



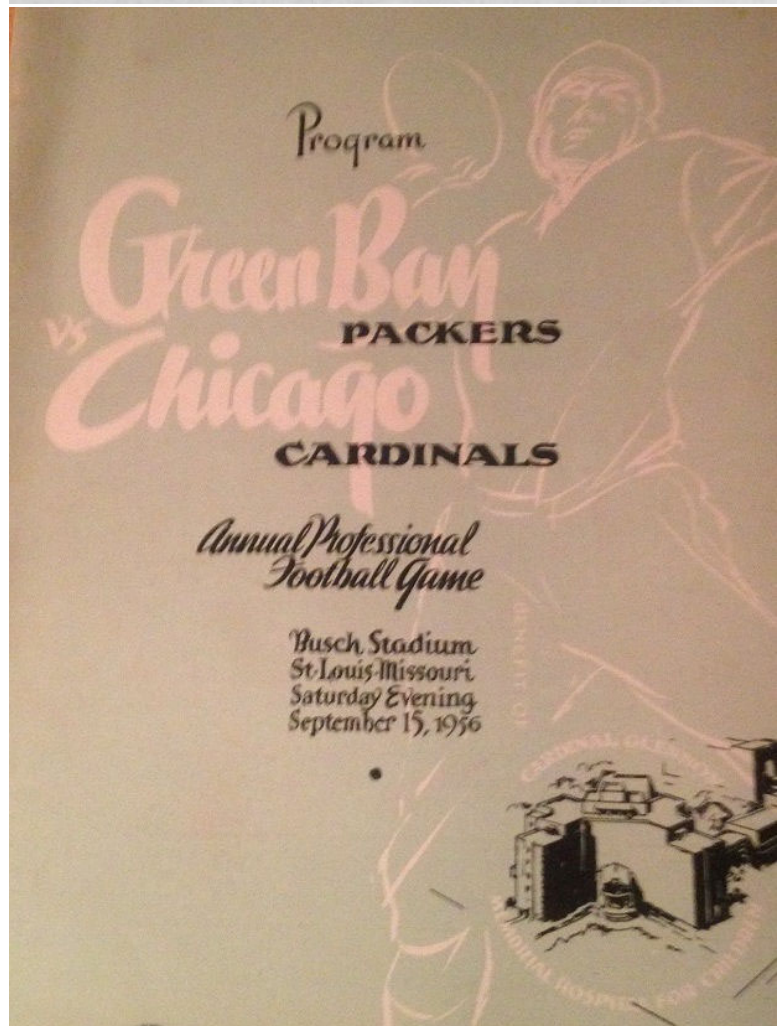
**Preseason: Green Bay Packers (4-1) 29, Chicago Cardinals 21
Saturday September 15th 1956 (at St. Louis)**

Packers Rally Twice, Top Cards 29-21 in Windup

GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(ST. LOUIS) – The Packers, sharpening up for their 35th season in the NFL, displayed three game-winning characteristics in the process of licking the Chicago Cardinals 29-21 before 31,454 fans here Saturday night: (1) Good night; (2) good toe; and (3) lots of fight and confidence. The Packers had to come from behind twice to win a thrilling non-championship windup, giving them a final 4-1 sendoff for the league opener against Detroit Sept. 30. The second of Fred Cone's three field goals gave the Pack a 16-14 lead in the third period and a 58-yard Tobin Rote-to-Billy Howton pass overcame a 21-19 deficit and put the Bays ahead to stay in the fourth quarter 26-21. Thus, the pass and The Toe were present and workable when required. The Packers showed a great amount of determination throughout and they needed every bit of it because the Cardinals appeared to be going through a life-or-death struggle. The Cards, still stinging after a 69-21 loss to Los Angeles, came from behind themselves, scoring two touchdowns in the second quarter to take a 14-10 halftime lead. They went behind 19-14 in the last quarter but forged ahead 21-19 just before Rote and Howton put on their heroics. The Packers scored three touchdowns and three field goals and rolled up 364 yards - the 29 points (one extra point was blocked) being slightly over the game goal of 28 and the yardage total being above the club's usual 325 to 350. The Packers rushing game was below par for the pro course, Bay rushers picking up 109 yards, but the aerial figure, 255, kept the grand total up. Defensively, the Packers permitted two earned touchdowns, the other coming on a 49-yard runback of an interception of one of Bart Starr's five passes. The Cards picked on defensive back Val Joe Walker, apparently aware of the fact that V.J. missed the last two games with injuries. The Bay defense, facing two of the fastest backs in the league in Ollie Matson and Alex Burl, held the Cards down to 175 yards, including 125 by these two 9.3 speedsters. The Card passing was cut to 127 yards - 58 coming on one bite from McHan to Gern Nagler to set up the last TD. Highlight of the Packers' defense was the half-dozen interceptions - two by Hank Gremminger, two by Nate Borden and one each by Jim Capuzzi and Bill Forester. Forester's interception set up the Packers' first touchdown - a seven-yard keeper by Rote, the first of his two touchdowns. Borden's first swipe made

Three FG's by Cone Difference in Thriller



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possible the first of Cone's three field goals on the first play of the second quarter - not to mention a 10-0 Packer lead. Capuzzi's interception set up Cone's last FG, giving the Bays a safe eight-point lead in the last two minutes. Coach Liz Blackburn used everybody present with the exception of guard Joey Skibinski, who has a sore knee. Two players were kept home with hurts - ends John Martinkovic and right halfback Bill Roberts, with Gene Knutson filling in for John and Al Carmichael going the distance at right half. There were a number of experiments in the line, with Bill Lucky and Don King handling the defensive tackles at times and Forrest Gregg working some at offensive right tackle. Bob Skoronski held down left tackle, with Len Szafaryn going to guard. Jack Losch was back on punt and kickoff returns with Carmichael and got off a 42-yarder to put the ball in position for the long Rote-Howton pass. The first pass McHan threw was intercepted on the second play of the game by Forester, who took the ball on the Card 22 and returned it to the 10. After Howie Ferguson made three in two trips, Rote sailed around right end for the score. Cone's kick made it 7-0. The Packers threatened to go in again a moment later when Rote, chiefly on a 16-yard pass to Breezy Reid and a 27-yarder to Knafelc, moved the Bays to the Card 11. At this point, a holding penalty and an offside moved the Bays back to the Card 40. The Packers wound up losing the ball on downs on the Card 15. Just before the period ended, Borden grabbed John Roach's pass on the Card 45 and returned six yards. The attack stalled so Cone field goaled from the 41. With Matson and Olszewski ripping the Packer line apart, the Cards covered 68 yards in nine plays for a 10-7 score. The payoff was a 24-yard shot down the middle to Nagler. Pat Summerall converted. Starr, with a start on the Bay 35, completed a 12-yard shot to Howton on his third call, but two plays later Linden Crow fielded Bart's throw on the Bay 49 and went the distance for the score. Starr was all but knocked down on the play, but got up to throw hurriedly. Summerall's kick made it 14-10. After an exchange of punts to start the third quarter, Rote threw the first of several passes to Ferguson up the middle, one going to 18 yards to the Card 33. Rote connected with Howton for 12 to the 21, but the ball was lost on downs when a handoff between Ferguson and Rote went awry, Rote recovering the fumble. A short McHan punt that was almost blocked, giving the Bays position on the Card 45, set up the Bays' second TD. The real advance was a 36-yard Rote pass to Ferguson just over the line, putting the ball on the Card two. Ferguson went to the one-foot line and Rote sneaked in. Cone's try for the point was blocked by two Cards and it was 16-14.

WENT AHEAD IN HURRY

The Packers' charged right back for another Cone field goal after making McHan punt. Rote threw to Ferguson for 17 and then to Howton for nine to the Card 34. Cone stepped back on the 40 and delivered three points for a 19-14 edge. The Cards went ahead in a hurry. On their first play Bernardi was thrown for a one-yard loss by Dave Hanner but on the next McHan threw to Nagler for 20 yards and Gern ran an additional 38 with Walker bunting him down on the Packer 20. Bernardi and Matson each picked up two yards and then McHan threw to Bernardi in the end zone for the score. Summerall's kick made it 21-19. Losch took Summerall's kickoff seven yards back in the end zone and went to the Bay 42. On the first play, Howton worked behind Night Train Lane, took Rote's pass on the Card 30 and went the distance. Cone's boot made it 29-21. An exchange of punts saw Dick Deschaine get off a 61-yard punt that was nullified by a Packer offside penalty. He tried again and booted it 51 yards. With four minutes left, Capuzzi intercepted a McHan shot on the Packer 40 and lateraled to Bobby Dillon who ran 10 more yards. Rote threw to Knafelc for 15 and Carmichael ran 10 yards to set up Cone's clinching field

4 for 5

NATIONAL GRAPEFRUIT LEAGUE (Western Division)				
	W	L	Pct.	PS OP
Chicago Bears	5	0	1.000	118 57
Green Bay	4	1	.800	104 77
Detroit	4	1	.800	115 63
Los Angeles	3	2	.600	150 110
San Francisco	3	2	.600	100 84
Baltimore	3	2	.600	111 84

(Eastern Division)				
	W	L	Pct.	PS OP
New York	3	2	.600	98 72
Washington	2	3	.400	82 160
Pittsburgh	1	3	.250	55 90
Chicago Cardinals	1	4	.200	82 160
Philadelphia	1	5	.166	81 137
Cleveland	0	5	.000	37 93

Saturday Night's Results
GREEN BAY 29 CARDINALS 21
 Bears 21 New York 16
 Detroit 31 Cleveland 14
 Pittsburgh 14 Philadelphia 12

Sunday's Result
 Baltimore 21 Washington 13

Friday Night's Games
 Cleveland at Bears
 New York vs. Cardinals at Memphis

Saturday Night's Games
 Los Angeles vs. Pittsburgh at Portland

Sunday's Games
 San Francisco vs. Philadelphia at Sacramento
 Washington vs. Detroit at Buffalo.

The Lineups
PACKERS
 Ends — Knafelc, Howton, Romine, Deschaine, Barnes, Borden, Knutson.
 Tackles — Szafaryn, Skoronski, Gregg, Sandusky, Dahms, Helluin, Lucky, King, Hanner.
 Guards — Spinks, Brown, Forester, Teteak, Zatkoff.
 Centers — Ringo, Lauer.
 Backs — Rote, Starr, Reid, Johnson, Losch, Carmichael, Ferguson, Cone, Gremminger, Capuzzi, Bookout, Walker, Dillon, Young.

CARDINALS
 Ends — Anderson, Bienemann, Boydston, Lane, Nagler, Stonesifer, Sugar, Summerall.
 Tackles — Brown, Hogland, Jennings, Lovely, Pasquesi, Teeuwa, Ulrich.
 Guards — Delavan, Dittrich, Husmann, Konovsky, Suminski.
 Centers — Brettschneider, Sanford, Simmons.
 Backs — McHan, Roach, Bernardi, Burl, Crow, Goble, Hill, Keane, Mann, Matson, Psaltis, Spence, Childress, Olszewski.

Packers	7	3	6	13-29
Cardinals	0	14	0	7-21

Packer Scoring: Touchdowns —
 Rote 2 (7-yard run, 1-yard plunge),
 Howton (58 yards, pass from Rote).
Field Goals — Cone 3 (41, 40, 31 yards).
Extra Points — Cone 2.
Cardinal Scoring: Touchdowns —
 Nagler (24 yards, pass from McHan),
 Crow (49 yards, pass interception),
 Bernardi (16 yards, pass from McHan).
Extra Points — Summerall 3.
Officials: Referee — Robert Austin;
 Umpire — Joseph Connell; Back Judge — Jim Hamer; Head Linesman — Sam Cooperman; Field Judge — Bill Grimberg.

Team Statistics

	Pack.	Card.
First Downs	14	16
By Rushing	9	6
By Passing	5	9
By Penalty	0	1
Yards Rushing	109	175
Yards Passing	255	127
Total Yards	364	302
Passes Attempted	31	18
Passes Completed	15	8
Passes Intercepted by	6	1
Punting Average	53.6	38
Penalties	4	3
Penalty Yardage	40	35
Yds. Punts Returned	12	0
Yds. Kickoffs Returned	117	151
Yds. Interceptions Ret.	72	49
Fumbles	1	1
Fumbles Lost	0	0

Individual Statistics

Rushing:
 Packers — Ferguson gained 39 in 14 attempts, Rote 24 in 6, Carmichael 23 in 4, Reid 15 in 9, Johnson 8 in 2.
 Cardinals — Burl gained 67 yards in 7 attempts, Matson 58 in 17, Olszewski 26 in 10, McHan 9 in 2, Bernardi 8 in 2, Childress 7 in 2.

Passing:
 Packers — Rote attempted 26, completed 14 for 242 yards; Starr attempted 5, completed 1 for 13 yards.
 Cardinals — McHan attempted 15, completed 7 for 126 yards; Roach attempted 3, completed 1 for 2 yards.

Pass Reception:
 Packers — Howton caught 4 for 91 yards, Ferguson 4 for 73, Knafelc 3 for 57, Carmichael 2 for minus one, Reid 1 for 16, Johnson 1 for 9.
 Cardinals — Nagler caught 3 for 90 yards, Bernardi 2 for 26, Matson 1 for 7, Childress 1 for 3, Olszewski 1 for 1.

goal – a shot from the 31 that bounced off the left upright and into the payoff side. The Cards had one more play and Borden ended that by intercepting McHan’s pass.

GREEN BAY - 7 3 6 13 - 29
CHI CARDINALS - 0 14 0 7 - 21

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First Downs	14	16
Rushing-Yards-TD	35-109-2	40-175-0
Att-Comp-Yd-TD-Int	31-15-255-1-1	18-8-127-2-6
Total Yards	364	302
Fumbles-lost	1-0	1-0
Turnovers	1	6
Yards penalized	4-40	3-35

SCORING

- 1st - GB - Tobin Rote, 1-yard run (Fred Cone kick) GREEN BAY 7-0
- 2nd - GB - Cone, 41-yard field goal GREEN BAY 10-0
- 2nd - CHI - Vern Nagler, 24-yard pass from Lamar McHan (Pat Summerall kick) GREEN BAY 10-7
- 2nd - CHI - John Crow, 47-yard interception return (Summerall kick) CARDINALS 14-10
- 3rd - GB - Rote, 2-yard run (Kick failed) GREEN BAY 16-14
- 4th - GB - Cone, 35-yard field goal GREEN BAY 19-14
- 4th - CHI - Fran Bernardi, 14-yard pass from McHan (Summerall kick) CHICAGO 21-19
- 4th - GB - Billy Howton, 59-yard pass from Rote (Cone kick) GREEN BAY 26-21
- 4th - GB - Cone, 24-yard field goal GREEN BAY 29-21

RUSHING

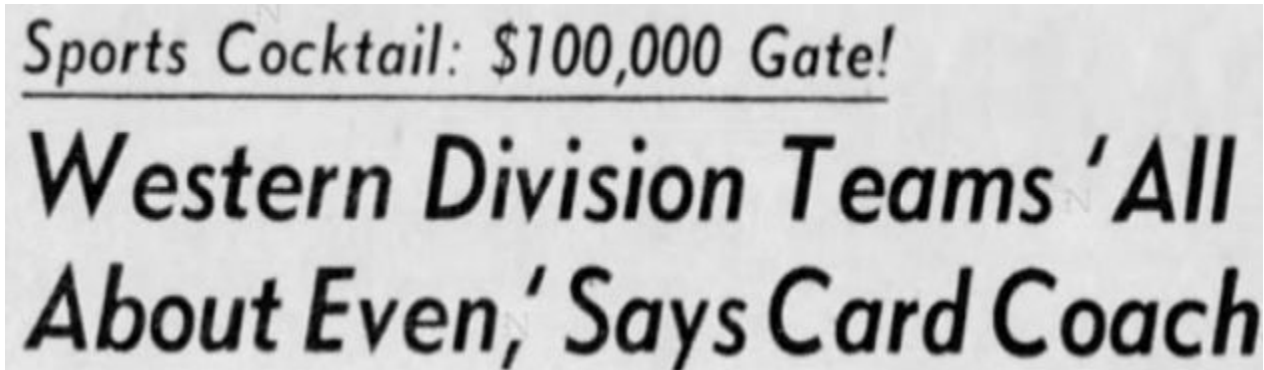
GREEN BAY - Howie Ferguson 14-39, Tobin Rote 6-24 1 TD, Al Carmichael 4-23, Breezy Reid 9-15, Joe Johnson 2-8
CHICAGO CARDINALS - Alex Burl 7-67, Ollie Matson 17-58, Johnny Olszewski 10-26, Lamar McHan 2-8, Frank Bernardi 2-8, Joe Childress 2-7

PASSING

GREEN BAY - Tobin Rote 26-14-242 1 TD, Bart Starr 5-1-13
CHICAGO CARDINALS - Lamar McHan 15-7-126, John Roach 3-1-2

RECEIVING

GREEN BAY - Billy Howton 4-91 1 TD, Howie Ferguson 4-73, Gary Knafelc 3-57, Al Carmichael 2-(-1), Breezy Reid 1-16, Joe Johnson 1-9
CHICAGO CARDINALS - Gern Nagler 3-90 1 TD, Fran Bernardi 2-26 1 TD, Ollie Matson 1-7, Joe Childress 1-3, Johnny Olszewski 1-1



WESTERN DIVISION TEAMS 'ALL ABOUT EVEN', SAYS CARD COACH

SEPT 17 (St. Louis) - How good are the Packers? We popped the question to Chicago Cardinal coach Ray Richards after the Bays whipped his charges 29-21 here Saturday night. "I can't really say," Ray started, "all of the teams in your division look so good to me; they seem like they're all about even, although the Rams beat us the worst." The Cards lost to the Rams 69-21 and just missed tying the Forty Niners 14-13. "That one pass beat us (Rote to Howton for 58 yards) and we had our best man (Night Train Lane) on Howton, too," Richard opined. Packer coach Liz Blackburn thought "we were a little jittery in the early part of the game; should have had two touchdowns right quick. But they snapped back real well and showed me a lot of football." Liz said he liked "the way Gremminger worked and don't forget Borden; he also intercepted two which is unusual for a lineman." Blackburn also had praise for Val Joe Walker, who went the distance the first time since his lung injury; Tobin Rote, who hurled two touchdown passes and scored one TD, and Fred Cone, whose three field goals turned out to be the winning points. "That offensive line did a job because the protection for the passer was good,"

Blackbourn pointed out. Halfback Joe Johnson and end Billy Howton were sick in the afternoon – before the game from the heat. It was 97 and muggy...The crowd of 31,475 was the largest ever to attend a football game in St. Louis. Jimmy Conzleman, the onetime Cardinal coach who introduced the players, told the gathering before the game. It turned out to be a wonderful night for the Cardinal Glennon Memorial Children's Hospital sponsors – the crowd, the thrilling game and the weather (80). Catholic parishes throughout St. Louis and nearby counties worked on the ticket sale and the gross gates exceeded \$100,000. They even had a number of \$25 and \$10 seats for the charity affair. While the crowd was pretty much Cardinals (they're used to cheering the baseball team on the same name and owner Walter Wolfner is from St. Loo), they gave the Packers a good backing – especially on Rote's long pass to Howton. They booed like a Green Bay crowd when a Cardinal defender tripped Gary Knafelc in the end zone. The officials didn't call it – natch!...Dick Deschaine came up with a 53-yard average on three boots; it might have been higher but a 61-yarder was nullified by a penalty. Best tackle of the night was made by Tom Bettis on the Cardinals' Ollie Matson on the Card four-yard line. Ollie went down like he'd been hit by a meat cleaver – knee high!

FUN OVER! PACKERS GIRD FOR OPENER

SEPT 17 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - The Packers dragged themselves into Green Bay late Sunday night after a 12-hour train ride from St. Louis confident after their best pre-season showing (4-1) in a decade but anxious for a two-week preparation for their bruising opener against the Lions September 30. Coach Liz Blackbourn liked what he saw Saturday night in Missouri: "great tackling, good passing, good running." However, the Packer boss could point out several defensive and offensive lapses in the Bays' 29-21 win over the Cardinals - "things which must be ironed out before those Lions arrive."

Blackbourn said he would wait and carefully check pictures of the Cardinal game before cutting his squad. He brought 40 players back to Green Bay and said he would trim that number to 35 so he has plenty of time to gear the machinery before starting play for the blue chips. "Tobin Rote had a good night," praised Liz, "completing 14 of 26 passes for 232 yards. That one to (Billy) Howton was a beauty (59-yard game-winning touchdown). It's not very often you get behind (Night Train) Lane. They were doubling up on (Gary) Knafelc, so Tob started hitting (Howie) Ferguson and Howton. I thought our line gave him good protection." Blackbourn was not too disappointed with his rookie quarterback Bart Starr, who had his poorest night with the Packers. "He was bound to have that pass intercepted, sooner or later - he'll be ok." Liz credited the Packer defense in checking Ollie Matson, Frank Bernard and Johnny Olszewski. "Oh, they got a little mixed up at times and made a few mistakes, but things are shaping up." Asked about other pre-season showings, Blackbourn said, "We're starting to get the pitch on Detroit. Their defense is out of this world. Yale Lary, service returnee, and Jack Christiansen are giving quarterbacks nightmares. Another toughie in a loaded division." No injuries worth reporting were mentioned. So with a two

New Kind of Cardinal at Busch Stadium



Green Bay took a quick lead in the professional football exhibition game at Busch Stadium last night but the Chicago Cards showed a first-quarter spark when ball carrier ALEX BURL, former Colorado A.&M. back, got loose for a 35-yard gain. Here Buri is being tackled by two Packers, HENRY GREMMINGER (66) and TOM BETTIS (65). Other Green Bay players are DAVE HANNER (79), GENE KNUTSON (81) and NATE BORDEN (87). Cards are JACK SIMMONS (50), JOHN ROACH (12) and BURT DELAVAN (60).

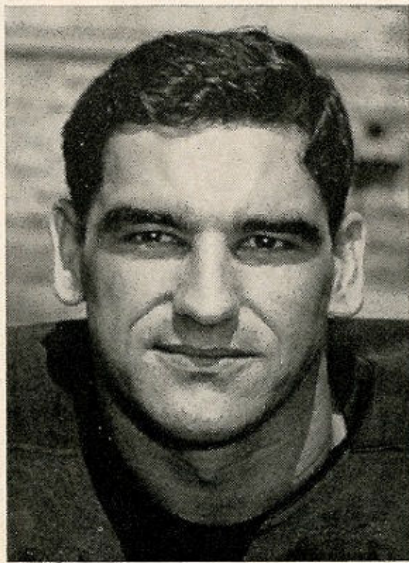
31,723 SEE GREEN BAY WIN



Touchdown!—Tobin Rote, veteran Packer quarterback, scores from one-yard line against Cardinals in St. Louis Saturday night to give Bays 16-14 lead. Rote ploughs in behind tackle John Sandusky at left-center. Note Cardinal tugging on Rote's chest. Cardinals are Julian Spence (24) and Chuck Ulrich (72).

week preparation for Detroit the squad should be at its very best. Blackburn singled out tackles Bob Skoronski and Forrest Gregg, both rookies, as "really fencing off for Rote. That protection was the way we want it."

Packer Title Bee Buzzing Again? May Not Be Real Loud This Year but ...



ALBERT "Hoagy" CARMICHAEL
No. 42 — Halfback

Fourth year in professional football... Regular right halfback in '53, '54 and 1955... Picked No. 1 by the Packers in the 1953 draft... In 1954 he was third in the NFL in kick-off returns with an average of 24.7 yards on 26 attempts... In 1953 he was second in punt returns... In 1955 he led NFL in kick-off returns with 418 yards on 14 attempts and a 29.9 average... Had longest single return of season, 100 yards for a touchdown against Cleveland... Brother Jim was drafted No. 4 by Los Angeles Rams... Served three years in the Marine Corps... Married and the father of a two-year-old son... During the off-season he is a paying estimator in Los Angeles... Residence: Los Angeles, California.

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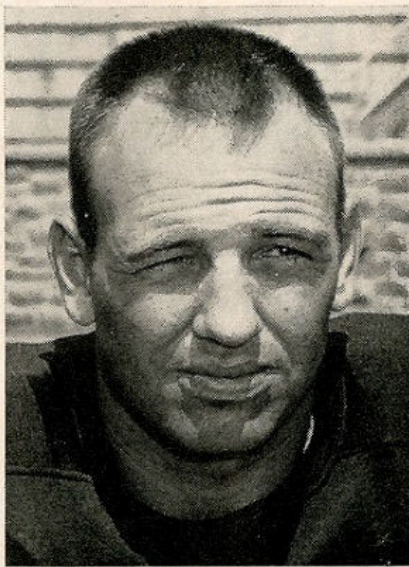
SEPT 18 (Green Bay) - Don't look now, but that low hum you here might be the Packers' championship bee tuning up after the long sleep. It may not get the chance to buzz real loud this year, but there seems to be little doubt that the club is on the march back toward the heights it once knew. And since it is, there's no harm in taking a look at those heights as Green Bay and its football team saw them six times in the 15 years from 1929 to 1944. Besides, there's a nostalgic reason for shaking out the lavender and old shoulder pads. This is City Stadium's last season. All six championships were won there, and no matter how fancy the new field may be, it will take a long time to match the gridiron's old record. No final curtain could be more appropriate than one falling on another title year. O.K., so the smart money says it isn't in the cards. Maybe not, but then, neither were any of the others. In fact, the improbable has dominated the fantastic story of the Green Bay Packers from the very beginning. This, then, is the story of those wonderful, most improbable years of all - 1929, 1930, 1931, 1936, 1939 and 1944. Green Bay had been a member of the NFL



JOE JOHNSON
No. 40 — Halfback

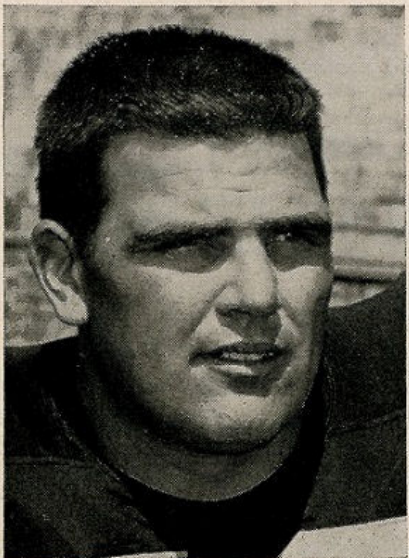
Third year in professional football... Drafted by the Packers in 1953 for delivery in 1954... Packers' 11th draft choice... Understudied Breezy Reid at left halfback past two seasons... Also used for kick-off and punt returns... One of the most talented backs in Boston College history... Averaged over 4.0 yards per try in three years with the Eagles... Captained the Boston College team in 1953... Played in East-West Shrine game... All-State performer at Hillhouse High School in New Haven and once scored five touchdowns in one game... Married... Residence: New Haven, Connecticut.

since 1921 when the lightning struck for the first time, more than holding its own but getting little credit as the circuit grew from sandlot to major proportions. Although never lower than ninth in a 20-team organization and runner-up to the New York Giants in 1927, the Packers were gradually being relegated to the status of country cousins as smaller members gave way to metropolitan centers. Then came 1929, and the big towns - especially New York - discovered that the country had grown up. A team that had limped home a mediocre fourth the previous season suddenly caught fire and for the next three years was virtually unbeatable. Moreover, it was essentially the same team each championship year. A newcomer made the grade here and there as some veterans called it quits, but by and large the boys who had swept the board in 1929 were still carrying the load in 1931... The three year reign began with an undefeated skein of 12 victories and one tie in 1929, a season that will never be forgotten by anyone who was in Green Bay at the time. The city became a football madhouse as the incredible Packer matched the Giants win for win. the roof flew off completely when the locals met the New York challenge head-on, then swept through the rest of the schedule to return from the east with the professional football championship of the world. It has been forgotten, but those 1929 Packers were the last NFL club to go through a championship season unbeaten. The Cleveland Browns did it in the All America Conference in 1948, but the two leagues weren't on speaking terms at the time. The title drive was repeated in 1930, although the Packers were beaten three times and tied once; and again in 1931 on a 12-2 record. The Pack came within a whisker of making it four in a row in 1932, leading the parade almost to the wire before yielding the crown by dropping the last two games of the season to the Bears and the Portsmouth Spartans... The league was reorganized on the present divisional basis in 1933, but the great Packer machine was wearing out and was unable to do better than fourth in the Western Division with five wins, seven losses and a tie - the first time in its history that the club failed to play .500 ball. By the time Green Bay was back in contention again it had gone through a



GEORGE "Bill" FORESTER
No. 69 — Guard

Fourth year in professional football... Packers' 3rd draft choice in 1953... Was one of the most highly publicized players to come out of the Southwest... Saw action in 1953 with the Packers as a defensive guard and tackle... The past two seasons he was used strictly as a middle guard on defense... Brother Herschel plays with the Cleveland Browns... Played tackle and fullback at SMU... Lettered three years and also competed on the track team... His father, Herschel, Sr., played football at Mercer College and later coached at Dallas, Texas for 18 years... Married and father of two sons... Works for Insurance Agency during the off-season... Residence: Dallas, Texas.

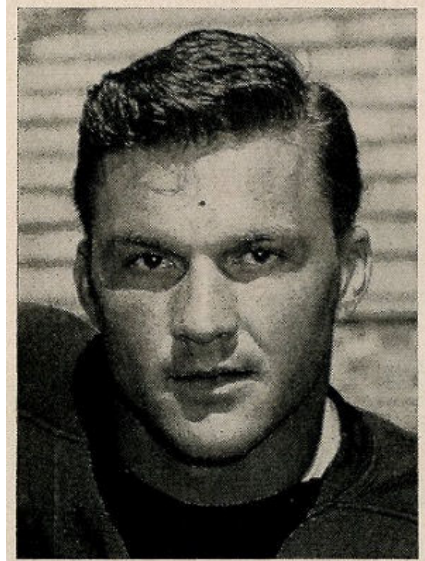


TOM DAHMS
No. 78 — Tackle

Sixth season in professional football... Obtained in trade from Los Angeles Rams for Carlton "Stretch" Elliott... Was regular offensive tackle for Rams for four years... Won regular job as a rookie in 1951... Signed by the Rams as a free agent... Regular tackle for Packers last season... Was Little All-American for San Diego in 1949... Also Little All-Coast in his junior and senior years... During the off-season he is a teacher in San Diego.

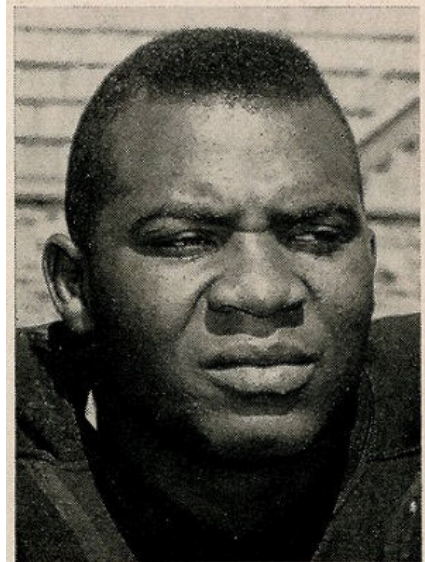
serious financial crisis and almost a complete turnover of personnel. In 1935, the Packers were in the fight all the way and had the satisfaction of twisting the tails of the champion Detroit Lions twice. Inability to handle the troublesome Chicago Cardinals made the difference between a title and a second place finish. They were back in the saddle in 1936, however, gaining momentum after an early drubbing by the Bears. They took the divisional title by winning 11, losing one and tying one, then smashed the Boston Redskins - a team they had beaten twice during the regular schedule - in the championship playoff. That '36 club was powerful and really jelled after the Bear debacle. It was also virtually a new club. There were only four holdovers from the previous championship era, and two of them had been rookies in 1931.

After yielding to the Bears in 1937, the Packers regained the western crown in 1938, only to lose a sensational playoff to the New York Giants. They were unquestionably the class of the west, however, and proceeded to prove it in 1939... The '39 playoff was a repeat of the previous year in everything but the final score. Angered by the attitude of the New York sportswriters, who set up enough of a howl to deprive City Stadium of its only chance to host a title game, the Packers wrecked the Giants in Milwaukee. No team in all football history could have stood up to the aroused Packers that cold afternoon. In the next four years, Green Bay fielded some of the finest teams in its history, but failed to come home in front simply because they weren't quite as good as the Chicago Bears. Four times running the Packers played second fiddle to the powerful Bruins, who won three championships and were deprived of a fourth by a monumental upset. From 1940 through 1943, the Packers lost only ten games, but seven of those defeats were inflicted by the Bears. The best the Pack could salvage from the old feud was one victory and a 21-21 deadlock. In 1941, probably the best Packers team of all time forced the Halas legions into extra innings before knuckling under. During the regular season, each beat the other once - the only setbacks for either - but in a divisional playoff the Bears crushed the Packers, 33-14, and then went on to trounce the Giants in the Big Payoff. It finally took a war to stop the Bears. Selective Service wrecked the Halas dynasty in 1944, and the Packers came back into



HENRY GREMMINGER
No. 46 — End

First year in professional football... Drafted No. 7 by the Packers in 1956... All-Southwest Conference in his junior and senior years... Selected to play in East-West Shrine game... Equally adept on offense as well as defense... Leading pass receiver on Baylor team the past two years... In 1954 caught 18 passes for 323 yards and 17.9 yards per catch... In 1955 he was No. 2 receiver with 15 catches for 181 yards... Attended Weatherford, Texas High School... Residence: Weatherford, Texas.



NATE BORDEN
No. 87 — End

Second season in professional football... 25th draft choice of the Packers in 1955... Never missed a game while playing with the University of Indiana, playing in 36 straight... As a freshman he played tackle, an end in his sophomore and junior years and back to tackle in his senior year... First string defensive end last season for the Packers... He was All-State fullback and tackle at Jersey City, New Jersey High School... Residence: Jersey City, New Jersey.

their own. The Bears had their innings before it happened, however, handling the Packers one of their two defeats. After taking the western title by winning eight of 10, the Packers wrapped up their sixth and last championship with a 14-7 conquest of the Giants.

2 COMMITTEES FOR START OF STADIUM WORK

SEPT 18 (Green Bay) - Start of work this fall on Green Bay's new stadium is a possibility with two committees Monday night voting in favor of performing most of the preparations for the playing field as soon as possible. The special stadium committee of five aldermen and three high school coaches voted without dissent to begin the work this fall. Immediately afterward, the City Council's finance committee convened and went on record 3-2 to recommend transfer of the necessary funds if bids on the work are acceptable. Both recommendations will go to the council tonight. Cost of the field phase of the stadium project will be in the neighborhood of \$55,000, Architect John Somerville told the committees. The estimate does not include cost of seeding and top soil, which, it was pointed out, could not be done until spring...**MUST MOVE EARTH:** Major portion of the field preparation is moving of earth to form the bowl on which the stadium will be built, according to the architect. Somerville explained that 76,800 cubic yards of dirt will have to be handled, including scooping the earth to a lower elevation, installing the drain system and shaping the ground. Drainage tile is included in the estimated cost, he said. Mayor Otto Rachals said that, while seeding is impossible this year, having the field otherwise readied in order to insure a full growing season before the field is used next year requires some definite action now. Verne Lewellen, Packer general manager, later brought out a point mentioned at the stadium committee's last meeting that a better price can be expected at this time than in spring because of the availability of contracting equipment. By its action, the finance committee will recommend tonight that the council instruct the board of public works to advertise for bids on excavation and landscaping of the field, with the bids to be opened Oct. 2. At its next meeting on the same date the council could award the contract for the work, which could be started immediately...**MUST TRANSFER FUNDS:** If the council approves bids at that time, it must transfer funds to finance the work. Such financing would be necessary because the council has not acted on the \$960,000 bond issue for the entire stadium project. Completion of plans for obtaining bids on the stadium is not expected until Jan. 1. Regarding the transfer of funds for the work, City Atty. Clarence Nier pointed out that no money will be committed until bids are approved. However, Ald. Don Tilleman raised the point that work would already have been started if the bids on the entire project exceeded the \$960,000 bond issue. Ald. Roman Denissen said that assurances have been received that the bids would be low enough on at least one of the alternate plans, either steel construction or pre-stressed concrete...**WON'T COST MORE:** The mayor again stressed the advantages of a start this fall, saying that the city is confronted with two considerations: insuring that the stadium and field are finished without delay for a full season's use next year and that the playing field will be better if prepared this fall for seeding early next year. He pointed out that the cost will be no more in the end. Tilleman, along with Ald. Rhynie Dantine, voted against the financing plan. Ald. Joseph Mulloy, Fred Foerster and Denissen were in the majority to provide funds for a start this fall.

PACKERS SHIFT THOUGHTS TO SEPT. 30 OPENER VS. LIONS

SEPT 18 (Green Bay) - The Packers turned their thoughts today to what Mr. and Mrs. Joe Q. Phan have been thinking about since last spring when the schedule came out. That thought would be Detroit, the Detroit Lions! And the Packers have two weeks to think it over - not to mention preparing physically and mentally for the 1956 NFL opener against the Lions at City stadium Sunday afternoon, Sept. 30. The Packers have an open date this weekend. Only one other team in the league is blessed with a similar rest period - the Baltimore Colts. But Baltimore, like Green Bay, also has a murderous opener - against the unbeaten Chicago Bears. So maybe the timeout will be a good thing for both clubs! The Packers launched this practice week at exactly 10 o'clock this morning in their meeting rooms on the second floor of the Bay offices at 349 S. Washington, with Coach Liz Blackburn wielding the gavel. Some 40 active musclemen were present - give or take a last minute drop, and the subject wasn't exactly Detroit and related subjects. A familiar face was on hand - Bill Dowes, the veteran referee and chief of league officials, who explained the various rules and answered questions. It was an ideal

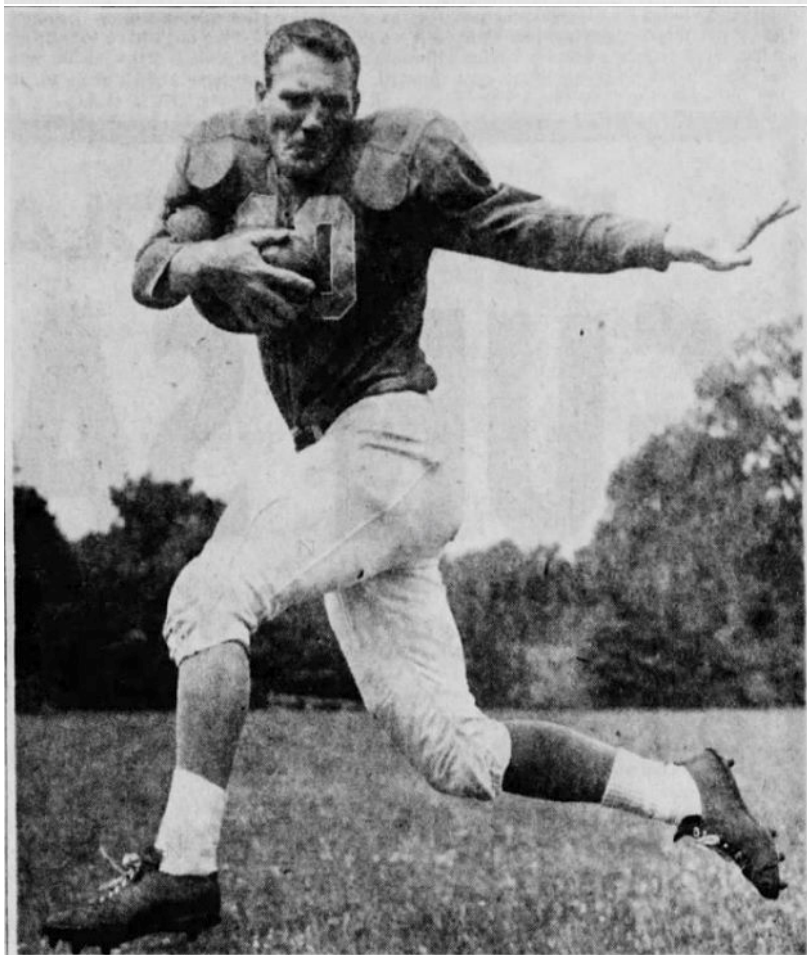


'Big Enough To Drive a Truck Through'—Packer Fullback Howie Ferguson (37) received excellent blocking on this play during third quarter of Packer-Cardinal game in St. Louis Saturday night. Ferguson wound up with nearly 10 yards. Looking for Cards ahead of Ferguson is Jack Spinks (61) and Packer at left-center blocking two Cards is Len Szafaryn. Packer tackles Bob Skoronski (76) and John Sandusky (part of seven showing at right) also carry out blocking assignments. No. 48 at top is Packer Hank Gremminger and No. 18 below is quarterback Tobin Rote. Card 84 is Leo Sugar. Packers won 29-21.

opportunity to get straightened out on the new dead-ball rule - in the books for the first time this year. Downes' appearance permitted Blackburn to go into classroom preparation for Detroit gradually, meaning that the Lion subject won't be brought up until Wednesday morning. The Bays entered the drill field this afternoon for the first time since their 29-21 victory over the Chicago Cardinals in St. Louis Saturday night. Sunday was spent in returning from the Missouri city and Monday was an off day. Blackburn was to take up the matter of reducing the roster from the present 40 to around 35 today with aides Ray McLean, Abe Stuber, Lou Rymkus and Earl Klapstein. Blackburn doesn't want to cut right down to 35 today but would rather slice gradually, giving the last few hands a chance to perform last-minute heroics. In addition, the Bay staff wants to get a good look at the Packer-Cardinal pictures. That task may be accomplished tonight. The game was the last non-loop chance for newcomers and veterans to display their talents. The roster must be cut to 35 by Wednesday, Sept. 26. This limit is allowed for the first two games, after which it must be reduced to 33. On the medical front, it can be reported that the Bays came out of the five-game, four-one non-league season with three injuries - John Martinkovic, Joey Skibinski and Bill Roberts. John and Joey have a leg problem and Roberts had rib trouble. Martinkovic and Roberts didn't make the St. Louis trip and Skibinski, who was ready to play, was held out of action, thus giving the injury a good chance to heal. All three are expected to be in top shape for the league opener...EARLY THOUGHTS: The Packers and Lions are locked in second place in the Grapefruit standings with four wins and one loss apiece. Detroit has one more game, Washington in Buffalo Sunday. Detroit whipped Pittsburgh 20-15, lost to the Cardinals 20-17, defeated Philadelphia 30-14, and then ripped the world champion Cleveland Browns twice 17 to 0 and 31 to 14. The Lions likely will whip Washington for a final 5-1 reading. By comparison, the Packers downed Philly 27-6, New York 17-13 and Cleveland 21-20 before losing to Washington 17-10 and whipping the Cardinals 29-21. Of the 30 non-league games played thus far, Western Division teams won 22 of them. All six teams in the Western loop are batting .600 or over, while New York, with .600, is the only Eastern Division team with a winning record. All Western Division teams have scored 100 points or more, topped by Los Angeles' 150, and all Eastern Division teams have counted less than 100. This indicates that the Western Division thus far has shown a superiority over the Eastern circuit, and no more. When the league firing starts, watch out! The



Lounging Space — The palatial lounge of the McCormick yacht is mahogany paneled. Charles Brock, former Green Bay Packer center and coach, relaxes in the lounge. The boat also has three double staterooms, each with lavatory and shower, captain's stateroom and crew quarters for two, and a separate dining salon.



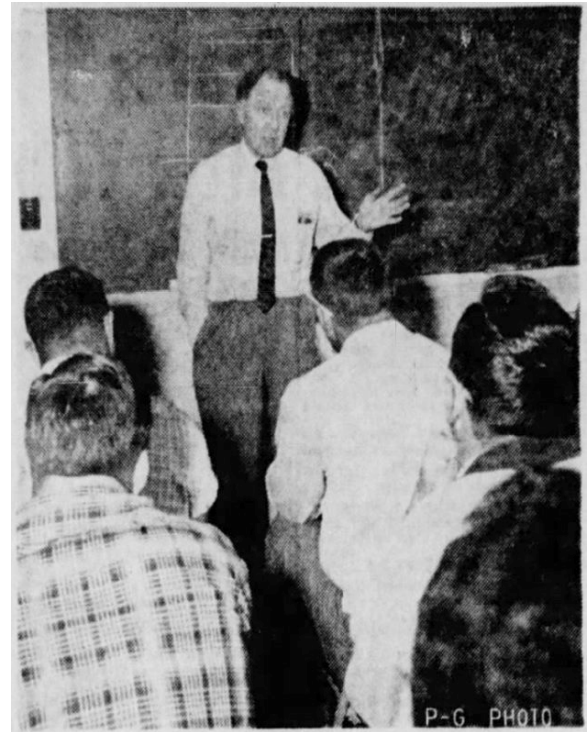
Will He Ride Here?—Hopalong Cassady, the No. 1 player in college football in 1955, will make his debut in the National Football league when the Detroit Lions cut him loose against the Packers in their league opener at City stadium Sunday afternoon, Sept. 30. Cassady presently is sharing left half with veteran Jug Girard.

Browns (0-5) will be as tough as ever - especially along about Nov. 4 when the Bays play 'em in Milwaukee.

BLACKBOURN RATES HIS PACKERS AS 'BETTER', TEMPERS ENTHUSIASM WITH A LOOK AT WEST

SEPT 18 (Milwaukee Journal) - Lisle Blackbourn, Green Bay Packers coach, said Tuesday that on the basis of play in exhibition games he thought he had a "better ball club than last year." Then he tempered his enthusiasm by mentioning how rugged the Western Division of the NFL looked. "Yes," said Blackbourn, who is starting his third year as Packer coach, "I'd say we're better. How much better is hard to say. We're pleased about the preseason games (the Packers won four and lost one). We wish we had the victories in the league standings, though. Confidence accounts for at least half the improvement. We're not too far away from having the same personnel as last year. Now they think they have the stuff. But look at the Western Division. Somebody - I don't remember who - said recently, 'A very good football team is going to finish at the bottom.' That is the way it us." The Packers finished preseason play at St. Louis last Saturday, beating the Chicago Cardinals, 29-21. They have two weeks in which to prepare for the Detroit Lions in their league opener at Green Bay Sunday September 30. Where, Blackbourn was asked, did improvement come from, aside from added confidence? "Mostly in the offensive line," he said. "Two new men, Skoronski and Sandusky, have started the last three games at tackle. The blocking for the runners, the protection for the passer have been better." Bob Skoronski, 245 pound rookie from Indiana, is termed by Blackbourn "a fast, quick big man with lots of ability." John Sandusky

brought six years of league experience with him when he came over in a trade with the champion Cleveland Browns. Quarterback Tobin Rote, Blackbourn said, "looks real good." Better blocking in front of him and the work of rookie Bart Starr of Alabama behind him have helped. Other offensive backfield starters likely will be fullback Howie Ferguson, left half Breezy Reid and right half Al Carmichael. Joe Johnson, a valuable asset at halfback and end, will again spell Reid. Rookies Jack Losch, first draft choice, and Bill Roberts, free agent from the Marines, are trying to make it as "swing" men, defensive backs and flanker backs on offense. End Bill Howton now is ready to go. Blackbourn let him take his time recovering from a leg injury so it would heal properly. Howton's running mate, Gary Knafelc, is rated "much better than last year." Len Szafarn, regular offensive tackle last year, has been working at both tackle and at guard, where he spells Joe Skibinski, Buddy Brown and Jack Spinks. Larry Lauer will back up Jim Ringo at center. Forrest Gregg, second draft choice from SMU, will become a "real good offensive tackle" in time, Blackbourn said. The defense will be much the same as last year's, which had much to do with the improvement to a six won, six lost record. There is versatility at linebacker and middle guard as Tom Bettis and Bill Forrester can and do play either and Roger Zatkoff and Deral Teteak make the linebacking solid. In the backfield, rookie Hank Gremminger of Baylor and Jim Capuzzi, on and off the roster last year, are fighting for the spot vacated by Doyle Nix's departure to the Air Force. Billy Bookout, Bob Dillon and Val Joe Walker, veteran Texans, will hold forth again. John Martinkovic, large defensive end, has encountered his first knee trouble and because he missed the last two exhibition games, he may rusty for the opener. Nate Borden, Gene Knutson and rookie Emery Barnes have been sharing the top spots. At tackle, Dave Hanner will man one spot and Jerry Helluin or Don King, another former Brown, the other. The Packers, as presently constituted, include 41 players. They must get down to 35 a week hence. Blackbourn feels this last cutting job will be a difficult one. He hopes he can do as well there as he did in setting a goal for his team's offense against the Cardinals. He asked for 28 points and 350 yards, got 29 and 354.



It's This Way — Bill Downes, National Football league referee, is shown expressing a point for Packer players at the Packer office Tuesday. Downes was on hand to explain the rules of the game, particularly the rules changes.

Pack To Stage First Fan Clinic In History at Stadium Sunday

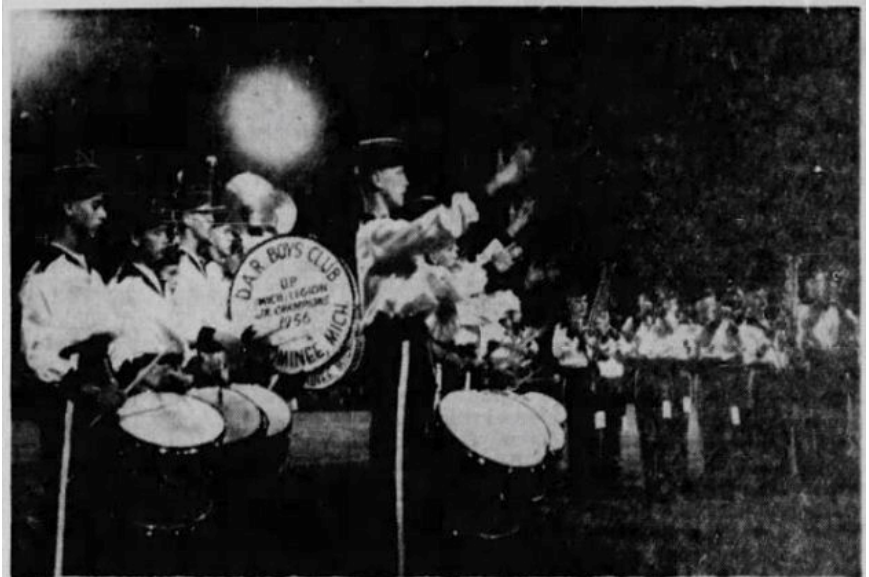
PACK TO STAGE FIRST FAN CLINIC IN HISTORY AT STADIUM SUNDAY

SEPT 19 (Green Bay) - D-Day plus 11! The Packers assisted in removing some of the "quiet" from this non-game week by announcing plans today for a combination get-acquainted day and clinic. The first program of its kind ever conducted by the Pack will be held at City Stadium at 3:30 Sunday afternoon, Coach Liz Blackburn revealed. Purpose of the off-week show is simply to give the fans an opportunity to become better acquainted with the team and to learn the "inside" of professional football. As a windup, the Bays will engage in a brief scrimmage - probably the last before the NFL opener in City Stadium a week from Sunday. Blackburn feels that if the fans thoroughly understand the offensive and defensive formations, they will enjoy the games more. Blackburn and his aides, Ray McLean, Abe Stuber, Lou Rymkus and Earl Klapstein, will take turns with detailed description of the various plays on a loud-speaking system from the field. The fans, for instance, will be informed the duties of key backs and linemen on each pass or running play. The players will be in numbered uniforms so that identification will be possible. The defensive players will wear red slipover shirts - with numbers. Best of all, the program will be free. But don't be looking for a 50-yard line seat; the stadium doesn't have any!...The calm of yesterday afternoon's practice was broken up by the presence of a beautifully muscled individual named Dick (The Bruiser) Afflis, the former Packer guard who now makes a handsome living in the field of wrestling. Dick put on sweat clothes and worked out in City Stadium and then came over to Packer practice in the outfield at Bluejay field. From practice he motored to Sturgeon Bay where he fought last night, and tonight he's on a card in Toledo. Afflis, who played with the Packers in 1952-52-53-54, said he'd been watching the team closely. He took a special look at the linemen, observing: "They sure look big and strong." Afflis said he hopes to see more games this year. "Saw half of one last year and guess maybe I brought 'em luck. Came in at the half during the Bear game in Chicago and that last half turned out to be all Packers." The Bears were ahead 28-3 at the half and the game ended 52-31...Most of Tuesday's week-opening practice was devoted to group instructions, with Blackburn and McLean on the offensive backs and ends, Rymkus with the offensive line, Klapstein with the defensive line and Stuber with the defensive backs. Forty players were on hand yesterday - five above the limit for the league opener, but Blackburn doesn't have to reduce to 35 until a week from today...While field operations may be somewhat tempered this week, Packer coaches are deep in Detroit. And they have more to work with this season under the new league's new film-exchange rule - more specifically, films of the Detroit-Cleveland game of last Saturday. The Lions, who have one game left - against Washington

in Buffalo, will get a film of the Packer-Cardinal game last Saturday. In addition, the coaches are working with eyewitness reports on Detroit from Klapstein and scout Wally Cruice, who will also scout the Lions' game with Washington Sunday afternoon. That game, incidentally, also will be televised on WBAY-TV starting at noon, giving the players and coaches an opportunity for another look at the Lions...The Packers were guests at a Kiwanis Club father-son banquet at the Beaumont Hotel Tuesday night. Blackburn reviewed the team and its chances in league play, pointing out that the confidence of the squad has improved considerably over a year ago. The assistant coaches introduced the players and Tobin Roe and Fred Cone kept the fathers and sons in stitches with humorous talks.

1929-30-31 CHAMPIONS MOST COLORFUL CREW EVER TO WEAR PACKER COLORS

SEP 19 (Green Bay) - Whether or not the 1929-31 champions could have held their own against a modern professional club is a question on which both sides will give you a rousing argument. But on one point there is no dispute whatever. Those old timers were the most colorful crew ever to wear the Packer colors - or any other colors, for that matter. They were not only colorful, they were good. Pro football has come a long way in 25 years, but it is still football, and those boys were football players. Any one of that gang, restored to long lost youth, could probably make a modern team and be just as terrific as he used to be. After all, five of them were named to the All-Time, All-Pro squad selected for the NFL Football Encyclopedia in 1952 and three are in the unofficial Helm's Pro Hall of Fame. All of them could do it again. Perhaps the

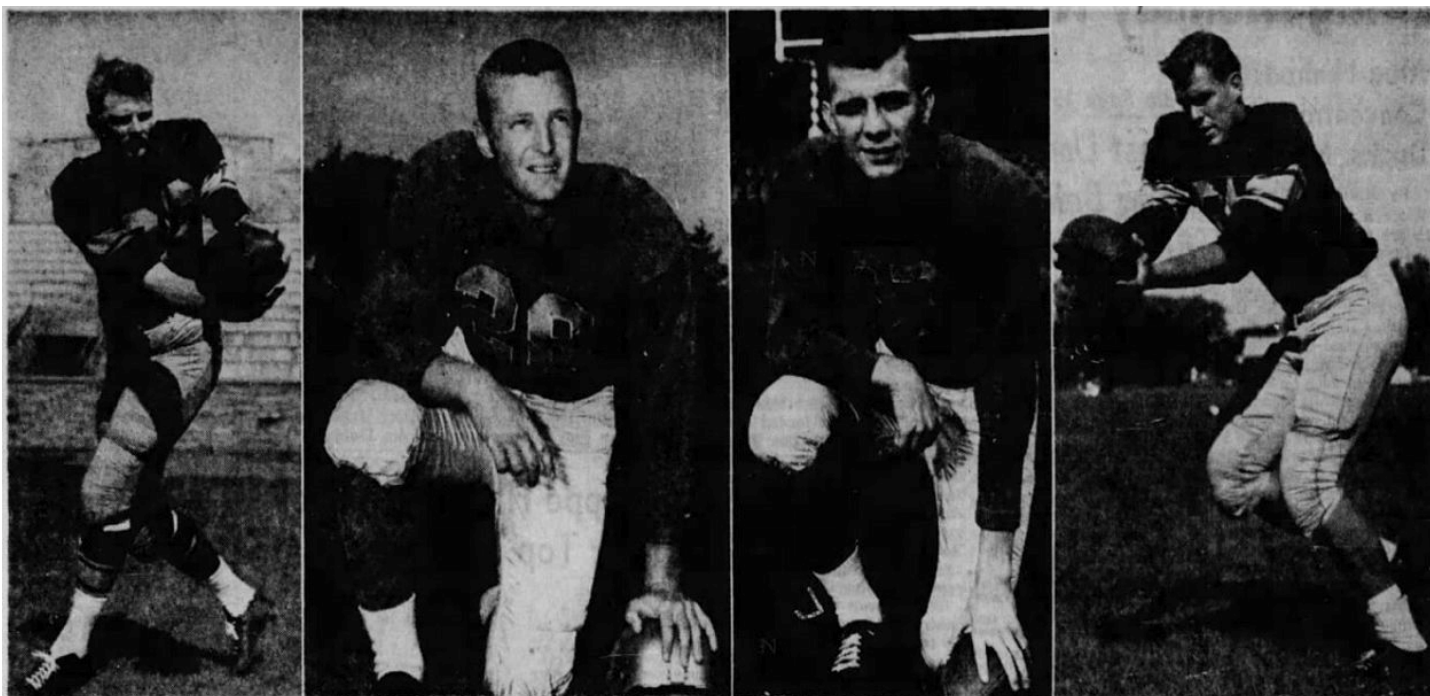


Michigan Champions Coming — The Menominee, Mich., DAR Boy's Club drum and bugle corps (above), which won state titles this year in both Michigan and Wisconsin, will stage a 15-minute performance between halves of Sunday's Packer-Detroit Lion game at City Stadium. The exhibition, which will be televised nationally by the CBS network, will be dedicated to Menominee's Dick Deschaine of the Packers and Marinette's Jug Girard, former Packer now with the Lions. The corps, organized three years ago and composed of 55 boys between the ages of nine and 16, this year won the Upper Peninsula and state title in Michigan junior corps competition and placed first in the Wisconsin Amvet convention parade as well as second in the national Amvet convention parade.

outstanding features of those three-time championship club were their small size and durability. At no time did that number more than 30 players and the traveling squads never carried over 25. They would be woefully outmanned today, but they were more than adequate for their time. In this modern age of platoon football, with special combinations for kickoffs, field goals and calling time out, the endurance of those teams seems fantastic. Everybody played both ways, and none ever willingly came off the field except feet first. Another unique feature was that the team remained essentially unchanged throughout the championship era. There were a few changes and additions but of the 23 men who brought the title back from the east in 1929, fourteen were still regulars in 1931. Furthermore, they filled every position. At any time in 1929, Coach Curly Lambeau would send a team into action consisting of Lavvie Dilweg and Tom Nash on the wings, Cal Hubbard and Claude Perry at the tackles, Mike Michalske, Whitey Woodin or Jim Bowdoin at guards, and either Jugger Earp or Boob Darling in the middle. The backfield might include Red Dunn at quarterback, Verne Lewellen and Johnny Blood at the halves, and Bo Molenda or Hurdis McCrary at fullback. That lineup was still familiar two years later...The Packers never had more than three ends and didn't need any more, with Dilweg going 60 minutes in every game except the season finale, when he was relieved in the waning seconds. Dick O'Donnell, the third flanker, usually spelled Nash, and when Dick retired rookie Milt Gantenbein moved in to stay. Tiny Cahoon, Red Smith, Bill Kern, Roger Ashmore and Paul Minnick were the other linemen in 1929. Cahoon, Smith and Ashmore dropped out the next year and were replaced by Elmer Sleight and Ken Radick. Dick Stahlman and Rudy Comstock took over from Kern and Minnick in 1931. Earp and Darling had a little more help at center. Cal Hubbard played a lot of pivot the first year, but when he was shifted to tackle in 1930 Merle Zuver backed up Jug and Boob, being replaced by Don Carlos the following year. When Darling called it quits halfway through 1931, Nate Barrager was called in. For the first two title years, Red Dunn was the only reliable quarterback. Operating out of the old Notre Dame box, however, almost any good back could handle the job, and triple threats like Lewellen, Blood and Eddie Kotal were more than that. In fact, in the epic 1929 victory over the Giants, the attack was directed by Red Smith, a guard by trade. In addition to Dunn, Blood, Lewellen, Molenda and McCrary, the 1929 ball carriers were Eddie Kotal, Carl Lidberg and Dave Zuidmulder. Dave wasn't a regular but he was an adequate substitute until Hank Bruder came along in 1931...Black-haired Kotal, who hated to wear a helmet and wouldn't unless he was forced to, retired after '29 and was promptly forgotten the first time Wuert Engelmann got his hands on the ball. If Eddie hadn't quit when he did, he would probably rank high today among all-time Packer stars. Lidberg, a third fullback, gave way to Mule Wilson in the last championship year, while Paul Fitzgibbons provided extra depth. Other backs added to the squad were Arnie Herber, Roger Grove and Russ Saunders. Arnie understudied Dunn in 1930 and '31, and was just beginning to show his real quality when the championship string was broken. Grove and Saunders, like Bruder, were rookies in 1931. There were a few others but none lasted long enough to merit the classification of regular members. How good was that gang? Well, they won three straight championships, and when the first all-league team was picked in 1931 they dominated the left side of it, with Dilweg at end, Hubbard at tackle, Michalske at guard and Blood at left half. Hubbard repeated in 1932 and '33, Michalske was named again in 1935, and Herber got a halfback post in 1932. The previously mentioned All-Time, All-Pro squad picked for the Encyclopedia by Roger Treat included Hubbard, Michalske, Dilweg and Barrager, with Lewellen and Blood as alternate backs. Blood, Herber and Hubbard were among the first 29 players selected to Helms' Hall of Fame. Michalske didn't make that, though he is frequently rated as the greatest guard in the history of the professional game...Color? Even after a quarter of a century, they still talk about Johnny Blood, the "vagabond halfback". The unpredictable McNally was a pressure player who always managed to come up with something spectacular, often when it was sorely needed. Johnny had something that made his exploits and escapades more dramatic, simply because he was Johnny Blood. When he wasn't driving Curly Lambeau nuts on the field, he was doing an even better job off. Verne Lewellen was not only a powerful and elusive runner and a crack pass receiver and thrower but



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Top Targets—Based upon their records, these four gentlemen (above) are likely to be the prime targets for the Packers' Tobin Rote and the Detroit Lions' Bobby Layne in Sunday's National Football League inaugural at City Stadium. Bill Howton, left, and Gary Knafelc, far right, caught 44 and 40 passes, respectively, to

lead Packer receivers while Dave Middleton was the Lions' No. 1 catcher with 40. Dorne Dibble, second from right, was out with injuries a good part of the '55 season and as a result finished with 14 receptions but he has been a key figure in the Lions' overhead attack during pre-season campaigning.

the greatest punter of his time. Until Don Hutson showed up, rangy, deadpan Lew was the top point producer in Packer history. The standard of professional line play is still measured against the work of Cal Hubbard and Mike Michalske. Pro football wasn't as stylized then as it is now, and with such free-wheeling operators as Blood, Dunn, Lewellen, Kotal and Molenda in the same backfield - all of whom could run, kick, throw or catch passes - nobody, least of all Lambeau on the sideline, knew what was going to happen when the ball was snapped. Fortunately for Curly's ulcers, the huddle wasn't in general use yet. There's no telling what Blood or some of the others would have dreamed up on the spur of the moment. A wild, roistering lot, those triple champions. But they loved to play football, and how they could play it! Some of their antics on the field as well as off, wouldn't be tolerated for five minutes today, but they bestrode the football world of their time like titans. The Packer story wouldn't be what it is without them.

GREEN BAY TO HAVE NEW VETS ARENA

SEPT 19 (Green Bay) - The Brown County Board Tuesday approved a \$1,468,000 bond issue to provide revenue for the construction of a Veterans Memorial Arena. The supervisors, who approved the bond on a 37-13 vote, also voted to purchase 19 acres of land in the Town of Ashwaubenon on which the structure will be erected. The county set a price of \$28,500 for the land which will be purchased from Dominic and Regina Olejniczak. Olejniczak is a former mayor of Green Bay. The memorial will be built on land adjoining the site of the new \$1,000,000 football stadium that will become the home of the Green Bay Packers. There was no estimate as to when the arena will be completed. However, officials hope the Packers will be able to move into the new stadium by the 1957 season.

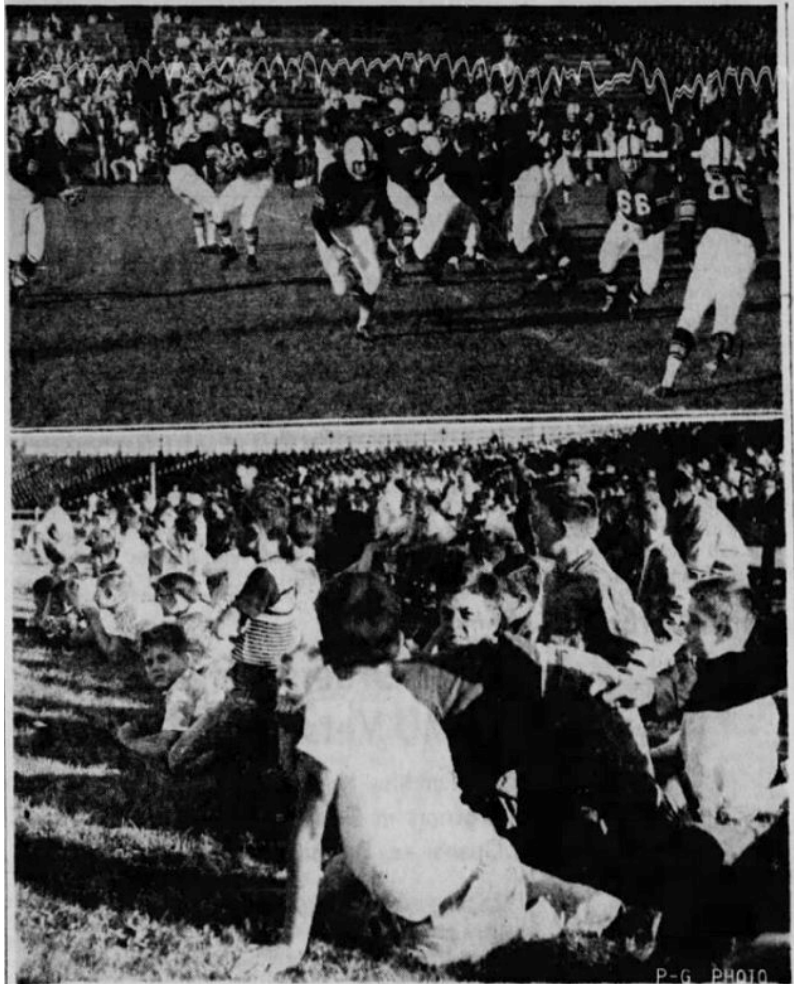
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PACK DEALS DAHMS TO CARDS FOR DRAFT PICK

SEPT 20 (Green Bay) - D-Day plus 10! The Packers are "rich" enough to trade off a starting member of the 1955 six-six team for a draft choice! Tom Dahms, the veteran offensive right tackle obtained from the Los Angeles Rams a year ago for Stretch Elliott and a third draft pick, was plucked off the field of practice yesterday and dispatched to the Chicago Cardinals.

The Cardinals gave up an undisclosed 1957 draft choice in the unconditional deal. While the height of the pick is a dark secret (until draft time) between Packer coach Liz Blackburn and Cardinal coach Ray Richards, it is believed to be high, and likely will balance off the draft choice the Packers gave the Cleveland Browns for tackle John Sandusky. Departure of Dahms reduced the Packer roster to 39 players and pointed up a possible improvement in the Packers' offensive line. Dahms' position is presently handled by Sandusky who figures to give the right offensive spot more speed and tougher blocking. Backing up Sandusky is Forrest Gregg, the hard-blocking 240-pound rookie who can gallop as fast as most backs. The left offensive tackle spot is presently occupied by big Bob Skoronski, a blocker on the order of Gregg. Skoronski's work permitted Blackburn to shift last year's starting left tackle, Len Szafaryn, to offensive guard. That shift gives the Bays' middle more block - not to mention swing possibilities. Blackburn always has been impressed with Szafaryn's ability and, what's more, Liz pointed out the other day, "Len has a good football mind." That sort of mind allows Len to play either right or left guard. Working with Szafaryn are Jack Spinks, who seems to be coming into his own after making the switch from fullback a year ago; Joey Skibinski who has impressed right along especially with his improvement in protecting the passer; and Buddy Young, the club's offensive captain in 1954-55 and top holler guy. Also in the offensive line, veteran center Jim Ringo has a capable aide in Larry Lauer, a onetime Bear. Blackburn's chief purpose in strengthening up the offensive line is to provide better protection for the passer and wider holes for the rushers - than a year ago. If that can be accomplished, Liz feels the Packers will have made a big step forward...Dahms was working with the offensive linemen under coach Lou Rymkus when administrative assistant Jack Vainisi came out from the office to tell Blackburn that the Cardinals had agreed to the deal. Dahm left the field and took off for St. Louis where the Cardinals are training for their non-league game against New York in Memphis Friday night. Dahms is expected to step into a starting offensive position with the Cards. Tom, now in his sixth pro year, played under Richards when Ray was an assistant coach at Los Angeles. Group instructions and some line bumping with protective shields featured yesterday's workout held during a stiff cold win. Blackburn and backfield coach Ray McLean put the emphasis on timing of the offensive plays. Defensive linemen and linebackers, using the shields, permitted the offensive players to get in some good blocks. Called over from coach Abe Stuber's defensive group was halfback Jack Losch, who shares left halfback with Breezy Reid and Joe Johnson. Running well again after a rib injury was Bill Roberts, the Dartmouth darter who worked with Al Carmichael at right halfback. Until yesterday, Carmichael had to run on every play since Bill is the only right halfback aide at the moment...The practice program is moving along at a controlled pace this week - sort of a banquet period, the last heavy "eat" schedule before heavy drills next week. Detroit week opens with a public clinic (for free) and Get Acquainted Day at City Stadium at 3:30 Sunday afternoon. The new Packers were guests at the West Side Kiwanis Club's dinner meeting at Sportsman's Lodge last night, with Jack Vainisi acting as toastmaster. The players and Jack were toasted with three-inch T-bone steaks. The entire squad and coaches were guests at the Rotary Club luncheon this noon.

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Who's Going To Get It . . . Sideline Experts—Packer quarterback Tobin Rote (18) gets set to pass to fullback Howie Ferguson (left). Al Carmichael (48) or Billy Howton (86) in this action snapped during the Packers' clinic and get acquainted day at City stadium Sunday afternoon. Keeping an eye on Howton is Deral Teteak (66). Below, hundreds of youngsters crowd over the sidelines to get a better view. Some 5,000 persons, most of them in the east stands, witnessed the show.

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FRIGID BUT THOUSANDS FLOCKED TO GREET FIRST WORLD CHAMPS IN '29

SEPT 20 (Green Bay) - The night of Dec. 9, 1929 was bitterly cold in Green Bay. But thousands packed around the North Western station and jamming the downtown streets didn't care. They didn't even feel it. The Packers were coming home, and the town had turned out almost to a man to accord them the triumph due the undefeated football champions of the world.

PACKER 1929 RECORD			
Packers	14	Portsmouth	0
Packers	9	Dayton	0
Packers	23	Bears	0
Packers	9	Cardinals	2
Packers	14	Frankford	2
Packers	24	Minneapolis	0
Packers	7	Cardinals	6
Packers	16	Minneapolis	6
Packers	14	Bears	0
Packers	12	Cardinals	0
Packers	20	New York	6
Packers	0	Frankford	0
Packers	25	Providence	0
Packers	25	Bears	0
		212	22

1929 STANDINGS							
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Packers	12	0	1	Oora'g In.	3	4	4
New Yk.	12	1	1	Provid.	4	6	2
Frankford	9	4	5	Bears	4	8	2
Cardinals	6	6	1	Buffalo	1	7	1
Boston	4	4	0	Minn.	1	9	0
Stapleton	3	4	3	Dayton	0	6	0

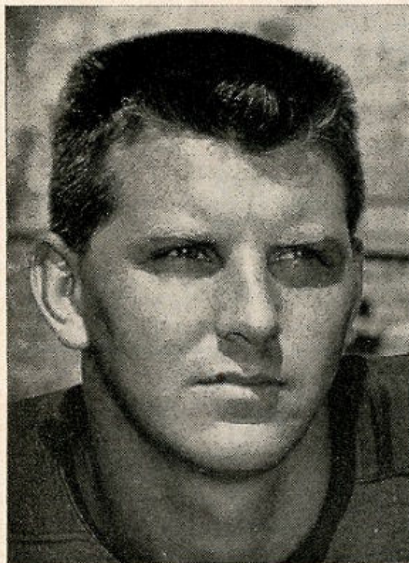
Packers were outplayed in the first half and left the field trailing by 2-0. They went in front on Red Dunn's third period field goal, then slammed the door in the fourth when Lewellen, whose fumble on the Cardinal one yard line had cost an earlier touchdown, sparked a long drive and carried over. The Packer drive began to pick up momentum on Oct. 13 with a 13-2 win over the previously unbeaten Frankford Yellowjackets. The Bays won with a superior air attack, backed by the great spot punting of Lewellen, who had a hand in both tallies. Lew hit Eddie Kotal on a 46-yard scoring pass play and counted the other himself on a short plunge to cap an 86 yard march...The Big Bay Blues were at their offensive best on Oct. 20, closing out the home season with a 24-0 walloping of the Minneapolis Red Jackets. The line not only stopped Herb Joesting in his tracks but blocked viciously on attack as Kern and Mike Michalske wrecked the Jacket front line. Lewellen scored twice, once on a 30-yard runback of an interception; Blood went over for another touchdown, and Molenda blasted 12 yards for a fourth. If the Cardinals had been tough without Ernie Nevers in Green Bay, they were doubly so with him in Chicago on the 27th. The Packer barely squeaked in by a fluky 7-6 margin. The winning score came in the second quarter when a Cardinal pass bounced off the chest of the intended receiver into the arms of Kotal, who legged it to the Card 19. Lew streaked the rest of the way and Dunn converted. The Cardinals tallied in the final period, but the entire Packer line swarmed through to block the try for point. After batting down the Red Jackets, 16-6, in Minneapolis on Nov. 3, the unbeaten Packers stormed into Chicago at the head of 3,000 wild-eyed Badger followers on the 10th for their second clash with the Bears. The result was a wet and highly satisfactory 14-0 victory, but it cost the services of Red Dunn, who suffered a dislocated shoulder. Blood, punting for the ailing Lewellen, averaged nearly 50 yards with the soggy ball, although Lew got in long enough to hoist a 75-yarder out of bounds on the Bear 11-yard line...In spirit of a hospital list that included Dunn, Kotal, Lewellen, McCrary, Boob Darling, Whitey Woodin, and Jugger Earp, the Packers, with guard Red Smith at quarterback, made it thre in a row over the pesky Cardinals on Nov. 17. Taking to the air, the Pack won, 12-0, as Lavvie Dilweg snared payoff tosses from Molenda and Blood. Curly Lambeau saw his first action of the season - and the last of his career - before being helped off with a cracked rib. Although Curly carried himself on the active player list for the rest of the season and another year thereafter, he never played again. A squad of 23 battered players left Green Bay on Nov. 21 for New York and a showdown with the Giants three days later. The Giants, paced by the pinpoint passing of Benny Friedman, were also undefeated but once tied. In spite of a great outpouring of colorful publicity about

The passage of 27 years hasn't dulled the excitement of that night for those who were there. To the 23 strapping young men who stepped off the train to be engulfed in the warmth of their homecoming, it must seem like yesterday. All of them were to experience other triumphs in the years to come, but none quite equaled the first one. To begin with, nobody has expected any such climax when the season opened back in September. True, the club had looked sharp in its non-league inaugural against the Portsmouth Spartans on Sept. 15, gaining a 14-0 decision, but the first championship verdict, a 9-0 verdict over the stubborn Dayton Motors, had been pretty routine. The following week, a record City Stadium crowd of 13,000 began to suspect that Curly Lambeau had something when the Packers romped through and over the hated Chicago Bears, 23-0. Hurdis McCrary and Bo Molenda cracked the Bruin wall for touchdowns, Tom Nash fielded Verne Lewellen's aerial for another, and Bill Kern blocked a punt for a safety. Johnny Blood set that up by carting a punt back 76 yards to the Chicago four, where the Bears held on downs. It was a slightly different story on Oct. 6, as the Pack had to stage a second half rally to down the Chicago Cardinals, 9-2. Plagued by fumbles, the



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DICK DESCHAINE
No. 80 — End

Second year in professional football... Signed as a free agent in 1955... Walked into camp and asked for a tryout... Finished second in NFL punting with a 43.2 yards for each of his 56 kicks... Also tied a Green Bay record with a 73-yard kick against San Francisco... Excelled in amateur football, baseball and basketball... Served two years in the Marine Corps during the Korean conflict and was twice wounded in action... Dick is married and has two children... Residence: Menominee, Michigan.

the Packers, the New Yorkers were solid 8 to 5 favorites along Broadway. That Nov. 24 battle before 18,000 in the soggy Polo Grounds is one of the epic moments in the Packer story. Eleven bruised but fired-up Packers proceeded to take the vaunted Giants apart, 20-6. About the only flaw in the afternoon came in the closing moments when Paul Minnick was sent in for groggy Jim Bowdoin. Jugger Earp, knocked bowlegged himself a couple of plays later, has never forgiven Lambeau for that substitution... The victory left the Packers in undisputed possession of first place, and the hometown faithful was already arguing about where to hang the pennant, but it wasn't in the bag yet. The Packers had three games to play while the Giants had five. A single loss, coupled with a Giant sweep, could still cost Green Bay the title. As it happened, New York won them all. Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, was the coldest November day Green Bay had experienced in 32 years, but the subzero blasts didn't give the town half the chills the Frankford Yellowjackets did. The inevitable letdown plus a red hot Philadelphia team almost pulled



WILLIAM LUCKY
No. 71 — Tackle

Second season in professional football... Obtained from Cleveland Browns in trade with Joe Skibinski for Art Hunter... Was Browns' fifth draft choice in 1954... He spent a week in Browns' camp last season but left for home when he believed a call to the military service was imminent... At Baylor University he specialized on defense his first two seasons... In his last year he adjusted himself to the one-platoon system... He played two years of high school in Temple, Texas... Residence: Temple, Texas.

the rug from under the Packers, who were lucky to salvage a scoreless tie. (Over in another part of Pennsylvania that same afternoon, a sophomore halfback scored 50 points as Bucknell College crushed its ancient rival, Dickinson. Green Bay had never heard of Clarke Hinkle, but it would.) A 25-0 rout of the Providence Steam Rollers on Dec. 1 left it up to the final game with the Bears in Chicago on the 8th, and there was no stopping the Packers now. With Carl Lidberg setting up two touchdowns by pass interceptions and scoring one himself, the Packers whipped the Bears decisively. Eddie Kotal bowed out appropriately by tallying twice in the 25-0 waltz. The squad came home the next evening to the most delirious reception the city had ever staged. In spite of freezing weather, a crowd of over 20,000 welcomed its champions, launching a four-day celebration unparalleled in the city's history. It even stopped the rugged Packers, whose enthusiasm for celebrating was exceeded only by their ability to win football games. Traveling jauntily down to Memphis, Tenn., the following Sunday for an exhibition match with a pickup team of all stars, the new champions were dumped unceremoniously on their hangovers. The score was 20-6, the same count by which the big guys from the small town had chopped down the Giants' beanstalk.

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SEPT 21 (Green Bay) - D-Day plus 10! It has been getting tougher and tougher to gain on the ground in pro football! The Packers scrimmaged yesterday with an eye toward sharpening up the rushing attack, and the yards came hard as the defense dug in. Green Bay, under coach Liz Blackburn, has never finished with an average of less than four yards per carry. It was 4.3 yards per trip in '55 and 4.6 in '54. Only one club had a better rush average last year than the Pack, the Chicago Bears with 4.9. Pittsburgh and Washington each had 4.7 in '54. The Packers' ground game has been garnished since '50 by their fullbackish quarterback, Tobin Rote, who rarely averages less than six yards per carry per season. Rote's running thus keeps up the Packer average. In scrimmage, however, Rote and his understudy, Bart Starr, haven't been taking chances (in injuries)

by running. Maybe that's why it seems the rushing was off yesterday. The purpose of the rough stuff, of course, is to get the blocking assignments down to a fine point. At one stretch, Joe Johnson carried the ball five consecutive times and after the last attempt Blackburn yelled, "that ought to be good for five or six yards a crack." Jack Losch, the Packers' rookie halfback, was given a good shot at ball carrying and Blackburn said later he thought "Losch is starting to come along now." Missing a week of practice after the All Star game and a pulled muscle midway in the exhibition season put Losch away back. When he became healthy, he had to be tested as a defensive back first; his offensive training is now in progress. Blackburn is grooming Losch as a swing man and as a punt and kickoff returner - the same duties handled so capably by Veryl Switzer the last two years. Jack picked up a heap of confidence with a 42-yard runback of a kickoff against the Cardinals last Saturday. On the next play, Rote pitched 58 yards to Billy Howton for six, pointing out to everybody concerned the importance of a good runback. Losch's return mate, Al Carmichael, was the only casualty yesterday, although Liz was happy to not it wasn't serious. Al hurt his leg in a crash with Roger Zatkoff. Three players. John Martinkovic, Breezy Reid and Don King, were held out because of previous injuries. The scrimmage revealed a big switch. Forrest Gregg, the Packers' new offensive tackle, saw his first rough stuff as a defensive end. The 240-pounder has excellent speed - a must for a defensive end...Yesterday's scrimmage may have been the second last of the season. A brief period of rough stuff is scheduled for the Get Acquainted Day practice at City Stadium Sunday. Pro clubs rarely scrimmage during the league season. The program is all set for the Get Acquainted Day and Clinic. It will start at 3:30 and will feature the coaches explaining the various plays on a public address system. It will be topped off with a short scrimmage. The Packers will plunge into intensive preparation next week for the opener against Detroit here Sept. 30...Blackburn paid tribute to his coaching staff and Gary Knafelc, an imported speaker from Colorado, honored "my teammates" for the benefit of the Rotarians at their weekly luncheon meeting at the Beaumont hotel Thursday noon. Liz said, "I consider myself lucky to have the staff that I have here," referring to offensive backfield coach Ray McLean, defensive coach Abe Stuber, offensive line coach Lou Rymkus and defensive line coach Earl Klapstein. "We already have noted an improvement in the play of the offensive and defensive lines," he pointed out, adding: "The head coach is helpless when it comes to the complexity of this modern football - without a staff of good assistants." Liz, Stuber and Rymkus introduced the players in their particular units of play. McLean and Klapstein couldn't make the luncheon because they were busy studying movies of the Packer-Cardinal game which, Liz explained, "just came in and we have to mail the movies out to Detroit tonight," in the league's new film exchange program. Blackburn introduced Knafelc, who kept Rotarians in stitches with a good line of chatter, featuring references to the ages of some of the players. He coyly reported that he'd been an admirer of Tobin Rote in professional football since "I was a freshman in high school" and that "my father talked about Breezy Reid's professional football career for years."

CURLY STRUNG ALONG WITH CHAMP IN '30 TO PRODUCE PACK'S SECOND TITLE

SEPT 21 (Green Bay) - It's always a sound idea to string along a champion, and Coach Curly Lambeau did just that in 1930 as the Packers swept to their second straight title. All but three of the undefeated 1929 squad were back in harness. Eddie Kotal, Red Smith and Roger Ashmore were gone, but newcomers Red Sleight and Merle Zuver in the line and Wuert Englemann, Paul Fitzgibbons and Arnie Herber in the backfield took up the slack. Jugger Earp and Boob Darling, backed by Zuver, held down the middle of the forward wall, flanked at the guards by Whitey Woodin, Mike Michalske, Jim Bowdoin, Bill Kern and Paul Minick, although the latter was released before the eastern trip. Cal Hubbard was switched from center to tackle, where he joined Sleight, Claude Perry, Chief Franta and Ken Radick, the West High boy who had just graduated from Marquette. The ends were again Lavvie Dilweg, Tom Nash and Dick O'Donnell. Another former West High star, Herber, was signed as a quarterback. Arnie was still a couple of years away from the professional stardom he eventually attained, and most of the quarterbacking was handled by the veteran Red Dunn. Halfbacks were Verne Lewllen, Johnny Blood and Dave Zuidmulder, in addition to Fitzgibbons, Englemann and Oren Pape, who was picked up in the midseason. Bo Molenda, Hurd McCrary and Carl Lidberg shared the fullback duties until Lidberg was turned loose. After experiencing no more than a brisk workout, in which Ken Radick and Herber performed impressively, spanking the Oshkosh All

Lost Weekend

NATIONAL GRAPEFRUIT LEAGUE (Western Division)

	W	L	Pct.	PS	OP
Chicago Bears	5	0	1.000	118	57
Green Bay	4	1	.800	104	77
Detroit	4	1	.800	115	63
Los Angeles	3	2	.600	150	110
San Francisco	3	2	.600	100	84
Baltimore	3	2	.600	111	84

(Eastern Division)

	W	L	Pct.	PS	OP
New York	3	2	.600	98	72
Washington	2	3	.400	82	160
Pittsburgh	1	3	.250	55	90
Chicago Cardinals	1	4	.200	82	160
Philadelphia	1	5	.166	81	137
Cleveland	0	5	.000	37	93

Tonight's Games

Cleveland at Bears
New York vs. Cardinals at Memphis

Saturday Night's Game

Los Angeles vs. Pittsburgh at Portland

Sunday's Games

San Francisco vs. Philadelphia at Sacramento
Washington vs. Detroit at Buffalo

PACKER RECORD

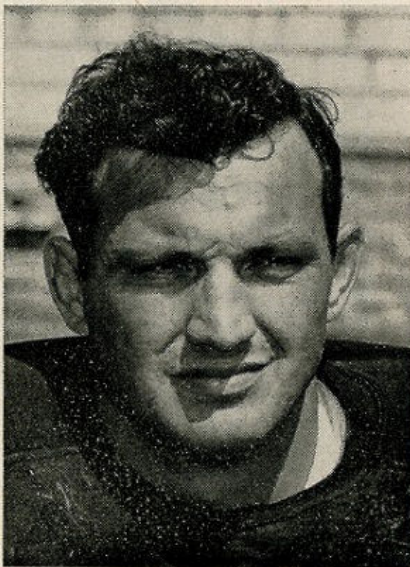
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Packers	14	Cardinals	0
Packers	7	Bears	0
Packers	14	New York	7
Packers	27	Frankfort	12
Packers	13	Minneapolis	0
Packers	19	Minneapolis	0
Packers	47	Portsmouth	13
Packers	13	Bears	12
Packers	6	Cardinals	13
Packers	6	New York	13
Packers	25	Frankfort	7
Packers	35	Stapleton	7
Packers	0	Bears	21
Packers	6	Portsmouth	6

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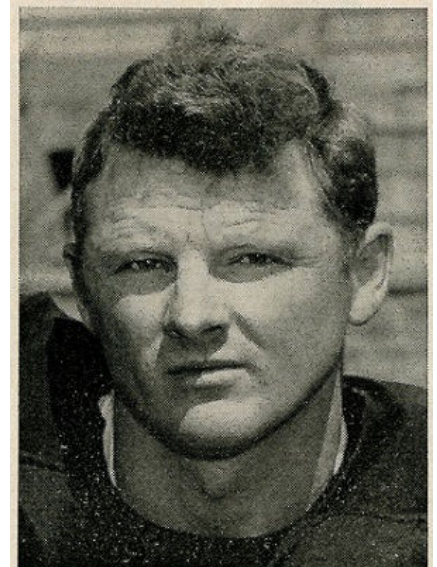
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New York	13	4	0	Cardinals	5	6	2
Bears	9	4	1	P'tsmouth	5	6	3
Brooklyn	7	4	1	Frankfort	4	14	1
Providence	6	4	1	M'neapolis	1	7	1
				Newark	1	10	1



HOWARD FERGUSON
No. 37 Fullback

Fourth season in professional football... Never played college football... Discovered by the Los Angeles Rams while playing for the Navy on the West Coast... Played for the Rams in the 1952 All-Star game but was released before first league game... Signed by the Packers as a free agent in 1953... In 1953 as second string fullback he carried 52 times for 134 yards... In 1954 he took over as regular fullback and gained 276 yards in 83 attempts... He also had a remarkable year for a fullback as a pass receiver catching 41 for 398 yards to rate second among the Packers in that department... Last season he finished in second place with 859 yards on 192 carries for an average of 4.5 yards... He competed in football, baseball, boxing and basketball at New Iberia High School... Married and is the father of a son and daughter... During the off-season he is an oil field worker in New Iberia... Residence: New Iberia, Louisiana.

Stars on Sept. 14, 46-0, the Packers began the defense of their championship against the Chicago Cardinals on the 21st. It was a convincing inaugural, the Bays outplaying the visitors for a 14-0 verdict as Lewellen swept end for one touchdown and Herber fired 35 yards to Lavvie Dilweg, who sped an additional 15 for the other... The Bears came growling into town a week later but limped out again after a typical Bear-Packer donnybrook that ended 7-0, Packers. The Bays drove 55 yards for the only score in the second quarter following Johnny Blood's interception. Lew set it up with a 23 yard bolt through tackle. He was run out of bounds a yard short of the goal line but carried over on the next play. Next came the New York Giants, primed to avenge their defeat of 1929. A Green Bay crowd of 11,000 saw the Packers pull a thriller out of the fire in the last quarter, 14-7, when Red Dunn and Blood collaborated on a spectacular 75-yard thrust. Dunn threw 20 yards to Johnny who dodged 55 more from the tie-breaking tally. The Giants had pulled even in the second period after Tom Nash broke the ice on a pass from Lewellen. The Packers gained a little running room on Oct. 12 by trouncing the Frankford Yellowjackets, 27-12, while Minneapolis was toppling Portsmouth from the unbeaten class. They wasted no time,



WILLIAM "Billie" HOWTON
No. 86 — End

Fifth year in professional football... He has been one of the top ends in the NFL... Was a sensation in his first year by leading the Packers in scoring with 13 touchdowns for 78 points... Caught 53 passes for 1,231 yards, an average of 23.2, which was tops in the NFL... Ranks next to Don Hutson as Packers' greatest pass receiver... Broke Hutson's record of most yards gained catching passes in one season in 1952... Thrilled the crowd in the 1953 Pro-Bowl game with a 90-yard touchdown run... Has led the Packers in pass receptions all four years... Ranked as third best pass receiver in NFL last year with 44 receptions for 697 yards and an average of 15.8 yards... Was "Most Valuable Player" at Rice for two years and was named to the All-American Eleven... Had honor of scoring the first touchdown in Rice's new stadium... Played football, basketball and ran the hurdles at Plainview, Texas High School... Drafted No. 2 by the Packers in 1952... Operates an insurance agency in Houston, Texas... Married and the father of two girls... Residence: Houston, Texas.

scoring three tallies in the opening quarter as Hurdis McCrary shattered the line for 24 yards and one touchdown. Dunn flipped to rookie Wuert Englemann for another and Dilweg rambled 51 yards with a purloined aerial. Invading Minneapolis on the 19th, the Packers experienced rough going before emerging with a hard-earned 13-0 conquest. After marching 71 yards from the opening kickoff to a touchdown by Lewellen, Green Bay couldn't score again until the last period when Bo Molenda was shoved over... A week later, the Jackets visited City Stadium where Herber and Zuidmulder, operating behind the big Packer line, featured a 19-0 victory. Arnie completed five passes, one for a TD, and made a couple of key interceptions. The champs closed their home season on Nov. 2 by smashing the league newcomer, Portsmouth, Ohio, 47-13. The Spartans never had a chance as the Packers played machine-like football, amassing 208 yards in running plays and a 27-0 lead before the visitors could get rolling. An interesting aftermath of the victory was P-G Sports Editor Art Bystrom's introduction of a sketchy form of the now familiar statistical summary into his game account. A record Chicago crowd of 22,000, including 3,000 Badgers, saw the Packers keep rolling with a hair-raising 13-12 conquest of the Bears on Nov. 9. The Pack cracked a 6-6 deadlock in the final quarter but with two minutes to go the Bears came snarling back, only to have the tying conversion sail wide. The victory kept the victory string intact at 8-0 for the season, but the Giants were right on the Bay heels with a 10-1 record. The long skein reached its inevitable end in Chicago the following Sunday, however, at the hands of the Cardinals, who dumped the stale Bays, 13-6. Ernie Nevers led the Card assault and carried the winning tally over in the last period to end a drive from midfield. The Packers held onto first place, nevertheless, as the Bears upset the Giants... The latter got their long delayed revenge in the Polo Grounds on Nov. 23, slapping the Packers off the top of the perch, 13-6, before a whopping New York turnout of 37,000 - largest since Red Grange's first pro appearance there in 1926. Trailing 13-0, the Packers got back into contention in the third period on Lewellen's short plunge and actually crossed the Giant goal line twice in the final quarter, only to have both tallies nullified by penalties. The stay in second place didn't last long. The Packers were back on top Thanksgiving evening after clubbing Frankford, 25-7, while Stapleton was dumping the Giants. Blood scored two touchdowns on sprints of 35 and 23 yards after taking passes from Red Dunn, while Herber and McCrary also hit the TD trail. Any ideas Stapleton may have had about repeating its upset were promptly squelched on Nov. 30. The Packers routed the Stapes, 37-7, and got a big lift from the Brooklyn Dodgers, who nosed out the Giants. With the air attack clicking like a metronome even Cal Hubbard got into the scoring act. The big tackle, playing end in place of Tom Nash, fielded a toss



from Dunn and rumbled 40 yards in the third period...The race tightened suddenly on Dec. 7 when the Packers returned to Chicago and were beaten at their overhead game by the Bears, 21-0. Meanwhile, the Giants won two over the weekend to pull within four percentage points of Green Bay. With a 13-4 mark, the New York percentage was .765, while the Packers stood 10-3, .769. That left everything up to the season's finale at Portsmouth on Dec. 14. The Spartans were a far different club from the doormat the Packers had romped on earlier in Green Bay. The Pack could do no better than a 6-6 deadlock, but that was enough. The lone Bay tally was registered by Wuert Englemann in the opening period, but the usually reliable Dunn fumbled the conversion. Another bitterly cold night on the 15th didn't put any crimp in the Packer homecoming as thousands engulfed the North Western yards to greet the two-time title holders. The ensuing celebration wasn't quite as spontaneous as the year before, but what it lacked in spontaneity it made up in organization.

OFFENSE BETTER, BLACKBOURN SAYS

SEPT 21 (Green Bay) - Coach Lisle Blackbourn of the Green Bay Packers said today the team's offense has shown "great improvement" over last season. Blackbourn, who will open his third professional season September 30, said quarterbacks Tobin Rote and Bart Starr were "effective" in preseason exhibitions. Rote completed 39 of 72 passes, good for 688 yards. Starr, his rookie understudy, completed 19 out of 31 for 191 yards.

PACKERS CONFIDENT OF BETTER NFL SEASON

SEPT 21 (Green Bay) - It's been 12 years since a NFL

championship pennant flew from the flagpole here, but the waiting could end this season. The best exhibition record in years - including the first victory ever over the Cleveland Browns - leads fans to believe the Green Bay Packers will make a serious challenge for the Western Division title this year. Coach Lisle Blackbourn is swept up in the tide, too. He admits he probably has the "best personnel" in his three seasons here, but there are problems, he said, which could alter the rosy outlook. One of these is to find a defensive halfback to replace Doyle Nix, who was called into service, though it's possible rookie Hank Gremminger of Baylor might fill the gap ably enough. Another is to find a non-playing punter, rather than depend solely upon end Dick Deschaine, who will see considerable duty on offense. Blackbourn also needs more ends. Injuries and failure of rookies to report or stay around after the rough work started, left the team with only two at one stage of training. "We could use more relief at fullback and center," Blackbourn said, although fullback Howie Ferguson, second in league rushing last season, is "as mean as ever," Blackbourn said. Among the "improvements" are more depth in the offensive line, where rookies Forrest Gregg of SMU and Bob Skoronski of Indiana, both tackles, will back up veterans Len Szafaryn and John Sandusky. Sandusky was obtained from Cleveland. After a two year search, Blackbourn figures he has found a "topnotch" No. 2 quarterback in rookie Bart Starr of Alabama. Starr was the standout first year man in camp. He came without fanfare, although some Alabama coaches said he was a better thrower than his predecessor, Harry Gilmer, now with the Detroit Lions. In the first three exhibition games, he completed 10 of 14 passes for 81 yards and had none intercepted. "He throws a soft pass, something like Otto Graham of the Browns, and he's got a good head," Blackbourn said. Tobin Rote, starting his sixth season at quarterback, appears sharper than ever. His tireless arm accounted for 318 yards in victories over the Eagles, Giants and Browns, completing 19 of 34 passes. A good relief man could make him even better. Blackbourn's major disappointment has been halfback Jack Losch of Miami. He was the No. 1 draft choice, but he has been of little value thus far. First, he bolted the club. After he was coaxed back, he injured his leg. Losch had been counted to put some additional spark in the Packers' running attack. However, in early games, veteran halfbacks Breezy Reid and Joe Johnson showed plenty of punch. As it stands a short time before the start of the season here September 20 against Detroit, Rote will be at quarterback, Reid and Al Carmichael at halfbacks and Ferguson at fullback. Starr and Johnson are the No. 1 replacements, along with veteran placekicker Fred Cone, who came out of temporary retirement. Blackbourn said he'll give Cone more offensive chores this season. The Packers finished third in the Western Division in 1955 with a 6-6 record.

Packers To Uncover Grid System Sunday

PACKERS TO UNCOVER GRID SYSTEM SUNDAY

SEPT 22 (Green Bay) - Do you know what the left guard does when Howie Ferguson goes off his own right tackle? Do you know what the right tackle does when Joe Johnson goes around left end? And what about those traps and draws? Why does pass protection break down sometimes? What's the trouble when an enemy pass receiver is out there all alone? These and

many other questions will be answered and acted out when the Packers conduct a unique football clinic at City Stadium Sunday afternoon, starting at 3:30. There will be no charge. Actually, the program, designated as Get Acquainted Day, will be more than a clinic. It will be a regulation Packer practice topped off with a brief scrimmage. The players will be introduced individually after which the various phases of practice will be conducted, with explanations from the coaches via a loud speaking system. The real "classroom" study will come when the offense runs its plays against the defense. Coach Liz Blackburn will be on hand with aides Abe Stuber, Ray McLean and Lou Rymkus to give the whys of the various plays. Coach Earl Klapstein will be in Buffalo to scout the Detroit-Washington game... Blackburn cut the squad close to the player limit of 35 (for the first two games) by placing tackle Bill Lucky and halfback Al Romine on waivers. Lucky played the entire '55 season here and Romine was on the roster for a few games... The Packers had today off, giving them a good chance to relax before the big week of preparation for the Detroit opener, starting Monday. Sunday's program won't feature plans for the Lion game; that will have to wait until Monday. The Bays have been urged to watch the Detroit-Washington game non-league game on television (WBAY-TV) at noon Sunday, a good opportunity to note any changes in Detroit's operation as compared to the Detroit-Cleveland game a week ago. The Packers already have watched movies of that game... The Packers worked on offense in yesterday's practice, with an eye toward increasing point production. Green Bay scored 104 points in posting a 4-1 non-league record - an average of 20.8. That will have to be raised to more than 25 for a successful league season, Liz figures. Defensively, the Bays gave up

Browned					
NATIONAL GRAPEFRUIT LEAGUE					
(Western Division)					
	W	L	Pct.	PS	OP
Chicago Bears	5	1	.833	132	81
GREEN BAY	4	1	.800	104	77
Detroit	4	1	.800	115	63
Los Angeles	3	2	.600	150	110
San Francisco	3	2	.600	100	84
Baltimore	3	2	.600	111	84
(Eastern Division)					
New York	4	2	.667	140	79
Washington	2	3	.400	82	160
Pittsburgh	1	3	.250	55	90
Chicago Cardinals	1	5	.167	89	207
Cleveland	1	5	.167	61	107
Philadelphia	1	5	.167	81	137
Friday Night's Results					
Cleveland 24, Bears 14.					
Giants 42, Cardinals 7.					
Tonights Game					
Los Angeles vs. Pittsburgh at Portland.					
Sunday's Games					
San Francisco vs. Philadelphia at Sacramento.					
Washington vs. Detroit at Buffalo (WBAY-TV).					

77 marks - an average of 15.4. That's a good par for a winner and Blackburn hopes to maintain that average, although anything better will be appreciated. In the five games, the Packers edged their foes in the statistics department - 90 to 70 in first downs; 1,652 to 1,235 in total yardage; 886 to 623 in rushing; and 766 to 612 in passing. The Bays attempted 116 passes and completed 60; their five foes tried 98 and completed 47. The Bays intercepted nine passes and had four stolen... CAPUZZI TRIES KICKING: Veterans Howie Ferguson and Breezy Reid carried the rushing load, Howie picking up 184 in 47 attempts and Reid 192 in 43. Joe Johnson added 93 in 19 and Tobin Rote 85 in 29. Rote hurled 72 passes and completed 39 for 688 yards while Bart Starr pitched 31 and completed 19 for 191 yards. Gary Knafelc was the leading receiver with 17 catches for 316 yards in all five games. Billy Howton caught eight in the last two games for 194 yards for a 20-plus average. Al Carmichael also caught eight and Reid, Johnson and Ferguson each nailed six. Rote turned out to be the leading scorer with 36 points on six touchdowns. Fred Cone has 32 with 11 extra points and seven field goals in 11 attempts. Incidentally, Jim Capuzzi is working everyday with Cone on field goal kicking and Jim has started to show considerable consistency.

NFL POINTED FOR PACK IN '31 BUT FAST START BROUGHT THIRD TITLE IN ROW

SEPT 22 (Green Bay) - Although the league was considerably tighter than in 1930 and everybody was pointing to take a fall out of the high flying Packers, Lambeau stood pat again in 1931. The result was a third straight championship, with the rest of the field vainly trying to catch the Bays from the outset. Surprisingly, the principal threat came from the league

"babies", the Portsmouth Spartans, who chased the Packers right down to the wire and were plenty teed off when Curly refused to give them a postseason crack at the title. Principal casualties from the 1930 squad were Dick O'Donnell, Bill Kern, Carl Lidberg and Merle Zuver. O'Donnell was more than adequately replaced by Milt Gantenbein, fresh off the Wisconsin campus; while Dick Stahlman moved into Kern's old slot and Mule Wilson took over from Lidberg. Don Carlos was center insurance until Boob Darling bowed out, and then Nate Barrager was brought in. Before the club headed east in November, Dave Zuidmulder was released and Ken Radick traded. With Rudy Comstock, Hank Bruder, Roger Grove, Russ Saunders and Swede Johnson on the roster, however, the Packers were pretty well set for that climatic swing. Otherwise, it was the old, reliable lineup...**HOTTER THAN WEATHER:** The Packers wasted no time getting down to cases, opening their title defense on a warm and shower-punctuated Sept. 13 with an impressive 26-0 shellacking of the Cleveland Bulldogs. They tallied in every period, Russ Saunders racing 25 yards for one touchdown, and Mule Wilson sweeping the flank for 38 yards and another, besides hitting Frank Baker with a 19 yard scoring aerial. The weather was still hot and the Packers hotter on Sept. 20 as Lavvie Dilweg and Whitey Woodin led the way to a 32-6 conquest of the Brooklyn Dodgers. After Lewellen had bucked seven yards to break the ice, Lavvie took a toss from Saunders and raced 55 yards, then Whitey carted an interception back all the way. Hank Bruder connected with Milt Gantenbein for 28 and a touchdown and Arnie Herber cracked tackle for the final score. A record City Stadium crowd of 13,500 cheered a 7-0 victory over the Bears a week later. It was an old-fashioned Bear-Packer line battle, the difference being that the Packer forwards shackled Red Grange and Bronko Nagurski all afternoon. Lew cut back through tackle for two yards and the only tally early in the second period, following Dilweg's recovery of a fumble on the Bear 22...**FOLLOWED FAMILIAR SCRIPT:** That attendance figure went overboard and so did the invading New York Giants on Oct. 4. Over 14,000 saw Lewellen spin through the line for two quick touchdowns in the first quarters after the Pack had spotted the Giants an early score on a blocked punt. Weert Englemann swung around end and covered 40 yards for a tally, while Johnny Blood took a pass from Red Dunn for another in the last period. The score was 27-7. The Cardinal game of Oct. 11 followed a familiar script, the Packers bouncing back after a poor first half to swamp the troublesome Chicagoans, 26-7. Blood had himself a day, counting three times, once on a twisting 35 yard runback of an intercepted pass and twice after fielding throws from Dunn. One of them was as miraculous a catch as the vagabond ever made in his life. Johnny ran wild again on the 18th, scoring both touchdowns in the 15-0 win over the Frankford Yellowjackets. On the final play of the game, he brought the crowd up roaring as he picked off a Jacket forward pass and came back 50 yards, being run out of bounds on the visitor's 35 yard line...**DIDN'T SIGN ANYTHING:** Meanwhile, Portsmouth had been bowling along even with the Packers on six straight wins. Since no game had been scheduled between the two, the Spartans began agitating for a postseason meeting on Dec. 13. Lambeau apparently made some sort of tentative agreement that was to backfire later, but was careful not to sign anything. The Providence Steamrollers clanked into town on Oct. 25 for one of the wildest scoring affairs seen in City Stadium up to that time. With Weert Englemann tallying three times in the opening period, once on the first scoring runback of a kickoff in Packer history, the Bays roared to a 48-20 victory, registering 21 points in the first quarter and 20 in the last. Weert swept 80 yards on his historic kickoff return. Big Mike Michalske was the hero of a 6-2 squeaker over the Bears in Chicago on Nov. 1. With Carl Hubbard bearing down on him, a sight to scare anybody, Bear quarterback Carl Brumbaugh tried to throw the ball away. Mike grabbed the wild toss and lumbered 80 yards behind devastating blocking. That same day Portsmouth fell half a game off the pace by losing to the Giants. The Pack closed out the home season on Nov. 8 with its night win of the year and 25th straight in City Stadium, a 26-0 clubbing of Stapleton. The Bays struck in every period, eye popper of the rout being a 50-yard lateral-forward, Paul Fitzgibbons to Blood to Bruder, which Hank completed with a dash of 40 yards to the end zone. Hopes for another perfect season foundered in Chicago on the 15th, and, as usual, the Cardinals were the villains. Playing inspired ball behind Ernie Nevers, the Cards got an early jump and were never headed as they wrecked the Packers' wagon, 21-13. Tom Nash counted one Packer touchdown by scooping up a punt and sprinting 15 yards. Heading east, the Packers pulled a thriller out of the fire in the Polo Grounds on Nov. 22, coming from behind to nose out the Giants, 14-10, before 35,000. After the Giants had posted a 10-7 lead before the half, the Bays won in the final quarter on Blood's strike to Bruder, who galloped 15 yards for the deciding tally...**BLOOD SCORES THREE:** The Packers moved within one victory of their third straight title at Providence on Thanksgiving Day when they flattened the Steamrollers, 38-7, in spite of being assessed 120 yards in penalties. Blood scored three times and Molenda twice, one of Johnny's coming on a 40 yard scamper after receiving Bo's 15 yard throw. They got it in Brooklyn on Nov. 29 but only after a real argument from the Dodgers, 7-0. Lewellen, whose great punting was a highlight of a furious battle, scored the touchdown after a 52 yard drive in the opening period. Lew lost the ball as he crossed the goal line, but the score counted anyway. Cal Hubbard's superb play was another big factor in the clincher. After wading through another

Packer Record							
Packers	26	Cleveland	0				
Packers	32	Brooklyn	0				
Packers	7	Bears	0				
Packers	27	New York	7				
Packers	26	Cardinals	7				
Packers	15	Frankford	7				
Packers	48	Providence	20				
Packers	6	Bears	2				
Packers	26	Stapleton	0				
Packers	13	Cardinals	21				
Packers	14	New York	10				
Packers	38	Providence	7				
Packers	7	Brooklyn	0				
Packers	6	Bears	7				
291		74					
1931 Standings							
	W	L	T	W	L	T	
Packers	12	2	0	Providence	4	4	3
Portsmouth	11	3	0	Stapleton	4	6	1
Bears	8	4	0	Cleveland	2	8	0
Cardinals	5	4	0	Brooklyn	2	12	0
New York	6	6	1	Frankford	1	6	1

patented Green Bay homecoming, the champions closed out on a low note in Chicago on Dec. 6, being dumped by the Bears, 7-6. The outcome was decided almost before the crowd could uncap its antifreeze. On the second running play of the game, the Bays tried a forward pass that backfired when Brumbaugh snatched it on the Packer 28. Carl promptly atoned for his earlier skull by hitting Lintzinich in the end zone, and Tackwell converted. Early in the second period, Molenda passed to Blood for a touchdown, but Dunn's conversion try missed by a whisker. Portsmouth, only a game behind with a record of 11-3 to the Packers' 12-2, set up a clamor for the "promised" showdown. It was generally conceded that had the Packers beaten the Bears, Lambeau would have obliged the Spartans, but under the circumstances Curly would have no part of it. The furious Ohioans could do nothing but cuss out the "Green Bay Pikers" and wait until 1932, when they got their licks in, but good.

Packers Scout Lions, Find Detroit 'Great'

Doesn't Count

NATIONAL GRAPEFRUIT LEAGUE (Final) (Western Division)

	W	L	Pct.	PS	OP
Chicago Bears	5	1	.833	132	81
GREEN BAY	4	1	.800	104	77
Detroit	4	2	.667	132	82
Baltimore	3	2	.600	111	84
Los Angeles	3	3	.500	167	130
San Francisco	3	3	.500	114	105

	W	L	Pct.	PS	OP
New York	4	2	.667	140	79
Washington	3	3	.500	101	177
Pittsburgh	2	3	.400	75	107
Philadelphia	2	5	.285	102	151
Cleveland	1	5	.167	61	107
Chicago Cards	1	5	.167	89	207

Saturday Night's Result

Pittsburgh 20 Los Angeles 17

Sunday's Results

Washington 19 Detroit 17

Philadelphia 21 San Francisco 14

Sunday's League Openers

DETROIT at GREEN BAY (1:00)

Bears at Baltimore

Philadelphia at Los Angeles

New York at San Francisco

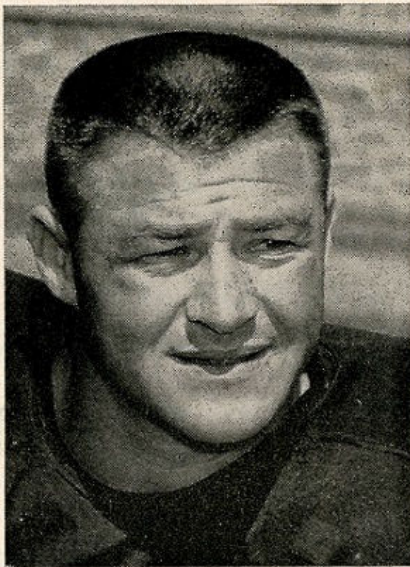
Cleveland at Cardinals

Washington at Pittsburgh

PACKERS SCOUT LIONS, FIND DETROIT 'GREAT'

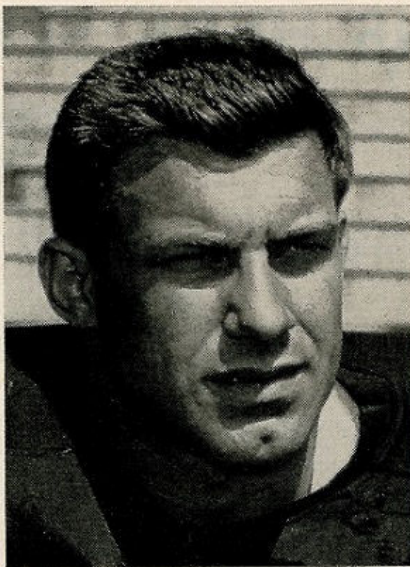
SEPT 24 (Green Bay) - D-Day minus 7! The Packers watched the Washington Redskins nip the Detroit Lions on television, snickered a bit and then went to school - before nearly 5,000 persons at City Stadium Sunday afternoon. Washington won the non-league windup over the Lions 19-17 with a field goal in the last few minutes, and the general thinking among the Packers was simply this: Detroit didn't break its neck to win! Coach Liz Blackburn, who ordered the Bays to scout the television game before coming out for the Get Acquainted Day and clinic, stated flatly: "The Lions look like a great team to me," indicating that the Packers' task against these same Lions in the league opener here Sunday will be especially difficult. Packer quarterback Tobin Rote had eyes for the Detroit defense - a unit he'll have to crack Sunday if the Packers are to win. "It looked awfully good to me," Rote pointed, adding: "Washington only got one touchdown." The Lions slipped their key personnel in and out of the game - such gents as Jug Girard, Dave Middleton and Don McIlhenny, and gave plenty of action to two players who had been on waivers for two days, ends-backs Pete Retzlaff and Richard Booker. Thus, the Packers were inclined to chuckle some since it was obvious the Lions weren't extending themselves to the limit. Judging by the two scores from the west coast, two other teams were also playing possum. Pittsburgh's undermanned Steelers dropped the power-packed Los Angeles Rams 20 to 17 and the rebuilding Philadelphia Eagles surprised the San Francisco Forty Niners 21 to 14. The clinic turned out to be a real success in view of the big crowd, good weather and the slick response to the instructional commands over the public address system by Blackburn and aides Abe Stuber and Lou Rymkus. Coaches Ray McLean and Earl Klapstein were in Buffalo to scout the Detroit-

Washington go. The Packers were dressed in new white pants and helmets and the new green jerseys will be used for the first time against Detroit. The clinic, following introduction of the players by Jack Vainisi, opened with a three-ring circus, with the ends and backs passing and receiving shots from Rote and Bart Starr in the center ring, the defense at one end under Stuber and the offense at the other end...BATS DOWN PASS: The squads then were assembled at midfield and Blackburn called out a series of offensive plays, explaining the duties of each player on each. Stuber did the same with the defense. In a brief scrimmage, Packer fans saw what could happen when defensive tackle Jerry Helluin batted down one of Rote's passes at the line of scrimmage. In another play, halfback Jack Losch went up the middle, tumbled to the ground when hit by Tom Bettis and then bounced up and took off for a good gain. Rymkus, who served as the "official", was instructed to blow a fast whistle. Blackburn was anxious to give the enthusiastic viewers a good show but at the same time was taking no chances on injuries. Fortunately, there wasn't a scratch. To top it off, Blackburn announced that "we'll quit as soon as the defense intercepts a pass." To the enjoyment of the fans, Starr suddenly got wild and threw one into the hands of Val Joe



FLOYD "Breezy" REID
No. 24 — Halfback

Seventh year with the Packers...Drafted by the Chicago Bears in 1950, but joined the Packers in the second game and was the regular left halfback for the remainder of the season...Ranked eighth in NFL rushing in 1953 and ninth in 1954... Scored a 69-yard touchdown run against the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1954, fourth longest from scrimmage in Packer history... Last season he gained 301 yards on 83 attempts... Married... Works in Green Bay during the off-season... Residence: Green Bay, Wisconsin.



ROGER ZATKOFF
No. 74 — Guard

Fourth year in professional football... One of the outstanding rookies in the NFL in 1953, 1954 and 1955... Was named All-Pro linebacker and played in the Pro Bowl game... Packers' fifth draft choice in 1953... All-American tackle and linebacker at the University of Michigan... A rugged performer and bone-crushing tackler... Member of the 1953 College All-Star squad... Married and father of three girls... Employed as a teacher in the Detroit school system during the off-season... Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Walker, who hooted and hollered his way through his teammates for 80 yards and a "touchdown"...The Packers launched league-opener week with a 10 o'clock meeting this morning at the Bay office, 349 S. Washington. A workout was scheduled in the Bluejay outfield this afternoon. The Packers opened this day with 37 players on the roster - a figure that must be reduced to 35 by Wednesday. Two players were placed on waivers over the weekend - tackle Bill Lucky and halfback Al Romine. The Packers will have no interruptions in their important week. The three big service banquets were conducted last week and the only outside activity this week will be the opening of the Quarterback Club program Wednesday night. The Packer Lumberjack band will start action at 7:15 in Legion Park on W. Walnut, across from the courthouse and a television Quarterback Club meeting will start at 7:30 in the WBAY-TV studios. The first club meeting will be open to the public free of charge.

PACKERS HIT GLORY ROAD AGAIN IN '36 WITH LARGELY NEW CAST SEPT 24 (Green Bay) - When the Packers hit the glory road again in 1936, it was with an almost entirely new cast of characters. Only holdovers from the great triple championship era were the seemingly indestructible Johnny Blood, Arnie Herber, Hank Bruder and Milt Gantenbein. It was, however, a veteran club, soundly blended of veterans thoroughly trained elsewhere or under the careful rebuilding regime of Lambeau. The Vagabond Halfback had not changed much and was still up to his old tricks, but he almost sat this one out. Blood was a holdout until the second was well underway, not signing until after the horrendous defeat by the Bears. It may or may not mean anything, but after Johnny returned the Packers weren't beaten again. Herber had blossomed into the finest forward passer in the game and Gantenbein had more than fulfilled his early promise. Hard Luck Hank had finally shaken his collegiate jinx to become one of the most durable and reliable backs in the business...**SUCCESSORS TOUGH, TOO:** Hubbard, Michalske, Dilweg, Nash, Barrager, Jigger Earp, Boob Darling, et al, were gone, but their successors were just as hard to handle. Bud Svendsen anchored the center of a big, rough line, backed by Frank Butler and Tony Paulekas, while a trio of burly veterans, Ernie Smith, Champ Seibold and Ade Schwammel, held down the tackle slots. The club was knee-deep in top flight guards, all of whom could pull a trick or two at tackle as well. They included Russ Letlow, Lou Gordon, Tiny Engebretsen, Walt Kiesling, Lon Evans and Buckets Goldenberg - a gang not calculated to let opposing ball carriers sleep peacefully on nights. If the backfield wasn't as individually versatile as the earlier combination, it was still loaded. The ball toting brigade numbered, in addition to Herber, Blood and Bruder, Joe Laws, Bob Monnett, Paul Miller, Herm Schneidmann, Swede Johnson, George Sauer and Cal Clemens. Not to mention that erstwhile Bucknell sophomore Clarke Hinkle, already well on his way to join Blood, Dilweg, Hubbard, Michalske, Barrager, Lewellen and Herber as an All-Time All-Pro and Hall of Fame...**DON HUTSON ARRIVES:** But the individual who fussed a good 1935 team into a champion was Don Hutson. After a tremendous rookie year, the Alabama Antelope really hit his stride and was virtually unstoppable as Herber's favorite target. When the rest of the league tried to gang him, Arnie threw strikes to Gantenbein, Bernie Scherer and Wayland Becker. Way, a former East High and Marquette star, had come home after earning his professional stripes elsewhere. A lot of that gang were still around three years later when the Packers captured their fifth title. The 1939 champions were probably the best club ever to bring a title back to City Stadium, with a roster that could boast of nearly 70 player-years in Green Bay uniforms. Holding over from the 1936 club were Herber, Bruder, Hinkle, Laws, Johnston and Schneidmann in the backfield plus

Packer 1936 Record							
Packers	62	Madison	0*				
Packers	10	Cardinals	7				
Packers	3	Bears	30				
Packers	24	Cardinals	0				
Packers	31	Boston	2				
Packers	20	Detroit	18				
Packers	21	Bears	10				
Packers	7	Boston	3				
Packers	38	Brooklyn	7				
Packers	26	New York	14				
Packers	26	Detroit	17				
Packers	0	Cardinals	0				
Packers	21	Boston	6**				
332		124					
* Exhibition							
** Playoff							
1936 Standings							
Western Division		Eastern Division					
W	L	T	W	L	T		
Packers	10	1	1	Pitts'rg'h	6	6	0
Bears	9	3	0	New York	5	6	1
Detroit	8	4	0	Brooklyn	3	8	1
Cardinals	3	8	1	Phil'phia	1	11	0
Boston	7	5	0	Packers beat Boston, 21-6, in championship playoff.			

former East High and Marquette star, had come home after earning his professional stripes elsewhere. A lot of that gang were still around three years later when the Packers captured their fifth title. The 1939 champions were probably the best club ever to bring a title back to City Stadium, with a roster that could boast of nearly 70 player-years in Green Bay uniforms. Holding over from the 1936 club were Herber, Bruder, Hinkle, Laws, Johnston and Schneidmann in the backfield plus

Svendsen, Goldenberg, Engebretsen, Letlow, Smith, Gantenbein and Hutson up front. That lineup was rough enough without the help they enjoyed...**ISBELL SPELLS HERBER:** The line included Carl Mulleneaux, Frank Steeno, Al Moore and Harry Jacunski on the wings; Lee Mulleneaux, Tom Greenleaf and Charlie Brock at the pivot; and Baby Ray, Dick Zoll, Bill Lee, Charlie Schultz, Paul Kell, Pete Tinsley, Frank Twedell, Jack Brennan, Warren Kilbourne and Johnny Biolo. Backfield stalwarts were Larry Buhler, Lou Brock, Larry Craig, Frank Balazs, Eddie Jankowski, Dick Weisgerber, Tuffy Thompson and Andy Uram. Hutson had another crack pitcher to spell the aging Herber in Cecil Isbell. Many of those boys had acquired the habit of winning championships at Minnesota under the regime of Bernie Bierman. As usual, the club had a couple of hometown products on the payroll in Herber and Dick Zoll, a younger brother of Carl and Martin Zoll. Dick, who had already been seasoned in the pro wards as a member of the Cleveland Rams, could almost be called a second generation Packer. He was fresh out of three-cornered pants when his older brothers were making life miserable for the Pack's opposition in 1919. Swede Johnston could almost qualify as a local boy, too. Swede learned his football at Appleton High, where he gave both East and West Green Bay first on more than one occasion. Way Becker started his fourth season as a Packer but was traded early in the campaign...

NOT UP TO STANDARD: Between 1939 and 1944, the Packers produced some of their greatest teams, but they happened to be in the same league as the Chicago Bears. The war wrecked the Bears - not that it did the Packers or anybody else much good - but it didn't hurt Green Bay quite as much as some of the others. The quality of the National League during the war years wasn't up to previous standards and nobody knew what was going to happen next, but the Packers were lucky enough to hold onto the best of the crop. The 1944 champions, consequently, were not in the same class with their championship ancestors, but they weren't too bad, either. They might not have come home with the Big Casino, however, if Don Hutson and Buckets Goldenberg hadn't changed their minds. Both had retired after 1943, but couldn't withstand Lambeau's blandishments and returned just before the season opened. Ade Schwammel was also lured out of his easy chair for another try. Curly still had a pretty fair nucleus of old timers to build on. Among them were Charlie Brock at center; Pete Tinsley at guard; Baby Ray at tackle, and Harry Jacunski as well as Hutson on the flank. Ball carriers still operating were Joe Laws, Larry Craig and Lou Brock...**TRAFTON WAS FORGIVEN:** The rest of the line consisted of Bob Flowers, Forrest McPherson, Mike Buccianneri, Bob Kercher, Charlie Tollefson, Glenn Sorenson, Bill Kuusito, Tiny Croft, Dr. Paul Berezney, Ray Wheba and Joel Mason. The backfield also contained some pretty fair journeyman ball players, among them Roy McKay, Lou Perkins, Irv Comp, Dick Bilda, Paul Duhart, Ted Fritsch, Ben Starrett and Bob Kahler. Of all the oddities of that off-beat season, however, probably the greatest was the spectacle of George Trafton in the Packer fold. Twenty year before, as one of the meanest operators ever to wear the spangles of the Bears, Trafton was the most enthusiastically hated player ever to knock the wind out of a Green Bay football. Out of a clear sky, Lambeau hired him to coach the 1944 line. All was forgiven when George helped groom the Packers to their sixth and last championship.

PACKERS GIVE FANS A LOOK AT PLAYS

SEPT 24 (Green Bay) - The Green Bay Packers staged a scrimmage Sunday to climax the team's first "Get Acquainted Day" before about 5,000 fans at City Stadium. Coach Lisle Blackbourn preceded the workout by explaining the offensive and defensive maneuvers as the team demonstrated each play. Earlier the Packers were interested spectators as the Detroit Lions, their opponents here next Sunday in their NFL opener, lost to Washington 19-17 in a televised exhibition.


LIZ RATES PACKER TITLE HOPES 'GOOD'

SEPT 24 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - Liz Blackbourn said Monday his Packers have as good a chance as anyone else to win the Western Division title race which gets underway Sunday. But, like any other pro coach in his right mind, Blackbourn

Here's 1956 NFL Schedule

<p>SUNDAY, SEPT. 30 Chicago Bears at Baltimore. Cleveland at Chicago Cards. Detroit at Green Bay. New York at San Francisco. Philadelphia at Los Angeles. Washington at Pittsburgh.</p> <p>SATURDAY, OCT. 6 (Night) Cleveland at Pittsburgh. Detroit at Baltimore. Washington at Philadelphia.</p> <p>SUNDAY, OCT 7 Chicago Bears at Green Bay. New York at Chicago Cards. Los Angeles at San Francisco.</p> <p>SUNDAY, OCT. 14 Baltimore vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee. Chicago Cards at Washington. Los Angeles at Detroit. New York at Cleveland. Philadelphia at Pittsburgh. San Francisco at Chicago Bears.</p> <p>SUNDAY, OCT. 21 Baltimore at Chicago Bears. Chicago Cards at Philadelphia. Cleveland at Washington. Los Angeles vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee. Pittsburgh at New York. San Francisco at Detroit.</p> <p>SUNDAY, OCT. 28 Chicago Bears at San Francisco. Detroit at Los Angeles. Green Bay at Baltimore. Philadelphia at New York. Pittsburgh at Cleveland. Washington at Chicago Cards.</p> <p>SUNDAY, NOV. 4 Chicago Bears at Los Angeles. Cleveland vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee. Detroit at San Francisco. New York at Pittsburgh. Philadelphia at Chicago Cards.</p>	<p>SUNDAY, NOV. 11 Baltimore at Cleveland. Chicago Cards at New York. Detroit at Washington. Green Bay at Chicago Bears. Pittsburgh at Philadelphia. San Francisco at Los Angeles.</p> <p>SUNDAY, NOV. 18 Baltimore at Detroit. Chicago Cards at Pittsburgh. Cleveland at Philadelphia. Los Angeles at Chicago Bears. New York at Washington. San Francisco at Green Bay.</p> <p>THURSDAY, NOV. 22 (Thanksgiving Day) Green Bay at Detroit.</p> <p>SUNDAY, NOV. 25 Chicago Bears at New York. Los Angeles at Baltimore. Pittsburgh at Chicago Cards. San Francisco at Philadelphia. Washington at Cleveland.</p> <p>SUNDAY, DEC. 2 Chicago Bears at Detroit. Green Bay at Chicago Cards. Los Angeles at Pittsburgh. Philadelphia at Cleveland. San Francisco at Baltimore. Washington at New York.</p> <p>SATURDAY, DEC. 8 (Afternoon) Green Bay at San Francisco.</p> <p>SUNDAY, DEC. 9 Baltimore at Los Angeles. Chicago Cards at Chicago Bears. Cleveland at New York. Philadelphia at Washington. Pittsburgh at Detroit.</p> <p>SATURDAY, DEC. 15 (Afternoon) New York at Philadelphia.</p> <p>SUNDAY, DEC. 16 Baltimore at San Francisco. Chicago Cards at Cleveland. Detroit at Chicago Bears. Green Bay at Los Angeles. Pittsburgh at Washington.</p> <p>SUNDAY, DEC. 23 Washington at Baltimore.</p> <p>SUNDAY, DEC. 30 World's Championship Playoff Game in home city of Eastern Conference Champion.</p>
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wouldn't predict anything. "I'm confident this club is a good one," said the Packer coach, "and I won't be satisfied if we don't show improvement over last year's (6-6) record. Sure, we have as a good a chance as anyone else. But I would be silly predicting anything in this topsy-turvy division. We're going to have a dogfight every Sunday." The Bears, Lions and Rams ranked as Blackbourn's top picks. "I'll probably get some disagreement picking the Lions," Liz said, "but with that restored defense and Bobby Layne his old self they could go all the way." It just so happens that Detroit provides the opposition in the league opener here Sunday. "They could hurt us this time," insisted Liz, who recalled last year's 20-17 Packer win the last 24 seconds. "You gotta have that luck." Blackbourn reduced his squad to the 35-player limit when he put veteran defensive end Gene Knutson and rookie halfback Bill Roberts from Dartmouth on waivers. This meant Emery Barnes, 6-6, 230-pound rookie from Oregon and Jack Losch, the Bay's top draft choice from Miami, had earned their spurs. "We do need a third end, though," admitted Liz. "(Dick) Deschaine is a good punter - that's all." Blackbourn said the reason he traded Tom Dahms, a starting tackle last season, to the Cardinals was because "we were getting more out of John Sandusky. We owe the Browns a draft choice for Sandusky, now the Chicago choice for Dahms will even that score." The squad should be at its peak condition for the Lions with end John Martinkovic, tackle Don King and halfback Breezy Reid shaking off minor leg ailments.

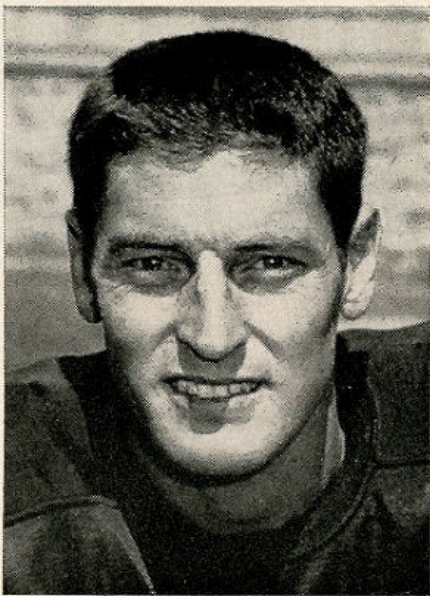


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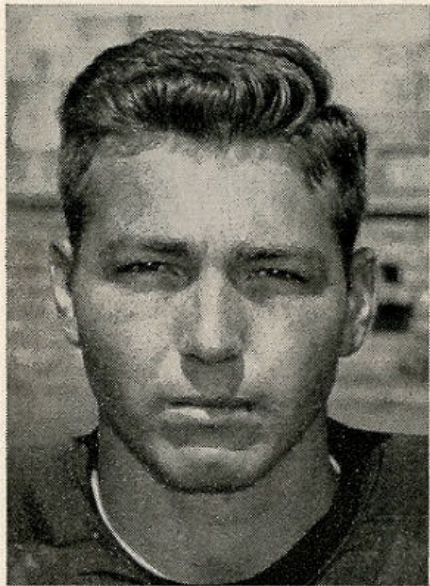
LIONS HEALTHIER THAN IN 1955

SEPT 25 (Green Bay) - D-Day minus 5! The 1956 Detroit Lions are healthier, bigger, more experienced and faster than the 1955 team. In other words, the Lions, who debut against the Packers at City Stadium Sunday, won't be the same aggregation that dropped a 20-17 decision to the Green Bays here a year ago. The "healthier" phase of today's discussion concerns only one Lion - quarterback Bobby Layne, who carried a lame flipper into the 1955 classic. Layne, the backbone of the Lions' attack, has had no similar trouble this season. What's more, his understudy, Harry Gilmer, is thoroughly schooled in Lion affairs - more so than he was a year ago when Coach Buddy Parker decided against using him here as a replacement for the ailing Layne. The Lions gained a stack of experience with the return of four key veterans from service - offensive tackle Oliver Spencer, safety Yale Lary, halfback Gene Gedman and fullback Bill Bowman. The first three names were with the champion Lions of '53. Spencer will open at offensive right tackle; Lary will round out Detroit's tough defensive unit with Jack Christiansen, Carl Karilivacz and Jim David; Gedman will operate at right half; and Bowman likely will start in place of Leon Hart at fullback. Hart is also an accomplished defensive end. Another key figure in the experience department - not to mention weight, is Ray Krouse, the 260-pound defensive tackle obtained from the New York Giants. Krouse is listed as a starter on the left side. He's a six-year veteran and will be opposed by John Sandusky, the former Cleveland Brown



PAUL HELD
No. 15 — Quarterback

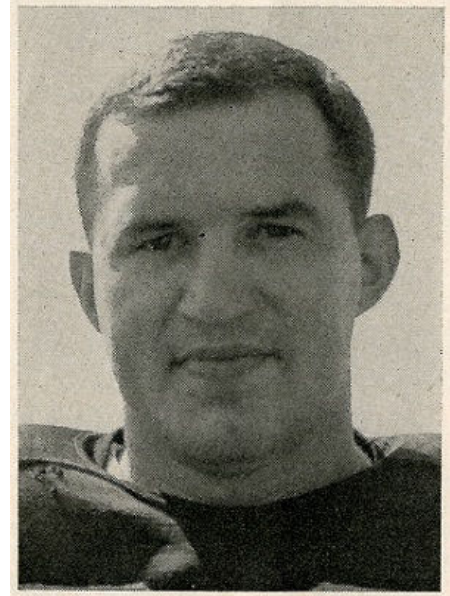
Third season in professional football... Drafted by Detroit as a junior... Traded to Pittsburgh for 1954 season... Returned to Lions for 1955... Picked up by the Packers as a free agent... Second string signal caller for Steelers in 1954... Threw 73 passes, completed 24 for 305 yards and one touchdown... Hit on 14 of 16 extra points and three of five field goal tries for 23 points... A Navy veteran... A real leader on and off the field... Married... Residence: El Segundo, California.



BART STARR
No. 16 — Quarterback

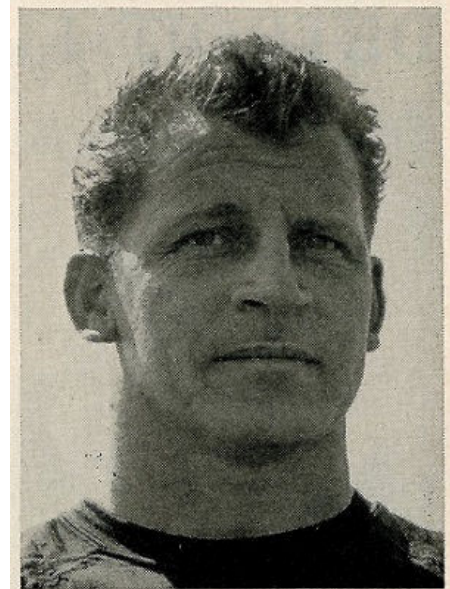
First year in professional football... Packers' 17th draft choice... A four-year letter-winner in football... Classified by Alabama coaches as the best passer in the history of the school... Completed 155 passes in 285 attempts for 1,903 yards and 10 touchdowns... In 1953 he was the second best punter in the nation with a 41.4 yard average... High School All-American... Played in Blue-Gray game last December... Married... Residence: Montgomery, Alabama.

who had many bouts with Ray in the Eastern circuit. Thus, the Lions have at least four top-flight veterans who didn't play here a year ago — Lary, Krouse, Gedman and Spencer. Few rookies made the Lions this season but those who did gave the team a lift in the speed department. Two of the top speedsters are halfbacks Hopalong Cassady and Don McIlhenny, but oddly enough they may have to play second fiddle to veterans Jug Girard and Gedman. Cassady is playing behind Girard at the left halfback-flanker position, while McIlhenny, who out-dazzled the highly-touted Cassady in the exhibition season, plays behind Gedman. As an example, McIlhenny gained 221 yards in 47 trips in the Lions' first five games for an average of 4.7. Cassady picked up 19 yards in 21 tries for 0.9. Girard ran five times for 31 yards — an average of 6.2; Hart 46 for 182 and 4.0; and Gedman 32 for 101 and 3.1. These figures, of course, can be forgotten once the league season opens and it's possible that the Lions' offensive alignment could also be charged considerably. Detroit's defense, bolstered chiefly by Krouse and the four outfielders, includes Gil Mains as a defensive end. Wrestler Gil had been chiefly a tackle in the past but was shifted when Krouse arrived. Others in the defensive line are back-from-service Jerry Perry, Darris McCord and Bob Miller. Kicker Jim Martin is listed as a linebacker along with Joe Schmidt, who played a terrific game here last year, Bob Long and Sonny Gandee. Martin is handling the Lions' field goal kicking and has shown tremendous improvement over a year ago when he shared the chores with Doak Walker. The Lions' great little money player, Walker, will be replaced by Girard and Cassady. Incidentally, Martin has become an expert kickoff man, nine out of 10 of his boots sailing into the end zone... Packer coach Liz Blackburn reduced the Bay squad today by the league limit of 35 (for the first two games) by placing veteran Gene Knutson and rookie halfback Bill Roberts on waivers. The team must be cut to 33 players after the first two games. Departure of Knutson leaves the squad with four defensive ends — John



JOHN MARTINKOVIC
No. 83 — End

Sixth year in professional football... Obtained from Washington Redskins in 1951 by trade... Used exclusively past two seasons as a defensive end... Played with the West team in the 1954 and 1955 Pro Bowl games... Considered a top defensive end in the NFL... Earned letters in basketball and baseball, besides football at Xavier where he was chosen Little All-American... Served one year in the Navy as a fireman first class... Owns home in Green Bay... During the off-season he is an automobile salesman in Green Bay... Married... Residence: Green Bay, Wis.



LEONARD "Len" SZAFARYN
No. 68 — Tackle

Sixth year in professional football... Received from Washington Redskins in a trade in 1950 for Paul Lipscomb... Was Redskin's third draft choice in 1949... Played every game in 1950 for the Packers and then served two years in the Army... Played in seven games in 1953 and started every game at left offensive tackle in 1954 and 1955... Rated as the best Packer offensive lineman the past season... Gained All-American recognition at North Carolina... Married... Residence: Ambridge, Pennsylvania.

Martinkovic, Nate Borden, Emery Barnes and Forrest Gregg, who recently shifted from offensive tackle. With Roberts out, the offensive backfield has Breezy Reid, Joe Johnson, Al Carmichael and Jack Losch as halfbacks; Fred Cone and Howie Ferguson at fullback; and Tobin Rote and Bart Starr at quarterback. The Packers


hammered on defense yesterday, devoting the last half of the drill to defenses against the Lions' scoring machine, which features Layne's passing to Dave Middleton, Dorne Dibble, Jug Girard, Gene Gedman and fullbacks Hart and/or Bowman.

PACKERS COME OFF THE ROPES TO WIN FOURTH NFL CROWN

SEPT 25 (Green Bay) - Inability to handle the Chicago Cardinals had cost the Packers a Western Division title in 1935, but they took care of that the following year en route to their fourth national championship. In fact, the Chicagoans more than made up for their previous lack of cooperation by knocking off the Bears in the stretch to give Green Bay the western crown, then turned around and held the Packers to a scoreless tie in the last league game. The division race was close right down to the wire, as the Packers came off the ropes after absorbing an early-season beating at the hands of the Bears, then matched the Bruins win for win until the closing weeks when the Bears faded and were upset by Detroit and the Cardinals. In the process, Green Bay mopped up the Eastern Division, walloping everyone in it except the Philadelphia Eagles. Two of the wins were over the Boston Redskins, whom they crushed again in the title playoff. Heartened by a new record season ticket sale of 1,127, the Packers opened auspiciously on Sept. 5 by trampling the Wisconsin Cardinals of Madison, 62-0, with a withering ground attack. In spite of a drizzling rain that socked in the air arm, the star-studded backfield put on a dazzling display of open field running...**TAKEN APART BY BEARS:** A different breed of Cardinals came to town on Sept. 13 to inaugurate the league campaign, and, as usually happened in those days, forced the Pack to come from behind to win. A vicious attack, culminating in a touchdown by George Sauer, tied the score in the third period, but three field goal attempts went haywire before Ernie Smith clicked from the 23 yard line in the waning minutes. That elusive title never seemed farther away than it did to a record City Stadium crowd on the 20th after the Bears had finished taking the local heroes apart. A paid attendance of 14,312 sat in agony as the Bruins administered the worst shellacking the Packers had endured in 11 years, 30-3. The count was only 10-3 at the half, Gene Ronzani taking a lateral for a touchdown after Ade Schwammel's placement tied the score briefly in the second period, but the last half was murder. The Bears flattened the Packer defense for three touchdowns in the final two period. Nobody would have bet on it just then, but that was the last time anybody was going to perpetrate that sort of mischief...**OUTBOMBED REDSKINS 31-2:** Things began to look up a week later in Milwaukee where a rejuvenated Packer team smashed the Cardinals, 24-0. After a slow start, Swede Johnston and Clarke Hinkle powered over for tallies in the second quarter, Joe Laws fled 41 yards down the sideline for a third, and Tiny Engebretsen booted a 34-yard field goal. Back home on Oct. 11, the Pack outbombed the Boston Redskins, 31-2, in an aerial dogfight that saw 60 forward passes attempted, 38 by the Skins, who completed 15. The Bays connected for only nine of 22, but three were good for touchdowns, each by a different combination. Johnny Blood took a throw from Bob Monnett for one, Joe Laws hit Paul Miller for another, and the Herber-Hutson team collaborated on the third. The title special was almost derailed on Oct. 18 by the defending champion Detroit Lions, but the Packers came off their own turf for a 20-18 verdict on Engebretsen's gasp field goal in one of the most heart-chilling rousers in the history of City Stadium. Trailing 10-0 at halftime, the Lions almost chased the Packers out of their own park as the lead changed hands four times in the second half...**BLOCKING OPEN GATES:** After spotting the Pittsburgh Pirates an early field goal in Milwaukee on Oct. 25, the Packers battered them into submission, 42-10. Terrific blocking opened the gates for six touchdowns before the Bucs could score again. Hutson snagged five passes for 84 yards and two tallies, Miller went over twice, and Laws and Blood also counted. The once-beaten Packers stormed into Chicago on Nov. 1 for a return bout with

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Good Luck Packers for the Coming Season

the undefeated Bears and, when the rain-spattered scrap was over, the Western Division race was all tied up. After the Bears had jumped off to a quick 10-point lead on Jack Manders' field goal and Bill Hewitt's 51-yard breakaway, Hutson put the Bays back in contention by taking a short flip from Herber for a tally. Hinkle then burst through tackle and galloped 59 yards to put the Pack in front, 14-10, at intermission. In the last quarter, Milt Gantenbein, who played a sensational game, raced 38 yards to the Bruin two with a recovered fumble. Sauer cracked the line for the TD that made the final count 21-10...SMASH DODGERS 38-7: Swinging east on Nov. 8, the Packers took a close 7-3 decision from Boston. Herber and Hutson combined on a 50 yard thrust for the only tally, the payoff being a 19 yard completion. The following Sunday in Brooklyn the Pack played superior football to smash the Dodgers, 38-7, as Hutson grabbed two more of Arnie's strikes for touchdowns. The Polo Grounds was the scene of another Green Bay triumph on the 22nd, the Packers completely dominating a 26-14 contest. The Bays scored in every conceivable fashion, adding a safety and a Smith field goal to touchdowns by Hinkle, Sauer and Herm Schneidmann. Up to this point the title scramble was still deadlocked as the Bears and Packers matched win for win. Green Bay went out in front Thanksgiving Day without even blowing up a football, however, when the Lions upset the Bears, 13-7. The Pack wrapped up the western championship in Detroit on Nov. 29 by trouncing the Lions, 26-17, while the lowly Cardinals were rising up to smack down the Bears again. Green Bay struck quietly on the fourth play of the game when Hutson took 37 yard heave from Herber on the Detroit 20 and scooted over. The fighting Lions snapped back to tie the score twice before the Packers put on the big pressure...PLAY 0-0 TIE WITH CARDS: Following

an enthusiastic welcome home, the Packers invaded Chicago for the final contest with the Cardinals on Dec. 6. The Chicagoans demonstrated that their Bear upset was no fluke by holding the champions to a 0-0 tie on a frozen, treacherous field. Meanwhile, Boston captured the Eastern Division title. The Packers and Redskins clashed for the championship in New York City on Dec. 13, and the former, having already beaten Boston twice, proceeded to do it again, 21-6. Hutson, Gantenbein and Monnett score the touchdowns. How completely the Packers dominated the league was reflected in the All Pro selections, which had four of the champions on the first team and two on the second. First string nominees were Ernie Smith at tackle, Lon Evans at guard, Don Hutson at end and Clarke Hinkle in the backfield. Arnie Herber was the second team quarterback and Milt Gantenbein was on a flank. Once more the all-conquering Packers came home to a rousing reception, climaxed by a gigantic testimonial banquet at the Columbus Club, attended by 1,500 cheering fans. After two weeks off for recuperation, the team reassembled in Denver for a five-game exhibition trip to the Pacific Coast. The barnstorming jaunt included two clashes with the Bears in Los Angeles. Somebody forgot to tell the boys that it was all fun, however, and the two teams went at each other for blood. The Bears gained a sizzling 20-20 tie in the first match and the second went to the Packers, 17-14. After that the boys were only too happy to move over to the MGM lot in Hollywood and make a movie. That was the one where Arnie Herber broke a pane of glass with his first throw, then spent half the day trying to do it again because the cameras weren't running the first time.

PRO FOOTBALL SHAPING UP FOR SEASON - JUST THE WAY IT IS EXPECTED TO DO

SEPT 25 (Milwaukee Journal) - Before a touchdown was ever scored or an extra point kicked in exhibition games, the NFL race shaped up like this: 1) The real power remains in the Western Division. 2. Within the Western Division, the strength appeared to be amazingly well distributed. 3. If there were any favorites, the Chicago Bears in the Western and the New

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York Giants in the Eastern seem most likely to unseat champion Cleveland (East) and Los Angeles (West). Now the 35 preseason games as Commissioner Bert Bell prefers to have them called, have been played and the season itself will be started Sunday. What happened in these teasing ground games distinctly bears out all early thinking. The records for them follow: WESTERN DIVISION: Chicago Bears (5-1), Detroit Lions (4-2) Green Bay (4-1), Los Angeles (3-3), Baltimore (3-2), San Francisco (3-3) EASTERN DIVISION: New York (4-2), Washington (3-3), Pittsburgh (2-3), Philadelphia (2-5), Cleveland (1-5) Chicago Cards (1-5). New York certainly must be given a fine chance to knock off Cleveland, perennial eastern champion. The Giants produced the greatest point edge over their opponents, as they went about winning four games and losing two (Bears and Packers). Jim Howell's crew looks all the better since they played all six western teams. The Giants, a little amazing, were the only eastern team to wind up on the "plus" side of the ledger. So did all six western division teams and the way they did it indicates again that the power lies mostly in that side of the fence and that the race will probably be closer than the air in the shower room. The Bears and revived Lions each scored the same number of points in six exhibition games and the Lions allowed only one more than Chicago. Green Bay, which played only five games, ranks close behind. Los Angeles, thanks mostly to a 69-21 rout of the hapless Chicago Cardinals, is right on the heels of the three leaders. Baltimore and San Francisco, which tailed off badly after a fast start, also managed to outscore their rivals. Cleveland, of course, cannot be counted out of the eastern race, even though Paul Brown's Browns waited until their last exhibition to score their first victory. Brown never pulls out all stops in preseason play. Significantly, when the Browns did win a game, it was against the Bears, who up to that time were the only unbeaten team. Green Bay's hopes in the western division soared a little over the weekend. Lisle Blackburn's Packers were idle and the Bears, Lions, Rams and 49ers all suffered defeats. The Packers will catch the Lions and Bears on successive weekends as the regular season starts. Detroit will play at Green Bay Sunday and the Bears will be there the week after. A thumbnail sketch of each team follows: Chicago Bears: George Halas stands in the wings, watching his veteran replacement, Paddy Driscoll, try to win with great material. Pass defense is the main difficulty. Monsters in line and powerful and fleet backs like Watkins, Casares, John Hoffman and newcomer Jeter abound. Quarterbacking will be helped when Bratkowski returns from the service. Detroit Lions: Ready to jump back toward the top after sliding from first to last in one season. Quarterback Bob Layne's arm is said to be sound again and new men from trades and service promise to make the defense rugged. Green Bay Packers: Offensive line has been strengthened with tackles Sandusky and Skoronski. Rote could be ready to to head of class among quarterbacks. Blackburn and assistants provide sound coaching. Los Angeles Rams: Out to prove last year's division title was no fluke. Many nonbelievers say it was. The team has a wealth of talent but it has been in and out. Baltimore Colts: Ewbank keeps building them better. Horse Ameche is back and so is Shaw, one of better young quarterbacks. Defensive line eats up rival backs. San Francisco 49ers: New Coach Albert, former left handed quarterback, needs McElhenny healthy and a lot of improvement on defense. He may not get both or either. New York Giants: Howell has great running and depth at quarterback in Conerly, Heinrich and Clatterback. The team appears solid, for even in defeats by Packers and Bears, Giants nearly won and gave good accounts of themselves. Washington Redskins: Likely to have trouble duplicating or coming close to last year's second place finish. Injuries (in auto accidents, not on field) already have cost them halfback Janowicz for season and quarterback Dorow for awhile. LeBaron at quarterback must be sound. Pittsburgh Steelers: No quarterback

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Oct. 7—Chicago Bears at Green Bay	Nov. 4—Cleveland Browns at Milwaukee	Dec. 3—Chicago Cardinals at Chicago
Oct. 14—Baltimore Colts at Milwaukee	Nov. 11—Chicago Bears at Chicago	Dec. 9—San Francisco 49ers at San Francisco
Oct. 21—Los Angeles Rams at Milwaukee	Nov. 18—San Francisco 49ers at Green Bay	Dec. 16—Los Angeles Rams at Los Angeles

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Chicago Bears: George Halas stands in the wings, watching his veteran replacement, Paddy Driscoll, try to win with great material. Pass defense is the main difficulty. Monsters in line and powerful and fleet backs like Watkins, Casares, John Hoffman and newcomer Jeter abound. Quarterbacking will be helped when Bratkowski returns from the service. Detroit Lions: Ready to jump back toward the top after sliding from first to last in one season. Quarterback Bob Layne's arm is said to be sound again and new men from trades and service promise to make the defense rugged. Green Bay Packers: Offensive line has been strengthened with tackles Sandusky and Skoronski. Rote could be ready to to head of class among quarterbacks. Blackburn and assistants provide sound coaching. Los Angeles Rams: Out to prove last year's division title was no fluke. Many nonbelievers say it was. The team has a wealth of talent but it has been in and out. Baltimore Colts: Ewbank keeps building them better. Horse Ameche is back and so is Shaw, one of better young quarterbacks. Defensive line eats up rival backs. San Francisco 49ers: New Coach Albert, former left handed quarterback, needs McElhenny healthy and a lot of improvement on defense. He may not get both or either. New York Giants: Howell has great running and depth at quarterback in Conerly, Heinrich and Clatterback. The team appears solid, for even in defeats by Packers and Bears, Giants nearly won and gave good accounts of themselves. Washington Redskins: Likely to have trouble duplicating or coming close to last year's second place finish. Injuries (in auto accidents, not on field) already have cost them halfback Janowicz for season and quarterback Dorow for awhile. LeBaron at quarterback must be sound. Pittsburgh Steelers: No quarterback

like Finks (now Notre Dame assistant coach) has appeared. Defense is rugged as usual. Running backs are good, too. Philadelphia Eagles: New Coach Devore, former Packer assistant, seems to be bringing last year's disappointment along well. The Eagles won all of their exhibitions under Trimble last season, then flopped when it counted. Too many old veterans. Cleveland Browns - Quarterback has been a problem because Parilli (from service) and Ratterman (from bench) have been rusty. The defense is still one of best and team should be contender, perhaps winner, again. Chicago Cardinals - Took some shellackings (69-21 from Rams and 42-7 from Giants) and morale may be shot. Running talent galore, but no dependable quarterback. Front office troubles, too.

HOT-AND-COLD LIONS LOGICAL 'SURPRISE' TEAM OF NFL

SEPT 25 (Detroit) - The Detroit Lions open their campaign to get out of the Western Division basement next Sunday against the Packers at Green Bay and still are something of an enigma in the NFL. If the Lions are to open their campaign with a victory they'll have to play much better football than they displayed against the Washington Redskins while dropping the last exhibition game of the season. In the six preseason games, Detroit displayed flashes of greatness. They also displayed some mediocre football. The club has been prone to mistakes. Last Sunday, the Redskins intercepted six passes. Despite that, they scored only one touchdown, but a winning team can't give the ball away that many times. The Packers will provide the opposition that got last year's season off to a startling last-minute defeat for the Lions. All reports indicate that the Packers are improved. Tobin Rote in five preseason games completed 39 of 72 passes for 688 yards. They have a couple of good receivers in Gary Knafelc and Billy Howton. That combination is better than anything the Skins threw at the Lions Sunday. Defensively, the Lions have been better than in 1955, although their exhibition record in the same 4-2 posted last year. The club has intercepted 16 passes and recovered nine opponents' fumbles. Biggest problem is getting a running attack to click. Don McIlhenny is the leading ground gainer with a so-so 241 yards on 52 carries in six games. Leon Hart is next with 211 yards with 57 carries. Layne, after a slow start, has been passing well, completing 53 of 112 yards for 746 yards and the only four touchdowns the Lions have scored via the air. Dorne Dibble, also troubled by a slow start, is the leading pass receiver with 14 for 200 yards. Dibble also scored two TDs. Howard Cassady was the club's leading scorer in the exhibition season with four touchdowns. Two of those came on punt returns of 71 and 56 yards while one was a running play and the other on a pass from Layne. It's true that exhibitions mean little, but in the past they have set a pattern for season's play by the Lions. Performances such as they gave against the Philadelphia Eagles and Cleveland Browns could make them contenders. But a few games like the job against Pittsburgh or Washington or Detroit will be back where they will be in 1955 - last.

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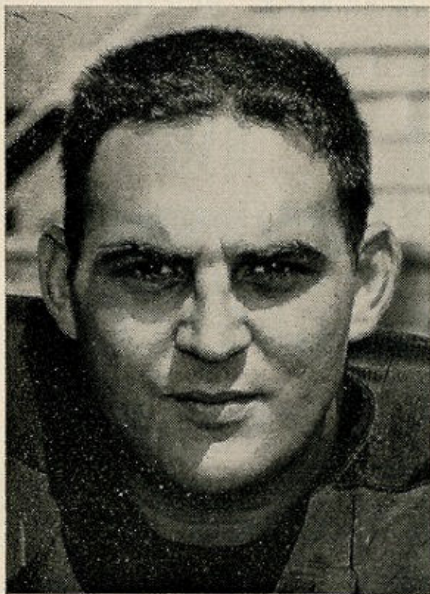
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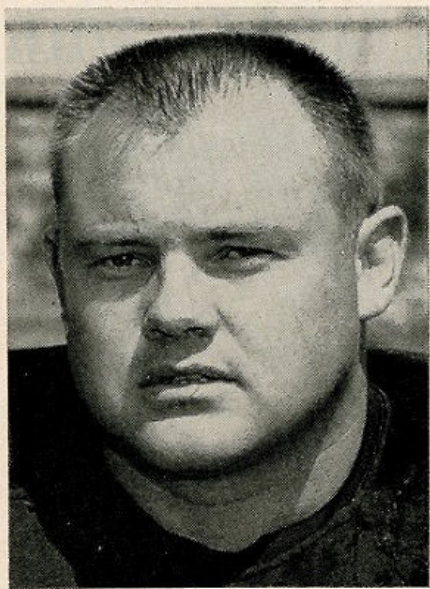

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11 Rookies Take Big Step to Majors in Packer-Lion Battle



FRANCIS "Jerry" HELLUIN
No. 72 — Tackle

Fifth year in professional football... Obtained in a trade with the Cleveland Browns last year... He was the Brown's third draft choice... Played exclusively as a defensive tackle... Teamed with Dave Hanner as two of the best defensive tackles in pro football... In 1953 with the Browns he alternated between tackle and guard... He starred at Tulane University for three years and displayed his versatility by performing at guard, tackle and end... In high school he played fullback for Catholic High School, Donaldson, Louisiana... Married, he is the father of twin girls... During the off-season he runs a service station... Residence: Houma, Louisiana.



DERAL "Little Bull" TETEAK
No. 66 — Guard

Fifth year in professional football... Ninth draft choice of the Packers in 1952... One of the outstanding players in the NFL as a rookie in 1952... Selected as a member of the All-Star squad in 1953 Pro Bowl game... Missed first six games of 1954 season because of broken bone in foot... Was a standout linebacker on Wisconsin's famed "Hardrocks" eleven of 1951 that led nation in defense... Named to All-Big Ten and All-Midwestern teams and second All-American in 1951... Married... Insurance salesman during the off-season... Residence: Green Bay, Wisconsin.

11 ROOKIES TAKE BIG STEP TO MAJORS IN PACKER-LION BATTLE

SEPT 26 (Green Bay) - The big step from American amateur football - as played in the colleges - to the major leagues will be taken for the first time by 11 Packers and Lions when the two clubs tangle in their NFL opener at City Stadium Sunday afternoon. The 11 players, including six Packers, have been through the pro mill along the non-league trail and know all about the lumps and bumps but the real rugged competition eye-opener comes Sunday - plus the paycheck on Monday. One game doesn't make a major leaguer out of a rookie, but it sometimes goes a long ways toward deciding his future. Sunday's game will show two classic "future" examples - quarterback Tobin Rote of the Pack and QB Bobby Layne of Detroit, who made their pro debuts in City Stadium. Rote was injured in his first game there in 1950 and had to sit out the last three quarters while his replacement had six passes intercepted; that was bitter medicine for Rote, but it never bothered him for he turned out to be one of the game's great quarterbacks. Layne was the third quarterback behind the Chicago Bears' Sid Luckman and Johnny Lujack when he broke in in '48. Bobby played little at City Stadium that day and few people, except Layne, realized that he'd be back as one of the game's great QBs. One quarterback is among the Packers' half-dozen simon-pures - Bart Starr, an unheralded sharpshooter out of Alabama, who beat out veteran Paul Held for the right to assist Rote. The other Bay rookies are tackle Bob Skoronski of Alabama, halfback Jack Losch of Miami, tackle-end Forrest Gregg of Southern Methodist, halfback Hank Gremminger of Baylor, and Emery Barnes of Oregon and the United States Army. Skoronski and Gremminger are listed as starters, Bob at left offensive tackle and Hank at cornerback on defense. Gregg works at offensive tackle or defensive end; Losch can be used as a defensive or offensive halfback; and Barnes can spell John Martinkovic or Nate Borden at defensive end. The five new Lions - give or take a last minute switch - are quarterback Jerry Reichow, who will play under Layne and Harry Gilmer; halfbacks Hopalong Cassady, Don McIlhenny and Milt Davis; and guard Gene Cronin. The key figure in that group - at least off early reports - is Cassady, the nation's No. 1 gridder in '55 who is ticketed to replace the Lions' great Walker...SHARES POST WITH GUARD: Cassady will share what Lion coach Buddy Parker calls his "slot back" post with veteran Jug Girard - a position two steps behind the line of scrimmage outside the offensive tackle. The 180-pound Cassady did not have a spectacular rushing record in the exhibitions but produced something more than mere yards - touchdowns. He gained only 24 yards in 22 carries but crossed the goal line four times - twice on punt returns. His first TD came on a 61-yard punt return against Pittsburgh; then he ran 11 yards with a pitchout against the Chicago Cardinals. His next scoring burst was a 56-yard punt return against Cleveland; his final TD was a six-yard catch against Washington. McIlhenny is playing behind service-returnee Gene Gedman at right halfback and has averaged five yards a crack in the exhibitions. Davis is a defensive halfback and likely will relieve Jack Christiansen, Carl Karilivacz, Yale Lary or Jim David if necessary. Cronin is listed at left offensive guard and right defensive end. In addition to six rookies, the Packers will present three newcomers who have had experience with other pro clubs - tackles John Sandusky and Don King, obtained in trades with the Cleveland Browns, and center Larry Layer, former Chicago Bear...Packer coach Liz Blackbourn sent the Bays through an offensive workout yesterday afternoon and was happy to not that everyone was running well - even the two or three injured players. Since the offenses of the two clubs are fairly similar, Blackbourn told the defense to watch the offense closely. Considerable time was devoted to group work by the backs and ends, the defensive line, the offensive line and the defensive backfield. Various phases of Lionhood were discussed in each group parley and then put in practice. The drill ended with practice on punt returns by Joe Johnson, Al Carmichael, Hank Gremminger and Jack Losch. The receivers play up a bit and then practice going back under Dick Deschaine's towering blasts. While this was going

Packers	31	S.W. All Stars	20*
Packers	14	Cardinals	10
Packers	21	Bears	16
Packers	24	Cleveland	27
Packers	27	Cardinals	20
Packers	31	St. Louis	0*
Packers	26	Detroit	7
Packers	24	Washington	12
Packers	27	Bears	30
Packers	23	Philadelphia	16
Packers	28	Brooklyn	0
Packers	7	Cleveland	6
Packers	12	Detroit	7
Packers	27	New York	0**

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171

*Exhibitions

**Playoff

1939 Standings

	Western Division			Eastern Division		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Packers	9	2	0	New York	9	1
Bears	8	3	0	Washing.	8	2
Detroit	6	5	0	Brooklyn	4	6
Cleveland	5	5	1	Philadel.	1	9
Cardinals	1	10	0	Brooklyn	1	9

Packers defeated New York, 27-0, in championship playoff.

on in the Bluejay outfield, kickers Fred Cone and Jim Capuzzi were working on field goals and kickoffs in the stadium.

PACKERS HAD TO WAIT UNTIL FINAL SUNDAY TO CLINCH '39 TITLE

SEPT 26 (Green Bay) - The championship returned to Green Bay again in 1939, but it didn't come easy. The fact that the Packers were defending Western Division titlists didn't mean a thing to the powerful Bears, rampaging Detroit Lions and the Cleveland Rams, who played the part of giant-killers all season. Professional football had come of age, the league was smaller and tighter than ever, and there were no soft touches anymore. After being tripped up early by the surprising Rams, the Packers won out on the final Sunday of the campaign as the fast-breaking Lions faded and the Bears put on a stirring stretch drive after a poor start. The Packers were as powerful as any of their champion predecessors but they only managed to squeak through a typical division dogfight that had the fans gasping for breath week after week. Following a 31-20 exhibition victory over the Southwest All-Stars in the Cotton Bowl on Sept. 4, the Packers set the tone of the ensuing campaign on the 17th by capturing a thriller from the Cardinals at City Stadium, 14-10. The locals struck through the air twice in the second quarter, then held off a spirited Card rally with a stiff defense in the last half...SLASHED THROUGH TACKLE: Sept. 24 saw the Packers take their first home

decision from the Bears since 1935 by a 21-16 count. The Bays had to overcome a 13-0 halftime deficit with three touchdowns in the third quarter. Cecil Isbell slashed through tackle for 11 yards to end a 71-yard drive, Milt Gantenbein set up a second TD by recovering a fumble on the Bear 11, and Tom Greenfield fell on a mishandled punt in the Bruin end zone for the clincher. The Rams threw Green Bay's hopes for a loss on Oct. 1 with a 27-24 upset of a sluggish Packer team. Again it was a last half rally that did it, the Rams scoring twice in the final quarter. High point of a spotty Green Bay attack was a 53-yard pass from Arnie Herber to Don Hutson that carried to the visitors' 12-yard line. The Packer had to stave off another last drizzle for a 24-12 decision before 24,308, largest crowd ever to see a professional game in Wisconsin up to that time. With the line opening great gaps for Isbell and Eddie Jankowski, Green Bay rumbled to touchdowns by Clarke Hinkle, Hank Bruder and Joe Laws, plus a field by Tiny Engebretsen...WILD-SCORING RAT RACE: Those hopes suffered a severe shock in Chicago on Nov. 5, however, when the Bears knocked the Packers out of first place, 30-27. It was a wild scoring rat race that saw the Bears striking right back every time the Packers rallied. The first quarter was typical. Joe Laws broke the ice with a 72-yard punt return, but on the second play after the next kickoff Bob Swisher broke free and covered 57 yards to tie it up. The difference in the eight-touchdown marathon was a Bear field goal in the second period. The Packers vaulted back into a first place tie a week later in Philadelphia, thanks to the Bears, who beat Detroit as Green Bay was smashing the stubborn Eagles, 23-16. It was a sparkling air battle in which little Davey O'Brien was simply outnumbered by Herber and Isbell. Center Charlie Brock horned in on the scoring in the second quarter by rumbling 45 yards with an interception. Behind 20-3 going into the last quarter, the air-minded Eagles struck back for two touchdowns. Center Bud Svendsen matched Brock's heroics in Brooklyn on Nov. 19, lumbering 40 yards with a recovered fumble as the Pack took first place for keeps with a 28-0 conquest of the Dodgers while the Rams dumped the Lions. The Pack wrapped it up with two scores in the first six minutes. On the second scrimmage of the game, Herber fired a 69-yard scoring aerial to Hutson, and Bud got away on his gallop a short time later...COME FROM BEHIND: The dangerous Rams almost wrecked the Packers' wagon on Nov. 26 before a record Cleveland gathering of 30,690. The Pack had to come from behind in the closing minutes for a hairline, 7-6 verdict. The winning march covered 59 yards with less than two minutes to play. The drive started from the Packer 41 with Isbell hitting Carl Mulleneaux with a 19-yard flip that Carl carted to the Ram 19. After two plays failed to gain, Isbell threw a strike to Laws in the end zone. Joe suckered in the Ram defense by falling down twice as he slipped behind the secondary. Tiny Engebretsen came off the bench to boot the winning conversion. Needing the final game to keep ahead of the Bears, the Packers got it in Detroit on Dec. 3. The score was only 12-7, however, after a surging battle in the mud and rain, and once more it was accomplished by a last ditch thrust. A first quarter Lion touchdown was still holding up as the final quarter began with the score 7-5, Detroit, but the Packers opened a desperate attack that sent Hinkle through for the last yard. Other Packer scores were a placekick by Engebretsen and a safety resulting from Baby Ray's block of a punt in the Detroit end zone. The defending champion Giants, having again captured the Eastern Division title, the New York sportswriters unleashed a blast against Green Bay as the site of the championship playoff. Their barrage succeeded in transferring the game from City Stadium to Milwaukee, but their description of Green Bay as a whistle stop that didn't belong in the National League backfired. A thoroughly sore Packer team almost chased the Giants into Lake Michigan in a 27-0 rout that was almost as overwhelming as the famous 73-0 victory of the Bears over the Redskins a year later.

NOW PACKERS FACE HOPPY

SEPT 26 (Green Bay) - When the Green Bay Packers open their 1956 NFL season Sunday against the Detroit Lions one of the Lions they will have to stop is Howard (Hopalong) Cassady, the Ohio State All-American. The rugged halfback, who

gave the University of Wisconsin some bad afternoons during his college days, will be starting his first season in the pro ranks. In the exhibition games his record has been contradictory as his running from scrimmage has not been impressive, but he is the Lions' leading scorer. He gained only 24 yards in 22 carries but has crossed the goal four times, twice on punt returns. His first TD came on a 61-yard punt return against the Pittsburgh Steelers. Then he ran 11 yards with a pitchout against the Chicago Cardinals. His next scoring jaunt was a 56-yard punt return in the game with the Cleveland Browns. His final score came last Sunday as he took a six-yard pass in the Washington Redskins game. Bud Erickson, Lion publicity man, explained that "Cassady has been most effective on kickoff and punt returns because he follows blockers terrifically. He's got the knack to know which way to go." Cassady will be taking over the place left vacant by Doak Walker and Erickson says he is not discouraged over his showing so far, "but rather has an intense desire to develop into as great a runner for the Lions as he was for Ohio State." When the 180-pound back signed with the Lions he insisted he could never take Walker's place - he said he only wanted a chance to earn a place and make good. "The Lions are confident they got one of the greatest college players ever in Cassady," Erickson said. "Sure, he bumped into the toughest league in football, but with that terrific college record, he's bound to be a constant threat." Cassady and Jug Girard, a former Packer, will share what Coach Buddy Parker calls his "slot back" post. It's a position two steps behind the line of scrimmage, outside the offensive tackle and inside a wide flanking end. The Packers will show what they plan to do about the situation Sunday.

Greatest Lion Improvement Over '55 Made on Defense

GREATEST LION IMPROVEMENT OVER '55 MADE ON DEFENSE

SEPT 27 (Green Bay) - D-Day minus 3! The Packers and Lions of 1956 have improved over '55! That much is certain. Packer coach Liz Blackbourn feels the team is better and he said so at last night's Quarterback Club meeting. He's particularly sure of the improvement in the confidence department. But the Packer story has been pretty well told in these parts. Let's switch to the Lions: Bud Erickson, the Detroit publicity gent, seems to think the Lions' greatest improvement has been made on defense, although he's not forgetting such offensive "betters" as Bobby Layne's healthy arm and such new ball carrying backs as Hopalong Cassady and Don McIlhenny, the two ace rookies, and service returnee Bill Bowman. Erickson points to the interceptions: "In our championship years, we intercepted 30 or more passes in each season - 38 in 1952, 32 in '53, and 30 in '54. Last year, we intercepted only 15 and finished last. A championship team should grab 30 or more. This season thus far in six exhibitions we intercepted 16 - one more than we did in 12 league games last year." The return of Yale Lary from service, Bud explained, has given the Lions more speed in their defensive unit. Lary will go to deep safety with Jack Christiansen while Carl Karilivacz will move back to the "up back" (cornerback) position opposite Jim David. Karilivacz was too slow to handle the deep spot last year and the team suffered, Bud pointed out, adding: "Carl wasn't even sure of making the team this year but he made a good comeback." In the six exhibitions, the Lions' defensive scored five of the team's 17 touchdowns by returning interceptions. "That defense set up four more with interceptions," he explained. The Lions have four tackles in its defensive line - Darris McCord, 248 pounds, at left end; Ray Krouse, 260, at left tackle; Bob Miller, 250, at right tackle; and Gil Mains, 235, at right end. Mains has played a number of positions in the last two years but "he seems to have found himself at end," Erickson said. All-pro Joe Schmidt is at middle linebacker but he'll also play middleman in the five-man line. Sonny Gandee is at left linebacker and Bob Long at right linebacker. Please not that there isn't a rookie in the entire defensive setup. Only newcomers is Krouse, a six-year veteran obtained from the New York Giants...Blackbourn said he expected a "great game Sunday - unless one of the two teams gets awfully lucky." He pointed out that the Packers will be in "good shape but I wish John (Martinkovic) was just a little better." Martinkovic suffered a knee injury recently and has been improving rapidly. He was running hard in practice yesterday. The Bays had a brief period of rough stuff yesterday in an effort to sharpen their defense and also to cool off his squad which seemed to be riding pretty high Tuesday. Practice was scheduled to return to normal this afternoon. The Packer offensive team wore red jerseys with the correct numbers of the Detroit players in yesterday's workout. Quarterback Bart Starr did the passing in Bobby Layne's familiar No. 22. The drill also helped the offense since the offenses of the two clubs are similar...The Packer players were at their best dressed last night for the pep rally in Legion Park and an appearance on WBAY-TV as part of the Quarterback Club show. More than 400 fans turned out and more came in for the first meeting of the group. Blackbourn and Erickson spoke briefly and Bernard Darling served as toastmaster. The club will hold 12 meetings during the fall, starting next Wednesday night and the highlights will be showing of a complete game film and questions and answers.

LIONS, BAYS MADE OF SAME STUFF?

SEPT 27 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - Lion Coach Buddy Parker believes an outstanding quarterback and a stellar defense are the most important ingredients in whipping up a pro football winner. Parker had this concoction in 1952-53-54 - all championship years at Detroit - and vows he is blending a similar mixture this season. Parker's confidence is based on a sure-firing Bobby Layne and the return from service of his defensive demons. Parker is sold on Layne, who completed 47 percent of his aeriels during the preseason campaign. But what more than ever makes Parker optimistic is having bruisers like tackles Oliver Spencer and Jerry Perry and defensive back Yale Lary available. Parker's winning football theory is based on controlling the ball. The key to success is to intercept - thus having a scoring opportunity edge on the opponent. The Lions intercepted more passes (16) during the exhibition season than they intercepted all last year. If this is a true complexion, the Lions appear growling for a title again. Analyzing the Packers from Parker's formula, Green Bay should be equally well off. Tobin Rote, the established pro, is recognized by every opponent as one of the most dangerous quarterbacks around. Taking a look at the Packers' outer defense, the picture again looks rosy. Green Bay ranked third in the league with interceptions last season, Bobby Dillon tying for second with nine steals. Val Joe Walker ranked ninth with six. Bill Forester, middle linebacker, hawked four. The big question is can rookie Hank Gremminger fill the shoes of Doyle Nix, SMU rookie who was lost to service. Nix intercepted five passes last year. The Lions believe they once again are made of championship stuff, and maybe so. But the Packers have been building under Coach Liz Blackbourn and have reached a point where they can match the best.

Packers, Poised for Tightest NFL Race, End Heavy Work for Opener

Kickoff 1:05

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Sunday's Games

DETROIT AT GREEN BAY (1:05, WJPG)

Chicago Bears at Baltimore

Philadelphia at Los Angeles

Washington at Pittsburgh

New York at San Francisco

Cleveland at Chicago Cardinals

Probable Offensive Lineups:

DETROIT		GREEN BAY	
Dibble	LE	Knafefe	
Creekmur	LT	Skoronski	
Sewell	LG	Skibinski	
Ane	C	Ringo	
Salsbury	RG	Szafaryn	
Spencer	RT	Sandusky	
Doran	RE	Howton	
Layne	QB	Rote	
Girard	LH	Reid	
McIlhenny	RH	Carmichael	
Hart	FB	Ferguson	

Detroit-Green Bay Series

Green Bay won 27, Detroit won 18, none tied, Points: Green Bay 934, Detroit 744.

PACKERS, POISED FOR TIGHTEST NFL RACE, END HEAVY WORK FOR OPENER

SEPT 28 (Green Bay) - D-Day minus 2! Packer Coach Liz Blackbourn walked off the practice field yesterday and confided: "That's it. The rest is polishing." All of which meant that the heavy preparation for Sunday's classic NFL opener against the Detroit Lions is finished. "We'll work on our kickoff, punt, field goal and extra point protection Friday and then run through some plays. Saturday morning, we'll just loosen up - work up a sweat. And then relax!" Thus, the Packer stage is just about set for what is being boomed as the roughest and toughest championship race in the history of the NFL - especially in the Western division where any one of six teams is given a chance to finish in the playoff. The Packers enter their 37th league opener with two weeks of non-league rest behind them - something new for the Packers under Blackbourn. No exhibition was played last weekend and the Packers have had two weeks to prepare. To make up for the loss of game contact, Blackbourn ordered spots of scrimmage - mostly controlled, to sharp the attack, the defense and, finally, to cool off the highly-gearred squad this week. Fortunately, the squad came through with no injuries. The team's one injured player, defensive end John Martinkovic, refrained from rough action and at the moment he's close to be completely cured. This might be considered bad news for Detroit quarterback Bobby Layne - John's chief target Sunday. The Lions, who will arrive here on the 2:50 North Western Saturday afternoon after flying from Detroit to Milwaukee, are reportedly in good

physical condition. They played last Sunday, losing to the Washington Redskins - a team that also beat Green Bay. The Packers played five non-league game, finishing with 4-1, while Detroit played six and posted a 4-2 reading. Despite the difference in one game, individual yardage figures are interesting. And here's an odd one. Sunday's key quarterbacks, Layne and Tobin Rote, finished up with identical rushing averages - 2.9. Rote carried 29 times for 85 yards and Layne rushed 16 for 47. A rookie, Don McIlhenny, turned up as the Lions' leading ball carrier, making 241 yards in 52 attempts for an average of 4.6. Leon Hart added 211 in 57 for 3.7 and Gene Gedman added 116 in 39 for 3.0. Jug Girard averaged 4.5, Bill Stits 4.3, Bill Bowman 4.0 and Hopalong Cassady 1.0 with few carries. Breezy Reid edged out Howie Ferguson in the Packers' soil derby, Reid gaining 192 in 43 trips for 4.5 against Ferguson's 184 in 47 for 3.9. Joe Johnson picked up 93 in 19 for 4.9; Al Carmichael 62 in 18 for 3.4; Fred Cone 32 in 10 for 3.2; and Bart Starr 25 in 7 for 3.6. The pass receiving figures show that both teams concentrated their power toward left end - at least in the exhibition season. Packer left end

Gary Knafelc caught 17 for 316 yards, although right end Billy Howton missed the first three games, and Detroit's left end nailed 14 for 200 yards. Carmichael and Howton each grabbed eight; McIlhenny nine; and Jim Doran and Girard eight each. In passing, Rote hurled 72 times and completed 39 for 688 yards, against Layne's 53 completions in 112 attempts. Layne had four teedee passes; Rote two, Starr completed 19 out of 31; Harry Gilmer 14 out of 33; and Jerry Reichow 2 out of 6...Tickets for Sunday's game are available at the Packer ticket office at 349 S. Washington St., ticket director Carl Mraz said. The office will be open tonight and Saturday. Tickets will be available at the stadium Sunday...Dave Middleton, the Lions' ace right end, joined the club Wednesday night after completing his medical studies at the University of Tennessee. Middleton played briefly with the team during the non-league season while he attended school, but managed to catch six passes for 114 yards. The Lions returned Bob Lusk, a 220-pound rookie center, to the active roster today. Also on the roster is Dick Brooker, a rookie end, who was placed on waivers last week and then recalled.

'GO, YOU PACKERS, GO!'

SEPT 28 (Green Bay) - As the Packers get set to open their 38th season, and all the old familiar excitement brews in Packerland, it is rather startling to reflect back just a few years and compare Packer fortunes today with those in early 1950. In the dead of that winter the Packers were without a coach and practically out of money and little was left of their famous players and their glory. In six and a half years those fortunes have risen to a point where the Packers now appear on the threshold of a new and glorious era of professional football. They have a coach and a staff which has the complete confidence of their players and their fans; the team has been rebuilt to where it is again a definite factor in the league's title picture; the business organization has been modernized to take advantage of the constantly increasing patronage; the financial structure has been solidified. Most important of all, Green Bay's confidence in the future of the Packers had been so firmly renewed

that the city and the Packers are combining efforts on a new municipal stadium which will usher into this city that new era of the sport. The volunteer executives of the football corporation who have guided this revival deserve real credit. So on Sunday, Football is King again in Green Bay. And once more the eyes of the nation will be on this city as a full house roars its greeting to the 1956 team when they run on the field to the strains of "Go, You Packers, Go and Get 'Em."

PACKERS' LAST NFL CHAMPIONSHIP IN 1944 CAUGHT EVERYBODY BY SURPRISE

SEPT 28 (Green Bay) - The Packers' last championship seems to have caught everybody slightly by surprise. Certainly, there was nothing to indicate that the team was going anyplace in particular when the 1944 season opened. It was a war year, everything was in confusion, and nobody had much, but the Packer veterans turned out to be more able bodies than the rest of the league as they got off to a fast start and were never headed. It was typical of the topsy-turvy season, however, that the Pack won its division title while taking a bad beating from the club it later defeated in the playoff. The Packers got the necessary lift to put them across just before the season opened when Don Hutson and Buckets Goldenberg came out of "retirement" for one more campaign. Hutson had withdrawn from the field to take on a coaching assignment, but luckily for Green Bay couldn't resist one "last season. There was no

Packer	1944 Record	Opponent	Score
Packers	7	Washington	20*
Packers	28	Boston	0*
Packers	14	Brooklyn	7
Packers	42	Bears	28
Packers	27	Detroit	6
Packers	34	Card-Pitt	7
Packers	13	Philadelphia	38*
Packers	30	Cleveland	21
Packers	14	Detroit	0
Packers	0	Bears	21
Packers	42	Cleveland	7
Packers	0	New York	24
Packers	35	Card-Pitt	20
Packers	14	New York	7**
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*Exhibitions
**Playoff

1944 Standings							
Western Division			Eastern Division				
W	L	T	W	L	T		
Packers	8	2	0	New York	8	1	1
Bears	6	3	1	Phila'phia	7	1	2
Detroit	6	3	1	W'hington	6	3	1
Cleveland	4	6	0	Boston	2	8	0
Card-Pitt	0	10	0				

Packers defeated New York, 14-7, in championship playoff.

reason to believe that Lambeau had any world beater in a pair of preseason exhibitions, in which the Packers defeated the Boston Yanks, 28-0, after having been trounced by the Washington Redskins, 20-7. Neither was the league opener, a 14-7 conquest of the Brooklyn Tigers in Milwaukee on Sept. 17, anything to rave about. Hutson took a 23 yard thrown from Irv Comp for the first touchdown and Lou Brock sprinted 17 yards for the tie-breaker in the third quarter...WALLOP BEARS 42-28: The club tucked a big one under its belt on Sept. 24, however, when it walloped the Bears, 42-28, before a roaring City Stadium attendance of 25,000. The game was closer than the final score indicated, the Packers striking twice in the late minutes after the Bears had clawed back from a 28-0 halftime deficit to tie it up in the final period. Then Brock got loose for 42 yards and a tally and Ted Fritsch nailed it down by picking off a Luckman aerial and steaming 55 yards. The Pack had to overcome a sluggish first quarter in Milwaukee a week later to down Detroit, but two scores in the first five minutes of the second half salted away a 27-6 decision. Fritsch bucked 11 yards for the first of these and Hutson took a 13 yard sling from Comp for the other, although Don's elation was immediately stifled when his conversion try was blocked, snapping a sting of 62 consecutive points after touchdown. Things were a bit easier back on the home confines on Oct. 1, the wartime Cardinal-Pittsburgh combine being smeared, 34-7. The Packers put together drives of 67, 83, 35 and 83 yards for four touchdowns, and Don Perkins added to the general merriment by racing another 83 with a pass interception. After a week's layoff, during which they took a 38-13 thumping from the Philadelphia Eagles in a Nashville exhibition, the Packers found themselves the only undefeated club in the Western Division on Oct. 22 after disposing of the surprising Cleveland Rams in their final home stand, 30-21. Cpl. Tony Canadeo, home on leave, paired with Fritsch in some vicious running to complement Comp's passing, although the game was in doubt until the last two minutes when the locals were presented

with an automatic safety...ANOTHER TITLE IN MAKING: When the Pack upended the Lions in Detroit a week later, the fans suddenly awoke to the fact that another title was in the making. The Bays looked awfully good in that one and were never pressed to pick up a 14-0 tab. Fritsch and Joe Laws bucked over for touchdowns in the first half. The victory march received a temporary setback in Chicago on Nov. 5, however, as the Bears exacted revenge for their earlier downfall with a 21-0 upset. The Packers were as cold as the weather, the Bears were hot, and the locals never did get untracked long enough to make a contest to it. The Bays were within one game of the western championship on Nov. 12 after crushing the Rams in Cleveland, 42-7. What had figured to be a toughie turned out to be a romp as Hutson, blanked in the last three games, scored two touchdowns and kicked six extra points. They won it a week later while parked rather dazedly on the seat of their pants in the Polo Grounds. The Giants, with one-time Packer ace Arnie Herber pitching one touchdown pass, crushed the Bays, 24-0, but Green Bay still backed into the title when Detroit knocked off the Bears. They looked like anything but world championship possibilities to the crowd of 56,481, which whooped it up as the Giants intercepted five passes en route to the largest score they had ever registered against the Packers. The regular season closed in Chicago on Nov. 26 with a 35-20 conquest of the Card-Pitts. The regulars sat out most of the game, but Hutson counted two touchdowns and five conversions to bring his season total to 85 points, far ahead of his nearest rivals in the scoring race. For the next two weeks, the Packers marked time waiting for both the Giants and Washington to fight it out for the Eastern Division crown. New York, with "Old Folks" Herber showing some of his youthful form, came through with two victories over the Redskins in which Herber played a key part. "Uncle Arnie", who had last played football back in 1940, threw three touchdown aerials in the clincher...ONE ON ALL PRO TEAM: On Dec. 17, the Packers and Giants squared off in New York. With the big blue chips on the line the Packers reversed the earlier decision with a 14-7 victory, although Herber almost put the Giants back in the ball game in the second half. The Bays counted both touchdowns in the second quarter, one on a short plunge by Fritsch and the other on a throw from Comp to Ted. In the last half, Arnie led a New York counterattack that clicked for one score and just failed on another. In spite of their title status, the Packers placed only one man on the first All Pro eleven, selected by the big press associations. That, of course, was Hutson, who made it for the seventh time. Baby Ray and Charlie Brock were awarded second string honors by the AP, and Fritsch, Comp and Paul Berezney were picked for the third team. Less than half the squad returned to Green Bay for the usual championship welcome, but it wasn't what it used to be. Only about 1,500 fans turned out to greet the returnees. Maybe, if people had known how long it was going to be before the faithful had another chance to strut, the receptions would have been more like the old days.

KNAFELC - A LION TAMER
 SEPT 28 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - Knafelc? Knafelc? Who in blazes is Knafelc? That was the general opinion concerning Gary Knafelc a couple years ago: a Cardinal castoff who was a nobody with the Packers in 1954; an awkward Colorado refugee who was a lost third man in Green Bay, with Billy Howton and Max McGee the big boys. But just ask that question today; ask Buddy Parker, coach of the Lions. Parker would like to forget the name, but it constantly comes back like a haunting nightmare. "That guy led to our downfall," the Detroit strategist moans. And persons close to the Lions' scene say Knafelc is still preying on Parker's mind. But what happened that sunny September last year in Green Bay will not repeat, vow the Lions. "We sure hope it does," chant the Packers. The play which made Knafelc famous came in the last 20 seconds.

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Which Packer fan could forget? Detroit led, 17-13, with a minute and a half left. The Packers' winning touchdown was 80 yards away and the killer of many a sport rally, the clock, made the situation just about hopeless. But the real pro, Tobin Rote, went to work. Like a man possessed, he moved the ball to the Lions' 18 in six plays. Twenty seconds left and 18 yards to go! The Lions as well as 24,000 fans in the stadium knew Rote would have to pass. But what they did not know was that Knafelc, of all persons, was to be destined a hero in a matter of seconds. Rote brought the Packers up to the line fast, took a quick look, and shot a high pass right down the middle toward the goal line. Knafelc, between three Lions, grabbed the ball and fought his way into the endzone for the winning touchdown as bedlam broke loose. At that moment, Knafelc earned his big league spurs. He went on to catch 40 passes for 613 yards and eight touchdowns - a performance which ranked ninth in the league. Coach Liz Blackburn expects Knafelc to have his greatest season. "He has found himself; he's got a good pair of hands and amazing deception," glows Liz. "The burden is finally off Howton." Rote, who throws a rifle-like pass, has played favorites - like throwing constantly to a glue-fingered Howton. Knafelc wasn't "accepted" until that momentous catch. Knafelc is one of the biggest ends in the pro ranks (6-4, 218). And he's destined to become a great one - the time has come to bear this out. History, Packer fans hope, will repeat itself Sunday at Green Bay.

PACKERS HOPE FOR BIG YEAR

SEPT 28 (Green Bay) - The Green Bay Packers, confident they won't have to "wait till next year" to win their first NFL conference title since 1944, tackle the Detroit Lions here Sunday in the regular season opener for both teams. A year ago end Gary Knafelc caught a pass from quarterback Tobin Rote in the final 20 seconds

of play to account for a 20-17 Packer victory over the Lions. That catch signaled good times for the Bays and bad ones for the Lions. The Packers finished with a 6-6 Western Conference record; the Lions slipped from first place to the basement with a 3-9 mark. Both clubs have shown improvement in preseason warmups, largely because of their rookie strength. The Packers lost only one of five games while Detroit dropped two of six. A tipoff on the Packers' improved position can be found in their recent waiver lists. Last year they added Paul Held as quarterback insurance late in the season. Now they've let Held go in favor of rookie Bart Starr of Alabama. Last year Tom Dahms played first string tackle. Recently the Packers traded him to the Chicago Cardinals for a future draft choice. By these moves, only two of many, Coach Lisle (Liz) Blackburn demonstrated that the depth problems that bothered him last season have been solved or at least eased considerably. Once again the Packers' main offensive guns will be triggered by Rote, probably the NFL's finest quarterback now that Otto Graham has really retired, and fullback Howie Ferguson. On the receiving end of most of Rote's passes will be an improved Knafelc, Billy Howton and halfback Al Carmichael. With veteran tackle John Sandusky and rookies Bob Skoronski and Forrest Gregg strengthening the line, Rote has had more time to pass. At least, it would appear that way since he completed 39 of 72 passes for 688 yards in the Bays' five exhibitions. The Lions' Buddy Parker figures his squad should be among the contenders. Detroit has been bolstered by the return of five veterans from service: defensive halfback Yale Lary, offensive halfback Gene Gedman, fullback Bill Bowman and tackles Oliver Spencer and Jerry Perry. New talent including halfbacks Howard (Hopalong) Cassady and Don McIlhenny, quarterback Jerry Reichow and guard Gene Cronin have added depth. McIlhenny led Lions' ball carriers in preseason play with a 4.6 yard average on 52 carries while Cassady chipped in with four touchdowns, two on long punt returns. Back, showing no signs of the shoulder trouble that dogged him last year, is quarterback Bobby Layne - key to the Lions' '56 plans. The Packers hold a 27-18 edge in the series with the Lions, who, until they ran into Knafelc last year, had won 11 in a row. Detroit won the second meeting last season, 24-10.

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Oct. 7	at Green Bay
Oct. 14	at Milwaukee
Oct. 21	at Milwaukee
Oct. 28	at Baltimore
Nov. 4	at Milwaukee
Nov. 11	at Chicago
Nov. 18	at Green Bay
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BELL BEAMS OVER SOARING TICKET SALES

SEPT 28 (Philadelphia) - The NFL, where the payoff is in dollars and cents, opens its 37th season Sunday with a 20 percent increase in ticket sales brining a rumble of approval from Commissioner Bert Bell. "Oh, boy," Bell said. "This is great. I hope we play until February." It promises to be another banner season for the professional circuit, which has smashed its attendance records the last five years...**THREE NEW COACHES:** Sunday's opening games match the champion Cleveland Browns against the Cardinals in Chicago; the Chicago Bears against the Colts at Baltimore; the Detroit Lions against the Packers in Green Bay; the New York Giants against the Forty Niners at San Francisco; the Washington Redskins against the Steelers in Pittsburgh; and the Philadelphia Eagles against the Rams at Los Angeles. Three of the 12 clubs have new coaches. George Halas, owner of the Bears, retired after 35 years as the team's coach and named Paddy Driscoll as his successor. Frankie Albert, the league's youngest coach at 36, has replaced the last Noman (Red) Strader as coach of the Forty Niners. And Hugh Devore, up from the University of Dayton, has taken Jim Trimble's place as field boss of the Eagles...**CERTAIN OF RECORD:** Bell is happy about three things: The heavy advance sale of tickets, the prospects for close races in both the eastern and western division and perhaps the largest television setup ever boasted by any sport. "I've never seen anything like this in all my football days," Bell said. "We went over the two million attendance mark back in 1952, and we increased it every year since. Last year was a record 2,521,836 and I'm certain that we'll smash that. We had our greatest preseason attendance in history and all of the teams report ticket sales increased for an average of 20 percent." Sunday's Browns-Cardinals, Steelers-Redskins, Lions-Packers and Giants-Forty Niners games will be televised regionally by CBS.

IMPROVED PACKERS TO TEST LIONS

SEPT 28 (Detroit) - Espionage is legal in pro football circles and the Detroit Lions have voluminous reports on the antics of the Green Bay Packers who will provide the opposition in the season's opener Sunday afternoon in Green Bay. Lou Zarza, a former coach in the Lions' organization, has scouted the Packers three times during the preseason games. His reports to Detroit coaches and players should keep the Lions from any overconfidence this weekend. "The Packers are 60 percent better than they were last year," Zarza said. "Tobin Rote has been very good in the early games." Zarza, who is a keen judge of football talent, has some kind words to say about several members of the club who gave the Lions considerable trouble last season. "Gary Knafelc has improved tremendously," Zarza said. "With that fellow going great, it'll make Billy Howton more effective, too." Howton was tied for third place in the pass receiving department last year with 44 catches for 697 yards and five touchdowns. Knafelc is the young man who caught the last minute pass that defeated the Lions, 20 to 17, in last year's opener in Green Bay. An improvement in his play could give the Lions' defensive backfield many a headache. The Packer improvement is not only the aerial game. They have one of the Western Division's best runners in fullback Howie Ferguson. Last year, Ferguson carried 192 times for a 4.5 average that gave him second place in the ground gaining race in the NFL. Coach Lisle Blackbourn also feels his club has improved greatly. He isn't predicting any championships, but he is picking Green Bay as a contender. The players, however, are more optimistic and they have been openly saying that this is the year. But the Lions are improved, too. How much will be decided when they finish Sunday's game. They have determination, spirit and ability. They also have a desire to erase that 20-17 humiliation of last season.

PACKERS OPPOSE DETROIT LIONS AT STADIUM SUNDAY

SEPT 29 (Green Bay) - The inside track in what is expected to be a furious Western division championship race will be at stake when the Packers open their 37th season in the NFL against the Detroit Lions in City Stadium Sunday afternoon. All six teams in the Western sector are given a chance to gain a playoff berth against the Cleveland Browns or New York Giants in the title game next Dec. 30 - three months from tomorrow! And two of those half-dozen, the Lions and Packers, rate as mystery teams - off what happened last year. The mystery - if there is such a thing in this pro football business - will start to unravel at 1:05 - a half hour earlier than usual. The weatherman will cooperate with 50 percent sunshine, no rain and temperatures in the low 60's. A sellout crowd of close to 25,000 is expected but tickets, including close-up bench seats, will be available at the stadium. Mystery? Detroit won championships in 1952-53-54 and then skidded to the cellar last year. Green Bay charged home with a 6-6 record last season, jumping two notches over the 4-8 mark of '54. Both feats were unexpected - pleasant for the Bays and quite the opposite for the Motors. What's with '56? Both teams figure they're contenders, period. The experts are giving the nod to Detroit - at least for this first battle. The Lions have been rated a three-point favorite. The differences in the two teams might boil down to this idea: A mistake (fumble, interception, etc.) would hurt Green Bay more than it would Detroit since the Lions are virtually all veteran - especially their defense, and they are "deeper" than the Pack. The Packers will have rookies in two key positions - Bob Skoronski at left offensive tackle and Hank Gremminger in a vital cornerback position. They could outshine the best of vets but you can bet that Detroit will make a special effort to test 'em. The Packers have four other rookies and Coach Liz Blackbourn said he plans to use 'em - quarterback Bart Starr, end Emery Barnes, tackle-end Forrest Gregg and halfback Jack Losch, who could turn out to be the key figure. Losch is unscouted as an offensive back since his only exhibition work was on defense. Detroit's key rookies are considered top-flight halfbacks - Don McIlhenny and Hopalong Cassady, who share work with Jug Girard, the ex-Packer, and Gene Gedman. The inklingers can sling for columns on the new names but it's a good bet that Sunday's battle will be

decided pretty much by a couple of old but brilliant names - the Lions' Bobby Layne and the Packers' Tobin Rote. These two Texan quarterbacks hold the key in their trusty right arms - plus the protection they get. Green Bay has never beaten a healthy Layne - something of a new challenge to the Packers. The Detroit's whipped Green Bay in 11 straight meetings, including eight under Layne, before last year's opener. Bobby had a sore shoulder that day and had trouble throwing. Layne has reported no ailment this season. Both sides reported their athletes in excellent physical condition. The Packers' last injuree, John Martinkovic, is well again and raring to go. Coach Liz Blackbourn, launching his third campaign at the Packer helm, feels his squad is ready for a "real, hard effort," but admitted that "the Lions look terrific." In addition, Blackbourn pointed out that Detroit's "defense is great and their quarterback (Layne) is again throwing the ball real sharp. If we don't crack, we'll be all right. If we do, we'll be rubbed out." Coach Buddy Parker of the Lions expects Sunday's game to be the start of his third championship seasons in six years. He finished second in '51, first in 1952-53-54 and last in '55. He, too, expects a rugged battle Sunday, but also he doesn't expect his team to perform the same mistakes it did here a year ago. He has a good chance to make good his expectations - if the Packers' defense can't get at Layne and bottle up such receivers as Girard, Dorne Dibble, Jim Doran, Dave Middleton, Leon Hart and many others. The Packers hope rests largely with Howie Ferguson's crashing, the accuracy of Rote on pitches to Billy Howton, Gary Knafelc, whose last second catch beat Detroit last year, Breezy Reid, Al Carmichael, Joe Johnson and Losch.

FIRST TV OF PACK FROM CITY SUNDAY

SEPT 29 (Green Bay) - The principals are likely to be too busy to take notice but Sunday will be an historic day for the Packers. It will mark the first time that a game has been telecast from compact City Stadium. The transmission will originate, through the facilities of the Columbia Broadcasting System, from a new booth constructed for that purpose atop the stadium press box.


The Packer Corporation last winter signed a three-year contract which will net the Packers \$225,000. The Green Bay are will be blacked out for the telecast, scheduled on a regional basis. Three other NFL openers, Browns-Cardinals at Chicago, Steelers-Redskins at Pittsburgh and Giants-Forty Niners at Frisco, also will be televised regionally by CBS...Three head coaches will be making their NFL debuts Sunday. They are Hugh Devore, Packer assistant in 1953 and now boss of the Philadelphia Eagles; Frankie Albert, who has replaced the late Norman (Red) Strader with the Forty Niners; and Paddy Driscoll, successor to George Halas as the Chicago Bears' head man...All league entries will be in action tomorrow. In addition to the Packer-Lion opener, the Bears will be at Baltimore, Philadelphia at Los Angeles, Cleveland at the Chicago Cardinals, Washington at Pittsburgh and the New York Giants at San Francisco...Contrary to rumor, the Packer-Lion battle is not a sellout. Tickets still remain in all price ranges and will be available at the gate, Ticket Director Carl Mraz emphasizes. Bench sideline seats have been installed...The game will be broadcast over Press-Gazette WJPG, starting at 1 o'clock, with Earl Gillespie and Tony Flynn sharing the microphone...The Lions were scheduled to arrive here on the 2:50 North Western this afternoon after flying from Detroit to Milwaukee. They will leave, also via the North Western, at 5:45 Sunday afternoon...All stadium workers, including gatemen, ushers and inside police, today were asked by H.J. Bero to report at City Stadium not later than 11:15 Sunday morning. Gates to the stadium will open at 11:30, with kickoff set for 1:05. You'll have an extra five minutes between halves Sunday. The between-halves period has been boosted from 15 to 20 minutes for the '56 season. Performing during the period will be the Packer Lumberjack band and the Menominee, Mich., DAR Boys' Club drum and bugle corps, a national champ.

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IMPROVED LIONS HIT COMEBACK TRAIL AGAINST PACKERS TODAY

SEPT 30 (Green Bay-Detroit Free Press) - An improved Detroit Lion football team will attempt to take its first step back along the NFL comeback trail here Sunday afternoon. The Lions will face the Green Bay Packers, who handed them a 20-17 defeat in the final seasons of last year's opener here and started Detroit on its slide to the Western Division cellar. There will be 12 new faces on the Detroit squad which will take the field against the Packers. (The game will be on television and radio, starting at 2 p.m. WJBK-TV (Channel 2) and radio station WJR are the Detroit outlets). These include five returned servicemen, who are counted upon to improve Detroit's standing. But there will be one big difference. Bobby Layne, who was ailing with an injured arm last season, is healthy again. And, for Detroit, that's a major improvement. Coach Buddy Parker will start Layne at quarterback with Leon Hart, Don McIlhenny and either Jug Girard or Hopalong Cassady rounding out the backfield. Bill Bowman, still not in shape, will probably see little action in the opener. He suffered a minor injury in the Lions' final exhibition game. Dave Middleton, returned from medical school, also will be used only in spots since he took is not physically fit for a full game. The rest of the Lions, however, will be ready. Gene Gedman will probably share the fullback spot with Hart as well as play right half. Dorne Dibble and Jim Doran will most likely start at the ends with Lou Creekmur, Harley Sewell, Charley Ane, Jim Salsbury and Ollie Spencer spread along the interior line. The Packers, rated as highly improved over last year when they finished fourth in the Western Division, will provide a major test for Detroit's improved defensive platoon. Tobin Rote will get the call at quarterback with Breezy Reid and Al Carmichael at the halfbacks. Howie Ferguson is the fullback in the Green Bay regular offensive lineup. Rote has been particularly brilliant in the exhibition season. Ferguson has lost none of the power and speed that earned him the runnerup spot in the NFL ground gaining race last year. In addition to passing and good running, the Packers boast two of the better pass receivers in the league in Bill Howton and Gary Knafelc. Knafelc can be remembered as the end who made the circus catch of Rote's pass in the dying minutes of the game last year that produced the winning touchdown. Against this offensive threat, the Lions will start their best combination in two years. Darris McCord, Ray Krouse, Bob Miller and Gil Mains will provide the basic four-man line. Joe Schmidt, Sonny Gandee and Bob Long will be the linebackers and Jack Christiansen, Yale Lary, Jim David and Karl Karivilacz the halfbacks. That crew has permitted only three touchdowns in its last three games. But now they start playing for keeps.

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