



Green Bay Packers (5-1) 17, Chicago Bears (2-3) 0
 Sunday October 16th 1966 (at Chicago)



Packers Limit Bears To 89 Yards, Win 17 to 0

GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(CHICAGO) – The Packers played a fantastic defensive game Sunday. They shut out the Chicago Bears 17 to 0, and limited them to six first downs, 89 total yards, and just two harmless trips across the 50 all afternoon...and they stopped Gale Sayers with 29 yards in 15 carries. It was the first time the Packers had blanked the Bears in Wrigley Field in 34 years...since 1932 when the Bays won here on a safety, 2-0. This turned out to be the Packers' biggest prize of the young 1966 season. The triumph lifted Green Bay into first place in the fierce Western Division race...alone. And it seriously hampered the Bears' hope of winning the championship. The Packers received an assist from the Vikings, who murdered the Rams 35-7. These two games left Green Bay with a 5-1 record, Los Angeles with 4-2. The Colts recovered from a loss to these Bears a week ago by trouncing the Lions, setting Baltimore's record at 3-2. Green Bay closes the first half of its season against the Falcons in Milwaukee next Sunday, while the Rams visit Chicago and the Colts host the Vikings. Defense was written all over Sunday's game, and, while the Bears never dented the Packer defense, the Packer offense took few liberties with the highly-charged Bear defenders. The Packer scorers made one concerted drive, and it was beautiful. They took the second half kickoff and marched and flew 65 yards in 12 plays to a touchdown, with Paul Hornung smashing the last yard into the end zone behind a good block by Jim Taylor. Green Bay's defense had a finger in the last 10 points. Ray Nitschke intercepted a Rudy Bukich pass to set up Don Chandler's field goal from 30 yards in the third quarter and midway in the fourth quarter Willie Wood returned an interception 20 yards for a touchdown. The closest the Bears advanced (by drive) was the Packers' 28-yard line early in the fourth quarter and that move, which started on their own 35, ended when Roger LeClerc missed a field goal from the 36. The only other Bear advance across the 50 came after the opening kickoff when the Bears reached the Packer 34 – where the Bays took it away on downs. The defense came to the rescue of the Packer offense twice – once after an interception of a Bart Starr pass and the other time after a Starr fumble. The



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interception, by Doug Atkins, put the Bears on the Packer 46, but three plays later Herb Adderley intercepted. Starr's fumble produced a ticklish situation because it came on the Packer 10 but two plays later Lionel Aldridge recovered a fumble by Jon Arnett. The Packer defense was aimed at stopping Sayers, the Bears' great breakaway back, Sayers was gang tackled wherever he ran and the Kansas flash averaged less than three yards per carry. He gained 109 yards on the Colts a week ago. In all, the Packers limited the Bears to 37 yards rushing – only eight in the second half – and the 52 net yards on Bukich's 12 completions in 23 attempts. With Willie Davis leading the way, the Pack's front four of Ron Kostelnik, Henry Jordan, Aldridge and Davis never gave Bukich much time to throw. And they shifted wide (either side) with linebackers Ray Nitschke, Lee Roy Caffey and Dave Robinson to collapse the Bears' end runs and force the runners inside. The defensive backs, Bob Jeter, Tom Brown, Adderley and Wood, never let anybody get behind them. The Packers just about doubled the Bears' offense figures, with 12 first downs and 185 total yards. The Bays ripped off 121 yards on the ground, with Taylor getting 66 in 17 attempts and Elijah Pitts, who replaced Hornung after he was hurt on his TD, picking up 40 in

National Football League

By The Associated Press

Eastern Conference

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
St. Louis	5	0	1	1.000	148	87
Dallas	4	0	1	1.000	193	55
Cleveland	3	2	0	.600	155	86
Washington	3	3	0	.500	121	131
Philadelphia	3	3	0	.500	119	154
Pittsburgh	1	4	1	.200	112	166
New York	1	4	1	.200	97	183
Atlanta	0	6	0	.000	75	194

Western Conference

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Green Bay	5	1	0	.833	129	71
Los Angeles	4	2	0	.667	118	100
Baltimore	3	2	0	.600	139	102
San Francisco	2	2	1	.500	102	117
Chicago	2	3	0	.400	60	89
Detroit	2	4	0	.333	80	112
Minnesota	1	3	1	.250	105	106

Sunday's Results

Dallas 10, St. Louis 10, tie
 Baltimore 45, Detroit 14
 Green Bay 17, Chicago 0
 Minnesota 35, Los Angeles 7
 Philadelphia 31, Pittsburgh 14
 San Francisco 44, Atlanta 7
 New York 13, Washington 10

Next Sunday's Games

Atlanta vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee
 Dallas at Cleveland
 Detroit at San Francisco
 Los Angeles at Chicago
 Minnesota at Baltimore
 Philadelphia at New York
 St. Louis at Washington

eight. Starr finished with eight completions in 18 attempts but three of them came on the TD drive – two to Taylor for 28 yards and one to Boyd Dowler for 15. One of the most significant yardage totals came on the interception totals. Nitschke, Adderley, and Wood returned their steals 87 yards – Adderley 44, Nitschke 23 and Wood 20. The sock-'em game was dotted with 12 punts and nine penalties for 97 yards. Bobby Joe Green and Chandler each punted six times. The defenses cut the per-play yardage to practically nothing. The Packers averaged 3.2 on passes and runs and the Bears were all but stifled on 1.6. The first quarter was a dog fight and loaded with penalties. The Bears were nicked for clipping twice, the Packers once, and on the same play the Bears were holding and the Packers in motion. Only two first downs were made in the first quarter and the Bears got both of them. They gambled on fourth down on the Packer 40 after the opening kickoff and made it. On the next series Bukich passed to Sayers for 19 yards to midfield. The Packers made their first move from a deep hole after an exchange of punts in the second quarter. Pitts fair caught Green's punt on his own 7 and Starr drove the Bays out of danger and in position out for the first of two misses by Chandler for field goals. Taylor and Pitts started the move with 13 yards in two runs and then Starr hurled to Dale for 13 yards to the 33. After Pitts made

American League Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
New York	4	1	1	.800	128	98
Buffalo	3	3	1	.500	168	164
Houston	3	3	0	.500	171	126
Boston	2	2	1	.500	92	111
Miami	1	5	0	.167	96	172

Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
San Diego	4	1	1	.800	158	71
Kansas City	4	2	0	.667	161	127
Oakland	3	3	0	.500	108	129
Denver	1	5	0	.167	81	184

Sunday's Results

Oakland 34, Kansas City 13
 Houston 24, New York 0
 San Diego 17, Buffalo 17, tie
 Miami 24, Denver 7

Next Sunday's Games

San Diego at Boston
 Oakland at New York
 Miami at Houston
 Kansas City at Denver

five Starr pitched to Taylor for 14. The attack bogged down on the Bear 39 and Chandler was short on his kick from the 47. Atkins and Adderley traded their interceptions and Herb's gallop put the Bays on the Bear 17. Pitts and Taylor made six but Starr was tossed back 11 yards by Atkins and Chandler's field goal try from the 29 was wide. The Pack's TD drive had one risky moment but to start with Taylor and Hornung moved 11 yards in two trips to the 46. Starr evaded an ankle grab by Atkins and threw 12 yards to the Bear 42. Taylor pounded five yards in two tries and on third and five Starr's thrown down the middle for 16 yards to the 21. After Hornung made one, Dowler caught Starr's pass on the five but Dale quickly

recovered to save the day on the five. Hornung scored in three smashed and Chandler converted at 6:50. The Bears came back with a first down but Nitschke intercepted a pass tipped by Gordon and raced 23 yards to the Bear 30. Pitts and Taylor banged to the 23 in three belts, and Chandler was down the middle on a field goal from 30 yards at 11:52. The Bears strung together three of their six first downs, with Bukich passing to Ditka twice for 26 yards, but Adderley and Robinson tossed Sayers for a two-yard loss to force LeClerc's try for the field goal early in the fourth quarter. A holding penalty put the Packers back on their own 10 and Starr's fumble darkened the situation. Two plays later Kostelnik and Davis belted Arnett hard and Aldridge recovered the inevitable fumble and the Bays were safe on their own 28. A Chandler punt forced the Bears to start from their own 17, and the defense came up with two big plays. Davis threw Bukich for an eight-yard loss and on the next Wood intercepted a pass aimed at Ditka and cut to his left, juking out Riley Mattson near the goal line to go in standing up. Chandler converted at 6:54.

PACKERS' 2D-HALF DRIVES BEAT BEARS

REAL SHORTIE

The Bays kept up the defensive pressure and the offense got another shot, with Pitts and Taylor ripping off 15 yards to midfield. A six-yard loss for Starr forced a Chandler punt and the Bears, trying to block it, were called for roughing the kicker. The Pack's noted rookies, Donny Anderson and Jim Grabowski, got in a few licks at the end. Donny made six up the middle, Grabo got three but then Anderson was caught for a five-yard loss when Frank Cornish broke through. That was about it...The game was played in 2 hours and 14 minutes – a real shortie but one that will be long remembered in Packerland.

GREEN BAY - 0 0 10 7 - 17
CHICAGO - 0 0 0 0 - 0

	<u>GREEN BAY</u>	<u>CHICAGO</u>
First downs	12	6
Rush-yards-TDs	35-121-1	30-42-0
Comp-Att-Yd-TD-INT	8-19-80-0-1	12-23-69-0-3
Sacked-yards	3-21	2-17
Net pass yards	59	52
Total yards	180	94
Fumbles-lost	2-1	2-1
Turnovers	2	4
Penalties-yards	3-23	6-74

SCORING

3rd - GB - Paul Hornung, 1-yard run (Don Chandler kick) GREEN BAY 7-0

3rd - GB - Chandler, 30-yard field goal GREEN BAY 10-0

4th - GB - Wood, 20-yard interception return (Chandler kick) GREEN BAY 17-0

RUSHING

GREEN BAY - Jim Taylor 17-66, Elijah Pitts 8-40, Paul Hornung 6-11 1 TD, Jim Grabowski 1-3, Donny Anderson 2-1, Bart Starr 1-0

CHICAGO - Gale Sayers 15-29, Brian Piccolo 1-5, Rudy Bukich 2-4, Jon Arnett 5-3, Joe Marconi 1-2, Ronnie Bull 6-(-1)

PASSING

GREEN BAY - Bart Starr 18-8-80 1 INT, Elijah Pitts 1-0-0

CHICAGO - Rudy Bukich 23-12-69 3 INT

RECEIVING

GREEN BAY - Jim Taylor 4-42, Boyd Dowler 1-15, Carroll Dale 1-13, Elijah Pitts 1-6, Paul Hornung 1-4

CHICAGO - Jon Arnett 4-3, Gale Sayers 3-21, Mike Ditka 2-26, Jim Jones 2-10, Duane Allen 1-9

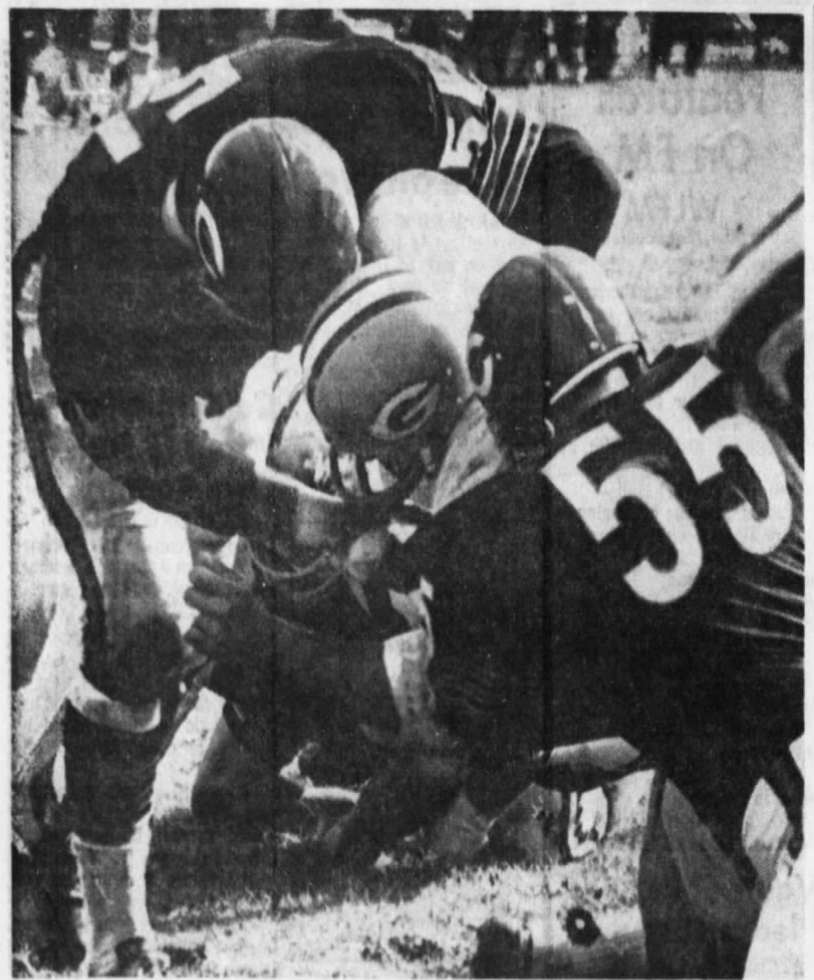
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LOMBARDI, HALAS SALUTE PACKERS' DEFENSIVE PLAY

OCT 17 (Chicago-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – One of the first things Vincent Thomas Lombardi spread upon the record when he arrived in Green Bay to rejuvenate

the then floundering Packers was, "I am not a funny man." He has his moments, however. One of them came Sunday afternoon, while the generalissimo of Green Bay's defending world champions was holding forth for the benefit of the press in the somewhat claustrophobic quarters afforded visiting coaches at ancient Wrigley Field, minutes after his tigers had stifled Chicago's unhappy Bears, 17-0. Lombardi essayed a bit of levity when one scribe, obviously expecting a lavish response, asked him to comment upon the performance of the Packer defense. "I thought they were lousy," Vince replied with a smirk, momentarily startling his questioner and eliciting a collective chuckle from the assembled fourth estate. Lombardi shortly offered a more serious amendment, "I think what they did was obvious." Then, summing up his evaluation in one succinct sentence, he appended, "I thought we got ready to play a football game – It was that simple." "And we beat a helluva good football team," he continued, shaking his head in wonder and adding, "Every time I see Sayers (Gale) make a move out there, I lose another year of life." How, he was asked, had the Pack contained the Bruins' spectacular sophomore? "We just contained him the way we always do – turn him in. The halfbacks turn him into the pursuit – that's as old as the game of football itself." Did this mean he preferred to see Sayers run inside? Lombardi fixed his questioner with a slightly incredulous smile, then replied. "Sayers will kill you inside, too. I'd rather have him sitting on the bench, frankly." Although he patently had been elated with the effort of the defense, Vince labeled the Pack's 65-yard push to their first touchdown,

following the second half kickoff, as “the turning point. It was the turning point, because it established we could move the ball.” Had he made any changes at halftime to bring this about? “No, none,” the one-time Block of Granite declared, “we just realized there were some places we weren’t going, and we did in the second half.” Had it been Kilkullen (tackle Bob), a Chicago newsman wanted to know, that the Packers had been “running at” most often? “No, it was not,” Lombardi shot back without the slightest hesitation. His team had appeared to be having offensive problems in the first quarter, it was noted. Any explanation? “We tried to get too fancy,” he chuckled. “We went to the double wing a couple of times.” Did he think the Bears were tougher to beat at home? “I’ve never given much credence to this idea of bring at a disadvantage playing away from home – not in pro football. In some parks that is so – there is a great advantage in playing at home. But that is because of the way the park is constructed – not because of the people. The way the park is constructed, the sound never gets out of there.” Queried about the condition of Paul Hornung, injured in the second quarter, Lombardi responded, with emphasis, “Hornung’s all right. He’ll be ready next week. All of our players,” he smiled, “always are ready the next week.” And Bill Anderson (Packer tight end hurt earlier in the afternoon)? “Anderson has been playing with two cracked ribs,” Vince explained. “He got hit there again, I guess.” Asked if he originally had planned to use



Paul Hornung Drives over for the Green Bay Packers' first touchdown against the Bears Sunday in Chicago. Dick Butkus (51) and Doug Buffone (55) try vainly to halt him. The Packers won, 17-0. (AP Photo)

his two prize rookies, Donny Anderson and Jim Grabowski, Lombardi said, “I had every intention of playing them, but like many good intentions, they just remained intentions.” How had he gotten the Pack ready for this one? “All you have to do is mention the Bears,” he said. “And you mention Green Bay to them and I’m sure it’s the same there.” Could he remember the last time the Packers had registered a shutout? “I’m not interested in shutouts. Neither is the defense,” he said, adding with a smile, “We’re interested in one-point victories.”...George Stanley Halas, the Midway Monsters’ venerable owner-coach, was not his usual urbane self in the wake of his hirelings’ third loss in five ventures, which was entirely understandable. Halas, who had to be keenly aware that this latest defeat significantly dimmed the Bruins’ Western Division championship hopes, did not hold lengthy and jovial court for the press and old comrades in Wrigley Field’s Pink Poodle after the game, as has been his time-honored custom. The 71-year-old Papa Bear left early, but while making his exit did grimly observe: “We haven’t made so many mistakes on offense – interceptions, fumbles, running into punters, penalties – in a good many years. That, combined with Green Bay’s fine defense, was the story. The Packers played a great defensive game.” Why had not quarterback Rudy Bukich thrown to the Bears’ running backs, as he had done with such success in the Chicagoan’s 13-10 Midwest Shrine game victory over the Pack at Milwaukee in August? “We just didn’t throw to the backs today,” Halas replied, as he took his solemn leave. He did not elaborate...PACKER PATTERN: Jim Seymour, Notre Dame’s gifted sophomore receiver, was a guest of the Packers, along with Julius Tucker, the dapper South Bend, Ind., businessman who has been a longtime advisor to Notre Dame athletes. Also on the scene was strapping Urban Henry, the former Packer tackle and artist, who reported, “This is the first pro game I’ve ever saw.” Henry, who played seven years of professional football in Canada and with the Rams, Steelers and Packers, pointed out, “I played in every other game I’ve ever come to.” He now is living in Morgan, La., where he heads up the Packer Diving & Salvage Co., in which Packers Jerry Kramer and Jim Taylor are partners. “We work mostly for oil companies,” Henry explained...Ten pert young lasses, attired in patriotic-type red, white and blue hats and skirts and white blouses, paraded in front of the stands before the game with shopping bags which proclaimed, “Fight High Prices: Elect Charles Percy Senator.” They also posed for photographers pinning an “I’m for Percy” badge on Mike Pyle, the Bears’ center... A precise and polished Wheeling, Ill., High School band, one of the finest prep units in the land, staged a deft and colorful performance between halves.



The Packers' Carroll Dale (84) is hauled down by the Bears' Jim Purnell (53) Sunday in Chicago. Green Bay scored and Dave Whitsell (23) after taking a pass from Bart Starr for a 10-yard gain a 17-0 win. (AP Photo)

WE WERE LOOKING FOR BIG PLAY – WOOD

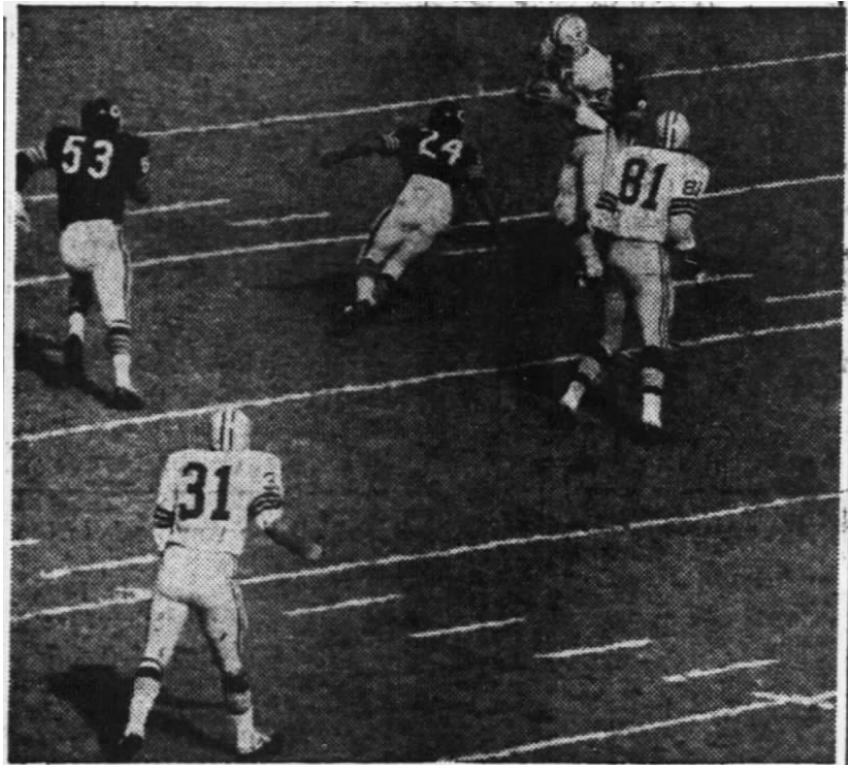
OCT 17 (Chicago-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – “That was the one we were looking for – the big play,” a puckish Willie Wood bubbled. In the event there is any question, the all-pro safety was reflecting upon his most recent heroic, a highly opportune interception and 20-yard scamper to a fourth quarter touchdown which had sealed the Packers’ 17-0 conquest of their immemorial enemies, the Chicago Bears, in Wrigley Field Sunday afternoon. Continuing to towel himself in front of his locker, Wood informed, “Dave Robinson was over there, too. In fact, I thought he was going to pass down. When I picked it off, Henry Jordan came over to block for me, too.” Willie, who had negotiated the distance untouched at 6:54 of the final period to uphold a still tenuous 10-0 lead, further explained, “Number 75 (Bear guard Riley Mattson, the only Bruin anywhere near Wood) never was in a position to tackle me. He was stumbling all the way – he had to get off the ground to come over and he couldn’t get his balance...It was a clean play all the way.” The pass had been intended for Mike Ditka, the Bears’ accomplished tight end, and the interception had not been entirely accidental, Wood reported. “We had double coverage on Ditka in the second half,” he revealed. “We learned in the first half that every time they had a big play, they went to Mike, so we double covered him.” “It’s a type of strategy that sometimes works out, and sometimes it doesn’t. This time,” Willie

noted with satisfaction, “it did.” Rugged Ray Nitschke, the author of another valuable interception (it led to a 30-yard Don Chandler field goal in the third quarter), had had no all-the-way ambitions, he confided. “I just wanted to have possession of the ball,” Ray, whose theft garnished a brilliant overall performance, explained, “I just wanted the interception.” Still another interceptor, the jetlike Herb Adderley, confessed with a smile, “I was trying to take it in.” Adderley, who sprinted 44 yards to the Bears’ 17 after waylaying a Rudy Bukich pitch, added, “I got quite a few blocks on it. I don’t know whether I set ‘em up or not, but I was looking for white shirts.” His contribution subsequently was unproductive, Chandler missing a 29-yard field goal with 40 seconds left in the first half. Two doors down, the Packers’ placement specialist was paying heartfelt tribute to the defense. “You’ll never see a defense play better than ours played today,” he asserted. Later, discussing his own efforts, Chandler admitted with a slow smile, “I needed it,” referring to his third quarter success, following two misadventures in the first half. “You try not to let it, but it’s bound to get you down a little. You’re going to make more than you miss – that’s the way I’ve got to figure it.” Analyzing the two that went awry earlier in the day, he said, “I just missed the first one – that’s the only explanation. The other one (a 47-yarder in the second quarter) was right down the middle, but it was too short.” Carroll Dale, who materialized opportunely to recover Boyd Dowler’s fumble on the Bear 5 to preserve the Pack’s touchdown drive, explained his presence with, “I was coming back to block for him.” “I remember in our exhibition game against the Bears in Milwaukee, I wasn’t there when he happened to fumble after catching a pass.” The soft-spoken Tennessean added, “When you’re doing your job and hustling to help out, you’ll be there.” “Of course,” he pointed out, “they had a couple of boys there who were tackling, and they didn’t see the ball. That helps, also.” In another corner of the dressing room, Willie Davis was delivering a scholarly analysis of the defense’s resounding success in throttling the Bruins’ passing game. “I think it was a combination,” the all-pro end said. “We got good coverage from our deep guys, which gives us that extra seconds to get in there. And we in the line made an effort to put the pressure on.” And Gale Sayers? “You know he’s great, of course. The only thing you can do is try to get as many men as we can where he is going to be running. If you can cut off his initial route, if you can make him make a 90-degree change in his route, you have a much better chance of containing him...You have to get the right angle of pursuit to stop him...” “VERY CONCERNED”: “We were very concerned,” the Pack’s articulate defensive captain continued, “about their coming straight at us. We have

been hearing that people have been saying they can run at us that way. The only thing we could do is go at 'em as tough as we could." Summing up, Davis declared, "Overall, it was merely a matter of being alert and playing the situation without making a mistake." He shortly added, with quiet contentment, "It has to be one of the biggest challenges we have faced this year...and one of the most satisfying."...Although Bear Coach George Halas had been sparing in his comments about the Chicago version of the afternoon's proceedings, the forthright Ditka was a little less voluble. As newsmen gathered around the former all-pro, a Windy City scribe ventured, "They seemed to have a very good book on you (the Bears.)." "That's a polite way of putting it," Ditka shot back, a trifle bitterly. Attempting to pinpoint where the Monsters had failed, Ditka declared, "We forgot to do what we do best. We didn't follow our game plan. A lot of time, they took it away from us, but a lot of the time..." he added, and his voice trailed off. "If it breaks, it's beautiful." "We started to follow, but we seemed to get away from it later. I'm not blaming Bukich," Ditka wanted it known, "but the quarterback has to listen to what you're told. If we'd stayed with our game plan, it probably would have come back." "That sounds like a lot of double talk," Mike snorted, turning to comb his hair before a mirror. "I don't even know if I know what I'm talking about." Before he left, however, he volunteered one other piece of information. "They were using a combination defense," he said, "and you've got to hit 'em in the hook areas - with short passes to the end or back - in that situation." "We've got another game with 'em," Ditka said as he headed toward the door, "haven't we? We'll probably show up that day." A somewhat taciturn Bukich declined to be drawn into a discussion of the Bears' offensive shortcomings, asserting, "I don't think I should comment on the game plan." Did this mean he did not approve of it? "But that I mean I think Coach Halas should comment on it, not me," was the careful reply. Halfback Jon Arnett, who had overheard the last, firmly interposed, "I'll say one thing, it wasn't Rudy's fault. When the offense doesn't score any points, it's more than one man's fault."

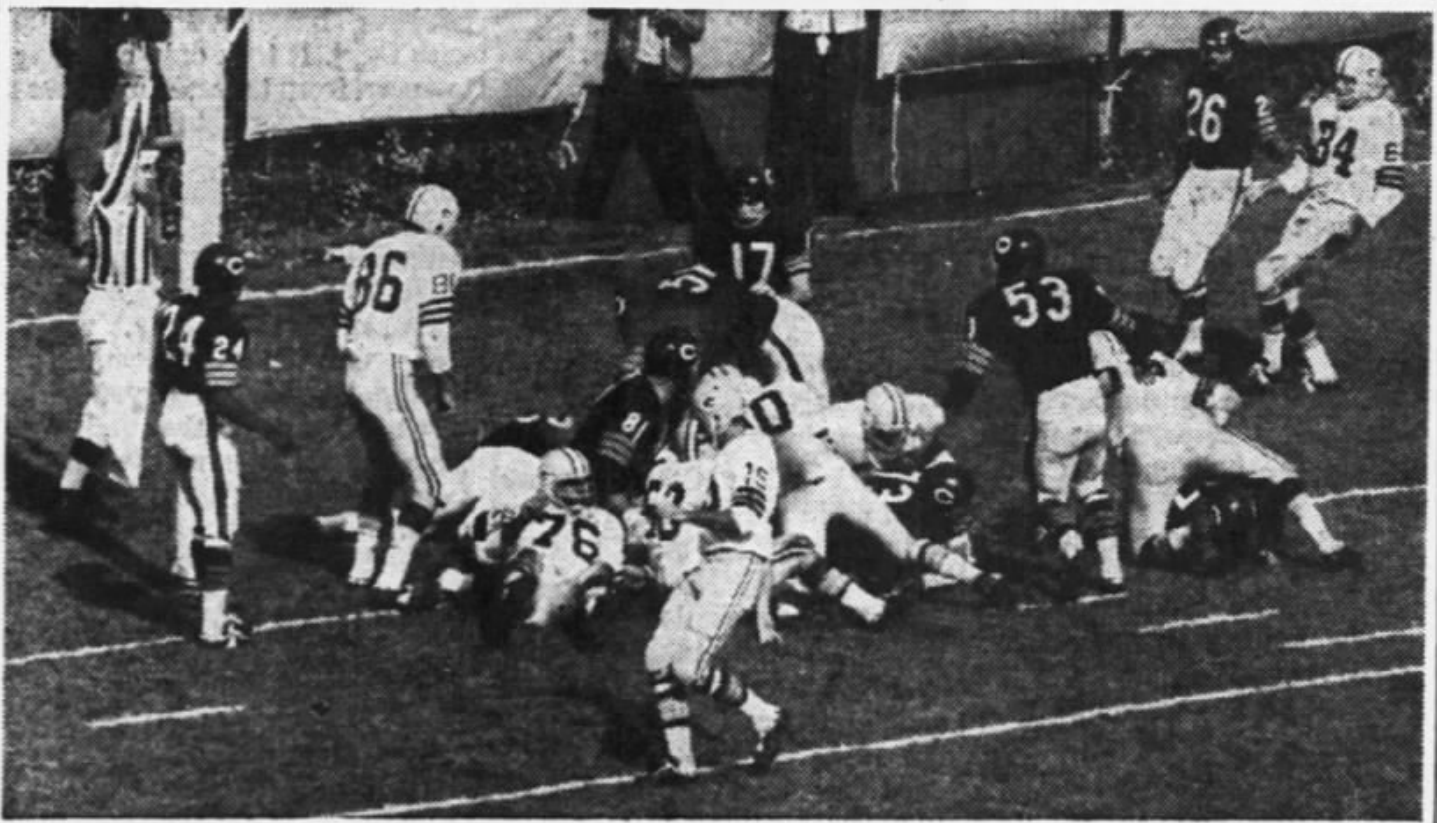
PACKERS' ADRENALIN UP FOR BEARS

OCT 17 (Chicago Tribune) - The Green Bay Packers defense proved once again yesterday why it is the best in the land. After the Packers had squeezed the last ounce of breath out of the Chicago Bears, Coach Vince Lombardi's men talked eagerly of their 17 to 0 shutout. They told a tale of togetherness. They spoke of the mechanics of football, but they also spoke of spirit. They used words like "adrenalin," "combativeness," "stature"...LAUD "40-MAN" EFFORT: "This was a 40-man achievement," said defensive end Willie Davis, one of the ringleaders in the Packers' violent campaign of harassment against Rudy Bukich and Gale Sayers. "We built up to this game all



Boyd Dowler, fast in clutches of Bears' Bennie McRae, couldn't keep possession of ball after catching Bart Starr pass. He fumbled at Bear 5-yard line, but ball eluded Roosevelt Taylor (24), Jim Taylor (31), Jim Purnell (53), Marv Fleming (81), was recovered by Carroll Dale of Packers. Moments later, Paul Hornung burst one yard for first touchdown in Green Bay's 17 to 0 victory. [TRIBUNE Staff Photos]

week and today - well, all I can say is I used up every bit of adrenalin in my body. The Bears are one fine football team, I'll tell you, but they met a finer one today." As the Packers, one by one, discussed their game preparations, it became increasingly obvious that the bulk of their defensive planning centered on ways to handcuff Sayers, the Bears' all-pro halfback. "Sayers is the kind of guy that scares you to death," asserted Davis. "You have to key on him constantly. You have to have terrific team pursuit"...CAN'T GUARD ALONE: "You have to gang tackle him, that's what you have to do," said linebacker Ray Nitschke, who calls the Packers' defensive signals. "One man can't always stop Sayers. You have to double up on him, but without leaving yourself vulnerable elsewhere." If the Packers were vulnerable anywhere yesterday, the Bears didn't spot the weakness. Lombardi, surrounded by reporters in the dressing room, conceded that it was a splendid effort. "We got ready to play a football game," exclaimed the Packer mentor in a hoarse voice. "It didn't take any sermons from me to reach this kind of combativeness. All the Packers have to do is hear the word 'Bears' and they're ready." Lombardi had kind words for the Bears in general and Sayers in particular. "The Bears is a fine football team, and I mean it," he said. "Sayers? You can't watch him carry the ball without losing a year off your life." How did the Packers contain



Official (left) signals touchdown as Hornung drives over goal line under swarm of players in third quarter.

Packers' Adrenalin Up for Bears

Sayers' end sweeps? "We just concentrated on turning him in," said Lombardi. "We never let him get outside us. Sometimes that's easier said than done, but we managed it today." Phil Bengtson, the Lombardi aid who developed the defense that presses and presses until it forces opponents into serious mistakes, said his men throttled Bukich and Sayers by a combination of effort. "The front four rush men did a great job," said Bengtson, "and you won't see any finer deep coverage than our backs showed you today. They really showed their stature. We only blitzed with our linebackers once, and it turned out to be a running play rather than a pass." Tackle Hank Jordan, one of the rush men, said the Bears "started coming at me right from the start." "I don't know what they were trying to prove," quipped Jordan, "but they were running at me like they thought I wasn't there." Three Packers latched onto passes by Bukich, who has yielded eight interceptions in five games. In the second quarter, Herb Adderley, Mr. Cornerback in the books of all NFL teams, fielded a Bukich rifle shot which ricocheted off Tom Brown and returned 44 yards to the Chicago 17. "The two Bear receivers were Mike Ditka and Dick Gordon, but I couldn't tell which Bukich was trying to hit," said Adderley. "He threw too long for Ditka, who was running a turn-in pattern, and too short for Gordon, who was running a post. I saw the ball coming all the way and I was ready for it." Nitschke said he was just in the right spot at the right time when he plucked off a Bukich pass intended for Jimmy Jones in the third period and bolted 23 yards to the Bear 30 to set up a 30-yard field goal by Don Chandler. Willie Wood, who ran a Bukich pass 20 yards to a touchdown in the final quarter, said he noticed that Bukich was throwing to Ditka in key situations. "When it came up to third down, I tightened up on Mike. The linemen put a good rush on Rudy, and the ball came right to me."...NO OFFENSE TO SPARE: The Packer offense, though led skillfully by quarterback Bart Starr, was just good enough to get the job done. The Bear defense got in its licks repeatedly on Starr, and the two Green Bay running backs, Paul Hornung and Jim Taylor. "My pass protection was fine," Starr said. "It had to be because the Bear rush was as good as any I've seen. They're rough, make no mistake about that." A key Packer play was Starr's 16-yard pass to Taylor over the middle in the third quarter. The completion put Green Bay on the Bay 21 and set up a one-yard touchdown plunge by Hornung five plays later. "I sent Hornung and Boyd Dowler deep to clear out the defense," explained Starr. "Taylor ran a delayed pattern."...HORNUNG INJURY MINOR: Hornung suffered recurrence of his chronic neck injury when he drove over right guard behind Taylor for the touchdown. "I'm all right," he said later, "except that it's sore as heck." Taylor, who



Green Bay's Willie Wood (24) heads for the Chicago Bear end zone with an intercepted pass in the fourth quarter of play yesterday. Henry Jordan (74) moves in to clear path for him. Touchdown and extra point made the score 17 to 0.

learned from Lombardi not only how to play football, but how to talk football, has this explanation for the awakening of the Packer offense in the second half: "We executed well and we came off the ball well."

DITKA'S LAUGH ON LOSS STOIC, NOT SIDESPLITTING

OCT 17 (Chicago-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – One Bear laughed yesterday. It was a laugh without a smile, and it was a reluctant tribute to the Green Bay Packers' precise, intelligent defense. It was Mike Ditka's laugh in response to a query about why short passes had figured so prominently in the Bears' frustrated offensive plans yesterday against the Packer defense. "Their defense made us play the short passing game. They took away the running game from us and gave us just what they wanted to give us," the Bear tight end responded. Indeed, the Packers did that. Linebacker Ray Nitschke and defensive ends Willie Davis and Lionel Aldridge completely contained Gale Sayers' wide sweeps, holding the Kansas Comet to 5 yards gained on eight running plays outside the Green Bay ends. When quarterback Rudy Bukich went to the short passes, the Packers picked off three and converted two of the interceptions into 10 points. A Bukich pass bounced off end Jimmy Jones' shoulder pads in the third quarter and Nitschke grabbed it, setting up an eventual field goal by Don Chandler. "I thought the ball was going to be

there after I made my turn upfield," Jones explained. "Instead, it was there before I could turn, and it went through my arms and hit my pads." Bukich explained that the interceptions were caused because the Green Bay defense was not covering Bear receivers. "We felt we could get the ball to those receivers who they were laying off of," he said. Bukich could not or would not tell reporters his intended target on the first interception by Herb Adderley late in the first half when Chicago was advancing toward a possible score after Doug Atkins intercepted a Bart Starr pass. "I think he (Bukich) was throwing to Dick Gordon," said Ditka, who was a possible short receiver on the throw. "I didn't even see the ball until after Tom Brown (Packer safety) deflected it into Adderley's hands." "It was an end crossover pattern," Bukich said, "and I thought I had one of them in my sights." Bukich said he could not remember anything about the final interception, which Willie Wood gathered in at the Chicago 20 and swept over for the final score. The toss, another short attempt over the middle, was intended for Ditka. Coach George Halas had praise for the Chicago and Green Bay defenses. "Our defense played a great game," Halas said, "but our mistakes killed us offensively. Their defense was just terrific." Halas pointed to the inability of the Bears to capitalize on their biggest break as the probable turning point of the 17 to 0 defeat. "I thought Starr's fumble (early in the final quarter at the Green Bay 11-yard line) was it. I thought that was going to turn it for us." Two plays later, however, Jon Arnett fumbled and Aldridge recovered for the Packers. Another key play for the unfortunate Bears occurred in the opening minutes of the second half when the Packers put on their one sustained march for a touchdown. Defensive back Bennie McRae of the Bears grabbed the ball from the hands of Boyd Dowler, the Packer flanker who had just clutched a Starr pass at the Bear 5. "I pulled the ball out of his hands, but it bounced away," McRae said. Packer end Carroll Dale recovered the ball before either McRae or Roosevelt Taylor could reach it. "I was trapped under Dowler," Taylor said, "and I couldn't get back to the ball." Dave Whitsell, the Bears right cornerback, kept the Packers off the scoreboard in the first half when he forced Don Chandler to miss a 29-yard field goal attempt. "I got in there fast enough to force him to either kick wide or hit me," he said.

PACKERS PLAY BEST 'UNDER PRESSURE'

OCT 18 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – It is pleasantly significant today that the Packers played their two best defensive games against the major pretenders to their championship throne – the Colts and Bears. They beat Baltimore 24 to 3 in the opener Sept. 10 and 36 days later blanked Chicago 17 to 0. These two games prove beyond a suspicion of a doubt that (1)



Escape Artist—Packer quarterback Bart Starr, realizing there's a Bear behind him, lifts foot out of grasp of Doug Atkins in this third quarter action in Chicago Sunday. Starr escaped and threw a 12-yard pass to Jim Taylor to keep the 65-yard touchdown drive going. (Biever Photo)

the 1966 Packers can reach the heights in the key games and (2) they aim to successfully defend their championship. The Pack's strong showing against these two teams was mentioned to Vince Lombardi this morning and the Packer coach opined: "We seem to play better under pressure and this was true in our first four games...and, of course, against the Bears." After that opening victory over Unitas & Co., the Packer nipped the Browns 21-20 and then trimmed two rugged Western clubs, the Rams 24-13 and the Lions by 23-14, under the pressure of winning at home. Then came the pressure-free test at San Francisco – a 21-20 loss. The Packers did an amazing defensive job on the Gale Sayers-powered Bears and to say that the Packers were well prepared is the understatement of the year. The key was stopping Sayers, the devastating antelope, who represents a potential six points everytime he touches the ball. Sayers was limited to 29 yards in 15 carries. Lombardi praised the defense immediately after the game, and today he reiterates his remarks, noting: "Davis was outstanding and Aldridge played his best game this season. Kostelnik did a fine job and the outside linebackers, Coffey and Robinson, and the cornermen (Jeter and Adderley) did a great job keeping the Bears from going outside the defensive perimeter." This was the key – keeping the Bears boxed in out wider and forcing them inside. The Bears finished 89 yards for the day and only 37 rushing. Two Packers bettered that rush figure – Jim Taylor with 66 and Elijah Pitts with 40. The Packers actually threw the Bears for 43 yards in losses in 11 plays – four times in the first quarter, three in the second and four times in the crucial fourth. Sayers was tossed five times, Ron Bull two, Jon Arnett two and Rudy Bukich two (trying to pass). On four other plays the Bears were stopped for no gain – Bull twice and completed passes from Bukich to Sayers and Arnett. The Bears were held to one yard gains

on four other plays and two yards on five plays. Thus, on 24 of their 54 offensive plays (rushes and passes), the Bears gained 29 yards. The dangerous Sayers turned in the Bears' "longest" plays of the day – a nine-yard rush in the third quarter and a 19-yard gain on a pass from Bukich in the first quarter...**LOT OF SNAP:** Lombardi said he was pleased with the Packer offense and reminded that the Bears "played themselves a fine defensive game, too. You have to give them credit." He noted that "we had a lot of snap when we came out of the huddle. We looked like we were ready to do something." The Packers slammed 65 yards in 12 plays for their lone offensive touchdown with the second half kickoff. It was the first score of the game and served as a great tonic for the Packer defense. And getting back to that Colt game, the Packers did the same offensive thing...They took the second half kickoff and moved 79 yards in 10 plays for a touchdown. The Packers worked out lightly today before hearing a report from Scout Wally Cruise on the Falcons – next Sunday's opponent in Milwaukee.

PITTS WANTED NO PART OF STORMING FORTUNATO

OCT 18 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Bart Starr threw a little flare pass out to Elijah Pitts in the fourth quarter at Chicago Sunday. The pass was incomplete but Pitts kept on running – right into the Bears' Joe Fortunato. Fortunato stormed at Pitts like he was going to start a fight...or say something. What happened, Elijah? "He wanted words with me but I didn't want to listen. I just wanted to get away from there."...The Packers' 17-0 victory was a first for Carroll Dale, who is in his second year in Green Bay after spending five years with the Rams. "I've never won a game in Wrigley Field. I played there five years with the Rams and about all we did was come close a couple of times. And we (the Packers) lost last year there," Carroll said. A native of Chicago, Ray Nitschke especially savors a victory over the Bears there. He reminded Dale, "those Bears are just as tough in Chicago as we are in Green Bay. They hate to lose at home – just like us."...A look at the game playbook: **ALREADY** – The game wasn't six minutes old when Dick Butkus flopped his 240 pounds on prone Jim Taylor after the Packer fullback was tackled and on the ground. Taylor made like he was going after a Bear but then quickly jumped

up and returned to his huddle, while the audience booed. Things to remember for Nov. 29 in Green Bay...**CLIPPING** – Three clipping penalties were called in the first quarter, all on kicks. Dick Gordon returned the opening kickoff 51 yards to the Packer 33 but the Bears clipped and the Bears started from their own 45. The Bays were called for clipping on a Bobby Joe Green punt and had to start a drive on their own 7. Near the end of the quarter, the Bears clipped on a Don Chandler punt and they had to open action on their own 15...**GANG-STERS** – The Packer defenders were gang-working so well that they often bumped into each other. In the first quarter, Lee Roy Caffey broke up a Rudy Bukich pass aimed at Jimmy Jones but it also broke up an interception by Bob Jeter. And Dave



Green Bay's Lionel Aldridge (82, right) zeroes in on loose ball fumbled by Bears' Jon Arnett (21) in fourth quarter yesterday. Fumble, caused by hard tackle by Willie Davis (87), Steve Wright (72), squelched Bears chances after they had recovered a fumble on the Packers' 10-yard line.

Robinson almost broke up Willie Wood's interception (for a touchdown) in the fourth quarter. The best gang work was done on Gale Sayers' wide runs. One linebacker would crack up the interference and two others would make the tackle...**NEW STREAK** – The Packers have a shoe-lost streak going. Elijah Pitts kicked one off on a short run against the 49ers in San Francisco a week ago and Doug Hart lost one covering a punt against the Bears. It scares a guy because when the one-shoe-off athlete runs after the shoe he limps...**PICTURE PLAY** – It was third down and five on the Bear 37 in the second quarter after Jim Taylor had gained five yards in two trips. Bart Starr went back to pass while Taylor "hid" in a blocking position behind the offensive line. Suddenly, Taylor galloped straight up field and Starr hit him with a 16-yard pass.

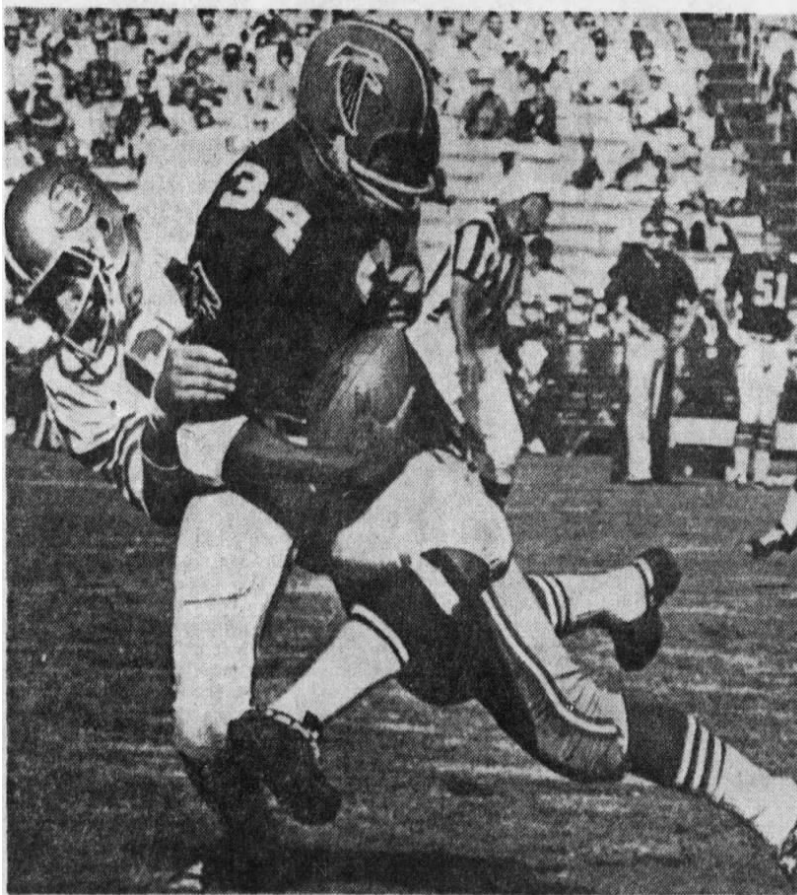
HECKER BEMOANS POOR RUSH OF PASSER BY FALCON LINEMEN

OCT 18 (Atlanta) – Coach Norb Hecker says he would hate to be playing in the defensive secondary for his Atlanta Falcons this year. "Playing in our defensive secondary would be the quickest way to get run out of pro football that I know of," the former NFL defender said. Hecker definitely has no plans to put on a uniform and pinch hit for the Falcons, who lost their sixth straight NFL game Sunday when John Brodie passed the San Francisco 49ers to a 44-7 victory...**CAN GET OPEN:** "With our poor pass rush, there is no way the defensive backs can cover the pass receivers," Hecker said. "We just don't have any ends and tackles that can rush the passer, and when a passer has time his receivers can always get open. They know where they're going, and the defenders don't," he added. "You can't give the passer as much time as we do and hope to keep him from completing passes." Brodie tossed three touchdown strikes against the Falcons and was never knocked off his feet by the Atlanta defense, finally leaving in the fourth quarter with his jersey a sparkling white. His replacement, George Mira, also hit on a touchdown toss, boosted to 12 the number of scoring passes allowed this year by the Falcons, who have given up an average 34 points



Willie Davis, Green Bay Packer defensive end, ponders a reporter's question before answering in a session in the Packers dressing room. Davis was cited as "Defensive Player of the Week" in the NFL for his spirited performance against the Chicago Bears last Sunday. The Packers beat the Bears, 17-0, to take the Western Division lead. (AP Wirephoto)

a game and have yet to win in their pro debut...**PLAYED DEFENSE:** Poor pass defense is particularly galling to Hecker because he played defensive back for six years in the NFL with the Los Angeles Rams and Washington Redskins, and was the defensive backfield coach for Green Bay before leaving the Packers to become the first Falcon coach. Hecker helped develop some of the NFL's finest pass defenders at Green Bay, including Willie Wood, Herb Adderley and Jesse



Two of the National Football League's newest offensive backs will be on display Sunday in Milwaukee County Stadium, when Green Bay's Packers meet Atlanta's Falcons. The Packers' Donnie Anderson (44) is shown, in the top photo, being stopped for no gain in a brief appearance against the Bears last Sunday. Anderson is used on kickoff returns and also is listed behind Paul Hornung and

Elijah Pitts at halfback. Jerry Kramer (64) precedes Anderson in the photo, while identifiable Bear is Ed O'Bradovich (87). Junior Coffey (34) is shown, at the bottom, being stopped after a short pass-play gain against the 49ers last Sunday. Coffey, who spent his rookie year with the Packers, leads the Falcons in rushing with a 4-yard average and ranks sixth in the NFL. (AP Photos)

Whittenton. The Falcons will be facing the Packers in their next game, playing Green Bay Sunday in Milwaukee. Hecker hopes to work out some of the defensive problems this week with a possible shakeup of personnel, and he also have available Nick Rassas, rookie defensive back who was All-America at Notre Dame. Rassas, a standout during the exhibition season, was hurt in preseason play, and has been on the injured list all fall.

DAVIS, DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF WEEK, TABS '10 OTHER GUYS'

OCT 19 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Willie Davis put the finger today on “10 other guys on our defense” after learning that he had been selected as Defensive Player of the Week by the Associated Press. Davis was accorded the honor – the first time he had won it – for his outstanding performance in the Packers’ 17-0 victory over the Bears in Chicago Sunday. “Something like this is always a real honor but if there was ever a time any one of the other 10 defensive players could have won it, this was it.” Davis caught the Bears’ Rudy Bukich twice for losses totaling 17 yards despite the fact that quick-throwing Rudy had been nipped only once in the Bears’ five previous games. “A great game,” said Coach Vince Lombardi after the battle, “the kind of a game Willie gives you every week.” Davis spearheaded a defense that limited the Bears to 68 yards, including 37 rushing...but he pointed “it was truly the work of the group that made it possible to stop them.” He referred to the other 10 – Ron Kostelnik, Lionel Aldridge, Hank Jordan, Dave Robinson, Ray Nitschke, Lee Roy Caffey, Bob Jeter, Herb Adderley, Tom Brown, and Willie Wood. Oddly enough, Davis succeeded a Bear – one Bennie McRae – as the Defensive Player of the Week. To which Davis remarked with a chuckle, “now I will have to be extra careful against the Falcons next Sunday.” Actually, McRae responded to his honor with a strong game against the Pack. The hard-pressed Bear back, shaken up a few times tackling the Packers’ Jim Taylor, paced a strong Bear defensive performance. The Packers’ defensive work thus far has given them a few asterisks in the league’s weekly batch of team statistics. The asterisks include that they are leading the league in: Average yards allowed (per game) 223.8; average total yards allowed passing 107.5; yards allowed passing 645; yards returned interceptions 243; first downs allowed by penalty 4; interceptions returned for touchdowns 3. The averages for total yards allowed and passing yardage allowed are amazingly low – compared to the rest of

the league. Next to the Pack’s 223.8 is the Cowboys’ 262.8 and next to the Bays’ 107.5 is the Colts’ 152.0...LINEBACKERS INTERCEPTING: Jeter, Caffey and Wood have returned interceptions for TDs. Next best is the Cardinals with 2. The Packers have 10 interceptions, the Cardinals 11. It is interesting to note that half of the Packers’

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LEADING SCORERS

	TR	TP	TT	XP	FG	FGA	TP
Reeves, Dal.	4	5	9	0	0	0	54
Bakken, St. L.	0	0	0	16	10	14	46
Michaels, Balt.	0	0	0	16	9	12	43
Bass, L.A.	7	0	7	0	0	0	42
Hayes, Dall.	0	7	7	0	0	0	42
Kelly, Clev.	7	0	7	0	0	0	42
Taylor, Wash.	3	4	7	0	0	0	42
Gossett, L.A.	0	0	0	13	9	21	40
Chandler, G.B.	0	0	0	15	8	16	39
Gogolak, N.Y.	0	0	0	10	9	14	37
Gogolak, Wash.	0	0	0	13	8	12	37

BEST PERFORMANCE: 18 points. Five Players are tied—(Michaels, Balt.; Kelly, Clev.; Hayes and Reeves, Dall.; Bass, L.A.)

LEADING PASSERS

(60 attempts)

	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds	TD	LP	Pct.	Avg. Yds.
			Comp.	Gnd	Pass	Int.	Int.	Gnd.
1. Starr, G.B.	132	83	62.9	1212	8	80	3	9.18
2. Meredith, Dall.	128	68	53.1	1292	14	74	3	10.09
3. Ryan, Clev.	135	77	57.0	972	10	54	2	7.20
4. Unitas, Balt.	137	78	56.9	1064	11	83	8	7.77
5. Jurgensen, Wash.	167	95	56.9	1345	10	86	9	8.05
6. Johnson, St. L.	143	80	55.9	1059	8	58	6	7.41
7. Tarkenton, Minn.	153	80	52.3	1082	6	68	5	7.07
8. Brodie, S.F.	122	68	55.7	778	6	63	6	6.38
9. Gabriel, L.A.	169	92	54.4	1152	4	84	8	6.82
10. Morrall, N.Y.	140	67	47.9	1038	7	98	11	7.41
11. Plum, Det.	146	82	56.2	943	4	63	13	6.46
12. Smith, Pitt.	74	34	45.9	627	4	84	8	8.47
13. Sneed, Phil.	153	67	43.8	900	5	48	8	5.88
14. Bukich, Chi.	123	58	47.2	561	1	45	8	4.56
15. Johnson, Atl.	102	44	43.1	650	3	53	8	6.37
16. Izo, Pitt.	76	33	43.4	342	2	37	6	4.50

LONGEST COMPLETION: 99 yds., Karl Sweetan, Det. vs. Balt. 10/16-TD. Standings based on: Pct.; TDs; Pct of Int.; Avg. Gain.

Leading Pass Receivers

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Mitchell, Wash.	28	527	18.8	70	5
Hilton, Pitt.	27	318	11.8	32	2
Studstill, Det.	26	536	20.6	99	3
McDonald, L.A.	26	296	11.4	20	0
Moore, L.A.	26	235	9.0	30	1
Smith, St. L.	24	399	16.6	58	2
Jones, N.Y.	24	595	24.8	98	6
Hawkins, Atl.	23	310	13.5	26	1
Parks, S.F.	23	275	12.0	28	2
Flatley, Minn.	22	345	15.7	33	2

Longest: 99 yds., Pat Studstill, Det. vs. Balt. 10/16-TD.

Interception Leaders

	No.	Yards	Long	TDs
Wilson, St. L.	4	121	91	1
J. Bradshaw, Pitt.	4	82	28	1
Williams, L.A.	4	65	30	0
Fichtner, Clev.	4	15	15	0
Howell, Clev.	4	8	8	0
Barnes, Clev.	3	120	54	0
Scarpato, Phil.	3	57	23	0
Stovall, St. L.	3	43	22	1
Robinson, G.B.	3	43	23	0

Longest: 91 yds., Larry Wilson, St. L. vs. Phil. 10/2-TD.

Leading Rushers

	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Bass, L.A.	99	489	4.9	30	7
Kelly, Clev.	85	465	5.5	57	7
Brown, Minn.	86	357	4.2	33	2
Sayers, Chi.	77	351	4.6	58	4
Green, Clev.	64	338	5.3	34	2
Coffey, Atl.	79	319	4.0	33	3
Taylor, G.B.	93	314	3.4	19	1
T. Brown, Phil.	89	299	3.4	23	3
Asbury, Pitt.	87	283	3.3	17	2
Marsh, Det.	78	273	3.5	24	1
Perkins, Dall.	61	264	4.3	24	2
Lorick, Balt.	58	262	4.5	25	1
Mercer, N.Y.	67	260	3.9	22	0
Nowatzke, Det.	73	258	3.5	17	0
Taylor, Wash.	72	244	3.4	24	3

Longest: 68 yds., Les Shy, Dall. vs. Phil. 10/9.

Best Performance: 138 yds., (20 atts.) Leroy Kelly, Clev. vs. N.Y. 10/2-TD.

Leading Punters

	No.	Ave.	Dist.	Long
Lee, Balt.	14	50.6		64
Studstill, Det.	33	43.3		66
Loehridge, Atl.	27	43.3		60
Walden, Minn.	25	43.0		70
Richter, Wash.	30	42.6		56
Baker, Phil.	28	42.6		63
Green, Chi.	28	42.4		69
Lambert, Pitt.	29	42.2		63
Koy, N.Y.	21	41.8		54
Davis, S.F.	29	41.3		60
Kilgore, L.A.	27	41.2		56
Villanueva, Dall.	19	40.8		50
Smith, St. L.	27	40.3		56
Collins, Clev.	18	39.2		48
Chandler, G.B.	26	38.6		51

Longest: 70 yds., Bobby Walden, Minn. vs. Chi. 10/2.

Punt Return Leaders

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Haymond, Balt.	12	177	14.8	64	0
Roland, St. L.	13	184	14.2	86	1
Stiger, L.A.	17	171	10.0	49	0
Lockhart, N.Y.	6	54	9.0	21	0
Vaughn, Det.	8	70	8.8	52	0
Alexander, S.F.	10	62	6.2	16	0
Shivers, St. L.	7	41	5.9	31	0
Harris, Wash.	10	44	4.4	10	0
Hayes, Dall.	7	30	4.3	18	0
Wood, G.B.	12	48	4.0	13	0

Longest: 86 yds., Johnny Roland, St. L. vs. Phil. 10/2-TD.

Kickoff Return Leaders

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Gordon, Chi.	7	255	36.4	94	0
Cross, L.A.	8	267	33.4	67	0
Shivers, St. L.	11	323	29.4	94	1
Williams, L.A.	6	163	27.2	38	0
Alexander, S.F.	14	377	26.9	49	0
Mazurek, Wash.	10	266	26.6	58	0
Looney, D-W.	6	152	25.3	34	0
Roland, St. L.	9	227	25.2	33	0
Garrison, Dall.	6	151	25.2	29	0
Ballman, Pitt.	9	225	25.0	70	0

Longest: 94 yds., Dick Gordon, Chi. vs. L.A. 9/16; Roy Shivers, St. L. vs. Clev. 9/25-TD.

interceptions have been made by the linebackers – a trend in the NFL. Robinson has three and Caffey and Nitschke one each. The count for the first 42 games of the NFL season is now 26 interceptions by the linebackers out of 124 total interceptions, a percentage of 21.0 by linebackers. In the 98-game 1965 season, linebackers made 50 of the 277 interceptions, or 18 percent. The Packers and Cowboys are virtually neck and neck in the top department – points allowed. Green Bay permitted 71 in six games, an average of 11.8, while the Cowboys allowed 55 in five games, an average of 11. Dallas visits Cleveland Sunday. The Packers went back to heavy work today after going through a light drill Tuesday and listening to a report on the Falcons from Scout Wally Cruice. The Falcons are headed by Norb Hecker, former Packers defensive backfield coach...and Norbie, noting the loss of the Braves to Atlanta, asked: "Do you think that they will boo an Atlanta team in County Stadium Sunday?"

TAYLOR LEADS BAYS IN 2 DEPARTMENTS
OCT 19 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The fact that tank-like James Charles Taylor is the Packers' leading ground gainer is hardly startling – it has been the Bayou Bronco's annual and exclusive property ever since 1960. But the Pack's all-time rushing king currently enjoys another distinction which deserves more than casual mention, considering the NFL's 1966 season now is nearing the halfway point. The bruising fullback playing on a team which boasts such gifted receivers as Boyd Dowler, Carroll Dale and Max McGee, also is leading the defending world champions in pass catching. The explanation? Taylor, relaxing in the Packers' well-appointed training room, leaned back in his chair, pulled thoughtfully on an imposing stogie and replied, "The linebackers are getting way back, respecting the backs. We're also getting some red dogs in there, and as a result, we've been hitting the open back."...**CAUGHT 20 IN SIX GAMES:** Most often, the incredibly hard-nosed Louisiana State alumnus has been "the open back." He has snared 20 passes for 184 yards and one touchdown in six games, four more than either Dale or Dowler, who are tied for second with 16 apiece. Two of those receptions loomed in Sunday's 17-0 throttling of the Bears in Chicago, it might be added, a total of 29 yards on the early third quarter drive Coach Vince Lombardi termed the turning point in the game. Taymor, who emerged as the game's No. 1 rusher with 66 yards in 17 thrusts, also ground out 11 yards in three stabs at the Bruin defensive wall on that push, thus personally contributing 40 of the 65 overall. Elaborating on his rise as a receiver, the 31-year-old Boca Raton, La., native pointed out,

	Avg. Yards	Avg. Rush'g	Avg. Pass'g
Dallas	434	156	278
Cleveland	366	180	186
Baltimore	344	126	217
Minnesota	337	145	191
San Francisco	312	116	195
Los Angeles	307	127	179
Washington	300	88	212
New York	298	98	200
Green Bay	275	110	185
Detroit	272	111	161
Philadelphia	265	122	142
Pittsburgh	261	83	178
St. Louis	260	98	161
Atlanta	258	109	149
Chicago	237	126	110

TEAM DEFENSE			
	Avg. Yards	Avg. Rush'g	Avg. Pass'g
Green Bay	223	116	107
Dallas	262	93	169
Chicago	266	113	152
St. Louis	278	104	174
Los Angeles	285	90	195
Cleveland	292	80	212
Minnesota	296	109	186
Baltimore	297	145	152
Washington	301	108	192
Detroit	301	130	171
Pittsburgh	306	117	188
San Francisco	323	144	178
Philadelphia	323	124	198
New York	344	137	207
Atlanta	400	158	242

“The opportunities are there – it’s the kind of defense they play... The give you that area between the linebackers and the line of scrimmage, and that’s where I’ve caught most of my passes. And I’ve had quite a few screens, too. They also count as a catch, and I’ve probably had more of those than in any other year at this stage.”...RECEIVING NEVER PROBLEM: Pass catching never has posed much of a problem for the multi-muscled veteran, he noted, “because I’ve played quite a bit of basketball, which I think has helped me with my ball handling and reactions. I think it’s almost entirely because of my basketball experience, because I had very little chance to catch passes in college. They don’t throw too much in college.” Although he still ranks among the NFL’s top ten, Taylor has had less success this season at his main forte, crashing enemy lines, and he is somewhat at a loss to explain it. “Maybe they are concentrating on trying to stop the rush – our ball possession type of games,” he soberly suggested. “I can’t put my finger on any other reason for the rushing game having fallen off. I feel I’m in better shape than I’ve been in some years. And I don’t feel the other teams are keying on me particularly.” As Packer fans may have deduced from viewing his thunderous collisions with NFL rivals over the last nine seasons, he is serious about his profession. Discouraging on his approach, Taylor matter-of-factly confided, “I say to myself, ‘The defensive team is over’ and I’m going to be on offense. Those eleven men (he gestured to an imaginary point a few feet away) are going to try to stop me from making yardage – they are my enemy. It’s like a field of combat.”...SERIOUS ABOUT PROFESSION: “They’re going to be rough and tough, and I’ve got to meet the challenge – and overcome their urge to stop me. They’re going to be beating the heck out of me,” he added, setting his

imposing jaw, “and I’m not going to start now by taking the worst of it.” The only man in NFL history to gain 1,000 yards for five consecutive seasons, Taylor says he has no personal goals in this thus far prosperous 1966 season. “I just want to do the best job I can and stay healthy,” he said.

‘ON ANY GIVEN SUNDAY’ CASE FITS PACKER-FALCON GAME

OCT 20 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – It’s not easy to build up a case for the Falcons. By the same token, it’s not necessary to do same for the Falcons because the Packers are adult champions and the Falcons are just boys – and wouldn’t you really rather hear about the Pack and how they’ll smother the Atlantas early and then unveil their rookies, chiefly Donny Anderson and Jim Grabowski? But ever since Bo McMillin and little Centre College knocked off Harvard and Knute Rockne started throwing the football against Army, the case for little nobody – like Atlanta – must be heard and considered. In modern pro football, the warning starts with “on any given Sunday” and ends with a tearful blanket-blank from the guy who was supposed to win. Two items stick in this craw. First the Packers, being human, could drop off some from the efficiency – especially on defense – they displayed in whacking the Bears 17-0 last Sunday. Second – the last time the Packers played a winless team they lost a 21-20 decision at San Francisco. That was a week ago Sunday. The 49ers went into that game with 0-2-1. The Falcons open Sunday with 0-6. The Falcons are dedicated to beating Green Bay. The most obvious reason is that Norb Hecker, the Falcon head coach, grew up as a pro coach during his seven years as Packer assistant under Coach Vince Lombardi, who can understand Norb’s feeling. Vince experienced this himself when he sent the Packers against the Giants for the first time (league game) in New York in 1959. The Packers played their hearts out that day but lost – and the Giants haven’t beaten Green Bay in nearly a dozen games. Two of Hecker’s assistants are ex-Green Bay Packers – John Symank, the former Packer defense back, and Tom Fears, former end coach. And three ex-Packers will be in the Falcons’ starting offensive lineup – if Dennis Claridge opens at quarterback. The other are Dan Grimm, regular right guard, and Junior Coffey, the left halfback. A fourth ex-Packer could start on offense – Gary Barnes, the split end who also saw action with the Cowboys and Bears. But don’t bet on Barnes. He likely will be replaced by Mr. Vern Burke, who caught six passes for 93 yards against the 49ers last Sunday. In case you have forgotten, Burke is the guy who created that historic sudden death playoff last Dec. 26. Burke caught the pass that gave the 49ers a tie in San Francisco, thus putting the Pack and Baltimore in a tie for the Division top. Jan Van Duser, the Falcons’ publicity chief, came up with some other choice bits in his first visit to Green Bay Wednesday. One of them smacked of a recent Packer opponent, the Bears. Van Duser referred to Larry Morris, the hero of the Bears’ 1963 championship game, who is now in top condition and ready to go. A late reportee, Morris played himself into shape. He probably will start at an outside linebacker spot. The other “item” is Taz Anderson, onetime Redskin, who has recovered from an injury and probably will open at tight end, replacing Billy Martin, the ex-Bear. The publicist said Hecker is happy with the Falcons’ blocking for rushing but “we’re not getting the blocking on passing that we’d like to get.” Coffey has taken good advantage of the Falcons’ good blocking and is sixth in the league with 319 yards in 79 attempts for an average of four per carry. He has five more yards than the Pack’s Jim Taylor, who has 314 in 93 trips for 3.4. Ernie Wheelwright, the fullback, is averaging 5.4 yards in 41 carries. The Falcons’ top receiver is



Dennis The Menace—Big Dennis Claridge, who learned his pro quarterbacking with the Packers, likely will open for the Falcons against the Pack in Milwaukee Sunday. He's shown above throwing a pass against the Redskins, while Ernie Wheel-

right puts a block on Chris Hanburger. Ex-Giant Wheelright is the Falcons' starting fullback while Junior Coffey, also a former Packer, is the regular left half.

Alex Hawkins, the former Colt who got his start with the Packers. Hawkins plays flanker and has nailed 23 passes for 310 yards. "We have our troubles scoring and look at this," Van Duser said, pointing to the Falcons' composite scoring by quarter, "we haven't scored a point in the fourth quarters of our first six games. That hurts."

GRABOWSKI, ANDERSON WAIT FOR CHANCE

OCT 20 (Green Bay) – Donny Anderson and Jim Grabowski of the Green Bay Packers, their fortunes already made, are waiting and watching from the bench for a crack at fame. The bonus rookies could get their best playing shot of the season Sunday when the once-beaten Packers meet the winless Atlanta Falcons in the NFL mismatch of the week. "I think we're ready to play if they put us in there," said Grabowski, a former Illinois All-

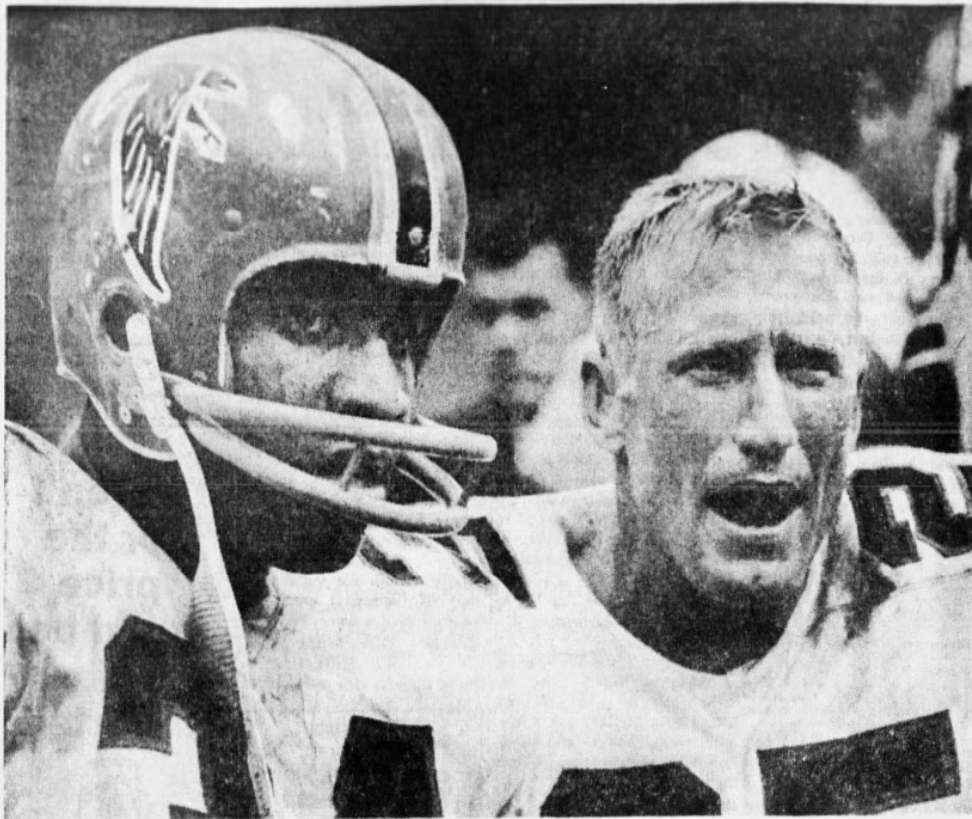
America who signed with the Packers for an estimated \$250,000. Neither Grabowski nor his friend Anderson, a Texas Tech All-America who signed for \$585,000, has seen much action this season. All of the Packers' games so far have been reasonably close. "With my luck, Sunday's game will be a close one," said Grabowski. "I'm waiting for my chance and I just hope I don't blow it."...**STAYING HEALTHY:** Ahead of the high-priced substitutes are Paul Hornung and Jim Taylor. Both veteran backs are having good years and both are staying healthy, keeping Grabowski and Anderson in the wings. "I understand the situation and I don't try to let it get to me," said Anderson, a halfback. "We both knew when we signed it was going to take a while, and, you know, it's such an honor just to be associated with the Packers. We know our time is coming, and we try to learn more every day so that if it does come, we'll be ready." Grabowski, a fullback, said he was happy in a way, that he wasn't called upon to play earlier in the season. "When I came up, I wasn't the most confident guy in the world. But I've gained a lot of confidence since and I'll get more as I play," Grabowski said. How could a player who statistically surpassed the great Red Grange at Illinois lack confidence? "It's just me," Grabowski replied. "It was something new for me. I know a lot of guys who played real well in college and couldn't make it in the pros. I just wasn't sure I could play in the NFL or anywhere else." Grabowski said a big factor in solving his confidence crisis was the attitude of the Packer veterans. "Everybody here was real good," said Grabowski. "They treated us just great and accepted us right away. They all have been real fine to us. No, there was no one person who came up and held my hand." Neither Grabowski nor Anderson, roommates on the road, is awestruck by the veterans keeping them on the bench, although Grabowski was in the beginning. "I watched Taylor and I said of myself, 'Gee Whiz! He's got everything.' Then, suddenly, I just felt I could play. I don't know what I felt that way. I know I haven't played that much to warrant that opinion. I just feel that I'm picking up." "Everybody on the ball club has been good about helping Jim and me," said Anderson. "They never know when we might have to play."

FALCON OWNER NOT DISPLEASED WITH HECKER

OCT 20 (Atlanta) – Coach Norb Hecker was given a vote of confidence Wednesday by the owner of the Atlanta Falcons, Rankin Smith. "I am in no way disappointed with Hecker or his coaching staff," Smith said. "When I hired him, I made the statement that whether we get Bear Bryant, Vince Lombardi or Hecker we were going to take some lickings. It's going to take time to build a winner, and I assure you Hecker's contract is long enough to assure him time to do it." Smith declined to say how long a contract was given Hecker, who team has lost all six NFL games this fall in the Falcons' first year of operation. The question of Hecker's coaching came up after rookie quarterback Randy Johnson criticized the coaches for alternating quarterbacks during a 44-7 loss to San Francisco Sunday. Hecker said he has talked to Johnson and the youngster apologized for his comments. Smith said he is convinced Johnson was misquoted.

PACKERS NOT EASY ON EXPANSION TEAMS

OCT 21 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Four Packers are observing birthdays this week – Zeke Bratkowski, Forrest Gregg, Boyd Dowler and Bill Curry. The Brat turned 35 Thursday, Gregg hit 33 Tuesday, Dowler was 29 Tuesday and Curry reached the ripe old age of 24 today. The Falcons (the Packer opponent in Milwaukee Sunday) have one going this week –



Heat of Action — Two familiar faces with the Atlanta Falcons watch the defense in action against the 49ers. They are former Packer Junior Coffey, left, the Falcons' leading ground gainer, and former Colt Alex Hawkins, the Falcons' top pass receiver. They'll lead offense against the Pack Sunday.

tackle Errol Linden, the former Viking, who hit 29 today. So the Packers win this week's Birthday bunting, 4 to 1...There's a Green Bay flavor about the Falcons and that's understandable with people like Norb Hecker, John Symank, Tom Fears, Dennis Claridge, Dan Grimm and Junior Coffey. But Falcon publicist Jan Van Duser hammered it home with this observation: "Coach Hecker ran a training camp which was typical of Green Bay. He had their tongue's hanging out. Everybody moaned except those three players we got from Green Bay. They were used to it..."The Packer aren't easy on expansion teams. They walloped the Cowboys in their first test against Green Bay 41 to 7 in 1960 and then topped the Vikings in their debut the following year, 33-7. In fact, the Packers played the Vikings back to back that season. The next Sunday in Milwaukee the Packers won 28-10...If things go right

Sunday for the Packers, Donny Anderson and Jim Grabowski, the Bays' Hornung and Taylor combo of the future, will see considerable action. But, as Grabo puts it, "with my luck, Sunday's game will be a close one. I'm waiting for my chance and I just hope I don't blow it." Stars in their own right in college and probably the most highly-publicized "pair" to end the pros, Anderson and Grabowski have an excellent attitude in their rookie seasons. Both realize they have plenty to learn and that the two gents in front of them (Paul Hornung and Jim Taylor) are the best in the business. Anderson expressed the feeling of both of them this way: "We both knew when we signed it was going to take a while, and, you know, it's such an honor just to be associated with the Packers. We know our time is coming, and we learn more every day so that if it does come we'll be ready." Coach Vince Lombardi, with the exception of the 49er game when Grabo went in for Taylor for one play, has used them at the same time. Donny has gained 22 yards in 5 attempts, Grabowski 10 in 3...It never ceases to amaze this scribe how a fan can boo one of his players, and this happens regularly in every park but Green Bay and Milwaukee. John Brodie was booed something fierce when he replaced George Mira in the 49ers' recent victory over the Packers in 'Frisco. The 49ers were sick over the incident. Fullback Ken Willard had this to say: "I've never been so ashamed or disgusted. There can't be any backbone in a person who'll take on a man who's injured as John (Brodie) was, who's respected by all of us as he is and who gives so much. It might even have brought us a costly penalty for poor conduct on the part of the home fans." John Davis Crow added: "I wouldn't blame the Green Bay people who were her for saying that we have the world's worst fans..."The Packers closed out the heavy part of their practice this week with a drill featuring passing today — plus a defense designed to stop up the Falcons' strong running game. The team will leave by bus Saturday morning and then loosen up at County Stadium upon arrival. They will headquarter at the Pfister Hotel.

FALCONS LEAD PACK IN RUSH, RECEIVING

OCT 22 (Milwaukee-Green Bay Press-Gazette) — It may come as a surprise that the Falcons are leading the Packers in rushing and pass receiving...individually, that is. Atlanta's top receiver, Alex Hawkins, has 23 catches. The Packers' leading catcher is Jim Taylor with 20. Junior Coffey is the Falcons' leading rusher with 319 yards. Taylor tops the Pack with 315. That's about the only figure consolation the Falcons have. Passingwise, Bart Starr leads the league

RUSHING					
	Att.	Yds.	Ave.	TD	
Coffey (A)	79	319	4.0	3	
Taylor (GB)	93	314	3.4	1	
Wheelright (A)	41	223	5.4	1	
Hornung (GB)	71	181	2.5	2	
Pitts (GB)	20	70	3.5	0	
PASSING					
	ATT.	Comp.	Yds.	Int.	TD
Starr (GB)	132	83	1222	3	0
Claridge (A)	51	30	334	1	0
Johnson (A)	102	44	650	8	3
PASS RECEIVING					
	No.	Yds.	L	TD	
Hawkins (A)	23	310	31	1	
Taylor (GB)	20	184	21	1	
Dale (GB)	16	309	78	2	
Dowler (GB)	16	199	25	0	
Hornung (GB)	13	187	44	3	
Burke (A)	12	187	45	0	
Fleming (GB)	12	172	53	1	
Martin (A)	12	140	22	0	
Barnes (A)	11	157	53	1	

while Randy Johnson is 15th. Dennis Claridge, the ex-Packer, is unranked because he hasn't thrown enough...**COMPLETION PERCENTAGE:** Some of Starr has worn off on Claridge – in the two years Dennis spent in Green Bay. Claridge has a lofty completion percentage of 58.8 on 30 completions in 51 attempts. There's only one better in the league – Starr's 62.9 on 83 completions in 132 attempts. Johnson has 44 completions in 102 attempts for a lowly 43.1. Young Randy has had eight interceptions but has thrown for three TDs. Teamwise, the Packers' biggest edge is in pass yardage, 1,119 to 894, but in rushing the Falcons are only one yard behind, 660 to 659. The biggest difference is on defense. Green Bay allowed 1,350 yards, Atlanta 2,404...**TIES IN:** The two clubs are tied in first downs, 92 each, but the Falcons allowed 138, the Packers 79. The Packers outyarded their foes, 5 to 3.9, while the Falcons have been outyarded, 6.2 to 4.6. The Falcons' kicking is handled by a Frenchman, Lou Kirouac, a five-year pro who saw service with the Giants and Colts. Kirouac hit four of six field goal attempts and 7-for-7 on extra points. He backs up Ed Cook at left guard. Atlanta's star returner is Ron Smith, the former Wisconsin star, who was obtained from the Bears. Smith was a whirlwind during the exhibition season, running three kicks back for touchdowns. He's averaging 21.9 yards on 16 kickoff runbacks and 12 yards on three punt returns.

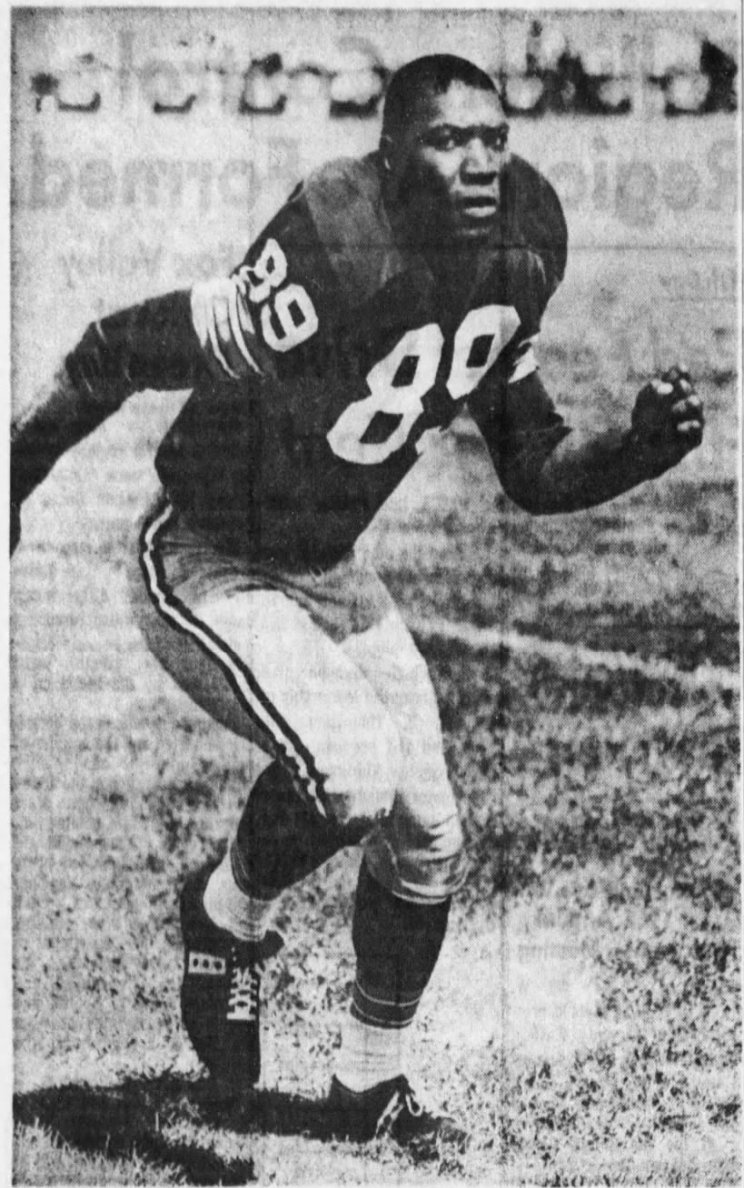
PACKERS RULE TOP-HEAVY FAVORITES TO WHIP ATLANTA FALCONS SUNDAY

OCT 22 (Milwaukee) – The Green Bay Packers, hoping to score more than three touchdowns in a game for the first time this season, entertain the defenseless Atlanta Falcons Sunday in an NFL mismatch. The powerful Packers, fresh from a 17-0 victory over the Chicago Bears, are top-heavy favorites over the winless Falcons, crushed by San Francisco 44-7 last Sunday. Atlanta, in its first season in the NFL, has incentive on its side but little else. The Falcons' coach, Norb Hecker, was a long-time assistant to Packers Coach Vince Lombardi. Three of the

Atlanta regulars, quarterback Dennis Claridge, guard Dan Grimm and halfback Junior Coffey were plucked from the Green Bay roster. Statistics are on the side of the Packers, who have won five of six games while taking a one-game lead in the Western Conference race. The Packers have scored 15 touchdowns to nine for the Falcons, and have allowed only eight touchdowns. Atlanta has allowed 23 and an average of 32 points per game. Opponents have ground out 400 yards a game against the Falcons, a league high. The Packers' defense has given up just 224 yards a game, a league low. The Packers have needed defensive brilliance. The Green Bay offense has been consistently low-keyed all season. While walking off with victories over Baltimore, Cleveland, Los Angeles and Detroit, the Packers were unable to put more than 24 points on the scoreboard. They managed only 20 points against the 49ers and lost 21-20. The Falcons are particularly vulnerable to the pass, allowing opponents an average of 242 yards through the air each Sunday. The Packers, who have been gaining only 185 yards a week passing, could boost their average. The Green Bay pass defense is the toughest in the league to crack. It has allowed only 108 yards passing per game. A sidelight that could prove more interesting than the game itself is the reaction of Milwaukee fans to an Atlanta team in County Stadium, for 13 seasons the home of the baseball Braves. The Braves' shift from Milwaukee to Atlanta after the 1965 National League season prompted a continuing legal struggle involving both cities.

FALCONS ADD 2 TO ROSTER FOR SUNDAY TILT

OCT 22 (Atlanta) – Bonus rookie defensive halfback Nick Rassas and former San Francisco running back Rudy Johnson have been brought from the injured list to suit for the Atlanta Falcons in Sunday's game with Green Bay. Both Rassas, who



Linebacker Dave Robinson will be in the starting defensive lineup when the Green Bay Packers tangle with the Atlanta Falcons Sunday afternoon at Milwaukee County Stadium. The Packers are current leaders in the Western Division with a 5-1 record. (Post-Crescent News Service Photo)

made All-America at Notre Dame, and Johnson have been on the injured waiver list with leg ailments suffered before the NFL season got underway. To make room for them, the waiver list now receives flanker Glenn Glass, Tennessee standout formerly with the Eagles, and the injured waiver list gets kicker Wade Traynham.

PACK, FALCON TARGET SINCE JULY, FACES UNKNOWN

OCT 23 (Milwaukee-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The Packers face a rather mysterious...and ticklish...situation in County Stadium this afternoon. Thought most of the Falcon players are no strangers to the Packers, they are an unknown quantity as a group. The Packers can be sure of this: The Falcons will play the most spirited game of their young lives because they, and Coach Norb Hecker, have been pointing to “the game with Green Bay” since training started last July. Atlanta goes into action with (1) an 0-6 record and (2) everything to win and nothing to lose. The Falcons were flat in losing a 44-7 decision to the 49ers in Atlanta last Sunday and there was a suspicion they were looking ahead to Green Bay. The Packers, on the other hand, were fiery in blanking the Bears in Chicago 17-0. The Packers undoubtedly will slacken off from their peak they reached against the Bears – especially on the defense. The offense, limited to one touchdown drive, should roar back. The fascinating business will start at 1:05 and a capacity crowd of over 48,000 will watch the Packers go for their sixth victory against one defeat. The game marks the close of the first half of the 1966 NFL season for both teams. At the start of the season, the Packers would have settled for 6-1 and the Falcons 0-6 at the midway mark. The Packers are rated at least a two-touchdown favorite to keep first place in the Western Division today. In other key games, the Rams (4-2) visit Chicago (2-3) and the Vikings (1-3-1) invade Baltimore (3-2). The Packers would like to see the Bears and Vikings win. The Falcons have a better “book” on the Packers than any other team since three players and two coaches were in the Green Bay ranks as recent as last year. They are, besides Hecker, end coach Tom Fears, right guard Dan Grimm, quarterback Dennis Claridge, and halfback Junior Coffey. Also on the staff is defensive backfield coach Johnny Symank, who finished his Packer career in 1962. Claridge likely will draw the starting assignment since he is far advanced over the sharp-throwing Randy Johnson in reading defenses. Claridge has completed 58.8 percent of his throws, and he’ll have to be that accurate against the alert Packer defense. Barring a barn burner, Coach Vince Lombardi figures to give his bench a good shot at action, and the two principals in this group are Donny Anderson and Jim Grabowski, the highly-touted rookie backs. They have seen limited action thus far. The other rookies are tight end Allen Brown and guard Gale Gillingham on offense and end Bob Brown, tackle Jim Weatherwax, linebacker Phil Vandersea and halfback Dave Hathcock on defense. Paul Hornung may be used sparingly – if at all, due to the shoulder injury he picked up while scoring the Packers’ first touchdown against the Bears. This means that Elijah Pitts may open with Jim Taylor at running back, along with Bart Starr and Boyd Dowler. The Falcons

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GREEN BAY PACKERS

No.	Name	Pos.
5	Hornung, PaulHB
12	Bratkowski, ZekeQB
15	Starr, BartQB
21	Jefer, Bob	.....HB
22	Pitts, Elijah	.....HB
24	Wood, Willie	.....HB
26	Adderley, Herb	.....HB
27	Mack, Red	.....FL
31	Taylor, Jim	.....FB
33	Grabowski, Jim	.....FB
34	Chandler, Don	.....K
37	Vandersea, Phil	.....FB
40	Brown, Tom	.....HB
43	Hart, Doug	.....HB
44	Anderson, Donny	.....HB
45	Hathcock, Dave	.....HB
50	Curry, Bill	.....C-LB
56	Crutcher, Tom	.....LB
57	Bowman, Ken	.....C
60	Caffey, Lee Roy	.....LB
63	Thurston, Fred	.....G
64	Kramer, Jerry	.....G
66	Nitschke, Ray	.....LB
68	Gillingham, Gale	.....G
72	Wright, Steve	.....T
73	Weatherwax, Jim	.....G
74	Jordan, Henry	.....T
75	Gregg, Forest	.....T
76	Skoronski, Bob	.....T
77	Kostelnik, Ron	.....T
78	Brown, Bob	.....E
81	Fleming, Marv	.....E
82	Aldridge, Lionel	.....E
83	Brown, Allen	.....E
84	Dale, Carroll	.....E
85	McGee, Max	.....E
86	Dowler, Boyd	.....E
87	Davis, Willie	.....E
88	Anderson, Bill	.....E
89	Robinson, Dave	.....LB

ATLANTA FALCONS

No.	Name	Pos.
7	Traynham, Wade	.....K
10	Claridge, Dennis	.....QB
11	Johnson, Randy	.....QB
14	Sloan, Steve	.....QB
20	Riggle, Bob	.....DB
22	Calland, Lee	.....DB
24	Sidle, Jimmy	.....HB-FB
25	Hawkins, Alex	.....E-FL
26	Lothridge, Billy	.....K
30	Wheelwright, Ernie	.....FB
31	Scales, Charley	.....HB
33	Morris, Larry	.....LB
34	Coffey, Junior	.....HB
36	Reaves, Ken	.....DB
37	Dunn, Perry Lee	.....HB
40	Smith, Ron	.....DB
43	Richardson, Jerry	.....DB
49	Glass, Glenn	.....FL
50	Jones, Jerry	.....DT
51	Whitlow, Bob	.....C
52	Rushing, Marion	.....LB
53	Marchlewski, Frank	.....C
55	Heck, Ralph	.....LB
57	Jobko, Bill	.....LB
60	Nobis, Tommy	.....LB
65	Kirouac, Lou	.....G-K
66	Simon, Jim	.....G-T
67	Grimm, Dan	.....G
68	Richards, Bob	.....DE
71	Szczeczo, Joe	.....DT
72	Talbert, Don	.....T
73	Linden, Errol	.....T
74	Rubke, Karl	.....DE
75	Cook, Ed	.....G
77	Sieminski, Chuck	.....DT
80	Barnes, Gary	.....E
82	Sherlag, Bob	.....FL
84	Burke, Verne	.....E
85	Martin, BillyE
86	Tolleson, TommyFL
87	Anderson, TazE
88	Williams, SamDE

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have had considerable success with their rushing game and, if it works, they can maintain possession. The major rushers are Ernie Wheelwright and Coffey, who are averaging 4 ½ yards a carry. The major Falcon receivers are Vern Burke and Gary Barnes at left end, Taz Anderson at tight end and Alex Hawkins at flanker. Burke caught six passes and Anderson scored an aerial touchdown against the 49ers last Sunday. Hawkins leads the Falcons with 23 catches. The Falcons have enough scoring tools...but the Packer defense, led by Willie Davis, Ray Nitschke and Willie Wood, should be equal to the task.

FALCONS HAVE A LOT OF LUCK – ALL THE WRONG WAY

OCT 23 (Atlanta Journal-Constitution) – If the Atlanta Falcons didn't have bad luck, they'd have no luck at all. The NFL's newest club has the best timing since Gen. Custer brandished his sword, turned to his troops and ordered, "Don't take any prisoners!" Consider this chain of events. All season long the Falcons had looked forward to their meeting with the San Francisco 49ers, the only team they've ever outscored. So what happens? The 49ers come roaring and snarling off a morale-lifting victory over the Green Bay Packers and sack the Falcons, 44-7. This Sunday beginning at 1 o'clock, the Falcons run into those same Packers, who were run over the 49ers. But, in the interim, last Sunday to be exact, Green Bay blanked the mighty Chicago Bears, 17-0, for their first shutout since 1962 and the Bears' first whitewashing in 54 regular season games. To add to the Bears' humiliation, their great running back, Gale Sayers, ran for exactly 29 yards in 15 carries. And for harnessing Sayers, Packer defensive end Willie Davis was named NFL linemen of the week. The Falcons caught the 49ers at their peak...and now the Packers, at their zenith. And the Packers, at their worst, is bad enough. Homecoming for three Falcons coaches, Norb Hecker, Tom Fears and John Symank, and four players, quarterback Dennis Claridge, halfback Junior Coffey, guard Dan Grimm and split end Gary Barnes, promises to be a dismal affair. Oddsmakers have surmised that they will lose by at least 27 points to their former friends and teammates. Hecker, who was a Vince Lombardi aide at Green Bay for seven years, is ever the optimist, however, and believes that, at their best, the Falcons can turn in a respectable afternoon's

performance at Milwaukee County Stadium, once the home of the Braves. Another chapter like last Sunday, though, and there's no telling what the score will be. Packers like quarterback Bart Starr, halfback Paul Hornung and fullback Jim Taylor accomplish quite a bit on their own. If the Falcons are in a generous mood, the Packer total could be astronomical. The brilliant Starr uses the pass as a tactical weapon, often crossing up defenses by tossing to backs Taylor and Hornung. Only a word is needed to describe the Packer defense: Stupendous! Davis, Henry Jordan, Dave Robinson, Ray Nitschke, Herb Adderley, Willie Wood and their militant pals lead the NFL in defense with lows of only 223.8 yards per game permitted on total defense and 107.5 on pass defense. The margins of differences between the two clubs are so vast as to give the Falcons hope. For, surely, the Packers can't be "up" for this one. If they are "down" and the Falcons are "up," the game could be respectable. After all, both clubs run the same power sweeps, the same pass patterns and the same defenses. Only the personnel is different. Though he hasn't announced his quarterback, Hecker is likely to go with ex-Packer Claridge, who sat on the Green Bay bench two years before being acquired by the Falcons in the player pool.

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NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
(Western Division)

	W	L	T	Pct.	PS	OP
Green Bay	5	1	0	.833	129	71
Los Angeles	4	2	0	.667	118	100
Baltimore	3	2	0	.600	139	102
San Francisco ...	2	2	1	.500	102	117
Chicago	2	3	0	.400	60	89
Detroit	2	4	0	.333	80	112
Minnesota	1	3	1	.250	105	106

(Eastern Division)

	W	L	T	Pct.	PS	OP
St. Louis	5	0	1	1.000	148	87
Dallas	4	0	1	1.000	193	55
Cleveland	3	2	0	.600	155	86
Philadelphia	3	3	0	.500	119	154
Washington	3	3	0	.500	121	131
New York	1	4	1	.200	97	183
Pittsburgh	1	4	1	.200	112	166
Atlanta	0	6	0	.000	75	194

Sunday's Games
GREEN BAY vs. Atlanta at Milwaukee
 (1:05, WJPG, WBAY-TV)
 Minnesota at Baltimore
 Los Angeles at Chicago
 Detroit at San Francisco
 Dallas at Cleveland
 St. Louis at Washington
 Philadelphia at New York

Probable Offensive Starters

ATLANTA	GREEN BAY
Burke	LE
Talbert	LT
Cook	LG
Marchlewski	C
Grimm	RG
Linden	RT
T. Anderson	RE
Claridge	QB
Coffey	LH
Hawkins	FL
Wheelright	FB

Pack, Falcon Target Since July, Faces Unknown



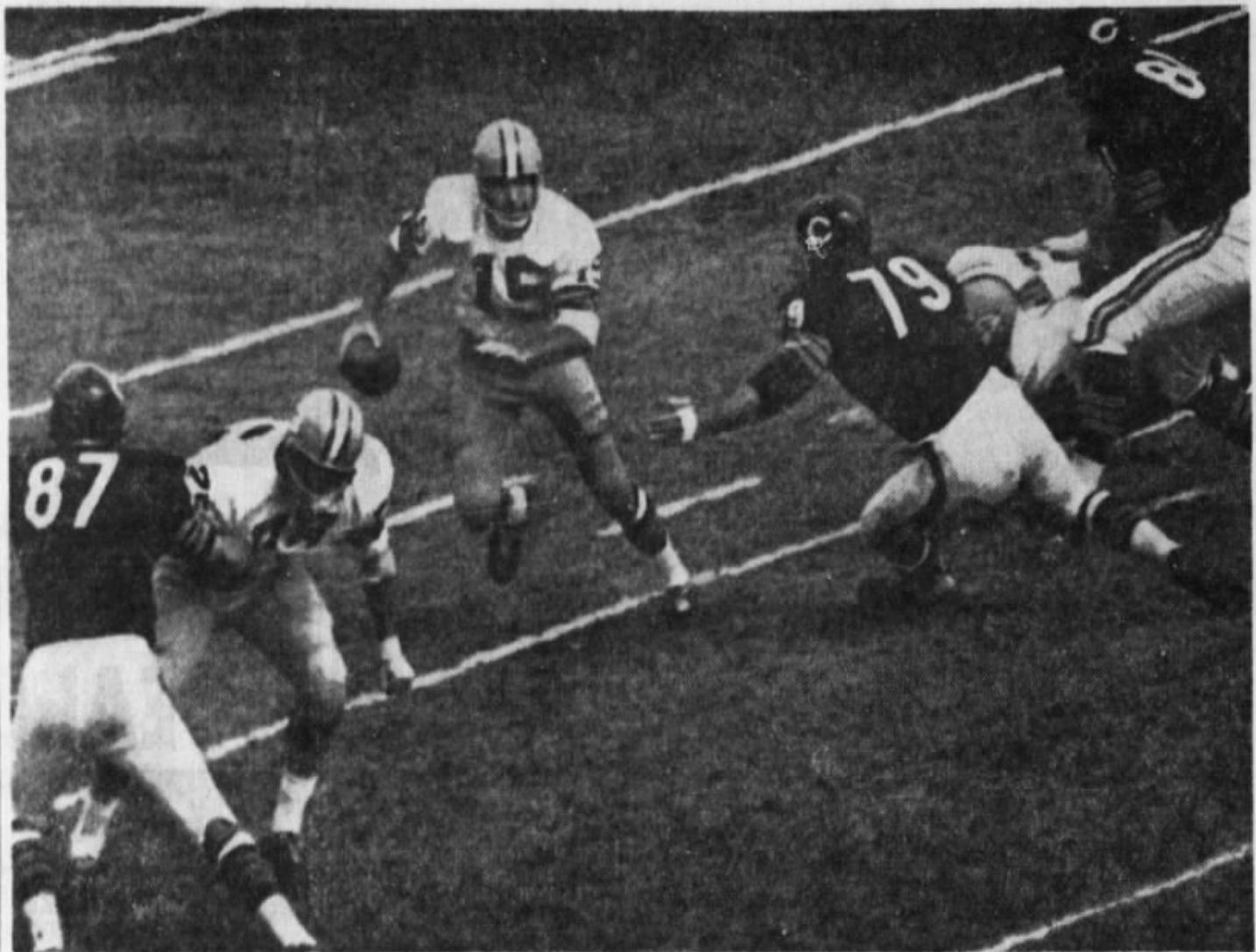
Strange Ball Carriers — More accustomed to pursuing runners, the Packers' Ray Nitschke (66), left panel, and Herb Adderley (26) at right, are off and running with the leather following inter-

ceptions in these scenes from Sunday's 17-0 blanketing of the Bears at Chicago. Bears' Mike Rabold (94) is closing in on Nitschke, whose theft set up a 30-yard Don Chandler field goal in third quarter.



Other identifiable Packers, from left, are Willie Davis (87), Ron Kostelnik (72) and Henry Jordan (74). In right panel, George Seals (67) attempts to head off Adderley on his 44-yard runback, set up

by Tom Brown's tip of a Rudy Bakich pass. Racing with Adderley, from left, are Nitschke, Bob Jeter and Kostelnik. Willie Wood later scored following a fourth quarter interception. (Bever Photos)



Bart Starr (15), Green Bay quarterback, tries to run after failing to spot a receiver in Sunday's game against the Bears, but loses five yards. Other Packers

are Forrest Gregg (75) and Bob Skoronski (76). Defenders include Ed O'Bradovich (87) and Dick Evey (79). (AP Photo)



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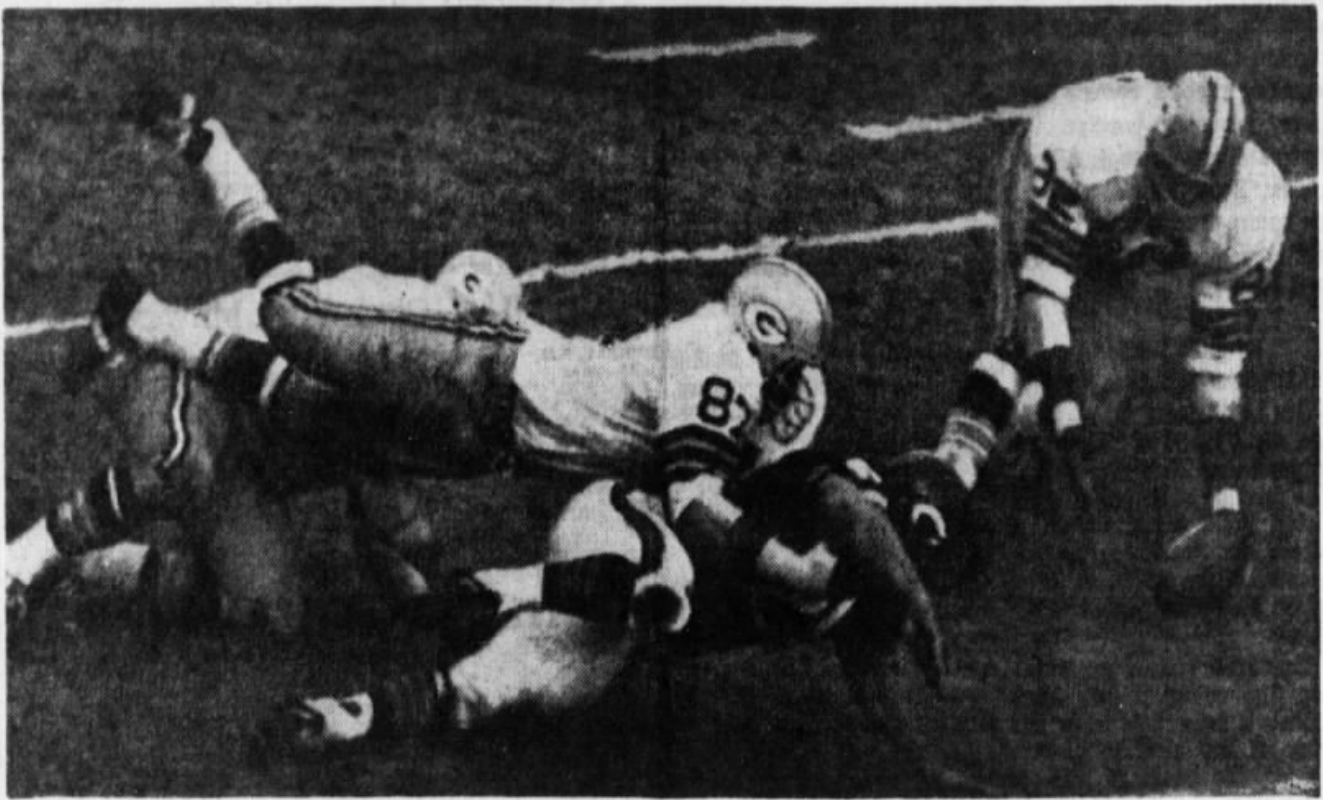
Well-protected behind a wall of Green Bay blockers, Don Chandler (34) and Bart Starr (15) combine for a 30-yard field goal to raise the score to 10-0 for the Packers late in the third quarter

against the Bears in Wrigley field. Ball (arrow) just clears outstretched arms of Chicago Bear defender, held out by Packer forward wall.



Bears' Dick Gordon (arrow) breaks away from Packer tackler at Chicago 22-yard line and heads up field on 51 yard return of opening kickoff of game in Wrigley field yesterday. Blocking for

him is teammate Dick Butkus (51), as Packers Gale Gillingham (68), Jim Weatherwax (73), and Bob Brown (78) attempt to close in. Clipping penalty reduced net gain to 36 yards. (Story on page 1)



Hard-Hitting by Green Bay's Willie Davis (87) and a teammate who could not be identified caused Chicago's Jon Arnett, foreground, to fumble in the fourth period at Chicago's Wrigley Field Sunday afternoon. Lionel

Aldridge (82) reaches down to recover as the Packers went on to score a 17-0 victory over the Bears. (AP Wirephoto)

SUNDAY on WJPG

GREEN BAY PACKERS vs. ATLANTA FALCONS

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1:00 P.M.

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