

**Preseason: Green Bay Packers (1-0) 27, Philadelphia Eagles 6
Saturday August 18th 1956 (at Milwaukee)**

Packers Stop Eagles 27-6, Face New York Here

Liz Uses 50 Players; Cone Boots Two FGs

GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(MILWAUKEE) – The Packers had a near-perfect opening in Marquette Stadium Saturday night for two reasons: (1) They whipped the Philadelphia Eagles 27 to 6 despite the fact that Philly was a slight favorite to win and (2) Coach Liz Blackbourn had a chance to see

all of his newcomers under fire. About the only disappointment of the evening was the attendance of 12,138 - some 7,000 under expectations, for the Shrine charity contest. Predictions of rain all week here; a shower just before the kickoff; and broadcast of a crucial Braves game all hurt the gate. Blackbourn was extremely happy with the entire show and he had good reason to be because both the first and second offensive and defensive teams had a finger in adding to the Packer total or keeping Philadelphia without a touchdown. Liz substituted freely from a bench of 50 players but it made little difference to the Packers, who seemed to be fired up - especially after the Eagles took a 3-0 lead in the first quarter. The Packers came back with 13 points in the second frame and added single touchdowns in the third and fourth quarters. The Eagles went into action with one game under their belts, a 24-13 loss to the Baltimore Colts, and it was assumed they would have an edge on the Bays. But such was not the case; the Packers had enough offensive precision and blocking to roll up three touchdowns - not to mention two field goals by Fred Cone, and defensive sharpness to stop the Eagles cold. While the victory was particularly juicy, the Packers were sobered by the fact that the Eagles were well battered five days last week and had lost several regulars, including Wayne Robinson, Bobby Thomason and Harold Giancanelli, among others, in the rough Colt affair. In addition, the Eagles are undergoing a change in coaching, Hugh Devore now being in charge. The Packers will run into a much different and tougher

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50 Strong!

NATIONAL GRAPEFRUIT LEAGUE
(Western Division)

	W	L	Pct.	PS	OP
Green Bay	1	0	1.000	27	6
Baltimore	1	0	1.000	24	13
Detroit	1	0	1.000	20	15
Chicago Bears	1	0	1.000	31	7
San Francisco	1	0	1.000	28	17
Los Angeles	0	1	.000	21	39

(Eastern Division)

	W	L	Pct.	PS	OP
Washington	1	0	1.000	39	21
Chicago Cardinals	0	1	.000	7	31
Cleveland	0	1	.000	17	28
Pittsburgh	0	1	.000	15	20
Philadelphia	0	2	.000	19	51
New York	0	0	.000	0	0

Tonight's Game
Baltimore vs. New York at Boston.

Sunday's Result
San Francisco 28, Cleveland 17.

Saturday Night's Results
Green Bay 27, Philadelphia 6.
Bears 31, Cardinals 7.

The Lineups:
PHILADELPHIA
Ends—Scott, Bell, Vaught, Willey, Weigle, Ryan, Walston, Stribling.
Tackles—Ricca, Thurston, Grogan, Simmons, Higgins, Hatley, Dimmick, Wydo, Weatherall.
Guards—Lansford, Carison, D'Agostino, Huxhold, Nipp, Michaels, Oniskey, Carroccio, Jones.
Centers—Kelley, Bednarik, Pellegrini.
Backs—Burk, Schaefer, Keller, Wegert, Ledbetter, Miller, Palone, Bielski, Jones, Bell, Brookshier, Bawel, Irvin.
GREEN BAY
Ends—Dennis, Knafelic, Martinkovic, Barnes, Deschaine, Borden, Knutson, Romine.
Tackles—Szafaryn, Gregg, Dahms, Sandusky, Helliun, Lucky, King, Hanner, Schussler, Cummins.
Guards—Skibinski, Brown, Spinks, Forester, O'Brien, Teteak, Zatkoff.
Centers—Ringo, Lauer, Herbert.
Backs—Rote, Held, Starr, Beightol, Reid, Johnson, Gregory, Carmichael, Roberts, Maddox, Ferguson, Cone, Duvall, Gremminger, Burnett, Bookout, Young, Walker, Goldston, Dillon, Lyssy.

Philadelphia	3	0	3	0—6
Green Bay	0	13	7	7—27

Scoring:
Philadelphia: Field Goals—Walston 2 (15 yards, 14:45 of first; 32, 10:50 of third).
Green Bay: Touchdowns—Johnson 2 (1-yard plunge, 5:30 of third; 10-yard run, 7:45 of fourth), Rote (2-yard run, 9:19 of second). Field Goals—Cone 2 (13 yards, 12:19 of second; 20, 14:40 of second). Extra Points—Cone 3.
Officials: Referee—John Pace; Umpire—James Crowe; Back Judge—Yans Wallace; Head Linesman—Dan Tehan; Field Judge—Charles Sweetney.

Team Statistics:

	Pack	Eagles
First downs rushing	13	7
First downs passing	6	3
First downs penalties	1	1
Total first downs	20	11
Yds. gained rushing	185	125
Yds. gained passing	98	70
Total yds. gained	283	195
Passes: Attempted	21	21
Completed	9	7
Had intercepted	0	2
Yds. inter. passes ret'd	27	0
Yds. lost a'tempt. to pass	3	6
Punts: Number by	4	6
Average distance	42.2	47
No. of punts ret'ned by	3	2
Yds. punts returned	48	10
Kickoffs ret'ned by (No.)	2	6
Yds. kickoffs returned	44	104
Penalties against (No.)	3	6
Yds. lost by penalties	19	59
Fumbles	0	1
Ball lost	0	0

Individual Statistics:

Rushing:
Philadelphia: Wegert gained 64 yards in 15 attempts, Bielski 21 in 10, Burk 13 in 2, Keller 13 in 3, Jones 10 in 2, Miller 4 in 1.
Green Bay: Ferguson gained 44 yards in 9 attempts, Reid 39 in 10, Johnson 28 in 6, Duvall 24 in 2, Carmichael 21 in 5, Rote 19 in 5, Starr 4 in 1, Roberts 2 in 1, Maddox 2 in 1, Gregory 1 in 1, Held 1 in 1.

Passing:
Philadelphia: Burk attempted 21, completed 7 for 70 yards, 2 intercepted.
Green Bay: Rote attempted 10, completed 4 for 46 yards; Held attempted 6, completed 2 for 21 yards; Starr attempted 4, completed 3 for 31 yards; Beightol attempted 1, completed none.

Pass Reception:
Philadelphia: Keller caught 2 for 19 yards, Wegert 2 for 6, Walston 1 for 17, Weigle 1 for 17, Stribling 1 for 11.
Green Bay: Johnson caught 2 for 28 yards, Carmichael 2 for 26, Knafelic 2 for 24, Ferguson 1 for 9, Reid 1 for 9, Duvall 1 for 2.



Bays rolled up 283 yards, including 185 by rushing, against the Eagles' 195 total. Each team tried 21 passes with the Pack holding the completion edge, 9 to 7...The opening highlight was the Bays' defensive stand late in the first quarter, forcing a 15-yard field goal by Bobby Walston. The Eagles had first down on the Bay two thanks to Burk's passing to Stribling and Walston. Deral Teteak and John Martinkovic threw Bielski back for a yard loss, an in-motion penalty set the Eagles back five more and Gremminger batted down a pass in the end zone to force the field goal. A 20-yard punt return by Roberts (the Bays returned 3 for 48 in all) set up the Packers' 7-3 lead, giving the Bays' position on the Eagle 39. Starr ran four yards and then handed off to Johnson and Duvall for seven more yards to the 28. Rote then went for seven, Ferguson 5 and 11 to the four. Reid got one yards in two tries, Rote advanced one and then on fourth down Rote went wide around right end for the TD. Cone booted the first of three extra points. Gremminger's interception and a 19-yard pass from Rote to Johnson, a high arching perfecto, set up Cone's first field goal from the 13. Carmichael's 27-yard punt return, two Rote passes to Johnson and Ferguson for 17 yards and a personal foul on the Eagles set up Cone's 20-yard shot for a 13-3 lead with 10 seconds left in the half. The third quarter was only two minutes old when

Walker grabbed Burk's pass and returned 16 yards to the Eagle 24. Reid socked 14 yards in two carries on handoffs from Rote who was hurt on the second play. Starr came in and sent Reid off right end for five, Carmichael over right guard for four and Johnson over left tackle for the 20-3 score. After Walston hit a field goal from the 32, the game see-sawed into the fourth quarter when the Bays launched their 80-yard march. Starr operated the first five plays, Ferguson going 11 in two carries, Reid 3, Johnson 12 and Starr throwing to Gary Knafelc for 13 to the Eagle 41. Held entered at this point and handed off to Carmichael for one, overthrew Romine and passed to Knafelc for 11. Starr came in for Reid's three-yard gain, Held threw to Carmichael for 10, Starr handed to Reid for six and Held returned to hand off to Johnson who raced through a gap in the line for 10 yards and the TD. Near the end, Duvall galloped 21 yards to midfield with Gregg throwing a key block, setting up a field goal try by Cone from the 49. The ball fell shot and the Eagles put on a drive that ended on fourth down on the Bay 20. Held sneaked one yard to eat up the last five seconds on the clock.

PHILADELPHIA - 3 0 3 0 - 6
GREEN BAY - 0 13 7 7 - 27

	<u>PHILADELPHIA</u>	<u>GREEN BAY</u>
First Downs	11	20
Rushing-Yards-TD	33-125-0	42-185-3
Att-Comp-Yd-TD-Int	21-7-70-0-2	21-9-98-0-0
Total Yards	195	283
Fumbles-lost	1-0	0-0
Turnovers	2	0
Yards penalized	6-59	3-19

SCORING

1st - PHIL - Bobby Walston, 15-yard field goal PHILADELPHIA 3-0
 2nd - GB - Tobin Rote, 2-yard run (Fred Cone kick) GREEN BAY 7-3
 2nd - GB - Cone, 14-yard field goal GREEN BAY 10-3
 2nd - GB - Cone, 20-yard field goal GREEN BAY 13-3
 3rd - GB - Joe Johnson, 1-yard run (Cone kick) GREEN BAY 20-3
 3rd - PHIL - Walston, 32-yard field goal GREEN BAY 20-6
 4th - GB - Johnson, 10-yard run (Cone kick) GREEN BAY 27-6

RUSHING

GREEN BAY - Howie Ferguson 9-44, Breezy Reid 10-39, Joe Johnson 6-28 2 TD, Gordon Duvall 2-24, Al Carmichael 5-21, Tobin Rote 5-19 1 TD, Bart Starr 1-4, Bill Roberts 1-2, Bob Maddox 1-2, Dick Gregory 1-1, Paul Held 1-1

PHILADELPHIA - Ted Wegert 15-64, Dick Bielski 10-21, Adrian Burk 2-13, Ken Keller 3-13, Jones 2-10, Joe Miller 1-4

PASSING

GREEN BAY - Tobin Rote 10-4-46, Bart Starr 4-3-31, Paul Held 6-2-21, Lynn Beightol 1-0-0

PHILADELPHIA - Adrian Burk 21-7-76 2 INT

RECEIVING

GREEN BAY - Joe Johnson 2-28, Al Carmichael 2-26, Gary Knafelc 2-24, Howie Ferguson 1-9, Breezy Reid 1-9, Gordon Duvall 1-2

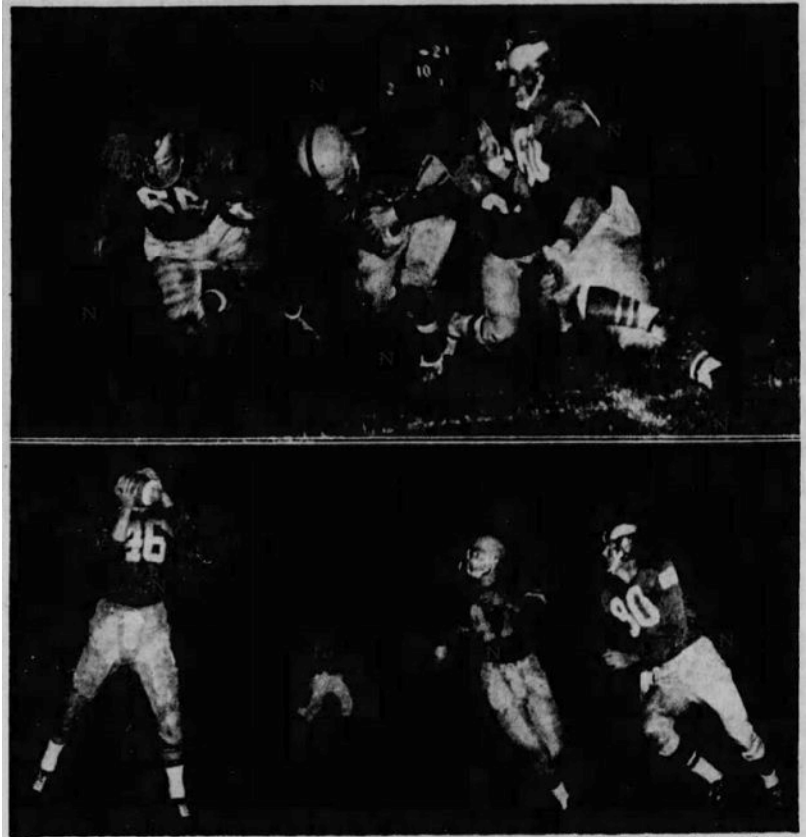
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Sidelights: 'Way To Go In There'

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EAGLES' CAUSE LOST IN FIRST 10 MINUTES: DEVORE

AUG 20 (Milwaukee) - They led at that point 3-0, but Hughie Devore is convinced the Philadelphia Eagles' cause was lost during the first 10 minutes here Saturday night. The former Packer assistant, now in his first year as head coach of the Eagles, explained, "If we could have gone in when we were down there in the first quarter, we would have been all right." A Packer goal line stand forced them to settle for a field goal and they never again were possessed of such a golden scoring opportunity. Aside from this untoward development, the forthright Notre Dame alumnus felt that injuries, lack of experience and a "new" coaching staff also figured in the Philadelphian's downfall. "It takes time to jell," Hughie, one of football's finest gentlemen, said simply. "We (the coaches) are new and the kids are new. We've got a lot of recruits, a lot of youngsters, you know." In the injury department, Devore pointed out that assorted hurts had cost the Eagles the services of such stalwarts as quarterback Bobby Thomason, defensive halfback Jerry Norton and linebacker Wayne Robinson, all regulars, for this engagement. "Our troubles started when we lost Thomason in the Colt game last week," the Eagles' new head man related. "Adrian Burk reported late - he's only been with us two weeks - and he went in cold when Thomason got hurt. But I thought he did a pretty good job in the second half here tonight." "As a matter of fact, I thought the club as a whole picked up a little in the second half," Hughie said. "They ran a little better. I thought Ken Keller (rookie halfback from North Carolina), in particular, did a good job of running." Devore,



A Touchdown and an Interception—Joe Johnson, the Packers' veteran halfback, is shown in top picture crashing over goal line between Philadelphia Eagles Frank D'Agostino (left) and Chuck Bednarik to climax 10-yard run in fourth quarter in Shrine game in Milwaukee Saturday night. Below, defensive back Hank Gremminger leaps up to intercept Adrian Burk pass in second quarter. Hank returned 11 yards. No. 47 is Packer back Val Joe Walker and Eagle is end Bill Stribling. Packers won opening non-league game 27-6.

always a stickler for conditioning himself, was impressed with the Packers' hardrock fitness. "The Packers are in very good shape," was Hughie's first comment when he turned his attention to the Green Bay forces. He also thought that "Breezy Reid ran well and the passing and receiving were good." In this connection, he noted "Starr (rookie quarterback Bart Starr from Alabama) handled himself well. Teteak and the other linebackers did a good job, too, along with Martinkovic." Devore and his Eagles enplaned for their Hershey, Pa., training base immediately after the game to make ready for next Friday night's match with the Chicago Bears in Philadelphia...All, as you might imagine, was sweetness and light in the Packer dressing room where an easy, relaxed atmosphere prevailed. Appropriately enough, veteran Tobin Rote set the theme by tossing a verbal bouquet to Starr as he came in the door. "Way to go in there, boy." Rote told the poised young Alabaman. Head Coach Liz Blackbourn, as relaxed as he has been in a long time, kidded with his athletes on a handshaking tour of the room. "Did you make any mistakes tonight?" he asked rookie defensive end Emery Barnes. "Lots of 'em," the former Oregon star admitted. "That's wonderful," Liz chuckled. Down the line, Starr conceded he was "a little bit nervous" when he made his pro debut in the first quarter, "but after you get hit once or twice it's just like anything else." Across the way, another quarterback, Paul Held, was telling Val Joe Walker with a grin. "I've got a rushing average, too - a quarterback sneak on the last play." In another corner, linebacking immortal Clayton Tonnemaker was exchanging amenities with Buddy Brown.

Tonnemaker, who drove down from Minneapolis for the game, was impressed with the 1956 Packers, asserting "they looked very good, offensively and defensively."...Pleased as he was with the overall performance, Blackburn later cautioned against undue optimism with the observation that the Eagles were not at full strength. Liz, looking for a successor to departed cornerback Doyle Nix, now in service, was "happy to see Hank Gremminger have such a good night. He intercepted one pass and knocked down at least two others that could have hurt us." In fact, he was generally pleased with the Packer defense, which had held the Eagles without a touchdown - with the aid of a stout goal line stand in the first quarter. Blackburn also took satisfaction in the performance of John Sandusky, the veteran tackle obtained in a trade with the Cleveland Browns, opining "he should help us." He said there is a possibility, in light of Sandusky's play and anticipate aid from rookie Bob Skoronski at tackle, that veteran Len Szafaryn and rookie Forrest Gregg may be moved from tackle to guard. Summing up the situation, Liz said, with a shake of his head, "I'm not going to enjoy cutting this squad. It's going to be a job."...ALL OR NOTHING: "We're going to score this touchdown - to hell with this field goal business," Liz barked in response to a sideline query with the Packers in a third down



New Uniform—Andy Robustelli, a terror among Western division defensive ends as a member of the Los Angeles Rams, is now a member of the New York Giants who will battle the Packers at City stadium Saturday night. The Giants value Robustelli highly, having given up a first draft choice for his services. The Giants now have two top-flight defensive wings—Robustelli and Walt Yowarskey.

situation on the Philadelphia three-yard line in the first quarter. He dispatched instructions to "sneak" the ball over. Rote did, and the maneuver netted one yard. Liz snapped, "We're still going for it." On the next play, Rote swept right end on a roll out - and minced into the end zone for the Packers' first touchdown...NO DICE: With the ball at a bad field goal angle, the Packers deliberately drew a delay-of-game call in an effort to gain better position. The Eagles foiled the strategy, however, by declining the penalty. The maneuver, it turned out, was unnecessary when Fred Cone's kick was perfect...THE HARD WAY: The Packers has moved into field goal range the hard way - on a 15-yard penalty the Eagles were assessed when linebacker Norm Willey kicked Rote in the back. Willey "got" Rote again 20 seconds before the half with a lunge that drove Rote's elbow into the pit of his stomach and came within an ace of knocking him unconscious, but the officials didn't see it...NO GIVE: The Packers' Gene Knutson and John Michels, a Philadelphia guard, drew an involuntary gasp when they collided, helmet to helmet, at full speed near midfield as Michels returned a short kickoff in the fourth quarter...NEW WRINKLE: The 12,138 fans saw a football innovation, employed for the first time in the College All-Star game 10 days ago, at the end of the first quarter. Instead of pacing off the distance, Headlinesman Dan Tehan used a steel tape to measure the distance from the ball to the nearest yard marker for the purpose of accurately relocating it when the teams changes goals to begin the second quarter. The tape may be used in non-league games only under orders from Commissioner Bert Bell. He may propose making the tape standard for league games, however, at next January's NFL meeting.

PACKERS DROP CUMMINS, DENNIS

AUG 20 (Stevens Point) - The Packer squad was reduced by two players today, Coach Liz Blackburn announced. Waivers were asked on rookie tackle George Cummins and end Russ Dennis was placed on the military reserve list. Dennis expects to enter service shortly.

BLACKBOURN HAPPY, WITH RESERVATIONS

AUG 20 (Milwaukee Journal) - Coach Lisle Blackburn expressed pleasure with reservations after his Green Bay Packers whipped the Philadelphia Eagles in their Shrine pro football exhibition game at Marquette Stadium Saturday night. "Sure," Blackburn said, "it's nice to win, especially by 27-6. I thought the boys did a good job generally. But I'm afraid the Eagles weren't too good. Maybe they made us look good." Blackburn said that he was happy that he was able to use 50 men, alternating almost complete teams on both offense and defense almost from the start. "That's the idea of the preseason games," the coach said. "We've got to find out what these young fellows can do and you can't find out without giving a chance in competition. We want to win all the time, of course, but getting the team ready for the 12 league games must come first." Someone mentioned that he would get his quarterbacks in shape, the way he ran them in and out on practically



Line Stalwarts—The hoopla around here these days has been the possibilities of the Packer line. In view of the 27-6 victory over Philadelphia, but the Packers' next opponent, the New York Giants apparently have a tough line already set. The Giants line, which held the Baltimore Colts to 20 yards rushing last night, is anchored by veterans Jack Stroud, left, and Roosevelt Brown. The Packers battle the Giants at City stadium Saturday night.

every play of the second half. The dogfight among Bart Starr and Lynn Beightol, rookies, and Paul Held, last year's understudy to Tobin Rote, was mentioned and Blackburn was asked if all that battling below him had affected Rote in any way. "I've never seen Tobin so relaxed," Blackburn said. "Did you see how he lobbed that pass to Joe Johnson that one time? You know how Tobin usually throws the ball," and Blackburn drew back his arm, brought his hand swiftly past his ear and said, "Zing." The coach laughed and said, "The way Tobin lobbed the ball into Johnson's arms over those three Eagles made him look like Otto Graham (retired quarterback of the champion Cleveland Browns). Maybe Tobin figures he's going to be the new Graham. Well, if he turns out to be that, it will be perfectly fine with me." The name of Henry (Hank) Gremminger, rookie defensive halfback from Baylor, was mentioned. He is the fellow being groomed to replace Doyle Nix, rookie star of last season who has gone into service. "I was glad to see Hank get off to a good start like that," Blackburn

said, referring to his interception and three spectacular saves on Eagle passes into his territory. "Having a night like that should be good for his confidence. Luck enters into a night like that, too, though. If the passer is sharp, he often beats you, no matter how well you cover, but if he's off just a little bit, you can have yourself quite a night. Hank did all right." Earlier, Val Joe Walker, veteran defensive back, was talking about Gremminger. "That Henry is okay," Walker said. "He's so much like Nix that we call him Nix, Jr."

PACKER DEFENSE IN MIDSEASON FORM

AUG 20 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - What does a 27-6 preseason win indicate to Coach Liz Blackburn? "Our defense looked pretty tough, especially our first unit," said Blackburn from his Stevens Point office. "That was the best part of the game against the Eagles." And Blackburn, comparing this season's start to a year ago, said "we're much better off because, for one, we've got some good line strength." Here, then, is the key to Green Bay's chances in the '56 race. They hardly come any better than John Martinkovic, Bill Forester, Deral Teteak and Roger Zatkoff. And the trio patrolling the outer spaces, Val Joe Walker, Bobby Dillon and Billy Bookout, ranked with the best last season. But two defensive aces, Doyle Nix and Veryl Switzer, were lost to military service. However, Saturday night in the Shrine game a candidate from Baylor looked like the man to fill Nix's shoes, although Blackburn says he had four good ones to choose from. Hank Gremminger turned in a sparkling performance, intercepting and blocking just about everything thrown his way by Eagle flipper Adrian Burk. Blackburn praised the Baylor rookie's work but said boys like Max Burnett, Alton Romine, Jim Capuzzi and Glenn Young deserve every consideration. Liz beams when he talks about his offensive forward wall. "We've finally got some big boys who will make this a better team." Tom Dahms, 245; John Sandusky, 250; Bob Skoronski, 240; and Forrest Gregg, 230, were mentioned with pride. "Once we like them up where they belong, we're going to be much better off." Blackburn, who usually indulges in a Sunday game of golf, was all business as he prepared to sift and winnow his best talent since he came to Green Bay. "We've got a lot of work to do yet, but this thing is coming along." Liz liked Howie Ferguson's early game running, the passing of quarterbacks Tobin Rote, Bart Starr and Paul Held. "Sure, there were some bad spots, but I would rather check the pictures before commenting on them," said the Packer boss. Blackburn reported no injuries in the hard hitting game. He said Jack Losch, Billy Howton and Skoronski sidelined Saturday night would play against the Giants next Saturday at Green Bay. The only player cut Sunday was George Cummins, a 6-2, 280 pound rookie tackle from Tulane. Rookie end Russ Dennis left for military service.

14 in Packer Guard-Tackle Scramble



Giants, Bay Foe Here, Beat Colts 28-10

14 IN PACKER GUARD-TACKLE SCRAMBLE

AUG 21 (Stevens Point-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - There's a major battle shaping up among Packer tackles and guards. It will be fought for the most part in City stadium during the course of Green Bay's home non-championship debut against the rugged New York Giants Saturday night. The Packers have 14 interior (not counting centers) linemen in their training camp here. Eleven are tackles; the other three guards. Key man in the expected showdown, which centers in the offensive line, is Bob Skoronski, the 240-pound Indiana tackle and College All Star game regular. If Skoronski makes the grade as an offensive left tackle, the veteran left tackle, Len Szafaryn, 240, will be shifted to offensive left guard. Also, if Skoronski cuts the buck, Forrest Gregg, 235, is highly-rated tackle prospect will move over to offensive right guard. Offensive right tackle is a tossup between veteran Tom Dahms, 245, and the newcomer from the Cleveland Browns, big John Sandusky, 250. Also in the offensive tackle picture are Bill Lucky, 245, returning for his second campaign; and Gene Knutson, 235, who also plays defensive end. Possible switching of Szafaryn and Gregg to guard brings to mind the names of the three present offensive guards - Buddy Brown, 230, Joe Skibinski, 230, and Jack Spinks, 245. Actually, the Packers are undermanned with only three guards at this stage of the game and the two "newcomers" should provide some relief - not to



Frank Gifford, a 26-year-old former Southern Cal star, is the most versatile Giant back. Last season he collected 351 yards and three touchdowns while averaging 4.1 yards per try on the ground; he caught 33 passes for 437 yards and four touchdowns; and he completed two of his six passes for touchdowns. He'll start against the Packers at Green Bay Saturday night.

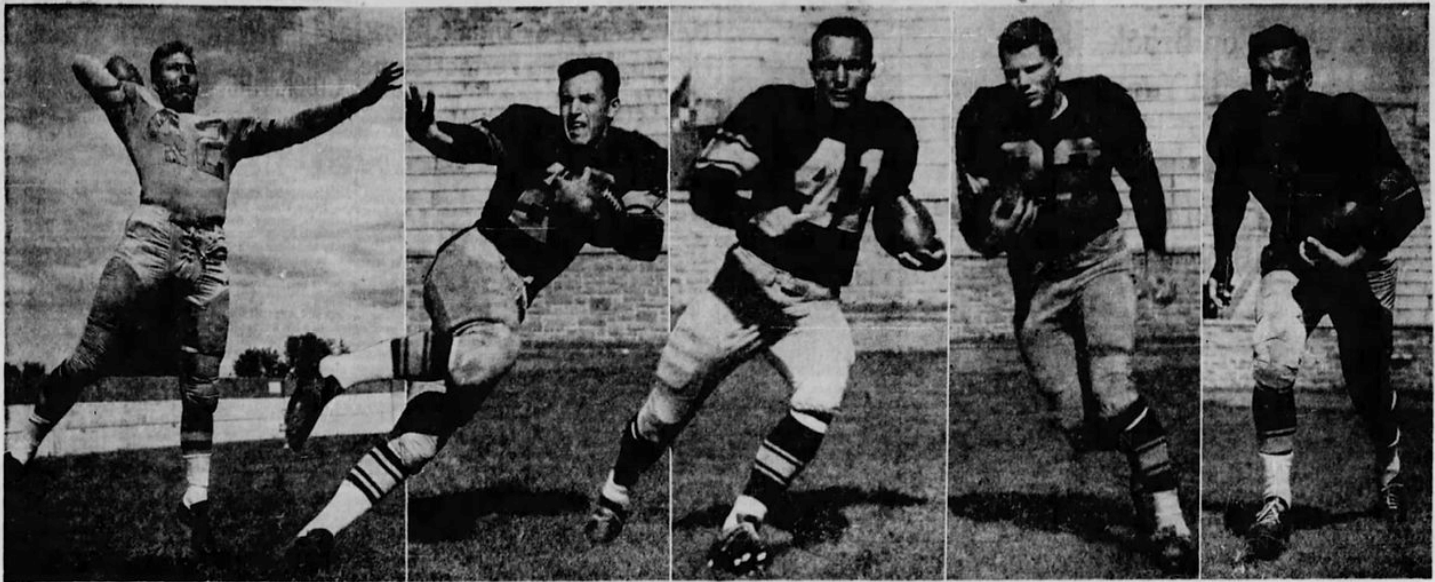
mention a good scrap for work. The two veteran defensive tackles, Dave Hanner, 250, and Jerry Helluin, 260, have three competitors - Don King, 250, the former Brown; George Schussler, 250, a hard fighter out of Carroll; and Lucky, who also plays defense. There's a chance Knutson will be returned to defensive wing; he played in that position at times during the 27-6 victory over the Philadelphia Eagles Saturday night. He joined the Pack in '54 as an end. The Packers' fierce line play on both offense and defense was one of the big pleasures for Coach Liz Blackbourn and his line coaching aide, Lou Rymkus, Saturday night. With stiff competition brewing among 14 musclemen for the rest of the non-league season, the '56 Packer lines stand a chance of improving over the '55 walls. That would be a step forward in Blackbourn's book. The most severe test will be received from the Giants who are noted for their powerful offensive and defensive lines headed by such as Roosevelt Brown, Jr., Bill Austin, Ray Wietcha, Jack Stroud, Dick Yelvington, Walt Yowarsky, Roosevelt Grier and Ray Beck. The aforementioned Skoronski will be making his Packer debut against the Giants; so will halfback Jack Losch, who with Skoronski skipped camp a week ago Sunday and then returned last weekend. Skoronski played the entire game as an offensive tackle against the Browns in the All Star game. Losch went the route as a defensive Star back. Losch will train on offense and defense with the Pack. Two other players were held out of the Eagle clash - veteran end Billy Howton and veteran defensive back Jim Capuzzi. Both will be ready for the Giants. The team came out of the Eagle game with no injuries...The Packer camp roster was reduced to 49 players today with the trade of rookie fullback Gordon Duvall to the Eagles for an undisclosed draft choice. Philadelphia needs a fullback to run behind Dick Bielski and the Packers have Howie Ferguson, Fred Cone and switch hitter Breezy Reid. Three players were dispatched Monday. Gone on waivers were quarterback Lynn Beightol and tackle George Cummins. End Russ Dennis was placed on the military reserve list since he expects to go into the Army shortly. Veteran linebacker Tom Bettis will complete his six-months' tour of military service this week and will report to the Packer camp next Monday...Seven players worked on kickoffs in Monday's practice, including the incumbent, Fred Cone, who had difficulty getting the ball behind the 20-yard line against the Eagles. Philly returned six kickoffs for 104 yards. Laboring with Cone were Don King, who got off several long ones, Paul Held, Emery Barnes, Ralph Goldston, George O'Brien and Skoronski. Missing practice yesterday was Larry Lauer, the center recently obtained on waivers from the Chicago Bears, who developed an infected foot. Running good for the first time in a week was Howton, who suffered an injury in scrimmage last week. A scrimmage was on tap for this afternoon.

NEW STADIUM SITE PURCHASE IS COMPLETED

AUG 21 (Green Bay) - The deed for the site for Green Bay's new stadium at Highland Avenue and Ridge Road was filed today with Register of Deeds Harold Loch. Under a purchase plan ordered by the City Council July 17, the city will pay

**New Stadium
Site Purchase
Is Completed**

**Price Is \$73,305
For 48 Acres at
Highland-Ridge Rd.**



First Game at Home—A flock of new Packers will make their debut at City stadium when the Packers battle the New York Giants in a non-championship game Saturday night. Among rookies are (left to right) quarterback Bart Starr who will start; offensive halfbacks Bobby Maddox, Dick Gregory and Bill Roberts; and defensive halfback Hank Gremminger. Starr assisted in the scoring of two of the Packers' three touchdowns against the Eagles last Saturday and Gremminger played most of the game on defense. Kickoff is set for 8 o'clock.

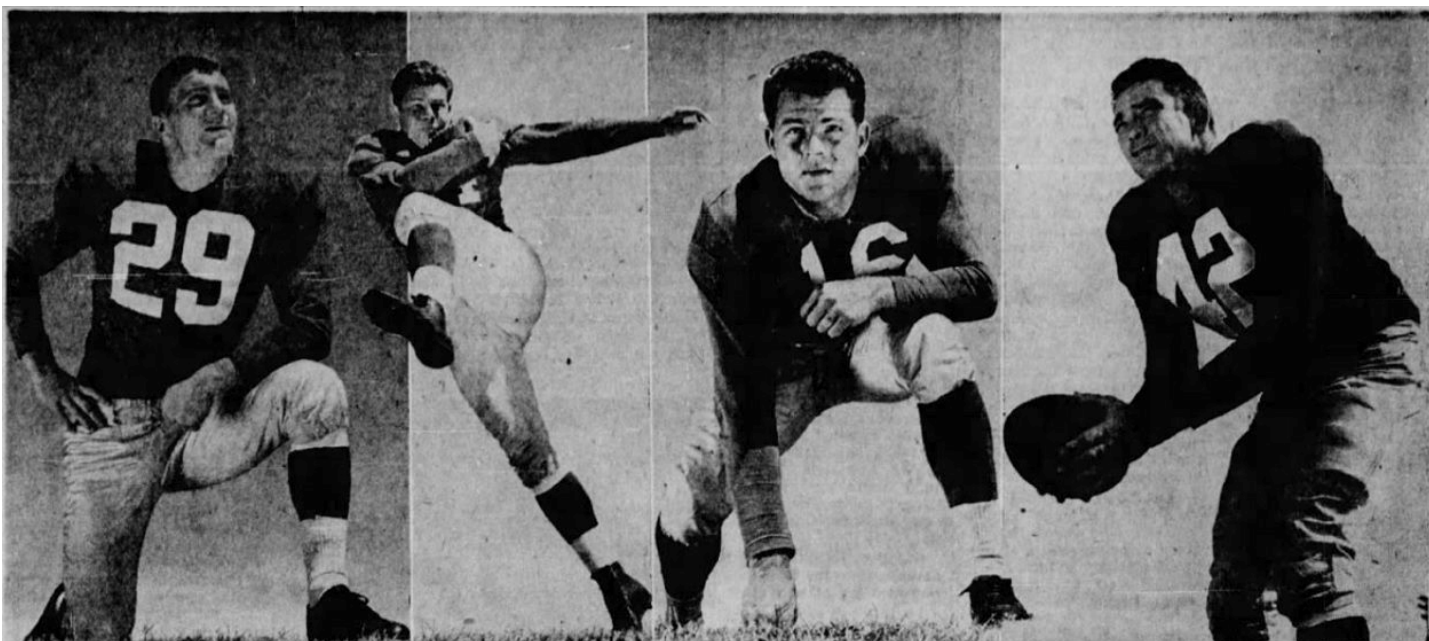
\$1,500 an acre for the tract which was surveyed to equal 48.84 acres. The total purchase price was \$73,305, of which \$7,500 was paid down. The remaining \$65,905 will be paid in three annual payments starting next August and will carry a 3.5 percent interest rate...**IS BEST LOCATION:** The site, owned by Victor Vannieuwenhoven, was designated as the top location for a new stadium in a site survey of the Osborn Engineering Co., Cleveland, which was endorsed by 18 members of the council. The down payment was made from a \$26,000 payment made by the Packer Corp. for 1954 use of City Stadium. The Packers executive committee agreed Monday to pay Vannieuwenhoven \$2,655 to expedite closing of the land purchase with the city...**PRICE DISAGREEMENT:** During negotiation of the deed, a disagreement arose over whether the owner was to receive \$1,500 per acre according to the survey or a total price of \$1,500 an acre based on an estimate of 50 acres. With the completion of the purchase, the city will begin procedure to annex the site from Ashwaubenon to Green Bay. Highland Avenue is the border between the two municipalities. Since the city is the sole property owner involved, no difficulty over annexation is anticipated.

PACKERS OFF TO ENCOURAGING START IN WIN OVER EAGLES

AUG 21 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - There is no point in becoming too excited and doing handsprings over one exhibition game. That goes double when there is reasonable doubt about the quality of the opposition. So this should not be construed as going overboard on the Packers as the result of their decisive opening victory over the Eagles in the Midwest Shrine game last Saturday night. But everyone must agree that it was an encouraging start of the club now being whipped into shape by Head Man Liz Blackburn and his assistants. Despite the fact that there were frequent changes and some of the newcomers obviously haven't had time to get the hang of things, the offense was remarkably well advanced. Although the Eagles' defensive lapses might have contributed something to the total result, certainly a lot of it was of the Packers' own making. The line blocking was outstanding at time, and the backs did their share with fine ball handling, faking, cutting and hard running. Bart Starr lived up to expectations and Paul Held did surprisingly well. Which was a hopeful sign that Tobin Rote, a one man quarterback corps for several seasons, is due for some help long overdue....**SECONDARY FOURSOME LOOKS GOOD:** A great goal line stand that forced the Eagles to settle for a field goal after they had first down on the two highlighted defensive operations. That took a lot of doing even if the Eagles were considerably less than balls of fire in the running and pitching department. The visitors' passing in particular was below par. Definitely not of the type that loosens up the defense and helps the running game go. Blackburn's foursome of secondary defenders - Bobby Dillon, Val Joe Walker, Billy Bookout and Hank Gremminger - looked especially good. They should save the Packers a lot of yards and possibly a vital ball game or two along the way. As a group, they reacted quickly and flashed the necessary speed to cover on any type of play. Newcomer Gremminger, the man really on the spot, met his first test well. Visiting scouts, including Jack Lavelle of the New York Giants, who tackle Blackburn's charges at Green Bay this Saturday, seemed generally impressed with the Packers' solid, purposeful showing. If the Bays keep on going from there, this could be quite a season.

LEAGUE SALARY SCALE ON EXHIBITIONS POSSIBLE

AUG 21 (Milwaukee Journal) - The demands of the Los Angeles Rams players Monday for at least nominal salaries during the exhibition season and their threat not to go through with the Cleveland game in Los Angeles Friday night unless the demands were met is almost certain to have repercussions all around the league. The owners have been sitting on this little powder keg for years, have known it, and now that this spark has occurred, they may well have an explosion. The Los Angeles case was amicably adjusted. Upon Commissioner Bert Bell's intervention, the players, who had retained a lawyer



Championship Backfield?—If the Packers expect to post their second straight non-league victory tonight, they will have to stop the New York Giants' strong backfield, shown above—a unit that could put the New Yorks into the championship playoff next December. The talented Giants are (left to right) Alex Web-

ster, 210 pounds; Kyle Rote, 205, a 'cousin of the Packers' Tobin Rote; Frank Gifford, a three-position back; and quarterback Charley Conerly, who is starting his ninth season. Also working considerably in the backfield is fullback Mel Triplett. Kickoff at City stadium is set for 8 o'clock.

at a secret meeting Saturday, and the owners agreed to retroactive arbitration at the season's end. The players asked for salaries of from \$50 to \$75 a week. It is almost certain that the practices of all other clubs in this matter will now come under scrutiny, too, and what the Rams eventually get, players elsewhere, too, will ask. Out of all of it, in fact, may come an exhibition season wage scale established by the league. Different clubs have different plans at the moment. The Green Bay Packers, for instance, give their players \$25 a week, which is deducted from each man's season contract if he makes the grade. If he doesn't, it is just plain salary. "We feel a player should have some money while he's with us, especially a rookie," Blackbourn said Tuesday. "He needs a little money for such things as laundry and other necessities until his league salary goes into effect (first week of the regular season). But whether we could afford to pay what the Rams have asked, I don't know. It's a front office matter. I doubt it. Our exhibition games barely pay for our camp expenses, but we're not one of the fortunate clubs playing exhibitions before 40,000 or 50,000 people. I can see where some of the clubs under the present arrangement can make real money. If anything comes of all this, and it very well could, we simply would have to shorten our training season and bring fewer men to camp. We couldn't stand a heavy exhibition salary scale." Blackbourn said he felt there were plenty of lawyers around, like Norman Lewis who now handles major league baseball players' grievances, only too eager to take the cases of the football players, too.

PACKERS TRADE DUVALL

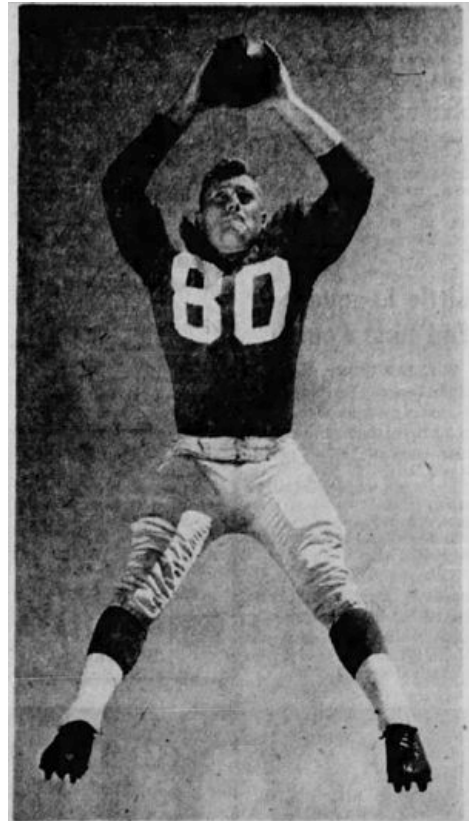
AUG 21 (Stevens Point) - Coach Liz Blackbourn of the Packers announced Tuesday that Gordon Duvall, the 200-pound fullback from Southern Cal who was the Bays' ninth draft choice, has been traded to the Philadelphia Eagles for an undisclosed 1957 draft.

Giants Take Up Where They Left Off; Stars Made Ready

GIANTS TAKE UP WHERE THEY LEFT OFF; STARS MADE READY

AUG 22 (Stevens Point-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - "And don't forget, the Giants won five of their last six games last year and it looks like they're taking up where they left off." That was the warning sounded here Tuesday by Wally Cruice, Packer scout who walked into the Packer camp as practice started. Cruice was just back from Boston where he saw the Giants trip Baltimore, 28-10, and Packer coach Liz Blackbourn held up the workout for a brief chat. By nightfall, the Giants' play had been mimeographed for distribution and discussion at the evening meeting. Blackbourn, off Cruice's report, said "the Giants may be the best team in the league." The Giants are considered a young veteran team with two weak spots in '55 - defensive

end and offensive end. Coach Jim Lee Howell took care of these two positions by giving a first draft choice to the Los Angeles Rams for Andy Robustelli, and picking the nation's leading pass catcher, Hal Burnine of Missouri, as the first choice in the '56 draft. The rest of the club is chiefly veteran. Those five paragraphs reflect some of the Packers' thoughts as the Bays prepare for the non-championship game against New York in City Stadium Saturday night. But there are other preparations: The Packers held a special 20-minute scrimmage Tuesday afternoon designed chiefly for the three players who participated in the College All Star game – Bob Skoronski, who performed at left offensive tackle; Forrest Gregg, right offensive tackle; and Jack Losch, left halfback. Blackbourn wants the three boys ready for the Giant game, and Skoronski and Gregg appeared to have digested their plays well enough to warrant a good go. Losch's job is a bit more complicated what with pass and rushing patterns to learn. Losch managed to reel off several good gains in a backfield composed of Bart Starr at quarterback, Bill Roberts at right half and Fred Cone at fullback. Skoronski, a good scrapper at 245, fought a good battle with defensive end Gene Knutson; so did Gregg, 235, with Emery Barnes. Cone's hard-running indicated that Blackbourn is ready to give him his first rushing work Saturday night. A late reportee, Cone was used only against the Eagles for field goals, extra points and kickoffs. Also lugging the ball were halfbacks Bobby Maddox and Dick Gregory. The key guard spots were handled by veterans Joe Skibinski, Buddy Brown and Jack Spinks, but in the morning sweat suit workout tackle Len Szafaryn performed at left guard. There is also a chance that Gregg may go to the other guard spot. Also in line with possible switches, veteran offensive tackles worked at defense left tackle. Blackbourn is in the market for assistants for defenders Dave Hanner and Jerry Helluin...FORESTER AT CENTER: Before unit practice opened, middle guard Bill Forester tried his hand as a center under the watchful eyes of line coach Lou Rymkus and Jim Ringo, who stood about five yards back to take pass backs.

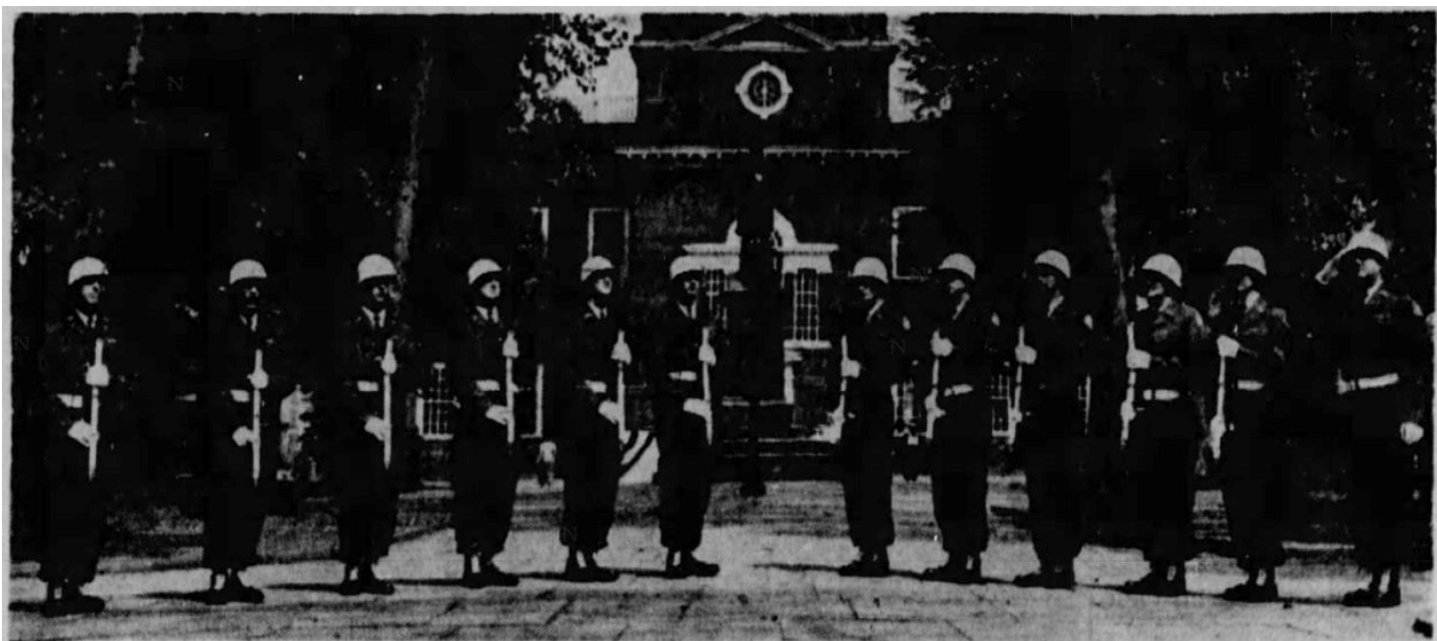


Air Threat — The New York Giants' chief pass catcher and facsimile of the Packers' Billy Howton is Ken MacAfee, a three-year veteran from Alabama. MacAfee will start at left end against the Packers in City stadium Saturday night.

Forester was laboring in his fifth position since joining the Pack in '53. He already has seen action at fullback, offensive guard and defensive end before being shifted to middle guard two years ago. Forester thus became the third prospect for the No. 2 centering job behind Ringo. The others are rookies Lowell Herbert and Larry Lauer, who has a foot infection. Tom Bettis, who finished a six-months' tour of Army duty this week, worked under Ringo some last year. He'll report Monday...Several Packers expect to carry more weight this year. Among them are fullback Howie Ferguson, who is lugging 225 – 10 over a year ago, and defensive end Nate Borden, whose weight now is 230, also 10 above last year...Packer General Manager Verne Lewellen visited camp Tuesday afternoon to work out constantly changing travel plans for the season with Blackbourn...The Packers got a look at their new game uniforms for the first time yesterday. They'll have two sets of helmets – white with a green stripe for use with white knit pants and green jerseys with white numbers and gold with a navy stripe for use both with gold pants and navy jerseys with gold numbers...Blackbourn is bothered with a cold but it hasn't hampered his work. He went to bed at 6:30 Monday evening and put in a full day Tuesday and today.

CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTS DEED FOR NEW STADIUM SITE AND STARTS PROCEDURE FOR ANNEXATION

AUG 22 (Green Bay) - Three municipal projects moved ahead another step Tuesday night as the City Council approved sale of the \$2,700,000 west side junior high school bond issue, approved an ordinance for details of borrowing \$880,000 to complete the Lake Michigan water supply, and accepted the deed for the location of a new stadium. In accepting the deed for the Highland Avenue-Ridge Road stadium site, the Council also backed an ordinance to annex the tract from Ashwaubenon to the city. With the rules suspended, the ordinance was moved to third reading, one step from adoption...APPROVED BY 16-4: Acceptance of the deed was approved 16-4, with Ald. Tim De Wane, who voted against the site last month, joining the supporting votes. Ald. Eddie Bodart, who voted against the site, was one of four aldermen absent but he has indicated he can vote against the \$960,000 stadium bond issue approved by voters in April. More than six opposition votes could block the bond issue under normal procedure. The four opposing votes were cast by Ald. Rhynie Dantine, Clarence Dechamps, Don Tillerman and Clarence Vandermus. The deed provides that Victor Vannieuwenhoven will receive \$1,500 an acre for 48.87 acres. Of the total of \$73,505, a \$7,500 down payment was made and \$65,805 will be paid in equal installments over the next three years at 3.5 percent interest. The down payment was made from an advance of the Packer Corp. on its 1956 rental of City Stadium...CONDITIONS OF SALE: Conditions of the sale provide that the tract will go back to the owner and the city will get its money back if a stadium is not built within five years, that the seller will get 1956 crops, and that pasture can be used until Nov. 15. The Packers executive committee disclosed Monday that it



National Champions To Perform at Game—The national championship rifle drill team of Sturgeon Bay's Amvets Weber-Tess Post No. 51, pictured above, will perform between halves of tonight's Packer-New York Giant game at City Stadium. The Sturgeon Bay unit won national honors at the Amvets' 1955 convention in Philadelphia. Also scheduled to perform are the Packer Lumberjack band's drum majorettes, who will be featured in a lights out routine employing fire batons and sparklers.

had paid Vannieuwenhoven an additional \$2,655 to make certain the sale would be completed. The seller disagreed that an original agreement was for \$1,500 an acre after a survey and maintained he was to receive \$1,500 an acre on an estimate of 50 acres. Since the city is sole owner of the tract, annexation is a routine matter. The ordinance will be approved Sept. 4 and become effective after publication and a 90-day waiting period.

EAGLES GIVE DRAFT PICK FOR BAYS' BEIGHTOL

AUG 23 (Stevens Point) - The Packers Thursday traded rookie quarterback Lynn Beightol of Maryland to the Eagles for an undisclosed 1957 draft choice. Beightol had been placed on waivers earlier this week, but when Coach Liz Blackburn found several clubs showing interest in the Terrapin back, he recalled Beightol. Beightol now joins fullback Gordon Duvall, who was sent to Philadelphia on a similar deal. The Packers may lose the services of veteran defensive end Nate Borden Saturday night when they face the New York Giants at City Stadium. Borden was summoned to his Jersey City home Thursday because of a death in the family. Gene Knutson and rookie Emery Barnes are being primed to replace Borden if he is unable to play.

PACK-GIANT TILT UNEXPECTED NATURAL

AUG 23 (Stevens Point-Green Bay Press-Gazette - The Packer-Giant game at City Stadium is an advertising writer's dream. It's an unexpected natural - one that adds frosting to the Packers' home card. Little did Packers and Giants officials know last winter when they booked the battle that they were scheduling what might be called a crucial game - if there is such a thing in the non-championship picture. First off, the two clubs will go into the fray with perfect 1-0 records, the Giants whipping the Baltimore Colts, 28-10 (they beat us in league play last year, remember?) and the Packers holding the Philadelphia Eagles without a touchdown, 27-6. The Giants and the Packers are finished with the preliminary testing stage. Both gave their rookies a full go in the opening games. Only the more promising ones will be subjected to the usual preseason murder. Veterans of the two clubs are now in top condition and they're anxious to uphold reputations. This game will be watched closely by the 10 other clubs in the NFL since (1) the Giants are given a good chance to displace the Cleveland Browns as Eastern division champions and (2) the Packers are showing signs of improvement over '55 - a 6-6 season. The Packers are employing pre-league game methods in their preparation at the Stevens Point training camp. About the only difference is scrimmaging - taboo during the league season, and Coach Liz Blackburn conducted the rough stuff chiefly as a means of making ready the three College All Stars, halfback Jack Losch and tackles Forrest Gregg and Bob Skoronski. Blackburn wants to get a good look at the three key cogs and Skoronski and Gregg may see considerable action at the offensive tackle posts. How much Losch plays depends on how well he digests Packer rushing and passing plays this week. The Packers' talented pass catching end, Billy Howton, will be making his '56 debut against the Giants. An injury kept him out of the Philadelphia game. The Packers will be at full strength, at least physically, for Saturday night. The opposing head coaches, Jim Lee Howell of the Giants and our Liz, haven't clashed in league competition yet but each has a 1-1 record against each other in preseason play. Both took over their present posts in '54 and Howell's gents beat the Packers in

Milwaukee that season 38-27. Last year in Spokane, the Bays got revenge 34-27 on Gary Knafelc's second touchdown catch...The Packers may be without one of their veteran defensive ends Saturday night – Nate Borden, who was called to his home in Jersey City Wednesday by the death of his grandmother. It's possible he may be back in time, but at the moment Gene Knutson is set to start in his place...Packer punter Dick Deschaine kicked one out of the lot in practice yesterday afternoon and, what's more, the ball was almost lost in the tall grass outside the fence at Bucholt park in Stevens Point. Two or three players and a couple of kids found it after a brief search. Dick's boot, with a little wind, traveled cost to 90 yards, clearing the fence by 10 or 15 yards. The punt receivers were standing about 20 yards in front of the barrier. Blackbourn conducted a short scrimmage designed to test late reportees, Losch, Skoronski and Gregg. In the course of the drill, Jack Spinks received praise from the coaching for several good plays and quarterback Bart Starr completed three out of five passes. And one of the incompletions was dropped. Bill Forester continued to work as an offensive center, and Larry Lauer, a center, was due for some action as a linebacker.

NEW YORKERS IMPROVE AIR ATTACK, SCORING

AUG 23 (New York) - The Giants expect to boost scoring punch, while holding firm on defense, in 1956. The anticipated lift in offense should come from a striking improvement in air attack, with the addition of NCAA champion receiver Hal Burnine, of Missouri, and the return of Bob Topp from service. These two join Ken MacAfee, Bob Schnelker and stylish Kyle Rote to give Howell the finest end corps the Giants have had in years. To appraise the chance of any rival, a comparison with the champion Cleveland Browns is inevitable. In '55, the Browns were 9-2-1, the Giants 6-5-1. The Browns led the NFL scoring with 349 points, the Giants were third with 267. Cleveland defense was supreme, at 218 allowed but New York was on a virtual parity with 223. However, the gaps in wins and scoring may be misleading. The Giants lost three straight before meshing gears. They were the hottest team in the stretch, unbeaten in the last five games, which included a breathless 35-35 tie with Cleveland. Their statistics "went wrong" only at the start. This year, Howell will continue the "study period" scheme he devised for Chuck Conerly, which was an important factor in the '55 stretch drive. The star quarterback sits out much of the first period, cramming coaching advice and data on enemy defense, before taking over. Don Heinrich, a talented ball control quarterback, holds the throttle until Conerly is "indoctrinated". The halfback tandem of powerful Alex Webster and versatile Frank Gifford probably is unmatched in the league. At fullback, strong man Mel Tripplett will replace Bobby Epps, who is in service. Henry Moore of Arkansas, top draft pick, is a fullback candidate. A slick veteran offense line returns, with its outstanding members Rosey Brown, Rex Boggan, Bill Austin, Jack Stroud, Ray Wietecha and Dick Yelvington. A superb rookie tackle, Robert Lee Huff, of West Virginia, is available for offense or defense. Allied to offense are the kick return specialists, Jim Patton and Em Tunnell. Patton ran 98, 69 and 65 yards in '55, as the Giants led the league in long-gaining plays, with 15 of 40 or more yards. Tunnell's best was 66. From scrimmage, Webster starred with runs of 71 and 52 yards, and Rote twice turned passes into 71-yard gains. On defense, Howell must fill gaps or upgrade at halfbacks. Dick Nolan and Tunnell are veteran halfbacks, and Leo Miles returned from service. Rookie prospects are Don Chandler of Florida, John Hermann of UCLA and Dick Moloney of Kentucky. At end, rookies James Katcavage of Dayton and Ron Nery of Kansas State will make strong bids for starting berths, but one spot was adequately filled with the trade that brought Andy Robustelli from Los Angeles...TEAMS WITH GRIER: Dick Modzelewski comes in a trade for Ray Crouse, to team with Roosevelt Grier as defensive tackles. Ray Beck, at middle guard, might move to offense if Huff can replace him. The veteran backer-up pair of Harland Svare and Bill Svoboda will have competition from Pete Mangrum, out of service, and John McMullan of Notre Dame. The Giants started off the '56 preseason campaign with a surprising 28-10 victory over Baltimore. It wasn't so surprising, however, to Howell who has great plans for the drive. The Giants now move their powerhouse to Green Bay for a test against the Packers!

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Green Bay	1	0	1.000	27	6
Detroit	1	0	1.000	20	15
San Francisco ..	1	0	1.000	28	17
Baltimore	1	1	.500	34	41
Los Angeles	1	1	.500	38	45

(Eastern Division)

New York	1	0	1.000	28	10
Washington	1	0	1.000	39	21
Chicago Cardinals	0	1	.000	7	31
Pittsburgh	0	1	.000	15	20
Cleveland	0	2	.000	23	45
Philadelphia	0	3	.000	40	79

Friday Night's Results

Bears 28 Philadelphia 21
Los Angeles 17 Cleveland 6

Tonight's Games

NEW YORK at GREEN BAY
(8:00, WJPG)

Detroit vs. Cardinals at Mobile, Ala.
Baltimore vs. Pittsburgh at Cincinnati

Sunday's Game

Washington at San Francisco

Probable Offensive Starters

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Wietecha	C	Ringo
Stroud	RG	Spinks
Yelvington	RT	Gregg
MacAfee	RE	Deschaine
Heinrich	QB	Starr
Gifford	LH	Reid
K. Rote	RH	Carmichael
Triplet	FB	Ferguson

GIANTS CAN HIT HOME RUNS, PACK WARNED; HOWTON OUT

AUG 24 (Green Bay) - In keeping with the hot baseball season (at least in the National League), it can be pointed out today that the New York football Giants are noted for their home runs. The Giants don't hit homers; they score 'em, so to speak. Abe Stuber, the Packers' defensive coach, mentioned the home run pitch at the Bays' training camp in Stevens Point Thursday. "They'll homer on you if you're not careful," Abe remarked, adding an explanation: "They'll go all the way rushing and passing." Abe is aware of the Giants' long-ball, having served the '55 campaign as a Philadelphia Eagle aide. The Eagles and Giants are long-time Eastern division enemies. Bob Daley, the Giants' publicity chief who arrived here Thursday to assist in the drum beating, added to the homer theory: "We had 15 plays that gained 40 yards or better last year and Lord knows how many over 30. Alex Webster had runs of 71 and 52 yards and went 48 and 41 with passes. Kyle Rote made two 71-yard passing touchdowns. He also scored eight touchdowns and had seven runs of over 30 yards. Frank Gifford ran 49 yards once and took a pass for 51. We had kickoff returns of 98, 66, 65 and 69 yards - among the better ones, and a pass interception was returned 53 yards." As in baseball, you don't have to be fast to sock a home. And Daley points out: "Our backs aren't particularly fast," indicating that they are able to get over the fence behind good, sharp blocking and maneuvering. Fastest of the Giant backs is fullback Mel Triplett. The other backfield aces, Rote, Webster and Gifford, have what might be termed average speed. Putting a halter on the Giants' long-distance steppers may be a difficult task. That was show in practice yesterday when quarterback Tobin Rote, wearing Charlie Conerly's famous 42, hurled a "homer" to Al Carmichael on a play covering 60 yards. A moment later, Rote bounced a 40-yard pass off Dick Gregory, the intended receiver, and into Carmichael's arms for another long gainer. A few more successes on the part of the Giants' offense prompted Coach Liz Blackburn to yell: "I never saw so man men loose in all my life." The Packer defense quickly tightened up. The Bays started a new numbers racket yesterday and it may help considerably in

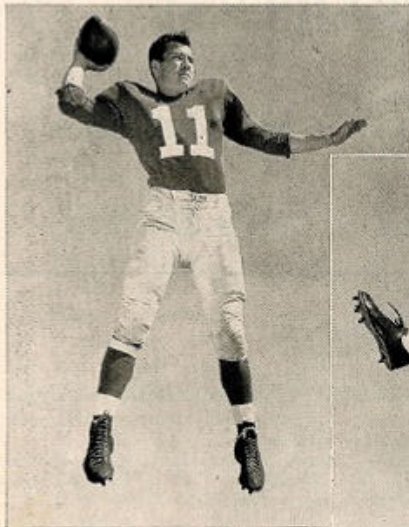
preparing against enemy defenses and offenses. The players wore red sleeveless jerseys complete with numbers on the front and back. The Packer offensive representing the Giants' offensive squad wore the same number as their enemies will wear. Same for the defense. Blackburn displayed a bit of worry after practice. "Looks like the boys are still thinking about that victory over the Eagles. They'll have to snap out of it." He said that he planned to give the newcomers a good workout against the Giants and revealed that quarterback Bart Starr will start in a backfield composed of Breezy Reid, Howie Ferguson and Carmichael. Billy Howton, who missed the Eagle game with an injury, now has been counted out of the New York test. He was running well in practice but is still hurting and Blackburn says he's taking no chances. Punting specialist Dick Deschaine will start in Howton's place at right end, playing opposite left end Gary Knafelc. Among other starters will be Bob Skoronski, the promising All-Star tackle, at offensive left tackle. He'll work in Len Szafaryn's spot, and Len may see some action as an offensive left guard. Another All-Star returnee, Forrest Gregg, will work at right offensive tackle. Tom Dahms, a regular offensive right tackle last year, will see some action on defense. Jack Losch, the Packers' No. 1 draft choice, was ticketed for plenty of action at left half, but came up with a pulled muscle Thursday and may have to sit out, barring a quick recovery. In the only paper business yesterday, the Packers recalled waivers on quarterback Lynn Beightol of Maryland and traded him to the Eagles for an undisclosed draft choice. Earlier in the week, fullback Gordon Duvall was sent to the Eagles for a choice. The Giants were due to arrive in town on the North Western at 12:40 this afternoon and take

up headquarters at the Northland Hotel. Coach Jim Lee Howell set a workout for this afternoon in the Bluejay baseball outfield - where they can practice their home run hitting. The Packers will bus down from Stevens Point Saturday, arriving at 12:30. They'll headquarter at the Northland and head back to camp at 10:30 Sunday morning.

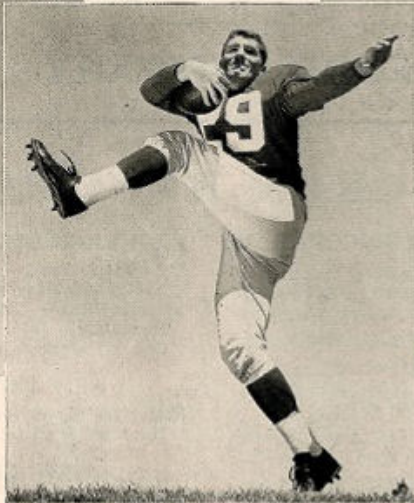
PACKERS PLAY GIANTS IN GRID EXHIBITION

AUG 24 (Green Bay) - The home folks will have their first peek at their Packer football heroes here Saturday night when Coach Liz Blackburn brings his team over from the training camp at Stevens Point 90 miles away for an exhibition with Jim Lee Howell's New York Giants. The kickoff is scheduled at 8 o'clock. Green Bay defeated Philadelphia, 27-6, in an impressive debut at Milwaukee a week ago, and the Giants, hailed as one of the strongest clubs in the Eastern Division, walloped the crippled Baltimore Colts, 28-10, in an even more impressive debut. Blackburn, who used 50 men in the romp over the Eagles, expected no such easy time Saturday. Howell will put on the field one of the strongest defensive lines in the league with tackles like Roosevelt Grier and Dick Modzelewski, ends like Jim Katcavage and Walt Yowarsky, and linebackers like Harland Svare and Bill Svoboda. Against them the Colts got 20 yards rushing. The hope, as it so often does in Green Bay's case, rested largely on the good passing arm of Tobin Rote, supported by his understudies Bart Starr and Paul Held, and the excellent receiving of ends Bill Howton and Gary Knafelc, and the halfbacks. The solid punch in the victory over the Colts suggested that Howell might have one of the best running attacks in the league this season. The offensive line with men like Dick Yelvington, Bob Schnelker, Ken MacAfee, Jack Stroud and Ray Wietecha looks as formidable as the defensive line. And such backs as Alex Webster, Mel Triplett, Kyle Rote and Frank Gifford have all

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proved their class in earlier campaigns. The Packers will be at full strength except for veteran end Nate Borden, who was called home to Jersey City by the death of his grandmother, who raised him.

UNBEATEN GIANTS, PACKERS VIE AT STADIUM TONIGHT

AUG 25 (Green Bay) - The Packers and Giants hope (1) to find out more about themselves and (2) continue their one-game winning streaks at City Stadium tonight. Proceedings will start at 8 o'clock and a crowd of close to 18,000 is expected for the non-championship struggle. The weather will

be perfect for football - cool and clear. Both teams are feeling good because they won their preseason starts last weekend, the Green Bays snuffing out the Philadelphia Eagles 27 to 6 and the New Yorks waxing the tough Baltimore Colts 28 to 10. Both victories were considered "perfect" in that Coach Jim Lee Howell of the Giants and Coach Liz Blackburn of our Packers had a chance to test numerous newcomers. One will be disappointed tonight but the point boys can't figure out the identity of the disappointee. Thus, the contest rates as a tossup, although the Packers will be without their ace pass catcher, Billy Howton, who will be tied to the bench with a knee injury. In addition, fullback Howie Ferguson may be slowed by a foot hurt. The Giants, with the exception of 275-pound tackle Rosey Grier, are in good condition. While a victory before the home folks would be real choice, Blackburn won't try to get it at the expense of "crippling our veterans." He added: "We've been jockeying platoons considerably and I want to see just where the best talent fits." Along this line, Blackburn announced that Bart Starr, the promising rookie quarterback, will start in a backfield composed of veterans Breezy Reid at left half, Al Carmichael at right half and Ferguson at fullback. Veteran quarterbacks Tobin Rote and Paul Held will be close at hand to give Starr a lift. The first big test for a trio of swift halfbacks will come tonight. Due for action besides veterans Joe Johnson and Fred Cone are Bill Roberts, Bobby Maddox and Dick Gregory. Jack Losch, the All Star halfback, may have to sit out due to a muscle pull. There will be three surprises in the starting offensive line. Bob Skoronski, fresh from the All Star camp and a short vacation, will be at left tackle and Forrest Gregg, another Star player who elected not to vacation, will be at right. Veteran tackle Len Szafaryn will move to left guard. Defensively, Hank Gremminger, the

cornerback who looked so good against the Eagles, will get a much stiffer test. So will newcomers Glenn Young and Max Burnett. The defense will be pretty much veteran and one chance will have Tom Dahms, an offensive tackle last year, working some with Dave Hanner and Jerry Helluin. The Giants will be making their first appearance here since 1949 when they trimmed the Pack 30-10 in a league game. The Bays have no survivors from that team; the Giants have one - quarterback Charley Conerly, who was a sophomore this year. Conerly isn't expected to start tonight under Howell's system of opening with his "new" quarterbacks, Don Heinrich and/or Bob Clatterback, while Conerly observes from the sidelines in the role of a coach. Along about the middle of the second period, Conerly advances for the purpose of creating a fuss. Giant quarterbacks have many excellent tool at their disposal - a fine offensive line, with Bob Schnelker and Ken MacAfee at the ends, to mention a few; and a backfiel with such switch-around performers as Kyle Rote, Frank Gifford, Alex Webster and Mel Triplett. Rote also plays end. The Giant defense presents quite a problem. It held Baltimore to 20 yards last Monday night and tamed Alan (The Horse) Ameche down to a soft whinny. The defense is based on a rugged 260-pound defensive line anchored by ends Walt Yowarsky, Andy Robustelli and Jim Katcavage. The coach and ringleader in the outfield is Emlen Tunnell, one of the league's real pros. A nine-year veteran, Tunnell missed the '49 game here. The Packers and Giants both will headquarter at the Northland Hotel tonight. The Bays will head back for the last week at their Stevens Point camp Sunday morning and the Giants will head west Sunday to keep a date with Los Angeles in Seattle next Saturday night. The Packers visit Cleveland a week from tonight.

GIANTS AFFORD STIFF TEST FOR PACKERS TONIGHT

AUG 25 (Green Bay) - The New York Giants, considered by many the best bet to snap Cleveland's domination in the NFL should be a more worthy opponent Saturday night to slug it out with the fast starting Packers. Coach Liz Blackbourn's club, running away in its pre-season opener against the not-so-hot Eagles last Saturday, will be out to show some 18,000 home folks what ticks after five weeks of drills. After Green Bay had clubbed Philadelphia, 27-6, New York kicked the daylight out of Baltimore, 28-10, Monday. Blackbourn was impressed with his defense after the Eagles game but wants to test his bulky 49-player squad against a sure-fired team. He is certain New York will give his recruits more than a workout. "I won't risk crippling our veterans to win." said the Packer coach. "We've been jockeying platoons considerably and I want to see just where the best talent fits. Mistakes will crop up but now is the time to experiment." Rookie quarterback Bart Starr from Alabama will start with a veteran backfield of Breezy Reid and Al Carmichael at halfbacks and Howie Ferguson at fullback. Ferguson has been nursing a bruised ankle and will be used only sparingly, Reid will spell him. Blackbourn is also anxious to see what gives with the Al-Star boys, tackle Bob Skoronski, guard Forrest Gregg and defensive back Jack Losch. "They lost much ground dickering whether to play or not and now have to show us what they can do," Blackbourn said. Skoronski and Gregg have been working out on offense, looking good so far. Losch may see little action against the Giants because of a pulled muscle. The Giants will start a veteran backfield of quarterback Don Heinrich, halfbacks Frank Gifford and Alex Webster and fullback Mel Triplett. Coach Jim Lee Howell will also toss quarterbacks Charlie Conerly and Bob Clatterback against the Packers. New York scarred the turf with offensive power last fall, but its main weakness was lack of crashing defensive ends. A remedy apparently has been found with the acquisition of Andy Robustelli from the Rams and Dick Modzelewski from the Steelers. The Giants arrived here Friday and worked out at the stadium. The Packers will get into town about 1 p.m. Saturday and leave Sunday morning for camp. The game will be broadcast over a 22 station network.

Unbeaten Giants, Packers Vie At Stadium Tonight

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DAVE HANNER
Defensive Tackle
GREEN BAY

WATCH OUT FOR "HAWG"

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Green Bay's Dave "Hawg" Hanner trims out at 250 pounds, and as a result Packer fans say the "Hawg" will root and growl his way to being top tackle in the NFL this season.

WISCONSIN sports fans are well known for the loyal and enthusiastic support they give their teams, and this is especially true of Green Bay Packer fans who follow the fortunes of their beloved Packers. Win or lose, "their boys" can do no wrong, and on the slightest provocation Packer followers will sing the praises of their Navy Blue, Green and Gold clad warriors. And of course this is the way it should be, for Green Bay is truly a "home town" team.

The latest word from Green Bay country indicates there is one particular Packer opposing team will have to watch this season, and the reference is to Dave "Hawg" Hanner, veteran tackle. Green Bay fans are saying that big Dave will be the top defensive lineman this year in the play-for-pay circuit. And, such reasoning should not be taken lightly.

In four previous years with the Packers, Hanner has been an outstanding tackle and he is known throughout the National Football League for his rugged aggressiveness and competitive spirit. As a result of his excellent record he played in the 1954 and 1955 Pro Bowl games.

Hanner won such recognition despite the fact that he has been handicapped by excessive weight at the start of each season. In fact, he soared up to 280 pounds before the start of last season, that's just too much ballast for Dave's 6'-2" frame.

But this year Packer fans figure it's going to be different! For the word is out that Dave has assured Green Bay Coach Lisle Blackbourn that the nickname "Hawg" means nothing as far as food is concerned. . . . Hanner is a former University of Arkansas Razorback, and that's the way folks down in

the Ozark Mountains pronounce "hog"!

Having won the "battle of the bulge," Hanner now tips the scales at a trim 250 pounds, and that is fighting weight for a defensive tackle in the NFL.

"Hanner has been a great player," Blackbourn commented. "But, we feel that with his weight trimmed down he will be even more active and have more sustaining power. We think he will be much better than ever before."

If Hanner lives up to his coach's expectation he will be something to behold, indeed. So, maybe Green Bay fans are justified in being high on the "Hawg."

All Green Bay Packer vs. Chicago Bears games are hard fought, and neither team asks nor gives any quarter once the battle starts. An incident that occurred during one of these games at Wrigley field in 1952 exemplifies Hanner's "rugged aggressiveness."

The Bears had the ball on their 25 yard line, and Bob Williams, who gained football fame at Notre Dame, went back to pass. Hanner bowled over two Bear linemen and took off after Williams like an Arkansas hound-dog in pursuit of a rabbit.

No Bear receivers were open, and Williams tried to run the ball, but with Hanner and several other Packers closing in he could go only one way . . . backwards.

After a zig-zagged chase Hanner caught up with Williams, and trapped him back on the Bears' 4 yard line . . . and then it happened! Instead of tackling the elusive Bear, Hanner picked him up and gave him a pressure squeeze that looked like a man playing an accordion. The "squeeze" was so vicious that Williams fumbled the ball, and was injured on the play. This injury kept Williams on the bench for practically the rest of the season.

Before joining the Green Bay Packers, Hanner played three years of varsity football for the University of Arkansas, winning a position on the All-Southwest Conference team two years and earning several different All-American mentions.

Dave Hanner was born in Parkin, Arkansas, May 30, 1930. He is married, and the father of one child. During the off-season, he is employed by a Green Bay business concern.

And now at 26 years of age, Dave is ready for his best year in football, providing he runs true to Razorback form. For, the older a "hawg" gets, the tougher and harder it is to handle!

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