displayed smoothness of forms and ability of charging that bids well for the team tomorrow. The forward line in particular has been working fine. Another good crowd is anticipated if the weather is favorable, as there is a lot of enmity between the squads and they always put up terrific battles. Advance ticket sales have been fine this week, according to officials of the team.

#### BAND TO CHICAGO

# CHICAGO TEAM PLANS AVENGE 1927 DEFEAT

Slow Field May Handicap Both Teams In Grid Game Here.

#### PROBABLE LINEUPS

Packers	Cardinals
	Left End
O'Donnell, Dilweg	Blumer, Yeisley
	Left Tackle
Perry, Cahoon	Slater
	Left Guard
Minick, Woodin	Stein
	Center
Griffin, Darling	Claypool, Springsteen
	Right Guard
Jones, Bowdoin	Marelli, Bradley
	Right Tackle
Earpe, Ashmore	Weiderquist
	Right End
Nash	Neacy
	Quarter Back
Dunn, Baker	Grant, Fitzgibbon
	Left Half Back
Lewellen, Lambeau	McDonald, Risvold
	Right Half Back
Kotal, Marks	Erickson, Murphy, Manoney
	Full Back
O'Boyle, Lollar	Jones, Illman

Referee, Cain, Chicago; Umpire, Christensen, Menominee; Head Linesman, Downer, Milwaukee. Kickoff, 2 p. m.

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OCT 13 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - A free will offering will be taken up between halves to help send the American Legion band to Chicago next Sunday for the Bear game at that city. The Legionnaires have donated their services every Sunday to the football fans of this city for several years, and have been staunch workers and supporters for the Packers.

### **PACKERS SHOULD BEAT CHI CARDS**

OCT 13 (Green Bay) - The professional football fans of this section of the state are going to march to the City stadium by thousands Sunday to see the Packers win a ball game. The fourth National Professional league game of the season is to be played on the local gridiron between the Packers and the Chicago Cardinals. Three times the fans have been attracted to the stadium to see great teams from foreign strands, with All-American stars, knowing that the Packers had less than an even chance to win. They are now fed up on simply seeing the Packers play football and they are going out to see them win. The Packers are slated to win in the opinion of the local fans, but not on the basis of the past performances of the two teams, for the records show that they are about as closely matched as two teams could be with a slight edge in the favor of the Cardinals. Since 1921, they have met eight times. They have tied twice, the Packers have won twice, and the Cardinals have won four times. Since the Cardinals turned Paddy Driscoll over to the Chicago Bears, the Packers have been playing the Cardinals on a little better than even terms however, and the records of six or eight years ago are not counted for much with the fans of today. The fact that the Packers played the New York Giants, the Philadelphia Yellowjackets and the Chicago Bears on even terms this season, is regarded by the fans as evidence that they are superior to the Cardinals and the local team is a strong favorite in the coming fracas. Reports from Chicago are that the Cardinals have built up a strong overhead offensive, and there is nothing more pleasing to the local fans than a good passing team. A wide open game is expected Sunday with the air full of footballs and the ground work reduced to a minimum. The Packers need a win to their credit and they are going out to get it Sunday.

## **PACKERS, CARDS CLASH SUNDAY**

**Packers have Giants to thank for their existence**  
**(Cliff Christl - Packers team historian - October 6th 2016)**

The Green Bay Packers have two opponents to thank for their survival in the National Football League. One is their archrival, the Chicago Bears. The other is the Packers' upcoming opponent, the New York Giants. When Green Bay joined what was then the American Professional Football Association in 1921, it had a population of roughly 31,000 and was the smallest of several small Midwestern cities among the 21 members. The only smaller city was Tonawanda, N.Y., which played one road game and folded. Other than a few brief periods in the 1920s, Green Bay has remained the NFL's smallest city ever since. The Packers' loyal and fanatic fan base is often credited for keeping the team alive and justifiably so – to a degree. What was more important through World War II when Curly Lambeau's teams won their six NFL championships was how well the Packers drew on the road, particularly in New York and Chicago, the league's two biggest cities. During the 1920s, the Packers struggled to outdraw Green Bay's East and West high school games. The 1927 East-West game drew an estimated 10,000 fans; that year's Packers-Bears game at City Stadium drew about 5,500. In 1939, when the Packers won their fifth title under Lambeau, they sold only 2,345 season tickets for a four-game package to the games in Green Bay. "A few years ago, before the Packers started playing games in Milwaukee, there was a lot of talk going around the league of making the Packers a traveling club and eliminating their home games altogether," Curly Lambeau told a gathering of Green Bay's industrial leaders in 1941. What Tim Mara in New York and George Halas in Chicago, in particular, didn't want to lose was the Packers' drawing power in their cities. They probably weren't any more excited about playing in Green Bay than the other NFL owners, who often left City Stadium with no more than a \$5,000 check, the visiting team's minimum guarantee in those days. But as far back as the 1920s, the Packers were cash cows for the Giants and Bears when they went on the road. And there's no understating how important it was for Green Bay to have the owners of the league's two flagship franchises in its corner. By 1928, the Packers were drawing well enough in Chicago to convince Halas to play them three times a season, including twice at home. That year the two Packers-Bears games at Wrigley Field drew 15,000 and 14,000, more than the 10,000 that showed up for the Bears-Chicago Cardinals game there. The Bears continued to entertain the Packers for two home games for the next five years, or until a year after the NFL owners voted to divide into divisions and play home-and-away series within them. Meanwhile, the Packers played in New York against the Giants for the first time in 1928 and drew 12,000 fans. As the Packers won three straight NFL championships from 1929 to 1931, their appeal in New York and Chicago exploded. During those three years, only six NFL games drew crowds of 30,000 or more and the Packers played in three of them. The league's biggest crowd in 1930 was 37,000, which turned out for the Packers-Giants game in the Polo Grounds. The biggest crowd in 1931 was 35,000, again for Packers vs. Giants in the Polo Grounds. Those also were the NFL's two largest crowds over that three-year period. Tied for the fourth biggest crowd was the 30,000 which watched the Packers play the Bears at Wrigley Field in 1931. During those three seasons, from 1929 to '31, there were a total of 203 NFL games played and only 44, or 22%, attracted crowds of more than 12,000. The Packers played in 11 of the 44, including eight at New York or Chicago and three at home against either the Bears or Giants. But keep in mind, their biggest home crowd was only 14,000 for the Giants in 1931. It was on the road where their purses spilled over. Three things seemed to bring out the crowds. Obviously, one was the Packers' success. Due, at least in part, to his charm and eye for talent, Lambeau had built a powerhouse. Green Bay was the first NFL city to not only win three straight titles, but also three in all. The Canton Bulldogs had

won two. Two, the stakes were as high as they could be, at least in 1929 and '30. The 1929 Packers-Giants game was a showdown for the title when the league champion was determined by the final standings. When the two teams met at the Polo Grounds in late November, the Packers were 9-0 and the Giants, 8-0-1. In the end, the Packers won the title by a half-game, finishing 12-0-1 to the Giants, 13-1-1. In 1930, the Packers and Giants split their two games, each team winning at home. The Packers finished 10-3-1 and captured the title by .004 percentage points over the 13-4 Giants. The 1931 Packers compiled a 12-2 record, a game ahead of the Portsmouth Spartans, while the Bears finished third and the Giants fifth. Three, the Packers were the darlings of the New York press when radio was in its infancy and before there was such a thing as commercial television. There were nine daily newspapers in New York City in 1930, and they all seemed to find the David vs. Goliath angle of a Packers-Giants game irresistible. If Packers fans were polled today – at least those fans who are stewards of the team's history – and asked to pick the franchise's signature game, the guess here is the Ice Bowl would win in a landslide. Clearly, it would be hard to argue with the choice. But, in truth, it probably shouldn't be that clear cut of one. The Packers' 20-6 victory over the Giants on Nov. 24, 1929, might have been the most important of all in terms of their survival. More than any other game, it was the one that secured Green Bay's spot on the pro football map. Not only did it lead to the Packers' first NFL title, but it also created a buzz that has never really been silenced. "The battle with the Giants engaged national attention," a Green Bay Press-Gazette editorial crowed the next day. "The country's best football experts and sports writers witnessed it, hundreds of thousands of persons heard it described over radio. Today, Green Bay is in the headlines of metropolitan newspapers. Ever more and better advertising. "What is all this worth to Green Bay? We say it is worth plenty." The Packers used only 12 players. Ten starters played the full 60 minutes. The 11th played 59 minutes before he was removed for a sub. Verne Lewellen, a halfback who had to fill in at quarterback for an injured Red Dunn, was hailed as the star of the game for his punting, passing and running. But the New York writers gushed even more about the overall strength, the never-say-die fight and precise execution of the entire Packers team. "The whole blamed team is an all-American eleven, to my mind the greatest football team in the world today," wrote Ken Smith in the New York Graphic. This Sunday's game will be the 60th meeting between the two teams. Four were NFL championship games, three of which the Packers won: One under Lambeau in 1939 and two under Vince Lombardi in 1961 and '62. But if not for the football fans of New York pouring through the turnstiles in those early years to watch the Packers play, there's no telling if there'd be a game at all Sunday night. Read more: <http://www.packers.com/news-and-events/article-cliffs-notes/article-1/Packers-have-Giants-to-thank-for-their-existence/d0f4f6cf-d306-4fab-98a8-51db8cbeff36#ixzz4dxkFZ7ID>



## PLAY BY PLAY

### First Quarter

Plarcky kicked off for the New York Giants to Kotal who ran out of bounds on the 23 yard line. Kotal failed to gain at left guard. Lewellen bumped up against a stone wall at right guard. Lewellen punted to Hagerty on the 45 yard line and Nash downed him. McEldrie failed to gain at right tackle. Wilson plowed through left tackle for a 9 yard gain. McEldrie added two yards and a first ten for the Giants. McEldrie passed to Hubbard for a 7 yard gain. McEldrie picked up a scout 3 yards at center. McEldrie crossed through right guard for a first ten. Kotal broke through and tackled Hagerty for a 5 yard loss. The New York Giants took two times out for Plarcky, but the Giant back was unable to continue and Bruce Caldwell replaced him. A pass, McEldrie to Allison was incomplete. On another attempted pass, McEldrie was tossed for a 15 yard loss. McEldrie punted to Dunn who returned 5 yards and was downed on the 21 yard line. Kotal ran the New York right end for a 4 yard gain. Lewellen was stopped at center. Dunn passed to Kotal on the next play and Eddie ran 30 yards before he was tackled by Murtagh on the 19 yard line. Hubbard stopped Lewellen after he gained a yard. On a crisscross, O'Boyle failed to run the right end. A pass, Lewellen to Dunn was incomplete. Caldwell intercepted a pass from Lewellen and brought the ball up to the 19 yard line. Wilson punted out on the 41 yard line. Kotal was stopped at center. Kotal failed on a pass to Lewellen. Lewellen tried a pass to Hagerty and the Giant back was tossed out of bounds by Jones at the 24 yard line. Wilson punted out of bounds on the Packers' 46 yard line. Kotal failed to add at center. Lewellen attempted a pass to Kotal which was intercepted by Hagerty on the 29 yard line. Caldwell made 2 yards at right tackle. McEldrie completed a first ten over the center of the Bay front wall. A pass to Wilson by McEldrie put the ball in play on the Packers' 25 yard line. Wilson failed to gain at right guard and the New Yorkers lost 5 yards on an off-side penalty. Nash sneaked Wilson for a 3 yard loss, and on the next play Wilson punted to the 19 yard line where Murtagh downed the ball. Kotal was held for no gain at right end. Lewellen punted to Hagerty who fumbled and the ball rolled out of bounds on the 23 yard line. The Packers protested the decision because it was apparent that Nash had touched the ball before it left the playing field. Time out for the Packers. On a run from punt formation, Wilson failed to gain at left end. Wilson punted to Dunn who returned 4 yards before he was pushed out of bounds on the 41 yard line. Lewellen punted over the goal line and the ball was brought out and put in play on the 29 yard line. Wilson failed to gain at center. Wilson hit the same spot for a 2 yard gain as the quarter ended. Score at end of quarter: Packers 0, New York Giants 0.

### Second Quarter

Wilson punted out of bounds on the Packers' 29 yard line. O'Boyle failed to gain at center. Lewellen made a yard on a cut back over pass when he could not get rid of the ball. Lewellen punted to Hagerty on the 27 yard line where Jones downed him. Time out for the Giants. A completed pass, McEldrie to Wilson, carried the ball up to the 43 yard line. McEldrie was stopped at center. Caldwell hit a gain. McEldrie made 2 at center wall at right tackle. Wilson punted over the goal line and the ball was brought out and put in play on the 29 yard line. Kotal gained nothing at right tackle. O'Boyle crawled through center for 2 yards. O'Boyle hit the same spot and was stopped without a gain. Lewellen punted out on the 23 yard line. Time out for the Packers. Caldwell broke through the Packer line and carried through 18 yards of territory before he was downed. A pass, McEldrie to Allison, added 8 more yards. Caldwell hit the center of the line for 4 yards. McEldrie was stopped on a left end run. Wilson failed to gain at the center of the line. Earpe replaced Griffin for the Packers. Wilson punted over the goal line on the next play. The ball was brought out and put in play on the 29 yard line. On a crisscross Kotal made a yard at left end. Time out for Ashmore, who was injured on the play. The Packers lost 2 yards for an extra time out. Kotal slipped off right end and ran 35 yards. O'Boyle followed up over right tackle for 11 yards. Hartzog replaced Milstead at tackle for the Giants. Lewellen picked up 2 yards at center. Reed replaced Newser for the Giants at guard. A pass, Lewellen to Kotal brought the ball up to the 11 yard line. Dunn made 2 yards at left end. Jappa was substituted for Allison at one of the ends. Time out for New York. O'Boyle piled through right guard for a 3 yard gain. Dunn passed incompletely to Level-Eddie but Wilson of the Giants interfered and the ball was given to the Packers on the 6 yard line. Lewellen was stopped at center. Hubbard stepped in and hit Lewellen at the line of scrimmage. Dunn brought the ball up to the 1 yard line on an off tackle play. Lewellen crossed through center over the line but the ball was given to the Giants on the 10 yard line. Wilson punted out to the 28 yard line. Kotal broke through right tackle for a 2 yard gain. Dunn passed to Kotal who was downed on the 26 yard line. Dunn made 2 yards before he was pushed out of bounds. O'Boyle failed at center. Dunn passed to O'Donnell, but the ball went out of bounds. Dunn tried another pass to O'Donnell over the goal line. Webber went in for O'Donnell at left end, and O'Donnell was shifted over to the other side for Nash, who was injured. Wilson was stopped at center. Time was called before another play could be started. Score at half: Packers 0, New York Giants 0.

### Third Quarter

O'Boyle kicked off and New York fumbled and the Packers recovered on the Giants 29 yard line. Baker made 4 yards at right tackle. Baker lost 2 at some place. Dunn passed over goal and the ball went to the Giants on the 26 yard line. On the first play the Giants fumbled and Perry recovered and it looked as if the Packers were going somewhere when O'Boyle made 2 yards at left guard on the next play. Marks made 6 in same place. On the next play Marks tried to gain over left guard but was stopped by Hubbard with no gain. Dunn tried a pass to Marks which Lerry made a great effort to get but the ball was to short for him to grab. Wilson punted and Dunn returned the ball 29 yards to the 30 yard line. O'Boyle lost one at right end and on what was supposed to be a pass Dunn ran around left end for a gain of 2 yards. Pass, Dunn to Baker, completed for a 5 yard gain. On another pass all of the Packer receivers were covered and Dunn had to run with the ball being stopped on the 26 yard line for no gain. Time out for Giants. Wilson punted a long kick which hit the side lines on the 28 yard mark of the Packers. Marks tried the line twice in a row but made no gain either time. Dunn punted the ball going out on the New York 49 yard line. Wilson tried to gain over Perry but was stopped for no gain. Pass from McEldrie to Hubbard netted the Giants 10 yards. The big fellow who resembles a steam engine when once started was stopped by Marks who was knocked out from the impact and O'Boyle finally got the tackle. Marks had to be taken out. Another pass from McEldrie to Allison intercepted by Nash on the 42 yard line. Baker made 2 yards at right guard. Lewellen made 1 yard at center. Lewellen punted and Hagerty was downed by Bowdoin on the 73 yard line in about the prettiest open field tackle of the entire game. Wilson on a crisscross play carried the ball 40 yards down the field to the Packer 27 yard line and was finally stopped from behind. McEldrie made no gain at center and then passed to Hagerty who ran about 2 yards and fumbled. The ball rolled around the ground with several men having a chance to recover including two Packers but finally Hartzog picked the ball up and ran about 19 yards being stopped on the 2 yard line. Wilson made no gain at left tackle but on the next play went over for a touchdown. The attempt to make the extra point was blocked by the Packers. O'Boyle tackled off to Owen who returned to 41 yard line. Caldwell made 1 yard at right guard. A pass was knocked down by Baker. Wilson punted out to 21 yard line. Baker made no gain at center. O'Boyle met some fate at right guard, as the quarter ended.

### Fourth Quarter

Lewellen punted over the goal line the kick traveling about 60 yards. McEldrie failed to gain at right tackle. Wilson made 3 yards at right guard. Wilson punted the ball going out on the 42 yard line. Baker lost 1 at right end. Packers were penalized half the distance to the goal for some rough play putting the ball on their own 28 yard line. Lewellen punted to Hagerty who returned to 49 yard line. McEldrie made no gain at center and Wilson made 1 at right guard. Wilson punted and the ball was downed on the 29 yard line. Pass, Lewellen to Kotal, failed to gain at center. Dunn lost 12 yards on a made a yard on a cut back over pass when he could not get rid of the ball. Lewellen punted but the ball was recalled and the Giants penalized 5 yards for off side. Lewellen punted to Hagerty who was downed by O'Donnell on 25 yard line. Weber went in for Nash. Caldwell was stopped by O'Donnell for no gain at right end. Giants took time out. Jones got the tackle. Wilson punted out on 49 yard line. Kotal made no gain at right end. Giants took time out. A pass was tried and the Packer was given the ball on the 49 yard line. O'Boyle for interference. O'Boyle made 2 at center. On this play he fumbled but without a gain. A pass from Dunn to Kotal brought the ball to the 26 for the Packers. Caldwell broke through the Packer line and carried through 18 yards of territory before he was downed. A pass, McEldrie to Allison, added 8 more yards. Caldwell hit the center of the line for 4 yards. McEldrie was stopped on a left end run. Wilson failed to gain at the center of the line. Earpe replaced Griffin for the Packers. Wilson punted over the goal line on the next play. The ball was brought out and put in play on the 29 yard line. On a crisscross Kotal made a yard at left end. Time out for Ashmore, who was injured on the play. The Packers lost 2 yards for an extra time out. Kotal slipped off right end and ran 35 yards. O'Boyle followed up over right tackle for 11 yards. Hartzog replaced Milstead at tackle for the Giants. Lewellen picked up 2 yards at center. Reed replaced Newser for the Giants at guard. A pass, Lewellen to Kotal brought the ball up to the 11 yard line. Dunn made 2 yards at left end. Jappa was substituted for Allison at one of the ends. Time out for New York. O'Boyle piled through right guard for a 3 yard gain. Dunn passed incompletely to Level-Eddie but Wilson of the Giants interfered and the ball was given to the Packers on the 6 yard line. Lewellen was stopped at center. Hubbard stepped in and hit Lewellen at the line of scrimmage. Dunn brought the ball up to the 1 yard line on an off tackle play. Lewellen crossed through center over the line but the ball was given to the Giants on the 10 yard line. Wilson punted out to the 28 yard line. Kotal broke through right tackle for a 2 yard gain. Dunn passed to Kotal who was downed on the 26 yard line. Dunn made 2 yards before he was pushed out of bounds. O'Boyle failed at center. Dunn passed to O'Donnell, but the ball went out of bounds. Dunn tried another pass to O'Donnell over the goal line. Webber went in for O'Donnell at left end, and O'Donnell was shifted over to the other side for Nash, who was injured. Wilson was stopped at center. Time was called before another play could be started. Score at half: Packers 0, New York Giants 0.

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