



## PRESEASON

Green Bay Packers (3-0) 26, Chicago Bears 7  
Saturday August 24th 1963 (at Milwaukee)



# Packers' Second-Half Explosion Rocks Bears, 26-7, in Shrine Tilt

## GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(MILWAUKEE) - The Packers came to life in the second quarter and raced away from the Bears in a rip-roaring Shrine Classic before a crowd of 44,592 in County Stadium here Saturday night. The final score was 26 to 7. And two rookies

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scored the last 10 points in the final three minutes. The Bears took a 7-0 lead in the first quarter and the Packers matched the TD just before the half, but Jerry Kramer missed the point kick and it was a 7-6 thriller. Chicago scored on Bill Wade's three-yard pass to Mike Ditka and GB counted on Bart Starr's 19-yard peg to Ron Kramer. Green Bay bristled in the second half - undoubtedly the result of a little tonic from Dr. Vincent T. Lombardi. Starr hurled his second TD pass - a 6-yarder to Max McGee for a 13-7 lead. Then Jerry Kramer kicked a 37-yard field goal. Gary Kroner booted a 34-yard three-pointer and Dave Robinson returned an intercepted Rudy Bukich pass 24 yards for a TD. As a final gesture, Jess Whittenton intercepted another Bukich pass at the final gun. The Packers weren't exactly smooth in the first half, though the Bears were fighting and clawing. They moved the ball okay but one of J. Kramer's field goals was blocked and the Bears went on to a TD. In addition, the Bears blocked the extra point and J. Kramer missed an 18-yard field goal.

### NOT EXHIBITION

This was a typical Bear-Packer battle - definitely not an exhibition. Early in the game, Mike Ditka jumped on Willie Wood and drew a roughing penalty. Later, Boyd Dowler was thrown out for fighting and the officials nicked George Halas - or rather his team - 15 yards for yipping from the sidelines. The Packers piled up a 365-yard attack and this time they were the passing team - unlike in Dallas last Saturday when they ran for 260 yards. They gained 261 in the air and 114 on the ground.

The Bays had 24 first downs against the Bears' 14. The Bears had 214 yards total. Individually, Jim Taylor and Ron Bull each gained 70 yards. Starr hit 16 out of 23 for 224 yards and two touchdowns. Ron Kramer and Ditka, the two best tight ends in the game, caught 10 passes between 'em. Ron led with 6 for 101 yards. Ditka has 4 for 33. The Packers had a chance to draw first blood after the game opened with an exchange of punts by Max McGee and Bobby Joe Green. Green Bay rolled 50 yards in five plays, chiefly on running by Moore and Taylor and Starr passes to Kramer for 24 and Moore for 13. The attack stalled when Taylor was thrown for a 4-yard loss. J. Kramer tried a field goal from the 32, but Dave Whitsell blocked it and Bart Starr recovered on the 43. The Bears went on to a 7-0 lead from there, despite a 15-yard roughing penalty. A 12-yard run by Joe Marconi and Wade's 15-yard pass to Ditka set the Bears on the Packer 16. Needing a yard on

Green Bay ..... 0 6 7 13-26  
 Chicago ..... 7 0 0 0-7

Green Bay scoring: Touchdowns — R. Kramer (Starr, pass, 20 yards, second); McGee (Starr, pass, 10 yards, third); Robinson (Intercepted pass, 24 yards).  
 Field Goals — Kramer (37 yards, fourth); Kroner, (34 yards, fourth).  
 Extra points — Kramer, Kroner.  
 Chicago Scoring: Touchdown — Ditka (Wade, pass, three yards, first).  
 Extra Point — Jencks.



'Dandy, Dave' — Packer rookie Dave Robinson accepts congratulations from Bears' Bob Jencks, a recent teammate when both were with College All-Stars, shortly after Shrine classic in which Robinson intercepted a Rudy Bukich pass and ran it back 29 yards for a touchdown. (AP Photo)

fourth down, Wade pulled a "long count" and the Packers jumped offside, giving the visitors a first down on the three. Wade then threw to Ditka, alone in the end zone, for the TD. Jencks converted and it was 7-0 with 22 seconds left in the quarter.

### TOUCHDOWN MOTION

The Packers got another drive going midway in the second period, with Starr throwing 9 to Dowler and for 15 to R. Kramer, who made a one-handed catch to the Bear 45. Taylor's running and another pass to Kramer, for 17 yards, put the Pack close up again, but the attack fizzled and Kramer tried a field goal from the 18. But the kick was blocked. A poor punt of 27 yards by Green set the Packers in touchdown motion just before the half. Starting on their own 41, the Packers scored in five plays. Starr, on second down, pitched an 11-yarder to Kramer who lateraled to Moore, who completed an 18-yard gain. The Bears were nailed for 15 for unsportsmanlike conduct to the nine but Joe Fortunato promptly threw Starr for a 10-yard loss. Then it came. Starr fired a scorcher to Kramer, who cut from the right and toward the goal posts, snagging the ball and roared in with 1:51 left in the half. Kramer's kick was deflected and the Bears had a 7-6 edge. It was obvious the Packers came out with a firmer purpose in the second half. They stopped the Bears cold and then scored a touchdown on a 10-play, 76-yard drive. The Packers ground it out. Starr passed to Dowler for 7, Taylor ran 3 and Moore 14 to the Bear 48. Starr tossed to McGee for 9, Taylor ran 9 and Starr pitched to Dowler for 19 to the 11. Three plays later, Starr waited while McGee got in position in the end zone and then rifled the ball into his tummy for the TD. Kramer's kick made it 13-7 at 6:13. The Bears stormed back behind Rudy Bukich who completed three passes and Bull ran for 29 yards in three plays. They reached the Packer 2 and the Packers put on a tremendous goal line stand, stopping Bull and Casares for a net gain of one yards in four trips. The Packers ripped away and added a field goal on what started out like a 99-yard drive. Starr started by throwing a 22-yard pass to Moore from deep in the end zone. And the Bears drew a 15-yard penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct - probably on Coach George Halas. The Bays got down to the Bear 16 on Starr's passes to Dowler and Kramer, but the Packers were nicked for a personal foul when Dowler got into a fight and was ejected for the night. Kramer then kicked a 37-yard field goal at 1:55 for a 16-7 lead. The Packers came forth with replacements, with John Roach taking over at QB. With 2:50 left, Gary

Kroner kicked a 34-yard field goal and just before the end Dave Robinson intercepted a Bukich pass and returned 24 yards for a TD, and Kroner converted.

**CHICAGO - 7 0 0 0 - 7**  
**GREEN BAY - 0 6 7 13 - 26**

	CHICAGO	GREEN BAY
First Downs	14	24
Rushing-Yards-TD	34-100-0	33-114-0
Att-Comp-Yd-TD-Int	22-9-119-1-2	27-19-261-2-0
Sack Yards Lost	5	10
Total Yards	214	365
Fumbles-lost	0-0	0-0
Turnovers	2	0
Yards penalized	9-93	7-52

### SCORING

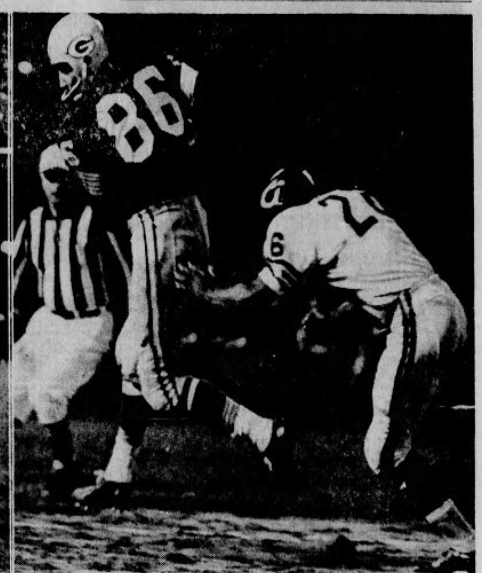
- 1st - CHI - Mike Ditka, 3-yard pass from Billy Wade (Bob Jencks kick) CHICAGO 7-0
- 2nd - GB - Ron Kramer, 19-yard pass from Bart Starr (Kick blocked) CHICAGO 7-6
- 3rd - GB - Max McGee, 6-yard pass from Starr (Jerry Kramer kick) GREEN BAY 13-7
- 4th - GB - J. Kramer, 37-yard field goal GREEN BAY 16-7
- 4th - GB - Gary Kroner, 34-yard field goal GREEN BAY 19-7
- 4th - GB - Dave Robinson, 24-yard interception return (Kroner kick) GREEN BAY 26-7



'Lonesome End' . . . Far Enough . . . Sideline Shove' — Ron Kramer is a "lonesome end" (left panel) as he gathers in 19-yard pass for Packers'



first touchdown in Saturday night's 26-7 victory over the Chicago Bears at Milwaukee County Stadium. Center panel shows Pack's Herb Adderley



derailing Johnny Morris after 20-yard gain on third quarter pass from Rudy Bukich. At right, Boyd Dowler is shoved out of bounds by Bears' Bennie

McRae after 7-yard pass from Bart Starr. This was Packers' eighth straight victory over the Bears. (AP Photos)

**RUSHING**

**GREEN BAY** - Jim Taylor 17-70, Tom Moore 8-36, Lew Carpenter 6-10, Earl Gros 2-(-2)

**CHICAGO** - Ronnie Bull 18-70, Joe Marconi 6-17, Rick Casares 5-9, Rudy Bukich 1-4, Billy Martin 2-1, Billy Wade 2-(-1)

**PASSING**

**GREEN BAY** - Bart Starr 23-16-224 2 TD, John Roach 4-3-37

**CHICAGO** - Rudy Bukich 10-4-63 2 INT, Billy Wade 12-5-56 1 TD

**RECEIVING**

**GREEN BAY** - Ron Kramer 6-101 1 TD, Boyd Dowler 4-45, Tom Moore 3-58, Lew Carpenter 2-29, Max McGee 2-15 1 TD, Bob Jeter 1-8, Jim Taylor 1-5

**CHICAGO** - Mike Ditka 4-33 1 TD, Johnny Morris 3-55, Ronnie Bull 2-31

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**Halas, Lombardi Agree Packers' Goal Line Stand Turning Point**

**HALAS, LOMBARDI AGREE PACKERS' GOAL LINE STAND TURNING POINT**

**AUG 25** (Milwaukee-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - George Halas, the Bears' owner-coach, and the Packers' Vince Lombardi agreed after the game that the goal line

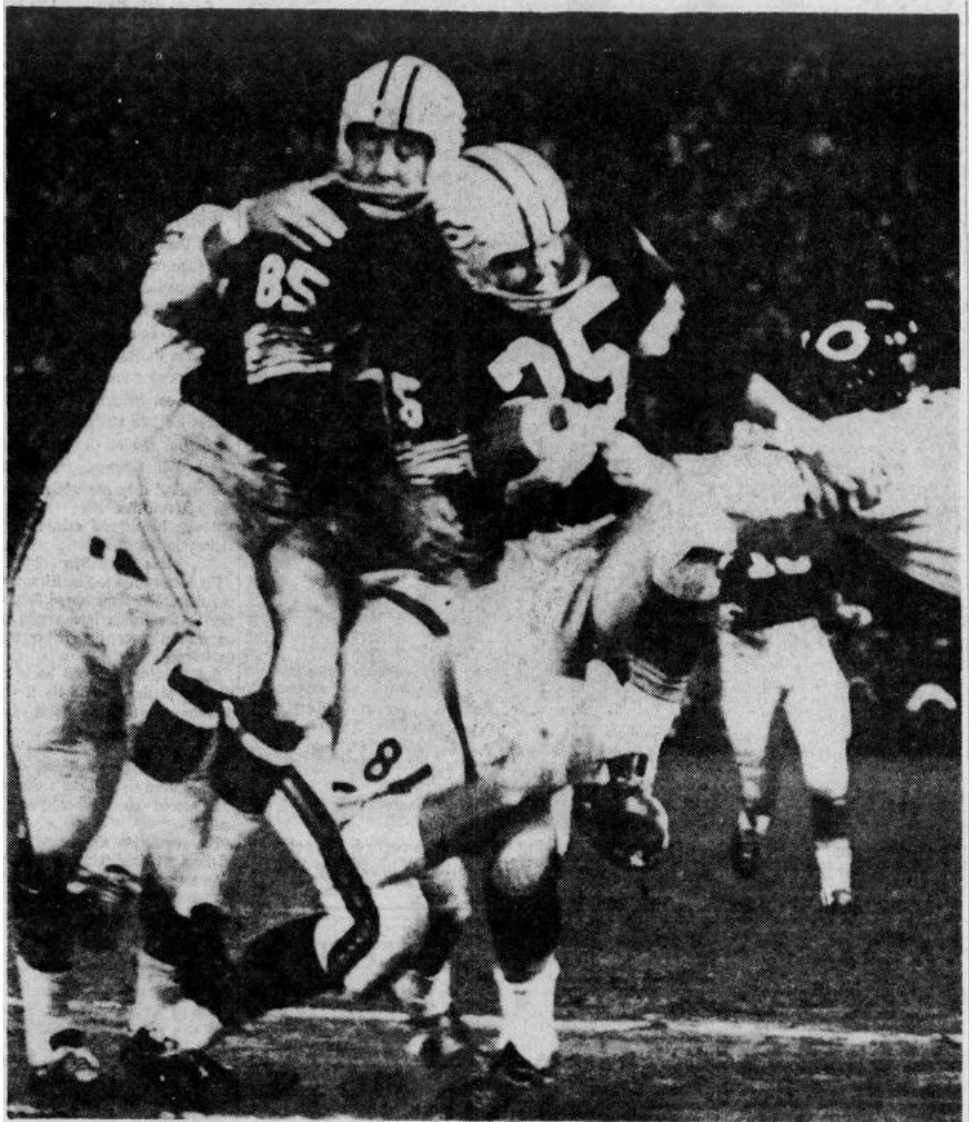
stand in the third quarter meant the game. "It was the turning point of the game. It broke our back," Halas told the writers. "The goal line stand got us rolling. We went on from there," Lombardi said. Halas, who had absorbed the eighth straight loss at the hands of the Pack, called the Packers "a great team." He said he liked the way Ron Bull ran and added that Willie

Galimore will be ready next week. Charlie Bivins didn't play because of a pulled muscle. Lombardi said he was very well satisfied with the play of the rookies and especially Lionel Aldridge who "played a fine game." The Bay mentor said that "beating the Bears in exhibition games, or not, is always a sweet victory."...A vote of the sportswriters and sportscasters covering the game gave Ron Kramer the nod as the game's outstanding offensive player and Ray Nitschke as the top defensive player...It can only happen before an exhibition game - visiting the Bears' dressing room. But their quarters are just like the Packers. All is quiet and peaceful as players put on their uniforms. Somebody mentioned to Papa Halas that "it's only an exhibition." He took a deep breath, half smiled and said nothing. The word exhibition doesn't fit when these old rivals meet. Halas did say that Tom Bettis would see "a little play." The former Packers has an elbow injury and this was his first action against the club that drafted him first in 1955. Tom was traded to Pittsburgh last year...Packer Coach Vince Lombardi and Halas each had separate conferences with the officials on the field before the game. When Lombardi walked off the field, the Shriners set off a giant firecracker. Vince grabbed his chest like he'd been shot and let out

a broad grin...Val Keckin, the Giant quarterback cut by the Pack two years ago, showed up with the Bears. "I still liked Green Bay the best," he laughed, adding, "I still think I can make it somewhere in the league." He joined Baltimore after leaving the Pack and was on the Colt cab squad. Last year, he joined the Bears but they farmed him out to San Diego. Asked about the other league, he said, "There's no difference."...The Bear coaching staff has a new look, the big exchange being Clark Shaughnessy for Joe Stydahar. This is Joe's first football job since he worked in Green Bay in '53. other than scouting...Queen of the 1963 Shrine game was Diane Ray Zywicki. The lovely girl is a former patient of the Chicago Shriners' Hospital for crippled children. She was honored as part of the Shriners' elaborate between halves ceremony...Gene Sladky, ticket chairman of the Bishop's Charities game, announced here Saturday night that the Labor Day game in Green Bay City Stadium is a complete sellout. The game will be witnessed by 42,327 fans, a stadium record.

**MAGAZINE SCRIBES SAY PACK WILL REPEAT 'DESPITE PAUL'**

AUG 25 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - "Despite the suspension of Paul Hornung..." If there's one dominant theme winding through the maze of nationally marketed pro football magazines feeding a pigskin hungry

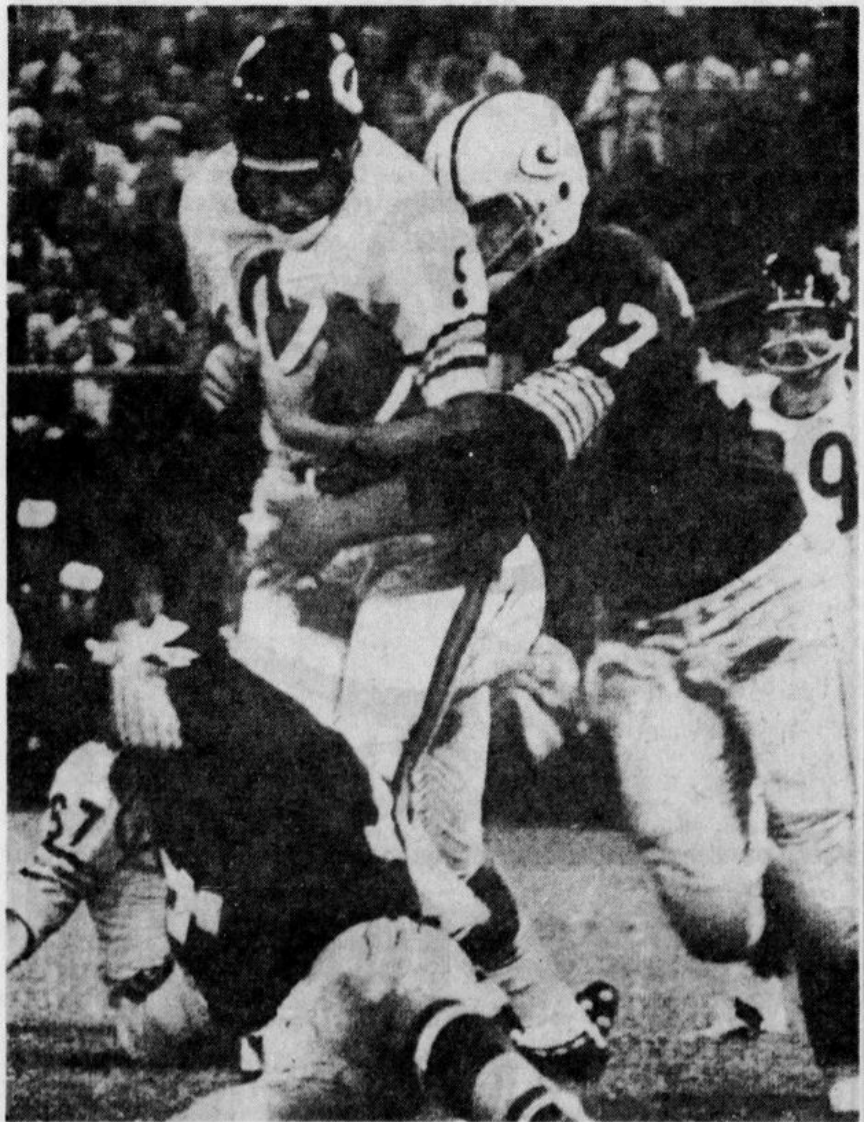


Tom Moore (25), Green Bay halfback, fights for a 15-yard gain after hauling in a pass from quarterback Bart Starr in the second quarter of Saturday night's Shrine game against the Bears in Milwaukee. Max McGee (85) blocks for Moore as Bear tacklers fight to bring him down. (AP Wirephoto)



EVERYBODY GETS IN THE ACT

public, it's the overwhelming belief that not even the loss of Hornung can stop the Packers from winning another NFL Western Conference championship. As a matter of fact, the corps of magazine writers, some already well known to sports fans but others unheard of, generally goes so far as to fearlessly predict another title for the Packers even if bulldozing Jim Taylor should seriously falter as a result of his bouts with hepatitis and Sam Huff. These observations are the sum of paging carefully through no less than 11 magazines, ranging in price from .35 to \$1.00 and in worth from a nickel to a couple of bucks, all dealing exclusively with pro football. In addition, two others with large sections devoted to the pro type of play but also containing college previews were used. Eleven of the 13 offered forecasts of the coming season, and they left little doubt that Green Bay and New York will be exchanging blows again this year come crowning day. Only one dared to predict the overall championship, however, and that one, strangely enough, fingered the Colts - over the Giants. This swami, one of only three to place the Packers second in the West, was Al Silverman, editor of Sport Magazine, who was writing in a Sport by-product called Inside Football. And, in looking at the Colts, he asks, "Please do not raise the question of sanity here." And in eyeing the Packers, he adds, "There is no logical reason for picking the Packers second anywhere. Despite..." In the overall calculations, the Packers received eight first place picks and three for second. The Lions, understandably, were chosen the toughest challengers, with two first place votes, six for second and three for third. The Colts, as



**Chicago Bear Quarterback Bill Wade** tries to move as Green Bay Packer tacklers close in during second-quarter action in Saturday night's Shrine game. Ron Kostelnik (77) winds his arms around Wade, while Henry Jordan (74) reaches from the ground. Wade was hit for a 3-yard loss. (AP Wirephoto)

noted, got the only other first place vote and the Bears got the only other second place votes, three. Closest thing to unanimous, besides the Packers, was Minnesota with nine last place ballots and two for sixth. The Western Division race boils down to this, according to the magazines, with point totals based on 7 for 1st, 6 for 2nd, 5 for 3rd, etc. basis: Green Bay 74, Detroit 65, Chicago 54, Baltimore 49, San Francisco 30, Los Angeles 25, Minnesota 13. In the East, the Giants are even stronger favorites than the Packers, possibly because Allie Sherman's crew doesn't have a despite clause. New York got 10 out of a possible 11 first place votes, the other for second. The only one to break the monopoly was Dallas, which got votes ranging from first through sixth. The Browns are again rated the top challengers with four seconds and four thirds. The breakdown goes like this: New York 76, Cleveland 56, Dallas 48, Pittsburgh 47, St. Louis 31, Washington 27, Philadelphia 25. In addition to the forecasts, however, the magazines, which use just about every name imaginable, offer such delicacies as Football's Furious Feud (guess who), Why the Packers Must Win, Are the Packers the Best Ever?, But Not Dirty (a bylined story on linebacking by Ray Nitschke), Paul Hornung Asks "Give Me Another Chance," Marked Man of the Packers, Hornung and Karras: Why They'll Really Be Missed, Bart Starr Makes the Packers Go, There's Something Missing in Bart Starr and even such things as an all-time Packer team...7 OF 13 COVERS: Packers, by the way, are featured on seven of the 13 covers with Taylor grabbing the majority of the glamor with four appearances. Starr has two and Herb Adderley another. Taylor's main competition comes from that New York writers' favorite, Y.A. Tittle, who made three covers, and his annual on-field target, Jim Brown, with two credits. Many other Pack pics are scattered throughout the mags, naturally, including inside covers but for pin-ups, True's Football Yearbook offers a portfolio of eight full-page, full-color photos that are hard to beat. Notably, two of the eight are Packers, Taylor and Jim Ringo. But why do the Packers rate top

billing in the West again? Let's take a quick look: Pro Football Illustrated's Lou Spadia says: "The Packers had more balance last year than the scales of justice. If anything the Packers were mentally tired near the end of last season." True's Football Yearbook's Murray Olderman says: "The Packers are, theoretically, a team without a fundamental weakness. Like Jim Taylor, the game's premier runner, mused thoughtfully last December, 'I'd hate to play for that man (Lombardi) if we ever lost.'" Street and Smith Pro Football Yearbook's Bob Oates says, "In forecasting the Packer picture, one must say that Green Bay may not win the championship in 1963, but it isn't going to lose it. Someone will have to rip it away. And that will take a lot of ripping. The offensive line is absurdly efficient. Surely the top group of linebackers in the game. Jim Taylor hates his way through the line." Earlier, in looking at the entire league, Oates says, "The Green Bay Packers will field a football team again in 1963. Having thus discussed the Western Division title picture, we can move on." Fawcett Pro Football's Ed Friel says: "The only possible trouble for the Packers seen here would be if a few of the dependable turned playboys overnight. But Lombardi worked to get where he is in pro football today, you can bet he'll be swinging a big whip if need be." Pro Football Stars' Cooper Rollow says: "Even without Hornung and Taylor, the Packers boast the league's top passer in Bart Starr, its most efficient offensive line and its most consistent defense." All-Pro Football's editors say: "The Packers will barely miss their great halfback because they have other great halfbacks just looking for work and they have so much first-line strength and so much depth that it's inconceivable that they can lose either their Western Division title or their world championship this year." All-Pro 1963 Football, which picks the Lions over the Packers, has this explanation: "For intangible reasons: footballs take funny bounces and the Lions have the talent to exploit bounces that come their way."



The Packers' Jim Taylor drives for a first down in the third quarter of Saturday night's Shrine game in Milwaukee against the Bears. Key blocks are thrown by Jerry Kramer on Roosevelt Taylor (24) and Fred Thuurston (63) on Bob Kilcullen. Bill George (61) pushed Taylor out of bounds. The Packers won, 26-7.

Football Forecast's Bill Rives, who also picks the Lions, has little in the way of explanation except to say: "The hungry Detroit Lions appear ready to end Green Bay's dominance," although he admits, "The Packers, even without Hornung, will be potent again." Joe O'Day, writing in Pros '63, on the Taylor-Huff merry-go-round, concludes that the principles are the victims of an over-zealous press but makes a particularly strong case in behalf of Huff. In Marked Man of the Packers, Pro Football Stars' Mitch Barry points out, "Taylor will have to battle through 14 games without the comforting presence of Paul Hornung. But there is one consolation. If the marked man

of the Packers can lead his team to another championship, no man can dispute his right to the title of Mr. Fullback in the NFL." This may be true, but All-Pro Football gives the nod to Jimmy Brown as the "All-Time Fullback" and warns he'll be back at his best in 1963. And Fawcett's Pro Football had "nearly a dozen" linemen from six NFL clubs picks the top ball carriers. Brown was rated first, Taylor second. Brown's votes were bunched in the top three places and Taylor's stretched from first through fifth. Along with Taylor, Starr was given several barrels of individual ink. Bill Surface of Football Forecast says: "He rarely even generates adverse excitement by fumbling, having a pass intercepted, or getting caught after hours in 'Speed's,' the Packers' favorite saloon. But Starr is the guy who makes the Packers - the champions - go." He quotes the always available Huff thusly: "In all my playing against Starr - and this includes the last two world championship games - I've never had any idea when he was changing signals at the line of scrimmage. Don't think anybody else does either." Lee Szold finds "something missing" in Starr for Fawcett's Pro Football and says there are too many "but's" about him. He pictures Starr as an "angry quarterback."...SVARE PRAISES STARR: Both of Bart's biographers work on the idea that he can't throw a screen pass, an apparent development of the Thanksgiving Day fiasco in Detroit last year. In Bill Parker's story, Are the Packers the Best Ever?. for All-Pro Football, little is reached in the way of a conclusion although George Connor expresses the idea that pro football teams are like automobiles. "The model that is currently leading the field has to be a lot better than a model that led the field fifteen or twenty years before." Ram Coach Harland Svare takes up Starr's case in the same piece. He is quoted, "Bart Starr is a big reason for the Packers' greatness. His talent used to be questioned, but

I say it can no longer be denied. Whatever he used to be, he is an accomplished passer today. He is the leader of the team on the field and he's the guy who makes it go. I dislike the word underrated, but Bart's least appreciated and most important virtue is that he never gets the Packers in trouble. He doesn't fumble, he doesn't throw interceptions and he never loses his poise."...ALL-TIME TEAM: The Hornung-Karras gambling stories are strictly rehashes of everything that has been said before, although Pro Football stresses they both will be missed primarily for their "off-field" type leadership and William Furlong insists in Football Forecast that Pete Rozelle's biggest problem is how to pose as a strong commissioner while men like George Halas are forcing his policy moves and issuing statements over his name. Pro Football Illustrated named the all-time Packer squad to include Arnie Herber, Johnny Blood, Tony Canadeo, Clarke Hinkle, Don Hutson, Milt Gantenbein, Cal Hubbard, Buford (Baby) Ray, Mike Michalske, Charles (Buckets) Goldenberg and Charley Brock. Pro Football's predicted All-NFL team includes Taylor, Forrest Gregg, Jerry Kramer and Jim Ringo on offense and Bill Forester on defense. All-Pro Football selects Taylor, Gregg, Kramer and Ringo on offense and Willie Davis, Dan Currie and Forester on defense.

## Goal Stand 'Welded' Pack Defense

### Packer Jerry Kramer Forfeits \$75 in Court

APPLETON (PG) — Gerald (Jerry) L. Kramer, 27, Green Bay Packer right guard, failed to appear in Outagamie County Court Branch 2 today and forfeited \$55 in bond for two traffic offenses committed in the county Aug. 3.

Kramer was arrested by the State Patrol on Highway 41 north of County Highway JJ for speeding at 75 miles an hour and for having no valid driver's license. According to state police, Kramer produced an expired Idaho driver's license when stopped by a patrolman as he headed north toward his St. Norbert College quarters at 11:10 p.m.

Kramer posted his bond a week later and was to appear today on the charges.

### GOAL STAND 'WELDED' PACK DEFENSE

AUG 26 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Mayhem on the third base line, with 15,000 at ringside! The sports sound a bit mixed up this Wash Day but the Packers' goal line stand on the Braves' basepath (leading to home) was a thing to behold. And the spectators down there will never forget it. They were so close they could hear the popping of the leather and the grunting and groaning and yelling. This was the clutch situation: Green Bay had just scored early in the third period to take a 13-7 lead before the record Shrine Classic crowd of 44,592 in County Stadium. The Bears stormed back with terrifying force, moving 86 yards in 10 plays - all the way down to the Packer 2-yard line. It's first down - so a 14-13 Bear lead is virtually in the vault. Or is it? Ron Bull was sent into the center area on the first two plays and made zero, or maybe inches. Rick Casares then hit the left tackle area and was pinned down short of the line. That was the crucial play. The Bay defense got tougher for the fourth down and Bull hit a stone wall. This was the turning point. The opposing coaches, Vince Lombardi and George Halas, agreed after the game. "That broke our back," said George, "but if we had scored we would have gone ahead. Instead Green Bay goes in for a field goal and is out of sight." Lombardi pointed out later, "holding them on the one-yard line and then going in for a field goal is the mark of a good football team." But Vince knows how it feels to be on the other end of a goal line stand. He recalled "our game in Chicago in 1959. We were down there four times and couldn't score." That was Lombardi's first year and since then the Packers developed a pleasant habit of scoring from close in (inside the five) and putting on an occasional goal line stand, the last being against the Colts in '62. The third base stand may have been just the tonic the doctor orders for the Packer defense's extra tough job coming up this season. Dave Hanner and Hank Jordan, two members of the "magnificent eleven," explained the defense's feeling this way: "That stand gave the defense a tremendous boost. It was our top performance this year and will surely help us in the future knowing that our unit has welded." The defense now has allowed only a touchdown a game since the All Star loss, although the Cowboys managed

to add a field goal to their TD. The Bears scored on a pass from Bill Wade to Mike Ditka. The Packers specialized in passing and Bart Starr hit 16 out of 23 attempts - just short of 70 percent - for 224 yards and two touchdowns - to Max McGee and Ron Kramer. Lombardi, noting Starr's figures, felt that "Bart was very sharp" and added that "we passed more than we normally do. We were trying to get our passing game up to our running game." John Roach did well out there, too, completing three out of four for 37 yards and setting up Gary Kroner's field goal on a 15-yard pass to Lew Carpenter. R. Kramer and Ditka, the niftiest tight ends in the league, put on quite a pass catching show, snaring 10 between them for 134 yards and two touchdowns. R.K. won this match, grabbing six throws for 101 yards. The two tight ends are good friends off the gridiron. "We see quite a bit of each other during the offseason," Ron said. Ron was named the game's most valuable player and Ray Nitschke was picked as the game's most valuable defensive player. They will receive trophies at next year's Shrine game. Jim Taylor and Willie Davis won the awards a year ago...EXTRA NEEDLE: It serves as something of an extra

needle when a player meets his opposite "best" on the same field, and Lombardi laughed at the post-game buffet, "it's too bad we can't play against Jimmy Brown or Mike Ditka every game," noting Taylor's rivalry with Brown and the Kramer-Ditka bit. The Bears hammered a lot at the Packers' right side where rookie Lionel Aldridge and Urban Henry are holding forth, along with Jordan. "Anytime you get new men on the field, you can expect the opposition to throw a lot of things that way," Lombardi said. The Bears were limited to 100 yards rushing, with Bull getting 70. He made almost 30 of those years in the Bears' ill-fated touchdown drive in the third period. The Bears rushed 34 times. The Packers toned down their ground game, rushing 33 times for 114 yards. Green Bay had 60 plays, the Bears 56...BRIEFS: The Packers were off today but the coaches toiled over the movies and weighed the next cuts. The 46-player squad must be cut to 43 Tuesday...Paul Hornung didn't apparently show up for the game. Nobody reported seeing him...The Packers return to the practice field at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning...There was a report that the Bears returned a flock of tickets Saturday night but Dan Desmond, the Bears' publicist, reported: "In accordance with the contract of the game, the Bears received 2,500 tickets but contrary to what was reported the Bears did not return a single ticket." Desmond chuckled, "Our only squawk was the location of the tickets."...It was a perfect night for football - 64 degrees, a gentle wind and a winner. The Bays have experienced some rare weather in their first four games - 80 (at kickoff) in Chicago, 88 in Miami and 93 in Dallas.

**PACKERS WAIVE AMES, TOBUREN, ZANG; NOW AT 43**

AUG 27 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Two rookies and a veteran were placed on waivers by the Packers today. They are quarterback Terry Zang and center Bob Ames, the first-year men, and holdover Nelson Toburen, the linebacker who suffered a damaging back injury last season. Coach Vince Lombardi, who announced the waivings, also revealed the club has been allowed to carry Gary Kroner as an extra pleyer due to the injury he received in the All-America Bowl in Buffalo last June. Though he kicked some, Kroner has been unable to play defense in a game due to a severe muscle pull. Thus, the Packers are down to 43 players - plus Kroner, the former Premontre and Wisconsin ace. All NFL clubs must get down to 43 today. The next drop is to 40 next Tuesday, and the final cut to 37 is schedule for Sept. 10. The waiving of Toburen officially marks the close of the young star's short but ill-fated career. As a rookie, Nellie was the fifth linebacker behind Bill Forester, Ray Nitschke, Dan Currie and Tom Bettis in 1961 and then became No. 4 when Bettis was traded last season. He was severely hurt in the Colt game here Nov. 18 but

# Packers Waive Ames, Toburen, Zang; Now at 43

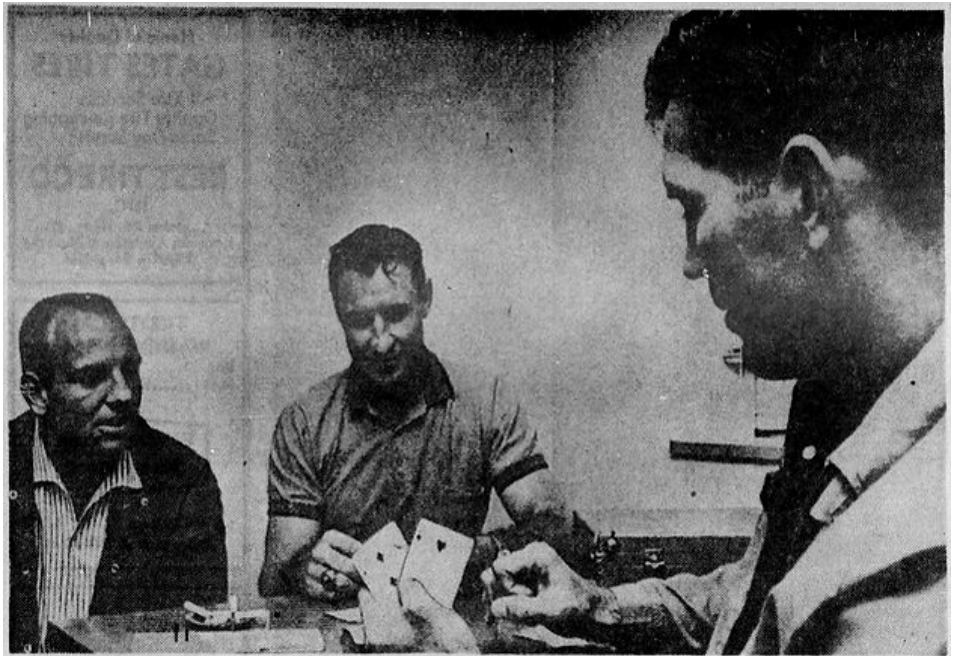


Last Stop . . . Footloose?—An anxious eye on the goal line, Packers' Hank Gremminger keeps tight grip on Ronnie Bull (top picture) after stopping Bear back inches short of goal as fourth down climax to brilliant third quarter stand in Saturday night's 26 to 7 victory at Milwaukee. Below, Tom Moore retrieves shoe lost during first quarter stab at Bear line. (Biever Photos)





had hoped to make a comeback this year. Toburen has decided to remain in Green Bay. He has become a partner in the Jerry's Industrial Distributors Co. With the waiving of Zang and Ames, the Packers are now down to 10 rookies - plus Bob Jeter, who was on the Bay taxi squad last year; Frank Mestnik, the former Giant and Cardinal; and Urban Henry, the former Ram. The simon-pure are Dan Grimm, Marv Fleming and Jan Barrett on the offense and Tony Liscio, Dave Robinson, Lionel Aldridge, Ed Holler, Chuck Morris, Doug Hart and Kroner on the defense. Of this group, Aldridge has seen the most action, playing the defensive right end spot - the position vacated during the offseason by the trade of Bill Quinlan. All of the others have been tested some in the last three exhibitions - some of them playing as much as a full half...The Packers went



Jesse Whittenton (Center) and Lew Carpenter (right) relax with a quiet game of cribbage as Bill Forester looks on after a practice session Wednesday. The Packers are making final plans for the Bishop's Charities Game with the New York Giants in Green Bay Labor Day. (AP Wirephoto)

back to work today after getting Monday off. Lombardi and his aides, Phil Bengtson, Norb Hecker, Bill Austin, Red Cochran and Tom Fears, worked Monday, viewing pictures and setting the program for the next assignment - the Giants in the Bishop's Charities game in City Stadium next Monday night. This will be the Packers' second last test before the league season opens, and it will be a major one since the Giants are defending Eastern Division champions. The Packers and Giants, combatants in the last two championship games, will be meeting for the only time this season - unless, of course, the two clubs make it into the 1963 championship game. It is scheduled in the home park of the Western champ. The Monday contest is sold out and the 42,237 crowd will establish a new attendance record for the stadium. This will be the first game with the added seats, nearly 4,000...Jim Taylor now has carried 49 times in four games, including 17 trips for 70 yards in the 26-7 victory over the Bears. He has gained 213 yards - an average of 4.3. High-stepping and slashing Tom Moore ran 8 times for 36 yards and now has 31 trips for 202 yards - an average of 6.5. Bart Starr and John Roach picked out a total of seven receivers vs. the Bears - Ron Kramer (6 catches), Boyd Dowler 4, Moore 3, Lew Carpenter 2, Max McGee 2, Bob Jeter 1, Taylor 1. The Bears used only three - Mike Ditka 4, Johnny Morris 3, Ron Bull 2.

### **HORNUNG TURNS DOWN \$25,000**

AUG 27 (Lynn, MA) - Paul Hornung, suspended Green Bay Packer halfback, Tuesday declined a \$25,000 per season offer to play out his suspension with a team in the Atlantic Coast League. The offer was made on behalf of Ted Barron, owner of the Boston Nu-Way Sweepers, by Charles (Red) Hoffman, sportswriter for the Lynn Item. Hornung, who was placed on indefinite suspension from the NFL for betting on games, reportedly termed the offer "very tempting" but declined. Hoffman said Hornung told him he prefers to sit it out and try to get back into the NFL as soon as possible. He added that might be risking too much to accept the offer. Barron once tried to buy the New York Jets of the AFL from Harry Wismer, when the Jets were the Titans.

## **Taylor Eyes 'Best Game' vs. Huff**

### **TAYLOR EYES 'BEST GAME' VS. HUFF**

AUG 28 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The celebrated return match between Jim Taylor and Sam Huff isn't so celebrated. Jarrin' Jim isn't issuing any mean remarks and Sammy-boy apparently is keeping quiet out in Connecticut where the Giants are training. These two fellers had some interesting moments during the Packer-Giant championship playoff in New York last December. The television cameras magnified the action and some of the folks back here was slightly upset. The official beef wasn't so much what was done but that the gendarmes didn't use their whistlin' billy clubs. We approached James Taylor Tuesday afternoon while he breathlessly watched a hot cribbage game at the St. Norbert College headquarters. Jim was reminded that this wasn't a matter of life and death but your fans, including this writer, might be curious to know your approach to the forthcoming meeting with the Giants, whose roster includes one S. Huff, who became engaged in certain extra activities above and beyond the game of football on Dec. 29, last, etc. etc. etc. Jim shrugged off the business of revenge

# The Packers Attract Tourists

A pamphlet published by the Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce inviting tourists to come to Green Bay to watch the practice sessions of the world champion Green Bay Packers has had results which the Chamber describes as "tremendous."

The folders were distributed through the eight tourist bureaus set up by the state of Wisconsin on highways entering the state. Copies were also mailed by the Chamber to all newspapers, radio and television stations in the Middle West. In addition the folders were included in hundreds of tourist letters and correspondence mailed out of the Green Bay Chamber office. From numerous letters received by the Chamber and from comments by tourists visiting the Chamber's office it is quite clear that the folders had an important effect. They were mailed out rather late in the season but for the most part were about in time to catch the tourists entering the state at the beginning of the Packer practice season.

The goal of the Chamber of Commerce, aside from entertaining the

tourists, is to bring more people to Green Bay and to give them a reason to remain here for longer periods of time. Matters of interest to tourists in Green Bay such as the National Railroad Museum, the Tank Cottage, the Cotton House and the Fort Howard Hospital Museum are all items which are well worth seeing and could very well be used to hold tourists in Green Bay for a day or two once they arrive here.

However, the Green Bay Packers, during their practice season, are a natural attraction which easily catches the interest of tourists even though they may be a hundred miles or more away. No doubt the Chamber will want to give more attention to publicizing this interesting tourist feature for next season. In addition to the pamphlet which had good success this year, it may be possible to get some mention of this feature on Green Bay in some of the general publications by the state. For the most part, however, Green Bay will have to do its own advertising and it should be prepared to do a reasonable amount of it.

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after the Bear game that "it's not quite perfect yet." All good things come to an end, it seems, and today's rain broke a string of good practice days the Packers have had since training camp started late in July. The Bays went out anyway and thus got some preparation for a rainy day game. The Packer-Redskin game in Cedar Rapids, which was rescheduled there from Columbus, Ga., only three weeks ago, is rapidly approaching a sellout. The 10,209 reserved seats in the 15,000 seat Kingston Stadium have been sold and Chairman Ted Lawrence said the others should go fast.

## GIANTS LOOK FOR FULLBACK; TWO SIDELINED

AUG 28 (Fairfield, CN) - The New York Giants are looking for someone to play fullback when they meet the Packers in Green Bay next Monday night in an exhibition that is a rematch of the teams that met for the NFL title the last two years. Starting fullback Alex Webster is still nursing injuries and will not play, the Giants said Tuesday as they resumed training after Sunday's defeat by the Minnesota Vikings. Halfback Phil King, who played the position against Minnesota, will miss the Green Bay game because of rib injuries. The loss to the Vikings left the Giants with a record of only one victory in three exhibitions. A pair of halfbacks are being groomed for the position. They are rookie Charles Killett of Memphis State and Jim Pace, a former 49er. There's also a chance that Joe Morrison, an end and flanker, may be used at fullback, along with rookie Nate Craddock of Parsons College in Iowa. Veteran Hugh McElhenny will be reserved for lots of duty at halfback.

## TAYLOR SCORES AGAIN

AUG 28 (Rensselaer, IN) - The battered Chicago Bears may have a fifth injured player on the sidelines against the St. Louis Cardinals in the Armed Forces benefit football game in Soldier Field Saturday night. Coach George Halas said veteran linebacker Larry Morris, who suffered a leg injury in the Bears' 26-7 loss to Green Bay last Saturday night, will not start against the Cards and will be used sparingly, if at all. His replacement will

and such stuff and stated his position thusly: "I just want to come up with my best game. That's all I want to do. Like the coach was saying the other night, Ron (Kramer) and Mike Ditka were at their best and it's the same with me when I play against Brown or good linebackers like Huff." Taylor referred to Coach Vince Lombardi's remark that "it's too bad that we can't play against Ditka or Brown every night." Jim's best game includes stinging the opposition, of course. If Huff happens to be in the path, you can bet Jim will have his stingers working in good order. And speaking about bumping into Taylor, Larry Morris was injured tackling Jim in the Shrine game Saturday night - the second year in a row this had happened. A lot of things have happened to Taylor since he last roared in City Stadium (against the Colts Nov. 18), and it will be a pleasure to see the big blaster roaring again when the Bays and Giants collide in the Bishop's Charities game Monday night. Taylor's bout with hepatitis, which was discovered as he prepared for the Pro Bowl game, kept Packerland on edge during the offseason. He came back strong, however, and then injured his knee early in training camp. Jim is back running again though he said

Here's Starr's record thus far in '63:

	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD
All Stars .....	32	19	149	0
Steelers .....	15	8	73	2
Cowboys .....	10	8	112	1
Bears .....	23	16	224	2
Totals .....	80	51	558	5

Here's what Starr has done against the Giants in the past two years:

1961				
	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD
Bishop's Game ..	25	18	171	1
League Game ...	23	9	125	0
Championship ...	17	10	164	3
1962				
	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD
Bishop's Game ..	20	11	165	2
Championship ...	21	9	85	0
Totals .....	106	57	710	6

be Roger LeClerc or rookie Andy Von Sonn, UCLA captain last season. It was the second successive season Morris was hurt tackling Packer fullback Jim Taylor in a preseason encounter. Last year, Morris suffered a mild concussion checking Taylor. Four players who sat out the Green Bay game also will miss the Cardinal contest. They include Maury Youmans and Ed O'Bradovich, again to be replaced at defensive left end by Bob Kilcullen; defensive back Tommy Neck; and rookie offensive tackle John Johnson of Indiana.

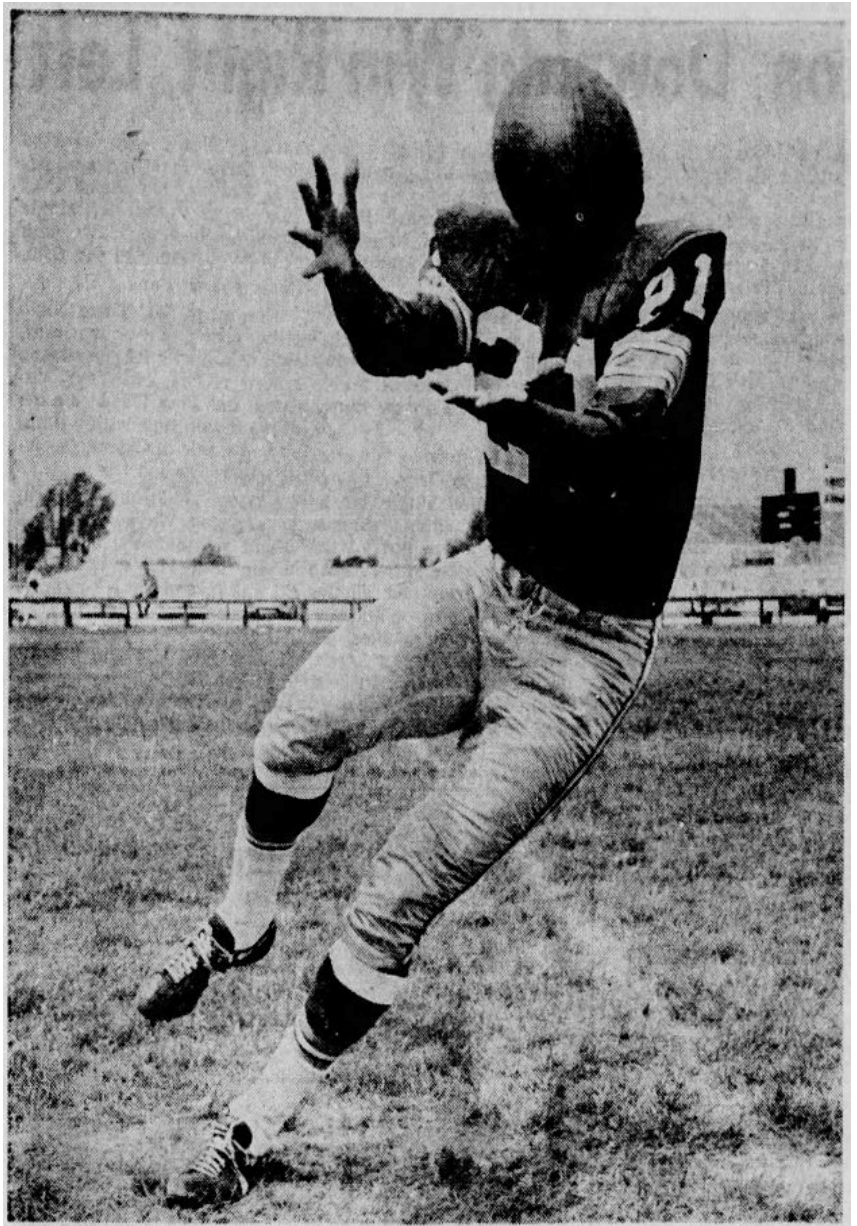
**REGROUPING 49ERS SIGN GARY KNAFELC**

AUG 28 (Lynn, MA) - The San Francisco 49ers, regrouping after a discouraging showing in early exhibition games, Tuesday signed end Gary Knafelc, a 9-year veteran in the NFL. Earlier, the 49ers claimed fullback Glenn Shaw in their search for running power. Knafelc, 31, a 220-pounder, was put on waivers Aug. 5 by the Green Bay Packers for whom he had played 8 1/2 seasons. Shaw had been put on waivers by the Los Angeles Rams. He worked out Tuesday with the 49ers. Knafelc, a graduate of the University of Colorado, went to the Packers in his rookie year after being drafted by the old Chicago Cardinals.

**RAMS DROP GASSERT**

AUG 29 (Orange, CA) - In 1960, Fred Whittingham escaped serious injury in the Toledo, Ohio plane crash that killed 16 fellow football players from Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo. After a promising start in pro football, he was injured Saturday night at Portland, Ore., as the Los Angeles Rams defeated the Dallas Cowboys. Doctors said he hurt his knee so severely he might have to have an operation. Whittingham, 6-2, 241-pound defensive end,

was placed on waivers by the Rams Tuesday. Also placed on waivers was defensive tackle Ron Gassert, formerly of the University of Virginia, who came here from the Green Bay Packers, with an "injury notation" warning the rest of the league about his knee troubles.



**Pointed Head . . . On Both Sides** —Packers' Bob Jeter was caught by Press-Gazette photographer Orvell Peterson in one of those football-head pictures while reaching for a pass during a practice session.

# Giants Again Peril Starr Passing Grade

**GIANTS AGAIN PERIL STARR PASSING GRADE**

AUG 29 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Bart Starr, the quiet man with the noisy arm, is riding along at a 63 percent completion clip thus far in '63. But wait a minute. The Giants are coming to town, and they aren't in the habit of getting 63 percented by anybody. In fact, Starr has pitched five games against the Giants in the past two years (2 exhibitions, 1 league and 2 playoffs) and emerged with a 53 percent completion percentage. This is terrific since the Giants rank second only to the Pack in the matter of defense, and three of those games decided titles - the Western crown in '61 and the "world" in '61 and '62. In all, Bart hurled 106 passes against the Giants in the two seasons and completed 57 for 710 yards and six touchdowns. And most of the damage was done in the two previous Bishop's Charities games. He completed 18 of 25 for 72 percent in '61 and 11 of 20 for 55 percent in '62 - an average of 64 pct. Starr, concerned chiefly with the percentages in the National League standings, says, "Our team is coming and we'll certainly be ready when the season opens." The league's leading passer in '62 noted that his arm "feels

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No Laughing Matter—As the accompanying pictures eloquently attest, Packer practices are serious business. Above, rookie end Jan Barrett snares pass split second before lung-

ing Hank Gremminger can bat it away and, below, Jess Whittenton (47) vainly strives to wrest ball from clutches of old pro Max McGee. (Press-Gazette Photos)



great" and added: "It's hard to remember the pass protection being greater than it has been thus far this season." Starr passed along two other thoughts: "The rookies are recognizing the defenses quicker and they are more intelligent" and: "I feel that John (Roach) is doing a fine job and that's because he is playing more." Roach, who backed up Bart the past two years, has thrown 17 passes in the past three games and completed 11 for 123 yards and a rousing 64 percent. John hit 3 out of 4 in the last two games vs. the Cowboys and Bears and 5 out of 9 vs. the Steelers. That dirty word, interception, has been avoided thus far but in the interest of good journalism it must be reported that a hurried look at the reports of the four games reveals that Starr threw but two interceptions - one each in the All Star and Steeler games...Ray and Jackie Nitschke have announced the adoption of an infant son and the newcomer, their first, has been named John Raymond. "Things have changed at home," Ray winked the other day...Pat Pepler, personnel chief, spoke about the Pack's first-year men at the Optimist Club at the Downtowner Wednesday noon. He revealed that Bob Jeter is "hard to overthrow because he always seems to have an extra notch of speed left." And for a spot of humor, Pat told about the talkative Chuck Morris: "If you have any trouble with your coaching, Chuck will be glad to help you out."...The Packers worked in a steady rain yesterday and Coach Vince Lombardi called it "one of the better workouts we have had." This was the first time the Packers had a rained-on drill. Elijah Pitts' shoulder is still bothering him and it's doubtful if he'll be ready for the Giant game.

#### **MCLENNY TO REACH STRIDE VS. PACKERS?**

AUG 30 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Giants may be hurt and all that bush-wacky, but it's interesting to transcribe this note from Don Smith, the Giants' publicist: "Hugh McElhenny, 34, has been brought along slowly by Coach Allie Sherman but now seems ready to hit his full stride." Hurryin' Hugh is one of the great ones and it's a pleasure to watch him bend, swivel, tip, duck, leap, crawl, leap frog and just plain run with the football. McElhenny's an amazing gridder, as the Packers painfully discovered when he was in his prime with the 49ers in the 1950s. McElhenny, who will start at left half in the Bishop's Charities game Monday night in place of injured Phil King, leads the Giants with a seven-yard average. He carried only 11 times but piled up 71 yards...The Giants have two other ex-49ers in their midst - Y.A. Tittle, the quarterback, and Jim Pace, the halfback. Tittle, by the way, is 36 years of age. Pace is the third left half behind King and McElhenny....DOUBLEHEADER: Yesterday, the Ray Nitschkes

revealed the adoption of an infant son - John Raymond. Today, Jess and Joann Whittenton announced the adoption of an infant daughter, who has been named Elizabeth. It's about time to change the Pack's family directory - what with all the infantizing of recent months. Come to think of it, the new carpeting in the dressing room is just great for the little ones, too. They can crawl around - without slipping...The second scoreboard, located on the north end of City Stadium, will be ready for the Bishop's Charities game. It's a \$50,000 number, 22 by 32 feet, and will be a duplicate of the center section of the main scoreboard at the south end. Both boards will be synchronized to operate from the pressbox. The scoreboards are installed under a leasing agreement between Pabst Brewing Co. and the General Indicator Corp. The "face" of the larger board has been painted black (it was green) to match that of the new board. Numbers and lettering show up much better...Dave Robinson, the Packers' first-year linebacker and No. 1 draft selection, once was kicked off a sandlot team because he was too big. "My football career was almost cut short before I even started high school," he said. He started playing football with a team in the Police Athletic League in Moorestown, N.J., but didn't last. "I was only in the eighth grade but I was big for my age - about 6-2 and 180. I even had to get my birth certificate to prove I was within the age limit. After a couple of games, they asked me to quit because I was too big and people were afraid I'd hurt somebody." Robinson played at Moorestown High School and was a tackle. "In our school anyone who weighed 200 pounds was a tackle," Dave

said...Regarding the so-called Jim Taylor-Sam Huff collision, Ray Nitschke, who plays the same position as Huff, feels that Huff has been subjected to too much criticism for his tackling of Taylor in the championship game. Said Ray: "Huff has more chances to hit Jimmy. I know that Huff keys on the fullback. It's only natural they meet each other."...Fuzzy Thurston, the Packers' Guardian Angel (let side) along with Jerry Kramer (right side), is expanding his Left Guard Steak House in Menasha. An additional dining room and cocktail lounge will be built on the second floor...Kickoff Monday night is 8 o'clock but here's a suggestion: Get there by at least 7:30 for two reasons. First, the stadium has close to 4,000 more seats, which means more people and possibly slower moving. What's more, with the construction of the new Administration building on the north end there will be less parking in the stadium lot. And, second, special pregame ceremonies will start at 7:45, with Bob Nelson serving as MC. Bishop Stanislaus V. Bona will throw out the first ball...The current issue of Sports Illustrated has an interesting story on Johnny Blood. It's entitled "Is That You Up There, Johnny Blood?" Good reading!

**INJURIES POSE NEW PROBLEM FOR GIANTS**  
 AUG 31 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Giants, champions of the East, won their first non-leaguer and then lost two in a row. And in the words of their own

# Injuries Pose New Problem for Giants

publicist, "we looked bad in losing to the Vikings." (A 17-16 decision last Saturday night in Minneapolis!) So what goes with the team that gave the Packers such a rugged time in the championship game last December before Green Bay won out 16-7? This question - plus a million others - was put to the Giants' publicity chief, Don Smith, who came upon the local scene Friday. Said Don: "We have looked

Probable Offensive Starters:

NEW YORK		GREEN BAY	
Shofner	LE	McGee	
Brown	LT	Skoronski	
Dess	LG	Thurston	
Larson	C	Ringo	
Bolin	RG	J. Kramer	
Stroud	RT	Gregg	
Walton	RE	R. Kramer	
Tittle	QB	Starr	
Thomas	RH	Dowler	
McElhenny	LH	Moore	
Morrison	FB	Taylor	

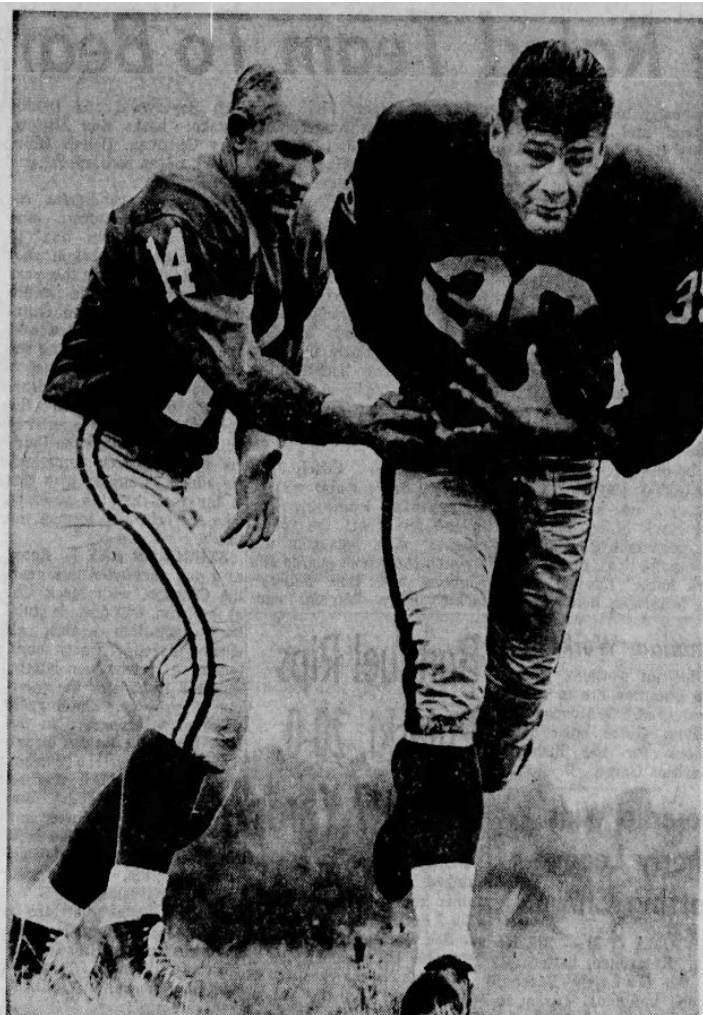
terrible as a group and one of the reasons is that we have 10 or 15 rookies who are very good and just about even in ability. Allie (Coach Sherman) felt that he had to give them all a good test. As a result, the veterans just haven't been getting enough work and they've been ragged and their timing has been off. Y.A. Tittle still hasn't quarterbacked his regular backfield this season. After our loss to the Vikings, Allie said he has gone as far as he can with the rookies, but now we have a new problem. The veterans, especially in the offensive backfield, have been getting hurt and we're back to the rookies. Generally, we lack the cohesion a veteran team should have at this time. In the process, we've looked bad." The Giants, you can bet, will make every effort to keep from "looking bad" against the Packers in the Bishop's Charities game in City Stadium Monday night. And while such stars as Frank Gifford, Alex Webster and Phil King will be missing from the offensive backfield with injuries, the Giants' heralded defense is in fine

condition. Smith told about the defense: "LoVetere (John, the giant tackle obtained in a trade from the Rams for Rosey Grier) has been good for us. He'll go 14 games each season and that's more than we got from Grier. We never had an inside rush, but we think we'll get one from LoVetere They couldn't keep him out of the middle against the Lions. He's not making any tackles there but he's forcing the quarterbacks out of the pocket and Robustelli and Katcavage have been making the tackles. They couldn't keep him out of the middle against the Lions. He's not making any tackles there but he's forcing the quarterbacks out of the pocket and Robustelli and Katcavage have been making the tackles. LoVetere is the only change in the defense. The rest of the unit is back." What about the Sam Huff-Jim Taylor thing? "There has been no conversation about it on our team. The feeling is that this is this year and that was last year. It has been written up quite a bit and unfortunately it left an impression that there is animosity between the two teams. This is definitely not true." And we'd like to second that. With Gifford and highly-touted rookie Roger Reynolds both out at flanker back, Aaron Thomas has been shifted over to that position from tight end. Hugh McElhenny will do the bulk of the running behind King and Joe Morrison, the club's Lew Carpenter, will work at fullback in place of Webster. Del Shofner, the Giants' chief pass catcher, has a bad leg but will play, Smith said. The Giants will fly in Sunday and drill here. The Packers had a good practice Friday and continued work today. They'll taper off with a light drill Sunday.

# Record 42,300 To See Packers, Giants Clash in 'Charities'

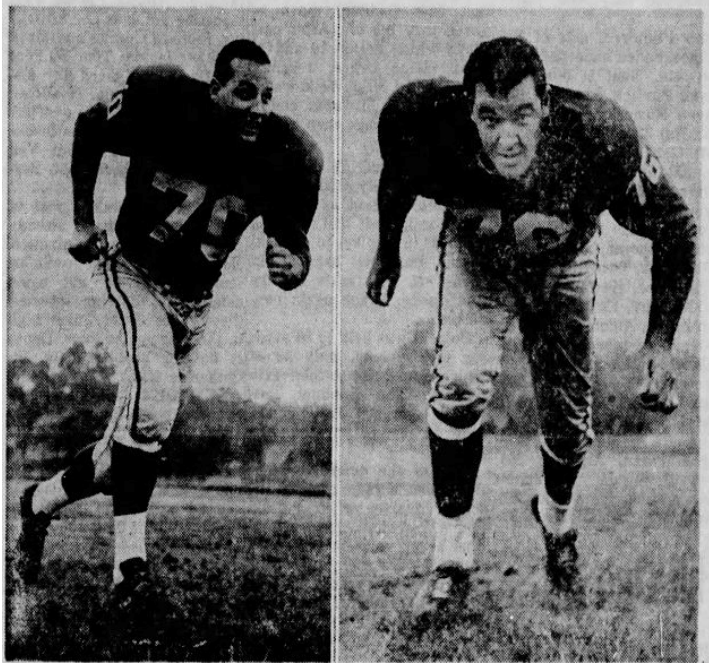
## RECORD 42,300 TO SEE PACKERS, GIANTS CLASH IN 'CHARITIES'

SEPT 1 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packers make some more history in City Stadium Monday night. With the Giants again providing an assist. The Stadium attendance record was established when Green Bay played its first championship game here in 1961, with 39,029 watching the Packers drop the Giants by an unforgettable 37 to 0. Now the Giants are here again - not to mention some 4,000 new seats - and the Packers will establish another new attendance record, approximately 42,300. The occasion will be the third annual Bishop's Charities game and kickoff is set for 8 o'clock. Pregame ceremonies with Bishop Stanislaus V. Bona throwing out the first ball, will start at 7:45. The game has been sold out for nearly two weeks and judging by the moaning for tickets yet the disappointees might well fit into another section. The second Bishop's test between these two clubs drew a capacity 38,669 a year ago. The Labor Day production may or may not be a Hairbreath Harry thriller, but it will be on the thrilling side just to see them crack a few times after the bruising battle these two clubs put on in the championship game in Yankee Stadium last December. Each combatant will get about \$5,000 less than he drew for that earthquake but the two teams are expected to put on a real rock-'em-sock-'em show. Both clubs are in the process of sharpening their teeth for what they hope will be a rematch here Dec. 29 and good, hard football action is the best thing for a dull molar. The Giants have been a bit dull, according to advance reports based on two successive losses, but they undoubtedly intend to correct this Monday night. The Packers have a three-game win streak going - following the loss to the All Stars. The Packer offense will be getting its toughest test thus far since the Giant defense ranks second only to the Packers' stingy unit. The Giant group is intact with the exception of John LoVetere, who is in Rosey Grier's tackle spot. LoVetere came from the Rams in a trade for Grier. Andy Robustelli and Sam Huff will lead the "charge" at Bart Starr & Co. The Packer offense has been averaging close to 30 points, but in the past three games vs. New York (since that 37-0 game) the Bays scored 20 and 16 points - an average of 18. Starr has been mixing up Coach Vince Lombardi's textbook in that the emphasis has been on the rushing of Jim Taylor and Tom Moore in one game and then on Starr's passing to Max McGee, Boyd Dowler and Ron Kramer in the next. The Giants are hurting on offense and this could be good or bad news for the Packer defense. One thing



**Giant Headaches**—The two gents above have ages totaling 70 years and they both are fugitives from the San Francisco 49ers — Y. A. Tittle, 36, (left) and Hugh McElhenny, 34. They are the only two really healthy mem-

bers of the damaged Giants' backfield set for action against the Pack in City Stadium Monday night. Below are (left to right) Linebacker Sam Huff and Tackle John LoVetere who came from the Rams for Rosey Grier.



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is sure: The Giants' two real offensive pros are in good condition - Y.A. Tittle and Hugh McElhenny. Joe Morrison will go at fullback in place of Alex Webster and Aaron Thomas will replace Frank Gifford at flanker. McElhenny starts in place of Phil King at left half. The Packers will continue testing of their bright young rookie, Lionel Aldridge, who has been doing so well at defensive right end. He'll switch around with Henry Jordan and Urban Henry. Lombardi expects to give his newcomers added testing - as he did in the earlier games. These people include Dan Grimm, Marv Fleming, Ed Holler, Jan Barrett, Gary Kroner, Doug Hart, Chuck Morris, Frank Mestnik, Tony Liscio, Dave Robinson and, of course, Aldridge. Coach Allie Sherman of the Giants will likely concentrate on his veterans due to heavy testing of rookies in the earlier games. although injuries may force him to employ quite a few rookies on offense...BRIEFS: The game will be telecast live back to



Second Year — The Packers' defensive backfield, shown with Coach Norb Hecker, is starting its second season together. Left to right, the defenders are Jess Whittenton, Willie Davis, Hank Gremminger and Herb Adderley, who broke into the group last

year. These ball hawks made 24 of the Packers' 31 interceptions in 1962, with Wood getting nine, Adderley seven, Gremminger five and Whittenton three. Wood and Gremminger play at safety and Adderley and Whittenton are cornermen.

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New York. WJPG will carry the radio broadcast, as per usual, and WBAY-TV will present a taped telecast at 10:30 Tuesday night...The Packers will be going for their sixth straight win over the Giants. They beat little old New York in two title games, two exhibitions and one league game...Mr. McElhenny gained 53 yards in eight carries against the Vikings last Saturday night. A possible starter at right half is Charley Killett, a good looking rookie out of Memphis State. Another possible is Jim Pace, the former 49er...Plaques will be presented to Willie Davis and Jim Taylor for being selected most valuable players in the '62 Bishop's game...Halftime entertainment will be presented by "The Blue Notes," a drum and bugle corps from Ishpeming, Mich. This unit won the drum and bugle championship in Michigan this summer...Max McGee thinks golf is just as exciting as professional football. McGee shot a hole-in-one Saturday on the 135-yard eighth hole at Town and Country Golf course. "This hole in one was as big a thrill to me as our two consecutive world championships," the beaming McGee told his partner, defensive halfback Jesse Whittenton.

# **IS THAT YOU UP THERE, JOHNNY BLOOD?**

**It is—today in a place of high honor in pro football's Hall of Fame. But once it was Johnny eight floors up there outside his coach's window**

**by GERALD HOLLAND**

**M**cNally is tall and lean. He has a strong face and untroubled eyes and a good head of iron-gray hair. He looks like a scholar or a poet or a contemplative monk in mufti. In repose, he is a picture of utter relaxation and, moving about, he suggests the effortless coordination of a cat. Ordinarily, he speaks quietly and briefly, as though words were not things to be wasted. On occasion, he is not so frugal with them. In his time, he has drawn street-corner crowds with rousing recitations of Kipling and has silenced soapbox orators with strange but oddly plausible arguments for or against any proposition under discussion.

Candidate John F. Kennedy met him for the first time in Green Bay, during the Wisconsin primary campaign. "Your name," said Senator Kennedy, "was a household word in our home." After the election, President Kennedy greeted McNally again at a White House reception which he attended in the company of his friend Byron White, then deputy

attorney general, now a Justice of the Supreme Court.

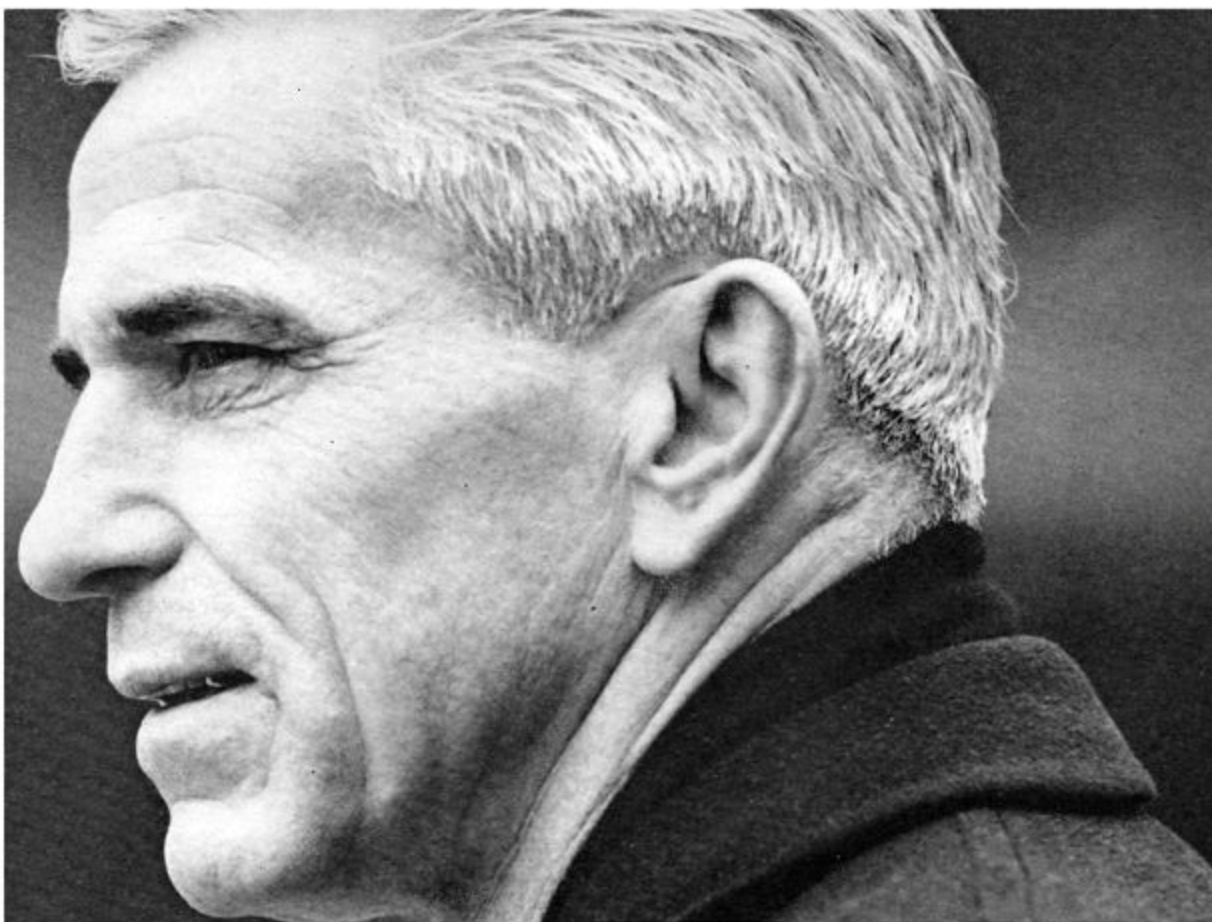
Before that evening at the White House, McNally had been around a bit. He had taught history and economics at his alma mater, St. John's University in Minnesota. He had entered the University of Minnesota to study for his master's degree at the age of 50. He had started writing a book on economics, a work still in progress. He had read law as a clerk in his uncle's law firm. He had run (unsuccessfully) for sheriff of St. Croix County, Wis., on a platform promising honest wrestling. He had been an Air Force staff sergeant and cryptographer in India and China during World War II. He had done a few things calling for less intellectual challenge. He had tended bar in Shanty Malone's place in San Francisco. He had been a stickman, a croupier, in a gambling house. He had been a seaman, a newspaper stercotyper, a miner, a farmhand, a feed salesman, a floor waxer, a sportswriter, a hotel desk

clerk, a pick-and-shovel worker on a WPA project in Los Angeles during the Depression. He had spent a night in jail in Havana for fistfighting over a matter of principle. He had walked out of a hotel in Atlantic City wearing four shirts and two suits and had settled his bill by mail later on.

In between all this, he had played some football—a lot of extraordinary football—and it was the kind of football he played that led to his election (along with Jim Thorpe, Red Grange, Bronko Nagurski, Cal Hubbard and a dozen others) as a charter member of pro football's Hall of Fame which will be dedicated September 7 at Canton, Ohio, the birthplace of the National Football League.

His full name, as entered in the records at Canton, is John Victor McNally. If it rings no bell, then for John Victor McNally read Johnny Blood—the name he used when he was a household word with the teen-age Kennedy boys, the name of the legendary halfback who scored 37





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touchdowns and 224 points during his career with the Green Bay Packers and helped them win four NFL championships. As Johnny Blood, he played all around the pro circuit and served three seasons as player-coach of the Pittsburgh Steelers, the team for which he once signed his friend, Whizzer White.

"I guess you could say," Justice White said recently, "that if it were not for Johnny Blood's persuasiveness, I would not have played professional football. We played together only a year, with the Pittsburgh Steelers, but we have kept in close touch ever since.

"He was a great teammate. A cheerful fellow, friendly off the field. Nothing fazed him. Sometimes, although he was player-coach, he might miss a practice and explain next day that he had been to the library. He was a fine defense man. He was fast. I tried all season to beat him at 100 yards and couldn't. He was a great receiver. He thought there wasn't a ball in the air he couldn't catch. I value him

as a friend as much as I admired him as a player."

Don Hutson, a Hall of Fame man and Johnny Blood's teammate with the Packers, has said of him:

"I never saw a fellow who could turn a ball game around as quickly as Johnny Blood. When he came into a game, the whole attitude of the players changed. He had complete confidence in himself. He had tremendous football sense."

A man who has seen all the great backs, from Johnny Blood to Jimmy Taylor of today's Green Bay Packers, said:

"Johnny Blood was one of the last great individualists of the football field when it was still called a gridiron. Like Red Grange, Bo McMillin and Jimmy Conzelman, he had the speed, the change of pace, the swivel hips and the quick eyes to break loose on his own and run through the opposition, whereas today's great backs largely depend on perfect execution of well-drilled blackboard plays

laid out by their coaches. Johnny Blood could improvise, make up plays on the spot as the occasion demanded. I don't suppose this always made a hit with his coach, but his performance did."

The exploits of Johnny Blood McNally on and off the field during a professional career that spanned 22 seasons were often as wild as they were unpredictable, and yet there was a weird thread of logic running through them. There was the time, for instance, when the Packers were in Los Angeles for a game, and Johnny found himself in need of funds. He approached Coach Curly Lambeau (also a charter member of the Hall of Fame at Canton) in the hotel lobby and stated his case. Lambeau not only refused to advance him 10¢, he said he was retiring to his eighth floor room and locking himself in for the night. If Johnny came to his door, he declared, he would not let him in.

Johnny pondered, pacing the lobby. He reviewed the facts. He had asked and

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had been refused. But does a man take no for an answer without making certain that the other party fully understands the urgency of the matter? Johnny decided that his coach must be made to listen again. But he had said that he would not open his door. The answer, by all rules of logic, must be found in another method of approach. The door would be locked, but had anything been said about the window?

Johnny hurried to the elevators and rode up to the eighth floor. He found a door leading to a fire escape and then determined that by making his way along a ledge, he could put himself within a mere five or six feet of Coach Lambeau's window. He moved confidently along the ledge until he was in position. He looked down to the courtyard eight floors below. He balanced himself, placing his hands behind him, palms against the wall. He bent his knees slightly and was about to leap when the voice of a teammate rang out from a window two floors below.

"Is that you up there, Johnny Blood?" cried the teammate.

"The same," answered Johnny.

"Dear God in Heaven," shouted the teammate, "what are you going to do, Johnny?"

"Coach wants to see me," Johnny called back. "Told me to drop in and talk over a matter of business." With that he jumped, landed neatly on the window ledge, threw up the half-open window and presented himself to Coach Lambeau who fell back, clutching his heart.

"I thought that perhaps I didn't make myself clear, Coach," said Johnny, "about that advance I asked for. Now the fact is—"

Curly Lambeau staggered to the chair where his trousers hung. He thrust a hand in a pocket and pulled out a wad of bills.

"Take it, take it!" he cried. "Take it and go. Go where you want, Johnny Blood."

"Thank you, Coach," said Johnny politely. "I knew we could come to an understanding once we talked things over in a calm, reasonable way."

"Just go," groaned Curly. "Go, please go."

Johnny went to the door, turned the lock and opened it.

"Have a good night's sleep, Coach," he said, closing the door behind him.

Although that story is vouched for by Curly Lambeau himself, the legend that

has grown up around Johnny Blood is so filled with truths and half-truths and no truth at all that it is necessary to try to grasp a few facts of record and hold fast to them. Throw out the fable that he once stayed up an entire night in a bar and engaged in a toe-to-toe Shakespearean performance with John Barrymore. He never met Barrymore in his life. Nor did he ever heckle a nightclub comedian and then take over the spotlight to put on an impromptu show of his own. To be sure, he did dance a jig on the football field as the band played *Piccolo Pete*. But sportswriters invented scores of other tales, because they knew that Johnny would not bother to deny them.

One truth is that Johnny is not an easy man to catch up with. His home is the house where he was born, in New Richmond, Wis., but he is seldom there long, for he roams the country, visiting old friends, making new ones out of anyone who has something interesting to say, rarely staying in any one place for long. People meeting him for the first time usually want to know exactly how scholarly John McNally became the Johnny Blood of legend, the hell-raisingest, most excitingly colorful player on and off the field that the professional game has ever seen.

He was captured for a little while on the evening of last New Year's Day. That afternoon he had seen the University of Wisconsin lose a thriller to USC in the Rose Bowl. Two days before, he had watched the Packers beat the Giants in New York. He had hoped to witness a complete sweep, professional and collegiate, for the teams representing his home state. Now he sat in the cocktail lounge of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. He rattled the ice cubes in his empty glass (he rarely drinks before sundown) and called to a passing waiter his standard order for another Scotch and water. "A man," he said, "could die of thirst in a place like this." The waiter looked back and smiled and nodded.

The usual question was asked.

"How did I become Johnny Blood? I think some background should be given here. I was small as a kid in New Richmond. Precocious, I suppose, a quick study. I graduated from high school when I was 14. I had been too small to participate in any kind of athletics. Unless you count climbing. I loved to climb things. Trees, telephone poles, the outside of houses. This addiction stayed with me

in later life. Once I went to visit a friend in the hospital. It was after visiting hours, and I was turned away on the ground floor. So I went around the back and climbed up to my friend's room on the third floor and went in through the window. My friend seemed to be greatly cheered by the visit. I not only liked to climb up, I liked to climb down. One time when I was playing with Ernie Nevvers' Eskimos, I was giving a poetry reading on the street outside our hotel. The team manager came along, took me by the arm, escorted me to my room and locked me in. My room was on the sixth floor. It was child's play for me to go out the window and back down to the street and pick up my recitation at the point where it had been interrupted.

"Getting back to my boyhood, my parents thought I was too young to go away to college at 14. So I stayed home and learned to type and studied commercial subjects. I read a good deal. I remember that it was in those days I first read about Cincinnatus, the Roman general who would farm his land until war came, then would lead his troops to victory and go back to farming again. I made him my hero and, as I grew older, I realized that what Cincinnatus was, was a clutch hitter. I'm a great admirer of clutch hitters."

(Cal Hubbard, the American League's chief of umpires and also a Hall of Fame man, picked an alltime pro team some years ago. He did not pick Johnny Blood, but he said that if he could have had a 12th player—the equivalent of a clutch hitter in baseball—Johnny Blood would have been his man.)

The waiter set down a fresh Scotch and water.

"When I was 17," Johnny went on, "I entered St. John's, a Benedictine college near Collegeville, Minn. Suddenly, I started to grow like a weed. I went out for all sports—football, baseball, track, basketball. I guess I was St. John's first four-letter man. St. John's was a two-year college then, but I stayed on doing some postgraduate study for a year and then decided I wanted to finish up at Notre Dame."

And so you later became known as Johnny Blood, "a vagabond halfback from Notre Dame?" That was in *TIME* magazine.

"*TIME* erred. I was neither Johnny Blood nor a halfback at Notre Dame. And I was not yet a vagabond. I went out for the freshman squad—although I was actually a junior—and they put me at tackle. I didn't like that. A tackle's

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job is to make body contact; a ballcarrier's job is to avoid it. I was fast, and I wanted to be a halfback."

What happened when you became eligible for the varsity the following year?

"I wasn't around the following year. I was suspended from Notre Dame in the spring of 1924 for absencing myself from the campus, along with some classmates whose names I refused to reveal. It was just as well that I didn't stay and try out for the varsity. I would have been competing with Don Miller of the Four Horsemen for the right halfback position in that great backfield."

Still, suspension from college is a traumatic experience for a boy. Were you ashamed? Did you feel disgraced? Did you go to the authorities, fall to your knees and beg forgiveness, plead for reinstatement?

"No, I bought a motorcycle. I was just learning to drive it fairly well, when I happened to attend a party in South Bend. There was a girl there, and we got to talking. I told her that I had purchased a motorcycle and was planning a tour of the eastern seaboard. Two of my sisters were sailing for Europe, and I wanted to be in New York to wish them *bon voyage*."

Your devotion to your sisters doubtless impressed the girl at the party. Possibly you were attracted to her as well. Did you see this girl again?

"I did. On the back seat of my motorcycle. She confided to me that she was married to a sailor who was due to sail from Norfolk on a battleship, and she was most anxious to wish him *bon voyage*. So we set out. We spent a night in Chicago sitting on a park bench to conserve funds for fuel. Then we paid a visit to her family in Fort Wayne, Ind. Her parents approved of the motorcycle tour, without reservation, and so we set off in the general direction of Norfolk."

The girl on the back seat of the motorcycle?

"Correct. We ran out of money at Washington, Pa. The girl suggested hocking her watch and her wedding ring. I concurred and promised to redeem them later. I did redeem them. Well, at any rate, we got to Norfolk and found her husband's battleship had sailed. The girl was distraught. She had no place to stay, and I was due in New York. So I took her to a YWCA, explained our predicament to a nice lady in charge, and she agreed to let the girl stay until I could

send her money to go home on. Which, fortunately, I was able to do."

And you drove off alone to wish your sisters *bon voyage* in New York?

"That's right. Unfortunately, however, my motorcycle broke down several times along the way. I borrowed some money from a cousin in Baltimore and pressed on, but I was unable to reach New York before my sisters' ship sailed. Happily, I had another sister at Radcliffe, so I drove to Boston, called upon her, wished her well and borrowed some money for fuel. At my sister's suggestion, I also wrote home and asked that a small sum be deposited in my checking account, which had been drained completely enroute to Washington, Pa."

"All being well at Radcliffe, I decided to start back to Wisconsin. My motorcycle broke down at Sandusky, Ohio. Luckily, I remembered that the Four Horsemen of Notre Dame had summer jobs in a resort there. I looked up Harry Stuhldreher, reminded him that I had written his poetry for him when we were in Father Carroll's poetry class at Notre Dame and asked him to cash a check. Harry was happy to oblige. I got the motorcycle fixed, and it performed magnificently until I arrived at Amherst Junction, Wis., where it collapsed completely, beyond repair. I abandoned it and caught a freight train for New Richmond. I rode the blinds. Older hoboes will remember the coal tender and the baggage car." He raised his voice: "A man could die—" The waiter, standing by, nodded understandingly.

This is all leading up to the story of how John McNally became Johnny Blood?

"It is. Back home again, I decided to go to work. One of my uncles was owner and publisher of the *Minneapolis Tribune*, and another uncle was in charge of the mechanical department. In the company of a former classmate from St. John's, Ralph Hanson, I went to the newspaper and asked for a job. Ralph and I were put to work in the stereotyping department. We hadn't been working long when we read that a professional football league was being formed in Minneapolis and that the East 26th Street Liberties were conducting tryouts. Ralph and I decided to try out, but we agreed that since we both had a year of collegiate eligibility left, we would do well to try out under assumed names."

The waiter put down a glass.

"Check, please," said John McNally.

"Well, sir, we tried to think of names, but we couldn't think of any we liked. We were still pondering the problem as we rode out to the ball park where the tryouts were being held. Along the way, we passed a theater. The marquee advertised a Rudolph Valentino picture called *Blood and Sand*. I grabbed Ralph's arm. 'There are our names,' I said. 'I'll be Blood and you be Sand.'"

And that was the start of your professional career?

"I made the team, yes. I had a very good year. The East 26th Street Liberties won the city championship. I then moved on to a team that was being formed at Ironwood, Mich. From there I jumped to Milwaukee, and then I got an offer to join Ernie Nevers in Duluth. Then I went to Pottsville, Pa. and finally was signed by the Packers. In my negotiations with Curly Lambeau, I asked for \$100 a game. He came back with an offer of \$110 a game, providing I would initial a clause in the contract forbidding any drinking after Tuesday of each week. I countered with an offer to take the \$100 I had proposed and drink through Wednesday. Curly agreed."

Johnny Blood McNally finished his drink and got up. "Excuse me," he said, "I am flying to San Francisco to see Shanty Malone." He waved a hand and was gone.

Months later, Johnny Blood sat at a table in Dinty Moore's Restaurant in New York.

"I found Shanty Malone looking very well, still merry-eyed and curly-haired," he said. "I hadn't seen him since 1947. We recalled the old days, starting with the night Shanty knocked on the door of my hotel room, a perfect stranger, and invited me to join him in a drink at a nearby speakeasy. He was a great football fan. Our friendship prospered, and Shanty was there in the clutch when I was caught in San Francisco between seasons without funds. It was then that I went to work for him as a bartender."

Does Shanty still have a bar?

"Oh yes. He has moved several times, but all his places have been pretty much the same as far as atmosphere is concerned. Genteel, in a sort of knock-down-and-drag-out way. Shanty himself is a working philosopher. We discussed some of the great eternal questions, as we had done in the past."

Do you recall any particular eternal question?

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Johnny Blood pushed back his plate and ordered some coffee. "Yes. One question we discussed has been on my mind for years. It was posed to me when I was coaching the Pittsburgh Steelers. Just before the start of the season it became necessary for me to cut four men from the squad. I hated to do it. But I told the boys that I had heard of an independent pro team being organized in St. Louis. I suggested that they go there and try out. I persuaded Art Rooney, owner of the Steelers, to advance money enough to get them to St. Louis. Well, the boys went out, worked hard to make the team, but all four failed. They sent me a wire after their release. It read,

tem that depended utterly on the fullback. Ernie certainly met the test for that position under the Warner system better than anybody else. He certainly was the greatest of the Pop Warner fullbacks, and he was at least the equal of any of the greatest fullbacks of all time.

"Ernie and I talked about the days when we played 60-minute football, the days before the platoon system. We were proud to stay in there for the full distance. If we couldn't stay in there, we felt that we did not measure up. I think present-day players miss that full-time effort, although today's game is better for the spectators. What really created modern football was the platoon system and the slow-motion camera. The cam-

the games. But we bet on ourselves to win. I never heard of a player betting against his own team." He glanced at his wristwatch, touched his napkin to his lips and got up from the table.

"I have to run. I am on a tour, inspecting lighthouses from Florida to the Canadian border. I am very much interested in lighthouses. My favorite is at Cape Hatteras."

How did you become interested in lighthouses?

"I used to go with a lighthouse keeper's daughter." He walked out the door.

One day last summer, Johnny Blood sat on a park bench opposite the White House.

"I have been visiting Justice White in his office at the Supreme Court," he



**HALFBACK BLOOD** lines up with the 1933 Packers before a game with the Giants. The line, from left: Rose, Kurth, Van Sickle,

Sarafiny, Comstock, Perry and Dilweg. The backfield: Herber, Hinkle, Blood and Monnett. The Giants won that game, 17-6.

simply, "Where to now, Coach?" I didn't know the answer. In the large sense, does anybody?"

Johnny Blood took a sip of coffee and declined a cigarette. He looked around Dinty Moore's Restaurant. "This old place," he said, "hasn't changed a bit since the Packers used to eat here back in the '30s."

He was silent for a moment, and then he went on: "I saw a lot of old friends on the Coast. I played golf with Ernie Nevers."

Do you consider Nevers the greatest football player of all time, as some people say?

"Well, Pop Warner said that under his system, Ernie was better than Jim Thorpe. That's pretty high praise, but the peculiarities of the Warner system required the fullback to be the absolute core of the team. He did the signal calling, the passing, the kicking, the spinning and the ball carrying. It was a sys-

era showed the coaches things they didn't know before. They knew in detail what every man did right and wrong. This helped them to coach more effectively. Now the player knows that the coach is seeing every detail of the action in slow motion and so, playing this part-time football, he is giving his maximum effort every minute. I used to say in the old days that the only thing wrong with pro football was that the stadiums were too small. That turned out to be a pretty good diagnosis in view of the way the game has caught on with the fans. It's a great show. It's dead on the level, you can't fake it, and it's all out there in front of you."

You couldn't throw a game?

"You could throw it, but it would be obvious to everybody in the stadium."

What about players betting on games, as happened last season?

"Well, that can't be tolerated today. Frankly, in the old days, we all bet on

said, "and he told me he had been invited [he later accepted] to present my plaque at the Hall of Fame dedication ceremonies in Canton."

That would be highly appropriate, since you signed Whizzer—Mr. Justice White, that is—for the Pittsburgh Steelers. Exactly how did that come about?

"Well, of course, every pro team was anxious to get Whizzer. He was an All-America at the University of Colorado, and the kind of player we all knew would make the transition to professional football without any difficulty. Art Rooney, the owner of the Steelers, was particularly anxious to get him. He sent me to Boulder to have a talk with Whizzer."

"Whizzer said he couldn't possibly turn pro. He had a Rhodes scholarship, and he wanted to go to Oxford more than anything else, especially since his brother had been there before him. I used my best salesmanship, but I saw

that nothing could change his mind, and so I reported back to Art Rooney.

"With White eliminated, we went into the draft meeting with the idea of claiming a boy from Duquesne, if we had the chance, as the third team in the draft selections. But the Duquesne boy was claimed ahead of us, and I turned to Art Rooney and said, 'Who do we pick now?' Rooney said, 'Pick Whizzer White.' I told him White wouldn't accept a draft. Rooney said, 'Pick him anyway. I'll offer him so much money he can't refuse. I'll offer him \$15,000.' So I picked White. When I called him and made the offer, Whizzer said the money did interest him, but the Rhodes scholarship interested him a great deal more. His answer was still no."

Johnny stared off in the direction of the White House. "Do you know," he said, "that Green Bay claims to have invented touch football? I guess a lot of other towns claim the same thing. But I wouldn't be surprised if it began in Green Bay. The Packers were always a passing team and still are. It makes sense that the fans and the kids would work out a passing game."

You still haven't signed Whizzer White for the Pittsburgh Steelers.

"Oh, yes. Well, Whizzer had been thinking things over. He had made some inquiries. He had learned that he could delay his entrance at Oxford until January, until whatever they call the second semester over there. Art Rooney and I were in Atlantic City one evening, and a call came through from Whizzer for me. 'Johnny,' he said, 'Is that \$15,000 offer still good?' I said it sure was. Whizzer explained about the Oxford situation and said he would report. He did, and he was everything we hoped for and more. He led the league in yardage gained."

When did you hear that you were picked for the Hall of Fame in Canton?

"Well, I had heard rumors from sportswriters, but the official word came last January when I was visiting Curly Lambeau at his home in Palm Springs, Calif. We read the news in the Los Angeles papers. We were both very proud that, with Cal Hubbard, Don Hutson, Curly and myself, the Green Bay Packers had four men in the first contingent. I told Curly that I felt my reputation for so-called color probably was what influenced the sportswriters and broadcasters in voting me in as a charter member. Curly was kind. He said I had more than so-called color, and he prayed that the saints would

preserve him from any more of that."

What is your own estimate of yourself as a player, Johnny Blood?

"Well, I always figured I was a pretty fair all-round back. I could kick with almost anybody. I wasn't a real good thrower, but in my time I guess I was as good a receiver as there was around—the best, maybe, until Don Hutson came along. Some people said I was the fastest man in the league until Hutson, who was a 9.6 man in college. I could carry weight—I mean the weight of equipment. Lots of great sprinters can't carry weight. I don't know—I was said to be an imaginative signal caller. I called signals for three championship teams. I scored 13 touchdowns for the Packers in 1931, and that was a record for the time. But there were an awful lot of good men. I still say the electors were influenced by the so-called color of the so-called Vagabond Halfback."

Which you weren't, you said.

"I said I wasn't a Vagabond Halfback from Notre Dame. Ollie Kuechle, sports editor of the *Milwaukee Journal*, first called me a vagabond. There's a story connected with that. I was leaving New Richmond to report to the Packers one year and, as sometimes happened, I decided to ride the blinds on a freight-and-passenger train. Now, there was no direct train from New Richmond to Green Bay, but there was a connection at Amherst Junction. The connection got in and left a few minutes before the New Richmond train, unless a wire was received requesting it to wait for passengers. Before taking the freight, I sent such a wire and, when we got to Amherst Junction, the Green Bay train was waiting. I hopped off the blinds of one train and onto the blinds of the other. Along the way, the baggage-car door opened and the baggageman looked out and saw me. He said, 'Is that you, Johnny Blood?' I said yes. He said, 'Did you send that wire telling us to hold for a passenger?' I confessed that I was the party. He shook his head, but he invited me into the car, loaned me his razor and gave me half his lunch."

"Well, Ollie Kuechle heard about the incident. He told Curly he was writing a story about the Packers' Hobo Halfback. Curly was very proud of the Packers, and he asked Ollie if he couldn't avoid suggesting that the team employed hoboes. Ollie thought awhile and then proposed vagabond. Curly thought that sounded much more dignified. And that's the way it came out in the *Journal*

and was reprinted all around the league."

Johnny Blood got up from the bench and stretched.

Where to now, Coach?

"I am going to the University of Maine to observe the solar eclipse. Then I plan to visit the baseball shrine in Cooperstown, N.Y. and see what a Hall of Fame looks like."

Before you go, Coach, would you mind a few personal questions?

"No."

You are not married?

"I was married for 10 years. We came to a parting of the ways. But I have nothing but the highest admiration for the state of matrimony."

You move around a good deal. This takes money, Coach.

"Well, I have a competence from a trust fund."

What would you give as your occupation?

"Reading, studying, writing. Meditating. Once meditation was an honorable occupation. Today, it would appear on a police blotter as a form of vagrancy, I suppose."

Could you give just one sample subject of your meditation?

"Moby Dick. I think the whale could think. He could read your mind. Captain Ahab, another hero of mine, did not realize this; so he had the courage of ignorance, comparable, I should say, to the courage of a fullback playing his first season of professional football. He hurls himself against the line. But go back and look at him at the age of 30. He will not be hitting the line with quite the same abandon. For the courage of ignorance, he has substituted the restraint, the caution of a little wisdom."

He strolled away.

Johnny Blood McNally is obviously pleased and certainly very proud to be included in the first band of heroes whose heads have been sculptured and cast in bronze and will be placed on display in the Hall of Fame. In his wanderings up and down the land, meditating as he goes, he probably asks himself from time to time the question a horrified teammate called to him as he perched on a ledge eight floors up many years ago. The answer should come easy, even if he insists that he is the least worthy of the heroes who will look down on the pilgrims at Canton. For just as it was when Coach Curly Lambeau saw the figure come through his hotel window, it is Johnny Blood up there, this time up there to stay.

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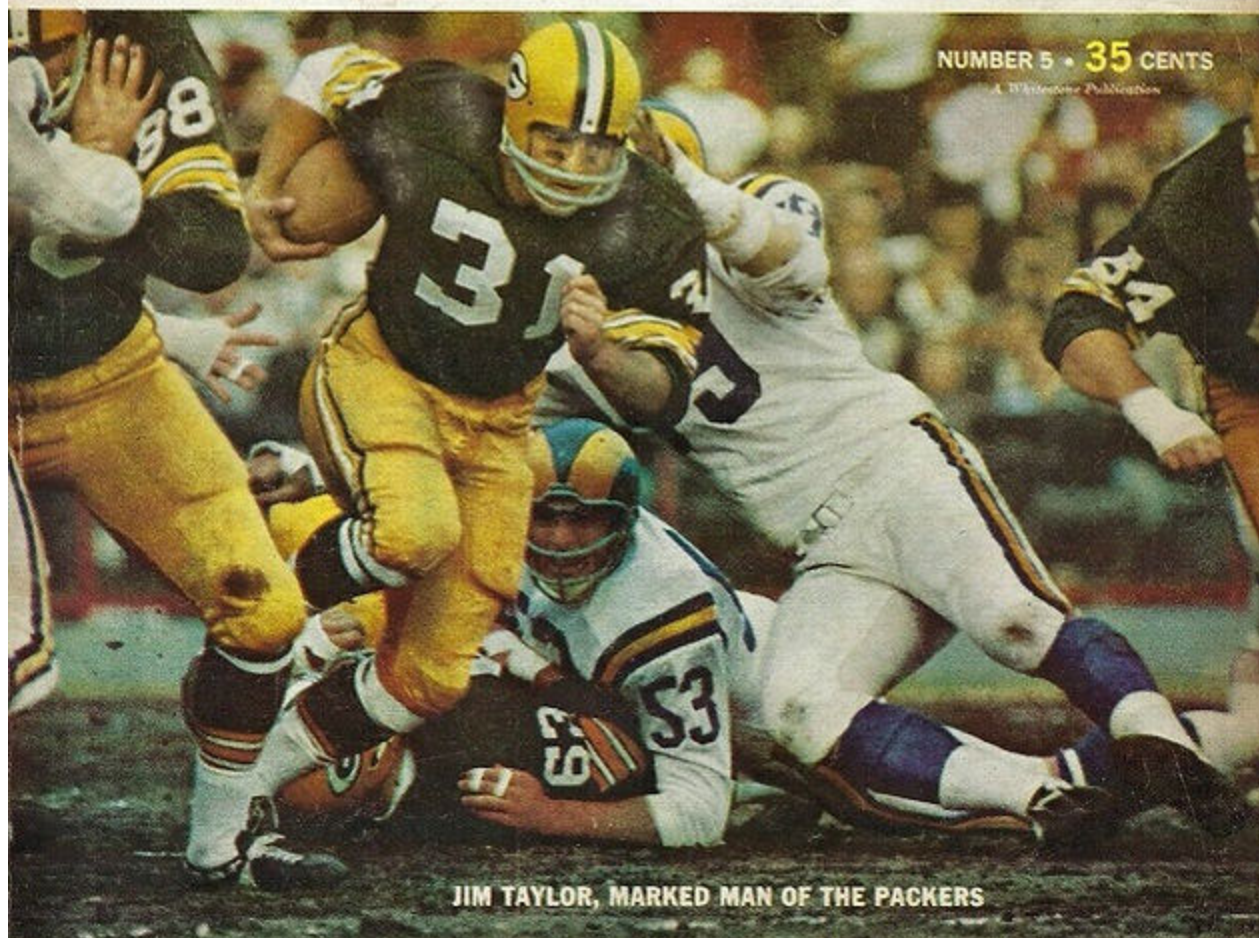
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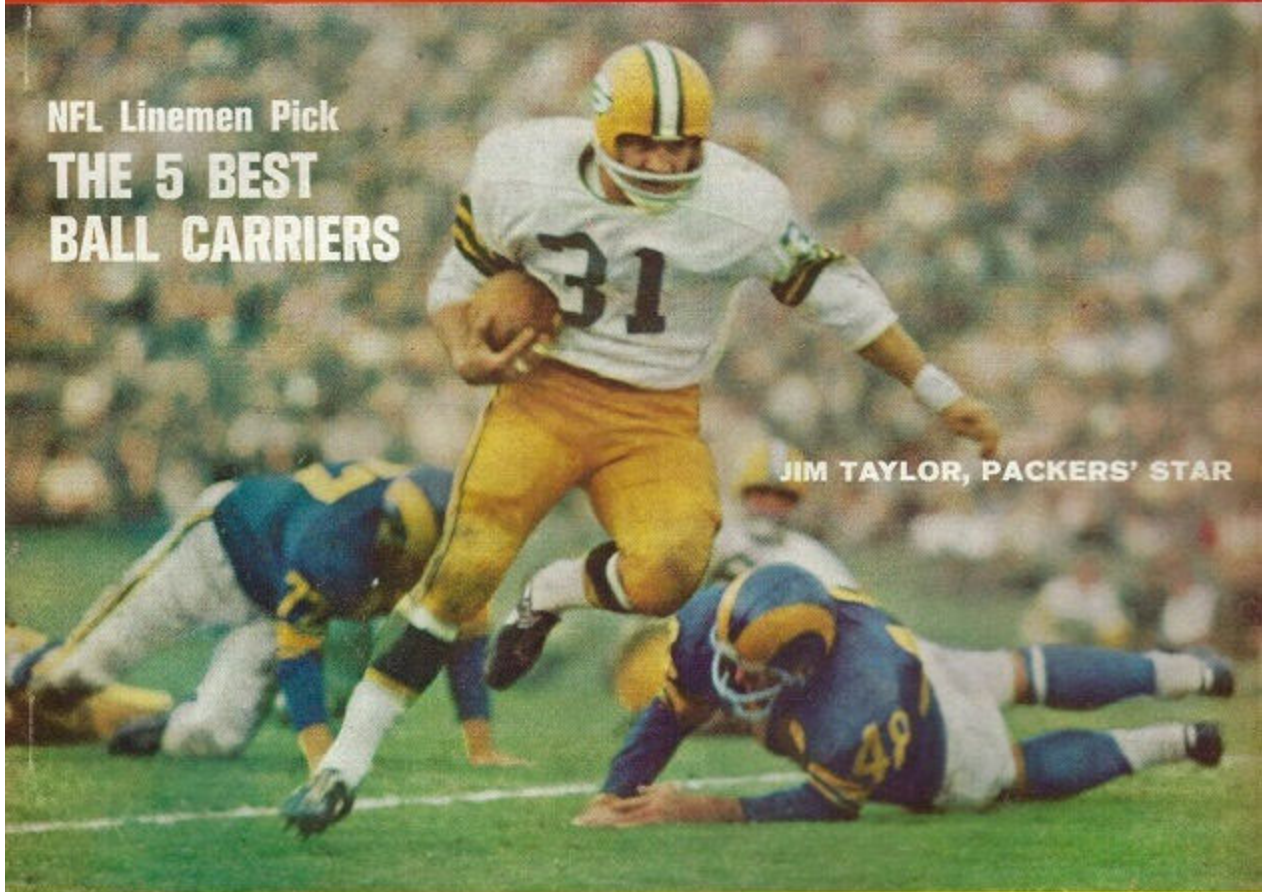


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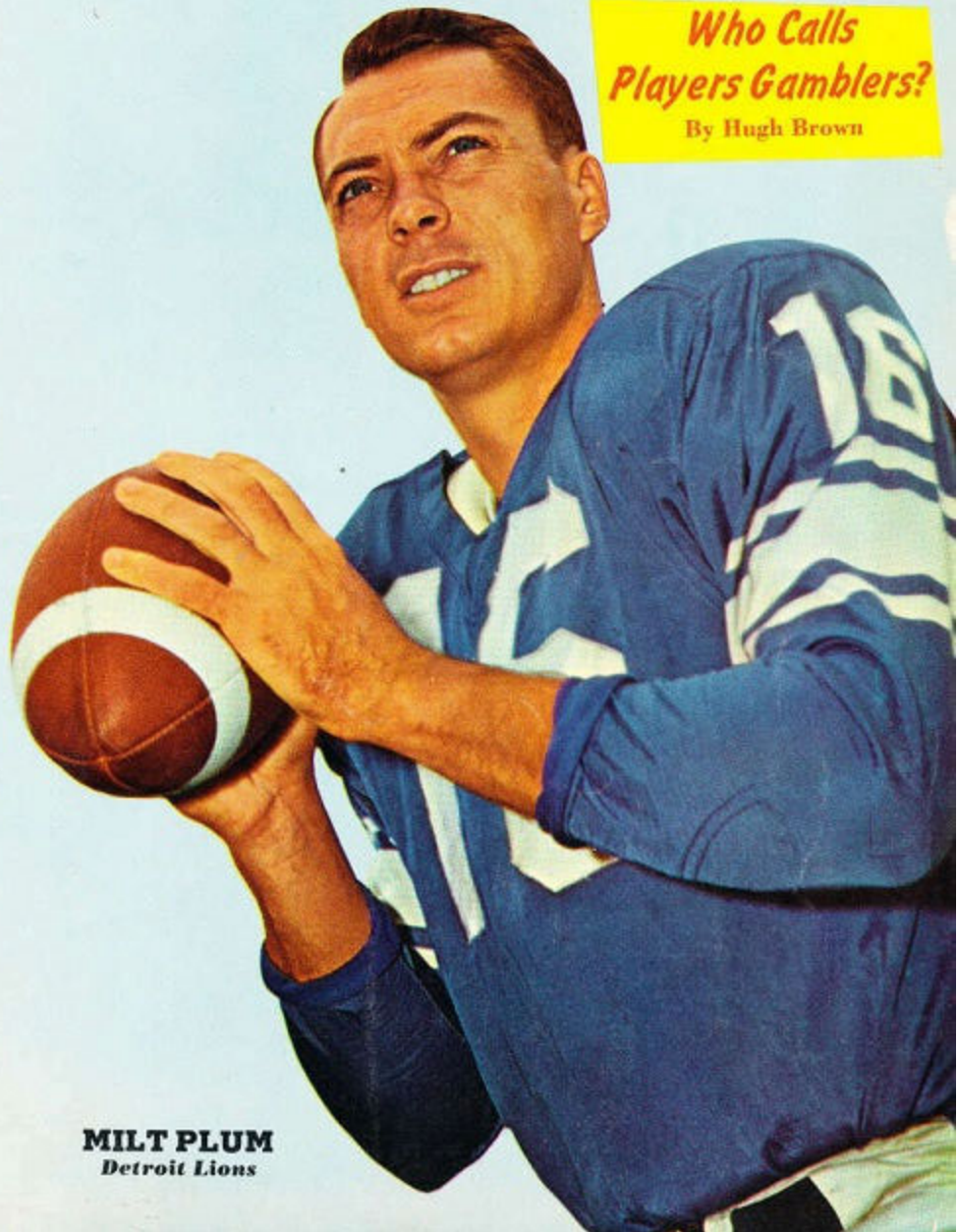
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