



## Green Bay Packers (1-2) 38, Baltimore Colts (1-2) 33 Sunday October 14th 1956 (at Milwaukee)

# Packers Trip Colts in 38-33 Thriller for First Win

## Dillon's Runback Gives Bays 12-Point Lead in Fourth Frame

### GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)



(MILWAUKEE) - This was pro football at its excitingest best - this 38 to 33 Packer victory over the Baltimore Colts before 24,214 in County Stadium Sunday afternoon. The Bays rolled up their highest point total since '52, and doggedly fought off a ferocious Colt attack to emerge with a well-deserved clutch triumph. That, in brief, tells the story. The Packers had to win Sunday or face the prospect of an 0-3 record in the furious Western division battle. Baltimore was going for a 2-1 mark, but the happy happenings here and doings elsewhere in the Western sector Sunday left the Packers, Colts, Los Angeles and San Francisco in a four-way tie for third place, with 1-2 standings. Detroit leads with 3-0 and the Chicago Bears are second with 2-1. Next Sunday, the Packers play Los Angeles in County Stadium, Frisco invades Detroit and Baltimore goes to Bearland. The Packers were wild with determination and desire for victory - a couple of characteristics that started building up last Tuesday. They seemed to explode with the opening kickoff and never stopped firing until the final shot. This masterpiece of football action was composed of 71 points - better than a mark a minute; 10 touchdowns; a flock of long runs and passes; and a fistful (that helps describe, too) of bruising tackles and blocks. The Packers had to come from behind twice to salvage their victory. But look at the running scores: The Bays held leads of 7-0 and 7-6 in the first quarter and 14-6 at the start of a rip-snorting 31-point second heat. The Colts cut the edge down to 14-13 and then went ahead 20-14. The Packers boomed back in front 21-20 and 24-20 before the Colts bounded back in front 26-24 at the start of the second half. The Pack charged back to take leads of 31-26 and 38-26 before the third period ended. With 56 seconds left, the Colts raced a fumble over for a teedee to produce the final 38-33 and chill the frenzied



Packers' Al Carmichael picks up 7 yards to Colts' 46 in second quarter

audience. The Packers recovered an onside kickoff and ended the show with a clock-killing quarterback sneak. The final difference was five points - three coming on a 16-yard field goal by Fred Cone and two on uncontested extra points, one a pure miss by Bert Rechichar and the other being blocked by Deral Teteak. Two extra points going down the drain is rather rare in any pro game but this was a rare game. Passes were being deflected all over the place, one of which was turned into

an interception and 42-yard runback for a touchdown by Bobby Dillon that produced the Bays' 38-26 lead. The Pack had two other interceptions and both were virtually on the goal line, Dillon returning one for 46 and Hank Gremminger another for 21. Both steals killed Colt threats in the fourth quarter. The Colts came in with a thrilling rarebird - a 90-yard punt return by Carl Tassef for a touchdown, not to mention Jess Thomas' recovery of a fumble by Howie Ferguson and 25-yard return for a touchdown to set the final score. Fergie did something he never did before - switch the ball from one hand to the other while running to kill the clock. Thomas did the rest when Howie hit. Of the touchdowns, three came on the fumble return, the interception and the punt return. One - the Packers' first score - followed an 11-yard push after the game-opening kickoff was fumbled. The other six resulted in drives of 58, 67 and 63 yards by the Colts and 70, 74 and 70 yards by the Pack. Big Tobin Rote figured in four of the Packers' five touchdowns. The battlin' Texan scored two on one-yard plunges and pitched passes of 31 and nine yards to Gary Knafelc for two more. The 31-yarder was a perfect play. Knafelc went up as he was squeezed between two defenders on the Colts' two-yard line, took Rote's perfect strike and went in standing up. One of the highlights was the Packers' return to their offensive potential for the first time this league season. They rolled up 376 yards, including 192 passing and 184 rushing. The Colts, with George Shaw going hot and cold, managed 351 yards, 206 with the rush and 135 with the pass. Rote had his best afternoon of the young league season, completing 11 out of 21, with no interceptions. Shaw had 11 for 22, but Lenny Moore, on a sweep, tried one pass and completed it to L.G. Dupre for a touchdown. Quiet for two games, the Packer rush game worked with Ferguson getting 88 stripes in 17 trips and halfbacks Al Carmichael, Joe Johnson and Breezy Reid adding up 70 yards to keep the Colt defense honest. Alan Ameche and Moore were the Colts' rush leaders with 81 yards (in 14 carries) and 66, respectively. This was a typical Colt-Packer game - rough and tough all the way. The tempo was set early when Packer tackle Bob Skoronski exchanged blow with the Colts' Don Joyce in the first quarter. Skoronski was thumbed out but Joyce was permitted to continue. Handyman Forrest Gregg finished out the game in Skoronski's spot. The Packers received a break right quick, and that's strange because after the Detroit and Bear losses they'd been wondering if there was such a thing. Moore and Billy Vessels didn't know what to do with Cone's opening kickoff and Cone, himself, recovered on the ball on the Colts' 11. Moore was "credited" with the fumble because he was the closest to the ball. Bart Starr, the Packers' rookie quarterback, was scheduled to start but Coach Liz Blackburn quickly switched to Rote under the circumstances and Tobin guided the Bays to a TD in three plays with the help of Joe Skibinski. Johnson slammed to the four but on the next play he fumbled and Joe recovered on the one. Rote sneaked in with only 1:50 gone and Cone booted the first of five extra points. Rechichar and Dick Deschaine, who finished with a 48-yard average, each punted twice in a deadlock of action, but Dick's second boot was returned 58 yards by Tassef to the Packers 36, setting up the Colts' first sixer. Shaw threw to Royce Womble for 19 yards to the 17, Ameche and Moore each made four, and Moore then wheeled around left end for the touchdown at 12:04. Rechichar's point try was wide and it was 7-6. The Packers took the next kickoff and barged 70 yards to a touchdown in 10 plays, overcoming 20 yards in two penalties. The big gainers were nine by Ferguson, an 11-yard Rote to Ferguson pass, two eight-yard runs by Carmichael, a 22-yard pass from Rote to Johnson and, of course, Rote's 32-yard

# Wonderful!

**NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE**  
(Western Conference)

|               | W | L | Pct.  | PS | OP |
|---------------|---|---|-------|----|----|
| Detroit       | 3 | 0 | 1.000 | 75 | 51 |
| Chicago Bears | 2 | 1 | .667  | 89 | 56 |
| Green Bay     | 1 | 2 | .333  | 75 | 90 |
| Los Angeles   | 1 | 2 | .333  | 78 | 64 |
| Baltimore     | 1 | 2 | .333  | 75 | 90 |
| San Francisco | 1 | 2 | .333  | 61 | 99 |

(Eastern Conference)

|                   | W | L | Pct.  | PS | OP |
|-------------------|---|---|-------|----|----|
| Chicago Cardinals | 3 | 0 | 1.000 | 75 | 37 |
| New York          | 2 | 1 | .667  | 86 | 85 |
| Philadelphia      | 2 | 1 | .667  | 55 | 57 |
| Pittsburgh        | 1 | 2 | .333  | 61 | 62 |
| Cleveland         | 1 | 2 | .333  | 39 | 40 |
| Washington        | 0 | 3 | .000  | 25 | 74 |

**Sunday's Results**

**GREEN BAY 38 BALTIMORE 33**  
 Detroit 24 Los Angeles 21  
 New York 21 Cleveland 9  
 Chicago Cardinals 31 Washington 3  
 Chicago Bears 31 San Francisco 7  
 Philadelphia 35 Pittsburgh 21

**Next Sunday's Games**

**GREEN BAY vs. LOS ANGELES**  
 at Milwaukee  
 Baltimore at Chicago Bears  
 San Francisco at Detroit  
 Cleveland at Washington  
 Chicago Cardinals at Philadelphia  
 Pittsburgh at New York

**The lineups:**

**BALTIMORE**  
 Ends—Berry, Colteryahn, Marchetti, Mutscheller, Joyce.  
 Tackles—Preas, Jackson, Donovan, Campanella, Feamster, Lipscomb, Finnin.  
 Guards—Spinney, Patera, Eggers, A. Sandusky, Koman.  
 Center—Nutter.  
 Backs—Shaw, Unitas, Dupre, Vessels, Nyers, Tassef, Thomas, Moore, Womble, Pellington, James, Rechichar, Shula, Ameche, Young.

**GREEN BAY**  
 Ends—Knafelc, Deschaine, Martinovic, Howton, Borden.  
 Tackles—Skoronski, Helluin, J. Sandusky, Hanner, Gregg, King.  
 Guards—Skibinski, Bettis, Teteak, Brown, Szafaryn, Zatkoff.  
 Centers—Ringo, Forester, Lauer.  
 Backs—Rote, Starr, Johnson, Reid, Losch, Gremminger, Capuzzi, Walker, Ferguson, Cone, Carmichael, Dillon, Bookout.

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|-----------|---|----|----|------|
| Baltimore | 6 | 14 | 6  | 7-33 |
| Green Bay | 7 | 17 | 14 | 6-38 |

**Baltimore Scoring:** Touchdowns—Moore 2 (9 yards, 12:09 of first; 10 yards, 5:53 of second) Dupre (8-yard Moore pass, 3:27 of second) Tassef (90-yard punt return, 3:41 of third) Thomas (25-yard return of fumble, 14:04 of fourth). Extra Points—Rechichar 2, Feamster.

**Green Bay Scoring:** Touchdowns—Knafelc 2 (32-yard) Rote pass, 6:31 of second; 9-yard Rote pass, 9:07 of third) Rote 2 (1-yard plunge, 1:50 of first; 1-yard, 10:44 of second); Dillon (42-yard return of pass interception, 14:02 of third). Extra Points—Cone 4. Field Goal—Cone (16 yards, 14:45 of second).

**Officials:** Referee—Bob Austin; Umpire—Joe Connell; Back Judge—Jim Hamer; Field Judge—Bill Grimberg; Head Linesman—Sam Cooperman.

**Team Statistics:**

|                               | Pack.      | Colts      |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
| First downs rushing           | 9          | 8          |
| First downs passing           | 9          | 9          |
| First downs penalties         | 1          | 0          |
| <b>TOTAL FIRST DOWNS</b>      | <b>19</b>  | <b>17</b>  |
| Yards gained rushing          | 184        | 206        |
| Yards gained passing          | 192        | 135        |
| <b>TOTAL YARDS GAINED</b>     | <b>376</b> | <b>351</b> |
| PASSES: Attempted             | 22         | 23         |
| Completed                     | 11         | 12         |
| Had intercepted               | 0          | 3          |
| Yds. Intercep. passes ret.    | 108        | 0          |
| <b>PUNTING:</b> Number by     | 6          | 5          |
| Punting average               | 48         | 38.6       |
| No. of punts ret. by          | 2          | 6          |
| Yards punts returned          | 6          | 148        |
| <b>KICKOFFS:</b> No. ret. by  | 7          | 7          |
| Yds. kickoffs returned        | 117        | 68         |
| <b>FUMBLES:</b> Number by     | 3          | 1          |
| Ball lost                     | 1          | 1          |
| <b>PENALTIES:</b> No. against | 4          | 5          |
| Yards penalized               | 37         | 35         |

**Individual Statistics:**

**Rushing:**  
 Baltimore—Ameche gained 81 yards in 14 attempts, Moore 66 in 7, Dupre 28 in 8, Shaw 16 in 4, Vessels 10 in 1, Womble 5 in 1.  
 Green Bay—Ferguson gained 88 yards in 17 attempts, Johnson 36 in 9, Carmichael 28 in 5, Rote 26 in 6, Reid 5 in 5.

**Passing:**  
 Baltimore—Shaw attempted 22, completed 11 for 127 yards, 3 intercepted; Moore attempted 1, completed 1 for 8 yards, 1 touchdown.  
 Green Bay—Rote attempted 21, completed 11 for 192 yards, 2 touchdowns; Starr attempted 1, completed none.

**Pass Receptions:**  
 Baltimore—Berry caught 3 for 37 yards, Mutscheller 3 for 32, Dupre 2 for 32; Ameche 2 for 4, Womble 1 for 19, Moore 1 for 41.  
 Green Bay: Knafelc caught 2 for 87 yards, Howton 4 for 86, Ferguson 1 for 12, Johnson 1 for 7.

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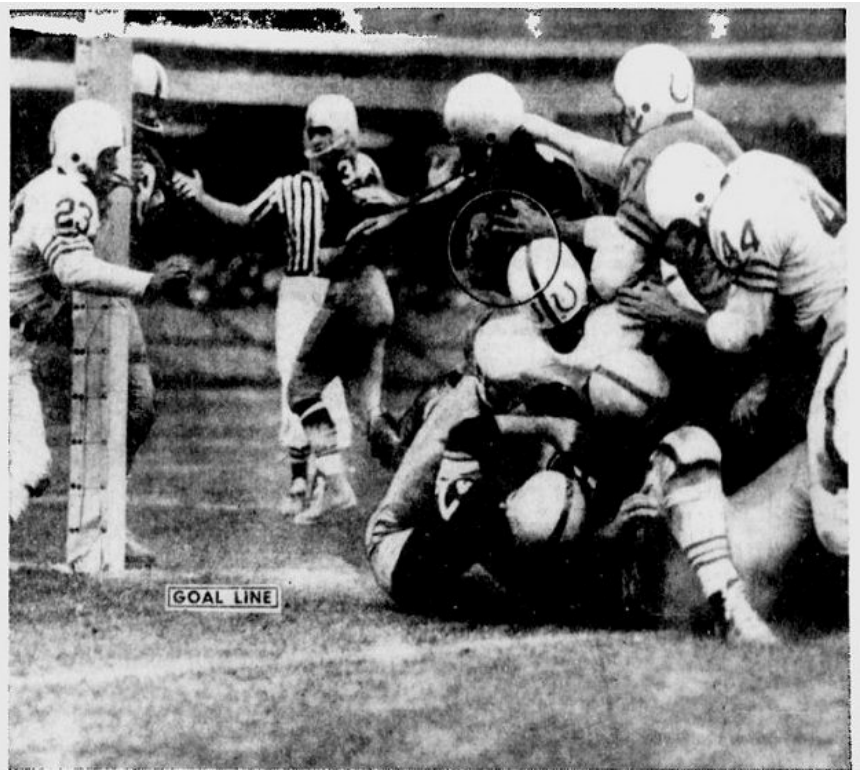
pass to Knafelc for the touchdown between Dick Nyers and Tommy James. That set the score at 14-6 at 0:31 of the second quarter. The Colts jammed right back with a 63-yard scoring drive. Ameche opened with a 10-yard blast and Shaw pitched to Mutscheller for 10 after Dupre made five. Shaw hurled to Dupre for 24 to the Bay 14 and two plays later Moore threw to Dupre from the eight, with 3:20 gone. Rechichar converted this time and it was 14-13. Baltimore booted back again, this time 67 yards for a 20-14 lead. Ameche led off with a 28-yard gain and Shaw scampered for another 20 to eat up most of the yardage. From the 19, Moore raced for five, Ameche four and Moore nine for the score with 5:53 gone. Rechichar converted. Slipping behind for the first time, the Packers never panicked, moving 74 yards for their lead touchdown. The big belts were 24 yards by Ferguson off right tackle, 14 by Johnson off left guard, and 19 on a pass from Rote to Billy Howton to the Colt 13. Ferguson crashed to the five, Johnson batted down his own pass to prevent interceptions, and Rote, on a sweep behind a good block by Ferguson, reached the one-foot line from where Rote plunged in. Cone's kick put the Pack in front 21-20. The Packers got the ball back with two minutes left in the half and made the most of their time, starting on their own 38. Carmichael and Reid raced for 13 and Carmichael added another five before Howton hauled in Rote's pass for 27 yards to the 17. Rote ran to the 10 and with 15 seconds left Cone booted a field goal from the 16 for a 24-20 halftime edge. Deschaine got off a 54-yard punt shortly after the second half started and Tassef took the ball on the Colt 10, ran straight up the middle, cut to his right and wheeled down the sidelines for a touchdown. Gremminger barely missed shoving him out of bounds on the Packer 35. Teteak blocked Rechichar's point try and the score was 26-24. Most encouraging was the Packers' bounce-back. They took the next kickoff and brewed 70 yards in 11 plays for a lead they never lost. After Fergie made five, Rote hurled to Knafelc for 13 to the 48. Ferguson added two and Rote pitched to Howton for 10. On the next series, Reid belted for two and Rote, with some excellent faking, hit Howton down the middle for 30 yards to the Colt eight. After Ferguson lost one, Rote overthrew Knafelc and then hit Gary perfectly for the nine-yard touchdown toss. Cone converted and it was 31-26. Carmichael fumbled and recovered a high Rechichar punt at midfield and Ferguson gained 10 yards to the Colt 42 to set up a 46-yard field goal try by Cone. The boot was deflected by Joyce and Harness recovered on the Colts' 34. On second down, Shaw aimed a pass at Dupre in front of the Packer bench. Roger Zatkoff deflected the ball just before it reached Dupre and Dillon grabbed the ball as Dupre tried for a rebound. Bobby set sail and went down the sidelines 42 yards for the score, with Nate Borden throwing a key block around the 20. Cone's boot made it 38-26 with 14:02 gone in the period. The Colts started to move early in the fourth frame but Dillon intercepted Shaw's pass practically out of Berry's hands close to the goal line and weaved his way nicely back to the Packer 46. After an exchange of punts, the Colts, with 3:50 left, started a drive from their 15, moving to the Packer 34 on Shaw's pass to Berry and Mutscheller and Moore's 22-yard run. On first down Gremminger fought with Mutscheller and Dupre for the ball on the goal line and the Bay rookie



Ex-Badger Al (The Horse) Ameche of the Colts carries the ball (circle) for a five yard gain to the Packer 12 in the second period of Sunday's game at the County Stadium. Identified players include Val Joe Walker (47), John Mar-

tinkovic (83), Bill Forester (69) and Roger Zatkoff (74) of Green Bay and Jim Mutscheller (84), Ameche (35) and George Preas (60) of Baltimore.

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### Rote Scores on 'Sneak' Against Baltimore

Tobin Rote scores his second touchdown from the one yard line on a quarterback sneak in the second quarter of game with Baltimore-Colts at County Stadium Sunday.

Cone followed with a conversion and the Packers took a temporary 21-20 lead. Green Bay won, 38-33, before 24,214 spectators. Details in sports section. Geninet photo.

snared it out of the air and returned 21 yards. On the Packers' first play, Ferguson took a pitchout around right end and fumbled, Thomas scooping the ball on the first bounce and running back 25 yards for a touchdown with 56 seconds left. Tom Feamster converted for the final 38-33 score, with the Colts drawing a 15-yard penalty for roughing. The penalty was applied to the next kickoff. Rechichar's first try at an onside kickoff went out of bounds so he had to kick from his own 20. His next kick went about eight yards and Borden recovered on the Colt 30. Rote tried one sneak for a yard and the game ended as he lined up the team up for another.

**BALTIMORE - 6 14 6 7 - 33**  
**GREEN BAY - 7 17 14 0 - 38**

|                    | <u>BALTIMORE</u> | <u>GREEN BAY</u> |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| First Downs        | 17               | 19               |
| Rushing-Yards-TD   | 35-206-2         | 42-184-2         |
| Att-Comp-Yd-TD-Int | 23-15-135-1-3    | 22-11-192-2-0    |
| Sacked-Yards       |                  |                  |
| Net Passing Yards  | 124              | 187              |
| Total Yards        | 330              | 371              |
| Fumbles-lost       | 1-1              | 3-1              |
| Turnovers          | 4                | 1                |
| Yards penalized    | 5-35             | 4-37             |

### SCORING

- 1st - GB - Tobin Rote, 1-yard run (Fred Cone kick) GREEN BAY 7-0
- 1st - BALT - Lenny Moore, 9-yard run (Kick failed) GREEN BAY 7-6
- 2nd - GB - Gary Knafelc, 32-yard pass from Tobin Rote (Cone kick) GREEN BAY 14-6
- 2nd - BALT - L.G. Dupre, 8-yard pass from Lenny Moore (Bert Rechichar kick) GREEN BAY 14-13
- 2nd - BALT - Moore, 10-yard run (Rechichar kick) BALTIMORE 20-14
- 2nd - GB - Rote, 1-yard run (Cone kick) GREEN BAY 21-20
- 2nd - GB - Cone, 16-yard field goal GREEN BAY 24-20
- 3rd - BALT - Carl Taseff, 90-yard punt return (Kick blocked) BALTIMORE 26-24
- 3rd - GB - Knafelc, 9-yard pass from Rote (Cone kick) GREEN BAY 31-26
- 3rd - GB - Bobby Dillon, 42-yard interception return (Cone kick) GREEN BAY 38-26
- 4th - BALT - Jesse Thomas, 25-yard fumble return (Tom Feamster kick) GREEN BAY 38-33

### RUSHING

**GREEN BAY** - Howie Ferguson 17-88, Joe Johnson 9-36, Al Carmichael 5-29, Tobin Rote 6-26 2 TD, Breezy Reid 5-5  
**BALTIMORE** - Alan Ameche 14-81, Lenny Moore 7-66 2 TD, L.G. Dupre 8-28, George Shaw 4-16, Royce Womble 1-10, Billy Vessels 1-5

### PASSING

**GREEN BAY** - Tobin Rote 21-11-192 2 TD, Bart Starr 1-0-0  
**BALTIMORE** - George Shaw 22-11-127 3 INT, Lenny Moore 1-1-18 1 TD

### RECEIVING

**GREEN BAY** - Gary Knafelc 5-87 2 TD, Billy Howton 4-86, Howie Ferguson 1-12, Joe Johnson 1-7  
**BALTIMORE** - Raymond Berry 3-37, Jim Mutscheller 3-32, L.G. Dupre 2-32 1 TD, Alan Ameche 2-4, Royce Womble 1-19, Lenny Moore 1-11

**Packers Better Than Record Shows,  
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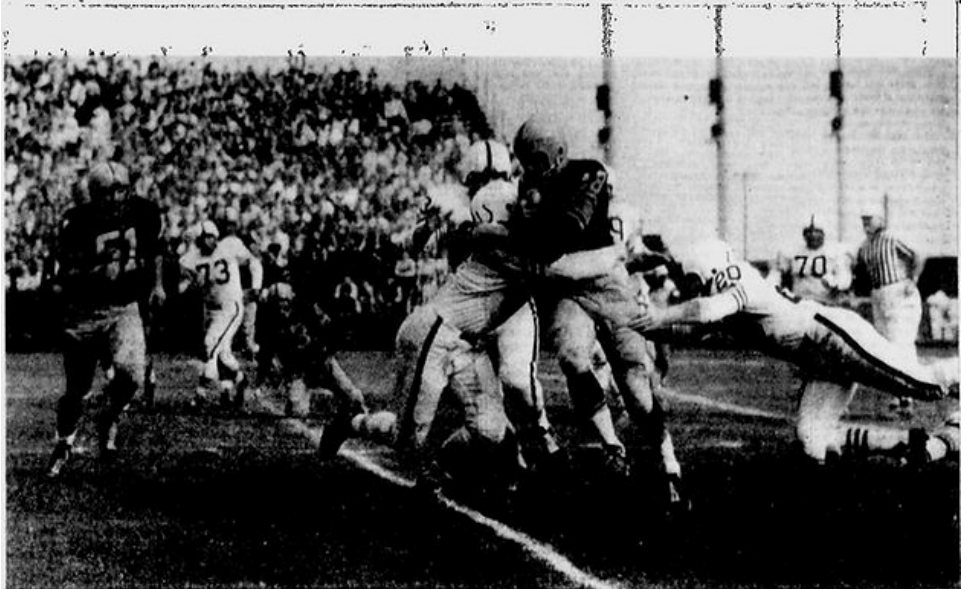
### **PACKERS BETTER THAN RECORD SHOWS, EWBANK; BAYS 'STUCK TOGETHER,' LIZ**

OCT 15 (Milwaukee) - Wilbur (Weeb) Ewbank, the cherubic overseer of Baltimore's Colts, blamed the unrelenting week-to-week pressure in the NFL's Western Division for the Hosses' unhappy experience at County Stadium Sunday afternoon. "They (the Packers) have got a better football team than their record shows," the former Cleveland Brown aide contended. "In fact, we're both better than a year ago." "This half of the league is just too tough," Weeb elaborated sadly, shaking his head. "We've played some tough ball clubs already - and the season's only three weeks old." "As far as the Packers are concerned, we've got a lot of respect for them and always have had," Ewbank declared. "We didn't go into this game thinking

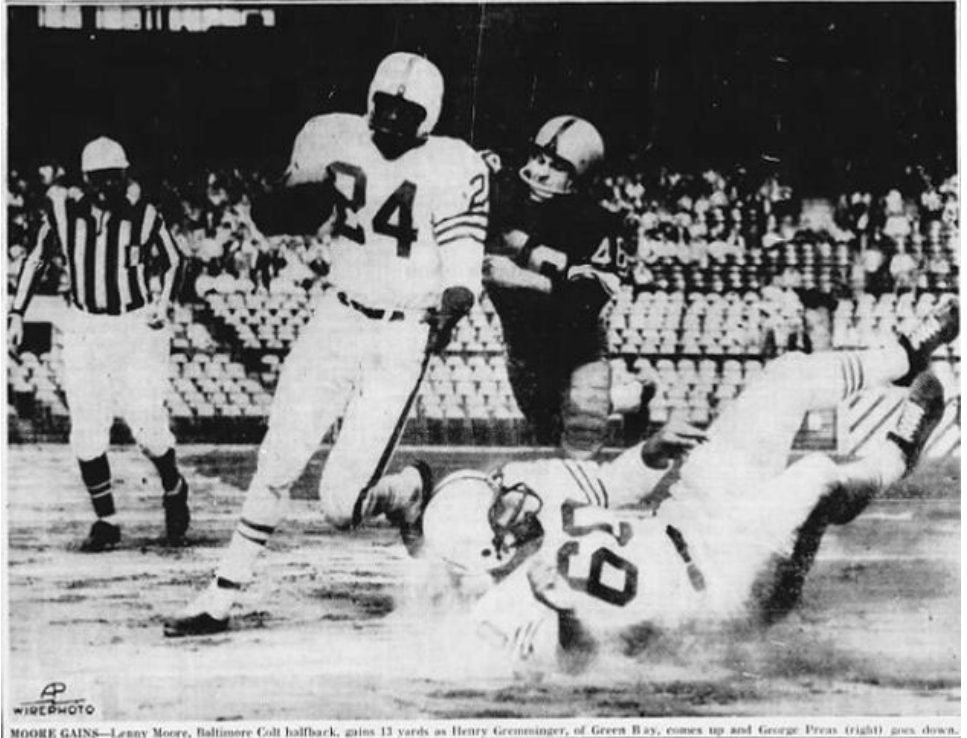


it was going to be easy. We knew it wouldn't be. They've improved over a year ago and, as a matter of fact, I think we're both going to win some football games." Weeb, as might be expected in reviewing a contest which had produced 71 points, couldn't put his finger on any one critical point but did mention that "right off the start when Rechichar (Bert) missed that extra point, it hurt us badly." "In fact, there was a point in the game when two extra points (Rechichar's last attempt had been blocked) meant the difference between whether you'd go for a field goal or a touchdown." Had any particular Packers come forcibly to his attention during the course of the afternoon. "Seemed to me like there were Packers all over the place," was Weeb's wry response. "I'll have to see the movies." Behind Ewbank, Wisconsin immortal Alan (The Horse) Ameche was dressing, with little enthusiasm for the project. The game had seen an uncommon number of points, it was ventured. "Too many for us," the Horse replied in a low voice as he turned to commiserate with Ewbank..."Did we need that one! Did we need that one!" These jubilant words came from Head Coach Liz Blackbourn as, with a step lighter than it has been in two weeks, he followed his begrimed but happy athletes into the dressing room. "Hank, you're my boy," he chuckled as he patted rookie defensive back Hank Gremminger on the seat of his trousers. Turning to his left, Liz said, "Great game," this to a weary Howie Ferguson as he went by, then continued his tour of the room with a handshake or a slap on the back for all. "We came through after all," Liz smiled as he encountered Roger Zatkoff, poised over the water fountain. The Mad Russian let an ear-to-ear smile speak for him. Later, on the player bus bound for the North Western depot, Bobby Dillon was accepting congratulations for a pair of opportune interceptions, one of which had produced what proved to be the winning touchdown. What about that one? "Roger (Zatkoff) deflected it first," Bobby said. "I don't know how I got it - it was bouncing around. I knew if I got it, it would be six." Rookie Forrest Gregg, who had a workout following Bob Skoronski's ejection early in the first quarter, unwittingly summed up the situation when he told Jack Vainisi with a smile, "It seemed like every time I turned around I was running on one of those platoons." Val Joe Walker, learning that the Rams and Forty Niners had lost, quipped, "We're tied for third place with everybody." "The Rams got beat today?" Dave Hanner echoes. "We always get everybody on the rebound."...Reviewing after the excitement had subsided, Blackbourn asserted, "It was one of the most terrific things I've ever seen - a terrific game. What was most impressive about it to me," he said, "was the way our boys didn't panic and stuck together. We could have gotten beat, very easily, a great many times during the game. It is rather amusing, in fact," Liz declared, "that they could hang together like that. It's an indication of high team morale that stems from each of the coaches down through the lowest substitute. They're all hanging together." In view of

### Carmichael Runs Into Baltimore Bear Hug on Double Reverse

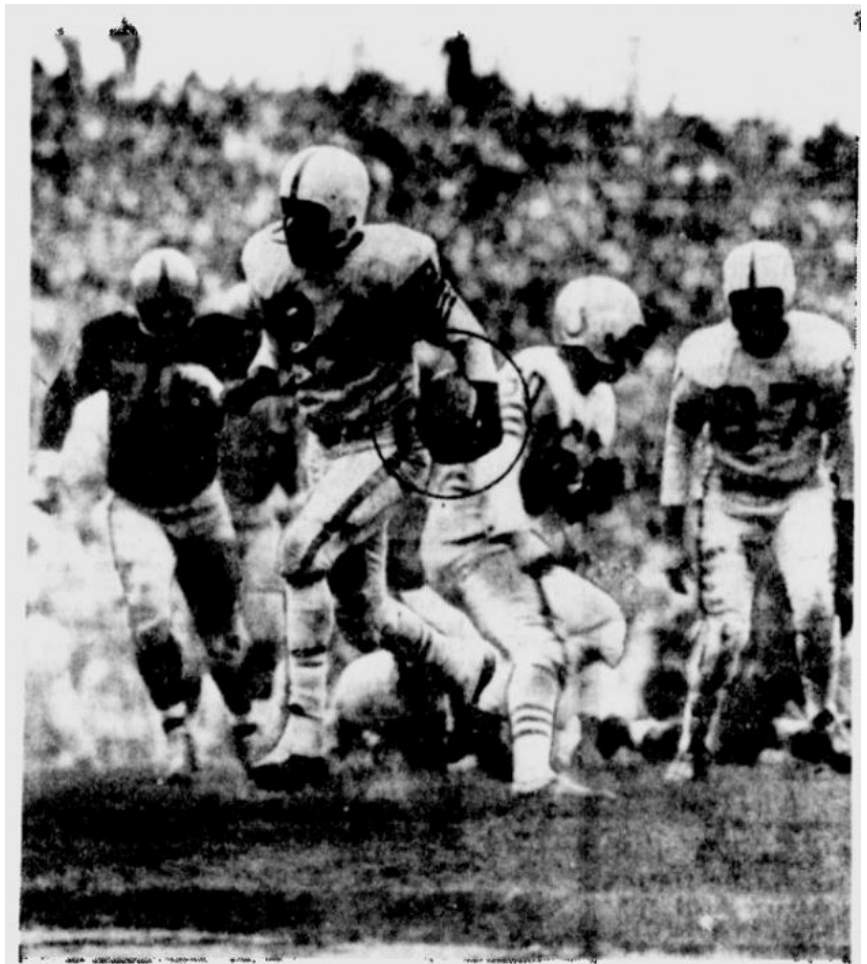


A double reverse gained five yards for the Green Bay Packers against the Baltimore Colts in the first quarter of their National Football League game at the Stadium Sunday before Al Carmichael ran into a bear hug tackle by Don Joyce. Doug Eggers came up to help and Tommy James (20) dove at the ball carrier. The play wound up on Green Bay's 21 yard line. In the background are Jim Ringo (51) and Joe Swilinski (63) of the Packers and Joe Campanella (73) and Art Donovan (70, near the official) of Baltimore.



MOORE GAINS—Lenny Moore, Baltimore Colt halfback, gains 13 yards as Henry Gremminger, of Green Bay, comes up and George Pears (right) goes down.

the fact that the Packers had held the Colts without an earned touchdown in the second half, had he made any defensive changes to bring this about? "We made some minor changes as to position of men," he said, "but no personnel changes."...HE GOT CAUGHT: Bob Skoronski, the huge rookie tackle from Indiana, was banished because he committed the sin of getting caught. "He (Baltimore's Don Joyce) slugged me first," Skoronski told Blackburn as he came over to the sidelines. "I slugged him back and they threw me out of the game." This incident coincided with Rechichar's interception of a Packer pass deep in Green Bay territory, which was nullified by a double foul ruling involving Skoronski and Joyce. Although he was unhappy over the ruling that barred Skoronski but not Joyce, Coach Lou Rymkus, "It was a break at that."...ALWAYS PREPARED: With the Packers in a third down and eight situation on the Baltimore 38 in the second quarter, Blackburn turned to the bench and rapped, "Get our field goal unit ready." Nobody was happier than he, needless to say, when he shortly discovered it wasn't necessary. Tobin Rote hit Gary Knafelc under the goal posts with a perfect pitch for the Packers' second touchdown...HOW ULCERS GROW: Rymkus, who later confided "I've never been through the wringer like that before in my life," was staggered when the Colts scored their final



Baltimore's Lenny Moore makes it 19-14 in favor of the Colts as he scores from 10-

yd. line in second quarter at County Stadium Sunday.

Sentinel photo

touchdown, after a Packer fumble, with 56 seconds to play. "You can't relax until that gun goes off," Lou sighed wearily...SPECIALIST: In the last years, Fred Cone has come to be known primarily as a placement specialist, but he didn't play like one Sunday. The sturdy Clemson alumnus, who hasn't forgotten his fundamentals, made the tackle after each of his first three kickoffs...SUPPORT FROM BRAVES; Lending the Packers moral support on the bench was Eddie Mathews, the Braves' youthful slugger. Another Brave, assistant trainer Joe Taylor, appeared in his customary role as an aide to Packer property men...HELPING HAND: Bud Jorgensen, veteran Packer trainer, ministered to the Colts' Billy Vessels, injured on a kickoff in front of the Packer bench in the second quarter, until the Colts' trainer arrived upon the scene...NO TOKEN: School was virtually out Sunday in the village of Token Creek, Wis., which has a total population of 90. Thirty-seven of them chartered a bus to Milwaukee and were on hand to watch the wild proceedings at City Stadium...PRANK?: The North Western train bearing the Packers to Green Bay Sunday night was delayed 10 minutes by a minor accident at De Pere, not a regular stop. It was first feared that someone had been struck but subsequently discovered that the train has made contact with a C & NW push cart, apparently pushed across the track by a prankster just before the train pulled abreast of the section house. Engineer George Senn, who said the train was traveling at 65 miles an hour, estimated that the cart had been dispatched 55 to 60 feet through the air into a ditch. A new unit powered by a gasoline engine, it was completely demolished...DANCE ON GRIDIRON: A group of Milwaukee square dancers presented a program of varied figures between halves, including a waterwheel directed by Green Bay's veteran caller, John Gardner.

#### **PACKERS SELL THEMSELVES WITH WHALE OF GAME**

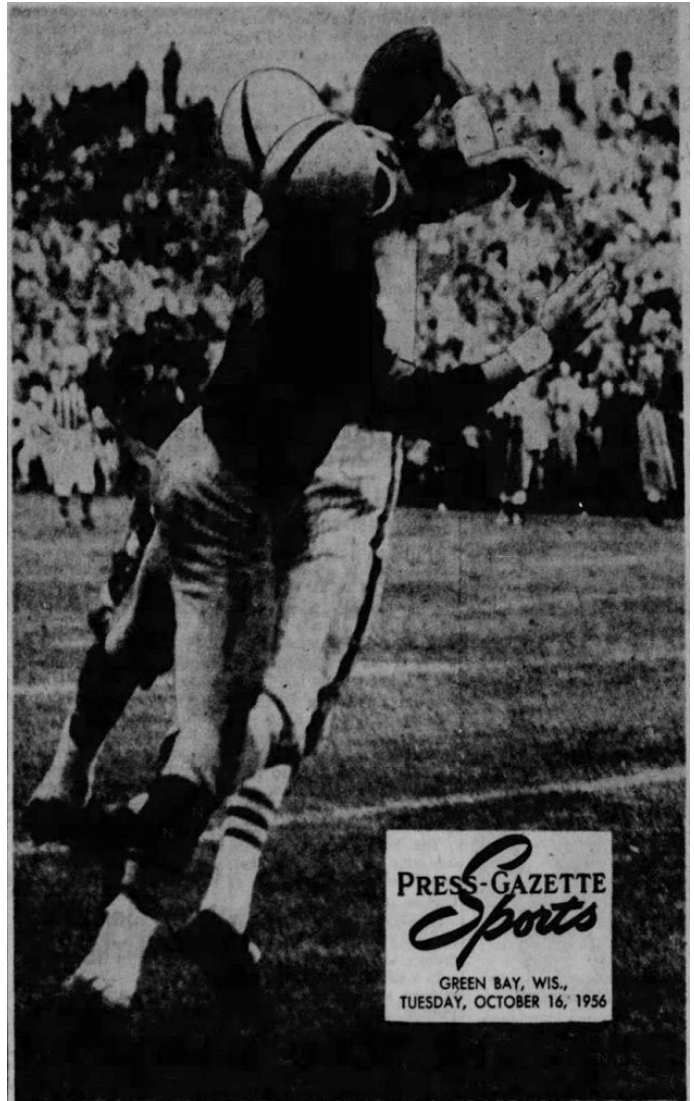
OCT 15 (Milwaukee Journal - Oliver Kuechle) - That was a whale of a spectators' show the Green Bay Packers and Baltimore Colts put on at County Stadium Sunday afternoon - spectacular, hard hitting and just imperfect enough to add an extra bit of tension. The observation has occasionally been made that pro ball might eventually beat itself by its own growing perfection. "They're so good, they're too good. They reduce the factor of human error to a dull minimum. They make everything look too easy." Such, though, was certainly not the case Sunday. A couple of attempts for the extra point after touchdown were missed and for a while threatened to alter the entire strategy of the game. The opening kickoff (a free ball) was messed up and indirectly led to a quick Green Bay score. A football apparently safely locked in the arms of a fullback (Ferguson) running around end inexplicably popped loose and was picked up and converted into an easy Baltimore score.



Here certainly was anything except perfection but it added something all its own to the tension filled two and one-half hours of watching the game...**'PERFECTION' POINTS:** Overall, of course, was the "perfect" or good football which outweighed the rest and that was the big thing: Alan Ameche's and Howie Ferguson's bull-like rushes; Lenny Moore's spectacular speed, in fact, the entire Baltimore backfield's speed, which for awhile looked as though it might eventually be the decisive factor in the game; Tobin Rote's pin point passing; the spectacular receiving of Bill Howton and Gary Knafelc; and the jarring defense play on both side, which more than once was felt right up in the stands. Well, the Packers will be back Sunday, Los Angeles. They deserve 40,000 on the kind of game they gave the fans yesterday...**PARKING A MESS:** But one sour note. The Packers and the Stadium ought to get together on parking in area 2-A just in front of the main Stadium entrances. Fans with baseball parking tickets to that area, and they more than fill it anyway, were joined Sunday by fans with tickets issued by the Packers and the result was a mess. Cars were jammed in so tight and parked with so little regard for others that anybody who wanted to leave a little early had to push others out of his way - hand push, too - or just wait. I know. I pushed.

**TERRIBLE PLAY IN FIRST HALF BEAT US, EXPLAINS GILLMAN**

OCT 15 (Los Angeles Times - Milwaukee) - "We stunk out the joint in the first half." That was Coach Sid Gillman's expressively pungent observation of yesterday's 24-21 loss to the unbeaten Detroit Lions. Gillman had reference to the first two quarters which found the unbeaten Lions ahead, 17-0. In the second half, quarterback Wade's aerial genius struck for three touchdowns and it was a frightened Lion team which hung on until the gun. "We've only seen three football teams so far and there is no doubt this is the best one yet," Gillman commented. "This Lion team has everything - good rushing, good passing, good quarterbacking, good defense, good punting, good field goal kicking - everything. It's easily the best all-around team we've faced."...**TOUGH LEAGUE:** As the Rams arrived here to prepare for Sunday's game with the Green Bay Packers, someone recalled that a year ago last night the Rams had a 3-0 record, yet barely lasted to win the Western Conference title by a half game. "This race isn't settled yet," Gillman emphasized. "Somebody said things are evening off. I don't think so. It's too tough a league. Things are just too even. It will take two or three more weeks before the situation stabilizes." Gillman refused to become embroiled in any controversy over the respective performances of his quarterbacks, Norm Van Brocklin and Bill Wade...**ALL ARE NO. 1:** Van Brocklin opened, threw six passes, completed two and had two intercepted, both thefts leading to scores. Wade finished up and completed 12 for 24, including three spectacular touchdowns and no interceptions. "I'm not trying to build up a case between them," Gillman said when asked who he considered his top performer. "There just isn't any number one quarterback. They're all number one quarterbacks." Regardless of Gillman's comments, Wade is the number one QB at the moment and, although Gillman would not commit himself, it'll be the boy from Vandy at the helm against the Packers. Gillman also explained the heartbreaking situation when linebacker Dick Daugherty ran into kicker Yale Lary, forfeiting the Rams' last chance to gain the ball with only minutes to play. "Daugherty almost got the kick, too," Gillman said. "It was just like that." He snapped his fingers twice, quickly. This was the third straight game the Ram have been penalized for running into the booter...**'STRIKE A MEDIUM':** Gillman shrugged, "I don't know. Last year, we didn't rush, but we put blocks on returns and tried to keep them from getting downfield. As a result, we drew a flock of holding penalties. This year, we installed a rush and we hit the kicker every game. I guess we'll just have to strike a medium." Daugherty was heartbroken after the game, but linebacker Les Richter said he needn't have been. "There was a flag down for unsportsmanlike conduct before Daugherty even got there," Les revealed. Detroit's linebacker, Joe Schmidt, said the electronic device employed in his helmet worked perfectly and was a definite aid. The Rams eavesdropped with sidelined



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**No Reception**—Packer defensive halfback Hank Gremminger (46) came up with this play against the Baltimore Colts in Milwaukee Sunday, breaking up a George Shaw pass to L. C. Dupre who seems to be trying to field ball. Actually, Hank tipped ball out of Dupre's reach. Play occurred in fourth quarter in Packer end zone. Green Bay won 38-33.

middle guard Bob Griffin listening on an electronic receiver. But the Lions' timing was such that the Rams were already in their huddle when the Detroit coaches set the defense. "They didn't use it too often," Griffin said. "And by the time we got the information, it was too late to do anything about it."

#### **FEARS AND WARDLOW ON WAY TO JOIN RAM TEAM**

OCT 15 (Los Angeles Times - Milwaukee) - The Los Angeles Rams sent out a call for reinforcements today and ends Tom Fears and Duane Wardlow are expected to join the club tomorrow. Whether they'll appear against Green Bay Sunday depends on how quick middle guard Bob Griffin recovers from his kidney infection and halfback Brad Myers from his sprained ankle. Wardlow, a defensive end, would fill in for Sid Fournet, who would be shifted from end to middle guard. Fears would play offense, of course, and fill the gap left by the possible loss of Myers, also an offensive man.

# Opportunity Knocking for Packers Against Rams

#### **OPPORTUNITY KNOCKING FOR PACKERS AGAINST RAMS**

OCT 16 (Green Bay) - A real juicy opportunity loomed up front for the Packer today – the colorful Los Angeles Rams, defending champions of the Western conference, NFL. Green Bay will meet the Rams Sunday afternoon in Milwaukee County Stadium – the same place the Packers scored their first league victory of the '56 season, a 38 to 33 affair with the Baltimore Colts last Sabbath. The Packers will be getting a chance to hand the Rams their third straight licking and jump back into the thick of the Western division. The Rams, after whipping Philadelphia 28-7 in their opener, lost to San Francisco 33-30 and Detroit 24-21. Green Bay dropped its first two, 20-16 to Detroit and 37-21 to the Chicago Bears, before upending the Colts. These circumstances make for identical 1-2 records for Sunday's belligerents. Detroit is up front with 3-0, the Bears are second with 2-1 and the Packers, Rams, Colts and Forty Niners are tied in third. Elsewhere in the Western sector Sunday, the Forty Niners visit Detroit and the Colts invade the Bears' den. The Packers will want (1) a win over the Rams; (2) a 'Frisco victory over Detroit; and (3) a Colt win over the Bears. That would leave Detroit on top with 3-1; put the Packers, Bears, Colts and Forty Niners in a second place tie with 2-2 each; and skid Los Angeles to 1-3. County Stadium hasn't been a safe place for the Rams – at least for the last two years. In 1954, the Rams carried a 1-1-1 record into Milwaukee and went home with 1-2-1 as the Packers scored a 35-17 triumph. That win broke a three-game Green Bay losing streak and exploded the Pack into winning their next two. In 1955, the Rams moved a spotless 3-0 record into County Stadium against the Packers' 2-1. The Bays won 30-28 on Fred Cone's field goal in the last 40 seconds after the Packers had blown a 24-7 lead. Packer coach Liz Blackbourn is in hopes the momentum of last Sunday's opening victory will carry over for the important Ram struggle. The Packers proved last Sunday that (1) they could win when they had to and (2) score some points. The Packers will have to win this one if they expect to grab a contending position – and they have expectations, and they'll have to continue upward in the point department. The 38 on Baltimore was a pleasant increase over the previous Sunday's 21 and, of course, much better than the 16 in the opener. The big chore will be cutting the Rams down in scoring and that spells out Packer defense. The Bay defended the Colts down to three touchdown drives but the Baltimores added two teedees on a 90-yard punt return and a 20-yard runback of a fumble. The Rams – and this is no secret – seem to have more guns than the Colts, complicating the Packer defensive problem. The Gold Coasters have two gilt-edged quarterbacks in Norm Van Brocklin and Bill Wade, a flock of ends headed by Elroy Hirsch and Bob Boyd, fullback Tank Younger and a rough offensive line. The Rams handled the Eagles with no trouble but then ran into fumbles and interceptions in losing to the Forty Niners. The Lions' fine defense held the high-counting Rams off long enough to parlay a 17-0 lead into a close victory. The Packer defense gained a real lift Sunday by the performance of rookie Hank Gremminger, who gained a world of confidence by keeping his territory well covered, knocking down a couple of passes in hand-to-hand combat, and intercepting one on the goal line. That was one of three Packer interceptions, Bobby Dillon grabbing the other two and returning one 42 yards for a touchdown and a 38-26 lead... The Packers came out of Sunday's game with no serious injuries. Tackle Jerry Helluin hurt his arm and fullback Howie Ferguson injured his leg but both will be set for the Rams. The Bays went back to school this morning with a happy glow – the result of Sunday's first win. Defense was on tap for this afternoon's first outdoor workout. Blackbourn will be on hand all week. Originally, Liz and general manager Verne Lewellen were scheduled to go to Detroit for the Bob Mann case, but the business was settled out of court.

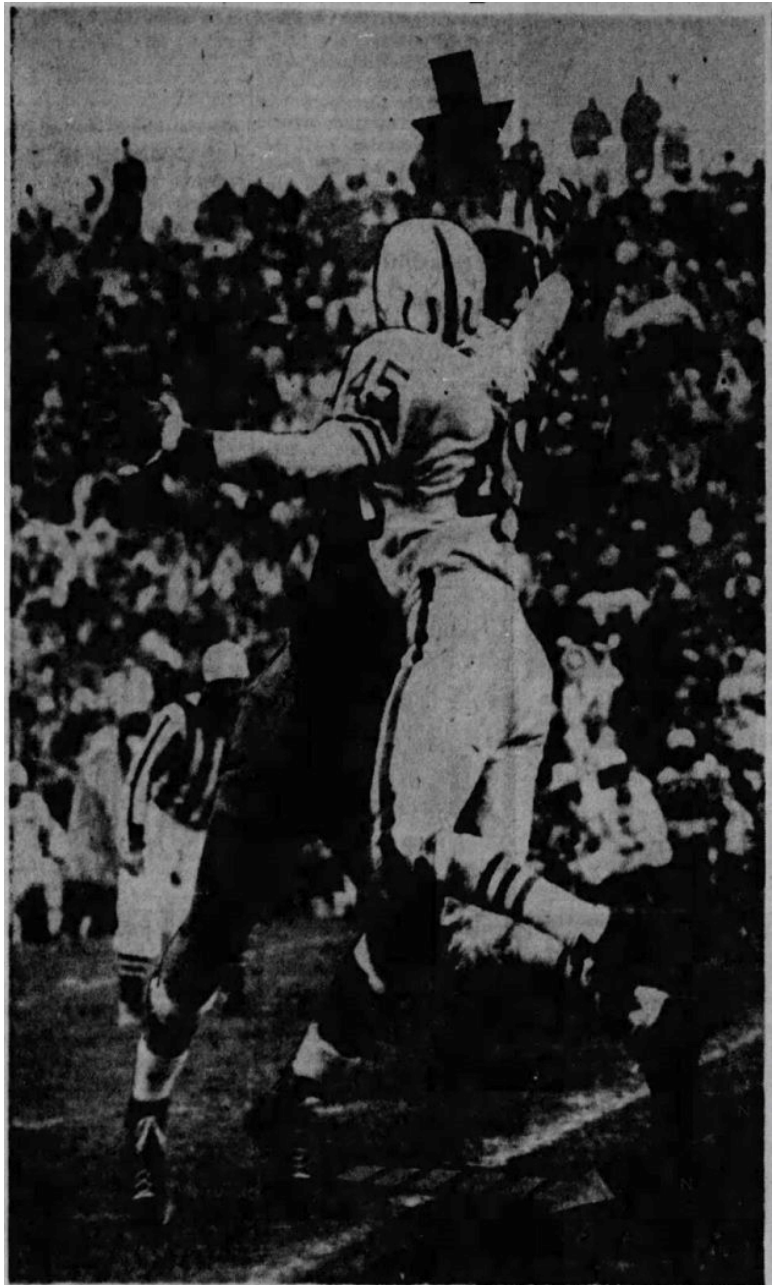


## FIVE TEEDEES! PACK OFFENSE SHOWS GRADUAL IMPROVEMENT

OCT 16 (Green Bay) - The Packers scored two touchdowns against Detroit, three against the Chicago Bears and five against the Baltimore Colts. That represents a gradual offensive improvement, even though two of the 10 teedees were not counted by the offense - Al Carmichael's 106-yard return of a kickoff against the Bears and Bobby Dillon's 42-yard return with an intercepted pass against Baltimore. Two other touchdowns were from close in - from the 17 following Jack Losch's 59-yard punt return against Detroit and from the 11 following Fred Cone's recovery of a fumble vs. Baltimore. From the 17, the Pack scored in three plays, Rote plunging the last yard. That leaves six touchdowns on converted lengthy drives - an 80-yarder on nine plays vs. Detroit; 79 on nine plays and 42 yards on nine plays vs. the Bears; and 79, 74 and 70 yarders on 10, 11 and 11 plays, respectively, against Baltimore. Thus, on long drives, the Packers scored on one vs. Detroit, two against the Bears and three against Baltimore - also a gradual improvement. Rote hurled touchdown passes on five of the six long-go scores - three to Billy Howton and two to Knafelc. Rote scored the other himself from a yard out. The manner in which the Packers produced touchdown campaigns against Baltimore was one of the encouraging factors Sunday. On the trio of long strikes, the Packers had the ball for 32 plays - exactly half of the 64 times they had the ball for offensive thrusts. Sunday's game saw the Packer offense balance the day's chores, taking some of the heat off the defense. The Bays had the ball for 64 plays, including 42 on rushes; the Colts 58, including 35 for rushes. The Packer defense had its best day against Colt aeriels, limiting the visitors to 135 air stripes against 208 for the Bears and 206 for Detroit. The defense against rushing was something else again. The Colts ran up 206 on the ground, including 81 by Alan Ameche and 66 by Lenny Moore, and it was Baltimore's success on the ground that made it a close game. The Colts didn't score an offensive TD in the last quarter because they were forced into the air, being 12 points behind. In three games now, the Packers were nicked for 659 yards rushing - an average of nearly 220 per. Detroit made 175, the Bears 278 and Baltimore 206. This was the second straight Pack-Colt game a Bay player was thumbed out for fighting. Breezy Reid was ejected for battling with Bill Pellington in the nightcap in '55 and Bob Skoronski received the same treatment for fighting with Don Joyce. In each case, the Bays were (1) tossed out early in the game and (2) struck the second blow - the one viewed by the officials. The Packers get another lick at the Colts a week from Sunday in Baltimore. We're darn sure they won't forget the fisticuffs of last Sunday by striking the blow that really hurts - on the scoreboard!

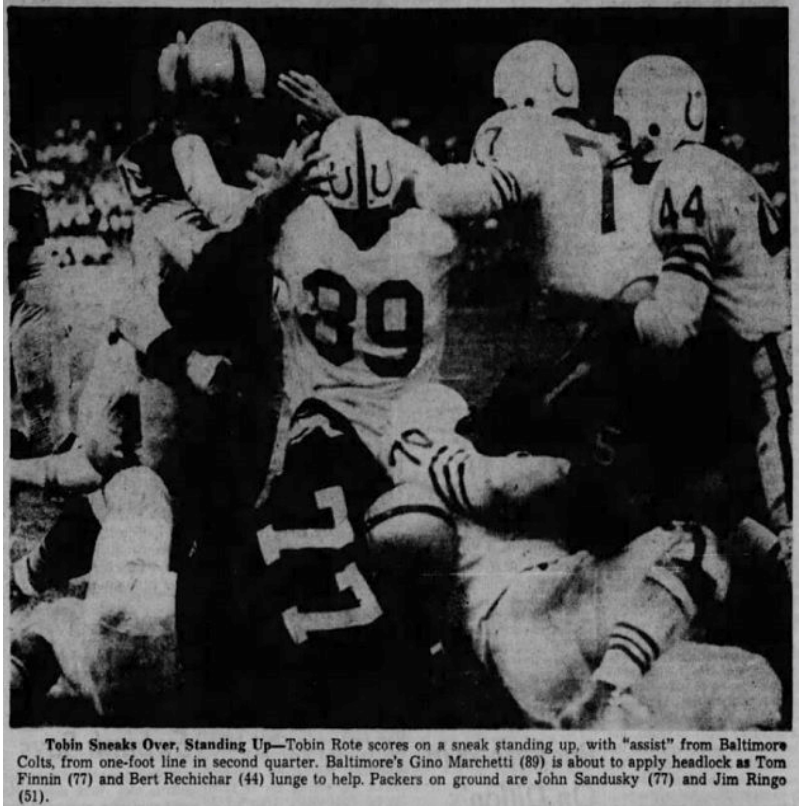
## HOW IMPORTANT IS ROTE? JUST ASK LIZ

OCT 16 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - Liz Blackbourn was in conformity with most pro football observers Monday that a crafty quarterback can mean the difference between losing and winning. Tobin Rote was first fiddle Sunday and the Packers won their first game. Rote was a crack shot with his passes, foxy with play calling and deceptive in handoffs. Blackbourn knew the saddle was on the right horse even through he started rookie Bart Starr. "In pro football you've got to have a skilled quarterback to win - we had one in Rote," the coach pointed out. "This was pretty much of a must deal," Blackbourn admitted. "Yes, we got some breaks but our offense did well. We needed this game real bad and went out and won it." The Packers schemer made no comment on his club's chances in the Western Division at this time. He explains: "Things are



'Grand' Larceny—Making the play of the day, Packers' Bobby Dillon way lays (pass) intended for Colts' L. G. Dupre in third quarter of Sunday's game at Milwaukee County Stadium. Dillon streaked 32 yards for touchdown that gave Packers 38-33 victory before 24,214 fans.

beginning to tangle up again. The Lions are in the best spot with three straight wins, but I think they can do no better than split with the Bears." And what about the Packers? "We play the Rams next Sunday," was his only answer. Howie Ferguson's savage running was mentioned and Blackburn felt mighty happy "he's on our side." "He's just a great one," said Liz. "Fergy sprained his ankle in the third quarter but wouldn't call it quits for anything." The Packer bruiser outgained Al (The Horse) Ameche again (by eight yards) but Blackburn also praised the Baltimore hoss, saying, "Ameche's got wonderful balance, he's a tough man to bring down." While Bobby Dillon was a one-man wrecking crew as far as George Shaw was concerned (intercepting two passes, one for a touchdown), Blackburn wasn't too pleased the way the Colts' Carl Taseff was off to the races on punt returns. Dick Deschaine averaged 48 yards on six punts, but this amazing kicking exhibition was almost wasted by Taseff's returns. "We staggered our line and the boys were down there to get Taseff," explained Blackburn. "I can't understand how he sprang loose." Blackburn singled out Hank Gremminger, the Baylor rookie, as playing his best game. Liz said: "He wasn't as bad as most observers thought in the first two games. He'll be o.k. That pass interception gave him the confidence he needs." The injury list showed Ferguson and tackle Jerry Helluin. Ferguson was nursing his sprained ankle but should be fit for the Rams. Helluin hurt his arm but it was nothing serious. Meanwhile, the Packer office was buzzing in preparation for Los Angeles at the Stadium next Sunday. Blackburn was quite upset because of the late arrival of the Ram-49er film, which was due last Friday. "Those Rams always play terrifically against us and we need all the preparation possible to be ready for them," Blackburn concluded.



**Tobin Sneaks Over, Standing Up**—Tobin Rote scores on a sneak standing up, with "assist" from Baltimore Colts, from one-foot line in second quarter. Baltimore's Gino Marchetti (89) is about to apply headlock as Tom Finnin (77) and Bert Rechichar (44) lunge to help. Packers on ground are John Sandusky (77) and Jim Ringo (51).

#### **LOS ANGELES RAMS PRACTICE AT SEMINARY**

OCT 16 (Milwaukee Journal) - The Los Angeles Rams arrived in Milwaukee from Detroit Monday. They will work out at St. Francis Seminary afternoons in preparation for their game with the Packers Sunday. Art Hauser, defensive tackle with the Rams, is from Rubicon, Wis., played high school ball at Hartford and later attended Xavier. His brother, Father Jerry Hauser, is athletic director at St. Francis. Two Rams players were left in Detroit with injuries - middle guard Bob Griffin and halfback Brad Myers. Both were to be examined there. In their absence end Tom Fears and defensive end Duane Wardlow, released earlier, were called from Los Angeles. The Rams are quartered at the Schroeder.

#### **PACKERS' ADJUSTMENT OF DEFENSE STOPPED COLTS IN SCORING SPREE**

OCT 16 (Milwaukee Journal) - Blood pressure back to normal? Then let's find out how the Green Bay Packers beat the Baltimore Colts in their pro football game at the Stadium Sunday. Defense did it. How's that? Defense in a 38-33 game? But wait. Baltimore did get 351 yards from scrimmage, but got most of them before Coach Lisle Blackburn and his assistants changed Green Bay's defensive alignment between halves. Green Bay's line in the first half played it tight and pinched to halt the expected gallops of Alan (The Horse) Ameche inside. So the Colts merely went wide on pitchouts or sent Ameche veering wide and rolled up 240 yards. It was a different story in the second half, though. The line didn't pinch as much, it covered the outside much better and allowed only 111 yards from scrimmage. Baltimore did get two touchdowns in the second half, but one was on Carl Taseff's 90 yard punt return in the third quarter and the other on Jess Thomas' 25 yard run with a fumble in the fourth. Neither score was permitted by Green Bay's defensive platoon. The Colts had the ball five times all told in the second half and here is now, against a toughened defense, they fared: 1. Advanced six yards in three plays and punted. 2. Gained five yards on one play, then yielded a touchdown when Bob Dillon intercepted George Shaw's pass which had been deflected by Roger Zatkoff and carried it 42 yards across the goal. 3. Gained 38 yards in six plays. Zatkoff broke through to smear Ameche on one of them, then Shaw's pass was taken out of Ray Berry's arms by Dillon on the one and returned 45 yards. 4. Gained 10 yards in six plays. After one first down, Deral Teteak bore down on Shaw from the blind side and ruined things by belting him for an 11 yard loss. Baltimore had to punt. 5. Gained 52 yards in eight plays, although on one Shaw, who had outsped the Packers earlier, lost five yards when he could find no one to pass to. He ran about 50 yards in losing five. The series ended with Hank Gremminger's interception on the one and his 20 yard return. Blackburn was asked his views Monday afternoon. He interrupted his first look at the Los Angeles-San Francisco



## These Los Angeles Rams Likely Will Cause Packers Trouble at Stadium Here Sunday



A formidable opponent for the Green Bay Packers are the Los Angeles Rams. They will meet in a National Football League game at the Stadium Sunday afternoon. Here are six of their many individual stars. They are (from left) Joe Marconi, fullback; Don Burroughs, defensive back; Norm Van Brocklin and Bill Wade,

quarterbacks; Will Sherman, defensive back, and Art Hauser, defensive tackle. Marconi, pro rookie, played here last year, with West Virginia university against Marquette. Burroughs and Sherman are the Rams' safety men and will have the main jobs of watching Green Bay's ace ends, Bill Howton and Gary Knafelc,

respectively. Wade and Van Brocklin form one of the top double barreled combinations of quarterbacks. Young Wade seems to have supplanted the veteran Van Brocklin as No. 1 signal caller, at least temporarily. Hauser grew up in Rubicon, Wis., went to high school at Hartford and played at Xavier of Ohio.

game movies to answer. The Packers will meet Los Angeles at the Stadium Sunday. "Well," Blackburn said, "the interception on which Dillon took the ball right out of Berry's hands was the play of the day. That was the one that settled it. A turning point? Well, perhaps when Zatkoff deflected the ball into Dillon's hands for his other interception and touchdown. This was one we had to win. It was almost a 'must' deal. It was a pretty fine team effort."

### 'MOURNING BECOMES ELECTRIC' FOR LOSER

OCT 16 (Los Angeles Times - Milwaukee) - Suggested movie title for a pro football team which feels badly after losing to one of those wire-for-sound defenses: "Mourning becomes electric." Liz Blackburn, coach of the Green Bay Packers who play the Los Angeles Rams here Sunday, wants no truck with the electronic aids. The New York Giants succeeded in jamming the Cleveland Browns' frequency Sunday while dealing the defending champs a 21-9 loss. Instead of Paul Brown calling the plays, all quarterback Ratterman heard was static...MILLER'S INEXPERIENCE: Coach Sid Gillman blamed inexperience for the two passes dropped by rookie end Ron Miller against the Lions Sunday. Miller also had a first down on a hook pass, but ran backwards for no gain. "That was inexperience, too," Gillman said. "Don't forget Ron was starting his first NFL game and he had been out for almost a month." Rookie fullback Joe Marconi dropped two easy ones, too. Undefeated Detroit has never been behind this season. The Rams, on the other hand, have been in the hole nearly every game. Gillman calls ex-Bruin Bob Long, traded to Detroit by Los Angeles last season, "a much improved football player"...UNIFORM THEFT: Gillman indicated he may slip some option plays into the battle plan for quarterback Bill Wade. Detroit QB Bobby Layne used the option quick successfully. "But I'm still not crazy about the quarterback running with the ball," Sid said. Ram guard John Morrow has a brother playing for Michigan. Someone swiped end Bob Boyd's uniform in Detroit. Lion coach Buddy Layne says an 8-4 record will win the Western Conference title. Cleveland's Len Ford visited with Ram players at the Detroit airport. "I've never been so tired in my life as I have after these last two games," said the huge Cleveland end. "Seems like the offense gets three plays off and then punts and then the defense has to go to work for about 10 minutes." Gillman may employ a defensive change against the Packers with linebacker Les Richter moving to middle guard and Larry Morris and rookie Hugh Pitts manning the linebacker spots. The arrangement was in effect during the second half of the Detroit game, and quite successfully, too. "Pitts is just too good a football player to sit on the bench," Gillman said. "He's just got to play more football for us." Only 24,214 saw Green Bay's sensational 38-33 win over the Colts here Sunday. It rained intermittently during the game, though. A crowd of some 35,000 is expected to see the Rams. New York's Andy Robustelli, onetime Ram end, received a \$10 bonus every time he smeared Cleveland QB George Ratterman Sunday. Andy tossed George for three straight losses late in the game. Ex-Ram Skeet Quinlan didn't get in the ball game for Cleveland.

# Rams Pose Three-Ply Problem for Packers

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## LEADING GROUND GAINERS

|                   | Att | Yds | LG | Av  |
|-------------------|-----|-----|----|-----|
| Matson, Cards     | 45  | 306 | 47 | 6.8 |
| Casares, Bears    | 54  | 277 | 25 | 5.1 |
| Gifford, N. Y.    | 27  | 231 | 69 | 8.7 |
| Waller, L. A.     | 38  | 226 | 46 | 5.9 |
| McElhenny, S. F.  | 50  | 226 | 22 | 4.5 |
| Oliszewski, Cards | 44  | 198 | 34 | 4.5 |
| Triplet, N. Y.    | 46  | 195 | 25 | 4.2 |
| Ferguson, G. B.   | 37  | 194 | 24 | 5.2 |
| Watkins, Bears    | 41  | 184 | 25 | 4.5 |
| McElhenny, Det.   | 47  | 182 | 17 | 3.9 |

Longest Run: 69 yds., Frank Gifford, New York vs. Chicago Cards 10/7/56.

Best Performance one game 166 yards in 20 attempts, Ron Waller, Los Angeles vs. Philadelphia 9/30/56.

## LEADING PASSERS

|                 | att | comp | yd  | tdp | int | av.  |
|-----------------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Brown, Bears    | 39  | 26   | 374 | 4   | 1   | 9.50 |
| Wade, LA        | 68  | 36   | 636 | 6   | 2   | 9.35 |
| Layne, Det.     | 61  | 36   | 570 | 3   | 2   | 9.34 |
| Shaw, Balt.     | 65  | 38   | 547 | 3   | 5   | 8.42 |
| M'Broda, Pitts. | 69  | 36   | 512 | 4   | 3   | 7.42 |
| Thomson, Phila. | 41  | 23   | 364 | 2   | 6   | 7.41 |
| Tittle, SF      | 63  | 38   | 493 | 2   | 5   | 7.23 |
| R'man, Cleve.   | 54  | 37   | 367 | 1   | 3   | 6.80 |
| Rote, GB        | 66  | 29   | 399 | 6   | 2   | 6.05 |
| Conerly, NY     | 38  | 19   | 222 | 1   | 2   | 5.84 |
| LeBaron, Wash.  | 37  | 21   | 201 | 1   | 4   | 5.43 |

Longest Completion: 76 yds., Wm. Wade, Los Angeles vs. Detroit, TD, 10/14/56.

Best Performance one game: Wm. Wade, Los Angeles, vs. San Francisco 10/7/56, 291 yards, 2 TDs, in 27 attempts.

## LEADING PASS RECEIVERS

|                 | Rec'd | Yds. | LG | TD |
|-----------------|-------|------|----|----|
| Howton, GB      | 15    | 259  | 42 | 3  |
| Gifford, NY     | 13    | 159  | 20 | 0  |
| Carson, Wash.   | 13    | 130  | 22 | 0  |
| Hirsch, LA      | 12    | 267  | 76 | 4  |
| Walston, Phila. | 12    | 251  | 51 | 1  |
| Wilson, SF      | 11    | 147  | 24 | 1  |
| Perry, Pitts.   | 10    | 193  | 45 | 1  |
| Middleton, Det. | 10    | 150  | 33 | 0  |
| Dibble, Det.    | 9     | 220  | 56 | 1  |
| Dupre, Balt.    | 9     | 168  | 49 | 2  |
| Arenas, SF      | 9     | 167  | 50 | 1  |

Longest Completion: 76 yards Elroy Hirsch, Los Angeles vs. Detroit 10/14/56 TD.

Best Performance one game: Received 8 for 150 yards, 2 TDs, Elroy Hirsch, Los Angeles vs. San Francisco, 10/7/56, Frank Gifford, New York vs. Chicago Cards, 10/7/56, 8 received for 85 yards, and 0 TDs.

## LEADING SCORERS

|                 | tp | tr | td | ex | p | fg | pta | fga | tp |
|-----------------|----|----|----|----|---|----|-----|-----|----|
| Triplet, NY     | 5  | 1  | 6  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0   | 0   | 36 |
| Casares, Bears  | 3  | 1  | 4  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0   | 0   | 24 |
| C'dnois, Pitts. | 3  | 1  | 4  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0   | 0   | 24 |
| Hirsch, LA      | 0  | 4  | 4  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0   | 0   | 24 |
| Layne, Det.     | 2  | 0  | 2  | 9  | 1 | 3  | 24  | 24  | 24 |
| McElhenny, SF   | 4  | 0  | 4  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0   | 0   | 24 |
| McElhenny, Det. | 2  | 2  | 4  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0   | 0   | 24 |
| Webster, NY     | 2  | 4  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0   | 0   | 24 |
| Blanda, Bears   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 11 | 4 | 8  | 23  | 23  | 23 |
| Sum'all, Cards  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 9  | 4 | 7  | 21  | 21  | 21 |
| Soitau, SF      | 0  | 0  | 0  | 7  | 4 | 5  | 19  | 19  | 19 |

Best Performance one game: Points 18 (3 times) — Mel Triplet, New York vs. San Francisco 9/30/56, Mel Triplet, New York vs. Chicago Cardinals, 10/7/56, Alex Webster, New York vs. Cleveland Browns, 10/14/56.

## LEADING PUNTERS

|                  | Stgd. | No. | Ave. | L. |
|------------------|-------|-----|------|----|
| Burk, Phila.     | 1     | 19  | 46.3 | 62 |
| Gillom, Cleve.   | 2     | 6   | 45.8 | 50 |
| Mann, Cards      | 3     | 10  | 45.1 | 50 |
| Brown, Bears     | 4     | 8   | 44.4 | 51 |
| Lary, Det.       | 5     | 14  | 43.6 | 57 |
| Van Brocklin, LA | 6     | 15  | 43.6 | 55 |
| Deschaine, GB    | 7     | 16  | 43.2 | 56 |

Longest Punt: 63 yds., William Jessup, San Francisco vs. Chicago Bears 10/14/56.

## PUNT RETURN LEADERS

|                 | No. | Yds. | Ave. | L. | TD |
|-----------------|-----|------|------|----|----|
| Taseff, Balt.   | 8   | 190  | 23.8 | 90 | 1  |
| Jeter, Bears    | 3   | 51   | 17.0 | 51 | 1  |
| Bernardi, Cards | 7   | 112  | 16.0 | 93 | 1  |
| James, Wash.    | 3   | 38   | 12.7 | 16 | 0  |
| Keller, Phila.  | 5   | 62   | 12.4 | 40 | 0  |
| Arenas, SF      | 7   | 85   | 12.1 | 49 | 0  |
| Cassady, Det.   | 4   | 46   | 11.5 | 34 | 0  |
| Quinlan, LA     | 4   | 41   | 10.3 | 10 | 0  |
| Carmichael, GB  | 3   | 28   | 9.3  | 22 | 0  |

## KICKOFF RETURN LEADERS

|                   | No. | Yds. | Ave. | L.  | TD |
|-------------------|-----|------|------|-----|----|
| Chandnois, Pitts. | 5   | 216  | 43.2 | 91  | 0  |
| Matson, Cards     | 5   | 191  | 38.2 | 105 | 1  |
| Carmichael, GB    | 10  | 297  | 29.7 | 106 | 1  |
| Carl, Bears       | 3   | 89   | 29.7 | 45  | 0  |
| Carpenter, Cleve. | 6   | 160  | 26.7 | 42  | 0  |

Longest return: Albert Carmichael, 106 yards, League Record, Green Bay vs. Chicago Bears, TD — 10/7/56.

## INTERCEPTION LEADERS

|                     | No. | Yds. | TD | L. |
|---------------------|-----|------|----|----|
| Dillon, Green Bay   | 4   | 129  | 1  | 45 |
| David, Detroit      | 4   | 3    | 0  | 3  |
| Lane, Chicago Cards | 3   | 80   | 1  | 66 |
| Cason, Los Angeles  | 3   | 46   | 0  | 29 |
| Paul, Cleveland     | 3   | 45   | 0  | 24 |
| Bell, Philadelphia  | 3   | 28   | 1  | 28 |

## RAMS POSE THREE-PLY PROBLEM FOR PACKERS

OCT 17 (Green Bay) - The business of preparing for an opponent such as the Los Angeles Rams isn't so tough. The Packers, for instance, know that the Rams have (1) a great running attack, (2) a great passing attack and (3) a great defense. It's just a matter of setting up defenses and offenses to combat those three points and let the players do the rest! In case you're not following us, that's a joke, bub. It better be, or Packer coach Liz Blackburn will be officiating at a burial of one sports scribe on the 50-yard line at City Stadium. Blackburn drew a few lines on the blackboard under the stadium after practice yesterday. One traced the steps of the Rams' 9.6-second dasher, Bob Boyd. "We've got to cover him," Liz chuckled, as he winked at Abe Stuber, the Packers' defensive lieutenant, "and what about Elroy; he should be covered, too. And then they'll swing this guy and he's got to be covered," etc. Earl Klapstein, the Packer aide who scouts college on Saturdays and shares the enemy scouting with Wally Cruice on Sundays, added a serious thought: "And they (the Rams) ran only 17 times against Detroit. They were throwing all the time." And so it went — the Packer coaches kicking around a few Ram thoughts. Actually, Blackburn has been working and thinking Rams since last Saturday — after the Baltimore book of plans had been digested. Liz had a table set up in the train on the way to Milwaukee last Saturday to set down some thoughts on LA. Pictures of the Ram-San Francisco game were due in last Friday. Liz received the package, the tin container, which holds the film, and the circular film reel, but there was no film on the reel. A telephone call straightened that out and the films were airmailed out of the Ram office, but there was a delay. The pictures, of course, dramatically unfold the characteristics of the defending Western division champions. And one of the chief actors is Elroy Hirsch, the Wausau gent who went west and made good in football and the movies. Elroy is a rare specimen in that he's still cutting loose at the ripe old age of 33. In fact, as of today, Elroy is 33 years and four months old. He was born June 17, 1923. Hirsch apparently is having a good year — at least in the first three games. The official league statistics, out today for the first time, shows Elroy with 12 catches for 267 yards and four touchdowns. That's an average of better than 20 stripes per catch. Hirsch ranks fourth in the league and first with the Rams in pass snaring. He pulled in two long TD passes to give Detroit a real scare in the second half — one going 78 yards. The Packers are doing right well in the pass receiving department, since their veteran Texan with the corn-silkish top — William Howton — is leading the circuit with 15 catches for 259 yards and three touchdowns. Will should have 17 because he started both the Chicago Bear and Baltimore Colt games by dropping bread-basket throws. In each case, Howton righted himself and suddenly got glue-fingered. And speaking of statistics, Sunday's quarterbacking foes, Packer Tobin Rote and Ram Bill Wade, are locked in one vital department — touchdown passes, with six each. Wade, however, ranks second in the league and Rote ninth. Standings are based on average yards per pass attempt, which accounts for the wide difference in the rankings of Wade and Rote. The Rams are chiefly a "long ball" pitching team, automatically giving Wade a fatter average. Bill has 9.35 and Rote 6.05. And speaking of quarterbacks, let us not forget the Flying Dutchmen, Norman Van Brocklin, who has been pushed into the background by Wade. But Norm is an accomplished performer, and if Wade is a wee bit off he'll go to the mound. The difference in the two is that Wade is a fine runner; Van Brocklin isn't. Oh, yes! We almost forgot Rudy Bukich, another veteran quarterback. Rudy can do the job, they say, if both Wade and Van Brocklin are off the beam. The league statistics showed that our Bobby Dillon is sharing first place in the pass interception department with the Detroit Lions' Jim David, with four each. Dillon returned his steals for 129 yards... On the family front, Packer handyman Jack Vainisi was passing out cigars after practice this afternoon. The newcomer, a girl, packed eight pounds and 14 ounces — their second daughter.

## BELL WARNS HE MAY PULL PLUG ON "ROGERS" BOYS

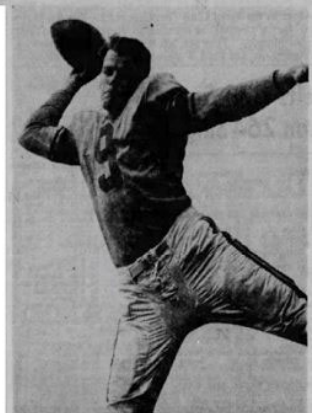
OCT 17 (Philadelphia) - The "Roger" boys of the football field were warned today by NFL Commissioner Bert Bell that he might jam their wave lengths if their space cadet antics become objectionable. Bell left little doubt that he wasn't pleased by the hassles cropping up already in the short season over the use of player helmets with built in short wave head sets for receiving instructions from coaches. The hassles included a New York Giants' claim they monitored the secret wave lengths of the Cleveland Browns, didn't even need a codebook to decipher the plays, and upset the defending champions. Then, there were the bleats of the Los Angeles Rams that they weren't given their equipment to operate their broadcasts from bench to backfield. "In my



opinion," Bell said, "those things don't belong in football. Of course, the rules permit coaching from the sidelines, and that's coaching. I repeat, that's my opinion. They don't belong. But if there's any change to be made in the rules, that's up to the owners at the next league meeting." But Bell left hanging his threat to pull the plug on the radio equipment if the public objects to the use of the air except for forward passes in the stadiums of the league. "If the practice brings discredit to the game, if it develops into a fiasco, if it becomes objectionable and if the people who pay the freight object, I would say then that it is detrimental to football," Bell said. "I'll take action," he warned. Bell admitted squawks and howls reminiscent of the old crystal sets were ringing in his ears over the newest controversy in the league. "I don't know all of the circumstances behind the complaints," he said. "The Rams said they were refused facilities at Detroit. They said they were told certain equipment was denied them, that they weren't cut into the wire. If the Lions wire the field, I think everyone is entitled to the use of the wire." Bell doesn't think radio will revolutionize football like it did entertainment back in the Roaring Twenties. "Football is a game of players who play on incentive and desire, their reflexes doing the trick. All talking in the their ears won't change it. A great ball player is a great ball player."

### LIZ, SID DISAGREE

OCT 17 (Green Bay) - Coaches Sid Gillman of the Los Angeles Rams and Liz Blackburn of the Packers differed sharply today over the advantages of using electronic devices to pass signals to their teams. Gillman, whose Rams meet the Packers in Milwaukee next Sunday, is wholeheartedly in favor of the gadgets, which were used by four of the 12 league teams last Sunday. "As long as they continue to fire coaches for failing to win, then I'm in favor of putting the responsibility of winning or losing entirely in their hands. Let them call all the plays from the bench," Gillman said. "Ridiculous," is the way Blackburn characterized the move toward the "electronic brains." "Our quarterbacks are highly skilled and highly paid to run the team. We'll continue to let them do just that unless we're forced to do otherwise," Blackburn said. "If the coaches want to run the whole show, it would be more practical to put a 12th man - one of the coaches - on the field. He could join the huddle and call the plays. Then, there wouldn't be any danger of the opponent jamming your wave length or stealing your signals," he said. Blackburn said he doesn't instruct his quarterbacks "as a general rule." "It's a great step," Gillman said. "If it catches on, it will enhance the success of all coaches. After all, there are five coaches on the sidelines - two on the field and three in the stands. They're in a better position to know what's going on. As it is now, we don't know what plays the quarterback is going to call and as a result, we can't concentrate on either the defensive or offensive play. If we know in advance, one of our press box spotters can watch the ball handling, the other can watch how the other team reacts. It's a necessary thing as long as they continue to fire coaches for failures. When they quit doing that, we can give the game back to the boys," he said.



Terror Boys--If the Packers are to win Sunday, they'll have to stop the above Ram terrorists who figure heavily in the Los Angeles offense. In top photo (left to right) are Elroy Hirsch, Bob Boyd, Tank Younger and Ron Waller. Below is quarterback Bill Wade who is expected to start in place of Norm Van Brocklin. Kickoff in Milwaukee County stadium is 1:05.

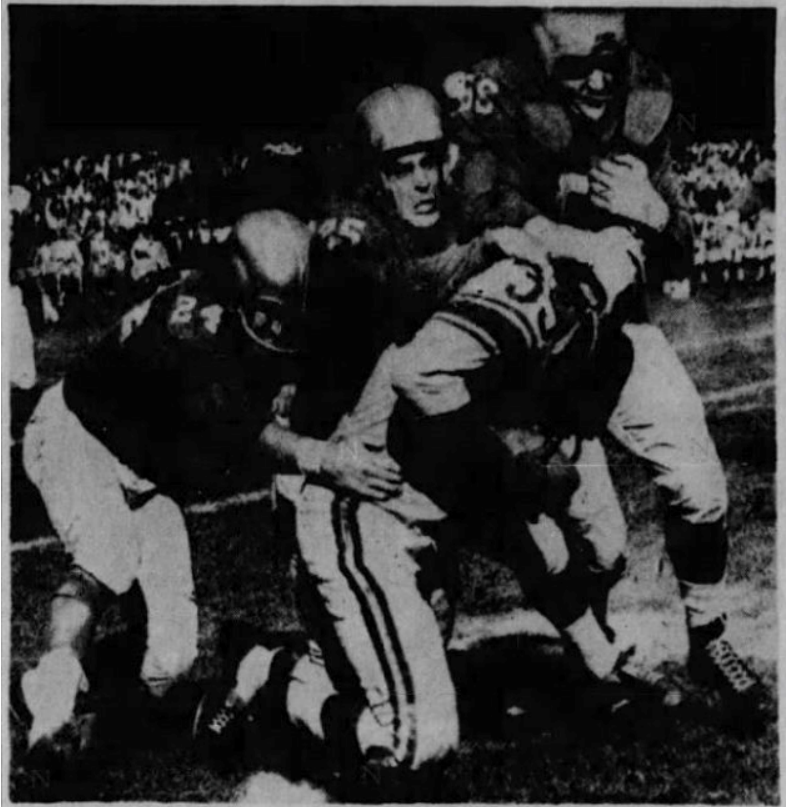
### BOB GRIFFIN MAY BE LOST TO RAMS FOR WHOLE SEASON

OCT 17 (Los Angeles Times - Milwaukee) - Middle guard Bob Griffin, whose kidney ailment is apparently more serious than first believed, has been placed on the injured reserve list and defensive end Duane Wardlow is now a member of the 33-man Los Angeles Ram team. In making the announcement today, Coach Sid Gillman said Griffin may be out for the year. Should Griffin's recovery be more rapid than expected, he could rejoin the club after a 30-day period...FEARS ARRIVES: Another old pro, Tom Fears, arrived here last night as an insurance measure. Fears will not be activated until information on the condition of halfback Brad Myers' sprained ankle is more definite. Myers was still limping badly in practice today as the Rams worked out at nearby St. Francis Seminary for Sunday's NFL game with the Green Bay Packers. Gillman will give Myers one more day and, if the ankle still hasn't improved, he'll place the former Bucknell back on the injured reserve list and reactivate Fears...ALL HANDS NEEDED: Fears suffered an injured knee against the San Francisco 49ers in the preseason game Sept. 9 and was subsequently waived out of the league. He had remained in shape by working

out with the Rams, however. "We just can't afford to carry any men who aren't playing," Gillman said. "We need 33 healthy players." If Fears is added to the club, he will team with rookie Ron Miller at right end. Gillman, who has called all the plays this year, will call defensive signals as well, beginning Sunday. Gillman plans to alternate Wardlow and Jack Ellena, defensive left ends, to carry the word. "I want absolute control from the sidelines," Gillman said. "This measure will do for now and when we get home, we'll be wired up."...**FAVORS AIDS:** Gillman is all for electronic aids. "I feel it's a great thing," he said. "I think pro football should be controlled from the sidelines. After all, the coach is held responsible. He's the man who is fired when things don't go right. When the day comes when coaches don't get fired for losing, then, maybe, we can give the game back to the boys." Gillman's movie look at the 24-21 loss to Detroit resulted in the anticipated switch of Les Richter to middle guard with Hugh Pitts and Larry Morris as linebackers...**DEFENSE BAD:** "The movies showed we played as bad a defensive game as we've played in two years," Gillman said. "And the caliber of competition had little to do with it. We made bad mistakes and were out of pattern." To no one's surprise, Gillman announced Bill Wade as the starting quarterback Sunday. "And there's still a good chance that Tom Wilson will start at halfback," Gillman said. The weather continued warm and clear and a crowd of 30,000 is anticipated.

### **TOP PASS RECEIVERS - HOWTON OF PACKERS, HIRSCH OF RAMS WILL DUEL**

OCT 17 (Milwaukee Journal) - Bill Howton, Green Bay Packers end, leads the NFL in pass catches with 15, league statistics revealed Wednesday. That is an average of five catches a game. Elroy (Crazy Legs) Hirsch, old Wisconsin star with the Los Angeles Rams, has 12 catches and the most yardage, 267 to Howton's 259. That sets up a good duel when the Rams and Packers meet at the County Stadium Sunday...Jesse Whittenton, rookie defensive back from Texas Western, a regular with the Rams, dropped his right first name as soon as he was old enough to read. It was Urshell...**SHAKES WITH LEFT:** Don (Slats) Burroughs, 6 foot 4 inch, 176 pound defensive safety man with the Rams, is shaking hands with his left his week. He sprained his right thumb in Los Angeles' 24-21 defeat by the Lions at Detroit last Sunday...When asked whether he would rather cover Gary Knafelc or Bill Howton, the Packers' two ends, Bill (General) Sherman, Ram defensive back, answered: "I'll take Bert here." He meant Bert Rose, Rams' publicity man. "Seriously, though," Sherman said, "they're both awfully tough men to cover. Knafelc really came along last year and Howton always was great."...**HARD HEADED:** Leon Clarke, former Southern California athlete, is one of the Rams' rookie offensive ends. He stands 6 feet 4 inches and weighs 220 pounds, and finished third in the NCAA low hurdles in 1955. A couple of years ago he stopped his car at a light in Los Angeles and was hit by a steel



**He'll Be Packer Problem**—For the third straight week, the Packers will have a big, bruising fullback to contend with when they collide with the Los Angeles Rams at Milwaukee County Stadium Sunday. The Packers, who have faced the Chicago Bears' Rick Casares and the Baltimore Colts' Alan (The Horse) Ameche on successive weekends, must deal with the Rams' Paul (Tank) Younger, shown in action above against Detroit last Sunday. It takes three Lions, Jack Christiansen (24), Jim David (25) and Joe Schmidt (56), who carried a radio receiver in his helmet for instructions from the bench, to halt the big fellow on this second quarter smash. Detroit outlasted a Rams fourth period comeback to win 24-21. (AP Photo-fax)

flagpole, 18 inches around, which fell 13 stories. It wrecked the car and he required 32 stitches to close a wound in his head. The big guy explains, "My uncle used to hit me on the head with boards to toughen me up - honest he did. He used to call me egghead and hit me with the boards. The doc says the only reason I wasn't killed was that my head is so tough." That's what the man said...Clarke was asked how many passes he caught last season at Southern California. "Fifteen," he said. "And how many times did they throw the ball to you?" "Fifteen," he said, deadpan like...**DILLON SHARES LEAD:** Bob Dillon of Green Bay and Jim David of Detroit lead the league in pass interceptions, each with four. Dillon had 129 yards in runbacks, David, only three...The Rams signed free agent end Ron Miller of Southern California a few hours before the San Francisco scout got to him. Sid Gillman, Ram's coach, calls him "a potentially great offensive end, perhaps one of the best in pro football." Miller is called "Mickey Mouse" and "Dumbo" by his teammates. Walt Disney is his uncle.

### **COLTS EASY TO CORRAL FOR BAYS' DILLON**

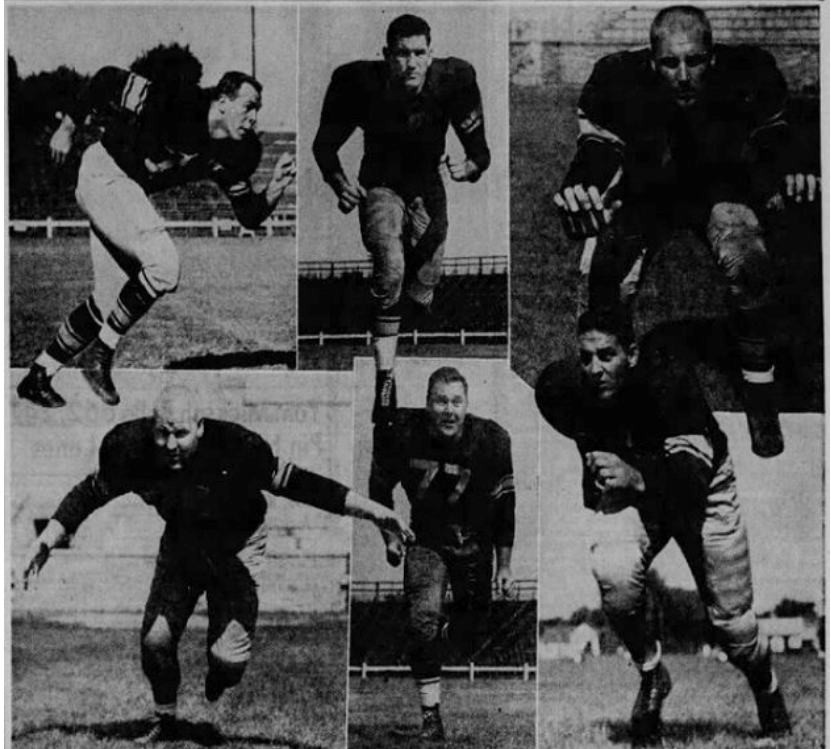
OCT 17 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - Bobby Dillon is a Texan who likes horses - the "Colt" variety. The Packer defensive halfback would like to "ride" the Baltimore steed all season. Unfortunately, there are other "animals" on the prowl which



aren't so easily taken for a ride - Rams, Bears and Lions. "Ah can't explain it," drawled the Texan Tuesday. "Those Baltimore boys have treated me just fine. Ah intercepted four passes against them last year and two against them Sunday. Yes, those Colts are o.k." Dillon's 42-yard touchdown interception at the Stadium Sunday was the turning point of the game and his second steal, snaring George Shaw's scoring play pass on the one and returning 45 yards, broke the Colt canter to a trot. Explaining that touchdown run, Dillon said: (Roger) Zatkoff deflected Shaw's pass and Ah just grabbed it on the rebound. (Nate) Borden cleared the path with one of those blasting blocks, and, well, there was nothing to it." Dillon wouldn't reveal any tricks of the trade. "All you need is experience," said the defensive ace. And that Dillon has. He was unanimous All-American defensive choice at Texas in 1951 and was the Packers' third draft choice in 1952. He has been an All-Pro selection for the past two seasons and ranked third in the league last year with nine interceptions. While Baltimore has been Dillon's favorite opponent, the Rams, Bears and Lions have been tough customers. "(Norm) Van Brocklin and (Bobby) Layne have always give me a hard time," Dillon admitted. "And that (Eddie) Brown of the Bears is getting tougher every game." Elroy Hirsch is the best receiver in the league, if you ask the defensive specialist. "My, but that guy's fast," Dillon remarked. "And his deception can really fool you. That Bobby Boyd is dangerous, too." When asked what he thought was the hardest pass to defend against, Dillon paused a moment and then said: "Oh, Ah guess a fake running play when either the quarterback or a halfback passes." An accident when Dillon was 10 years old caused the loss of his left eye. He was struck with a stick. Surgeons were unable to dislodge a splinter and the eye was removed. But it fails to bother Bobby, who has become one of the most feared pass defenders in pro football.

**'CUSTOMERS GAME' WITH COLTS GIVES PACKERS TWO-WAY LIFT**

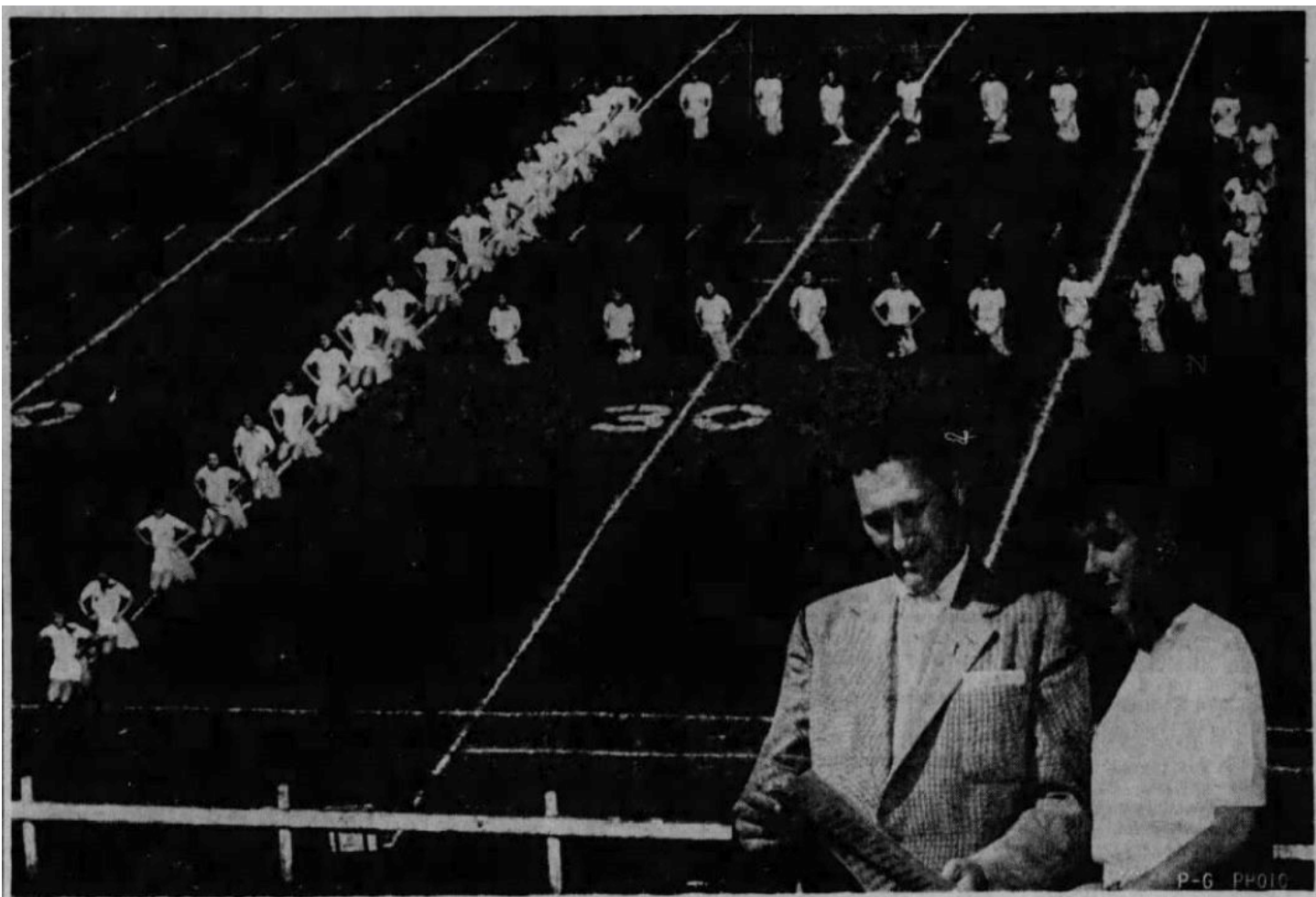
OCT 17 (Milwaukee Sentinel - Lloyd Larson) - The Packers really did themselves a bundle of good two ways by wrapping a 38-33 harness around the Colts in last Sunday's thriller at the Stadium - a customers' game if there ever was one. To say Liz Blackburn's operators needed that one badly is putting it too mildly. Victory was an absolute must after two straight defeats. One more setback and they would have been over the barrel as far as championship consideration is concerned. It's still an uphill pull, but they at least have a chance as things now stand. The thrilling manner in which victory was achieved is bringing added dividends in the way of crowd response for the Packers' second Stadium appearance next Sunday against the Rams. Increased activity at the ticket office is the best possible proof that the fans (1) were more than satisfied and (2) are talking it up. Which adds up to the best advertising and sales promotion in the world. "The demand has been much greater than it was the first two days last week," said Frosty Ferzaca, Milwaukee ticket director. "So it looks like a big crowd in the making for Sunday."...NOTHING BETTER THAN PERFECTION: There were dazzling maneuvers galore, defensive as well as offensive. So it's probably unfair to attempt to put the finger on the best or the most important. But there certainly wasn't a better or more vital play than the Tobin Rote to Gary Knafelc pass that gave the Packers their second touchdown and a 14-6 lead. That was a fine example of the pros at their best.



**Block and Tackle**—Packer tackles will play a vital role in Sunday's National Football league skirmish against the Los Angeles Rams in Milwaukee County stadium. The tackles anchor the offensive and defensive lines, blocking on offense and tackling on defense. The big guys are (top row, left to right) offensive tackles Bob Skoronski and Forrest Gregg and defensive tackle Don King; (below, same order) defensive tackle Dave Hanner, offensive tackle John Sandusky and defensive tackle Jerry Hellm. Kickoff is set for 1:05.



While the players had the day off to forget their second straight loss, the Ram coaching staff was busy preparing for Sunday's game with the Packers at the Stadium. Scouting the Packers on film are, left to right, Lowell Storm, end coach; Sid Gillman, head coach; Jack Faulkner, backfield coach; Joe Thomas, line coach and Joe Madro, line coach. The Rams arrived Monday from Detroit and are headquartered at the Schroeder Hotel. Sentinel photo by Clarence Lewis.



**Rockettes Poised for National TV Performance** — Six weeks of practice will be climaxed Sunday afternoon for the 40 Packer Rockettes, pictured in formation above, when they stage a 15-minute performance—to be televised nationally by the CBS network—between halves of the Packer-Los Angeles Ram game at Milwaukee County

Stadium. Also scheduled to appear are Green Bay's acrobatic Karsten Family and Mary Jane Duyse, head majorette of the Packer Lumberjack band. The production will be under the direction of Wilner Burke, Packer band director, and Mrs. Bernadine Boyers Matzke, shown comparing notes at lower right.

Perfect timing and beautiful two-way execution. Rote cut loose at exactly the right split second. The ball sailed right to the mark and Knafelc did his part with a nifty catch despite the clinging presence of two desperate defenders. Incidentally, those secondary defenders did all that is humanly and legally possible to break up the play. Proving again that it just can't be done when a passer has enough protection at his discretion, the receiver is big enough and fast enough, and the pass is 100 percent on target. The battle of fullbacks, Howie Ferguson and Al Ameche, was quite a show itself. Wouldn't it be great if both were playing for the Packers?

# LA To Use Messenger System Against Pack

## LA TO USE MESSENGER SYSTEM AGAINST PACK

OCT 18 (Green Bay) - Sid Gillman, sophomore coach of the Los Angeles Rams, won't have a radio squawking instructions to his players when the Rams battle the Packers in Milwaukee County stadium Sunday afternoon. Until 11 a.m. this morning, the reason for no radio was simply that he couldn't get the necessary equipment. There was another reason after 11 - Bert



# Scoreboard

|                  |     |                      |    |
|------------------|-----|----------------------|----|
| <b>GREEN BAY</b> |     | <b>WASHINGTON</b>    |    |
| 16—Detroit       | 20  | 13—Pittsburgh        | 30 |
| 21—Bears         | 37  | 9—Philadel.          | 13 |
| 38—Baltimore     | 33  | 3—Cards              | 31 |
| 75               | 90  | 25                   | 74 |
| <b>BALTIMORE</b> |     | <b>LOS ANGELES</b>   |    |
| 28—Bears         | 21  | 27—Philadel.         | 7  |
| 14—Detroit       | 31  | 30—San Fran.         | 33 |
| 33—Green Bay     | 38  | 21—Detroit           | 24 |
| 75               | 100 | 78                   | 64 |
| <b>BEARS</b>     |     | <b>NEW YORK</b>      |    |
| 21—Baltimore     | 28  | 38—San Fran.         | 21 |
| 37—Green Bay     | 21  | 27—Cards             | 35 |
| 31—San Fran.     | 7   | 21—Cleveland         | 9  |
| 89               | 56  | 86                   | 65 |
| <b>CARDINALS</b> |     | <b>PHILADELPHIA</b>  |    |
| 9—Cleveland      | 7   | 7—Los Ang.           | 27 |
| 35—New York      | 27  | 13—Washing.          | 9  |
| 31—Washington    | 3   | 35—Pittsburgh        | 21 |
| 75               | 37  | 55                   | 57 |
| <b>CLEVELAND</b> |     | <b>PITTSBURGH</b>    |    |
| 7—Cards          | 9   | 30—Washing.          | 13 |
| 14—Pittsburgh    | 10  | 10—Cleveland         | 14 |
| 9—New York       | 21  | 21—Philadel.         | 35 |
| 30               | 40  | 61                   | 62 |
| <b>DETROIT</b>   |     | <b>SAN FRANCISCO</b> |    |
| 20—Green Bay     | 16  | 21—New York          | 38 |
| 31—Baltimore     | 14  | 33—Los Ang.          | 30 |
| 24—Los Angeles   | 21  | 7—Bears              | 31 |
| 75               | 81  | 61                   | 99 |

Bell's space-cadet ban. In lieu of all this, however, Gillman has decided to use a double messenger system, according to Bert Rose, the Rams' publicitor who spent Wednesday in our town. "Hirsch and Boyd will go in and out on offense with instructions and Ellena and Fournet will exchange places and messages on defenses," Rose explained, adding: "We've been using messengers on offense all season but this is the first time Sid has used it on defense." Under the offensive plan, it can be assumed that the talented Elroy Hirsch and Bob Boyd won't be in the game at the same time. Which, if you'll permit a one-phrase editorial, we've got to see to believe!" Jack Ellena and Sid Fournet are linebackers and likely will call the instructions from upstairs themselves as soon as they get into action. Ellena and Fournet may have to work fast because it's possible for the Packers, for instance, to speed up their offensive calls. Rose brought other news. He said that Tom Fears, the Rams' nine-year offensive end, was to fly into Milwaukee today to join the club. Whether he goes on the active list or not depends on the physical condition of halfback-fullback Brad Myers, who was hurt in the Detroit game. Veteran Bob Griffin, a middle guard, has been placed on the injured list. He has been replaced by Duane Wardlow. To compensate for the loss of Griffin, Les Richter has been installed at middle guard, Rose said. Richter, who also works as a linebacker like the Packers' Bill Forester, will be joined by linebackers Larry Morris and Hugh Pitts, both of whom, Rose said, played a good game against Detroit. "We expect to have three linebackers in at the same time," Bert pointed out. Paul (Tank) Younger is the Rams' No. 1 fullback and their ace rookie, Joe Marconi, is his No. 1 aide but an unknown fullback showed up well for the Rams against the Lions. He is Tom Wilson, a 197-pound free agent out of no college. Wilson went into the Detroit game and carried a kickoff back 35 yards, rambled 37 yards with a pitchout and eight yards on a draw play, "and then never played again,"

Rose said. Other than the fullbacks, the Ram backs and ends seem to be one and the same - as to position. This group includes Hirsch, Boyd, Ron Miller, Fears, Ron Waller and Leon Clarke. The most-used-as-ends, Miller, Boyd, Hirsch and Clarke, play both ends. Fears was mostly a right end. Clarke and Miller are also listed as right halfbacks, and Waller does just about all of the left halfbacking. The secondary is all veteran except Jesse Whittendon, a rookie cornerback from Texas Western. He's surrounded by such talent as deepmen Don Burroughs and Bill Sherman and cornerback Jim Cason. Backing the foursome up are rookies Bob Holladay, and, it says in the Rams' three-deeps, Hirsch...The Packers put some more touches on their offense in yesterday's practice and Blackburn even got into the act, throwing a few blocks at a defensive end in the process of showing offensive end Gary Knafelc how it's done. Blackburn has been impressed with the improvement in Billy Howton's blocking in the last two seasons - a big factor in many of Howie Ferguson's runs off the right side. Liz now is hoping that big Gary can show the same improvement. Blocking featured the offensive drill and it was pretty much one-on-one and "live". The defensive players on key plays wore shoulder-to-foot pads to cushion the shock and prevent injuries. There were no hurts among the enthusiastic players and Blackburn was happy to note that his last two injured players - Jerry Helluin and Howie Ferguson, were okay. And big John Martinkovic, hurt shortly before the league opener, also is back in top form - a wonderful shot in the arm for the Packer defense. The Packers were due for a spot of defensive action this afternoon.

## NFL BANS RADIO GRID

OCT 18 (Philadelphia) - The use of radio and electronic equipment in helmets of NFL players was barred for the remainder of the season today by "unanimous consent of the 12 owners," Commissioner Bert Bell announced. Bell, in a directive issued to the 12 league teams, said "All electronic devices, including walkie-talkies to the sidelines, hearing aids of any description used to receive messages, radio equipped helmets or any other device of this nature must be eliminated for the remainder of the season." The ban on the "space cadet" equipment begins next Sunday, Oct. 21, and continues for all games, including the world championship playoff which follows the regular season. Packer coach Liz Blackburn received notification of the league ban today. He had made no arrangements to operate with electronics in any of the Packers' games this season.

## WONDER WHAT 'OUT POOR LITTLE BOYS WILL DO WITH RAMS!'

OCT 18 (Green Bay) - The Rams should have heard Liz Blackburn at the Quarterback club last night. The Packer coach gave the Gold Coasters such a fantastic buildup that even the youngest of quarterbacks must have wondered how come the Rams are even with our Packers in the standing with 1-2 marks. Liz indicated that he might have been stretching a point when he smiled and shook his head, "wonder how our poor little boys will be able to handle them!" The joint rocked with laughter. Liz, seriously, did pay a wonderful tribute to the various Rams, including Elroy Hirsch, the Wausau wonder at 33, who seems to be having one of his best seasons. Liz pointed to the Rams' speed - Bob Boyd, who once ran the century in

9.4; Leon Clarke, an NCAA high hurdles champion; and "that Paul Miller". Miller is the 215-pound defensive end who caught Al Carmichael from behind on his last-minute runback of a punt that set up Fred Cone's winning field goal in last year's 30-28 win. The quarterbacks, over 300 of them, had plenty of questions and Blackbourn, in one of his answers, said that "halfback Jack Losch will be used on offense as soon as the coaches feel he's ready." Bert E. Rose, Jr., the Rams' publicity director, told QB'ers that he wasn't in much a mood to tell stories - "like the winner in cards telling stories and the losers yelling deal." He was referring to his Rams' loss Sunday and the Packers' win. Rose explained Ram coach Sid Gillman's pitching-staff method of using his quarterbacks, Bill Wade, Norm Van Brocklin and Rudy Bukich. "Norm started the season against the Eagles and was knocked out of the box. Wade came on to hurl us to a win. So Wade started against the Forty Niners and Van Brocklin had to relieve him, throwing a touchdown pass. This gave the Detroit starting assignment to Van Brocklin but Van was knocked out and Wade finished up strong, though we lost. So I believe Wade will be the starting pitcher against the Packers Sunday." Bobby Dillon, the Packers' veteran defensive back, was named player of the week and received a watch from Fairmont Foods. Dillon intercepted two passes - one for a touchdown....BRIEFS: Center Jim Ringo says last Sunday's Packer-Colt game was the roughest game he ever played in. Colt fullback Alan Ameche and this was written before Sunday's game, wrote in this month's issue of True magazine that the Packers are the "most solidly bruising club" in the National League. Packer halfback Veryl Switzer has been promoted to first lieutenant in the Air Force at Malden Air base near St. Louis. Switzer will marry a Chicago school teacher during the Christmas holidays. Packer end Max McGee caught three touchdown passes in a recent game for Bolling Air Force base against Fort Benning. The pitcher in each case was Ralph Guglielmi, the former Notre Dame and Washington Redskin. Max, a fighter pilot, should be back with the Pack in '58.

**GILLMAN SAYS WEST DIVISION TOO TOUGH**

OCT 18 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - Sid Gillman is another believer that the Western Division is just too tough. The Ram coach Wednesday pointed to a rugged start and realized the season is only three weeks old. "I think we've got a better team in every respect than a year ago, but mistakes have hurt us," Gillman said. "We're either going to have to correct those errors immediately or we're going to be killed in this division." Among other things, the Ram coach explained how seven L.A. fumbles resulted in five 49er scores. "We can't expect to win playing like that," Gillman said, shaking his head. Yet, Gillman insisted his club could win the title again even though its start doesn't suggest it. "Every club in this division believes it can go the distance," Gillman said, "and that goes for us, too. I think a 7-4-1 record will win it," Gillman continued. "When our offense plays up to its capacity, we'll be up there where we belong. Our defense had looked real good." Regarding his Sunday opponent at the Stadium, Gillman said, "the Packers are as tough as any of them. That Rote is one of the best in the league - there's no question Blackbourn has real good personnel." Gillman remembers that Milwaukee has not brought pleasant memories the past two years. The Packers whacked the Rams, 35-17, in 1954 and last year eked out a 30-28 decision on Fred Cone's field goal in the last 40 seconds. "We're due," Gillman insisted. Bill Wade will start at quarterback for the Rams in place of veteran Norm Van Brocklin. Wade has tossed six touchdown passes while Van Brocklin has pitched only one. "Norm has been unfortunate in starting, just unlucky," Gillman said. "Wade threw three touchdown passes against the Lions last Sunday. He's looked good." Elroy (Crazy Legs) Hirsch, a legendary football figure at both the college and professional levels for the past 15 years, is having his best start with the Rams. Hirsch tops all receivers with 12 completions for 267 yards and four touchdowns. "Hirsch made the impossible against the Lions, running full speed and leaping up to take Wade's pass over his shoulder," Gillman grinned. "It was a touchdown for sure - 76 yards. Elroy also scored on a 29 yard pass from Wade." Leon Clarke and Ron Miller, a great pair of rookie ends, make the Los Angeles passing attack more deadly than a year ago. Back to plague the Packers is Bobby Boyd, labeled as one of the most dangerous receivers in the



**RAM HERO**—Tad Larson, 6, of Glendale, emulates his hero, End Elroy Hirsch, who is having his best year with Los Angeles Rams since 1951 football season.



business. Clarke scampered 60 yards for a touchdown on a Wade pass against the Lions. But how far the Rams will go this season depends entirely on their glittering array of stars - whether they click together.

### **HAUSER DIDN'T HEAR RAM SIGNALS AND THAT'S WHAT MADE HIM RUN**

OCT 18 (Milwaukee Journal) - A Wisconsin grown obstacle will be in the Green Bay Packers' way at right tackle on the Los Angeles Rams' defensive platoon when the two NFL teams meet at County Stadium Sunday afternoon. He is Art Hauser, 27, a steady if not spectacular 230 pound six footer who grew up in Rubicon, Wis., played fullback at Hartford High School and became an All-American (Catholic version) at Xavier of Ohio before he turned to pro football. Now recognized as one of the stauncher defenders of the Ram goal line, Hauser played here in 1954, his rookie year with Los Angeles. The Packers routed the favored Rams in that one, 35-17, for Lisle Blackbourn's first victory as Green Bay coach. Along the way to defeat, the Rams tried a pass with fourth down and long yardage in their territory. Norm Van Brocklin threw from the punt formation to Andy Robustelli, normally a defensive end. The play worked for what would have been a first down, but the Rams were penalized because they had an ineligible receiver downfield. The culprit was rookie Hauser. He apparently had missed the signal, thought it was a punt and rushed down to thwart Green Bay's attempt at a runback. When the Rams and Packers met again in the 1954 season finale at Los Angeles, the Rams got even, 35-27. Perhaps the turning point was when Van Brocklin passed to Robustelli for a touchdown on the same surprise play. After the season, Blackbourn and his aides were studying movies of the game in Los Angeles. "We were particularly interested in the fake punt play," Blackbourn related later, with a smile, "because it had worked so well against us. Right in the middle of it, the film showed a Ram running as fast as he could in the wrong direction, back toward the line of scrimmage. It was Hauser. They didn't catch him that time."

### **HIRSCH STILL HERO IN OLD STAMPING GROUND**

OCT 18 (Los Angeles Times - Milwaukee) - Elroy (Crazy Legs) Hirsch is one of the most famous personalities in football. But you won't actually realize how popular until you see him in action around his old stomping grounds. The 33-year old Los Angeles Ram end went to high school in Wausau, some 200 miles from there, then played his freshman and sophomore years at the University of Wisconsin before the Marine Corps transferred him to Michigan...BEST SINCE 1954: When the 6-foot, 1-inch, 191-pounder walks into the hotel lobby here, everyone says hello. It's "Hi, Elroy," from bell captain and desk clerk. He walks down the street and people stop him to shake hands and ask for an autograph. His cab stops for a signal and fans reach in the window to greet him. Elroy's one of the big reasons why more than 30,000 fans are expected to watch the Rams play the Green Bay Packers here Sunday. And Elroy is having a fabulous year, a year which promise to be his best since the legendary 1951 season when he caught 66 passes and scored 17 touchdowns. In three games, the personable Crazy Legs has caught 12 passes for 267 yards and four touchdowns. He leads the club in receptions and in scoring. Fans are still talking about the 76-yard TD toss he took against the Lions last week. Sort of lost in the shuffle was his earlier 29-yard TD catch, a sensational play itself. A quick look at his 1956 feats shows the following long gainers: Browns - A 42-yard gainer from Bill Wade. Cards - A 44-yard touchdown pass from Wade. 49ers - A 57-yard touchdown pass from Wade. Plus his aforementioned Lion performances...FEELS BETTER: What's the big reason for Elroy's remarkable comeback after what could best be called a mediocre 1955 season! "Well, for one thing, I'm feeling better now than I have since 1951 or 1952," Crazy Legs said. "I worked myself into good shape early by playing tennis, which I think helped my legs a lot. And Gillman (Ram Coach Sid Gillman) has me awfully happy. The more I play this game the more I'm convinced that mental attitude is a lot more important than people think." Does Elroy make any concessions for his 33 years? "Yes, I do. I watch my diet very carefully. And this year, more than any other, I try to get more rest," Elroy said. "Being 33, I really appreciate Gillman's practice plans. We're off Monday after a game and Tuesday we work out on our own, just sort of loosen up. We practice Wednesday and Thursday and it's never more than an hour-and-a-half workout. And it's brisk and spirited. When it's over, you know you've had a workout, but you're not dragging." How long does Elroy think he'll play this rugged game? "Barring an injury and all things being equal, I'd like to play another year," Elroy said. However, Elroy has a movie contract and should the opportunity for another picture arise he'd most likely retire from football.

## **Packers Hold First Secret Drill of Year for Ram Test**

### **PACKERS HOLD FIRST SECRET DRILL OF YEAR FOR RAM TEST**

OCT 19 (Green Bay) - The Packers held their first secret practice of the season Thursday afternoon. Another was on tap for today! This is only the second time Coach Liz Blackbourn locked the doors since he took over Packer fortunes in '54 - a

span covering 27 league games through last Sunday's 38-33 victory over Baltimore. The only other time he asked for privacy was before the 1955 Packer-Ram game – just a year ago. It's no secret now that the Packers then worked on a spread, tried it on the first play of the game and forced the Rams to call a hurried timeout. The Packers won the game 30-28 on Fred Cone's last second field goal but the Bays had defended the Rams down to two legitimate touchdowns, the other two coming on an interception return and return of a fumble. What the Packers are cooking up in the Bluejay baseball outfield, of course, is a big, fat secret, but it's obvious that they are hatching out something. The practice was topped off with work on Dick Deschaine's punting and a session of field goal kicking by Cone and Jim Capuzzi in City Stadium. In Milwaukee, where the Rams are training, Tom Fears, the club's nine-year veteran, was added to the active list Thursday night. To make room for him, fullback Brad Myers was placed on the injured reserve list. Fears had been with the club all season and apparently Ram coach Sid Gillman, who has lost two of his last three starts, figures his team needs more experience. Two of his other pass receivers are rookies – Ron Miller and Leon Clarke. Clarke, incidentally, has the best pass catching yardage average on the team. He snared six for 148 yards – an average of 24.66. Elroy Hirsch, the Rams' top catcher with 12, piled up 267 yards for an average of 22.25 – not to mention four touchdowns. Two of Clarke's catches went for teedees. Offering additional proof that the Rams are pretty much of an air team are Bob Boyd and Tank Younger, who caught 15 passes between 'em, including eight for Boyd, for a total of 235 yards. Ron Waller caught four, Joe Marconi and Tom Wilson one each. By comparison, Billy Howton is leading the Packers – and the league, with his 15 catches for 259 yards and three touchdowns. Gary Knafelc caught seven for 100 yards and three teedees. Joe Johnson picked off six, Al Carmichael three, Howie Ferguson three and Breezy Reid one. Los Angeles has tried 88 passes and completed 45 for 740 yards and seven touchdown. Green Bay attempted 80, completed 34 for 441 yards and six touchdowns. Thus, the Rams have had more success than with their air game than the Packers, although the Rams had six intercepted and the Packers only two and the TD throws are practically the same. Tobin Rote completed 29 out of 66 attempts for 399 yards and six touchdowns. His rookie understudy tried 14 and completed five for 42 yards. Bill Wade tops the Rams' pitching with 36 completions in 68 tries for six scores. Norm Van Brocklin tried 20 and completed nine for one sixer. Let's compare the rushers. The Rams gained 448 yards rushing in three games – the Packers 388. Waller is the Rams' top rusher with 226 yards in 38 trips; Ferguson leads the Pack with 194 yards in 37 carries, giving Waller an average of 5.9 and Ferguson 5.3. Younger picked up 74 in 17; Wilson 44 in two; Wade 40 in six; Marconi 22 in 6 and Myers 6 in 2. Rote counted 65 yards in 20 trips; Carmichael 46 in nine; Johnson 39 in 10; Reid 27 in 11; and Starr 12 in 1...LOST SEVEN

FUMBLES: In other departments, the Packers intercepted six enemy throws, the Rams seven; the Rams averaged 43.6 yards on punts and the Packers 43.2; the Rams produced 50 first down and the Packer 49; the Rams were called for 17 penalties for 202 yards while the Packers were nicked for 10 for 97 yards; and the Rams lost the ball seven times on fumbles against the Packers' two. The Packers leave for Milwaukee on the 4:55 North Western Saturday evening and will headquarter at the Astor Hotel. They'll arrive here on 8:12 North Western Sunday night. The Rams are staying at the Schroeder Hotel in Milwaukee.



STALEY REUNION RECALLS PACK'S FIRST 'CHI' GAME  
 OCT 19 (Green Bay) - One of the great pioneer teams of professional football is gathering this weekend in Chicago at the invitation of its founder and first coach, George Halas. Big George will be host to his original Decatur Staleys, forerunners of the present Bears and national pro champions in 1921. The Packers will be too preoccupied with the Rams to pay much attention to the reunion, but they might well give it a passing thought. Green Bay played the Staleys in 1921 for the middle





A hard man to stop is Paul (Tank) Younger, Los Angeles Rams fullback, who will try to dent the Green Bay Packers' line in their National Football league game at County Stadium here Sunday afternoon. The kick-off will be at 1:05 p.m.

## Two-Two?

**NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE**  
(Western Conference)

|               | W | L | Pct.  | PS | OP |
|---------------|---|---|-------|----|----|
| Detroit       | 3 | 0 | 1.000 | 75 | 51 |
| Chicago Bears | 2 | 1 | .667  | 89 | 56 |
| Green Bay     | 1 | 2 | .333  | 75 | 90 |
| Los Angeles   | 1 | 2 | .333  | 78 | 64 |
| Baltimore     | 1 | 2 | .333  | 75 | 90 |
| San Francisco | 1 | 2 | .333  | 61 | 99 |

(Eastern Conference)

|                   | W | L | Pct.  | PS | OP |
|-------------------|---|---|-------|----|----|
| Chicago Cardinals | 3 | 0 | 1.000 | 75 | 37 |
| New York          | 2 | 1 | .667  | 86 | 65 |
| Philadelphia      | 2 | 1 | .667  | 55 | 57 |
| Pittsburgh        | 1 | 2 | .333  | 61 | 62 |
| Cleveland         | 1 | 2 | .333  | 30 | 40 |
| Washington        | 0 | 3 | .000  | 25 | 74 |

**Sunday's Games**

**GREEN BAY vs. LOS ANGELES**  
at Milwaukee (WJPG, 1:05)  
Baltimore at Chicago Bears  
San Francisco at Detroit  
Chicago Cardinals at Philadelphia  
Pittsburgh at New York  
Cleveland at Washington

**Probable Offensive Lineups:**

| LOS ANGELES |    | GREEN BAY  |
|-------------|----|------------|
| Hirsch      | LE | Knafele    |
| Fry         | LT | Skoronski  |
| Putnam      | LG | Skibinski  |
| Daugherty   | C  | Ringo      |
| Hock        | RG | Szafaryn   |
| Toogood     | RT | Sandusky   |
| R. Miller   | RE | Howton     |
| Wade        | QB | Rote       |
| Waller      | LH | Johnson    |
| Clarke      | RH | Carmichael |
| Younger     | FB | Ferguson   |

**Packer-Ram Series**  
Packers won 5, Rams won 15.  
Points: Packers 364, Los Angeles 613.

western championship. They lost, 20-0, but they proved they could give a good account of themselves against the best in the game. The Packer-Staley contest was something of an afterthought. Although the Packers had joined the pro league that year, no game had been scheduled with the Halas team. When the latter was on the verge of the title and the Packers had shown they were a definite challenger, a game was arranged for Cubs Park, Chicago, on Nov. 26, 1921, the Sunday after Thanksgiving...ENTHUSIASM BOILED UP: Green Bay had made its first invasion of the Windy City the previous week, when the Packers were held to 3-3 tie by the Cardinals on a late field goal by Paddy Driscoll, now coach of the Bears. When word was received that the Pack would clash with the Staleys, enthusiasm boiled up, and a crowd of over 400 piled into a special train the night before to follow the team to Chicago. The Packers, as it developed, gave the Staleys a whale of a fight but weren't at full strength. Tubby Howard, regular fullback, couldn't play, and Jab Murray wasn't feeling well but Lambeau talked him into going. Jab got to Chicago just in time to suit up, but might better have stayed home. Although he played a tremendous game, he got a broken hand out of it. Several other Packers didn't appear either. The roster included a number of college players under assumed names, and when word got around the dressing room just before game time that a number of college representatives would be in the stands, they refused to take a chance on their eligibility...HALAS AT END: The lineup that eventually took the field included Billy DuMoe and Dave Hayes on the ends, Frank Coughlin and Cub Buck, tackles; guard Joe Carrey and Emmett Keefe and Jab Murry at center. Lambeau played quarterback, with Grover Malone and Norm Barry at the halves and Art Schmael, fullback. During the game, Buff Wagner replaced Barry, Fee Klaus took over after Murray was hurt and Milt Wilson relieved Carey. The Bears included ends Guy Chamberlain, George Halas and Harry Englund; tackles High Blacklock, Ralph Scott and Lou Usher; Tarzan Taylor and a fellow named Smith at guards; centers George Trafton and John Mintun; quarterback Wally Pearce; halfbacks Dutch Sternaman, Jake Lanum, Pete Stinchomb, and Chick Harley; and fullbacks Ken Huffine and George Boland. Nobody knows who Smith really was, and his name does not appear in the Professional Football Encyclopedia, but it figures. There were a lot of guys named Smith playing college football on Saturday and pro ball on Sunday in those days...SHOT OUTSIDE TACKLE: The Packers got an early jump and dominated the first quarter, once reaching the Staley eight yard line by recovering a fumble, but they were stopped at the three. The turning point came in the second period when Stinchomb shot outside tackle, shook off half a dozen tacklers and raced

45 yards for the first touchdown. The Staleys came right back again with the kickoff and drove 72 yards to another touchdown. Sternaman's two conversions made it 14-0 at the half. The third quarter was another standoff, during which the Packers several times got inside the Staley 30 before bogging down. In the final period, the Staleys got a third touchdown on a trick double-forward pass, Harley hitting Halas with an eight yarder in the end zone on fourth down. This time Sternaman missed the try for point. Again the Packers swarmed back, DuMoe racing 45 yards on an aerial from Lambeau to the Staley 25, but the Staleys threw the switch on their 14 yard line...BAND DEFIED ORDINANCE: The Packers didn't win, but their showing had their hopped up followers bursting with pride, which they proceeded to flash all over the loop

## More Than 150 Fans To Ride Special

Between 150 and 200 fans are expected to ride the Packer Alumni Assn.'s special train to Milwaukee Sunday for the Packer-Los Angeles Ram game at County Stadium.

The Milwaukee Road train will leave the Washington St. station at 9:30 Sunday morning and arrive at the stadium at noon, according to Alumni President Bernard Darling. Kickoff is set for 1:05. The train will leave a half hour after the end of the game and arrive in Green Bay at 6:15 Sunday evening.

Cost of the round trip, including a ticket for the game, is \$9.50. Persons with game tickets are also invited, Darling said. Rail fare is \$6. Food and beverages will be available on the train.

until 3 a.m. the next day. Leading the outburst was the now famed "Lumberjack Band", which had been organized by the late George DeLair to make the trip. That band, a pickup outfit of about 20 musicians, had one whale of a time. Arriving in Chicago early Sunday morning, they paraded all over the Loop in defiance of a Chicago ordinance forbidding parades without a permit but after trying to stop them once the cops gave up and let them go. Nobody remembers exactly who comprised the band – which isn't exactly surprising – but among them were DeLair; hefty Harry Annen, who did the drum major honors with a cant hook; Jock Smith, Sheriff Nick Ryan, Carl Jones and Bryan Seroogy. They whanged away at "On, Wisconsin" and "How Dry I Am" – Prohibition was still a new development then – in nearly every hotel lobby in downtown Chicago, and generally made good natured nuisances of themselves. Everybody had so much fun, though, that the idea of a lumberjack band took permanent hold, to become a feature of Packer football to the present day. Nobody realized it at the time either, and the shooting didn't really start until a couple of years later, but that meeting marked the beginning of one of the great rivalries of professional football.

### **TOM FEARS GETS NOD AS STARTER**

OCT 19 (Los Angeles Times - Milwaukee) - In a somewhat surprising move, Coach Sid Gillman today named newly returned Tom Fears to start at right offensive end for the Los Angeles Rams against the Green Bay Packers Sunday. Rookie Ron Miller, the former Trojan wingman, drew that assignment last week. After the mistakes which cropped up in the Rams' last two ball games, Gillman has gone on an experience kick...MAY LEARN SOMETHING: "We think Miller is a fine ball player and will be one of the league's great ones in time," Gillman said. "But we are starting Fears because he's an old head and he knows what to do out there. Maybe Miller can learn something by watching him." Although Gillman refused to comment, Miller's performance against the Detroit Lions was disappointing. He twice dropped what appeared to be easy chances and on another occasion he caught a hook pass – a Fears' specialty – for what would have been a first down, than ran the wrong way and the play went for no gain. "Miller will be in there, don't worry about that," Gillman said. "But I want the old head to start."...WALLER STARTS: Gillman also named Ron Waller to open at right half, however, he added that a change was still possible and Tom Wilson, the sensational rookie halfback, might start there instead. The Rams continued to rule as 3-point favorites. Clear, warm weather was the prediction for Sunday.

### **RAMS RATE BETTER, BUT NOT LUCKY**

OCT 19 (Milwaukee Journal) - Sid Gillman, Los Angeles coach, figures that his Rams are at least 25% stronger than last season when they won the Western Division championship in his freshman pro football year. He has reason to believe, however, that they are not as lucky. "How are things going," this intensely serious man repeated Friday morning as he rode the elevator in the hotel where the Rams are quartered for their NFL game at the Stadium Sunday afternoon. "How do you think they're going when you lose two games by three points each. Not very good, I'd say," he said. "We're still in it. When the ball bounces our way and we make some breaks...we've got a good chance and so has everyone else in such a a balanced league." Last year the Rams breezed into Milwaukee with three straight victories. The Packers built up a 24-7 lead midway in the third quarter, blew that and needed Fred Cone's last minute field goal to hand Los Angeles its first defeat, 30-28. Gillman and his players figure they have a better team this year for these reasons: 1. Fewer and less costly injuries. They had to use a halfback (Tom McCormick) at fullback here last year and later in the season used linebacker Larry Morris when McCormick was hurt. 2. Better ends. Elroy Hirsch, old (33) Wisconsin star, is having one of his best years and rookies Leon Clarke and Ron Miller have done well. Bob Boyd, speed demon, is there, too. 3. Better depth and more experience. Les Richter and Larry Morris are fine linebackers. Ron Waller and Tank Younger provide running punch and have rookie help from Joe Marconi and Tom Wilson, noncollegian; Bill Wade, Norm Van Brocklin and Rudy Bukich form a one-two-three quarterback setup; both the offensive and defensive lines were helped by men returning from the service and newcomers, and the defensive backfield is set with Jim Cason and rookie Jess Whittenton on the corners and Don Burroughs and Bill Sherman deep. Wade seems to have supplanted Van Brocklin as No. 1 quarterback. Van Brocklin, off to a slow start this season, rarely has a good day here. Four years ago, Bob Waterfield had to take over for him and rally the Rams to a stirring comeback, 30-28. Two years ago, he was ineffective as Green Bay upset the Rams, 35-17, and last year Wade was the quarterback on Los Angeles' scoring thrusts. The Rams Thursday reinstated end Tom Fears to the active roster and placed halfback Brad Myers on the injured reserve list.

### **RAMS PICK OVER PACKERS**

OCT 20 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - Temperature in the 60s, a crowd of 30,000, and the Rams a three point favorite - that's the advance picture for Sunday's Packer game at the Stadium. As the pros hit the quarter mark in their 12 game schedule, Los Angeles has the nod over Green Bay both offensively and defensively. The Rams have a 674 to 415 yard average in passing and a 433-383 nod in rushing. With Bill Wade, the Rams' bonus choice in 1952, doing most of the pitching, L.A. has completed 51.1 percent of its passes while the Packers, with veteran Tobin Rote the king pin, have connected on 42.5 percent of the time. Defensively, the Rams have held three opponents to 775 yards while the Packers have given up 1,166. The Rams haven't met the Bears, though, an opponent which mauled the Packers with an overwhelming ground and air attack...SECRET PACKER DRILLS: Coach Liz Blackbourn worked his Packer behind locked gates in Green Bay Friday, ironing out offensive strategy. Blackbourn has been impressed with the improvement in Billy Howton's blocking - a big



factor in many of Howie Ferguson's runs off the right side. There was no injury report, which means the Packers will be in the best shape of the season for Sunday's game. Both Ferguson and tackle Jerry Helluin, racked up in the Colt clash, are ready for the works. And defensive end John Martinkovic, hurt shortly before the league opener, is in top shape. Defensive back Bobby Dillon was named player of the week by the Packer Quarterback Club and given a watch. Dillon and the Lions' Jim David lead the league with pass interceptions (four)...HIRSCH VISITS BADERS: Elroy (Crazy Legs) Hirsch worked out with the Badgers at Madison Tuesday, as the Rams had a day off here. At 33 and after 11 years of pro football, Hirsch isn't what he used to be - he's better than ever. His 76-yard touchdown pass against Detroit last Sunday is the best league performance of the season. Hirsch got in front of Jim Davis by a step and caught the ball from Bill Wade that was in the air more than 55 yards. "I didn't think I could get it," Hirsch grinned Friday, "and it occurred to me to give up on it. But I've learned that if you just keep going, maybe you'll get there." Hirsch's last year? "You would think so, wouldn't you," Elroy answered. "Right now, I'm playing week to week."

### **PACKERS SHOOT FOR TOE-HOLD IN RACE AGAINST RAMS**

OCT 20 (Milwaukee-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The Packers unleash their rock and sock in County Stadium again Sunday – this time against the glamor boys of professional football, the Los Angeles Rams. Green Bay made its first '56 visit to the Braves' ballyard last Sunday and bounced the Baltimore Colts 38 to 33 with 60 minutes of high-powered go. That the Packers' first NFL victory of the season. The Packer task tomorrow can produce even greater results – a 2-2 record and a fresh start in the Western conference race. The Rams also will be going for 2-2 in the fourth game for both clubs. A crowd of more than 25,000 – possibly 30,000, is expected for the production, which starts at 1:05. Los Angeles will operate as a slight favorite – maybe three points, to end its two-game losing streak. The Rams defeated Philadelphia of the Eastern conference but then lost two three-pointers, 33-30 to San Francisco and 24-21 to Detroit. The Packers lost to Detroit 20-16 and the Chicago Bears 37-21 before righting themselves at the expense of the furious Colts. The Packers' chief musts Sunday are points and defense. A combination of both could make Green Bay a madhouse Sunday night and stamp the Bays as a solid contenders. A safe offensive production would be five touchdowns. This would be a great assist to the Packers' defense in that the Rams' offensive chances would be reduced. The Rams, with all their pitching power – not to mention, figures to give the Bay defenders their stiffest test. Offensively, it's up to Tobin Rote, the Packers' starting pitcher and most times finisher. The big Texan usually has himself a hot time against the Rams – especially in Milwaukee. And there's no reason to believe he'll experience any cold Sunday. His chief targets will be ends Bill Howton and Gary Knafelc and everybody who carries the title of "offensive back", except rookie quarterback Bart Starr, who also will be highly-gearred and ready. Rote will have to figure out ways and means of fooling the Rams' veteran defense but he has had success with other LA defenses – 67 points in the last two games in Milwaukee. The Bay offensive line will be charged with the task of producing its best blocking- to keep a ring around Rote and to open slots for such as Joe Johnson, Breezy Reid, Al Carmichael, Howie Ferguson and Jack Losch. The Rams' ground game, headed by Tank Younger and Ronnie Waller, could be devastating if such stalwarts as John Martinkovic, Nate Borden, Dave Hanner, Jerry Helluin and Bill Forester can't stop it or slow it up some for linebackers Roger Zatkoff, Tom Bettis and Deral Teteak. The Rams' air game, with Bill Wade and Norm Van Brocklin at the stick, is the biggest threat to the Pack because it can score in such a hurry, what with such catchers as Elroy Hirsch, Leon Clarke, Ron Miller, Tom Fears, Bob Boyd and Waller. This air force offers the Packer secondary – deepmen Bobby Dillon and Val Joe Walker and cornermen Bill Bookout and Henry Gremminger – their greatest and juiciest challenge. The Packers came out of a stiff week of practice today in a good frame of mind – not to mention a hatful of special plans. The last three workouts were held in secret. Packer coach Liz Blackburn plans to start with Johnson at left half, Carmichael at right half, Ferguson at fullback and Rote at quarterback. Knafelc and Howton will be at ends; Bob Skoronski and John Sandusky at tackles; Joe Skibinski at left guard; and Buddy Brown or Len Szafaryn at right guard. Ram coach Sid Gillman will open with Wade at quarterback because he had the most success against the Rams' last foe, Detroit. But Van Brocklin will be warming up on the sidelines with Rudy Bukich! The Packers are camping at the Astor Hotel here while the Rams are staying at the Schroeder. The Pack will return to Green Bay on the 8:12 North Western Sunday night and the Rams will fly back to Los Angeles Sunday night.

### **RAMS FAVORED OVER PACKERS**

OCT 20 (Los Angeles Times - Milwaukee) - In 11 years as a head football coach, Sid Gillman has never lost three straight games. That record stands in jeopardy when the Los Angeles Rams, saddled with a two-game losing streak, tackle the unpredictable but potent Green Bay Packers here tomorrow. The game will start at 11 a.m. PST. Clear skies are predicted tomorrow although it rained and drizzled throughout most of today. The Rams, who've lost their last two starts by 3 point margins, find themselves favored by 3 in this particular NFL outing. More than 30,000 strongly partisan Packer adherents are expected to see if their standard-bearer can repeat last year's thrilling final-minute 30-28 win. The Rams lost when Al (from USC) Carmichael returned a punt some 40 yards to set up a successful field goal boot by Fred Cone in the final 24 seconds. Los Angeles won the Coliseum rematch, 31-17. Coach Liz Blackburn's Packers rely strictly on the talents of Tobin Rote, the 28-year old, 6-foot, 3-inch 218 –pounder from Rice Institute. When Rote is right, he's the equal, at least, of any quarterback in the NFL. When he's off, the Packers have had it... WILD GAME: Rote was strictly on last week when

the Packers edged the Baltimore Colts, 38-33, in one of the league's wilder games to date. Fullback Howie Ferguson, a 220-pounder who never attended college and whose pile-driving tactics are none the less effective for this educational oversight, is ranked among the league's finest. As are the Packers' two receiving ends, Bill Howton and Gary Knafele. Gillman will start Bill Wade at quarterback for the second time this season. The game also marks the return to action of Tom Fears, a veteran of eight years in the NFL who was waived out during the exhibition season. Fears will start instead of rookie Ron Miller.

## **Packers Shoot for Toe-Hold in Race Against Rams**