



NFL CHAMPIONSHIP
Green Bay Packers (13-1) 16, New York Giants (12-2) 7
Sunday December 30th 1962 (at New York)



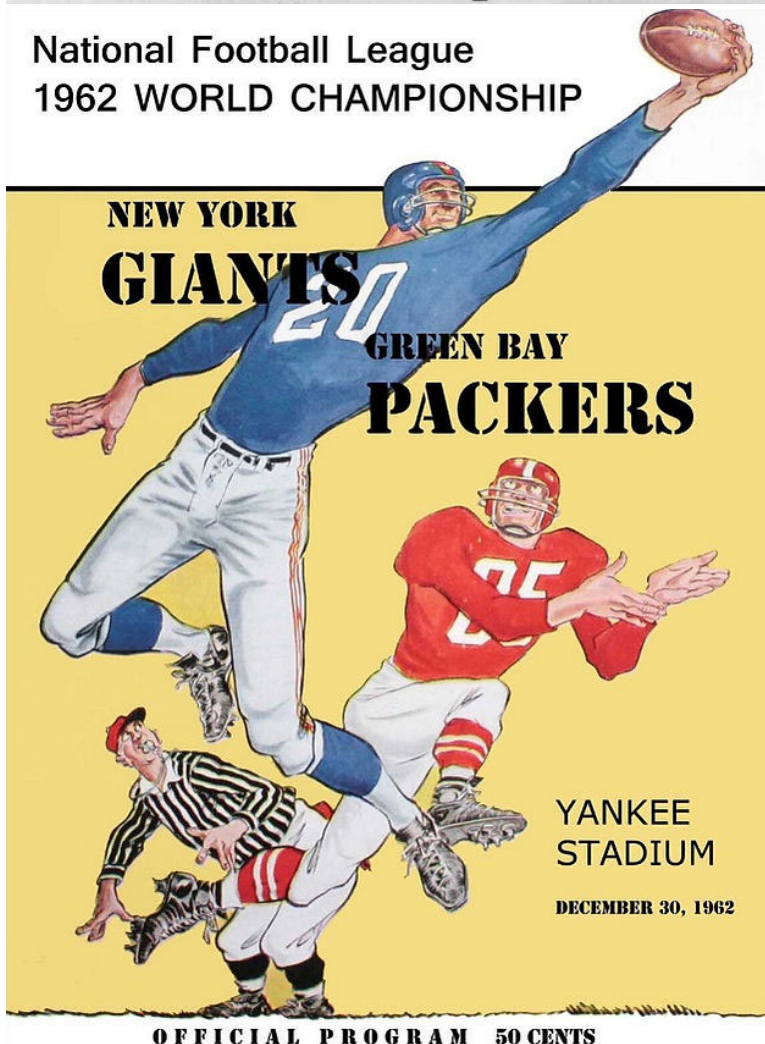
Packers Fullback Jim Taylor (31) Takes Handoff from Bart Starr (15) and Veers Through Hole in Giants' Line for Seven Yards and Touchdown

Packers Repeat as World Champs

National Football League
1962 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

**GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-
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(NEW YORK) - The Packers smashed to their second straight world championship behind the good right toe of Jerry Kramer and an amazing defense in Yankee Stadium Sunday afternoon. They defeated the Giants 16 to 7 and conquered New York in the process. The Packers' world title recognition is now official. Green Bay won in New York and the Bays did it amid a "Beat Green Bay" chant that urged the Giants on to a fever pitch. And on the plane trip home Sunday night, the Packers joyously roared what they had heard all afternoon - "Beat Green Bay." The Packers now have won a record eight world championships - the consecutive triple starting in 1929-30-31; singles in 1933, 1936 and 1944, and the current double. The Bears are next with seven! Green Bay finished with a fantastic 20-1 record for the season - a feat that probably won't be matched or hardly approached for years, if ever. The Bays were 6-0 in non-league, 13-1 in league, and 1-0 in the title test. The Packers won this bruising battle in a howling, frozen dust bowl. It was bitter cold - 20 to 17 degrees with wind gusts up to 40 miles per hour. It was miserable. Green Bay scored in every period and never went behind in this defensive struggle that was slowed down by a frozen field. The Packers wore low-cut coaching shoes with rippled rubber soles and heels - all except J. Kramer, that is. Rather than switch shoes, Jerry wore a shoe with cleats and kicking toe on his right foot and the soft-sole shoe on the left. The shoe bit and the pressure on a first-year kicker never bothered



Jerry. He booted field goals of 26 yards for a 3-0 lead in the first period, a 29-yarder to give the Bays a 13-7 lead in the third period and a 30-yard beauty to all but ice the verdict with 1:50 left in the game. Just two touchdowns were scored - the first

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on a 7-yard stand-up romp by Jim Taylor in the second quarter for a 10-0 lead and the final sixer scored when Jim Collier fell on a blocked Max McGee punt in the third period to cut the lead to 10-7. The game was in the hands of the defense and the Pack's sterling don't-score unit was superb in the clutch. In two title games vs. N.Y., the Packer defense hasn't allowed a TD. Last year's game was 37-0 and yesterday's TD came on a blocked punt. The defense was led by roaring Ray Nitschke, who recovered two fumbles and deflected a pass that set up an interception by Dan Currie. The fumble grabs set up the Pack's lone TD and the second field goal. Nitschke, making jarring tackles all afternoon, was richly rewarded. He was named the most valuable player and won the Corvette from Sport magazine. The Bay defenders were nicked for 18 first downs and 293 yards, but they were murder in the clutch. All of them got in their big licks - Dave Hanner on the draw plays, Hank Jordan on the screens and Jordan, Bill Quinlan and Willie Davis for pressure on Y.A. Tittle. Dan Currie and Capt. Bill Forester kept the Giants' wide stuff in check and the secondary - Jess Whittenton, who again held down Del Shofner, Herb Adderley, Hank Gremminger and Willie Wood did the rest. There was an unfortunate incident. Wood was ejected by official Tom Kelleher when Wood and Kelleher collided, with Kelleher falling down, in the third period. Wood had tipped a pass aimed at Shofner and Kelleher ruled interference. Willie jumped toward the official in protest and Kelleher seemed to be coming at Wood at the same time, when the two met. The Bays also were given a 15-yard penalty for a personal foul. Johnny Symank replaced Wood at right safety and finished out. The Packer offense was the object of mayhem by the Giant defenders, led by Sam Huff, Tom Scott and a few others. They gave Taylor an unnecessary beating, piling on with knees, elbows and fists flying. This was terrible. The Giants never received a penalty for same and apparently no warning was given. Bart Starr guided the Packers carefully under extreme wind conditions. The swirling wind wobbled passes and slowed them down. Yet Bart completed 9 out of 21 (Tittle 18 of 41) and threw just enough to back up the running of Taylor, Paul Hornung and Tom Moore. Hornung started and went the first three quarters with Tom Moore starting the fourth. Both were hurt and replaced each other in the crucial field goal drive in the final period.

GROGGY ON THE FIELD

At one point, it seemed the Giants were using hammer as the Bays shuttled in and out with injuries. In the Pack's sixth play, J. Kramer hurt his shoulder, and Jim Ringo hurt his neck and was groggy on the field. J.K. went out for a few plays but the rugged Ringo went right on, finishing up. The Bay offensive line received intense heat from the Giants' "high" defense, chiefly Rosey Grier, but the unit of Ron Kramer, Norm Masters, Bob Skoronski, Fred Thurston, J. Kramer, Ringo and Forrest Gregg kept the Giants in check. Heat, mayhem, injuries - you name it, will be forgotten shortly, especially when each Packer receives a check in about two weeks for \$5,888.57, the winning player share. Each losing Giant will get \$4,166.85. Both are record figures. The fierce wind struck its nose into the picture right at the start, blowing the ball off the tee three times before Wood's opening kickoff. Finally, Earl Gros held the ball on the tee and the big show was off and running before a capacity audience of 64,892 and 43 million television viewers. The Giants tested the Pack on the ground, made a first down and then settled for a Don Chandler punt that was almost downed on the 1. The Packers stormed down the field with their first trip with the ball,

Beat Who?

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE (Playoff Standings)

	W	L	Pct.	Pts.	O.P.
Colts	2	0	1.000	54	33
Lions	4	1	.800	129	100
Eagles	3	1	.750	59	41
Packers	5	2	.714	145	60
Bears	5	4	.555	245	184
Cardinals	1	1	.500	28	28
Browns	3	4	.429	178	169
Rams	2	3	.400	81	113
Redskins	2	4	.333	83	177
Giants	3	10	.230	198	295
Cowboys	0	0	.000	000	000
Forty-Niners	0	0	.000	000	000
Steelers	0	0	.000	000	000
Vikings	0	0	.000	000	000

1962 Championship Playoff
Green Bay 16, New York 7



Green Bay Fullback Jim Taylor (31) takes a hand-off, left, from quarterback Bart Starr (15), then veers to his left through a hole in the New York line to score a touchdown in the second period of the NFL championship game at Yankee Stadium in New York Sunday. The 7-yard run was Green Bay's only touch-down in the Packer's 16-7 win over the Giants for their second straight NFL title. The other Packer points came on three field goals by Jerry Kramer. Taylor carried the ball 31 times and picked up 85 yards against the Giants. (AP Wirephotos)

roaring 61 yards in 10 plays to set up J. Kramer's field goal from the 26. The boot was close and some of the Giants argued with the officials. Taylor ran 23 yards along the way, Starr completed two passes and J. Kramer recovered a Taylor fumble. The Bays got another chance right quick when Currie intercepted a Tittle pass deflected by Nitschke and returned 29 yards to the Packer 39. A 10-yard run by Hornung and Starr's 17-yard pass to Ron Kramer set up another J.K. field goal try but the boot was short and wide from the 37. Chandler and McGee each punted twice as the game moved into the second quarter and the Bays produced themselves a fine break. Currie jarred the ball loose from King and Nitschke recovered on the Giant

28. It was 10-0 in two plays, Starr's 20-yard pass to Dowler and Taylor's lone TD run. Just before the half, Chandler missed a field goal from the 47. After the teams exchanged punts to start the fierce second half, McGee went back on his own 2-yard line to deliver another boot but it was fatal. Erich Barnes came out of nowhere, blocked the kick and Collier bobbled it into the end zone for the TD. The Giants suddenly hit the ceiling and they appeared to smother little Green Bay on a few plays, quickly forcing a McGee punt. The Giants obliged when Horner fumbled the boot and our man in New York, Nitschke, recovered on the Giant 42. That Giant error was quickly turned into three points - off J.K.'s toe from the 29. The Wood ejection followed, putting the Giants on the Packer 18. This was a rough spot but the officials called two successive holding penalties on the Giants and they wound up with third and 47. Chandler and McGee, kicking as fast as he could under the Giants' great rush, exchanged two more punts as the game moved into the final quarter and Maxie gained the edge as the Bays added a first down to provide another field goal shot. J.K. missed it from the 40, the ball falling short.

GAME-CLINCHING

Once more, the Bays forced Chandler to punt and, with 6:53 left, the Bays went on the game-clinching field goal drive. They moved 45 yards in 12 plays and Starr ordered rushes on the first eight plays, covering three first downs. This was the key to the victory - the Packers' relentless rush, the thing they do best. Starr went back for two passes. One was incomplete and he ran on the other. J. Kramer then calmly kicked the big field goal from the 30 to set the final score at 13:10. The Giants stormed downfield at the end, but the Packers weren't losing this one. No way!

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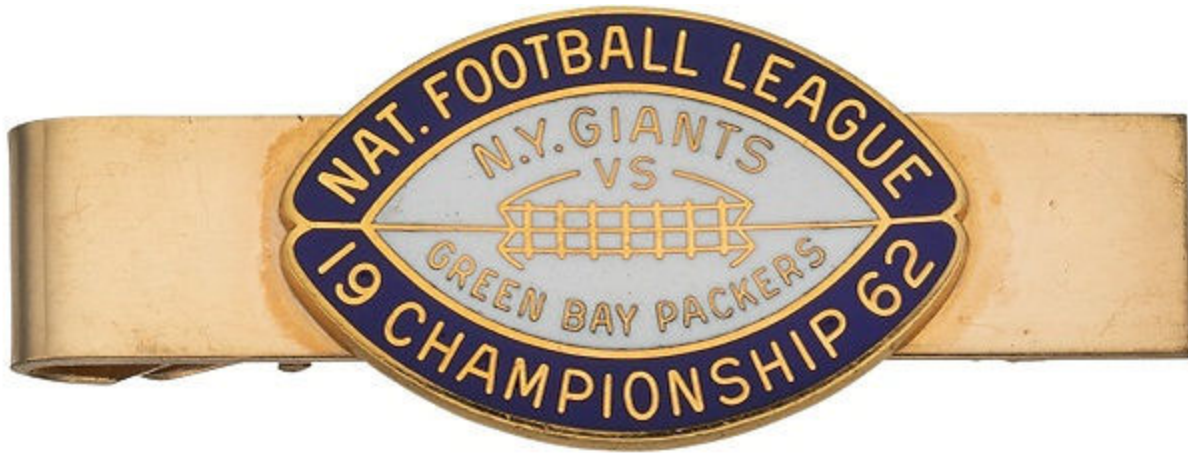
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WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

at
YANKEE STADIUM
DECEMBER 30, 1962

GREEN BAY - 3 7 3 3 - 16
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	<u>GREEN BAY</u>	<u>NEW YORK</u>
First Downs	18	18
Rushing-Yards-TD	46-148-1	26-94-0
Att-Comp-Yd-TD-Int	22-10-106-0-0	41-18-197-0-1



1962 NFL Championship Game Packers vs. Giants Press Tie Clip (Source: Heritage Auctions)

Sack Yards Lost	1-10	0-0
Total Yards	244	291
Fumbles-lost	2-0	3-2
Turnovers	0	3
Yards penalized	5-44	4-62

SCORING

- 1st - GB - Jerry Kramer, 26-yard field goal, GREEN BAY 3-0
 2nd - GB - Jim Taylor, 7-yard run (Jerry Kramer kick) GREEN BAY 10-0
 3rd - NY - Jim Collier recovered a blocked punt in the end zone GREEN BAY 10-7
 3rd - GB - J. Kramer, 29-yard field goal GREEN BAY 13-7
 4th - GB - J. Kramer, 30-yard field goal GREEN BAY 16-7

RUSHING

GREEN BAY - Jim Taylor 31-85 1 TD, Paul Hornung 8-35, Tom Moore 6-24, Bart Starr 1-4
NEW YORK - Alex Webster 15-56, Phil King 11-38

PASSING

GREEN BAY - Bart Starr 21-9-85, Paul Hornung 1-1-21
NEW YORK - Y.A. Tittle 41-18-197 1 INT

RECEIVING

GREEN BAY - Boyd Dowler 4-48, Jim Taylor 3-20, Ron Kramer 2-25, Max McGee 1-13
NEW YORK - Joe Walton 5-75, Del Shofner 5-69, Frank Gifford 4-34, Phil King 2-14, Alex Webster 1-5, Joe Morrison 1-0

'I'm Real Satisfied With the Win' - Lombardi

'I'M REAL SATISFIED WITH THE WIN' - LOMBARDI

DEC 31 (New York-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - "What did you say to your players, Vince?" A relieved and relaxed Vince Lombardi, hemmed in by an army-like press corps in a compact cubicle deep in the catacombs of Yankee Stadium, had a simple but eloquent answer

to this question on an incredibly frigid and cyclonic Sunday afternoon which had served as an explosive backdrop for the acquisition of the Packers' eighth world championship. "I didn't say much of anything," he replied soberly, after brief reflection. "We just said a little prayer of thanksgiving." This, it might be added, was the dominant theme throughout a lengthy quiz session, repeatedly punctuated by congratulations from an unending stream of visitors to the Packer chieftain's inner sanctum, among them NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle. "I'm real satisfied with the win," Lombardi declared, flashing an expansive grin. "Defensively, we played a better game today than we have the last three or four." Taking note of a reference to the statistics, which revealed a modest edge for the vanquished Giants, Vince smiled and asserted, "I'm not interested in statistics. All I'm interested in is the final score - and I don't know what that was. All I know is we won and that's enough for me." Inevitably, this prompted someone to ask, "Now that you won two world titles in a row, do you think the other teams in the league will be pointing for you with even greater fervor?" "It can't be tougher," the one-time Fordham Block of Granite shot back with a dry grin, "that it was this year." The subject, as expected, turned to the weather and its effect on what had transpired in New York's famous wind tunnel. "I don't think any of our players, aside from Ron Kramer and Forrest Gregg, wore cleats. The rest of them wore those with the rippled rubber soles (customarily known as coaching



Packer Coach Vince Lombardi is welcomed Sunday night following the team's arrival in Green Bay after winning the world championship in New York. A crowd of 8,000 to 10,000 braved the sub-zero temperature and a late hour to welcome Lombardi and the team. (AP Wirephoto)



Traveling Televiewers—Eight members of the Vigilant Volunteer Fire Company of Great Neck, Long Island, N. Y., show their disappointment as they watch in a Philadelphia hotel the Green Bay Packers beat the New York Giants, 16-7, to win the pro football championship again. With television broadcast of the game blacked out in the New York area, hundreds of New Yorkers traveled to neighboring cities to view the game. (AP Photo)

shoes)." Did he think under these circumstances, Yankee Stadium's frozen turf had given an advantage to the offense? "No, I don't think so. The backs got started all right but they couldn't cut very well. Of course, the wind affected the ball a little bit," he added. "It was a tough wind for throwing," an observation to which both the Packers' Bart Starr and the Giants' ancient Y.A. Tittle can fervently attest. Had he made any offensive changes for the sawoff? "We had some plans," he admitted. "We were going to use McGee and Dowler on the same side, in fact we did a couple of times today, but the weather wasn't right for it." Had the cold or the wind been more of a factor in the proceedings? an eastern scribe asked. "I don't think you feel the cold if you're playing," Vince observed. "I think the cold was harder on those on the bench than it was on those on the field. The wind was more of a factor." Did he think the weather had affected one team more than the other? "No, I don't,"

was the unhesitating reply. "Both teams play on the same field, under the same conditions." Asked if he could remember a "key" play, Lombardi said, "I think Ron Kramer made a great catch once. Did we wind up with three points just after that one?" They had, he was assured. "Then," Vince quoth with a hearty chuckle, "it was very important." Any kind words for individual performers? Lombardi hesitated a moment, then replied, "I thought Hornung, for not having played much, played very well." What of the Golden One's condition (he had been injured early in the fourth quarter and had played little thereafter)? "He got a little bruise on the hip - he's all right." Impressed with the enemy, the Packers' resident genius called the Giants "a great football team. And," he appended with emphasis, "I'm not just saying that - I really mean it. They're much better than they were a year ago." He laughed and added, "But I think our field (Green Bay's City Stadium) was a lot better than this Yankee Stadium was." Fleetingly annoyed by a question which he said "has been asked for the fifth or sixth time," Vince noted with a wintry grin, "I thought we were going to have a real good time in New York this time with all the newspapers here on strike." What had been his reaction to Willie Wood's expulsion for allegedly assaulting Back Judge Tom Kelleher? "I have no comment on that," Lombardi said. How did he compare the afternoon's imbroglio with other championship games he's seen. "I think it was about as fine a football game as I've ever seen," was the unqualified reply. "I think we saw football as it should be played. We saw great tackling, fine blocking and great pursuit," Lombardi said. "And I'm talking about both teams." "Vince," a semi-serious scrivener suggest from the back row, "now, you can go for three (championships)." Sidestepping this one

Packers Sign Dave Robinson

While the Packers were successfully defending their National Football League championship Sunday they also announced the signing of their top choice in the draft of college players, end Dave Robinson of Penn State.

The Packers said the 6-foot-3, 240-pound Robinson was signed immediately after his team was beaten 17-7 by Florida in the Gator Bowl at Jacksonville, Fla., Saturday by Chief Talent Scout Dick Voris.

The Packers indicated they will try Robinson at defensive end.

with a wary grin, Lombardi declared, "I'm not going to think about that for a while."...Urbane Allie Sherman, a highly articulate gentleman in defeat as well as victory, neatly summarized the million-dollar struggle in two succinct sentences. "I think both clubs with what both of them could do best," the curly-haired Brooklyn College alumnus volunteered. "It was



Jim Taylor of the Green Bay Packers carries the ball in the 1962 NFL Championship game against the New York Giants in New York. Giants defenders Andy Robustelli (81) and Dick Modzelewski (77) converge on Taylor, while linebacker Sam Huff (70) trails. Packers blockers include Norm Masters (78), Jim Ringo (51) and Fred Thurston (63). Credit: AP



Green Bay Packers linebacker Dan Currie on a run after making an interception (Credit: AP Photo/Vernon Biever)

just a question of who was going to be there at the end." Leaning far back on a swivel chair in his stadium office, in baseball season the sanctum sanctorum of Yankee manager Ralph Houk, Sherman blew smoke at the ceiling and added, "We felt the Packers were better than a year ago. They're a good solid football team. They execute and they have poise. They were worthy of winning it because they got more than we did." The weather, a solicitous New York newsman suggested, might have hurt the Giant smore than their conquerors. "I wouldn't like to say that. We planned on running and we did move the ball pretty good. There were certain situations, of course, where we probably would have thrown but didn't feel we could today." "But," he continued with emphasis, "we have not alibis. We have no complaints. We had to go with what we could in a given game." The Giants had not completed a long pass (their primary weapon en route to the NFL's Eastern Division championship), it was noted. "That's right," Sherman soberly conceded. "It was pretty tough to put that ball up there today. We would have gone a little deeper, if the weather had been different, and I imagine they would have, too." The interrogation was temporarily interrupted as Sherman's well-bundled eight-year-old son, Randy, squirmed through a battery of poised pencils and hovering cameras, embraced his father and received a paternal hug in return. "Hi, Randy," Allie smiled, then added, "well, we almost made it." Suddenly self-conscious in this strange atmosphere, Randy made haste to leave but Sherman called him back. "Wait a minute, Randy, I have something for you," he said. Moving to a cabinet, he withdrew a packaged tie-pin (a memento of the playoff) and presented it to his proud offspring, then dispatched him with an affectionate

pat. Returning to the business at hand, the NFL's youthful coach of the year addressed to himself another question. "Well, I don't like to single out one play in a game but we dropped a punt in the third quarter that put us out of tie range." (It was recovered by Ray Nitschke, a development which shortly led to the Packers' second field goal and a 13-7 edge.) "Then, of course, they controlled the ball better than they had all day after we punted with six minutes left. We expected to hold them and get the ball back." Sherman had no fault to find with Sam Horner, the unfortunate who mishandled the fateful third quarter punt. "The balls were really sashaying around all over the field in that wind. That was a hard ball to handle." As a

matter of fact, one Gotham writer ventured, neither team had attempted to field many punts. "We tried to field 'em," Allie responded with a sad smile. Had a defensive change spawned the blocked punt which vaulted the Giants to within three points of the Packers in the third quarter? "Yes, we gambled and stunted," Sherman said. "We wanted to block one because we thought it would give us a life. It did, but..." He didn't finish the sentence.

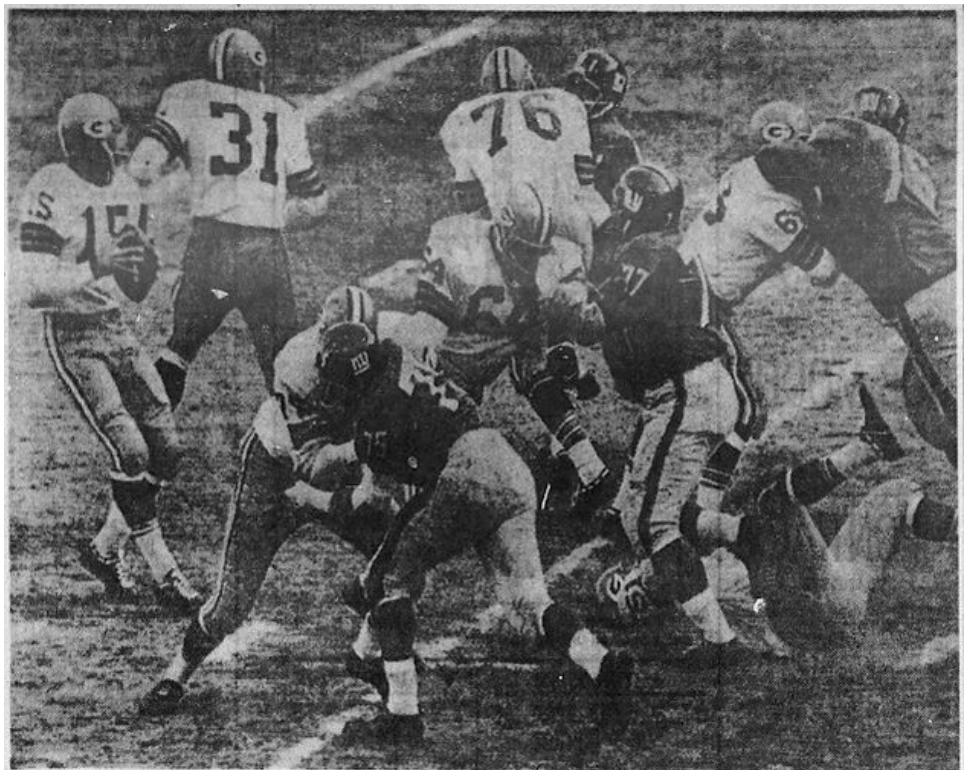
TAYLOR WALKING TESTIMONIAL TO FURY IN YANKEE STADIUM

DEC 31 (New York-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - "War," legendary General Sherman (not to be confused with a Giant named Allie) once declared, "is hell." The Packers, repeating world champions in the wake of a raw, crunching struggle that resembled nothing so much as mortal combat, were in complete accord after hurling back the challenge of New York's wild-eyed Giants in gale-lashed Yankee Stadium Sunday afternoon. Bruised and battered Jim Taylor, literally covered with cuts and contusions, was a walking testimonial to the elemental fury with which these dedicated antagonists assaulted each other. Donning street clothes before his locker in a surprisingly quiet Packer dressing room, the NFL's "player of the year" was taking it in stages - for two reasons. Virtually every move brought a wince - and another wave of reporters and photographers. A trace of blood was detected on his lower lip. "I bit my tongue," the bayou bronco explained, "when I was tackled one time." It appeared this was not his only memento, a bone-jarring afternoon, a Chicago writer noted, "That's right," Taylor agreed with a faint smile. "I got it in the elbow, the stomach and the hip - I'm bruised all over." Had the prospect of such treatment caused him concern as the game approached? "No,

you're out there to play the best you can," the Pack's all-time ground gainer said simply. "You don't worry about injuries." Despite his battle scars, Taylor was surprised to learn how busy he had been. "I had that many carries?" he marveled. Then shaking his head in disbelief, "That means I was on the ground 31 times." Clutchman Paul Hornung, also no shrinking violet when it comes to contact, was equally forthright. "That," he said without reservation, "was the hardest football game I ever played in." Peerless Paul had not, however, acquired any injury, as had been feared. "I just hurt my hip a little bit," Hornung confided. "Got a nice strawberry. The knee is all right - I don't think I'll need any surgery." Humorist Max McGee, still



Ray Nitschke makes one of his two fumble recoveries in the 1962 NFL Championship Game



Green Bay Quarterback Bart Starr (15) gets plenty of protection as he gets ready to throw a pass in the third period of the National Football League title game at Yankee Stadium Sunday. Identifiable players are Packers' Jim Taylor (31), Bob Skoronski (76), Jerry Kramer (64), Forrest Gregg (75) and Fred Thurston (63). Giants: Jim Katcavage (75), Dick Modzelwski (77), Roosevelt Grier (76) and Andy Robustelli (81). The player on the ground is Jim Ringo of the Packers. (AP Wirephoto)



Green Bay's Willie Davis (87) goes all out in an attempt to block a punt by New York Giant Don Chandler in the second quarter of the NFL championship game in New York's Yankee Stadium Sunday. Davis uses Giant Phil King's (24) back as a springboard. Coming in at left is Green Bay's Herb Adderley (26). Chandler got the ball away but the Packers won the game, 16-7. (AP Wirephoto)

haunted by visions of that near-fatal blocked punt in the third quarter, drawled, "That was the hardest hitting game I ever saw - and I watched most of it. I didn't know a human body can get that cold (the temperature dipped to 17 degrees in the second half)," he added, "and still survive." Fuzzy Thurston, soberly reflecting a day of dedication, said with unaccustomed fervor, "You could really feel it when they hit out there today - you could feel it in your bones. The Giants were the best today I've ever seen 'em. I thought we were a lot better today, too, than we have been." Another Giant "admirer" was quarterback Bart Starr, the quietly efficient Alabaman who had just maneuvered the Pack to a second straight world title. "We've played the Giants three time a year for the last two and this is the best game they've ever played against us." He thus derived a modicum of satisfaction from reviewing the play that had sprung Taylor for the only Packer touchdown of the afternoon...CHARGED TO OUTSIDE: "Actually it broke open way to the inside of where it was designed to go," Bart confided. "Either Mo (Giant defensive tackle Dick Modzelewski) got knocked over or he charged to the outside. Regardless, there was a big hole and Jim just veered

to the inside. I didn't see Mo on the play, but I think he charged to the outside." Another play that loomed large in the final accounting also differed sharply from the original pattern, Hornung revealed. "That pass to Dowler (which set the stage for Taylor's TD) definitely was intended for Ron Kramer. But somebody hit me just when I was throwing the ball. Boyd was the long man on the play and he made a fine catch." Hornung's successor in the DFG (Department of field goals) admitted "the pressure bothered me a lot more today than it did in another game. Every one of those kicks," he said, shuddering ever so slightly at the memory, "could mean the ball game." "I thought I hit 'em all pretty good," the mountainous College of Idaho alumnus felt. "A couple of them were short but I was aiming the ball to that side because of the wind. They went right where I aimed 'em," he said ruefully, "but the wind didn't blow. On that last one (which clinched victory and the world title), I just tried to head for the middle, and the heck with it. Before I kicked it," he concluded with a wry grin, "a couple of guys said, 'This could mean the ball game.' That helped, too." Another star in this studded cast, burly Ray Nitschke insisted, "I was pretty fortunate" to win the game's most valuable player award, an honor which will be accompanied by a shiny new Corvette. "Being most valuable could have gone to anyone on the team," declared the bruising ex-University of Illinois fullback, whose two fumble recoveries led to 10 Packer points. He admitted, however, "it's a great big thrill. It's like a dream," he said with a shy smile. "You dream of a thing like that happening to you." One of his linebacking colleagues, Hollywood handsome Dan Currie, was slightly shamefaced by contrast. Currie, who intercepted a first quarter Y.A. Tittle pass deflected by Nitschke to avert a Giant threat, growled, "I fell right on my face - in front of 50 million people. It was the high shoes - I'm not used to them - and the leg (injured in the Baltimore game in Green Bay Nov. 18). I go about 30 or 40 yards and it starts to waver and wobble - it's not that strong yet." Another member of the devastating defensive platoon, Willie Wood, was understandably downcast. "I got kicked out on a bum call," the NFL's champion pass interceptor said softly. "I didn't think it was interference, that's why I ran up to the official," said Willie, who was shortly banished for allegedly striking Back Judge Tom Kelleher. Reconstructing the incident, Willie said, "He was running toward me. I tried to grab his arm to protest and he ran my arm into his chest. It kind of knocked the wind out of him. He got up and said,

'You're out of the ball game.' Naturally," Willie said sadly, "I didn't feel too good about it. Guess the league'll fine me for it, but I hope not." His punt returning partner, jet-like Elijah Pitts, was beaming over his near-getaway. "I think I might have gone all the way if I could have stayed to the outside," the pride of Philander T. Smith grinned. "There was one man following Herb (Adderley) and one right on my tail. Herb didn't see the man behind - I thought he might take him - so I had to cut back."...PERFECT FOR RETURN: "The pattern was set up perfect for the return - the boys were cutting 'em down like trees," Elijah smiled. "Lew Carpenter took the first two men down - not just the first one, the first two - and that gave me a chance to pick up the ball." A still sober citizen was defensive Capt. Bill Forester, sitting pensively in front of his locker. Had he been worried? "Not when they shot that gun," Bubba quipped. "Seriously, after Jerry's last field goal (with 1:50 remaining), we started breathing a little easier."

Crowd at Airport Roars Welcome Home to Pack



Waving a sign that tells the story, and smiling widely, a crowd estimated at about 8,000 gathered at Austin Straubel field in below zero weather Sunday night to welcome home the Green Bay Packers, once more the National Football League champions. The crowd never wavered, although the plane was three hours late.

CROWD AT AIRPORT ROARS WELCOME HOME TO PACK

DEC 31 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Who says Green Bay is "bush league?" After all, didn't we take Sunday's championship victory in stride? Sure, we sang and danced in the streets last year. True, we celebrated until the wee hours, but it was New Year's Eve, too. This year we didn't jump into our cars at the end of the game and run downtown to celebrate. This year we stayed home after the game, reached for another bottle of beer, and proceeded to lambaste the officials for their unfair treatment of Willie Wood and the goings on of that guy Huff. Later on, though, we did get into the spirit a little better. We did brave the seven below temperature to stand out there at the airport to greet the team, but doesn't everyone? Even though they didn't come in until 11 o'clock at night...HUFF HUNG IN EFFIGY: Sure there were a few people who tooted their horns and tossed a few firecrackers out onto the street. And someone did hang an effigy of Sam Huff in front of Prange's. That

airport thing Sunday was sure something, though. What a night! After the game, the radio stations announced the estimated time of arrival (later that night we started throwing around the term ETA) at 8:50 p.m. That was for the Packer charter flight. Two other chartered airliners carrying fans back to Green Bay were due in earlier...CROWD WAITS FOR HOURS: About seven o'clock a few hardy souls ventured to the airport. About 150 cars had gathered before the rumor spread - the plane is late! Soon the radio stations made it official: The Packers would be at least two hours late, with their ETA 10:50 p.m. The two charter flights also would be two hours late. How do you kill two hours when its below zero outside? Some did it by heading into the airport terminal for coffee. Others found stronger liquid to while away the time. A few gathered outside the control tower where bottles of chilled beer miraculously appeared. Most people, though, got back into their cars and headed back to town. Some went home, others stopped to refresh their enthusiasm in preparation for their return later in the evening...MAGIC HOUR DRAWS CLOSE: Finally, the magic hour drew close. About 1,500 persons lined the fence at the



The Ball Squirts from the arms of Phil King (24), New York Giant halfback, as he is hit by Dan Currie (58) of the Green Bay Packers, top, in the second quarter of the NFL championship game at New York Sunday. Packer Ray Nitschke, voted the game's most valuable player, pounces on the ball, bottom, to recover. Nitschke is trailed by teammate Willie Davis (87). (AP Wirephotos)

airfield as the four-engine DC-6 slid to earth. Behind the crowd was a string of cars extending east on the airport road almost back to City Stadium. The airliner taxied slowly to the ramp and the cheers grew. The stairway was pushed into the position and the door opened. Sirens wailed, horns blew and cheers split the air. Hastily prepared signs were waved vigorously. The din subsided rapidly, though, when the fans realized those getting off the plane were not Packers. It was one of those charter flights. A half hour later the same thing happened, but this time the people waited to make sure before cheering...**PLANE BUZZES AIRPORT:** It was good practice though, because, at 10:46 p.m., a giant airliner suddenly roared over the airport at an amazingly low altitude. Probably the first time in history a commercial DC-6 buzzed an airport. The plane actually had to go into a climb before it made its landing approach. The people, this time, had no doubts. Here was **THE TEAM!** Roars from the crowd pierced the air. The roar subsided slightly as the plane went into a wide turn at the far end of the field. With ever-increasing fervor, the cheers grew as the plane touched down. They were briefly downed out by the roar of the four engines as the pilot reversed his propellers to stop...**COACH'S WIFE WAVES:** Then the plane taxied to the ramp. Again the stairway was rolled into place and the door opened. The crowd waited breathlessly. In one window, Marie Lombardi smiled and waved and drew cheers in return. The first person stepped into the glare of television lights and exploding flashbulbs. The crowd roared, but it was only an airline official. Next, a local sportscaster literally leaped onto the stairs, then hastily reached back for his overcoat. Finally, **THEY** appeared Jim Taylor led the team from the plane and the din increased. He smiled, somewhat painfully, then descended into the crowd of television and radio interviewers and photographers...**SIGNS TELL SENTIMENTS:** Ahead of him were

displayed such signs as "Huff and Puff, Taylor's Too Tuff" and "New York Can Have Tittle, Green Bay Has The Title." The players hastily made their way through a special gate to an area that had been set aside for their cars. They left without further fanfare. A special roar went up when Vince Lombardi stepped from the plane, preceded by his wife. Coming down the stairs, he told an interviewer, "It was a great day for the Packers and also a great day for Vince Lombardi." The head coach added, "I'm delighted to be back home." Quarterback Bart Starr and his wife also were stopped briefly by the microphones. "I'm just tremendously happy," he told the audience. Mayor Roman Dennisen and an official greeting party was on the hand to offer official congratulations...**CROWD OF 8,000-14,000:** The cheering crowd by this time had built up until it numbered anywhere between 8,000 and 14,000, depending on who you talked to. The string of cars continued into the airport, despite the fact that it almost was over. Lombardi, surrounded by newsmen, made his way into the terminal where another group awaited. Loud cheers and shouts of "Well done, Vince" and "We love ya" were heard. Then, suddenly, it was all over. Except for the traffic jam which wasn't helped by an accident near the airport entrance. Back downtown, there were a few cars and honking horns. Some of the bars filled with shouting patrons. But most people apparently went

home, content to thaw out amid the playbacks of the afternoon's game. The entire day's activity could be summed up in the words of one fan. "It was one helluva day."

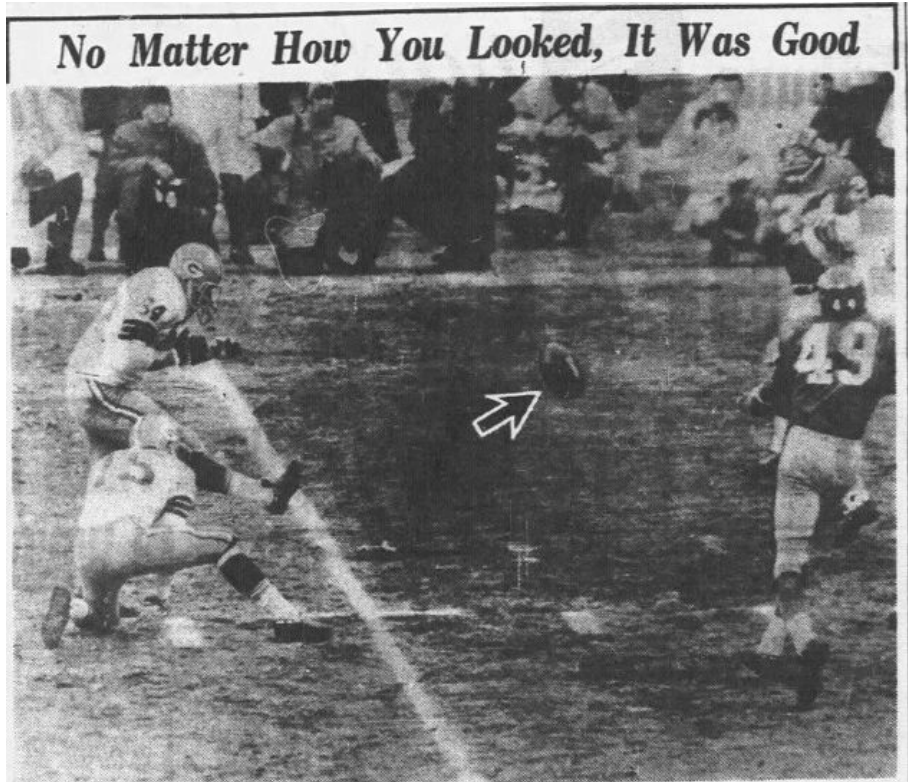
THE PACKERS ARE MASTERS

DEC 31 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Green Bay Packers are back from the football wars bringing to Green Bay and Wisconsin their eighth world championship. The members of the 1962 Championship Packer team are truly representatives that any city and any state would be proud of. Green Bay and Wisconsin are indeed proud and happy to welcome the Packers home and to acknowledge that they are the world's greatest. The game in New York Sunday was not an ordinary playoff game. It was a contest between two teams each worthy of championship play. It was between teams with talent so evenly divided between them that even the most expert football men in the nation had difficulty in predicting the outcome. The Packer victory was due to good straight businesslike football. They went at it as professionals should. They got a score and while protecting their slim lead missed no opportunity to increase it. Even with the cold, the wind and the icy field there were few errors. It is a tribute to both teams that the errors which did occur brought immediate and severe losses. Psychologically the advantage appeared to be on the side of the Giants. They were fighting back from a severe drubbing a year ago whereas the Packers might have succumbed to overconfidence because of their previous experience with their opponents. Their success in this contest marks the Packers as sound professionals who know what they want and are not to be distracted or flustered by strange fields or hostile crowds. It has been noted that the home team appears to have the advantage since, of the 29 playoff games since the league was divided into two divisions in 1933, 20 had been won by the home team and 10 for the visitors. This may mean that

there has been a big gain in the direction of impartial officiating and better sportsmanship. We believe that is true and that it means that professional football is growing and improving with the passing years. We like to think also that Green Bay has made a contribution to this betterment of the game. Again, we say, welcome home and well done, Packers!

19-INCH STADIUM REVEALS FOUR STORIES OF CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

DEC 31 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Once upon a yesterday, there were three Press-Gazette sportswriters. Two of them flew to New York to cover the Packers' second consecutive world championship. The third one covered the home front and witnessed the spectacular Green Bay triumph via television. This is the story of the third writer, snuggled up in a comfortable



Cameras caught two views of Jerry Kramer kicking 26-yard field goal which opened scoring in yesterday's 16 to 7 Green Bay victory over New York in Yankee stadium. Bart Starr of Packers holds while Kramer starts ball on its way. Erich Barnes (49) arrives 'too late.

[AP Wirephoto]



Savage blocking helped Kramer get off the kick. Bill Forester (71) holds off two Giants while Barnes can't get near Kramer.

[UPI Telephoto]

19-Inch Stadium Reveals Four Stories of Championship Game

Financial Statement

Paid Attendance	64,892
*Gross Receipts (Including Radio and Television	\$1,243,110.00
Taxes and Rental	\$157,573.46
Game Operating Expenses	\$68,937.38
Net Receipts	\$716,599.16
Total Players' Pool (70% of Net)	\$501,619.41
Winning Players' Pool	\$270,874.48
Losing Players' Pool	\$180,582.99
Each Winning Player's Share (Record) ..	\$5,888.57
Each Losing Player's Share (Record)	\$4,166.85
Pool for Sectional Second Place Clubs ..	\$50,161.94
* \$300,000 of TV-Radio money goes directly into NFL Bert Bell Player Benefit Plan	

Packers Apply the Pressure



Y. A. Tittle, New York Giants' quarterback, is rushed fiercely by Green Bay's Willie Davis (87) in National Football league playoff game yesterday in New York. Pass fell incomplete. [AP Wirephotos]

chair amid pleasant 74-degree temperatures while watching the frigid affair in the 19-inch stadium before him. It was all there, the blaring crowd noise which forced announcers Ray Scott and Chris Schenkel to obviously strain their freezing vocal cords, the "Beat Green Bay" chants and signs, the tingling tension, the ups and downs, and the wonderful feeling of final victory. There were four stories within the TV championship story Sunday. They might be entitled "Mayhem for Taylor," "Poor Willie," "Brrr," and "My Advice Sir..." Mayhem for Taylor actually opened in the pregame show, during which Packer fullback Jim Taylor was awarded the Jim Thorpe Trophy as the NFL's Most Valuable Player, selected for Newspaper Enterprise Assn. by the players themselves. The story continued throughout the game itself with the Giants literally clobbering Taylor from every angle and on every play with little regard for the revealing lens of the TV camera. The story continued such interesting developments as the glaring feud between Taylor and Giant Sam Huff. Jim's bulldozing and sliding, his obvious hurts in forcing himself up from the ground, and his coming back for more. The saga of Poor Willie was quick and pungent. It was probably the most dramatic of the day. The NBC ground camera crew zoomed in for spectacular closeups of Willie Wood after the Packer safety was ejected from the game for "tackling" an official. Willie tossed his helmet, writhed and twisted in an emotional demonstration of heart on the sidelines. It appeared tears were swelling his eyes...DIDN'T NEED PROGRAM: You didn't need a program for Brrr. When announcer Schenkel burst onto the screen at 12:45, it was immediately evident. With a heavy cap pulled down over his forehead and a scarf hiding most of the lower part of his face, he quickly noted that Yankee Stadium was filled with "Green Bay weather." He reported the temperature was 25 degrees and the wind was 25 mp with gusts up to 40 mph, a figure considered conservative by his partner, Scott, whose chubby cheeks poking out from his cap and scarf were the only identifying features. The wind promptly stirred up enough dust to create a foggy atmosphere and bits of paper looked like snow. It was in stark contrast

to the commercials that found a smiling Scott in a dapper suit displaying his wares. It was the commercial, as might be expected that was the only serious detraction. With two minutes left in the game and Jerry Kramer preparing to attempt what everyone know could be the clinching field goal, the pressure piled up next to tension by the ton...ANIMATED MAN: It was at this moment that viewers were treated to "My Advice Sir..." with an animated little man in front of a gasoline pump describing how to prevent icing in your gas line while being pelted by snowballs. This is understandable, however. What is not so understandable is why the network cannot spare a few minutes to take the viewer into the winning dressing

room for some of the postgame excitement. As it does with the World Series. But, with a well stuffed chair under me and 74-degree temperatures instead of a stinging 15 degrees, or less, as it was during the second half, who am I to argue. Fill up the glasses and bring on the Rose Bowl.

BEAT GREEN BAY YELL EVEN IN NY 'GARDEN'

DEC 31 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Blase New York? You'd never know it. As early as Saturday night, during timeouts in the Illinois-West Virginia finale in the Holiday Festival Basketball Tournament at Madison Square Garden, fans representing the world's largest city (8,000,000) began chanting, "Beat Green Bay, Beat Green Bay." It was taken up again as the Packers arrived at windswept Yankee Stadium shortly before noon, New York time, Sunday, several hundred hardy Giant partisans dinning their litany into the players' ears as they filed into "The House That Ruth Built." After greeting the Packers with a resounding chorus of boos as they took the field for their pregame warmup, a goodly number of the 63,892 who sat in on the proceedings resumed the chant before the kickoff and continued at intervals until the closing minutes of the third quarter when it apparently was forgotten as the pressure mounted...WEATHER REPORT: A new pro record for windblown hats must have been set. One of them was Vince Lombardi's topper, which blew onto the field early in the second quarter, from which it was hastily retrieved by an aide. At least a half dozen other derbies also were swept about the stadium turf during the course of the afternoon, not to mention an incredible collection of tattered programs, sandwich wrappers and other debris. Gas heaters were installed behind and "smudge pots" in front of both benches, for the comfort of the players. They were woefully inadequate, however, the principals reported. "I've never been so cold in my life," John Symank said, shaking his head. "And that includes on the field as well as on the bench." One of Property Manager Dad Braisher's chief pregame functions was filling cigarette lighter-sized hand warmers with fluid. He and Aide John Proski also were distributing a variety of shoes to the players for testing on the stadium's semi-frozen turf. Taking no chances, Lombardi had provided three types of footgear for the occasion - sneakers, rippled rubber sole "coaching" shoes and the customary cleated brogans...The Packers' two-man medical corps, headed by Dr. Jim Nellen and assisted by Dr. Gene Brusky, was really busy. The Bays were shuttling in and out at times with various mementos of the bruising contest. "Nothing serious," Dr. Nellen said after the game. Everybody who was hurt stormed right back into action after the medics produced their magic...Coach Vince Lombardi, a chain smoker especially during the game, went through his sidelines sting without smoking one cigarette. "Couldn't get 'em out of my pocket," he roared...Bob Skoronski, who started at left tackle and alternated with Norm Masters, became a papa in the early hours Sunday morning. Bob couldn't wait to get home Sunday night - to see his wife, Ruth, and their first daughter. "Maybe we'll call her Victory," Skoronski beamed, but he agreed that Victoria would be a nice name...Some of the players left for their homes shortly after arrival Sunday. Tom Moore broke the record for a fast get-away. His wife, Barbara, waited at the airport with their packed car and they headed for warm Goodlettsville, Tenn., right away. Most of them headed out this morning. Players living in the east left for their homes from New York...They turned on the Yankee Stadium lights at 1:57 despite a bright sun. They remained on and at the finish it looked like a night game...Green Bay cold? It was colder at yesterday's game than it was in Packertown for the 1961 title game. It was 17 at one point in the third quarter and it never got below 20 in Green Bay. The cold in NY is damp, from the ocean, and it's penetrating. While it was 7 below when the team arrived last night, some of the players thought it felt warmer than New York...The game wasn't even radio broadcast by a New York radio station. Due to a labor situation and picketing, station WNEW called off its broadcast. The station had purchased a full-page ad in the program. The radio broadcast came in NY via network...Joe Dotlich, Bluejay manager in 1948, helped Dad Braisher and Johnny Proski with the equipment on the sidelines. He's in the electric business in New York...Jimmy Russler, 7, Two Rivers, finished second in his age group Sunday in the national punt, pass and kick contest held between halves of Sunday's playoff. Jimmy was one of 10 finalists in a

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Packer Fullback Jim Taylor (31) bolts over two sprawled Giants—Roosevelt Grier (left) and Sam Huff—for key 8-yard touchdown in second period yesterday. Others are New York's Bill Winter (31) and Andy Robustelli (81) and Green Bay's Bob Skoronski (76). [UPI Telephoto]

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nationwide contest that began with 500,000 youngsters in the 7-11 age groups. He and his parents, along with other finalists and their parents, attended the Giant game as guests of the Ford Motor Company. The contest involved punting, passing and placekicking for distance and accuracy...TITLE TIDBITS: Ex-Packer and ex-Giant Em Tunnell strolled up to Vince Lombardi in the dressing room before the game and, with a crooked smile, informed him, "You know I feel, Vince, I got mixed emotions." It drew a hearty chuckle from Lombardi...Author Dane Clark was a press box visitor between halves. Numb with cold, he came in to thaw out - and exchange amenities with old newspaper cronies...Former Packer halfback Joe (The Bomber) Johnson, who called it a career after spending the 1961 season with the AFL's Patriots, came over from Boston to sit on the showdown...The "game today" sign high atop Yankee Stadium exhibited admirable restraint. It said, "Packers, 2 p.m., today."...ACCIDENT PRONE?" Back Judge Tom Kelleher may start avoiding the Packers any day now, Sunday's collision with Willie Wood was his second misadventure with a Packer this season. In the pack's season opener against the College All-Stars at Chicago, Kelleher leaped to intervene in a fist fight between Lee Folkins and an All-Star, which proved to be a slight error. Ahead in mid-punch, Folkins chilled Kelleher with a whistling right cross. Like Wood, Folkins was ejected from the premises...KING VINCENT I: One worshipful 12-year-old boy who got within touching distance of Headmaster Lombardi as the Packer coach threaded his way through Austin Straubel Field's terminal lobby Sunday night, told him, "You're not only great, Vince, you're king."

(Key: 1-2-3-4 downs, yards to go, yard line).

Green Bay Packers vs. New York Giants, Yankee Stadium, Dec. 30, 1962. Temperature 20 degrees, Wind—North-west 20 to 30 miles per hour.

FIRST QUARTER

(Giants win toss and elect to receive. Packers to defend north goal. Wood kicked off to Morrison on the 15, returned to the 32).

Giants

1-10-G32—Webster over left tackle to the 34.

2-8-G34—King circle left end to 36.
3-4-G38—King on trap over the middle to 46. Nitschke tackled First Down.

1-10-G46—Tittle pass to Shofner incomplete but Shofner interfered so penalty back to 31.

1-25-G31—Webster over the middle to 42.

2-14-G42—Tittle pass incomplete to Walton.

3-14-G42—Tittle pass incomplete to Shofner (overthrown).

4-14-G42—Chandler punt into end zone—58-yard kick.

Packers

1-10-P20—Hornung over right tackle to 25.

2-5-P25—Taylor circle left end to 34. Lynch tackle First Down.

1-10-P34—Starr pass to Kramer on 44 First Down.

1-10-P44—Taylor circle right end to Giant 42 First Down (Barnes miss tackle).

1-10-G42—Starr pass incomplete to Hornung.

2-10-G42—Taylor over left tackle, fumbled but J. Kramer recovered on 48.

3-10-G42—Starr screen pass right to Taylor, run to 29 First Down.

1-10-G29—Taylor over left guard to 26.

2-7-G26—Starr screen pass left to Taylor, run to 19 (inches short).

3-1-G29—Taylor over center—no gain.

4-1-G19—Jerry Kramer kicked 26-yard field goal at 7:11.

Packers—3; Giants—0.

Wood kicked off to Horner on the 13, return to 38.

Giants

1-10-G38—King circle left end to 43.

2-5-G43—Webster over left tackle to 46.

3-2-G46—Tittle pass to Shofner on Packer 40, run to 33 First Down.

1-10-P33—Tittle pass to Shofner on 25.

2-2-P25—Tittle pass screen left to King, run out of bounds on 16 First Down.

1-10-P16—King on trap over center to 15.

2-9-P15—Curry intercepted Tittle's pass on 10, returned to 40. Nitschke deflected the pass.

Packers

1-10-P40—Starr pass incomplete to McGee.

2-10-P40—Starr pass incomplete to Dowler. Barnes break up reception.

3-10-P40—Hornung circle right end to 50 First Down.

1-10-50—Taylor sweep left, Robustelli and Patton tackle on Packer 49.

2-11-P49—Starr pass to Kramer on 34. First Down.

1-10-G34—Taylor over center to 31.

2-7-G31—Taylor sweep left, no gain. Katsavage tackle.

3-7-G31—Taylor cut over left tackle to 30. (Taylor hurt on play).

4-6-G30—Jerry Kramer short and wide to left on 37-yard field goal try.

SECOND QUARTER

Giants

1-10-G20—King slant off left tackle to 25.

2-5-G25—Webster over left tackle to 29.

3-1-G29—King sweep right to 32 First Down.

1-10-G32—Tittle pass incomplete to King.

2-10-G32—Tittle pass incomplete to Gifford (Jordan hurt on play).

3-10-G32—Tittle pass incomplete to Walton.

4-10-G32—Chandler punt to Pitts on 32. Hit at once by gang. 36-yard kick.

Packers

1-10-P32—Hornung sweep right to 43. First Down. (Taylor back in game).

1-10-P43—Hornung over center to 49.

2-4-G49—Taylor cut back over right tackle to Giant 47. First Down.

1-10-G47—Starr pass incomplete to McGee.

2-10-G47—Starr screen pass left to Taylor, no gain, Katsavage tackle.

3-10-G47—Starr pass to Dowler on 33 First Down.

1-10-G33—Modzelewski tackle Starr back on 43.

2-20-G43—Starr pass incomplete to Kramer.

3-20-G43—Starr pass incomplete to Kramer (Robustelli punt rush on Starr).

4-20-G43—McGee punt roll dead on 5—38-yard kick.

Giants

1-10-G5—Webster over left tackle to 8.

2-7-G8—King over center to 12.

3-4-G12—Webster sweep left to 14.

4-2-G14—Chandler punt roll dead on Packer 44—42-yard kick.

Packers

1-10-P44—Taylor over center to Packer 49.

2-5-P49—Hornung sweep right to Giant 49.

3-3-G49—Taylor start sweep right, tackled by Katsavage, Modzelewski.

4-6-P48—McGee punt out of bounds on 29.

Giants

1-10-G29—Tittle screen pass right to King, run to 34.

2-10-G29—King fumbled, Nitschke recovered on Giant 28.

Packers

1-10-G28—Hornung pass to Dowler on 7 First Down.

1-7-G7—Taylor over the center for touchdown at 12:21.

Jerry Kramer kick extra point.

Packers—10; Giants—0.
Wood—Kick off to Counts on 8, return to 41. (Wood, last man, made the tackle).

Giants

1-10-G41—Webster over center to 44 (two minutes to play in half).

2-7-G44—Tittle pass to Walton on Packer 40 First Down.

1-10-P40—King on trap over left guard to 39.

2-9-P39—Tittle pass incomplete to Gifford.

3-9-P39—Tittle pass incomplete to Walton.

4-9-P39—Chandler wide to right on 47-yard field goal try.

Packers

1-10-P20—Hornung try sweep right, Grier tackle on 19.

2-11-P19—Taylor sweep right to 22.

3-3-P22—Taylor sweep right to 25.

THIRD QUARTER

(Official weather bureau temperature at start of second half—17 degrees).

Chandler kick off to Moore on 17, run to 50.

Packers

1-10-50—Taylor into line, no gain.

2-10-50—Starr pass to Dowler on 41.

3-1-G41—Taylor cut off left tackle, fumbled and Thurston recover on 42.

4-2-G42—McGee punt roll dead on 7—35-yard kick.

Giants

1-10-G7—Webster over center to 11.

2-6-G11—Webster cut off right tackle to 23 First Down.

1-10-G23—Webster over right tackle to 25.

2-8-G25—Tittle pass to Shofner on 37 First Down.

1-10-G37—King over right guard to 41.

2-6-G41—Webster into line to 44.

3-3-G44—Webster drive over left tackle to 50 First Down.

1-10-50—Tittle pass incomplete to Shofner.

2-10-50—Tittle pass incomplete to Webster.

3-10-50—Packers offside

3-5-P45—Tittle pass to Morrison, no gain.

4-5-P45—Chandler punt into end zone—45-yard kick.

Packers

1-10-P20—Hornung try sweep right, Winter tackle on 15.

2-15-P15—Starr pass incomplete to Kramer (Lynch drop try for interception).

3-15-P15—Starr pass incomplete to McGee.

4-15-P15—Barnes block McGee's punt, Collier recover for touchdown at 7:26.

Chandler kick extra point.

Packers—10; Giants—7.
Chandler kick off to Moore on 4, return to 33.

Packers

1-10-P33—Taylor try sweep left, Grier tackle on 32.

2-11-P32—Taylor sweep left, Wodzelewski tackle on 30.

3-13-P30—Starr pass incomplete to Kramer.

4-13-P30—McGee punt to Horner on 35. Horner fumble, Nitschke recover on 42.

1-10-G42—Taylor right tackle to 30 First Down.

2-10-G30—Starr pass incomplete to Dowler.

2-10-G30—Taylor on draw over center to 26.

3-6-G26—Starr pass to Dowler on 22.

4-2-G22—Jerry Kramer kick 29-yard field goal at 11:00.

Packers—13; Giants—7.
Wood kick off through end zone.

Giants

1-10-G20—Tittle pass to Gifford on 26.

2-4-G26—Webster left tackle, no gain.

3-4-G26—Tittle pass to Gifford on 32 First Down.

1-10-G32—Tittle pass to Shofner incomplete, Wittenon knock down ball.

2-10-G32—Tittle pass to Shofner inches short of first down on 42.

3-1-G42—Webster drive over left tackle to 43 First Down.

1-10-G43—Tittle pass to Walton on Packer 47 First Down.

1-10-P47—Tittle pass to Shofner incomplete but Wood called for interference on 33. Wood thrown out of game, penalty to 18 First Down.

1-10-P18—Tittle pass incomplete to Shofner.

2-10-P18—Reverse, King to Gifford to Tittle who pass to Walton incomplete.

3-10-P18—Tittle pass to King on 10 but Giants holding, ball back to 40.

3-32-P40—Tittle pass to Webster on 33 but Giants holding and penalty back to Giant 40.

3-52-G40—Tittle pass incomplete to Gifford.

4-52-G40—Chandler roll dead on Packer 28—32-yard kick.

FOURTH QUARTER

Packers

1-10-P28—Moore circle right end to 42 First Down.

1-10-P42—Starr pass incomplete to Carpenter.

2-10-P42—Taylor over center to 47.

3-10-P42—Starr pass incomplete to Dowler.

4-10-P42—McGee punt out of bounds on 24.

Giants

1-10-G24—King over center to 27.

2-7-G27—Tittle pass incomplete to Gifford.

3-7-G27—Tittle pass incomplete to Gifford.

4-7-G27—Chandler punt to Pitts on 21, return to Giant 43.

Packers

1-10-G43—Moore right end no gain.

2-10-G43—Taylor into line to 41.

3-8-G41—Starr pass to McGee on 29 First Down.

1-10-G29—Taylor over left tackle to 27.

2-8-G27—Taylor left tackle thrown back to 29.

3-10-G29—Moore, on draw, stopped by Grier and Katsavage on 33.

4-14-G33—J. Kramer try for 40-yard field goal fielded by Patton on 5.

Giants

1-10-G5—Webster into line, no gain.

2-10-G5—Tittle pass incomplete to Shofner.

3-10-G5—Packers offside.

3-5-G10—Tittle pass to Gifford on 25 First Down.

1-10-G25—Tittle pass to Walton on 38 First Down.

1-10-G38—Tittle pass incomplete to Walton.

2-10-G38—Tittle pass to Gifford on 45.

3-3-G45—Tittle pass incomplete to Walton.

4-3-G45—Chandler punt out of bounds on 28—27-yard kick.

Packers

1-10-P28—Taylor over center to 34.

2-4-P34—Moore off right tackle to 38, inches short of first down.

3-1-P38—Taylor slant off right tackle to 42 First Down.

1-10-P42—Taylor over left tackle to 54.

2-7-P45—Hornung sweep right end to Giant 48, inches to go.

3-inches on 48 Taylor circle right end to 41 First Down.

1-10-G41—Moore on slant over right guard to 29 First Down.

1-10-G29—Taylor over left guard, no gain.

2-10-G29—Starr pass incomplete to Dowler, but Giants holding so penalty to 24 First Down.

1-10-G24—Moore try sweep left, tackled by Robustelli, Winter on 26.

2-12-G26—Taylor try sweep right lost back to 27.

3-13-G27—Starr, trapped, run right to 23 (two minutes to play).

4-9-G23—J. Kramer kick 30-yard field goal at 13:10.

Packers—16; Giants—7.

J. Kramer kick off to Horner on 14, fumble and recover and run to 27.

Giants

1-10-G27—Tittle pass incomplete to Morrison.

2-10-G27—Tittle pass to Gifford incomplete, knocked down by Nitschke.

3-10-G27—Tittle pass to Shofner on 45 First Down.

1-10-G45—Tittle pass screen right to Webster to 50.

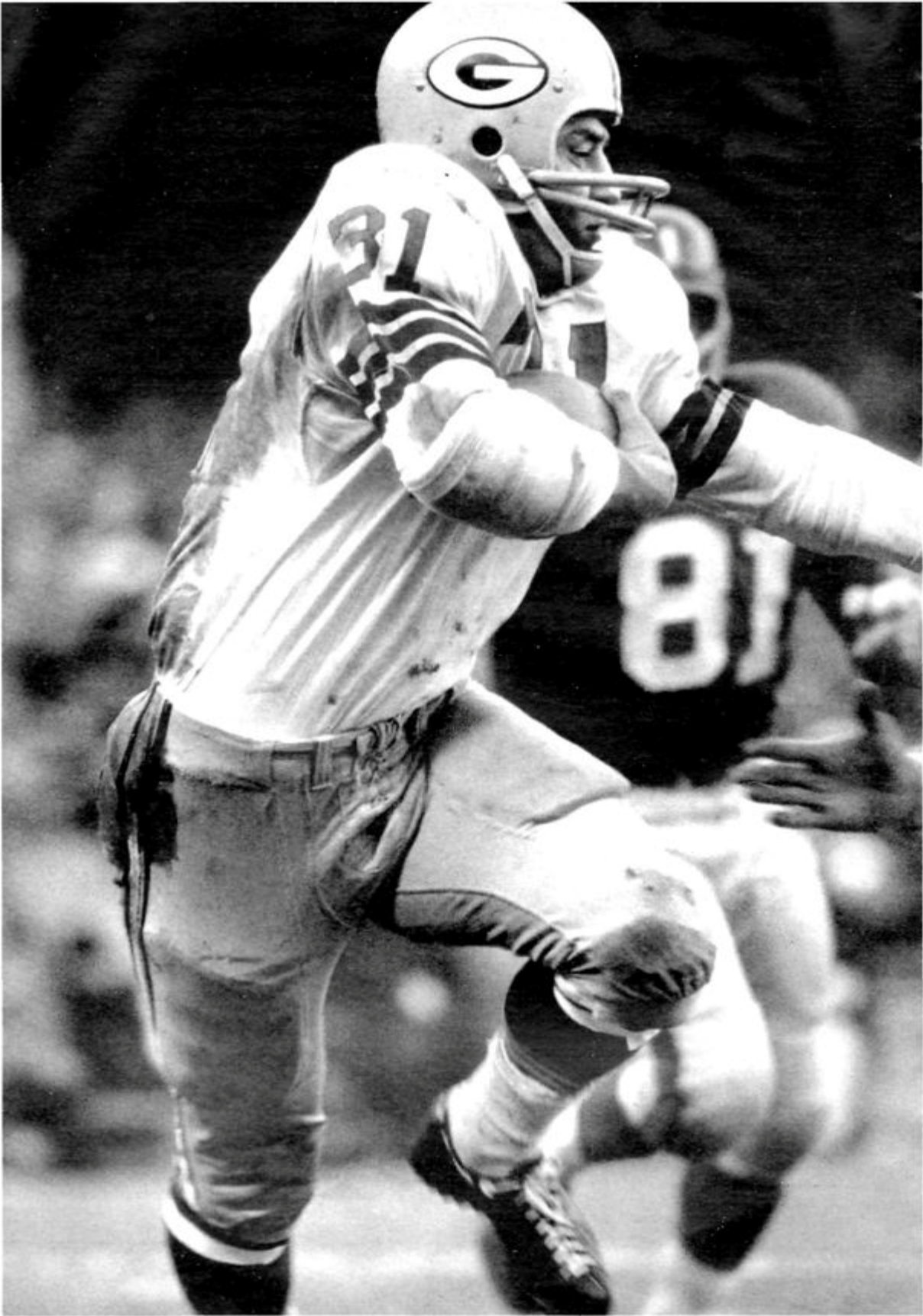
2-5-50—Tittle pass incomplete to Shofner but Packers offside First Down.

1-10-P45—Tittle pass to Walton on 32 First Down.

1-10-P32—Tittle pass incomplete to Walton.

2-10-P32—Tittle, chased all over, pass incomplete to Webster.

3-10-P32—Tittle pass to Walton on 7 First Down.



THE PACKERS, YES!

The furious perfectionists from Green Bay proved their superiority over the New York Giants on a frozen field as they won the championship for the second straight year by **TEX MAULE**

They came bundled in parkas and greatcoats and blankets and most of the 64,892 of them yelled "Beat Green Bay!" through the gelid afternoon. But in the end, making their way through the early dark and the swirling wind to the subway, they accepted a sad truth: this was still not the year.

For the truth, to New Yorkers, was just as bitter as the weather and just as evident: the Green Bay Packers are a better football team than the New York Giants. They won the NFL championship on a field better suited to ice hockey than to football. The atrocious conditions, however, had nothing much to do with the 16-7 score. In balmy weather the Packers might have won by a far healthier margin.

This is not to take anything away from the Giants. Shortly after the game had ended, Kyle Rote, the Giant offensive backfield coach who last year was New York's flanker back, said sadly, "I never before saw a team that tried so hard and lost."

He was right. This Giant team played superb football, but it made three mistakes. The first, an intercepted pass, almost resulted in a field goal. The next, a fumble in the second quarter, eventually led to the Packers' only touchdown of the ball game, a beautiful run by Fullback Jim Taylor, who stepped over and through a clutter of Giants to score from the seven standing up. Another fumble in the third quarter was converted by the Packers into a field goal. Green Bay, of course, played superb football, too, and it was guilty of only one egregious error—a blocked kick that gave the Giants their lone score of the day.

The two teams entered the game with oddly different

attitudes. The Giants, still sensitive to the humiliation of their 37-0 defeat in Green Bay last year, played with fiery determination. The Packers, who went through the last three weeks of the season a tired, sleepwalking team, only began to come alive in the last four workouts before the championship game. But by the time they took the bus from the Hotel Manhattan to Yankee Stadium for the showdown, they were imbued with a furious professional determination to prove that the licking they had given the Giants a year ago was no fluke.

"We're a better ball club," said Hank Gremminger, one of the Packer safety men. "Look. It's cold as hell here right now. But my hands are sweating. I guess I'm like the rest of the guys. We're better. We'll show them. We're tired of reading about how they had an off day against us. I hope they have a real good day today."

The Giants did have a good day. Both teams were meticulously scouted. Long before the kickoff, Phil Bengtson, the defensive coach of the Packers, had a clear picture of the pattern of Quarterback Y. A. Tittle's play-calling. So, for that matter, did the Giant defensive coaches have a good idea of the plays Bart Starr likes to use under all conceivable circumstances.

The night before the game Bengtson, a tall, slim, dark man who is the genius of the Packer defense and who calls all the Packer defensive alignments from the sidelines, went over Tittle's preferences. The scene was Head Coach Vince Lombardi's "Five Thirty Club," which is not so much a club as an informal gathering of Packer friends, assistant coaches and wives for a convivial hour before dinner in Lombardi's hotel suite when the team is traveling. Quietly, under the hum of conversation,

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Uncoiling like a steel spring, Green Bay's incomparable fullback, Jim Taylor, begins one of the jolting runs that animated the Packer offense

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Running with intercepted Giant pass.

PACKERS, YES! *continued*

Bengtson said, "Tittle likes to throw on first down on the first series he calls. If the game is even, on the series after the first one, he is more apt to run. If he calls a running play and it gains, say, six or seven yards, he likes to come back with exactly the same play. If the first running play doesn't gain, you figure the first call a run, the next two passes.

"If he's got third and long yardage for a first down, he's more likely to throw to Frank Gifford or Joe Walton than he is to Del Shofner. He likes Shofner for the bomb—the long pass for a touchdown."

He stopped for a moment to collect his thoughts.

"Alex Webster's caught what? Forty-seven passes this year? And gained about 470 yards. That's because Tittle likes to keep him for a safety valve. He always knows where Webster will be. He'll keep Phil King in to block for him, then if everyone is covered, he'll look for Webster for the outlet. He hits Webster short behind the line. Shofner has caught only six more passes than Webster, but I'll bet he's gained twice as many yards, because Y.A. hits him deep." (Shofner caught 53 passes during the past season, gained 1,133 yards; and Webster

did, in fact, catch 47, but gained only 477 yards.)

"He uses Webster for the tough yards, say, third and three or four," Bengtson went on. "We know that. It helps to know."

The Green Bay offense, just as carefully planned, was changed radically by the weather. Bart Starr, who must surely be the most underrated quarterback in football, had looked forward to a wide-open, gambling game. "We were too cautious late in the season," he said, after Green Bay had won. "But this is the one you point for all the way. In this one you should throw caution to the winds and go for the big one every time you think it's there. But you couldn't in this weather. They didn't have any surprises for us early in the game. They blitzed a lot in the beginning, but everyone has blitzed a lot since the Thanksgiving Day game in Detroit and we were looking for it and we picked it up real good. But you couldn't take chances in that wind. You couldn't throw long because you weren't sure where the ball would go. We figured that the reverse, with Paul Hornung throwing, would go, but that's a pretty long pass, too, and he had to run most of the time when we

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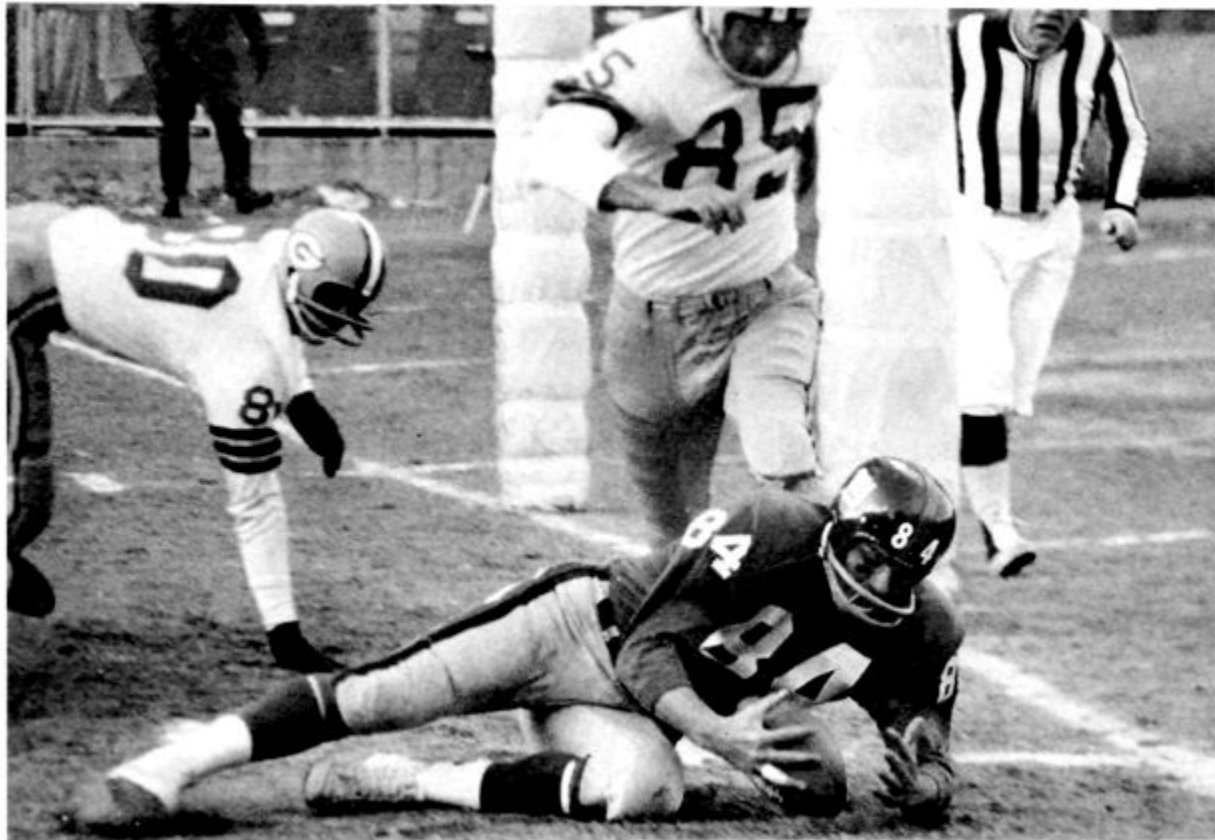
Bull-strong Ray Nitschke (66), voted the most valuable player in the game, meets Alex Webster head on to stop New York power attack





Packer Linebacker Dan Currie (58) has a free route to a touchdown but, crippled by a bad knee, he falls as Jesse Whittenton (47) ranges alongside





PACKERS, YES! *continued*

called that. So the whole pattern of the offense was changed by the weather—mostly the wind.”

For all the troubles the Packers had with the weather, the Giants had more. The gusty, fitful winds took away entirely one of the big guns of the New York attack—the long pass from Tittle to Shofner. Jesse Whittenton, the Green Bay defensive back who has done so well against Shofner in previous games, hurt himself early in this game: had Tittle been able to throw long, Shofner might have been able to get away for a touchdown or two.

“I busted up my ribs in the first quarter,” Whittenton said after the game. “King had the ball on a sweep or a screen—I don’t remember which—and I came up and got it in the side. I had figured to play Del tight, but after that I had to drop off him because I couldn’t move around as good as usual. I had to give him the short one and I’m glad they couldn’t throw the long one.”

Shofner, as a result, had the best day he’s had against Whittenton, his roommate when both were with the Los Angeles Rams. But it was not a good Shofner day—five passes caught, none of them behind Whittenton, for only 69 yards.

Whittenton’s injury was one of several minor hurts that marked one of the most violent of all NFL championship games. Taylor, the Packers’ wondrous fullback, was hit head on so enthusiastically early in the first quarter that he bit his tongue and for the rest of the game swallowed blood. This did not, as with less extraordinary men, curtail Taylor’s talent for conversation. He is one of the most talkative as well as one of the most explosive backs in the game.

“He’s a lippy guy,” said Tom Scott, a Giant linebacker. “He takes it as a personal insult if you tackle him. He thinks the guy who hit him has challenged him and he just lets you know that the next time you try to stop him, he’s going to make it hurt you.”

Another injury, this one not incurred in the game, may have prevented a Packer touchdown late in the first quarter. After the Giants had moved down to the Packer 16 on one of their three offen-

sive penetrations of the Packer 20-yard line during the afternoon, Ray Nitschke, coming in hard from his middle-linebacker position to harass Tittle, lifted an arm and deflected a pass which was picked off by Dan Currie, the Packers’ left linebacker.

Currie started up field with an open route to the Giant goal and a covey of blockers. He ran well for some 30 yards, then began to stumble and meander like a drunken elephant and finally fell on the Packer 40-yard line with no enemy within shouting distance of him.

Currie was blocked two months ago by Tommy McDonald of the Eagles and his left knee was severely damaged. When that happened, he lay on the ground and alternately cursed McDonald and howled, “I’m finished!” He was not—luckily for the Packers—finished. But the knee is only good for some 30 yards of all-out running; after that it begins to give way.

“It started to wobble and I was wearing ripple-sole shoes and I couldn’t keep my feet,” Currie said. “If it had been a warm day and I’d had on cleats, I might have made it.”

Green Bay’s Nitschke, who recovered two fumbles in addition to deflecting Tittle’s pass and was named the game’s most valuable player, might have added an intercepted pass to his depredations on the Giants were it not for the cold. In the fourth period, with the Giants behind by nine points and driving forlornly for a meaningless touchdown, Nitschke dropped back to cover against the certain pass in a defense the Packers call the four-four walkaway—a defense designed purely to insure against a long throw for a touchdown. He leaped high and seemed to have a Tittle pass in his hands for an easy interception. Then he lost it. “My hands were so numb I couldn’t feel the ball,” Nitschke said later. “I should have had that one. On a warm day I would have.”

One of those small things, seemingly of no consequence but which sometimes change the complexion of a football game, may have affected Nitschke’s play on Sunday. Early in the week a story, probably apocryphal—certainly nobody seems to know where it came from or

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Lone score for Giants was credited to defense when Erich Barnes (49) blocked Max McGee’s punt near goal and Giant rookie Jim Collier (84) pounced on the ball, then stretched into the end zone for touchdown

who wrote it—quoted Sam Huff, the Giant middle linebacker, as saying that Nitschke might, someday, be a pretty good middle linebacker if he ever got good coaching. Twitted unmercifully by his teammates, Nitschke set out to prove that he was, indeed, a good man on defense. He was a better one than Sam Huff in this game.

The Giant offense has not, in two championship games, scored on the Green Bay defense. The seven points the Giants got Sunday were scored by their special punt return unit. Erich Barnes, a marvelously quick defensive back, rushed in from the left side of the Giant line to block a kick by Green Bay's Max McGee. It was recovered for a touchdown by Jim Collier, an anonymous member of the club who performs only on special units.

"It was dangerous," Barnes said later. "When I go in like that, I'm exposing my area to a pass. [Most unlikely, since the Packers were punting from deep within their own territory.] If I block it, I'm golden. If they fake and pass—well, I'd rather not discuss that possibility. It's a judgment thing and you have to decide quickly. I saw Lew Carpenter line up tight and I felt I could go. No one touched me. It was that simple. I just ran in and blocked it. But I could have been burned." If he hadn't charged, New York would have gone blank.

Even so, this game was nothing like the 37-0 rout last year in Green Bay. "Our defensive line," said Rosey Grier, the massive Giant tackle, "made a much-improved stand because we knew their offense the second time around. They don't do anything any different from anyone else in the league but they do it so well. They execute so much better than any club in the league. They'll run a play through the same hole four or five different ways with that many different blocking angles. I changed up from last year. I used to look at their backs and key on them and I was chasing all around after the fakes. This time I concentrated on the linemen in front of me and I was in better position. When they came back with the counters, all I had to do was reach out an arm. When Taylor cut back, there we were in a nice tight bunch to fall on him."

Taylor, speaking with difficulty because of his cut-up tongue and mouth, agreed. He hobbled painfully out of the shower in the Green Bay dressing room.

"This was the toughest," he said. "I can't remember getting hit as hard before. They came to play."

Bill Quinlan, the fine Green Bay defensive end, thought it was a rough game, too. Long after play had ended, he sat shivering in front of his locker in the dressing room. A well-wisher tenderly pulled a bandage from his right shoulder while Quinlan, who played with reckless abandon, winced and complained. "I never played under worse conditions," he said. "The wind cut you in two. And they came at us all day." The Giants had, certainly, come at Quinlan with a vengeance. They seemed to be taking a leaf from Lombardi's book: "Beat your opponent where he is strongest and you demoralize him."

Partly because of the weather and often because Coach Allie Sherman and his players wanted to prove that they could whip the Packers where the Packers are best, the Giants ran against the right side of the Packer line—Henry Jordan at right tackle and Quinlan at right end. It was the Giants' misfortune that they did not succeed. Jordan and Quinlan played heroically, and the Packer linebackers—Nitschke, Currie and Bill Forester—were, as they have been all year, the best in the league.

Rote pointed that out. "The Packers won because they have a fine offense and a great line," he said. "But most of all, they have three magnificent linebackers. When Tittle seemed to have them safely committed in one direction, they still were able to adjust and come back to break up the play."

"The backers and the line even made Y. A. change his delivery," said Sherman. "They are so tall they obscured Tittle's targets and blocked the path of the ball. Y. A. had to change to a side-arm delivery and that hurt his accuracy."

After everyone else had gone home, Allie Sherman said his farewell.

"They gave everything they had," he said. "We weren't humiliated. There was no humiliation this year."

There wasn't. The Giants were good. Green Bay simply was better. **END**

In the cold, floodlit brilliance of Yankee Stadium, normally impassive Packer Coach Vince Lombardi smiles in triumph as his team wins again



