

## Green Bay Packers (9-2) 12, Detroit Lions (6-5) 7 Sunday December 3rd 1939 (at Detroit)

# Packers Win Western Crown; Defeat Lions, 12 to 7

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

(DETROIT) - A surging battle, fought through mud and water under sodden skies here Sunday afternoon, carried the Packers into the sunshine of another Western division football championship, as they defeated the Lions of Detroit before a crowd of 30,699. The score was 12 to 7. In winning, the Packers did what was expected of them, but they accomplished the feat against a Detroit team which retreated stubbornly, forcing a fight for every inch of ground. Again Green Bay won on a rally. The Packers made every kind of a score they could, and made each of them once. They acquired a safety, field goal, a touchdown and an extra point, while holding the Lions to seven points. The safety came in the third period, when Johnny Pingel's end zone punt was blocked by tackle Baby Ray, the ball slithering out of the end zone for an automatic two-pointer.

The field goal was kicked by Tiny Engebretsen from the 25-yard line in the second period. And the touchdown came on a torpedo-like lunge from inside the Detroit 1-yard line by fullback Clarke Hinle, to which Engebretsen added the extra point. Slippery fingers on soggy football caused five Green Bay fumbles in the first half and chopped short every Packer touchdown march. The Lions, resisting bitterly, were in there to capitalize on the breaks, and the Bay eleven during the opening periods did not display the flash and drive that characterized their last half campaign. The Packers struck Detroit a jolting blow on the first play after the opening kickoff, when Arnold Herber and Carl Mulleneaux stuck together a 47-yard gain on a colossal forward pass, which set the ball on the Lions' 8-yard line, but they didn't score. Line punches by Eddie Jankowski and Andy Uram, who were to distinguish themselves later in the game, and a completed Herber to Don Hutson forward pass, failed to gobble up the necessary yardage, and on fourth down a wild pass from center went careening pas Jankowski and the scoring chance evaporated. The Lions chased the Packers back suddenly with a quick kick that caught the defense flat-footed, and the rest of the period was fought in Green Bay territory.

**CRAIG FUMBLES BALL**  
Late in the quarter Larry Craig fumbled the ball while trying to acquire a first down on a quarterback sneak, and Fred Vanzo on Detroit hooked it off before it touched the ground, being tackled on the Packer 24-yard line. The Lions wriggled in eight yards closer, and Phil Martinkovich blew a field goal attempt from the 24-yard stripe. Clarke Hinkle punted magnificently all afternoon, and on the last play of the first period put the Packers in line for points by delivering a towering boot which Hutson, running hard, downed on the Detroit 16-yard line. The ball promptly changed hands, as Dwight Sloan fumbled on the first play of the second period, tackle Ernie Smith recovering for Green Bay on the 16-yard stripe. The Packers gained precisely nothing in three downs, and on the fourth Engebretsen connected for his field goal. This made the score 3 to 0, in the Packers' favor.

### **COMMIT ANOTHER MISCUE**

The next time the Packers got possession of the ball Hinkle fumbled, Ray George and John Wiethe sharing the recovery on the Green Bay 29-yard line. The Lions struck hard and fast. Bill Shepherd ate up four yards in one plunge, a pass from Sloan

### *Detroit Gains On This Play, But Packers Win the Game*



Detroit gains on this play, but Packers win game, 12 to 7. After a slow start on a muddy field, Johnny Pingel, Detroit quarterback, made seven yards on this first-period off-tackle play, but Green Bay came from behind in the last

period to defeat the Lions, 12 to 7. Jim McDonald, Lions' back, is taking out Buford Ray ahead of Pingel. No. 30 is Clarke Hinkle of the Packers. Don Hutson, Green Bay end, is at extreme left.

to Jim McDonald was good for 10 more, and Sloan skirted right end from the 15-yard line behind beautiful blocking for the touchdown. Chuck Hanneman kicked the extra point, and the Lions went into a 7 to 3 lead. The Packers launches a counter-offensive that sent the Lions spinning back on their heels, but it was spoiled when Cecil Isbell fumbled, Howie Weiss recovering for Detroit on the Lions' 22-yard stripe. Late in the half a 32-yard sprint around end by Vanzo, and an 18-yard gain on a Pingle to McDonald forward pass, moved the ball into Packer territory, but the Lions didn't have time to score. They tried a 30-yard field goal on the last play, but Martinkovich's kick was wide, and the half ended 7 to 3.

#### **PUSH DEFENDERS BACK**

The second half was all Packers, as the invading champions swept the defenders back into their own lair, and kept them there. Hinkle's great punting, some dizzy running by Uram, accurate passing by Isbell and steady line-plunging by Jankowski was fortified by sterling Packer line play, which stopped the Lions every time they had a notion to go anywhere. Hinkle kept punting deep into Detroit country. One of them was downed by Bud Svendsen - one of the day's No. 1 heroes - on the Detroit 7-yard line, forcing the Lions to kick back under difficult circumstances. Another was downed by Baby Ray on the Lions' 6, after Ray hurdled Lloyd Cardwell to reach the ball. This latter event cost the Lions two points, for after two unsuccessful thrusts by Weiss, Pingel's end zone punt was blocked by Ray, sending the ball caroming out of the end zone for a safety. That made the score 7 to 5, still in Detroit's favor.

#### **KEPT BOTTLED UP**

Hinkle's next deadly kick skipped out of bounds on the Detroit 14-yard stripe, keeping the Lions well bottled up. The Lions tried to escape from the vise with a quick kick, but all they did was set up the final Packer score. Laws and Hinkle moved in, Halfback Joe reaching the Detroit 35 as the third period ended. Hinkle battered the line again for five yards, and Isbell threw an incomplete pass. Then came the poison play. Isbell ran to his right, turned and saw Hinkle in the clear, and let fire to the Packer fullback. Hinkle wasn't supposed to catch the ball on that play, but he gathered it in gratefully and got up steam for the goal line, finally being thrust out of bounds on the 6-yard line.

#### **DRIVES OVER GUARD**

Two pokes by Hinkle and one by Laws sucked in all but one inch of the distance, and Hinkle made up the slight difference with a powerful lunge over left guard. Engebretsen booted the extra point, and the score was 12 to 7. Detroit, rapidly losing steam, tried to fight back, but presently a forward pass by Sloan was intercepted by Hinkle, who was spilled on the Lions' 34-yard line. Shifty running by Uram and steady plunging by Hinkle moved the ball in to the 10-yard stripe, but here the attack fizzled, and Engebretsen tried for another field goal. This one, from the 19-yard line, he missed narrowly. The Lions couldn't get anywhere, and a punt by Sloan was moved back to the Detroit 48 by Uram. Then Shifty Andy showed the Lions a clean pair of heels with a brilliant set of short sprints through the line and around end, getting some invaluable supplementary aid from fullback Jankowski. The Packers used up the final minute of the game on a steady march toward the Lions' goal, and if they had had to put it over, they probably would have scored again. As it were they were on the Detroit 2-yard line when the game ended.

<b>GREEN BAY</b>	-	0	3	2	7	-	12
<b>DETROIT</b>	-	0	7	0	0	-	7

#### **SCORING**

2ND - GB - Tiny Engebretsen, 16-yard field goal GREEN BAY 3-0

2ND - DET - Dwight Sloan, 15-yard run (Chuck Hanneman kick) DETROIT 7-3

3RD - GB - Safety, punt blocked out of the end zone DETROIT 7-5

4TH - GB - Clarke Hinkle, 1-yard run (Engebretsen kick) GREEN BAY 12-7

# Tickets Are Evaporating for Packer-Giant Playoff Battle

#### **PACKER AND GIANT PLAYERS TO SPLIT 60% OF AN ESTIMATED \$80,000 GATE**

DEC 3 (Milwaukee Journal) - Players in next Sunday's pro league playoff between the Packers and Giants at State Fair park will split 60% of an estimated \$80,000 gate, after expenses are deducted. The winning team will receive 60% of the original 60% and the losing team 40%. Each club will receive 10% in addition, the league 10%, and each of the second place clubs, the Redskins in the east and the Bears in the west, 5%...To assure of a dry field, hay was spread over the gridiron at State Fair park Monday morning and will remain on until Sunday. Work also progressed on the construction of 5,000 additional

## Vote 33 Shares

In a special meeting this morning, players of the Green Bay Packers voted 33 shares of the money they will receive from Sunday's playoff game. Coach E. L. Lambeau was voted a full share, but declined to accept it, and the money will go back into the pool.

Thirty active players will receive one full share each. Assistant Coach Richard (Red) Smith and Lee Mullenau, who has been on the team's ineligible list, each will get one. Half shares were voted Trainer Dave Woodward and Property Manager Bud Jorgenson.

Packers Sunday. No, Horace, they didn't cheer for Green Bay. Until Sunday's game the Bears retained a chance to tie Green Bay for the western division title...Andy Uram probably turned in the best job of his pro career at left half. Despite the bad footing, he kept his feet very well even when he cut, and he cut sharply several times. In 11 plays, he picked up 56 yards. Laws added 18 in 5, Isbell 29 in 8, Hinkle 25 in 20, and Jankowski 10 in 10. Herber lost 10 yard on 2 plays. Vanzo, breaking away on a quick opening on the only play on which he carried the ball, hung up the longest run of the afternoon - 32 yards. Sloan got 23 in four plays, Shephard and MacDonald each 3 in 1, Weiss 40 in 14, and Pingel 20 in 8. Weiss, much improved since his college days, was one of the outstanding men on the field...You get an idea of how completely the Packers dominated the play in the second half after their ordinary first half by the way they controlled the ball. Of the 67 plays in the third and fourth quarters, the Packers had possession on 47. Of Detroit's 20, five were punts...VARIETY IN SCORING: The game was like a lesson in football scoring. In amassing the 12 points, the Packers scored once in every way possible - a point after touchdown, two points on a safety, three points on a field goal and six points on a touchdown...Nobody was hurt so Lambeau wore two smiles Sunday night. Incidentally, the team stayed over in Detroit until Monday morning but Lambeau took a midnight train for Milwaukee to help make final arrangements for the playoff.

### **KENOSHA WINS EASILY, 41-18**

DEC 3 (Kenosha) - The Kenosha Cardinals, American Pro league football team, closed their 1939 season Sunday with a 41 to 18 victory over the Marquette University all-stars. In 13 games the Cardinals won six and lost seven. Obbie Novakoski's touchdown runs of 41 and 46 yards featured the Cardinals' attack. Other Cardinal touchdowns were made by Rozzoni, who blocked a punt on the Stars' 33; Franke Gergel, who ran 60 yards with an intercepted pass; Hegeman, on a pass from Art Buck, and Biolo, who blocked a punt on the goal line. Dan Koster, former Marquette fullback, who captained the Cardinals, kicked four conversions. Johnny Maltsch's 12 passes gained 164 yards for the Stars. Two went to Reggie Coldagelli for touchdowns. Coldagelli scored the other on a short reverse.

### **TICKETS ARE EVAPORATING FOR PACKER-GIANT PLAYOFF BATTLE**

DEC 5 (Green Bay) - With an unprecedented rush for tickets in progress, the Green Bay Packers went back to work today for their last week of practice prior to the 1939 NFL championship playoff game, set for next Sunday at State fair park, Milwaukee. The swarm of ticket purchasers which descended upon both Green Bay and Milwaukee offices to gobble up every available seat in the higher price brackets indicated a certain sellout, which would mean a gross gate of approximately \$80,000, the largest in the history of the playoff series. The ticket demand to an extent shoved the Packer team itself into the background right with Coach E.L. (Curly) Lambeau, as his players have been pestered to death with playoff talk already. "The Packers are fit as a fiddle, and ready to strike for a fifth national championship," he said, and his opinion of the team's physical condition was echoed by Dr. W.W. Kelly, team physician...LETLOW SHAKEN UP: Russ Letlow, guard, was shaken up severely at Detroit Sunday, and several others have bumps and bruises, but Dr. Kelly believes all will be in playing condition. The men are in the finest shape they ever have been at this time of the year, as attested by the fact that

seats on the east side of the field, which will increase the capacity to slightly more than 31,000...PACKER PLAY SAFE: Once out in front, 12 to 7, the Packers played cagey ball, refusing to take any sort of chance in the muddy going. They shunned passing completely and used nothing but simple line plays. They even played it so safe - or maybe it was just a misunderstanding over what down it was - that midway through the fourth quarter they attempted a field goal from the 18 yard line on third down. Even Lambeau scratched his head over this, but at least it was safe...Your friend, George Halas of the Bears, his right hand bower, Luke Johnsos, and four of their hirelings, Joe Stydahar, George Musso, Sid Luckman and Masterson scouted the

### *Tuffy Leemans a Dangerous Man*



**TUFFY LEEEMANS**, who went from Allouez, Belgium suburb of Superior, Wis., to George Washington university, is probably the most dangerous running back who will be here Sunday with the New York Giants to play the Packers for the National Football league championship.

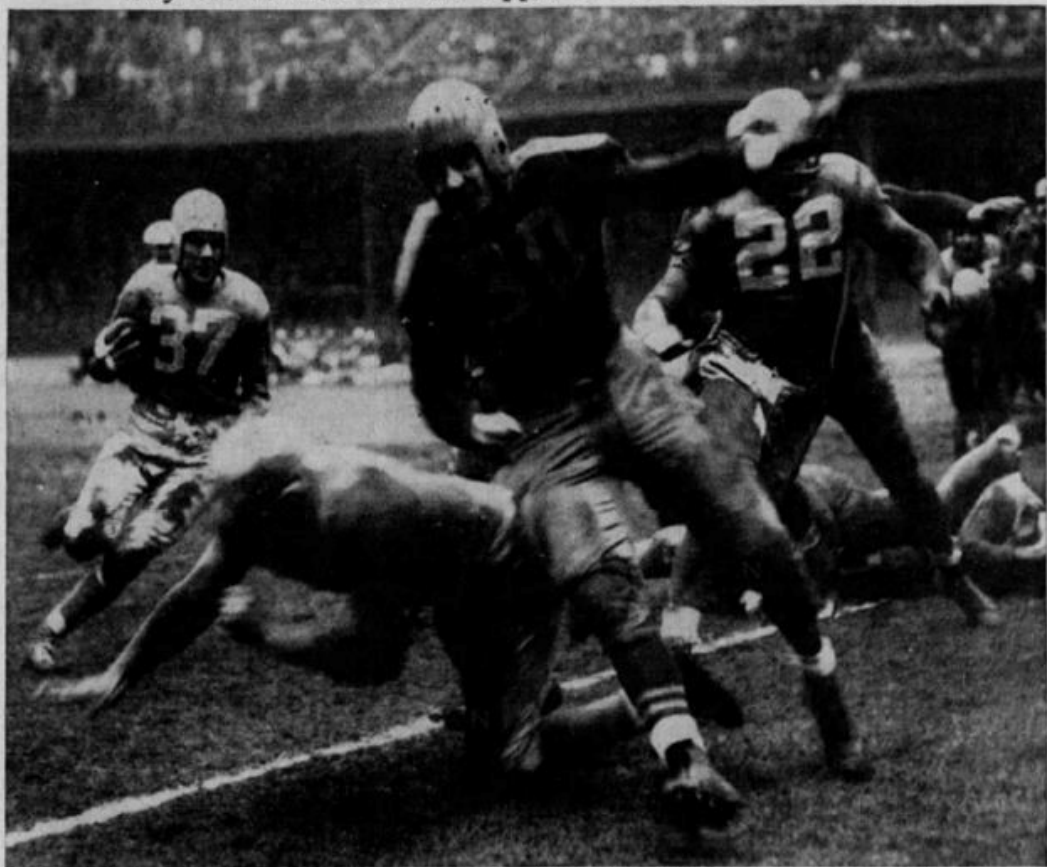
several were extremely durable in the Detroit game. Bud Svendsen and Buckets Goldenberg played all but a few minutes each, and Bill Lee, veteran tackle, lasted the entire route without relief. All were going strong when the game ended. The Packers are glad that the New York Giants defeated the Washington Redskins for the championship. For one thing, Green Bay already defeated Washington once this year, and it's hard to engineer twin victories over one club in the National league...WANT GIANTS AGAIN: Next, the Packers have been spoiling to get another crack at New York ever since the Giants whipped them twice in a row last season, the second time in the playoff game. The time of the Packers' departure for Milwaukee depends on the weather. Snow fell yesterday, but clear skies prevailed today. Reports from Milwaukee indicate that the temperatures were warming and the field dry, but the players will remain in Green Bay as long as they can conduct outdoor practice. The team will meet every morning for breakfast, and will hold indoor skull sessions thereafter. Outdoor workouts will be in the afternoon until the day of departure, probably Friday or Saturday. While in Milwaukee the team will headquarter at the Schroeder hotel...PLAN SPECIAL TRAIN: At least one special train will carry fans to Milwaukee. A Du Chateau Special will run on the North Western line, leaving here at 8:30 Saturday morning and arriving at Milwaukee at 11:30. The return trip will start at 7 o'clock, and will reach Green Bay at 10. State fair park is making the necessary changes to handle the big influx for the game. More than 100 additional sportswriters must be accommodated in the covered press

coop, and 100 additional telegraph wires leading out of Milwaukee must be installed to take care of metropolitan services...HOTELS TO BE CROWDED: Milwaukee hotels will be jammed to capacity. In addition to the vast number of football fans and sportswriters, the National league draft, scheduled for Saturday, will bring in additional men. The Packer ticket office was bombarded with requests all day yesterday, and all higher price seats are sold. All that were left here this morning - and E.A. Spachmann, sales director, emphasized that the picture would be very different by late this afternoon - were \$1.65 and \$1.10 seats in the sections at the ends of the west stands, near the goal posts, and in the bleachers behind the north and south goal posts.

**WISCONSIN HAS ITS OWN GOLD RUSH**

DEC 5 (Milwaukee) - California had its frenzied gold rush of '49. Georgia experienced the devastating march of General Sherman's army, and Wisconsin - well, Wisconsin is getting ready for pro football's grand finale - the championship game between the home-owned Green Bay Packers and the New York Giants. Neither love, money nor your Uncle Willie's influence could get you a pair of decent seats for the title game next Sunday at State fair park. There will be room for approximately 31,500 fans at the game, but Milwaukee and Green Bay couldn't begin to take care of the demand fast enough...FEW TICKETS LEFT: Approximately 14,000 tickets were put on sale at two Milwaukee newspaper offices yesterday and all that remained today were a few \$1.10 and \$1.65 tickets which will permit holders barely to squeeze into the stadium. Best seats sold at \$4.40 and \$3.30 and wild-eyed football fans swarmed the newspaper office and gobbled them up speedily. Packer officials at Green Bay were reported to have parted with close to 10,000 tickets already. There was little doubt that the game would be a sellout, whether or not the weather is favorable. William Abbot, the pro league's representative, described Monday's sale as "tremendous". He said that the tickets were distributed so swiftly it was impossible to estimate accurately just how many remained. He said Tim Mara, owner of the New York Giants, pleaded for 100 \$4.40 and 200 \$3.30 tickets, but he didn't know whether Mara was able to get them...PULL ALL STRINGS: Meanwhile,

Why the Lions Held the Upper Hand for Half the Game



Teamwork like that shown above spelled success for the Lions in the first half of their game with the Green Bay Packers Sunday; lack of it brought about their downfall in the last two periods. The play shows Johnny Pingel (37), Michigan State's

All-America, ripping off tackle for a good gain in the first period as Howie Weiss takes out Clarke Hinkle (30) with a smashing block and Fred Vanzo (22) sweeps through as interference against the Green Bay secondary.

the man on the street pulled more strings than the guys who used to run Tony Sarg's marionette show in order to worm "a pair of \$4.40's." Sportswriters, badgered personally and over the telephone, sought fan-proof shelters. Telephone jangled incessantly. Politicians buttonholed political reporters and invariably the conversation: "Can you get me?...""Friends," whose faces hadn't been seen in years, reappeared blandly announced "Remember me?" and plunged into a fervent plea for tickets. Even Gov. Julius P. Heil phoned. The conversation went something like this: "This is the governor." "Oh, yeah?" "The governor..." "Listen, don't kid me! I'm pestered to death. Who in hell are you?"...HE WASN'T KIDDING: "I'm not kidding you. This is Gov. Heil. I want to get six seats..." One newspaper announced: "The tickets are on sale (that is, were on sale) for cash. No reservations. Nobody in this organization can do anything for anybody. The sale is in the hands of the Green Bay Packers organization and the NFL." "Can you get me..."

### One Inch Short of \$50,000 Touchdown—Then Packers Put It Over



**T**RAILING, 7-5, with Sunday's game at Detroit in the fourth quarter, the Green Bay Packers thrust again and again into the Lions' territory. Finally they drove to the five yard line. The picture shows Joe Laws, with his elbow over the goal but the ball, according to the referee, still an inch short of a touchdown which meant about \$50,000 to the Packers. On the next play, Clark Hinkle crashed over standing up, and the kick made it 12-7. —Journal Staff Photo

#### **BUSINESSMEN DROP ARGUMENT ON GAME**

DEC 5 (Green Bay) - Resentment over holding the Green Bay Packers-New York Giants NFL championship game in Milwaukee next Sunday has waned considerably among members of the North Side Businessmen's Association, it was announced today by President Art Le Comte. The matter was discussed at some length during a meeting of the association at the North Side Community club last night. "Most of us are feeling a lot better about the situation now," Le Comte declared. No vote, either of endorsement or opposition of the action by the Green Bay Packers, Inc., was taken.

#### **LAGUARDIA ATTENDS**

DEC 5 (Green Bay) - Leland H. Joannes, president of the Green Bay Packers, Inc., received a frantic call from Tim Mara, owner of the New York Giants, for tickets to Sunday's playoff game. "Mara wanted 350 tickets," Joannes said, "for fans who are coming from New York in two special trains. The party will include Fiorello La Guardia, mayor of New York." Mara hasn't received the tickets, Joannes said.

#### **STORCK THREATENS TO END JUSTICE'S GRIDIRON CAREER**

DEC 5 (Dayton) - President Carl Storck of the NFL said today that Ed Justice, halfback of the Washington Redskins, would be banned from the professional league for life and fined \$500 if, as unofficial reports say, he struck referee Bill Halloran during the game with the New York Giants last Sunday. Halloran ruled against a last-minute field goal attempt made by the Redskins, which if successful would have given Washington the game, 10-9. In the ensuing melee, several players crowded around Halloran and, it was alleged, Justice struck him. If Justice only "attempted" to hit Halloran, he will be suspended for one year and fined \$500, Storck said.

#### **HERE IS LARGEST WHOPPER OF GRID YEAR IN NEW YORK**

DEC 5 (New York) - Stout Steve Owen, who coaches the New York Giants of the NFL, told the biggest whopper of the entire 1939 season yesterday. It was at the Metropolitan football writers' luncheon, and Toastmaster Allison Danzig had just asked Steve whether he thought the field goal try by Beau Russell of the Washington Redskins in the last 45 seconds of Sunday's pro game was good or wide...BREAK INTO LAUGHTER: "As a matter of fact," said Owen, "I wasn't even watching when the kick was made. I was talking," and his face still was deadpan as ever, "to a man sitting behind me." There was a second of shocked silence, and then the place broke into an uproar of laughter. "Seriously, though," Owen resumed, "I was in no position to judge. We won, 9-7, because the kick failed. But if referee Bill Halloran had called it good, there'd have been no squawk from me. He's always called 'em as he saw them."...GIANTS GET CARELESS: Stout Steve said he thought his Giants would have won the game, the Eastern division title and the right to meet Green Bay for the league championship far more easily if they hadn't become careless in the second half. "The kick Feets Barnum had blocked was his own fault," the coach explained, "because Barnum edged forward at least a step and a half when the ball was snapped. Then Halloran warned our boys they weren't coming to a full stop on their shift, and they changed the count.

Instead of going on a four-count they were supposed to go on 6. But only half of them remembered. The others still ran on the old system. That cost us three penalties for a back in motion inside the Washington 10-yard line."

### LEEMANS IN SHAPE FOR GAME AGAINST PACKERS

DEC 5 (New York) - The New York Giants resumed work today at the Polo Grounds preparing for the final playoff game with the Green Bay Packers in Milwaukee next Sunday. The National league champions came through the bruising struggle with the Redskins in fairly good condition. Tuffy Leemans' leg was bumped again, but Dr. Francis Sweeney, team physician, does not think it is as bad off as a week ago and predicts that Tuffy will be in shape for the Packer test...TWO ARE BRUISED: Leland Shaffer, blocking back, and Jim Poole, stellar end, both were pretty well bruised and battered but received nothing that will prevent them from being available for full time duty. The entire squad attended a breakfast yesterday morning, as guests of the Hotel Whitehall, where most of the players are quartered. This was in the nature of a farewell sendoff, for the players will settle down to the most serious task of the season in the remaining practice sessions before departing for the site of the titular struggle with the western champions...FIFTH PLAYOFF TEST: The playoff test will be the fifth in seven years for the Giants and the New York squad knows the big handicap it faces in trying to retain the crown it won a year ago from the same opponents. No team ever has successfully defended the Ed Thorp Memorial trophy since the league was split into sections. Plans will be formulated today for the trip to Milwaukee but a good deal will depend upon weather conditions here and in the west. If practice conditions are not good in the west, the Giants plan to remain here until the last minute before departing for the scene of the title playoff.

**PACKER-GIANT TICKETS GO ON SALE; THEN SWISH, THEY'RE GONE**

DEC 5 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - Everybody and his brother have moved into Milwaukee for the Green Bay-New York world championship football game at State Fair park Sunday afternoon, and grid addicts from the city, state and surrounding provinces were encamped outside the Milwaukee Sentinel Monday from the wee hours on. While Mr. and Mrs. Milwaukee jabbed and elbowed their way through the milling mobs like bingo fans en route to their favorite pastime, others - lucky ones - passed along the crowd announcing, "They're all sold out." Yes, in less than an hour the first allotment of over 3,000 ducats had been eagerly snatched up. No more tickets until Tuesday morning was the word at the Sentinel's service counter. Orders pouring. Just a sample "I want 104 of those 4.40 tickets...Save me 20 three-thirties...Remember me from Wautoma...I helped you in a storm years ago...Can you get me a dozen 3.30's and one 2.20? Is McGlynn in? No, he's gone to Reedsburg to speak at a football banquet...Don't give me that line...Honest!...All right, can you save me 50 four-forties? Buy 'em Tuesday morning - early." Telegrams from Oshkosh, Fond du Lac, Madison, Beloit, Janesville, Kenosha, Racine and points east, north, south and west, all the same. "Reserve (two to 200) for Packer-Giant game Sunday." Never in all Milwaukee football history has there been such a stampede for tickets to any contest. It's the world series of the grid world and just proves that when offered something topnotch, the Milwaukee sporting public is just as all right as any other city's populace. Packer officials in Green Bay have already parted with close to 10,000 pasteboards and as many have been snatched up locally. The State Fair park bowl's seating capacity is being enlarged by 5,000 and all indications point to a complete sellout - insuring a crowd of 30,000. For anxious fans, more tickets will go on sale at the Milwaukee Sentinel's public service counter Tuesday morning. First come, first served. There will be reservations. Prices are \$1.10, \$2.20, \$3.30 and \$4.40. And no "inside" - every man for himself.

### PACKER NOTES

DEC 5 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - All too often we hear this crack: "Milwaukee is a rotten sports town and won't support a first class event." Next Sunday's national pro championship playoff at State Fair park between Green Bay's Packers and New York's Giants gives the lie to the old charge. After the terrific rush for tickets there is only one logical answer. Milwaukee fans are too intelligent to sail for any of the so-and-so stuff that attracts yokels in droves in the supposed centers of sophistication like New York and Chicago. But give them (Milwaukee fans) something really worthwhile - football,



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baseball, boxing or whatever activity is involved - and they'll go for it in a big way. Another thing about a gilt edged attraction: The old gripe about price is conspicuous by its absence. "How do they get that way, boosting the prices to \$4.40 top?" was a typical moan when the playoff was provisionally announced for Milwaukee. But there was none of that Sunday night and Monday, when the tune changed to "I don't care about the price; just get me some tickets." Come to think of it, weren't there a lot of growls early in the 1938 season about ticket prices at Wisconsin's stadium, Camp Randall, where many of the seats are behind the goal lines? Then along came the windup game, in which the Badgers made their ill-fated bid for the Big Ten championship. No one seemed to mind paying the full rate even for the privilege of leaning against the fieldhouse many yards away from the actual playing field. And to think that snow may be sweeping over a sellout crowd at fair park next Sunday!

**PACKER NOTES**

DEC 5 (Milwaukee Sentinel-Stoney McGlynn) - "Well, we've waited a year for them and now we've got them." That was the first sentence uttered by the tired by still full of battle Packers Sunday afternoon outside Briggs stadium in Detroit as they sat in the bus that was to take them back to the hotel. No immediate cheers over the 12 to 7 triumph over the Lions that cinched the Western half title in the NFL; no mention of standout plays in that game. The Packers set their 1939 goal when they were "jobbed" - at least to the man they claim they were jobbed - out of the title in the championship game a year ago. And now the Green Bay Packers, from the greatest little football city in the land, meet the Giants from the biggest city in the land here in Milwaukee next Sunday. What a natural! Without question is is the biggest sporting event that has ever befallen our fair city. It is the football classic of the year - and don't think Milwaukee fans aren't aware of the fact. For instance, line blocks long lined up when the tickets were placed on sale here Monday morning. Because of the uncertainty of the playoffs and the possibility of a playoff in either division, the printing of the ticket had to be held up until after the outcome of Sunday's two games and only a portion of the 31,000 tickets that will be sold before Friday were put on sale. But the Sentinel Public Service Bureau alone disposed of thousands of tickets in less than an hour and a half. After that there just wasn't anymore - for the time being...TREAT FOR FANS: Wisconsin fans (and the Packer Corp. is going to see that loyal hometown folk are taken care of in the right fashion as they should be) will see what I believe is sure to become one of the great struggles of gridiron history. Great players, smartly coached and primed to the peak will be cavorting on

**Lumberjack Band Entertains at Packer Games**



This is the Green Bay Packer Lumberjack band which has been entertaining fans all season, its first as a part of the Packer organization. In the front row, from left to right, are Walter Remick, James Collard, Franklin Le Roy. Second row: Wilner Burke, Norbert Ecker, Russell Walters, Joseph Hartinger, Gordon Beseau, Bill Johnson. Third row: Tony Vandenberg, Ray Du Puis, James Aerts, Howard Sheldon, Bernard Paulson, Carl Sturdevant. Fourth row: Leo Klämert, Elmer Kapp, Quinten Willems, Merrill Guerin. Fifth row: Wendell Shaw, Donald Barber, Robert Le Claire, Clifford Ahasey, Eugene Stiller.

State Fair park gridiron before the greatest throng ever to see a sports spectacle in Milwaukee. The Packers made no bones about this revenge business. It is the game they have been wanting for a year. It is the game that they eyed through the regular season completed Sunday. It is the game that will give them a chance to prove before their home state fans that last year's title defeat in New York was something that they couldn't overcome, but that this year it will be different. I'm firmly convinced that Coach Curly Lambeau's problem will not be to key his players. It will be a problem of holding them in leash this week, keeping their feet on the ground and drilling on the sound principles of the sport. The keying will take care of itself. Although they weren't a great club Sunday in Detroit the Packers proved they have the first great requisite of a championship eleven. They have poise. Poise! Only a five letter word, but it includes everything in the makeup of a champion...HINKLE AT BEST: The Packer Sunday weren't clicking as they have clicked. This was especially so in the

first half. But they kept their feet on the ground, played the poor stuff out of their system without getting panicky and then in the second half overcoming their own faults and a mighty Detroit club that was playing one of its best games to annex the laurels. More baseball teams than one have started pressing under like conditions. Even more football teams have done likewise, but not the Bays. They hung in there with no hint of panic and they won. Clarke Hinkle's punting was a thing of joy and beauty. It was the balance wheel. The old warhorse chose Sunday to put out his greatest game of the year. His punting held the Bays in there when they had to be held; it held the Lions back in their own backyard when they had to be held and it provided the chance for the safety and put the Bays in position for their game winning touchdown drive. "And that game isn't anything to what I'm going to put out Sunday," said the old campaigner in the hotel after the game. "I really feel that I'm ready to go. And, boy, do I welcome the chance to meet up with the Giants again. You'll see something." And Milt



Gantenbein? Well, Milt may be a veteran, but if any college sophomore ever showed more disappointment in not starting a game than Milt did Sunday in Detroit I've never heard of him. Milt had his sweat shirt off ready to go - and Milleneaux got the call. Close friends said Milt actually had tears in his eyes. After the game he all but begged Line Coach Red Smith to start him next week. Football pros money mad? Hell no, they're football mad. And madder at the Giants than anything else.

**POTSY CLARK OF DODGERS PICKS GIANTS TO WIN TITLE**

DEC 5 (New York) - George (Potsy) Clark, former coach of the Brooklyn Dodgers in the Professional Football league, Monday analyzed the powers of the Packers and the Giants and picked the New Yorkers to win the playoff battle in Milwaukee Sunday. The Dodgers, under Clark, played both the Packers and Giants this year. "Because I consider Don



Hutson the Ty Cobb of football," he told the Football Writers' Association Monday, "I would rate the Packers better at the ends. He is a remarkable player, that Hutson, and you need two men at all times to cover him when he goes down for passes. He is a jackrabbit. Once he catches them he can go 60 yards as well as 10. When he's covered they'll throw to Gantenbein or Mulleneaux, a fast end. I rate the Giants stronger at the tackles, at the guards and at center, of course. In the backfield I don't think Cecil Isbell is the equal of Tuffy Leemans, but he is outstanding. So is Andy Uram. With Arnie Herber and Isbell as the passers, the Packers have the edge in passing, the Giants in rushing and punting. Taken together, the Giants have the better backfield. This playoff may be a goal kicking contest between Cuff, Barnum and Strong on one side against Engebretsen. This figures to be even. Engebretsen is a great goal kicker. There is none better. The Giants have the greatest charging line I've ever seen," Clark said. "They have two excellent lines. Green Bay hasn't. Lee, Engebretsen, Zarnas and Goldenberg, in the middle of the Packer line, are seven years old (meaning they've been that long in the league). Smith, who was 23 when he was graduated from college, belongs with them. They are not aggressive. If Hinkle, a great football player, can wake up, he'll be plenty dangerous. Laws is also a great player. Bruder is through, although he can still give you a defensive game." If the weather is cold or wet, Potsy said, the Giants will have an advantage because they are opportunists, and always on the alert to grab or make the breaks.

### **30,000 SEATS PRACTICALLY SOLD OUT IN ONE DAY FOR PACKER GAME**

DEC 5 (Milwaukee Journal) - Two thousand additional seats for Sunday's pro league championship at State Fair

park, received by the Packer ticket office in the lobby of the Journal building Tuesday morning, sold like hot cakes again. The tickets were priced at \$1.10 and \$1.65. Twenty-four hours after the first tickets went on sale Monday noon in Milwaukee and Green Bay somewhere around 30,000 had been sold, with prospects that the capacity of 31,000 would be completely sold by Wednesday. More than 15,000 tickets were sold in Milwaukee alone. The game will start at 1:30 o'clock...It will be more than a football game for Ward Cuff of the Giants Sunday. It will be a happy homecoming in which he will see his 2 month old daughter, his second child, for the first time. She was born early in September...GIANTS SOLE REPEATERS:

## A Switchboard Ticket Tangle



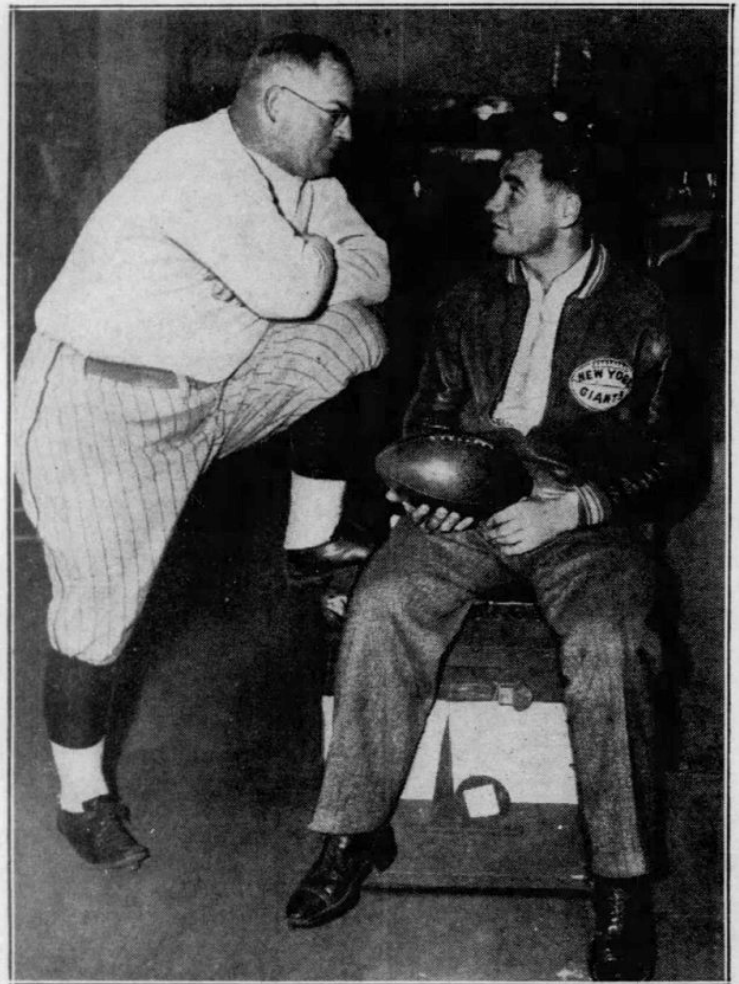
**T**HE telephone switchboard at The Journal looked like this most of Monday, with a full force of girls trying to keep up with the calls for tickets to Sunday's Packer-Giant pro football play-off here.

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**WATCH HUTSON! KEYNOTE OF GIANTS; LAST PRACTICE**

DEC 5 (New York) - "Watch Hutson!" That was the shout of the coaches of the New York Giants as they completed practice here Wednesday morning for the championship playoff in Milwaukee Sunday. The Giants will leave here Thursday. They will work out Friday and Saturday in Milwaukee. A warning to members of the squad was posted Tuesday in the Polo Grounds' dressing room by Coaches Steve Owen and Bo Molenda. "Watch Hutson" was all it said, but those two words were sufficient. The Giants knew that if they were to be the first team to win two consecutive league titles since the league was broken into two division they'd have to keep this rangy speed boy under thumb from start to finish. The Giants masterminds fear pass snatching Don more than any other man on the Green Bay team and they started working to devise a defense that would keep him bottled up. "Hutson can really haul those passes down," sighed Bo. "And he knows what to do once he gets his hands on the ball. I think he'd make a wonderful halfback. He's as shifty as any man in the league. We'll have to cover him better than we did those Redskin receivers Sunday." In five years of service with the Packers the former Alabaman has scored 238 points for an average of 47 a season. This year he has carried passes for six touchdowns. Molenda, a former Packer fullback, dusted off all his old Green Bay plays. Recalling formations that had not see the light of day since the playoff a year ago, he fed Packer maneuvers to every man on the squad in a long dummy scrimmage. The one thing that caught the eye immediately



**All Set. ↑**

Tuffy Leemans, slightly crippled from Sunday Redskin hurts, didn't work out with Giants yesterday but will be ready Sunday. With him is Coach Owen, in baseball pants.

**Ouch!** It hurts. Giant back Hank Soar is massaged by Trainer Porter. He plays against Packers Sunday.

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was that the Giants were checking Green Bay plays right from the start and seemed far more advanced defensively than they had been at the same time last week against Redskin plays. "Last week I changed our defense for Washington," Owen said, "and I didn't seem able to convince the boys that I knew what I was talking about. But we stopped every Redskin pass that we practiced against, and now they really know their assignments." After watching the zip and spirit of the team as it worked out, one can be certain that Cecil Isbell and Arnold Herber are in for an uncomfortable afternoon when they try to pass. "You've got to rack them up from the very first play," bellowed Owen. "They'll be racked," promised Orville Tuttle, spokesman for the squad. Hutson will be covered as never before. The Giants will make the usual gamble that his talents demand of every club in the league by putting two men on him. Whenever a pseudo-Hutson plucked the ball out of the air in the scrimmage, Owens would shout: "Hutson would have had a touch on that one." But the New Yorkers were like hawks in their defensive alertness. They seemed able to sense almost every pass. When it was mentioned that the Maramen knew the Packer plays pretty well, Owen ginned and responded: "That's nothing. Unless they've changed them recently we still know their signals. We used to, anyway." Tuffy Leemans, star running back was in civilian clothes but followed every play, even though he still hobbled a bit. The chances are that he will not practice again, but he certainly will play. More doubtful is Leland Shuffer, who has a badly bruised hip. Leemans is the only Giants born in Wisconsin, but Ward Cuff now lives in Milwaukee. Cuff is eager to get home for his first look at a 5 week old daughter. Leemans' wounded leg, a question mark before the fall of the Redskins, again assumes momentous proportions. Unless Leemans is able to produce one of his four star performances, caroming and bouncing through the Packer line, the prospects of a successful title defense will be gloomy, indeed. "This is one game that won't be salted down with a couple of field goals," big Bo said. "They're going to score, and we're going to need touchdowns to win. It is essential that our backfield be at full strength." Leemans insists he'll be physically fit and ready to do full time duty by Sunday, even though he looked like a potential cripple in the fourth period of the Washington game. Then spectators were treated to the strange sight of Leemans asking to be removed from the game. "It wasn't as bad as it looked," Leemans reported. "The bandage just came off my leg, and I didn't want to run the risk of being kicked on an open sore. As it was, somebody already had given me the heel higher up the same leg. One of those Redskins loosened up a couple of my teeth," he revealed. "It was some sock, because my teeth are plenty solid."

PASSING	
League Efficiency—	951 in 2,238 for 42.4%.
Old mark of	824 in 2,030 for 40.6% in 1938
Most Completions Season—	127 Cleveland
Old mark, 114,	made by Washington and Cardinals in 1938.
Most Completions, Game—	21. Detroit and Philadelphia vs. Bears
Old mark, 18,	Pittsburgh vs. Bears in 1936.
Best Efficiency—	117 in 301, by Washington, for 38.2%
Old mark of 91 in 186 for	48.9% by New York in 1938
Best Efficiency for 250 or More Thrown—	127 in 353 for 35.1% by Cleveland
Old mark of 108 in 255 for	42.3% by Green Bay in 1936.
YARDAGE	
Most Yards, Passing—	1,965 yards, Bears.
Old mark of 1,629	by Green Bay in 1936
Most Total Yards—	3,988 Bears.
Old mark for 11 games,	3,301, by Green Bay in 1937
For 12 games,	3,701, by Green Bay in 1936.
For 13 games,	3,750, by Bears in 1934.
POINTS	
League Total (10 Games)—	1,602 points.
Old mark, 1,484	in 1938
Team Total—	398 points, Bears.
Old mark for 11 games,	223, by Green Bay in 1938.
For 13 games,	286, by Bears in 1934.
FIELD GOALS	
League Total—	55
Old mark 48	in 1936.
Team Total, Season '37	New York, Old mark, 10, by Green Bay in 1936
Team Total, Game—	4, Detroit vs. New York tying record.
Old mark made in	Cardinals Columbus game, 1925

# Packer Directors Express Approval of Playoff Site

## PACKER DIRECTORS EXPRESS APPROVAL OF PLAYOFF SITE

DEC 6 (Green Bay) - Action of the Green Bay Packer executive board in selecting Milwaukee as the site for the 1939 NFL playoff was approved unanimously by directors of the corporation as they met at the Beaumont hotel yesterday. The following statement was issued: "A meeting of the board of directors of Green Bay Packers, Inc., was held yesterday and the action of the executive committee in selecting Milwaukee as site of the championship game to be played next Sunday was approved. It was pointed out by the committee that while the decision to play the game in Milwaukee was reached reluctantly, it nevertheless felt that under the circumstances no other conclusion would have been satisfactory...PLAYERS GET MONEY: "The fact that this is the players' game, involving both Eastern and Western men, as well as those finished second in each division, was of primary consideration. Pressure to select either Washington or New York was evident. The rules provided, however, that the game this year must be played in the West, and the Green Bay management insisted upon adherence to this provision. It was demanded, however, that the location selected in the Western territory be one that would provide accommodations to the greatest possible number of spectators. Milwaukee is, under the provisions of the league, included in the Green Bay franchise territory, and at a meeting of the clubs interested, which was held at Pittsburgh, was

approved by all concerned...SITUATION GONE OVER: "A careful analysis of the situation demonstrated that the amount of money which would accrue to the players by selecting Milwaukee was greater by several thousand dollars than would have been the case had Green Bay been the choice. After a tough season, the team finally has won the Western division championship, losing only two games during the entire season, and it appeared only just and right that they receive as much compensation as possible for their efforts. At no time was the executive committee unmindful of the claim of the loyal Green Bay fans to enjoy the opportunity to attend the game at home, but they felt that under the conditions existing, these fans would be willing to forego this privilege in the interests of these boys who have so loyally and effectively upheld the honor and reputation of our city."

**TICKETS FOR PLAYOFF CONTEST ARE NEARING VANISHING POINT**

DEC 6 (Green Bay) - Getting a beautiful break from the weather, and more than a little excited about the whole thing, the Green Bay Packers drove through an intensive workout today in preparation for their playoff game with the New York Giants at Milwaukee Sunday. Coach E.L. (Curly) Lambeau, in saying that there was little news regarding the condition of the Packers, indicated that no news is good news. The team is in the finest physical condition of any season, everyone will be available for service, and the entire team is determined to defeat the Giants and bring Green Bay its fifth league championship...HOLD MEALS TOGETHER: Every morning the squad assembles for breakfast, and it has lunch en masse every noon. To a man, the Packers appear ready to avenge those two consecutive

defeats they suffered from New York last year, and they're anxious, too, to dip into that sizeable playoff pool. The rapidity with which tickets are fading to the vanishing point indicates that the gross gate will be the largest in the history of the playoff series. Some 2,000 seats remained unsold here today, and that was on a noontime basis, as E.A. Spachmann, director of sales, expected that less than 1,000 would be left by tonight. The only tickets left are those costing \$1.65

and \$1.10...FEW TICKETS

REMAIN: In Milwaukee, only a few \$1.10 seats remain, which gives clear evidence that rain or shine, the game will be a sellout. Lambeau has not yet decided when his team will move into Milwaukee, but he expects the time will be Saturday. The official draft meeting of the National league starts at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, and several Packer officials will be on hand for that occasion. The only special train

Final 1939 Team Statistics:							
Western Division							
	*G	YG	OY	FP	PC	PS	OP
Green Bay	11	3445	2770	245	191	233	153
Bears	11	3988	2604	221	89	298	157
Detroit	11	2905	2603	227	91	145	159
Cleveland	11	2683	2757	253	127	195	164
Cardinals	11	2027	2998	247	85	84	254
Eastern Division							
	*G	YG	OY	FP	PC	PS	OP
New York	11	2257	2482	177	75	168	85
Washington	11	3490	2116	201	117	242	94
Brooklyn	11	2347	3113	176	77	108	219
Philad'phia	11	2137	2954	267	119	105	200
Pittsburgh	11	2236	3100	221	70	114	216

**Green Bay**—Allen Moore, Frank Balazs, Henry Bruder, Larry Craig, Milt Gantenbein, Tom Greenfield, Clarke Hinkle, Cecil Isbell, Paul Kell, Carl Mulleniaux, Charles Schultz, Pete Tinsley, Richard Weisgerber, Jimmy Lawrence, Harry Jacunski, Larry Buhler, Charles Brock, Paul Engbretsen, C. R. Goldenberg, Arnold Herber, Don Hutson, Ed Jankowski, Joe Laws, Russ Letlow, Buford Ray, Earl Svendsen, Andy Uram, Ernie Smith, Gus Zarnas and Bill Lee.

**New York** — H. Alton Owen, Leonard Barnum, Pete Cole, Ward cuff, John Dell Isola, Charles Gelatka, Larry Johnson, Alphonse (Tuffy) Leemans, John Mellus, Owen Parry, Elvin Richards, Henry Soar, Orville Tuttle, Arthur White, Harry Kline, Eddie Miller, Dale Burnett, Francis Cope, Ed Danowski, Nello Falaschi, Mel Hein, John Karcis, Kenneth Lunday, Doug Oldershaw, James Poole, Leland Shaffer, Ken Strong, Bill Walls, Edwin Widseth and Jim Lee Howell.

which has been announced thus far is the Du Chateau Special on the North Western road, which leaves here at 8:30 Sunday morning. Tickets are available at Du Chateau's, the Packer ticket office and the North Western station.

**NAME HALLORAN GAME REFEREE**

DEC 6 (Milwaukee) - Wisconsin football fans will get their first look at two native sons in professional toggs when the New York Giants take the field against the Green Bay Packers in the National league playoff here Sunday. While

spectators in this "second home" of the Packers hardly can be expected to cheer as loudly for Ward Cuff and Alphonse (Tuffy) Leemans, backfield ace of the Giants, as for the Packer stars, they're glad to see these Wisconsin athletes making a name for themselves...PLAYED AT MARQUETTE: Cuff is a Milwaukeean who won fame as a fullback for Marquette university a few years ago. He and Ken Strong are known as the great "field goal twins". Leemans, whose home is at Superior, played at Georgetown university, so comparatively few of Wisconsin's pro football addicts have seen him in action. They're really added attractions, however, because the main reason for the sellout crowd now virtually assured can be summed up in the Packer hope for revenge for two defeats they suffered in New York last season, especially the 23-17 setback in the playoff...SELL MANY TICKETS: Interest in the game remained at high pitch here and ticket sales continued brisk. More than 20,000 have been sold in Milwaukee alone. Workmen are adding seats at State Fair park to bring the capacity to 31,000, and a new press box is being built to accommodate 75 sportswriters. The playing field has been kept covered with hay because of the threat of snow. Officials announced the game time had been advanced a half hour to 1:30 p.m. (CST) because of the early twilight here. President Carl L. Storck announced last night through league offices established in Milwaukee the selection of William Halloran of Providence, R.I., as game referee; Edward W. Cochrane of Chicago, umpire; Dan Tehan of Cincinnati, field judge, and Tom Thorpe of New York, linesman.

## WANTS PACKERS OUT

DEC 6 (New York) - Bill Corum, sports editor of the New York Journal-American, and one of the best known sportswriters in the East, today advocated withdrawal of Green Bay from the NFL. He concluded a column on professional football by saying: "I think that the present National league must soon strengthen its membership. Great as Green Bay is as a team, loyal as the fans of the little town are, it's can't go on indefinitely being a big league city. It isn't."

## OWEN'S MOTHER DIES

DEC 6 (New York) - Mrs. Isabel Owen, 63, Kingsley, Kan., visiting her son Steve Owen, coach of the New York

Giants, died in a hotel today of heart disease. Because of her death, Steve may not be on hand for the championship game with the Green Bay Packers at Milwaukee Sunday. Officials of the Giants said plans for burial had not yet been made.

## 17 NATIONAL LEAGUE RECORDS SCATTERED DURING PAST YEAR

DEC 6 (New York) - In practically a clean sweep believed to be unprecedented in the history of any sport, 14 NFL team records were broken and one tied in the 1939 season, according to final statistics announced yesterday. Every offensive record, with the exception of one, was wiped off the books as five forward passing, four ground gaining, three scoring and two field goal standards were eclipsed and one field goal mark tied by Chicago's Bears, Detroit, Cleveland, Washington, Philadelphia and New York. In many cases the former highs were surpassed by two or three teams, a feat attributed largely to the unequalled performances of the finest collection of first year players in league annals. Bill Osmanski, Sid Luckman, Bob MacLeod and Billy Patterson, Chicago Bears; Parker Hall, Cleveland; Davey O'Brien, Philadelphia; Dick Todd, Jim Meade and Jim German, Washington; and John Pingel, Darrell Tully, Phil Martinkovic, Detroit, were rookies who aided the league in compiling this avalanche of records which were predicted by coaches before the season even started...**BREAK SIX MARKS:** The Chicago Bears brushed aside six records, two in scoring and four in ground gaining, by running up 298 points and 3,988 yards against opponents. Washington and Green Bay also exceeded the former 11-game marks in these departments of play, contributing largely to a new total league scoring high of 1,692 points, 208 points more than last year's peak, and an average of 30 points a game. Four new team aerial best performances led to a new total league forward passing efficiency high. Cleveland, with 127 completions in 253 tosses for 50.1 percent, broke the former mark of 250 or more thrown by nearly 8 percent as well as the old completion total by 13. Washington, with 117 out of 201 for 58.2 percent, eclipsed the previous league efficiency by over 9 percent, one of the finest of the long list of 1939 precedent-setting feats. Detroit and Philadelphia each completed 21 passes in one game, three more than ever before completed. A total of 951 completions of 2,238 tosses brought a total league efficiency of 42.4 percent, nearly 2 percent higher than ever. New York, with 17 field goals in one season, reached a new acme in this specialty, and was instrumental in elevating the league total to a peak of 55. Each new mark is better by seven than previous accomplishments. Detroit tied another field goal mark with four successful placements in one game. The only record withstanding the 1939 National league onslaught was 2,885 yards rushing made by Detroit in 1936.

## GIANTS TO LEAVE FOR WISCONSIN THURSDAY

DEC 6 (New York) - The New York Giants have completed plans for their trek to Milwaukee where on Sunday the NFL champions and successful defenders of the Eastern title oppose the Green Bay Packers, Western winners. The Giants depart tomorrow afternoon and arrive on the scene of the struggle shortly before noon Friday. The Giants went back to work yesterday and will stage two more drills on the Polo Grounds field before departing for the scene of the struggle. Coach Steve Owen had a full squad on hand when he resumed workouts yesterday with the exception of Tuffy Leemans, ace running back...**RESTS INFECTED LEG:** Leemans has been ordered to stay off his infected leg for several days and it is expected that complete rest will make it possible for him to play against the Packers. Without his service the Giants are not

## New York Trainers Work to Get Injured Giants in Shape



THE New York Giants took a battering in Sunday's eastern championship game with Washington and are being worked into condition by trainers before leaving for Milwaukee. At the left, Hank Soar, backfield star, gets a brisk massage for lame muscles and, at the right, Nello Falaschi, blocking back, is treated for a wrenched knee.

A. P. Wirohans

expected to be nearly as dangerous but Dr. Francis Sweeney, team physician, hopes to have him ready for part-time duty at least. Coach Owen has a few players who are still pretty well banged up after the bruising Redskin clash. Jim Poole, Len Barnum, Leland Shaffer and Ox Parry all spent considerable time in the whirlpool bath yesterday trying to work out a varied assortment of bruises and charley horses. It is expected that all will be able to play with the possible exception of Barnum, ace punter and passer. Barnum's bad leg was kicked again Sunday and he was forced to leave the game and he still was unable to do any kicking in the drill yesterday. The Giant tutor did not make any radical changes in his array in practice but was very dissatisfied with the way his squad went to work. Coach Owen is afraid the high pitch which his squad reached

for the Redskin game may cause them to have a mental and physical letdown in the final game...**CERTIFY PLAYERS FOR CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST:** President Carl Storck of the NFL has certified 30 players each of the Green Bay Packers and New York Giants as eligible to play in Sunday's championship playoff game at Milwaukee.

**\$80,000 GATE SETS NEW RECORD**

DEC 6 (Milwaukee Journal) - If the \$80,000 gate materializes at Sunday's pro league playoff between the Packers and Giants at State Fair park, and there seems no question but what it will, it will be a record for receipts in a championship game. The \$4.40 top accounts for it. While New York has had greater crowds than the estimated 31,000 which will see the game here, New York has never charged more than \$2.20 top. The present record in receipts, set in the famous "ice battle" between the Bears and Giants at the Polo Grounds in 1934, is \$67,000. With 60% of the gate going to the players, after expenses which include rental and traveling expenses for both teams, the \$80,000 gate means that each player on the winning team will receive about \$600 and each player on the losing team about \$400. The winning team takes 60% of the original 60% and the losing

team 40%...The money will come in particularly handy for four Packers, who are to be married within two weeks after the game. Paul Kell, a tackle, will marry a South Bend girl; Cecil Isbell, a Lafayette (Ind.) girl; Baby Ray a Nashville girl, and Bill Lee a Green Bay girl...**SPLIT POOL 67 WAYS:** Both the Packers and Giants Tuesday voted on how they would split up their end of the winnings. The Giants carved out 34 shares and the Packes 33. New York didn't ignore anyone connected with the club. The boys voted full shares to the 30 eligible players, Coach Steve Owens and Asst. Coach Bo Molenda, and one-third of a share to each of the two trainers, the team physician, the ground keeper, the clubhouse boy and Bud Galazin,

*Baby He Has Never Seen Awaits Cuff's Arrival*



**W**HEN Ward Cuff, former Marquette player, arrived Friday with the New York Giants, he saw his baby, Claralee, 2 months old, for the first time. Mrs. Cuff is shown with the two Cuff offspring, Lee Ann, 16 months, and Claralee.

—Journal Staff Photo

who started the season with the club, but played only 15 minutes. The Packers voted full shares to 31 boys, including Lee Mulleneaux, who is on the ineligible list, Coach Curly Lambeau and Asst. Coach Red Smith. Lambeau immediately, however, returned his share to the players' pool. In addition, the Packers voted a half share to each of the trainers...Sunday's battle will be a rubber game. Out of the 18 games so far, dating back to 1928, the year of the first meeting between these teams, each has won nine. The Packers have the edge in scoring with 199 points in the 18 games to New York's 174. It will be noted that the Packers haven't beaten their rivals since 1936. Sunday's game will also be New York's first appearance against Green Bay in the west since 1934 and the third appearance in Milwaukee. The Giants played at Borchert field in 1933 and State Fair park in 1934. They played their last game in Green Bay in 1932...Both Curly Lambeau and Red Smith were tickled with the selection of the officials, especially Bill Halloran as referee. "I don't know what happened in the Washington game Sunday," Lambeau said, "but I do know that Halloran always calls them as he sees them. That's all anybody can ask. He's one of the best officials in the country."...PACKERS CAN'T WAIT: The Packers can hardly wait for this shot at the Giants after the much disputed playoff in New York last year. "They beat us last year, sure," Joe Laws piped up after practice Tuesday, "but how they beat us! Say, we're ready to start right now with the score 23 to 17 against us as it was at the end of the game last year, and just keep going." The principal dispute of several in last year's game developed on a pass in the last five minutes of play with the score 23 to 17 in New York's favor. The Packers were on New York's 40 yard line. Gantenbein caught a pass inside New York's 10 but Larry Conover, head linesman, ruled that Gantenbein was not an eligible receiver. The Packers admit that Gantenbein didn't line up as an eligible receiver, but insist he became eligible after the shift. It was a trick play which fooled the officials as well as the Giants. What would have happened if the pass had been permitted is hard to say. They were rolling at the time, however, and the Packers feel sure that they would have scored. At any rate, the decision still rankles, and when Laws pipes up that he is ready to start just where he left off last year, he speaks for the whole team.

**FEDERAL AGENTS EYE TICKET SCALPERS**

DEC 6 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - Federal agents in Milwaukee took official cognizance of the Green Bay Packers-New York Giants world's championship game here Sunday at State Fair park when it was reported that several large blocks of tickets had fallen into the hands of speculators and that scalpers expected to a land office business because of the unprecedented demand by the public for game pasteboards. From the federal office came the warning that an additional tax must be paid by resellers where a ticket is sold over the stamped price, that any such profits must be accounted for by January 30, 1940, and for failure to do would prove expensive. As an example, a ticket marked up \$2 over the original price, a \$1 tax must be paid to the government. Football fans themselves in Milwaukee, throughout the state and the Middle West at large, however, appeared to be totally indifferent to the federal angle as they passed every wire - with price no objection - to get a ducat which would permit them to see the biggest sporting even in the city's history. Some 20,000 tickets had been disposed of in Milwaukee alone by Tuesday afternoon, and reports from Green Bay, where the Packers are disposing of a large block, set the sale figure at close to 6,000. That would leave not more than 6,000 still available for public consumption and there is no doubt those ducats will be snapped up as soon as the public finds out where they are available. The park will seat only 31,000 for the title tussle, even with the addition of 5,000 new seats. Even a new press box is being built to accommodate a record attendance of sportswriters, with the seating capacity to be enough for 75 persons. At least a dozen New York experts will be on hand, and Chicago, Washington, Detroit and other



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of the  
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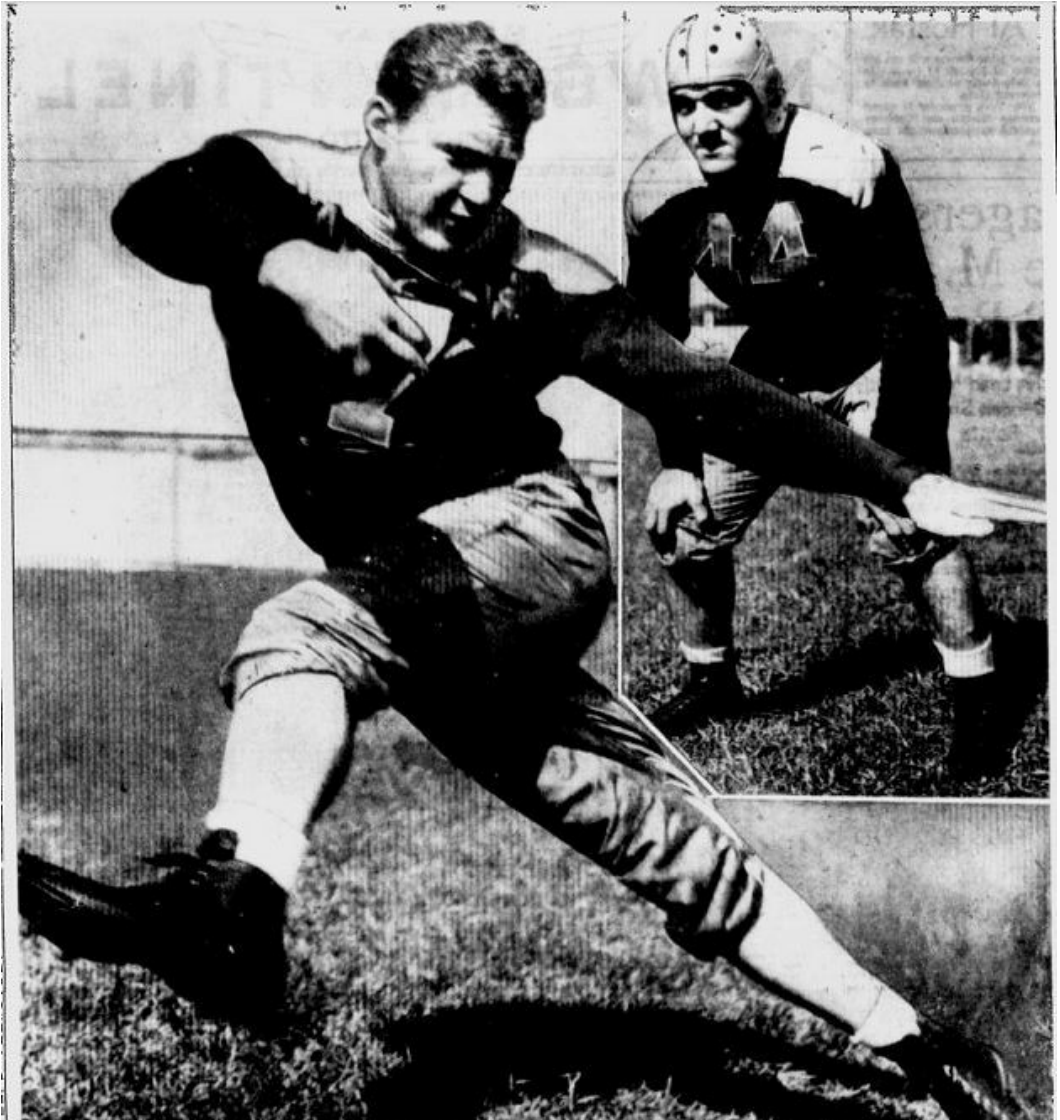
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metropolitan areas will be well represented. Coach Steve Owen will bring his formidable Giants into town Friday morning and will work out Friday and Saturday, probably at the Brewer ballpark. Coach Curly Lambeau plans to keep his Packers, western division champions, at home until Saturday morning, but his plan is subject to change. If the weather turns extremely cold, Lambeau will bring his squad to Milwaukee a day or two sooner to take advantage of expected better temperatures here. An entire floor of the Schroeder hotel has been reserved for the team.

**PACKER NOTES**

DEC 6 (Milwaukee Sentinel-Stoney McGlynn) - The need for a county stadium was never so clearly exhibited as it is at this time with thousands - yes, thousands - clamoring for tickets to the Green Bay Packers-New York Giants football game here Sunday for the professional football championship. Now, as a fat, good natured father, an average citizen and good



LOCAL BOYS MAKE GOOD—In the cases of Eddie Jankowski and Buckets Goldenberg, former Milwaukee high school stars now playing with the Packers. They will be in the lineup Sunday when the Green Bay team meets the New York Giants.

provider I've always tried my best to do what is right. I've always tried to be friendly. And I never knew what a success at that angle I was until friends from all over the commonwealth wired, wrote and phoned me to get 'em tickets. Not passes, mind you, but tickets. I like every one of 'em, but I can't do a thing for them. Perhaps I can get you 50 tickets for Sally Rand's Nude Ranch, first row and first win at the blonde on the right of the line, but I can't get you a seat on the 50-yard line for the game Sunday. In fact, I can't get you a seat on the 40 or the 30 or the 30 and the 10 right now and by the time you read this I won't be able to get you a seat except out with Guy Crippen, who has a stable of fine race horses quartered down on the south end of the track. If you're an awfully good friend (say one who had fixed up a good date back in my dating and doting days) we'll get you a pair of field glasses and I know Guy will let you take his stop watch. And why?...GIVE US A STADIUM: The answer is easy. Milwaukee didn't crash over for a stadium touchdown when the opportunity was ripe and the New Deal was dishing out YOUR dollars with lavish hand. This reporter has been around this state for more years than he will admit and he has always been of the belief that Wisconsin and Milwaukee will support topnotch attractions. The Packers have been a topnotch attraction for 11 seasons now and they have had the kind of support that proves this opinion is right. Now, with the title game against the Giants coming up, this belief is verified 100 percent. A county stadium that would seat 40,000 fans would not be large enough. And the need for such a stadium will be here next year, the year after and the year after and for as many years as one Earl (Curly) Lambeau has anything to with the Packers. The Packers are no longer just a Green Bay institution. They are a Wisconsin institution. They draw from all over Wisconsin. They play some of their game in Milwaukee each year. They have built up a clientele that wants the best - and is getting it. Under Curly Lambeau the Packers have won four league championship and seven western crowns in 11 seasons. It can't be luck. It must rest somewhere and if the coaches are to be blamed for the losing teams then they must be credited for the victorious ones. As long as the Bays have Curly they'll have a football club that will be up there. And as long as they are up there the need for a larger stadium will always be with us...MUST WORK TOGETHER: This corner has no delusions about



taking the Packers away from Green Bay. It couldn't be done, it shouldn't be done and it won't be done. But, working in CONJUNCTION with Green Bay and the Packers, Milwaukee can be an important factor in the success of the Packers and CAN, if it has the right kind of a stadium, stage the championship playoff games and other topnotch attractions as it is doing Sunday. The Packers aren't the only athletic organization that could use such a stadium. The Milwaukee Brewers could rent it for baseball in the summer months and such a stadium would help the metropolis of the state become the sports metropolis of the state instead of just a big overgrown country town as some of the press brethren from the sophisticated (and pushover) cities of these states would have us believe. After trying to please thousands of would be ticket buyers, I know a county stadium would be a success here. The Brewers will not always be the Brewers of 1939. Henry Bendinger knows as well as we do that Milwaukee will only support the best. Give us a stadium for us to enjoy topnotch football and topnotch baseball and Bendinger, the Packer Corp., and others will see we get the best...BEEFS, BEEFS, BEEFS: This week has been hectic. Green Bay beefs because the game came here; Milwaukee beefs because Green Bay fans had the first choice on the best seats. Both beefs are unfair, Milwaukee can seat more fans for the game and the league ruled the game be played here. Green Bay fans, the ones who buy season tickets each year, those who have stood by the Packers since the safety pin stages of pro football up there, are entitled to first crack at the good seats. A pretty good friend of mine (in fact, he's my boss) reported Green Bay is up in arms. He says the restaurant owners, hotel managers, tavern keepers, the taxi companies and the like are really hot and bothered. My answer was they have a commercial angle to the game; the Packer corporation has a commercial angle and either one had to suffer. I also told him the Packer corp., did not have the final say, that the site of the game was decided by the league directors and that it was only after long argument that the game was saved for Wisconsin at all. But the strange part of it all is the fact that despite the two factions in Milwaukee and Green Bay and the two beefs the tickets are going like grandma's old molasses cookies used to disappear when we were young. Perhaps I am a Pollyanna, but I'm convinced that if the Packers give the Noo Yawk Jints an old fashioned tanning Sunday we'll all be brothers under the skin and the Green Bayers will be hoisting 'em along with the good burghers from this city until one or the other slips in under the table. So it's up to the Packer players themselves to become the great peacemakers by manhandling Coach Steve Owen's Jints from hell to breakfast and back again.

# Packers Leave Tomorrow; Fake Tickets Circulating

## **PACKERS LEAVE TOMORROW; FAKE TICKETS CIRCULATING**

DEC 7 (Green Bay) - The Green Bay Packers, with not many hours remaining before their championship engagement with the New York Giants at State Fair park, Milwaukee, looked like anything but contenders as they drove through a dispirited workout yesterday afternoon. So off-color did the team look that Coach Curly Lambeau called it into a lengthy evening session, during which the numerous mistakes of the afternoon were discussed. The coach was pretty made and not a little bit worried, as he indicated that the Bays definitely must play their greatest game of the season if they intend to lift the Giants' crown. There were several new developments in the playoff situation late yesterday and today. First, Leland H. Joannes, president of the Packer corporation, warned football fans that approximately 1,500 fake tickets have been circulated for the championship game, and urged that fans buy tickets only from certified agencies and not from strangers. He said Packer officials have the numbers of all legitimate tickets. Joannes disclosed that the Packer football corporation had offered \$250 rewards to anyone who could provide evidence leading to conviction of persons who are responsible for issuance of the alleged counterfeit football tickets. The game will be plugged as the "Dairy Bowl" contest, following action by Governor Julius P. Heil late yesterday. Heil, anxious to advertise the state's dairy industry, received permission from the Packers to so designate the contest. Another special train was added for the fans' convenience today, when arrangements were completed for a Carrigan Special on the Milwaukee Road. The train will leave here at 9:45 and will go directly to the State Fair park, arriving at 1 o'clock or before. It will leave 20 minutes after the game, but not sooner than 4:15, arriving at Green Bay about 7:30. A change in the schedule of the Du Chateau Special on the North Western line was announced today. The train, which leaves here at 8:30, will reach Milwaukee at 11:30, and will allow its passengers an hour for lunch. It then will take them directly to the park at West Allis, leaving the Milwaukee station at 12:30 and arriving at the park at 12:45. The train will leave Milwaukee at 7 o'clock...OWEN WON'T ATTEND: The tragedy in the family of Coach Steve Owen, New York Giants' coach whose mother died yesterday, will mean that the pilot of the Eastern champions will be unable to pilot

### MESSAGE TO THE PACKERS

Editor, Press-Gazette: The following message is to the Packer team:

Thanks a lot fellows, you sure came through a mighty tough season and have the toughest game left.

But you have the stuff that champions are made of, go and get em!

We fans like to watch you fellows out there playing hard, clean and thrill-making football. Mr. Halas (of the sleight of hands, feet, and what not Bears), together with certain officials (?) could not stop you in your quest to bring us home the bacon.

We regret the fact that the game is to be played in Milwaukee, but you can make it O. K. with us unfortunate stay at home's by cutting down the Giants and bringing home the championship.

So with the following cry of battle we thank you again and wish you all the success you certainly have coming.

Packers, Packers, rah, rah, rah.  
Stand them on their heads,  
Stand them on their feet,  
Packers, Packers can't be beat.  
A Loyal Packer Fan

his charges against the Packers personally, and the team will be directed by Assistant Coach John (Bo) Molenda. Coach Lambeau was keenly disappointed in the practice yesterday. "They missed assignments, executed their plays badly, showed poor timing, and in addition didn't seem serious about it all," he said. "If we play like we practiced, we'll never beat the Giants."...TEAM LEAVES

FRIDAY: The team will leave for Milwaukee Friday afternoon on the Milwaukee Road Chippewa, and will make their headquarters at the Hotel Schroeder. The ticket situation locally approached the vanishing point. At noon today there were less than 500 seats remaining at the Green Bay ticket headquarters, and these were the \$1.65 and \$1.10 variety. The great demand for seats indicated that if playing accommodations of 60,000 could be provided, it would be a cinch to fill them. No injuries have been acquired by the team in practice, and Coach Lambeau expects they will enter Sunday's contest in vastly different physical condition than last year,

when a crippled Green Bay eleven went down before the Giants.

### HUTSON SMASHES THREE RECORDS

DEC 7 (New York) - Led by rookie Davey O'Brien and veteran Don Hutson, eight players in the NFL broke 13 individual records in the 1939 season, according to final statistics announced yesterday. Seven forward passing, three pass receiving, one ground gaining and two scoring standards were established, with O'Brien and Hutson garnering three each, in forward passing and pass receiving. Only one player retained his championship of a year ago, New York's Ward Cuff in field goals. Two rookies, Parker Hall, Cleveland, and Bill Osmanski, Chicago Bears, won individual titles this season in forward passing and ground gaining, respectively. Andy Farkas, Washington, and Hutson, Green Bay, were the scoring and pass receiving leaders. Forward passing reached its peak performance this season with Hall, O'Brien, Frank Filchock, Washington, and Dwight Sloan, Detroit, all stamping their names in the record books with feats nothing short of sensational. O'Brien, the country's outstanding college player at Texas Christian a year ago, and off to a slow start with Philadelphia in his first pro year, accounted for three of the forward passing marks. His 1,324 yards on aials shaded the 1,127 11-game mark of Sammy Baugh, 1937 Washington recruit; also the 12-game total of 1,238 of Arnie Herber, Green Bay,

in 1936. His 21 completions against the Chicago Bears is a new game record, eclipsing the 15 completed by Pat Coffee, Cardinals vs. Bears in 1937...BREAKS BAUGH'S RECORD: Hall completed 106 passes, 25 more than Baugh's 81 made in 1937. He threw 208 passes for an efficiency average of 50.9 percent, the third best in the league, to give him the individual passing title for the season. Filchock was tied with O'Brien for second place. His 55 completions in 89 tosses for an efficiency of 61 percent shaded Ed Danowski's 54.2 percent efficiency mark with New York last season. Filchock also had the most touchdown passes for the season, a total of 11. One of his tosses to Andy Farkas was good for a 99-yard gain,

Ground Gaining				
Player, Team	*YG	Att	Ave	
Osmanski, Chi. Bears...	699	121	5.7	
Farkas, Washington .....	547	139	3.9	
Mantaci, Chi. Bears.....	544	77	7.0	
Manders, Brooklyn .....	482	114	4.2	
Hall, Cleveland .....	458	120	3.8	
Drake, Cleveland .....	453	118	3.8	
Leemans, New York .....	429	128	3.3	
Shepherd, Detroit .....	420	85	4.9	
Filchock, Washington ...	413	103	4.0	
ISBELL, Green Bay .....	407	132	3.0	

\*Key: YG—Yards gained. Att—Attempts. Ave—Average.

Forward Passing (45 or More Complete)						
Player, Team	*P	C	Yds	I	Eff	TP
Hall, Cleveland..	208	106	1227	13	50.9	9
O'Brien, Phil. ..	201	99	1324	17	49.2	4
Parker, Brook. .	157	72	977	13	45.8	4
HERBER, G. Bay	139	57	1107	9	41.0	8
Filchock, Wash..	89	55	1094	7	61.7	11
Baugh, Wash. .	96	53	518	9	55.2	6
Sloan, Detroit ..	102	45	658	3	44.1	2

\*League standing figured by taking position by completions and position by efficiency and adding them. Hall is first with 4 points (1 in completions, 3 in efficiency). O'Brien (2 completions, 4 efficiency) and Filchock (5 completions, 1 efficiency) tied for second, with 6 points. Ace Parker and Baugh tied for fourth.

\*Key: P—Passes. C—Complete. Yds—Yards. I—Intercepted. Eff—Efficiency. TP—Touchdown passes.

Pass Receiving			
Player, Team	*NC	YG	T
HUTSON, Green Bay....	34	846	6
Schwartz, Brooklyn .....	33	550	3
Spadaccini, Cleveland ..	32	292	1
Ramsey, Philadelphia ...	31	359	1
Benton, Cleveland .....	27	388	7

\*Key: NC—Number caught. YG—Yards gained. T—Touchdowns.

Field Goals				
Player, Team	*Att	M	TY	L
Cuff, New York .....	16	7	234	43
Kercheval, Brook. ....	13	6	220	47
Hanneman, Detroit .....	5	4	125	40
ENGBRETSSEN, G. B. .	8	4	106	34
Strong, New York.....	8	4	60	24

\*Key: Att—Attempted. M—Made. TY—Total yards. L—Longest.

Scoring				
Player, Team	*T	PAT	FG	Pts
Parkas, Washington .....	11	2	0	68
Drake, Cleveland .....	9	0	0	54
Manders, Chi. Bears.....	4	17	3	50
Benton, Cleveland .....	8	0	0	48
Osmanski, Bears .....	8	0	0	48
Cuff, New York .....	2	6	7	39
HUTSON, Green Bay .....	6	2	0	38
Todd, Washington .....	6	2	0	38
Mantaci, Chi. Bears.....	5	4	1	37
Smith, Cardinals .....	4	6	2	36
HINKLE, Green Bay .....	5	2	1	35
Parker, Brooklyn .....	5	0	1	33
ENGBRETSSEN, G. Bay	0	18	4	30
Leemans, New York .....	5	0	0	30
MacLeod, Chi. Bears.....	5	0	0	30
Hanneman, Detroit .....	2	5	4	29
Murray, Philadelphia ...	2	8	2	26

\*Key: T—Touchdowns. PAT—Points after touchdown. FG—Field goals. Pts—Points.

## DOUBLE ADMISSION PRICE

Editor, Press-Gazette: This letter is to the Packers Incorporated and Mr. E. L. Lambeau:

You have done the fans of Green Bay and surrounding territory an injustice, which will take a mighty long time to undo.

Why did you move the play-off game to Milwaukee? You state the following reasons:

1. They have a bigger stadium.
2. It means \$30,000 more to the team.
3. A lot of the seats are covered.
4. In appreciation of Milwaukee's support, you could not have carried on without them.
5. The league had the final say.
6. The players preferred the change.

After talking to many original Packer supporters and fans, who are heart sick, disappointed, and some bitter—I quote you their answers:

1. You could have increased the seating capacity of the city stadium greatly by filling in the northeast corner, most of the cinder path and other open spaces.

2. By doubling most of the admission prices, cutting out the Anna Oakleys and reserving all seats, you could have bettered the Milwaukee setup.

The fans would much rather have this, than bear the greater expense to Milwaukee.

3. Do you think the weather could stop fans from taking in this game? You should know better. They are not fair weather birds.

4. Can you carry on without our support? What happened to the Badgers? Fair example. Did the local business men fail you when that accident at the stadium had you down? Have they ever failed you? Shame!

But in appreciation, you move a game meaning business to them over the week-end to Milwaukee. They are not kicking about that part, they had their heart and soul on seeing the Packers for the first time in history, playing for a world's championship—and you talk of appreciation.

5. The league did not know that proper arrangements could be made, or they would have O. K'd us. The Packer team is known the world over as a great attraction, playing clean, hard, honest football, always pulling thrilling surprises. The club is appreciated by the other teams, it keeps them from the red.

6. Don't make us laugh, the players prefer to play here, the fans have been loyal always, except a few gamblers and tavern flies. We know our players.

In conclusion, the fans have been shaken to the core by your Milwaukee style, it smells. Many of us cannot go to Milwaukee, but Mr. Russ Winnie will fix that.

You listened to sweet promises and forgot you had home folks. Let your conscience be clear now.

Adieu Homer.

breaking the former 98-yard gain record made on a Dougal Russell to Gaynell Tinsley play for the Cardinals against the Bears in 1933. Sloan, Detroit, added the other new aerial standard, with only three interceptions for the campaign, two less than Danowski's 1937 mark. Hutson caught 34 passes for 846 yards to set a new mark for yardage to set a new mark for yardage in one year, and boost his lifetime total in five seasons to 159 catches for 2,890 yards, overtaking John Blood's 14-season total of 125 receptions for 2,755 yards when playing for Milwaukee, Green Bay and Pittsburgh...**SCORES 11 TOUCHDOWNS:** Andy Farkas tallied 11 touchdowns to break Hutson's season total of nine made in 1936 and equaled in 1938. He also kicked two extra points to give him 68 points for the season. John Drake, Cleveland, was second with nine touchdowns for 54 points, and Jack Manders, Bears, third with 50 points through four touchdowns, 17 extra points and three field goals. This enabled Manders to break the lifetime scoring mark of Ken Strong with 19 touchdowns, 117 conversions, 38 field goals for 345 points in seven seasons. Strong has 35 touchdowns, 67 conversions, 21 field goals for 340 points in eight seasons. Another lifetime record was surpassed by Ace Gutowsky, whose 3,478 yards in 902 attempts as a ball carrier with Portsmouth, Detroit and Brooklyn wiped out the 3,398 yards by Cliff Battles with Boston and Washington.

## ATTENTION, MR. CORUM!

DEC 7 (Milwaukee) - The most surprised gentleman you ever could hope to see - he says so himself - was one William Abbott when he set foot in town and learned the NFL championship playoff here Sunday between the New York Giants and Green Bay Packers was an assured sellout. Abbott, who is the league publicity man, admitted he arrived herewith a large headache and "visions of hiring bands to parade up and down Milwaukee's Broadway to help out the game over." He still has the headache - worrying how he can placate hordes of fans who are clamoring for tickets that just don't exist, even through the State Fair park grandstand has been enlarged to accommodate 32,000.

## LOOKING UP IN THE REALM OF SPORTS

DEC 7 (Green Bay) - Bill Coum of the New York Journal-American popped off yesterday, as the sport saying has it, to the effect that the NFL would operate more efficiently without the presence of Green Bay and its Packers. Now, his statement might pass merely as another attempt to fill a sports column, were it not for the fact that Corum is one of the best known sportswriters in the nation, and a fellow whose ideas on the management of things athletic usually can draw more than a platoon of listeners. If he says

## CHAMPS AND CHUMPS

Editor, Press-Gazette: Relative to the Green Bay-New York play-off game to be held at Milwaukee, I believe Mr. Lambeau's main reason for playing the game there was because of the additional gate receipts.

Just pack the Green Bay stadium as a championship game would, even with a considerable advance in price of tickets and I believe a profit would be shown equally as great as at State Fair park.

Then, too, I believe with the rental of the park and other expenses involved in playing on a foreign field, that it may be even less profitable in the larger stadium.

Perhaps the city fathers, or the Chamber of Commerce of our state's great sporting center (remember the Brewers, the Badgers and the prize fight game) will donate the park for the plug Lambeau gave them on their weather. I never knew before that Milwaukee had any more of the characteristics of Palm Beach than has Green Bay.

It would sound less ridiculous if the Packer corporation would admit they are considering Milwaukee for the Packers' future home.

This situation is like a man who planted a tiny tree in front of his home (or in back) thinking that in future years it would offer him shade and comfort. Through the years he cared for the tree, watering it regularly in times of drought, until it grew to be the largest tree in town. The man was proud of his tree and often boasted of its superior size. Then one night the tree crashed down upon the house, wrecking that which it was to befriend. (The man was not in the house at the time.)

Years ago, the Packers, too, were a small organization and also went through several years of drought. It was then that business men and fans from Green Bay points several hundred miles away cared for them, watering them with gold and silver drops (paper, too, I suppose) until they also became the largest and strongest outfit of their kind. But like the tree, they crashed upon the very ones who made them the world's greatest champs, and who in turn were made by them, the world's greatest chumps.

If my original illustration doesn't suffice, think of the story of Frankenstein, or of the goose who laid the golden egg.

After all, remove the top part of the "a" from champs and believe it or not, you have what has been made out of the dyed-in-the-wool Packer fans—chumps.

W. Talmadge.

Sturgeon Bay, Wis.

Green Bay would improve the position of the league by withdrawing, or less delicately, by being forced out, he must have

some reason for the belief, and it would be very interesting to have him enlarge upon the statement, and in fact devote a full column, instead of one paragraph, to its amplification. In thus condemning Green Bay to the professional football ash heap, Corum is attacking a team whose home attendance totals are shaded only by the New York Giants, the Chicago Bears, the Detroit Lions, and probably Washington, and whose drawing power on the road is second to none in the league. If the National league has adopted the attitude of desiring Green Bay to relinquish its franchise - and there is no indication as yet that it has or will - it might do better to examine first the franchise conditions of such teams as the Pittsburgh Pirates, Philadelphia Eagles or Chicago Cardinals, all of whom are in no such financial shape as the Packers. The Packers never have dumped all their eggs into one basket, by purchasing the services of one super-publicized all-American at an exorbitant salary, but have

maintained a stable salary scale, have paid their debts, and have aided in building up the attendance totals of every club in the league. There is no National league owner who at some time or another has not derived great benefit from the vast drawing power of the Packers, and most of them have left Green Bay or Milwaukee in possession of sizeable checks, contributed by Wisconsin followers of the team. The Packers by all odds have been the league's most colorful team since the first Green Bay eleven dodged into professional competition. "The big team from the little town" has been a publicity byword wherever the team has appeared. Its amazing record, its four national championships, its spectacular players have served as magnets to draw fans by the thousands through gates, to the benefit not only of the Packers, but of every club in the National league. So it seems a bit harsh to sweep this background from the picture with a casual paragraph in a long column on professional football. Corum said that "Green Bay is not a big league city." And it isn't. But it can produce with its mighty teams the same financial effect as can many large communities, and its record at the turnstiles ranks far ahead of that held by Cleveland, Pittsburgh, the Cardinals, Philadelphia and Brooklyn. It compares favorably to that of the professional powerhouses, such as the Bears, the Lions and the Giants - and each of these teams have felt the happy hum at the gate when entertaining and visiting the Packers. The squads which have enjoyed less success also have profited by the Packers' presence in the league. Cleveland first began to see the light last year, when the Green Bay game in the Ram's park brought its initial large crowd into that new professional community. And this fall the Packers repeated, giving Cleveland the largest professional football crowd in its history. At Detroit last week, at a game which decided absolutely nothing from a Detroit standpoint, played in miserable weather on a sodden field, more than 30,000 fans trod slippery streets to the stadium, and why? To see the Green Bay Packers. The playoff game Sunday has created the wildest ticket interest, from the standpoint of spectator demand, in Wisconsin's football history, pro or college. And why? Because the Green Bay Packers are in the playoff against a historic rival. Because the fans of Wisconsin are proud of their team and because Wisconsin is capable of supporting it all the way, despite the fact that it represents what to a metropolitan writer may be a tiny town. No, our friend Corum didn't go deeply enough into the matter, when he dismissed the 18-year old Green Bay franchise with a one paragraph comment. People who know the history of the Packers aren't so casual about it, They have had faith in the team's development, and its real fans still have that faith. It may not mean much to owners of other teams, but the turnstiles

Beware, Bays! They're Big, Bad Giants



**DOUBLE TROUBLE**—Two of the certain trouble makers the New York Giants will toss against the Green Bay Packers here Sunday in the pro playoff are Mel Hein, left, veteran center, and Ed Danowski, right, kicker, passer and runner extraordinary. It was Danowski who tossed two of the touchdown passes to Hap Bernard and Hank Soar for the winning margin over the Packers in last year's playoff.

speaking a different language. Loss of the best-drawing team in the National league would strike severely at the welfare of the league itself, for a Packer team in a different city would be no longer the Green Bay Packers, and don't let anyone tell you otherwise.

### STATE HEADS CAUGHT IN SCRAMBLE FOR TICKETS

DEC 7 (Madison) - Wisconsin's capital city, which hasn't seen much in the way of championship football this year, dropped talk as high state officials scrambled with thousands of others to get tickets to the Packer playoff game at Milwaukee Sunday. While leading political lights button-holed political reporters and kept long distance lines busy and found that their influence doesn't cover as much ground as they thought. Gov. Julie Heil disclosed that his penchant for appointing colonel, a subject many a witticism during the last nine months, stood him in good stead in the ticket emergency...PHONES

PACKER HEAD: Heil Tuesday telephoned "my colonel in Green Bay", President Leland Joannes of the Packer corporation, and assured himself that the governor's party would be taken care of - but at the regular rates. Gov. Heil, one of the Packers' most fervent rooters, smiled as he recalled that he had

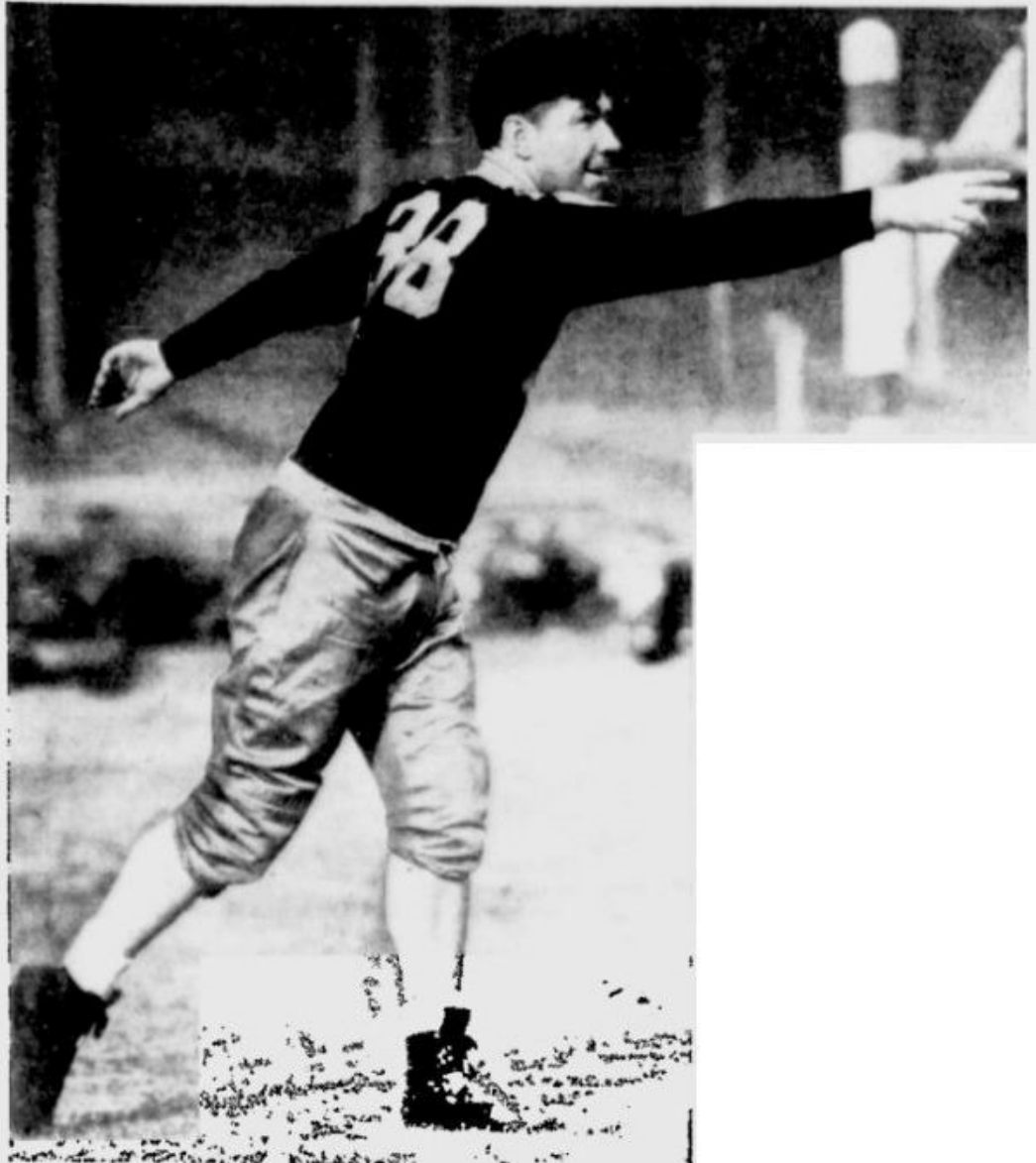
"called up my colonel, and I said that I don't want any favors, but I want 30 tickets at the regular price."...CASH ON

PACKERS: The state executive disclosed that "I have a little money on the Wisconsin boys, " but said that he was a little worried because an Eastern sportswriter intimated that the New York Giants would come out ahead in the championship encounter. Heil said that he would take his own family to see the game, but that he would give most of the 30 tickets to friends. He offered three of them to reporters who called at his office yesterday morning.

### THE CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFF

DEC 7 (Green Bay) - The strong resentment aroused in Green Bay and vicinity over the decision of the Green Bay management to hold the championship playoff in Milwaukee is perhaps the most natural thing in the world in a community where the pride in the team is so intense that about 99 percent of the citizens would regard any slight of the team as a personal affront. Indeed the Press-Gazette would be one of the first to fight for the game for Green Bay if it were to consider only what might be called the matter of sentiment. There are, however, practical considerations to the question which must be recognized, and these when fairly weighed seem to dictate another view of the situation. We do not intend to argue the difference in the gate receipts, or such matters as the inconvenience to the fans occasioned by playing in Milwaukee. They are important but they have been fully reported and considered elsewhere. Green Bay is the smallest city holding a franchise

### Packer Fans Hope That This Arm Can Fling . . .



HOPES of Green Bay Packer fans for victory over the Giants Sunday rest heavily on the long passes of Arnie Herber, shown just as he got off a heave. His pitches have snatched many a game out of the fire in the last few years.

in the NFL and, as such, is greatly favored over other cities of the same size, none of which could possibly secure a franchise at this time. That franchise is an asset which must be protected as a first consideration. The winning of championships is a second important consideration. The place of playing one game certainly rates below either of the two ideas first mentioned. It is evident that Green Bay cannot today support a full six-game league schedule. The Packer management in transferring two games to Milwaukee turned those two game from definite financial losers to nice profit makers for the Packers and Green Bay. As a result Milwaukee is definitely covered by the Green Bay franchise and the National league officials were fully justified in designating it a Green Bay home field and demanding that the playoff be held there. The Packers cannot relinquish Milwaukee as a home field for a part of its schedule without endangering its financial stability, and indeed the entire football program. The people of Green Bay should go along with the management of the

Packers, not blindly and without criticism, but at least to the point of acknowledging that the present management has guided the destinies of the Packers through the good years and the bad ones of the past seventeen to the great credit of Green Bay. It should be a fair assumption also for the citizens of Green Bay that the members of the board of directors are directly interested in the welfare of Green Bay and further that they are better informed on the needs of the club than others. Perhaps the day will come when Green Bay can have a championship game. No one would welcome that time more than the Press-Gazette. But until we have the facilities it would be extremely unwise to demand the game for Green Bay as a sop to our civic pride, and enforce an unfair condition on the other teams of the league, if we are to expect them to be fair with us.

**ABSENCE OF COACH MAY SPUR GIANTS**

DEC 7 (New York) - The dark shadow of misfortune which cost them the services of their popular coach, Steve Owen, may prove a potent psychological weapon when the Giants attempt to win their second straight world's championship from the Green Bay Packers in Milwaukee Sunday. Without their favored leader, whose mother passed away early yesterday, a grim Giant squad, prepared to embark for Milwaukee this afternoon, united in their determination "to win this one for Steve". There was no hammy speeches or pep talks along that line, however. Capt. Mel Hein broke the news to the players at practice yesterday and complied with Owen's request to dispense with "sob stuff"....FUTURE WILL TELL: There was very little said though the news had a very apparent effect on the entire squad. Misfortunes like the loss of its coach on the eve of its biggest game can have a very depressing or a powerful psychological effect on a team. Capt. Hein and Bo Molenda, who will lead the club in the big game feel the latter will prove the case on Sunday. "The boys were shocked by the bad news." Hein explained, "and I asked them to do their best and not let it effect their play. Steve wouldn't want it that way and told me to tell them so. He's brought the club this far, I'm sure they'll got the rest of the way for him." Mrs. Isabel Owen, Steve's mother, died of a heart attack at the Hotel Whitehall early yesterday. She had apparently been in the best of health when she arrived last week from Kinsley, Kansas, to attend the Redskins-Giant playoff...WILL MISS GAME: The body will be sent back to Kansas where the funeral will be held Saturday. Owen as undecided about attempting to get Milwaukee

# Line-ups of Packers and Giants

## New York Giants

No.	Player and College	Age	Hgt.	Wgt.	Pos.
23	Jim Paole, Mississippi	.21	6.02	215	L.E.
36	Frank Cope, Santa Clara	.23	6.02	215	L.T.
2	John Dell Isola, Fordham	.27	5.11	199	L.G.
7	Mel Hein, Washington St.	.30	6.03	225	C
42	Orville Tuttle, Okla. City	.26	5.09	202	R.G.
33	John Mellus, Villanova	.23	6.02	220	R.T.
21	Jim Lee Howell, Arkansas	.24	6.05	202	R.E.
22	Ed Danowski, Fordham	.28	6.01	198	Q.B.
13	Kirk Richards, Simpson	.28	6.00	195	L.H.
14	Ward Cuff, Marquette	.25	6.01	195	R.H.
28	Nello Palaschi, Santa Clara	.25	6.00	195	F.B.
Average Weight -Line, 211 Backfield, 196,					

## Substitutes

### Backs

No.	Player and College	Age	Hgt.	Wgt.
4	Tuffy Leomans, Geo. Washington	.26	6.00	197
6	Al Owen, Mercer	.26	6.00	188
9	Eddie Muler, N. Max. Aggies	.22	5.10	194
10	Len Burnum, W. Va. Wes	.26	6.01	198
11	John Karcis, Carnegie Tech	.30	5.09	225
15	Hank Saar, Providence	.21	6.02	210
18	Dale Burnett, Emporia	.30	6.02	180
20	Leland Shaffer, Kansas State	.27	6.02	205
30	Ken Strong, New York University	.32	6.00	200

### Ends

24	Will Walls, Texas Christian	.25	6.02	212
27	Jiggs Kline, Emporia	.25	6.00	195
29	Chuck Gelatka, Mississippi State	.29	6.00	180

### Tackles

44	Ox Parry, Baylor	.24	6.03	230
50	Ed Wiseth, Minnesota	.26	6.01	220
55	Pete Cole, Trinity (Texas)	.23	6.00	223

### Guards

39	Doug Oldershaw, Santa Barbara	.24	5.01	195
66	Tarzan White, Alabama	.24	5.08	206

### Center

5	Kayo Lunday, Arkansas	.25	6.05	215
31	Larry Johnson, Haskell	.30	6.04	225

Referee William Halloran, Providence, Umpire—Ed Cochran, Chicago. Head Lineaman—Tom Thorp, Cincinnati, Field Judge—Dan Tenan, Cincinnati.

## Green Bay Packers

No.	Player and College	Age	Hgt.	Wgt.	Pos.
14	Don Hutson, Alabama	.26	6.01	185	L.E.
44	Buford Ray, Vanderbilt	.24	6.06	240	L.T.
46	Russ Letlow, San Francisco	.25	6.00	212	L.T.
53	Earl Svendsen, Minnesota	.25	6.00	185	C.
43	Charles Goldenberg, Wis.	.28	5.10	222	R.G.
40	Bill Lee, Alabama	.27	6.02	225	R.T.
22	Milt Gantenbein, Wis.	.29	6.00	195	R.E.
54	Larry Craig, S. Carolina	.23	6.00	205	Q.B.
17	Cecil Ishell, Purdue	.22	6.01	190	L.H.
38	Arno Herber, Rogis	.29	5.11	200	R.H.
30	Clark Hunkel, Bucknell	.29	5.11	195	F.B.
Average Weight—Line, 209. Backfield, 197,					

## Substitutes

### Backs

No.	Player and College	Age	Hgt.	Wgt.
35	Frank Balazs, Iowa	.21	6.02	215
5	Hank Bruder, Northwestern	.22	6.00	200
52	Larry Buhler, Minnesota	.22	6.02	204
7	Ed Jankowski, Wisconsin	.25	5.10	200
50	Jim Lawrence, Texas Christian	.25	5.00	190
24	Joe Laws, Iowa	.28	5.09	185
8	Andy Uram, Minnesota	.24	5.10	187
33	Dick Weisgerber, Willamette	.24	5.10	202

### Ends

48	Harry Jacunski, Fordham	.23	6.02	197
55	Al Moore, Texas Aggies	.25	6.02	218
19	Carl Mullenoux, Utah State	.23	6.03	204

### Tackles

41	Paul Kell, Notre Dame	.23	6.02	217
60	Charles Schultz, Minnesota	.24	6.02	230
45	Ernie Smith, Southern Cal.	.20	6.02	220

### Guards

31	Paul Engohretson, Northwestern	.20	6.01	215
21	Pete Tinsley, Georgia	.25	5.08	205
63	Gus Zarnas, Ohio State	.24	5.10	223

### Centers

39	Charles Brock, Nebraska	.22	6.01	193
56	Tom Greenfield, Arizona	.21	6.02	209

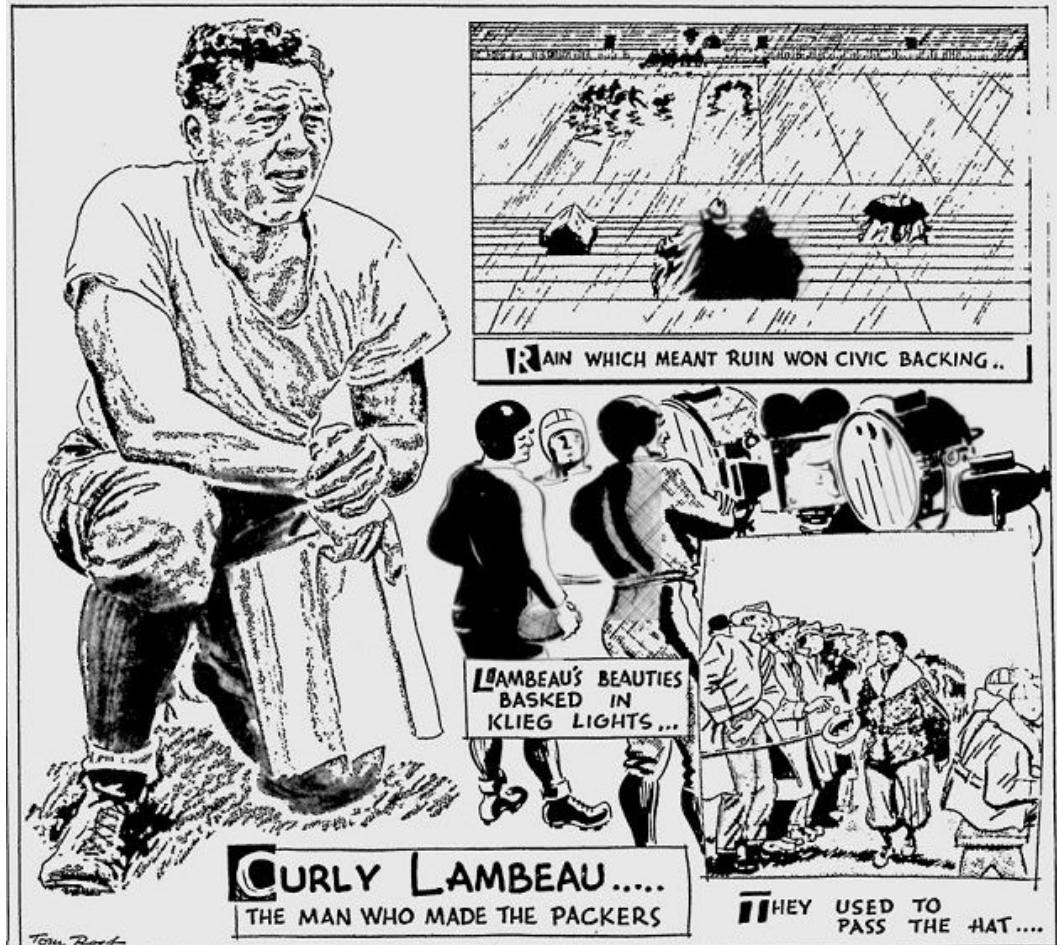
for the game but the Giant office announced yesterday he had decided against it. A squad of thirty players will leave at 4 p.m. today for Milwaukee. They'll arrive early Friday and work out in the afternoon and again on Saturday. They're slightly battle-scarred but every member of the team will be ready, barring accident, for their last and crucial battle of the year.

**PACKER NOTES**

DEC 7 (Milwaukee Journal) - So they think the war is over in Europe! The sports department could use a Maginot line these days - or a company of fighting Finns to hold the "rushin" ticket seekers. Milwaukee is getting a taste of what the scramble is like for world series seats. If we ever have anything like the Packer-Giant pro football playoff here again, this front line observation post suggests that the ticket sale be handled as the world series sale is handled - entirely by mail, with a limit of four seats to a customer. The quick sellout is going to open some eyes. It should open some eyes here in Milwaukee to the need of a municipal stadium - and the possibilities thereof. This column launched a movement some time ago for a public stadium while it was still possible to get WPA funds. Some mossbacks on the county board stalled the proposition until there was no more WPA money. It was revived while there was still time to get PWA money - and they stalled around until the PWA money was all gone. Then it was demonstrated, in a way which a sixth grade arithmetic pupil could

understand, that the county could build a stadium itself and pay off the cost out of receipts. Nothing came of that either...**COULD DOUBLE SALE:** Now, for some time, the city council has been studying the proposition. We suggest that the council send a committee out to State Fair park Sunday to get an eyeful - that is, if the council can get the tickets. We can't. Milwaukee doesn't need a stadium for national football playoffs. We may never get another. But there are plenty of things which would fill a stadium - not a white elephant like Soldier field or the Cleveland plant, but a fair sized layout. For this particular game, Milwaukee could fill Soldier field or the Cleveland stadium. The 31,000 capacity of State Fair park has been sold, and twice as many probably could have been sold to Packer fans right in Wisconsin. Chicago was practically ignored

**Some Glimpses Into the Past of the Green Bay Packers**



**TITLE GRID GAME HERE NEAR SELLOUT**

DEC 7 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - Sunday's game between the Green Bay Packers and the New York Giants for the championship of the NFL, to be played Sunday at Milwaukee's Dairy Bowl (nee State Fair park) is not a sellout - as yet. From Green Bay come the report Spike Spachman, director of ticket sales, that there are a few hundred \$1.65 and \$1.10 tickets available. The Sentinel also has a few tickets of the same price denomination available- and the write advises, very strongly, that if you wish to see Sunday's fray buy now and save repenting later. They are the best that will be offered, save those that inadvertently fell into scalpers' hands. Unlike other Packer games the Green Bay organization did not have tickets for sale throughout the state and will not have the usual number of returns for sale Sunday. Milwaukee scalpers did get their hands on a number of tickets. This is not unlike similar situation at the World Series in baseball and in big game college football circles. Try as they might, Milwaukee ticket agencies were victimized to some extent - and John Q. Public helped the thing along. One Milwaukee scalper, in addition to having a corps of workers in line, walked up and down one ticket agency's line and had individual fans buying tickets. Often ticket sellers caught repeaters and refused to sell tickets again,

but it was unavoidable. However, there is some compensation in that the federal tax authorities were not caught napping; they know definitely who the big scalpers are and will start cracking down when the returns are NOT filed by January 30. When they ARE filed a 50 percent tax will be charged on excess profits and for every delinquency after then a 25 percent charge will be affixed per month. The Sentinel tried to avoid this contingency and other agencies do, too, and it is safe to say the number of tickets that fell into scalpers' hands compare favorably with World Series ticket sales. Meanwhile, up in Green Bay and back east in New York, the Packers and Giants went about the business of preparing themselves for the battle supreme. Both clubs are coached by former players who went through the pro mill when the league was abornin'. Curly Lambeau of the Bays and Steve Owen of the Giants; both mentors know all the angles. The Giants' main problem is to stop the Bays' aerial attack, the most devastating thing in football. It doesn't produce the wear and tear on the players, but it produces finesse and touchdowns, or sets up touchdowns, in the fashion that produces results. In hopes of stopping the Bays' Don Hutson's pass catching, Owen plans to put two men on Don. The Bears tried it for years, other clubs have, and Don still is the best catcher and Arnie Herber and Cee Isbell the best passers when yards gained are the basis of comparison. If Don doesn't catch them he decoys the foe and opens things up for other Bays. New York, as usual, will vary between a five and six man line, dropping a man in and out of the line according to whim, fancy or what have you. But it raises ol' Ned with offenses because plays that are called with five man line blocking assignments are often faced with six man lines, and vice versa, at the crucial moment. Up in Green Bay, Lambeau is going back to the bedrock of football as he prepares his club. He wants his running game to click as it has in the big spots this season, as it did in the second half against the Lions last Sunday. After the ground offensive smoothed out Sunday the Bays were in command and he wants the ground attack to pave the way for the passes. If it does the passing game will be just that more effective.

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**MOLEND A WILL BE BACK SUNDAY!**

DEC 7 (Milwaukee) -Ten years ago a big, rugged fullback, who never ate meat - but was just as tough as the boys who took it rare - led a Green Bay Packer football team onto the New York Polo Grounds to battle the Giants. The National league title of 1929 hinged on the game. The Packers and Giants both had won nine straight. The winner was almost assured of a pennant - there was no playoff in those days. Green Bay won the game, 20 to 6, and with it its first National league title, thanks to a great performance by the vegetarian fullback - Bo Molenda, now assistant coach of the New York Giants. Only 12 Green Bay men played in the game. The only substitute was Paul Minnick for Jim Bowdoin at guard. "Iron Mike"



Michalske played the other guard, flanking big Jugger Earpe at center. At the tackles were Cal Hubbard, now an American league baseball umpire, and Bill Kern, coach at Carnegie Tech. Lavvie Dilweg and Tom Nash, at ends, completed the line. The backfield had Molenda, who scored a touchdown and kicked two extra points; Verne Lewellen, often called the greatest pro punter of them all; Hurdis McCrary and the colorful Johnny Blood. Red Dunn was the regular quarterback but could not play because of injuries. Lewellen called signals from left halfback. The 1929 Green Bay team not only went through the season undefeated, something never before accomplished and not since duplicated, but it also piled up 212 points while holding opponents to 24 - a defensive mark which still stands. Molenda was the workhorse. He played 60 minutes in nearly every game. Sunday Molenda will lead the Giants against his old club in the playoff here for the 1939 National league championship.

#### **TITLE GAME NOTES**

DEC 7 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - Sunday's Dairy Bowl (consult Governor Heil's publicity department) game Sunday afternoon, between the Green Bay Packers and the New York Giants

for the NFL championship, at State Fair park has already more than doubled demands for wire service for sportswriters over the 1938 games, Bill Abbott, league publicity director, said Wednesday night. A year ago the Giants-Packers tangle in New York forced installation of 17 special wires into the Polo Grounds for newspaper service. Wednesday 36 special wires were ordered and more were in prospect...The first out-of-town newspaper man on the scene was Garry Schumacher of the New York Journal-American who arrived Wednesday evening and planned to leave early Thursday for Green Bay, where he will cover the Packer practices. Another New York newspaper had a staff man covering the Packers-Lions game last Sunday with orders to stay with the Packers if victorious. He has been in Green Bay since Monday...Sheriff Edward Mitten of Milwaukee County, faced with a flood of volunteers from among his staff of deputies, has announced that his entire staff will be on hand to help handle the crowd Sunday. He issued a special appeal to beware of pickpockets and the like and urged that fans bring only enough money with which to have a good time...Among other warnings issued by his department and the Milwaukee, West Allis and State Fair park police departments was that fans arrive in time to park their cars and get into their seats before the staff of the game. "The fans were late in arriving at the Washington-Green Bay game and many left their cars in the State Fair park highways rather than miss the opening kickoff," the sheriff said. "We will have sufficient police deputies on hand to guard against this so as to facilitate movement out of the park after the game and all owners or drivers of cars illegally parked will be faced with arrest."...The Giants will arrive in Milwaukee early Friday morning over the Milwaukee road. They will be in charge of Assistant Coach Bo Molenda because of the death of Coach Steve Owen's mother in New York Wednesday. Coach Owen will not be here for Sunday's game...Demands for tickets are still flooding every ticket center, and with no prospects of letting up. Tim Mara, owner of the Giants, wanted 1,000 tickets for New York fans who planned to come on special trains if they could get tickets, then lowered his request to 350 and will likely have to be satisfied if he and his sons get in on a sideline badge...Airline companies also flooded Green Bay,

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**HELP! HELP!**—And more help was needed to accommodate the football mad Milwaukee fans who stampeded the Sentinel's public service counter Monday morning in quest of tickets for the world championship professional football battle between the Green Bay Packers and

New York Giants Sunday at State Fair park. Here is a part of the throng in the office, while a long line, held in order with the aid of police, waited patiently outside. The supply of tickets went in less than an hour. Another allotment will go on sale Tuesday morning.

Milwaukee and league officials with request for tickets, stating they could organize flights from every sector of the country if tickets were available...Perhaps the most surprised man of all over the demand for tickets is Abbott, aforementioned league publicity man. He came here early "to drum up interest in the game" as he stated Wednesday night. "I don't sleep well on trains," he went on, "and worry over Sunday's gate kept me awake most of the night. When I arrived Monday night I asked the bellhop what prospects were and he said, 'It's a sellout.' I couldn't believe it and then visited various centers where one can pick up advance information and sentiment and found the report was true. I had visions of hiring bands to parade up and down your Broadway to help put it over, thought of bringing both clubs in early to help pep things up and all I've been doing for two days is to say, 'Sorry, can't do a thing for you, the good tickets are gone.' All that worry for nothing as only a few of the \$1.65 and \$1.10 tickets remain." Now Bill's headache starts. Bill is in charge of press accommodations at the park and requests far exceed the supply. His immediate object is to satisfy the New York, Chicago and Milwaukee newspapers' demands for working press accommodations, after that other demands will be taken care of in order of their importance. All papers, including New York, Chicago and Milwaukee, will be limited to no more than three working press tickets; requests for complimentary tickets, aside from the limited supply furnished by the Packers, will have to be ignored.

#### **PACKERS 'KIDS'; LAMBEAU LAYS DOWN THE LAW**

DEC 7 (Milwaukee Journal) - Dissatisfied with the showing of the Packers in practice Wednesday afternoon, Curly Lambeau laid down the law at a meeting of the boys Wednesday night in an attempt to jolt them out of their serene feeling of satisfaction over Sunday's pro football league playoff with New York at Milwaukee. "You'd almost think they had this championship already won," Lambeau said. "They missed passes this afternoon and laughed about it. They fumbled and kidded about it. Then, at dinner, some of them started to load up on pastries and desserts - and that was too much. I just had to light into them." What effect Lambeau's talk had on the squad remains to be seen. Another skull session, devoted largely to ways and means of stopping Tuffy Leemans and Ward Cuff, was held Thursday morning, followed by a workout on the field. Lambeau has changed his mind again about arriving in Milwaukee. Instead of Saturday, he will bring the team to Milwaukee Friday night. The squad will work out early Friday afternoon and leave here late in the afternoon, arriving in Milwaukee at 8 o'clock. The fifteenth floor of the Schroeder hotel has been reserved for the Packer party. Announcement was made by E.A. (Spike) Spachman, director of ticket sales, that only a few hundred seats, all cheap ones, remained to be sold.

#### **NEW YORK GIANTS SHOW LITTLE FIRE IN FINAL WORKOUT AT HOME**

DEC 7 (New York) - Completely subdued and with all their fire gone, the New York Giants Thursday went through their final practice here for Sunday's championship game with the Green Bay Packers in Milwaukee. News of the sudden death of the mother of Coach Steve Owen's came as a complete shock to the team. The boys had lived with the gentle old lady for months and every one was extremely fond of her. Their drill was dull and spiritless with the massive figure of stout Steve strangely missing. Furthermore, at Milwaukee Sunday the Giants will go into their most important battle without their coach. Direction of the team was taken over by shrewd Bo Molenda, assistant coach, with Capt. Mel Hein serving in an advisory

capacity, In fact, it will be an odd situation in many respects. "The playoff game always has been the players' game," Molenda told the squad, "and this will be more of a players' game for us than ever. Steve won't be with us and I want each of you to feel personally responsible for the victory of the team. I'll welcome suggestions because this is your ball game. It's up to you, boys, it's up to you." The team will leave here at 4 p.m. Thursday after the final Polo Grounds session of the season. The team will fill a special train that will go right to Milwaukee without changing in Chicago. The last drill was an intense one, because it was not certain what weather the team would find for Friday's workout in Milwaukee. Chalked on the blackboard in the clubhouse were instructions as to train time and the like, with the last line very important. It read: "Bring your sneakers." The Giants won the playoffs one year by using basketball shoes on icy turf. Molenda will have quite a task in lifting the team back to the heights reached last week, but



## Look Out, Green Bay

*Off for the championship battle with the Packers in Milwaukee on Sunday, Ken Strong and Ward Cuff wave good-bye at Grand Central yesterday afternoon. Field goal kicking of this pair may bring victory to Giants—as it did against Washington.*

the four sparkplugs on the squad - Hein, Orville Tuttle, Johnny Dell Isola and Tuffy Leemans - may be able to give him valuable assistance. In fact, it is much too early to guess how the boys will react. They may be so bowled over by the death of Mrs. Owen that they will lose all their incentive or else they may become so grimly determined to win this one for Steve Owen that there will be no stopping them. Not since the playoff was inaugurated has any team ever been delivered such a psychological shock. The transformation from the laughing, eager group of earlier practices to a solemn, spiritless gathering Wednesday was amazing. It had to be seen to be realized. The Giants had a fairly long practice and afterward sat watching motion pictures of the New York-Green Bay playoff a year ago. Most of them had forgotten this thrilling battle that saw the Giants lose an early lead and then come back from behind to win, 23 to 17. The entire squad performed magnificently, with the running of Hank Soar and the passing of Ed Danowski the outstanding offensive threats. Early this season neither Soar nor Danowski played well, but in recent games there has been a gradual return to form by each, and they may be an important factor. Another one will be the complete rejuvenation of Kink Richards, now the best blocker on the squad and one of the best ball carriers as well. So Molenda will be able to use Richards, Soar and Leemans in succession, ever keeping on the pressure. That Tuffy will be ready was indicated when he actually took part in the practice, his first this week. He was running without any trace of hobbling, but when his injured leg was inspected afterward it still was swollen and the wound ugly looking. Leemans insists, however, that he will be as sound as a dollar by Sunday.

## **SURE, GREEN BAY ITSELF WANTED THE BIG GAME, BUT, MORE IMPORTANT, NOW IT WANTS VICTORY**

DEC 7 (Milwaukee Journal) - A man could poke his nose in every rathole in Green Bay and come to only one conclusion at this time when football history is in the making: Green Bay is a bit sore because that game between the Packers and the Giants next Sunday is not to be played here. Not sore for keeps, though. More like the bride on her wedding morning when

someone told her the groom snored in his sleep. That matter of playing site is the fly in an otherwise delightful oil. Green Bay is forgetting its pique to the tune of 11,000 tickets sold here. Not all of those will go to Green Bay people, but be assured that the wildest and most loyal fans in the stands next Sunday will be from the Bay. No matter how they grumble because the game is to be played in Milwaukee, their pride in the Packers is the big thing and, win or lose, Sunday they'll feel the same old say, "Come home. All is forgiven." So, next Sunday, when you are out there watching, be prepared for the Green Bay fan at your elbow to nudge you and tell you what Clarke Hinkle said to the Boys' club last Tuesday and what size collar Buckets Goldenberg wears, if any. These items come under the heading of civic pride. Indeed, some of the folks at Green Bay, discussing the Milwaukee playing site, are inclined to believe that anything by rapturous words against the Packers is like looking a gift horse in the mouth. Drugstore owner R.A. Franklin, in De Pere, reflected this idea: "Wherever they play, we want to see them win. The merchants feel the huge crowd would have helped business, but down under I believe their first thought is for a victory." Certainly, Green Bay's pique over the playing site is born of a love for that team "fiercer than the love of man for maid." If, next Sunday at State Fair park, Messrs. Leemans, Hein, Cuff, et al, are in the driver's seat, don't yell, "Bums," at the Packers. Should you be so reckless some valiant Green Bay fan will indubitably raise a bludgeon over your dome and cry. "How many lumps do you want and where do you want 'em?" That's the way things are at Green Bay. There was, for instance, the wrought-up man in the Orpheum barbershop. He was a good one, that fellow. He delivered a 10 minute oration on the injustice of it all. He was indeed a perfect specimen of outraged citizen. He even said Green Bay fans would have paid \$6 each for tickets if they'd just played at home. Wasn't he, inquired a comrade from behind a hot towel, going to the game? The outraged fan stared out of the window and looked down at the hair on the battleship linoleum and finally admitted that he was. Why? asked the man behind the hot towel. The outraged one grew pensive then, as he said: "Because blood is thicker than water." But he recovered himself in time to add, "Wait until I see Curly Lambeau. Wait until I tell him a thing or two, Wait." "Next," said the barber, and the outraged one disappeared behind some lather. You can certainly find out things in a barbershop. A milder, but no less faithful pair of Packer radio fans was found in two sweet ladies at 500 Congress St. They are Mrs. P.R. Kendall and Miss N.M. Goodhue. The first thing Miss Goodhue said was: "We don't lie about our age. Mrs. Kendall is 90 and I'm 82 and we're both proud of it." They have a little pasteboard rig with a gridiron drawn on it and the playing field is almost worn through where they've pushed pins and things representing the Packers since 1921. They've seen only one game from the stands. That was several years ago when their nephew took them. "But," says spry Miss Goodhue, "we really understand more about it listening to Mr. Winnie. You see, if we go to a game, everyone is always jumping up and sitting down and about the time those in front of us are sitting down, we're jumping up!" They know Mr. Lambeau. They see him on the street often and they know some jokes about Mr. Hutson, and dear old Miss Goodhue has made up a joke of her own for Sunday. She said she hoped the three H's - Herber, Hutson and Hinkle - would give the Giants a little "H"! Mrs. Kendall, older and wiser, blushed for Miss Goodhue. Oh, you can't beat Mrs. Kendall and Miss Goodhue. They think the Packers "belong to Wisconsin" and they don't care where they play "as long as they win." "Isn't it wonderful? Green Bay playing New York?" Out in the places where man talk is passed around, chins are shoved out and you are reminded that Green Bay dug down in its jeans to help out the Packers when the going was tough. You are told it is a crying shame the championship game was not slated for Green Bay. And in the next breath someone asks you if you've got an extra ticket. Goldie Duquaine at the filling station by the river wants to see those Packers at home but, "No use being a dog in the manger. If it means a bigger cut for the players, I guess they've earned it." Ralph Smith, assistant to Spike Spachman, ticket sales director, has been like a one armed plasterer over there in the legion home where the ticket buyers have lined up. He says the town was "pretty" sore but is "cooling off." Half the time he's on the phone, selling those remaining end zone tickets and half the time he's at the ticket window. Many of those long distance calls are from old Packer friends. John Burnham, the Waupaca publisher, bought a couple in the end zone while we were there, and thanked Mr. Smith and said he was lucky. The town, of course, is football made. John Walter, sports editor for the Press-Gazette, says the kids here "tumble out of the cradle into football uniforms." The Packers are the inspiration. The two high schools, East and West, get huge squads out for practice. Up to this year East won 36 straight games and claim a state high school record. Then there are football leagues for grade schools, junior high schools and the eight parochial schools out of town. Corner lots are at a premium for kid football teams, in season and out. Hottest fan? Everybody's a fan. Once, says Sportswriter Walter, he printed a story about a man who said he'd seen every Packer home game for 10 years. "The next day about 50 people called me up and said they'd seen every home game and every road game over a longer period." It is not Green Bay's team alone, either. Fans come regularly from Marquette, Iron Mountain, Duluth and Ashland. Escanaba feels it owns a piece of the Packers. Arnie Herber, the only Green Bay boy on the team, is a kind of local Lindberg. Miss Edith Peterson, secretary to the board of education, who has known Arnie since he was so high, put us

	Green Bay	New York
First downs .....	149	109
Yards rushing .....	1,574	1,381
Yards passing .....	1,871	971
Yards on laterals .....	0	5
Total yards .....	3,445	2,357
Passes attempted .....	348	177
Passes completed .....	101	75
Passes intercepted by .....	26	35
Punting average .....	43	44
Punt returns .....	553	534
Fumbles .....	16	21
Opponents' fumbles recov. ..	9	10
Touchdown runs .....	17	10
Touchdown passes .....	14	8
Points after touchdown .....	28	18
Field goals attempted .....	18	32
Field goals made .....	5	14
Opp. yards gained .....	2,770	2,482
Opp. passes attempted .....	239	222
Opp. passes completed .....	106	89
Points .....	233	168
Opponents' points .....	153	85

in touch with C.F. Cole, principal of West high school. That's where Arnie got started. Cole said Herber was a good boy and a good student. He quoted Arnie's classroom work. "He still holds the school discus record, 121 feet," said the principal. "He never made a name at college. He did captain the Wisconsin freshmen. Then he attended St. Regis, out west, for awhile. He could have been an All-American anywhere." Familiarity with the Packers is noticeable in the towns around. At Elkhart Lake Gus Hama boasts that he sells gasoline to Hinkle "whenever he comes by." "He's a great guy," says Gus. "That roto picture in the Journal showing Hinkle and the kid was just right. Have I got tickets? I beat it to Green Bay like a shot Monday morning and I'm set. On the way I saw a farmer jump down off his manure spreader and into his car. He was in one big hurry. I met him in the ticket line in the Bay." Are they going to win? There is no doubt about it up here. They are cocksure. It's in the air, wherever you go. You get the idea the game is an elaborately staged pogrom during which the Packers will avenge all past trespasses of the Giants. Men, women and kids talk about it. Have you got tickets? Are you going to take the train? Did you seem them work out today? I hope they've got a dry ball to throw around...And plenty of them are coming with the long green. All in all, should the Packers lose, Christmas is going to be very glum beside the waters of the river Fox.

**PACKERS 8 TO 5 FAVORITES, BUT LOOK AT THE STATISTICS**

DEC 7 (Milwaukee Journal) - There is nothing in the season's statistics of the Packers and Giants to indicate anything except a tossup in the playoff at State Fair park Sunday afternoon. Certainly there is little to support the price of 8 to 5, which has been quoted on Green Bay. The Packers have an edge, perhaps, but it is so small that it means almost nothing against a team which has so consistently proved itself able to take the short end of the statistics and still win. In 11 games this fall, the Giants have been outdowned, outgained and so forth nine times, yet they have lost only one and tied one. As opportunists who can hang a victim on the smallest peg, they have hung up a record that you must go far to duplicate. It just isn't luck when it happens as

consistently as the Giants have made it happen. The difference in the season's statistics between the clubs as they go into Sunday's game really will be small. Offensively, the edge belongs to the Packers. Defensively, it belongs to New York. The Packers have rolled up more first downs, more yards by rushing, more yards by passing, more yards on runbacks of punts and have scored more points, fumbled less and scored more points after touchdowns. The edge on defense clearly belongs to Green Bay. On defense, you immediately get a different picture. The Giants have a far better record on pass defense, a better punting average, a slightly better record on opponents' fumbles recovered and a better record against rushing and scoring both. And just so you don't get the idea they are defense crazy, they have a better passing record than the Packers and a much better record in successful placements - and placements may very well decide Sunday's game. It's an open flirtation with disaster ever to let the Giants, with Ward Cuff and Ken Strong, have the ball anywhere near your 40 yard



line. Maybe all this still figures out to 8 to 5 - but it looks a little funny...The Giants will have more weight in the line, the Packers more weight in the backfield. New York, with Poole and Howell at ends, Cope and Mellus at tackles, Dell Isola and Tuttle at guards and Hein at center, has a line which averages 211 pounds. With Danowski at quarter, Richards and Cuff at halves and Falaschi at full, its backfield averages 196 pounds. The Packers, with Hutson and Gantenbein at ends, Lee and Ray at tackles, Goldenberg and Letlow at guards and Svendsen at center, average 208 pounds in the line. With Craig at quarter, Uram and Herber at halves, and Hinkle at fullback, Green Bay's backfield averages 197. Overall, in weight, the Giants have a slight edge...Announcement of Brooklyn's new coach to succeed Patsy Clark, resigned, undoubtedly will be made at the league meeting Saturday. With the draft one of the weekend's most important pieces of business, Dan Topping, owner of the club, surely will want his new coach, whoever he may be, to have a hand in the draw. Bill Kern of Carnegie Tech, a former Packer tackle, appears to have the inside track. At least, he can have the job if he wants it. Kern played with the Packers in their first championship year - 1929...A bare possibility exists that the league will take some action at Saturday's meeting to increase the membership to 12 clubs. Boston and St. Louis seem more likely to get berths if and when something like this should come to pass. Boston, home of the Marshall franchise before Washington got it, has clamored to get back in for several years. St. Louis, through Branch Rickey of the Cardinals, has a certified check of \$150,000 deposited with the league to show that it means business.

# Packers Leave Tonight for Sunday's Battle Scene

## Heil Takes Scribes

MADISON, Wis. — Eleven state capitol newspapermen have been invited to join Gov. Heil's party at the Packer-Giant playoff game in Milwaukee Sunday, it was disclosed today.

They were asked to join the group of 30 who will use the block of tickets which the governor obtained earlier this week. "You can't do much around here when everybody is in Milwaukee for the game," the governor advised reporters. "Better come to see the boys with me."

## PACKERS LEAVE TONIGHT FOR SUNDAY'S BATTLE SCENE

DEC 8 (Green Bay) - The Green Bay Packers executed a complete reversal of form yesterday as they drove through a sparkling picture on the eve of their departure for Southern Wisconsin and the NFL's 1939 playoff game. The team looked so ragged in its Tuesday drill that Coach Curly Lambeau admitted he was worried, but the wrinkles all were ironed out Thursday as the team ripped into a rigorous session. The squad will entrain tonight for Milwaukee, leaving on the Milwaukee Road Chippewa, and making its headquarters as usual at the Schroeder hotel. The Packers will work out Saturday at State fair park. Word from the playoff site indicates that perfect weather has been prevailing, and is expected to hold over the weekend. The gridiron has been buried under tons of hay, which will be swept away late Sunday morning, so that even if the skies turn sloppy, the players will be assured of fairly dry going. And some half of the spectators will be protected by the covered stands. "Our workout looked splendid," Lambeau commented yesterday, "but we'll have to continue the improvement if we are to be in shape for the Giants, the greatest bunch of opportunists in the game. We aim to reach our peak for Sunday's game, and play our best football of the season at that time." A development of prime importance in the weekend program will be Saturday afternoon's National league draft

meeting at the Schroeder hotel. Leaders of all teams in the league will assemble to run through the lists of the nation's football greats, and to make their selections for the 1940 season. As usual, the teams ranking lowest in the composite list will be given the first choice, which means that the Packers will have to wait awhile before striking for their new talent. Coach Lambeau will attend the meeting, as will several officials of the Green Bay Packer corporation...OWEN MAY ATTEND: The Packers are inclined to discount rumors that Coach Steve Owen of New York will not attend the game because of his mother's funeral. The latter event takes place on Saturday at Kansas City, and Owen easily can make connections for Milwaukee by plane, if he cares to do so after the funeral. There has been a no deterioration in the Packers' physical condition during this week of practice, not so much as a turned ankle marring the work. Thus the team will enter the game in far better shape than last year, when end Don Hutson and halfback Bob Monnett were crippled. The ticket situation remained as acute as ever today, with scarcely a pasteboard of any quality to be had. A few of the cheaper seats were left, and Packer officials were certain that the stadium will be sold out before game time. There will be two special

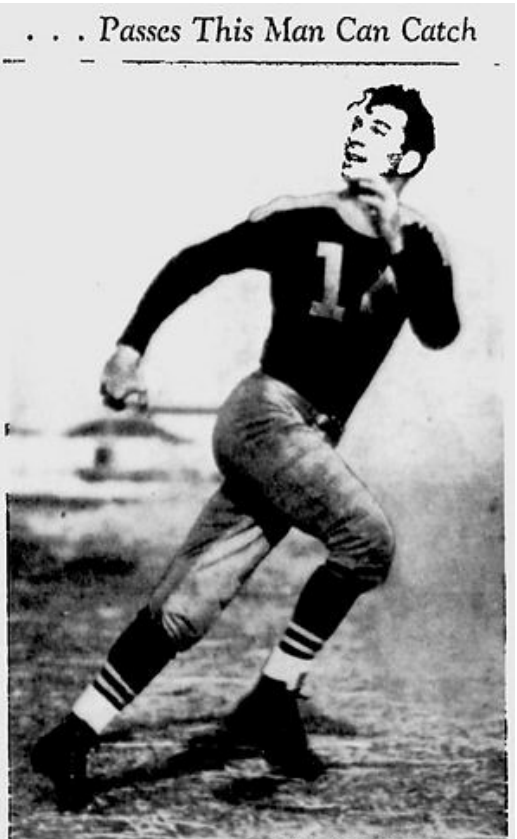
trains carrying Green Bay and Fox river valley fans to Milwaukee Sunday. The Carrigan Special, which runs on the Milwaukee Road, announced today that diner service will be available both going and returning. The Du Chateau Special announced that the Packer Lumberjack band will make the trip with it on the North Western line. Du Chateau also announced that the special will leave State Fair park, West Allis, at 4:30 after the game, and will start back from Milwaukee at 7:00.

#### **WATCH SCALPERS IN TICKET SITUATION**

DEC 8 (Milwaukee) - Police and federal agents prepared today to crack down on "scalpers" hoping to capitalize on tickets for Sunday's game between the New York Giants and Green Bay Packers. Otto A. La Budde, collector of internal revenue for the Milwaukee district, said that he would station men at hotels and other places in an effort to uncover scalping operations. E.J. Koelzer, assistant United States district attorney, pointed out that federal statutes provide a fine up to \$100 if a ticket is sold for an amount in excess of the price noted on the ticket...**AGREE TO PAY TAX:** However, La Budde said that tickets legally can be sold above the stipulated price if the seller registers with the internal revenue department and agrees to pay a tax of 10 percent of what he receives for the ticket. Meanwhile, police and sheriff's deputies were on the lookout for 1,500 alleged counterfeit tickets which officials of the Green Bay Packers said had been distributed and were selling for \$10 each. The team said they would pay \$250 for evidence of anyone selling them.

#### **GIANTS ALREADY ON GAME SCENE**

DEC 8 (Milwaukee) - New York's football Giants, champions of the east, rolled into town today for pro football's big money game - the championship playoff - against the Green Bay Packers, pride of Wisconsin's dairyland and only four-time professional titleholder. Virtually everything was ready for the game but the weather forecast and neither the Packers nor the Giants has anything to fear if this week's pleasant autumn temperatures continue through Sunday. Both teams hoped for clear skies and firm footing - ideal conditions for their hard-driving backs and sharp-eyed passers and receivers. A sellout throng of approximately 31,500 - all that the "Dairy Bowl" at State Fair park will hold - was assured despite the fact that a few of the cheaper tickets at \$1.65 and \$1.10 still were available. The best seats, which sold at \$4.40, \$3.30 and \$2.20, were gone soon after they put on sale Monday, and many of them went to scalpers, anxious to capitalize on them...**SHARES ARE VOTED:** The title game was expected to yield a record gate of \$80,000, of which 60 percent will go to the players. Each player on the winning team will receive approximately \$600, while each losing player will realize about \$400. The Giants have listed 34 men for their share of the gate, while the Packers have voted 33 shares. The game had all of the earmarks of a thrilling, see-saw battle. The Packers and Giants have played 18 games since 1928 and each team has won nine. Last year the Giants whipped Green Bay 23 to 17 in the championship playoff at New York and the Packers have vowed to even the count...**AIM TO STOP HUTSON:** New York's chief objective Sunday will be to stop Don Hutson, fleet Green Bay end and the pro league's No. 1 pass snatcher. Giant coaches Steve Owen and Bo Molenda, himself a former Packers, indicated they would put two defensive men on Don's tracks. Cleveland did the same thing three weeks ago, but Don played decoy there and enabled Joe Laws to catch a pass for the winning touchdown. Throwing passes for Green Bay will be Arnold Herber, long one of the league's ace



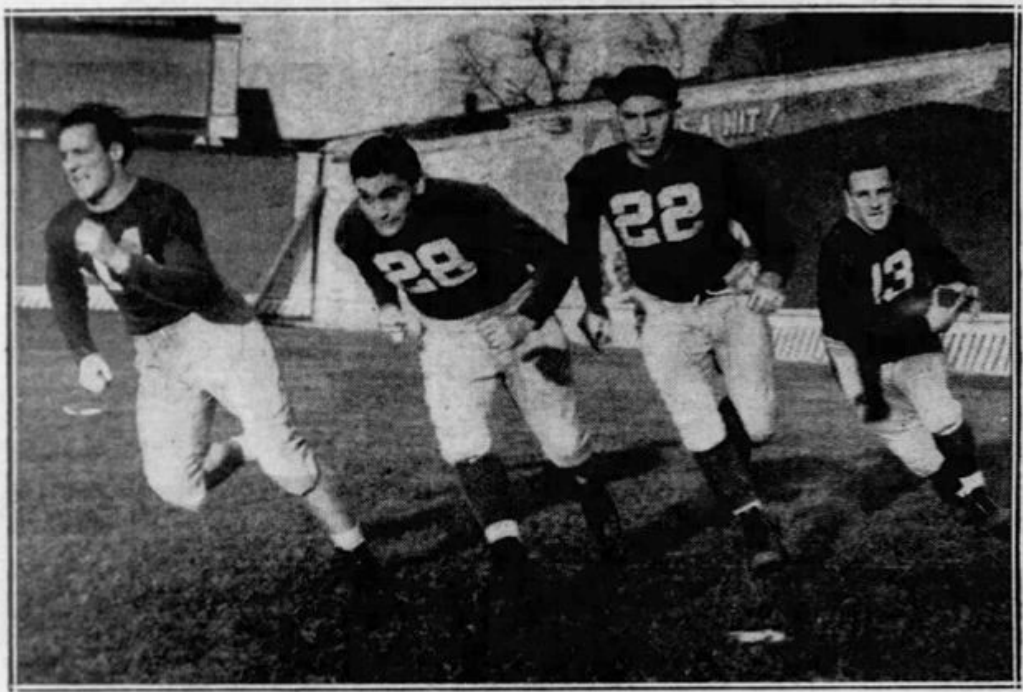
**E**YES of the crowd of 32,500 at State Fair park Sunday will be constantly on Don Hutson, speedy Packer end, hoping that he will pull down a touchdown pass, as he has more times than any other player in the National Football league. His uncanny ability may be the deciding factor in the championship play-off between the Green Bay Packers and the New York Giants.

tossers, and Cecil Isbell, who can run, kick and pass with the best. But Coach E.L. (Curly) Lambeau of the Packers isn't counting alone on a passing attack. He has groomed his squad for a powerful running offensive, too. Tuffy Leemans and Len Barnum constitute the hub of New York's battering ram. Tuffy is a bruising runner, while Barnum is a triple-threat star. Then, too, the Giants have two of the finest placement kickers in the league - Milwaukee's own Ward Cuff and Ken Strong, who scored all of New York's points in the 9 to 7 victory over Washington's Redskins last Sunday. The Giants arrived at 10:30 a.m. today and will work out at the Milwaukee Brewers' park today and tomorrow.

#### **LOOKING UP IN THE REALM OF SPORTS**

DEC 8 (Green Bay) - The New York Giants are confident. This feeling of warm self-assurance may not be extended to the status of overconfidence, and again perhaps it may, but at any rate the cute little fellows who play football for Tim Mara and, more directly, for Steve Owen, are expecting a victory when they meet the Green Bay Packers Sunday. This information is gleaned for New York newspaper clippings, quoting the Giants at length concerning what they plan to do when they step onto the field Sunday afternoon. It is true that the Giants breathed these awful sentiments from a vantage point some thousand miles away from the scene of conflict, and perhaps when they hitch up their pants on the gridiron for revenge,

their attitude may soften. But you'd never know it to hear their chatter. In glancing back over these first paragraphs, we notice that they read a great deal like a sympathetic attempt to bolster Packer morale, but as a matter of fact we have the New York press clippings on hand, and unless somebody has been misquoted sadly, the Giants are whistling vigorously, not only in the dark, but in broad daylight. We shall tear the Packers limb from limb; we shall drive them from the field; we shall keep the championship in the East, where it belongs; we licked them last year and we'll do it again; and so on, through the swamps of the same material. Nothing will please Coach Curly Lambeau more than to have the Giants maintain that attitude right up to game time, for the Packers have just what it takes to alter the



**Ready for the Big, Big Game.** (By Associated Press) N. Y. Giants will start this backfield in toughest of pro games with Green Bay Packers today. The boys are working out in Milwaukee and are (left to right) Ward Cuff, Nello Falaschi, Ed Danowski and Kink Richards. Game seems to be just about a toss-up. —Story p. 100.

The Green Bay team is in much better psychological position than if it were going into combat against the Washington Redskins, a team it already has defeated this season. The boys want to wipe out the memory of that 1938 playoff defeat, they want the extra cash, and they're dying for another crack at the College All-Stars. So New York can be just confident as it pleases. No one really minds a bit.

#### **WARD CUFF FACES MILWAUKEE TRIAL**

DEC 8 (Milwaukee) - Ward Cuff, former Marquette star arriving with the New York Giants Friday morning for the title game with the Green Bay Packers here Sunday, will have something besides touchdowns and field goals on his mind. Cuff is a defendant in a \$5,000 lawsuit brought by Mrs. Virginia Exarhos, 1136 N. Fourteenth St., and her husband, Leo, for injuries received by Mrs. Exarhos August 1, 1938, in a collision between a Boynton Cab Co. taxicab and an automobile driven by Cuff. A jury to try the suit was being drawn in the court of Civil Judge Thaddeus Pruss Thursday. The case is scheduled for trial next Wednesday.

#### **PACKERS NOTES**

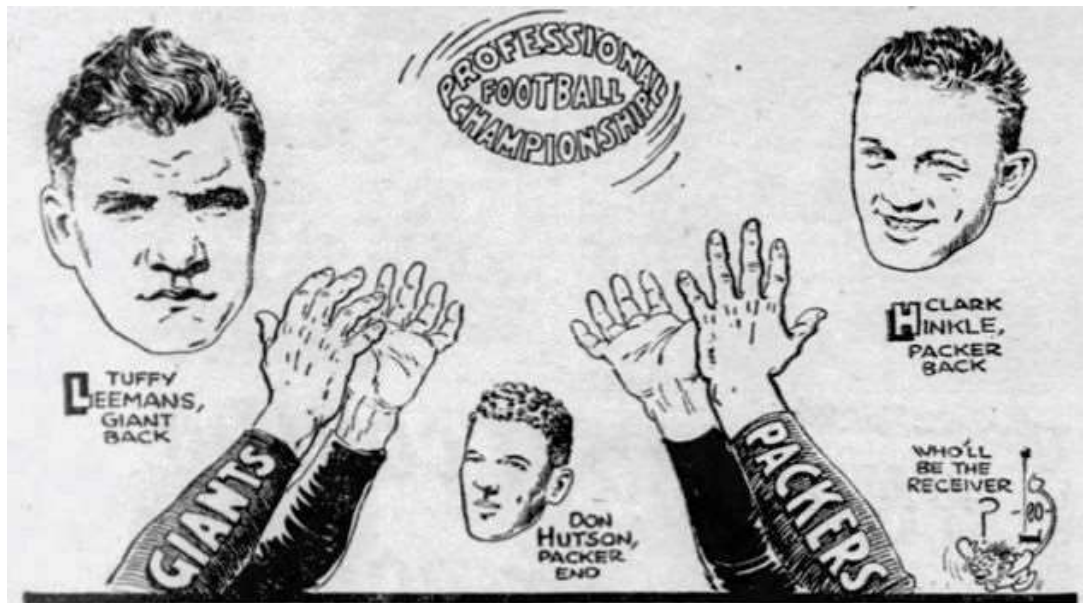
DEC 8 (Milwaukee Sentinel-Stoney McGlynn) - With scores of visiting NFL officials and sportswriters from throughout the country scheduled to be present over the weekend at the league meeting and the championship Dairy Bowl game Sunday between the Green Bay Packers and New York Giants it might be appropriate at this time that strong consideration be given to making the organization big time all the way instead of just in its caliber of play. I have particular reference to officiating, the need of giving the league president a long term contract, the necessity of giving the president czar like control of officiating and the need of new legislation to curb the decidedly amateurish behavior of some of the league coaches and owners. Over the course of 11 campaigns with the Packers I have met many fans from all sections, many writers and the consensus of opinion is strongly in favor of doing something to put the conduct of the league's business on a higher plane. Everybody, including the fans who pay the freight, agree something should be done, but it is never done. How much longer will the club owners fly in the face of public opinion? How much longer will they, by wanting the edge and trying to obtain it no matter how cheapening their actions, get by with their present methods before the fans decided pro football is not a sport as presently conducted?...**MUST HAVE CZAR:** I have no row with Carl Storck, acting president of the league since the death of Joe Carr; nor had I a row with Mr. Carr. Mr. Carr was an able, conscientious leader whose only drawbacks were illness in the later years of his life and the failure of the league to clothe him with the proper authority. Mr. Storck, secretary of the league prior to taking over the duties of acting president, has done a very able job considering he has even less authority than Mr. Carr. The answer is to give the president absolute authority, a long term contract so he will not be at the mercy of the whims and fancies of some disgruntled owner because of an adverse ruling and tighten the strings so as to hold owners and coached within bounds in their conduct at the games. I know it will be a difficult task, perhaps impossible,



to get the owners to agree to such a procedure, but I also know such a step would advance the game five years and would put the league business standards somewhat nearer on a par with the caliber of play. It will be difficult. Right at this time various owners have withheld appointment of Mr. Storck because each and every one of them have one particular gent whom they'd like to put in the chair. If this is doubted I could name some of the candidates and some of the owners who are hoping to feather their own nest instead of viewing the appointment on a leaguwide basis and with vision into the future of the sport which is destined to be come the biggest sports venture of all if the league is conducted properly...A CASE IN POINT: Sunday's incident in New York when Coach Ray Flaherty and Ed Justice of the Redskins rushed upon the field is a case in point. Mr. Storck cleared the players because officials report no blows were struck. But by leading the charge onto the field Flaherty and Justice COULD have incited a riot that might have resulted in fatal injuries. Coach Flaherty, a leaders of his team, should have been the one to caution and guide away from trouble instead of leading the charge. Mr. Storck should have fined both culprits heavily and also should have suspended Justice for a game or games, effective next season. Why wasn't this done? Perhaps because Mr. Storck, being human and desirous of saving his position, thought it best not to acquire the enmity of George P. Marshall, owners of the Redskins, at this time. But if Mr. Storck had a long term contract, one assuring security of office as long as its affairs were conducted properly, he would not have had to temper his justice with a desire to hold his position. This practice of coaches and owners rushing onto the field MUST be curbed before a serious riot, sparked by soapbox tactics of coaches and owners, takes place. It can be curbed by clothing the president with the proper authority, by giving him absolute power and by making him a czar of the officials. The officials, once they know the president is in an invulnerable position and will back them, will run the game as they should be run. In appointing Bill Halloran of Providence, who made the rule on the disputed placekick in New York, as Sunday's referee, Mr. Storck exhibited the proper intestinal fortitude. He answered Halloran's critics most effectively by giving him the appointment as referee of the most important game of the year. Such action reveals Mr. Storck has many sound qualities the office demands and the league needs.

**NEW YORK GIANTS ARRIVE, THIRTY STRONG; WORK OUT AT BALLPARK**

DEC 8 (Milwaukee Journal)  
 - Thirty strong, the New York Giants, champions of the eastern division of the NFL, arrived in Milwaukee



at 11:20 Friday morning for the playoff with the Green Bay Packers, champions of the western division, at State Fair park Sunday afternoon. A crowd of several hundred fans greeted the squad, which was in charge of Assistant Coach Bo Molenda. Molenda also will be in charge of the team Sunday, due to the death of Coach Steve Owen's mother Tuesday. Mrs. Owen will be buried at Enid, Okla., Saturday. The Giants arrived in perfect condition for the game. Even Tuffy Leemans, whose injured leg is still draining, and Leland Shaffer, who has a bad hip, will play, according to Molenda. Leemans, leading ground gainer, and Shaffer, worked out lightly in the last drill in New York, and showed no ill effects. While the squad was naturally depressed by the death of Steve Owen's mother, there wasn't an absence of confidence. The fact that the Giants have only beaten the Packers once in the west, and that no team has ever repeated in the playoff, doesn't mean a thing to them. "We're here not only to play a football game," Molenda said, "but to win one. The boys are all in good shape, they know what this game means to them in dollars and cents, and they don't care a hoot about the jinx that champions have never repeated so far." The starting lineup, according to Molenda, probably will be the same as that which took the field against the Packers in the championship game a year ago, which New York won, 23 to 17. Molenda's first concern was about the weather. He beamed as he looked up at the cloudless skies and asked, "Will it last? What's the prediction?" New York, it seems, has an idea Milwaukee is a speck up somewhere near the Arctic Circle. Sixteen New York newspapermen and wives of several of the players accompanied the team. Due to delay in arriving in Chicago from New York, the team reached here almost an hour late. The Milwaukee road held its train in Chicago 40 minutes to accommodate the party. The Giants established their headquarters at the Ambassador Hotel. Catholic boys on the squad observed the feast of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation, at Gesu Friday. A light workout behind locked gates was held at the

baseball park Friday afternoon. At Green Bay, meanwhile, things started to look up again. The tongue lashing which Lambeau administered after the unsatisfactory workout Wednesday afternoon, when nothing seemed to go right, apparently had its effect. The team had its feet on the ground again. "We looked better today," Lambeau said on the phone. "I think the boys have finally started to realize that they have a game on their hands. I tried to tell them that from the beginning, but it didn't seem to sink in. They just felt too sure of themselves, I guess. But it was better today. The timing on passing especially was improved." Lambeau refused to indicate who might start. "So much depends on the weather and the condition of the field that I won't pick a starting lineup until just before the game," he said. "All I can say now is that our whole squad is intact. We haven't any injuries, at least none that would make doubtful starters of any of the boys." The Packers will follow the Giants into town Friday night, arriving on the Chippewa over the Milwaukee road at 8 o'clock. They will make their headquarters at the Schroeder hotel. No workout is planned Saturday, although Lambeau will hold both morning and afternoon skull sessions.

## *Packers' Hostility Felt by Giants*

### **PACKERS' HOSTILITY FELT BY GIANTS**

DEC 8 (New York) - Plain and embroidered trouble lay ahead of New York's grid Giants this morning as their special car rumbled toward Milwaukee and Sunday's World Championship playoff game with the Green Bay Packers. The tight-lipped players - traveling without Coach Steve Owen, unable to accompany the team because of his mother's death on Tuesday - knew they faced troublous times but not the open hostility displayed by their Western foes. The Manhannites are due in Milwaukee at 11:30 (EST) this morning. They had counted on getting the feel of the State Fair Park, where the crucial game will be played, but were informed en route they would not be allowed on the playing grounds til game time Sunday. This aroused anger among the squad and resulted in vitriolic comment by Assistant Coach Bo Molenda, in charge of the team during Owen's absence. "You would think this was war, not just a football game," Molenda snapped. "If that is the way they want it, it is okay with us. We'll work out at Brewers' Park and those Packers had better realize every limbering up exercise will carry a trademark intended especially for later use on the carcass of such poor sports." This dog-in-the-manger attitude was by no means the only provocation tossed in the Polo Grounders' kisser. About 500 Giant fans has planned on making the trip and lending verbal aid to their favorites. They were unable to make the journey, however, because no tickets were available to the would-be visitors. "One thing is certain," Captain Mel Hein commented. "They'll have to let us use the same size football and they can't soften up our blocking and tackling, as those inhospitable mugs will soon find out." Green Bay is 9-5 favorite to prevent the Giants from becoming the first team to capture two championships in a row. The New Yorkers whipped the Packers, 23-17, for the title last year. Psychologically, the Giants will be at a disadvantage due to Coach Owen's absence. In nine years at the helm of the Mara cash-and-carriers, Owen has piloted the outfit to the league title twice - in '34 and '38 - and the runner-up spot in '33 and '35. The soft-spoken mentor might be termed a kindly Svengali and that he will be badly missed goes with argument. The Giants are banking on the sure-fire toe of Ward Cuff, while the Packers place most confidence in the pass catching of Don Hutson. If Cuff should be rendered hors de combat - from the Packers' hostile carryings-on - the veteran Ken Strong will step into the breach. Seven times this year Cuff has kicked field goals, and two of them, against the Bears and Redskins, spelled victory. Strong has booted four this season to tie with Engebretsen, Green Bay's prize toeman. Hutson is a one-man scoring gang. Possessing even greater speed than most backs, the big end has snared 34 passes for 846 yards and 6 touchdowns.

### **'STOP HUTSON,' SLOGAN OF INVADING GIANTS**

DEC 8 (New York) - With only one thought in mind - "STOP HUTSON", the Giants arrived here this morning for their battle with the Green Bay Packers on Sunday for the championship of the NFL. Shortly after the defending champs checked in, the Packers rolled down from Green Bay, confident they'll reverse the decision which cost them the title in the Polo Grounds a year ago. Acting coach Bo Molenda, at the Giant workout, pointed to Cuff and remarked: "There's the man Steve (Owen) and I have selected to halt Hutson."...MOLENDAS CONFIDENT: Hutson, the greatest end in football, has caught 34 passes for 846 yards this season, 6 of them for touchdowns. Cuff's assignment will be to cover Don on the Packers' flanker play (in which Hutson jumps into a spread formation) where the end goes deep. Up to 20 yards past the scrimmage line, the backers-up will take over the assignment. In a pregame delegation, Molenda also declared: "We beat 'em twice last year, and there's no reason why we can't do it again." However, Curly Lambeau, Packer coach, said: "Sure, they beat us last

year, but don't forget Hutson played only a few minutes in the championship game. He is in shape today and all we ask is a dry, fast field." The weather promised to be just what Lambeau - and the Giants, for that matter, desired. The betting here is 6-5, take your choice. One agent was asking \$50 for a pair of \$4.40 seats. A record \$80,000 gate is assured.

**CUFF, MARQUETTE'S 'SATURDAY CHILD', RETURNS HOME WITH TALENTED TOE**

DEC 8 (Milwaukee Journal) - They called him Saturday's child at Marquette because that was the only time they could get any football out him, but Ward Cuff has since proved he can go on Sunday, too, by becoming one of the deadliest placekickers as well as one of the most valuable halfbacks in the National Professional league. It may be that Cuff, who is back in town with the New York Giants bent



**My Choice!** (Associated Press Wirefoto) Curly Lambeau (right), Green Bay Packers coach, indicates the player of his desire among college stars in pro league draft, to Bo Molenda, Giant assistant mentor.

on beating the Packers for the championship Sunday, was an underrated star in the college days, his light dimmed by his backfield mates, all-American Ray Buivid and sprightly Art Guepe. There could be several reasons for his having been underestimated, although even today you'll find considerable expert opinion to the effect that the handsome fullback did as much to making the wheels go 'round for Frank Murray's Cotton Bowl team as did either Buivid or Guepe. Cuff was unheralded when he reported for football on the Hilltop. A football, basketball, track and baseball star at Redwood Falls (Minn.) high school, he enrolled at Drake and decided almost at one that he didn't like Des Moines. He turned up at Marquette unexpectedly and without any special inducement, because the Corbetts and the Lauterbachs, from his hometown, had gone to Marquette and had recommended the school. His hometown sidekick, Jack Lauterbach, was a freshman guard here when Ward showed up. Cuff remained to become a football luminary, win the university boxing championship with a series of one round knockouts of heavier opponents and hurl the javelin 218 feet. He might have made the basketball team, too, if he had had time. He was responsible both for some of Coach Murray's biggest smile and most painful headaches - the smiles because of his happy faculty of coming through in a pinch, and the headaches because of his allergy to practice and his habit of turning up Monday morning with a miscellaneous collection of minor "injuries" and ailments that seldom permitted him to engage in strenuous workouts until Friday. Still, he always was in shape by Friday - by a rare coincidence there never was any heavy practice scheduled on Friday - and by Saturday, when the blue chips were piled high in the middle of the gridiron, Cuff was in there to kickoff, usually over the goal line, and to dispense 60 minutes of the kind of football that put Marquette in the top flight and the Cotton Bowl his senior year. Although he was a natural right halfback and weighed only 185 pounds, Cuff always played fullback for Marquette. The Giants have shifted him to halfback, but he still doesn't weigh more than 187, in a league where 200 pounders abound. It wasn't that Marquette coaches didn't know any better; it was just that they didn't have anyone else to play fullback and they knew Cuff could play practically any position well. Strangely, Cuff, who has led the National Pro league in field goals the last two years, never kicked one for Marquette. He kicked off and booted the points after touchdown but only once did his talented toe win a game. That was against Creighton at Omaha in 1936, when Marquette tied the score with a fourth quarter touchdown and Cuff neatly booted the team into the Cotton Bowl with a 7-6 victory. But he booted five field goals for the Giants last year and stepped up production to seven this season. This year Cuff kicked one for 35 yards against Philadelphia in the first game. He clicked off three from distances of 44, 40 and 24 yards to beat the Chicago Bears, 16-13. He registered twice against the Redskins in the crucial game last week, once from 49 yards and once from 15. He kicked all his team's points in the 9-0 victory over

the eastern all-stars before the league season opened. He's been the Giants' leading scorer the last two years and has personally accounted for 80 points in his three years with the Giants. Moreover, he's a heavy duty man with the best defensive team in football. He is one of the hardest blockers in the league, can lug the ball from scrimmage and is fast and shifty enough to be dangerous on runbacks. When the Giant goal is threatened, Coach Steve Owen will use Mel Hein and Cuff, both ball hawks, sharp tacklers and expert diagnosticians, to back up the line. If you must have a reason for Cuff's spectacular success with the Giants, who got him in the draft, you might consider the attractive brunet he married after he was graduated from Marquette. She was Doris Bridgen, an art student at Milwaukee Teachers' college before she met Cuff. Ward saw the youngest of their two daughters, Charalee, born last September, for the first time when he came home with the Giants Friday. His oldest, Lee Ann, is 16 months "and has legs like her dad's," says Mrs. Cuff. Marriage sobered and settled Cuff amazingly. "He's got to quite spending all his money on poker," the new Mrs. Cuff said when she was still a bride. "And if he's going to make a business out of football he'll have to train and train hard," she added. Apparently Cuff did both. Mrs. Cuff isn't so sure she likes the idea of having her husband play pro ball anymore, what with children and the danger of injury. "I never saw Ward get hurt in a game," she said the other day. "But a couple of weeks ago in the Detroit game, I heard over the radio that he was being helped off the field and all of sudden I was afraid. His hip still bothers him. It isn't nice to hear or read, either, that the Packers thought he clipped Wayland Becker last year and might be out to 'get him'. I guess Ward can take care of himself, all right, but I'd like to have him finish his work for a degree at Marquette this winter and maybe get a coaching job. He needs a good rest, too, and no more basketball tours. But we'll have to work all that out when he gets back home."

#### **GIANT BALL CARRIERS HAVE BETTER AVERAGE**

DEC 8 (Milwaukee Journal) - While the Packers have outgained the Giants in rushing this season, 1,574 yards to 1,281, they haven't averaged quite as much a play. Green Bay rolled up its total on 500 attempts, an average of 3.01 yards a play. New York made its total on 348 plays, an average of 3.68. There is little to choose between the teams' passing, although the Packers, with better and faster receivers, perhaps, have made their passes pay off better. The Giants have completed 75 out of 177 for 971 yards; the Packers, 110 out of 248 for 1,871 yards. Ed Danowski has done most of New York's passing, Herber and Isbell most of Green Bay's. The Giants have had only 11 passes intercepted and the Packers only 15. ..Sunday's game will start at 1:30 o'clock, a half hour earlier than usual. The gate will be opened at 11:30 o'clock. To avoid a traffic snarl, fans are urged to go early...In the New York party was Patsy Clark, who recently resigned as coach of the Brooklyn Dodgers. Clark has no definite plans although he intends to remain in football. Bill Kern of Pittsburgh, it is understood, can have Clark's job if he wants it...Ward Cuff's 16 month old daughter didn't know him and started to cry when he picked her up at the railroad station and kissed her. She hadn't seen her dad since early August...**BEST NEWS OF THE DAY:** Warm weather, with slight cloudiness, has been predicted for Sunday. "It won't be quite as clear as Friday," said Frank Coleman, meteorologist, "but in every other way it should be ideal." That was probably the best news of the day.. Open house for visiting newspapermen and Milwaukee sports writers will be held at the Schlitz Brown Bottle Saturday night from 9 to 11 o'clock. All the beer you can drink and lunch you can eat...The annual draft meeting, at which the coaches pick this year's seniors, will be held at the Schroeder hotem Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock...**NED IRISH A VISITOR:** Ned Irish, who has done more than any other person to popularize college basketball in New York, was in the New York party. Ned several years ago discovered a gold mine in college basketball. He introduced the idea of doubleheaders in Madison Square Garden, and the east, which for years had been more or less indifferent to the sport, woke up. So successful has he been that he now also promotes games at Convention Hall in Philadelphia. He has a full schedule in both cities this season.

#### **GIANTS RILED; CALL PACKERS 'POOR SPORTS'**

DEC 8 (Milwaukee Journal) - The Packers may look forward to some hardfought football against the Giants, as indicated Friday by the Daily News which said the New Yorkers were annoyed by refusal of the Packers to gran them the quota of seats requested and to permit a practice at State Fair park before the game. Quoting Bo Molenda, former Packer and assistant coach who will have the charge of the team during the absence of Coach Steve Owen, due to the death of his mother, Gene Ward writes in the News: "You would think this was war not just a football game," Molenda snapped. "If that is the way they want it, it is okay with us. We'll work out at the Brewers' park and those Packers had better realize every limbering exercise will carry a trademark intended especially for later use on the carcass of such poor sports. This dog in the manger attitude was by not means the only provocation tossed in the Polo Grounders kissers. About 500 Giants fans had planned on making the trip and lending verbal aid to their favorites. They were unable to make the journey, however, because no tickets were available to the would-be visitors." "One thing is certain," Capt. Mel Hein declared. "They'll have to let us use the same size football and they can't soften up our blocking and tackling, as those inhospitable mugs will soon find out."

#### **OWEN AND LAMBEAU STARTED IN GAME HARD WAY**

DEC 8 (Green Bay) - It will be even up or two to go for Steve Owen, coach of the New York Giants, in the championship game race with E.L. (Curly) Lambeau, pilot of the Western division champion Green Bay Packers. The eastern and western titlists will clash for the National league pennant before 31,000 at State Fair park in Milwaukee Sunday. Green Bay leads the league in championships with top honors in 1929, 1930, 1931 and 1936. Owen's club took the bunting in 1928, 1933

and 1938. The Giant mentor has a chance to pull even with the Lambeau record by winning Sunday. If he fails, he will be two pennants behind while Lambeau will have increased his total to five. Both championship coaches have come to the National league's "glory road" the hard way. They started as players, made nationwide reputations in active roles on the gridiron, and rose to the heights when they turned to coaching. Like many who battled their way to the top in the pro loop, Owen is the product of one of the nation's lesser known schools. He graduated from Phillips university in Kansas in 1921 after a brilliant career in the varsity line. For one year he was line coach at his alma mater, and then he joined the Kansas City Cowboys, then in the National league, organized only a few years before. As a player, Owen's name soon became a byword around the league. He ranks with Link Lyman of the Chicago Bears and Cal Hubbard of the Green Bay Packers as the best who every assumed the burdens of tackle play. In 1926 Owen went to New York when Tim Mara bought the whole Kansas City outfit. Lambeau started with the Packers, and the Packers started with him in 1919. He played one year of college football under Knute Rockne at Notre Dame. A triple threat fullback, Lambeau was one of the early disciples of the forward passing doctrine. Now a nationwide authority on the pass, he has developed some of the greatest aerial artists the game has known, including Arnold Herber and Bobby Monnett. Curly played until 1928.

## 59½ Years of Service Carried By Eight Members of Packers

### 59 1/2 YEARS OF SERVICE CARRIED BY EIGHT MEMBERS OF PACKERS

DEC 9 (Green Bay) - Eight members of the Green Bay Packers football team, every one of them certain to see action against the New York Giants at Milwaukee tomorrow, and most of them billed for the starting lineup, have served the team for periods of five years or longer. Headed by halfback Arnold Herber, who is completing his tenth year as a Packer, the eight make up some of the best-known names in Green Bay football history. Their combined service totals 59 1/2 years. Captain Milton Gantenbein, end, and blocking quarterback Henry Bruder each is the fag end of his ninth Packer season. Eight years are on the record of fullback Clarke Hinkle. For seven years Charles (Buckets) Goldenberg, a guard, has performed with the Packers. Halfback Joe Laws' service totals six years, Paul (Tiny) Engebretsen, guard, has been with the team for five and a half years, and end Donald Hutson is winding up his fifth Green Bay season. Collectively, these men are known wherever professional football is played, and their exploits have carried the Packers into the highest attitudes of National league achievement. Three of them, Gantenbein, Bruder and Herber, played with the Packers back before the team's first championship string ended. All of them were with the titleholders of 1936. And all of them are hoping to be members of a 1939 championship team. ARNOLD HERBER, who is rounding out his tenth year with the Packers, did not regularly at the beginning of that string, but for the last seven or eight years his name has struck terror to all Green Bay opposition. One of the greatest forward passers ever to appear in professional football, annually high on the National league's aerial list, he is banging along in his tenth season, apparently as tough and capable as ever. Herber is the only native Green Bayite on the present Packer squad. He played at West High school, leading the Purple to consecutive victories over East high, and to Fox River Valley conference titles, in 1926 and 1927. He was a freshman star at the University of Wisconsin, and later attended Regis college at Denver. Then the Packers snapped him up. Today Herber is 29 years old, married, and a resident of De Pere, operating a clothing store in West De Pere. He has one child, a daughter, who was 10 years old last Wednesday. Herber plays right halfback, and either he or Laws will start at that position Sunday. MILT GANTENBEIN, one of the most popular Packers ever to wear the green and gold uniform, has been captain of the team for several seasons. He also is 29 years old, and was a gridiron captain at the University of Wisconsin. Gantenbein is married, and the father of a son, six months old. For years he has been one of the National league's best ends, and in his ninth season as a professional he still has seen the major portion of his team's service at that position. In addition to being a stop-gap on defense, he is one of the team's best pass receivers. Another highly popular Packer is HENRY (HANK) BRUDER, who was tagged "Hard Luck Hank", while at Northwestern university, but since has lived it down. Bruder is a player who has been unable to leave the game he loves. Several times he has considered retiring, but on every occasion he came back, and now he says "I'll play 'til I drop." He has been one of the greatest blocking quarterbacks in professional football history, and today, at the age of 32, he blocks and tackles with terrific force. One of the most genial and likeable men on the squad, Bruder always has time to talk football. He, too, is a fine pass receiver, and in his Packer career he has scored 100 points on 16 touchdowns and four extra point kicks. Bruder is married, and has a son, eight years old, whose birthday was the same day as that of Herber's daughter, last Wednesday. Hank lives in Green Bay the year around, operating a tire and battery station. WILLIAM CLARKE HINKLE is one of the greatest names in professional football. A graduate of Bucknell university, where he was one of the nation's highest scorers, Hinkle now is making a bid to set a new individual scoring record for Green Bay, and perhaps for the

National league. In his eight years with the Packers, Clarke has scored 37 touchdowns, 25 extra points and 13 field goals for a grand total of 274, only 27 less than the Green Bay record held by Verne Lewellen. Hinkle does everything that can be done with a football, and does it well. He blocks, runs, tackles, kicks, catches passes and can throw them, too, although his aerial talent isn't used often. He is married, and lives in Green Bay all year, although his hometown is Toronto, Ohio. For three seasons Hinkle has been named all-professional fullback, having succeeded the famed Bronko Nagurski of the Chicago Bears at that position. He is 29 years old. BUCKETS GOLDENBERG, who went from Milwaukee to the University of Wisconsin, and thence to the Packers, is only 28 years old, although this is his seventh Green Bay season. He has played almost every position on the team. One year he was among the high scorers of the National league as fullback, he has played the blocking back position, and in recent years has settled into the line, playing a great game at guard. No player regards the team and the community with more affection than does Buckets. He has stoutly refused to leave Green Bay when the opportunity offered, and his one great interest outside his home is the progress of the Packers. Goldenberg manages an automobile financing branch locally, is married, and the father of a three-year old son. JOSEPH LAWS was named the most valuable player at the University of Iowa in his undergraduate days, and he came directly to the Packers from the Hawkeye school. A native of Colfax, Iowa, he operates a pool spot in that town during the off-season. Joe is 28 years old, married, and is the father of two children, a girl of four and a boy of two. He is regarded as one of the best field generals in pro football, and calls signals from his right halfback position. Laws passes occasionally as a southpaw, but generally shines as a ball totter. He is an expert pass receiver, his latest achievement being to grab Cecil Isbell's pass at Cleveland to set up the Packers for the narrow 7 to 6 victory that assured them no worse than a tie for the Western championship. Laws has scored 14 Packer touchdowns for 84 points, ranking ninth on the team's all-time scoring list. Several years of professional service in the National league were on record of PAUL (TINY) ENGBRETSSEN, guard, before he came to the Packers, but Tiny has stayed with Green Bay for five and a half years. He is one of the best placement kickers in National league history, being accurate on field goals and deadly on extra point tries. Although a lineman, without a single touchdown to his credit, he ranks 10th on the Green Bay all-time scoring list. Engebretsen has kicked for the Packers 38 points after touchdown, and 13 field goals for a total of 77. He sees a lot of service at guard, too. Tiny is a resident of Green Bay all the year, is 29 years old, and is married. There isn't an end playing the game of football who is better known than DONALD HUTSON. Once of Alabama, where he ran wild in a Rose Bowl game for the Crimson Tide, Hutson is the youngest of the crew with five years of service apiece to their credit. This is his fifth year, and there is no retirement in sight. Hutson, at 26, is at the peak of his game. Don is married, has a daughter one year old, and during the off season operates a dry cleaning establishment at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, the university town. Since joining the Packers, fresh from All-Star fame, he has leaped to third place in the team's scoring list, being topped only by Lewellen and Hinkle. Hutson has accepted passes for 39 touchdowns, and in addition has scored six extra points for a grand total of 240. Hutson has won all-league recognition several times, and his snatching and running tactics have been the despair of every defense in the league. These men are the backbone of the Packer team. Every one holds the good of Green Bay's professional football future next to his heart, and each has given the best of his efforts, courage and abilities to producing victories for the community which, to all but one, is an adopted one.

#### **GREEN BAY RATED SLIGHT EDGE OVER GIANTS IN PLAYOFF GAME**

DEC 9 (Green Bay) - Before an intensely partisan throng which will fill every one of 31,316 seats at State Fair park, the Green Bay Packers tomorrow afternoon will bid for their fifth NFL title, facing the New York Giants, holders of the 1939 title. The Giants turned back Green Bay's final attempt last year at the Polo Grounds, but most of the Wisconsin fans who are swarming into Milwaukee for the playoff are thoroughly convinced that they will witness a triumphant Packer team. In perfect condition, with its vaunted Herber to Hutson forward passing combination intact, and its Isbell-Hinkle-Jankowski-Uram-Laws ball carrying corps ready for 60 minutes each if necessary, Green Bay is ready for victory - if it is the better team. If it isn't, the Giants will be the first team in history to repeat for the National league crown since the playoff system was adopted. Definite starting lineups are hard to worm from professional coaches, and these are subject to change, but it appears probable that Assistant Coach John Herbert (Bo) Molenda of the Giants will send this roster into the fray at kickoff time. Lambeau may switch his starters to include Ernie Smith at left tackle, or Jankowski at fullback, or Joe Laws at right half, or Cecil Isbell at left half. But the above eleven has been announced as official and probably it will start the game. The New York starting lineup probably will not include Tuffy Leemans, the Superior, Wis., gridder who has gained 429 yards

Jim Poole, left end; Frank Cope, left tackle; John Dell Isola, left guard; Mel Hein, center; Orville Tuttle, right guard; John Mellus, right tackle; Jim Lee Howell, right end; Ed Danowski, quarterback; Kink Richards, left halfback; Ward Cuff, right halfback; Nello Falaschi, fullback.

Opposing this eleven Coach Curly Lambeau of Green Bay may start these veterans:

Donald Hutson, left end; Baby Ray, left tackle; Russ Letlow, left guard; Bud Svendsen, center; Charles Goldenberg, right guard; Bill Lee, right tackle; Milt Gantenbein, right end; Larry Craig, blocking quarterback; Andy Uram, left halfback; Arnold Herber, right halfback; and Clarke Hinkle, fullback.

for New York this season. Leemans has been injured, but he is in shape to see some action, and it is possible that Molenda, as a gesture to the Wisconsin fans, will move him into the starting lineup...**PACKERS HOLD EDGE:** Statistically, the Packers hold a decisive edge over the Giants. They have made 149 first downs this season, to 109 for New York, have gained yardage to the total of 3,445 to 2,257 for the Giants, have a 1,574-1,281 edge in scrimmage yards and a 1,871-971 margin in passing yards. And all this against Western division opposition, tougher than that faced by the Giants in the Eastern sector. Green Bay has scored 233 points during the season, while holding its opponents to 153. The Giants lack that offensive margin, having counted only 168 points, but on the other hand their defense has been impregnable, granting only 85 points against eleven opponents...**POUR INTO MILWAUKEE:** With every ticket sold, Wisconsin fans representing every corner of the state are pouring into Milwaukee this weekend. Two special trains from Green Bay, one by Du Chateau on the North Western and the other by Carrigan on the Milwaukee Road, are running fans to the battle scene Sunday morning. Fans who are unable to get seats, or otherwise cannot attend the football World Series, will hear the game over a visit over a vast radio network. The Milwaukee Journal station, WTMJ, will present Russ Winnie at the microphone, and will hook up with the following Wisconsin and Michigan stations: WTAQ, Green Bay; WSAU, Wausau; WKBH, La Crosse; WEAU, Eau Claire; WJMS, Ironwood, Mich.; WHDF, Calumet, Mich.; and WDSM, Superior. Ten stations outside of Wisconsin will broadcast the game, as follows: WJJD and WIND, Chicago; WGAR, Cleveland; WJR, Detroit; WCAU, Philadelphia; WOR, New York; WOL, Washington; KDKA, Pittsburgh; WCBM, Baltimore; and WFND, Fredericksburg, Md. Betting odds at Milwaukee today were 6 to 5, and take your choice, although there were a few operators who are favoring the Packers by 8 to 5. Scalpers were busy with all the tickets they could lay their hands on, and reportedly were getting fancy prices...**OWEN IN KANSAS:** Apparently Steve Owen, coach of the Giants who today is attending his mother's funeral in Kinsley, Kansas, will not be with his team Sunday, although the Packers would not be surprised to see him make a last minute appearance. The train carrying the body of Owen's mother rolled west only a few minutes ahead of the New York football team, much saddened by the tragedy. With New York's invading party Sunday will be Mayor Fiorello La Guardia, who will be accorded an official reception by Daniel Hoan, mayor of Milwaukee. La Guardia will occupy a box with Hoan at the game. They are close friends. More important to many National league clubs than the playoff game is the official league draft meeting, in session at the Hotel Schroeder. The names of most of the nation's prominent football player will come before the group, out of which will be developed the 1939 draft list, giving professional football fans a slant on what material to expect for teams next fall...**EVERYONE WANTS KINNICK:** Nile Kinnick of Iowa, a halfback, is the goal of many club owners, and although Kinnick has announced he does not intend to play pro football he is certain to be an early choice. George Cafego of Tennessee, Greeny Lansdell of Southern California, and Dick Cassiano of Pitt are among the great backs who will be snapped up in fast style. Coach Lambeau of Green Bay must await his turn at the tail end of the list, and will have to choose carefully, because much of the good talent will be gone before the Packers' turn arrive. The Chicago Cardinals get the first pick, and Pittsburgh and Philadelphia must toss a coin to decide who gets the second. The National league says the draft isn't a draft at all, but it "the right to preferred negotiation." Some 200 names will be drawn before the meeting ends early this evening. Coaching berths came in for their share of discussion at Milwaukee. One report had it that Bill Kern, former University of Pittsburgh and Green Bay Packer tackle, will succeed George (Potsy) Clark at Brooklyn...**MAY COACH CARDINALS:** Clark was believed ready to catch on with the Chicago Cardinals, which means that Owner Charles Bidwell would have to dispose of Coach Ernie Nevers. Bidwell is also considering Coach Jimmy Phelan of the University of Washington. Gov. Julius Heil, who has succeeded in having the name "Dairy Bowl" attached to the playoff game, as a tribute to Wisconsin's leading industry, will be present with his own party. Apparently desiring that the game should fit the title, Heil yesterday sent the following telegram to L.L. Hall, concessionaire at State Fair park: "Newspaper articles relate abundance of hamburger, beer and coffee in stock for Packer game, but no mention of milk. Believe that beverage symbolic of Dairy bowl should have first call."

#### **WELCOME TEAM AFTER BIG GAME**

DEC 9 (Green Bay) - Win, lose or draw, the Green Bay Packers will receive a welcome deserving of champions when they step from their homecoming train late Monday afternoon. A special committee, meeting at the Association of Commerce offices yesterday, mapped plans for the informal celebration, which will begin at 4:47 p.m., when the team steps from its special coaches on S. Washington street, near fire station No. 1. Every effort will be made to duplicate the rousing reception given the Packers in 1936, when thousands of loyal fans jammed Washington street to cheer the community's fourth world championship...**WELCOME, WIN OR LOSE:** The returning Packers Monday may possess the fifth such crown, or they may be holders only of the Western division crown, but the welcome will be staged regardless. Red flares will light the returning train, and the Packer cars will be switched from the Milwaukee Road Chippewa onto the track leading the freight platform across from the fire station. The players will march along the platform, as they did in 1936, and will enter buses, one of which will take them to the Hotel Northland, and the other to the Beaumont hotel. Fire department sirens will add to the noise, and the Packer Lumberjack Band will be present to dispense music, both before the arrival and during the greeting for the team. All Packer fans who want to show their appreciation for a fine season's work by the players, are urged to gather at the appointed spot before the time of arrival of 4:47.

## **LOOKING UP IN THE REALM OF SPORTS**

DEC 9 (Green Bay) - For the fifth time since 1929 - and for the third time as Western division champion - the Green Bay Packers tomorrow go into battle for the professional football championship of the world. They go against the New York Giants, and the event occurs just ten years and there days after an earlier Packer eleven downed the Bears at Chicago to bring Green Bay its first National league title. A lot of water has rolled under the bridge since that first championship band of Packers trudged from the field at Chicago, the cheers of thousands ringing in their ears, and other hysterical thousands engaging in a wild demonstration at home. The long dreamed-on crown had been accomplished; Green Bay had won a title it had been seeking for eight seasons; the name of the Packers finally would be emblazoned across the gridiron scrolls of the entire nation. That first determined scratch which Green Bay carved into the roster has deepened into a might roll of honor in the years following 1929. From Boston to Hawaii, from Wisconsin to Texas, invading Packer hordes have descended upon their rivals, to bring the name and reputation of Green Bay into the memory of every football fan. They survived a depression, witnessed the start of a new World war, saw a new party take over their government, watched thousands of athletes come and go. Into the Packer ranks went procession after procession of trained athletes, some to remain, some to appear only briefly. They struck again for a second national championship, a third and finally, a fourth. Tomorrow a Green Bay eleven which at the start of the year was believed to be strictly in a formative period will deal another blow at metropolitan football supremacy, when it once more meets, for the championship, a team representing the largest city in the world. That's the perennial wonder of the whole thing - the tiniest city in the league, whose most ardent boosters don't claim for it a population of more than 50,000 - will send its football team into battle against a team backed by the sports fans of New York city, America's greatest community. And are the Packers favored to win. Maybe they will and maybe they won't but the men and women who suffered and cheered with the Packers down through the years will remember the debt they own to their team tomorrow. They will forget any differences which may cloud the championship horizon, and will be in there pitching with the rest, secure in the knowledge that the success of the Packers, on any field, in any climate and at any time, enriches the future and the success of Green Bay.

## **TIM MARA REFUTES UNFAIR CHARGE**

DEC 9 (Milwaukee) - Refuting all charges the Green Bay Packers were unsportsmanlike in refusing to turn over State Fair park for practice Friday, Tim Mara, owner of the New York Giants, Friday night threw the countercharge the story was manufactured and that all relations with the Packers over a period of 15 years have been most friendly. The story, which appeared in a Milwaukee paper Friday, said the Giants were up in arms over being forced to practice at Borchert field and the Giants would be "laying it on" when the two teams clash at State Fair park for the NFL championship. "We knew when we left New York we would practice at Borchert field," Mr. Mara said. "I asked Lee Joannes earlier about practice as the playing field of Fair park was covered in hay. Borchert field was an ideal place to practice and our treatment at the hands of the Packers officials by the Milwaukee Brewers baseball club has been one of the finest. We want to give Milwaukee and Wisconsin fans a great game and know if two teams practice on the field two days it will be torn up," he continued. "In fact, we consider Wisconsin our second home. We trained at Superior. The treatment we got there, the accommodations and hospitality of Wisconsin folk have been a pleasant memory with our players and staff. Every year we look forward to the Green Bay game as it is one of the best on our end from every standpoint. If we lose Sunday we will lose to the better team and there is no other team we'd rather lose to if we must lose. We'll have no alibis. The absence of Coach Steve Owen will not be used an alibi. Bo Molenda is a great coach, our players are experienced veterans and if the Packers win it will be because they are the better team - and not because we couldn't practice at State Fair park. Led by Molenda, a former Packer and a star of the 1929 Packer team that beat the Giants for Green Bay's first NFL title, the Giants arrived in Milwaukee Friday at 11:20 a.m., almost an hour behind schedule. "We were late in arriving but we'll be on time Sunday," was Bo's terse comment. That ol' Michigander, star back, blocker and defensive ace of the Packers' great title era of '29, '30 and '31, and now Coach Owen's right hand bower on the Giants' board of strategy, will be in charge of the Tim Maramen Sunday. Coach Owen's mother, Mrs. Agnes Owen of Tinsely, Kan., died Tuesday while visiting her son in New York. After establishing camp at the Ambassador hotel, the Giants had a light lunch and then embarked for Borchert field where a limbering up and pass defense drill was held. The Giants were reported in tiptop condition with but one or two exceptions. Tuffy Leemans, the Superior, Wis., kid who went to Georgetown to gain college fame, and then to the Giants where he's been a veritable whirlwind in the pro ranks, has an infected leg, but it is responding to treatment. Tuffy is sure to see action, and lots of it. Another former favorite of Wisconsin gridirons, Ward Cuff, the Redwood Falls, Minn., lad who helped the Marquette Golden Avalanche to its greatest fame in 1936, was the target of hundred of eyes. The Packers took their final workout in Green Bay shortly after noon and arrived Friday night at 8 o'clock on the Chippewa of the Milwaukee road. Coach Earl (Curly) Lambeau was in charge of the Green Bay delegation and immediately hustled his charges off to the Schroeder hotel where the Bays went into camp. Over 2,000 greeted them at the station. Coach Lambeau reported Friday's drill was by far the best of the week and believes rather strongly his club will be at its season's peak at game time Sunday. Everything in the Packers' gridiron book was gone over during the week, new plays were devised, old plays were brushed up and revised and with the squad in the well known pink the Packers will have no excuses if defeated Sunday.



## **ONLY TICKETS LEFT IN HANDS OF SCALPERS**

DEC 9 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - Tickets for Sunday's championship game between the Packers and Giants just "hain't no more" except for those that fell into the hands of scalpers. The game will draw 32,400 fans and will have a gross playoff and record gate of \$84,000, Packer officials said Friday night. Every ticket agency in the state was sold out Friday night when the cheaper seats that remained were gobbled up like a Thanksgiving turkey in a county workhouse. The Sentinel had 15 \$1.65 tickets turned back and those were sold in one minute to five different parties who were waiting for such an event. Scalpers continued to hold their prices up, some demanding \$30 for a pair of the better regular \$4.40 seats, while others were offering them at two for \$25 and still others at \$10 per ticket. The better \$3.30 tickets were scaled at \$10 by the scalpers and then down to double their regular value. The \$2.20 seats were offered for a top price of \$4.40...Fans started pouring into Milwaukee from all sections of the state Friday night. Followers of Tuffy Leemans, the Superior, Wis., star now with the Giants, came down from the Head of the Lakes and two carloads of fans from Ashland also arrived. Green Bay, too, sent a retinue of followers with the Packers Friday night, but the big delegations from Green Bay and the Fox Valley won't arrive until Saturday and Sunday...Special trains will bring in thousands over the Milwaukee and North Western roads Sunday. The specials are being run from Chicago and from various points in Wisconsin...Although they left New York a half hour after the Giants' special pulled out of Central Station, Mrs. Leemans, Mrs. Ed Danowski, wife of the former Fordham star who is the New Yorkers' passing wizard, and Mrs. John Dell Isola beat their hubbies into Milwaukee by a half hour Friday morning. They were greeted by Mrs. Ward Cuff and daughter who were at the station to welcome Ward who had not as yet seen his newest daughter, now six weeks old...Several other wives of the New York players were due in later, some via trains while four others are driving westward and will continue on to their homes after Sunday's tussle - if the Giants lose. If the Giants win the title the club will take part in a series of exhibition games on the coast during the next month...After looking the burly Giants over, Milwaukee fans at the station started revising their odds which favor the Packers. One remarked, "Say, did you take a gander at Poole and Walls. If their ends are that big, do they have to ship their tackles in stock cars?"...The setup at State Fair park (pardon, the Dairy Bowl) is a dandy. The east bleachers rise 49 rows high and are constructed on a steel framework...Ushering duties will be taken care of by a crew of 350, many recruited from city and suburban high school football teams. A crew of 350 is just about 150 bigger than the crowds that used to watch the Milwaukee Badgers in an earlier pro football era here. Contrast that with the crowd of 32,000 that will play \$83,000 to see Sunday's game and you'll have evidence the pro brand of ball is advancing, slightly at least...New York newspapers take their football Giants as seriously as they do their baseball Giants - and perhaps with more glee since Bill (Pollyanna) Terry's rise to power in the baseball machine.

## **PRO TEAMS HOLD FINAL DRILLS FOR THE TITLE PLAYOFF SUNDAY**

DEC 9 (Milwaukee Journal) - The next time the Giants and Packers take the field it will be for keeps. Rounding out a week of drills for the championship game at State Fair park Sunday, the rivals worked out lightly at the scene of the battle Saturday morning, then returned to their hotels to await the kickoff at 1:30 Sunday afternoon. The Packers, who arrived in Milwaukee Friday night, took the field at 10 o'clock. The Giants, who arrived Friday morning and worked out at the baseball park Friday afternoon, followed at 11 o'clock. Neither team did more than limber up. Hay, which had been spread on the field Monday to keep out frost, was removed in order to permit the workouts, then replaced just in case the thermometer dropped Saturday night. The weatherman insisted, however, that Sunday would be ideal for football, with somewhat colder temperature and increased cloudiness - but no rain. Both coaches, Curly Lambeau of the Packers and Bo Molenda of the Giants, hailed the weatherman's prediction with delight. Both want a fast field. "We'll be ready," Lambeau said after Saturday's practice. "All we want is a fast field. The boys have at last taken this game to heart and I think you'll see the team at its peak." Molenda, in charge of the Giants in the absence of Steve Owen, whose mother was buried at Enid, Okla., Saturday was just as optimistic. "Our squad is in fine shape," he said. "I think it's pretty well admitted that this is a money ball club - and there's money at stake Sunday. The Packers are going to have an interesting afternoon." Ticket, meanwhile, were selling at a premium, with some scalpers asking ridiculous prices. The game has caught on as nothing in Milwaukee ever has before. With Saturday's practice out of the way, interest for a few hours centered on the annual draft meeting to be held at the Schroeder hotel Saturday afternoon. Tim Mara, founder of the Giants, said Saturday that there was no truth in reports published in a New York newspaper that anybody connected with his club had called the Packers "poor sports". "We have always regarded Green Bay with great admiration and friendliness," he said. "In coming to Wisconsin, we feel that we are coming to a second home for we trained at Superior this season and intend to return there to train next season."

## **TOWN BOARD INCENSED**

DEC 10 (Milwaukee Journal) - The town board of the town of Wauwatosa is incensed at the "audacity" of the Milwaukee common council in passing a resolution thanking the Packers for bringing the title gridiron game to "Milwaukee". The board said the game isn't being played in Milwaukee, or even in West Allis. The fairgrounds are in the town of Wauwatosa. The board - all three members - held a special meeting Saturday to counteract all such claims and to pass its own resolution of thanks that the town of Wauwatosa is so highly honored.

## **PACKERS DRAFT 20 GRID STARS**

DEC 10 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - Green Bay's Packers grabbed off all the college gridiron stars the law allows - 20 - Saturday at the annual session of the National league officials, the number including Esco Sarkinen, Ohio State end and a William Randolph Hearst All-American, with Coach Curly Lambeau's selections pretty evenly divided between backs and linemen. Some of the other luminaries who will cavort in Packer uniforms next fall, for awhile at least, are Harold Van Every, brilliant triple threat back from Minnesota and an all Big Ten selection; Lou Brock, a fine runner and passer from Purdue; Dick Cassiano, the last member of Pitt's once vaunted backfield combination; Amby Schindler, highly touted ball carrier from Southern California; Bill Kerr, great Notre Dam end, and Arch Kodros, crack Michigan center. Chicago Cardinals, having finished last in the western division of the professional circuit last fall, had first grab and came up with George Cafego, Tennessee's mighty back, and the only linemen selected on the first round was Clyde Turner, Hardin-Simmons center, who was picked off by the Chicago Bears. Nile Kinnick of Iowa, recently selected as the outstanding player of the 1939 college campaign, was passed up in the early choices in view of his statement that he was not interested in professional football. The first order of business at the draft session was to allow the claim of the Giants to two players named a year ago while they still had a year of college competition left, Gil (Cactus Face) Duggan of Oklahoma and Monk Sanders of Southern Methodist. They are left tackles. Jack Murray, star center at Wisconsin for three years, and Ken Binder, blocking back at Carroll, were the only state college players selected. Murray goes to Brooklyn and Binder to Detroit.

#### **COACHES, EXPERTS AGREE BAYS FARED RIGHT WELL IN PRO DRAFT**

DEC 10 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - As usual, Curly Lambeau of the Green Bay Packers fared rather well in this year's selective negotiation list of college players who are eligible for the National league next fall, according to a majority report of coaches, officials and newspaper men present at the meeting Saturday in the Schroeder hotel. All of the mentors seemed highly pleased with the results, but in Hal Van Every of Minnesota, Lou Brock of Purdue, Dick Cassiano of Pitt and Ambrose Schindler of Southern Cal the Bays came up with some great backs, the experts agree. Esco Sarkinen of Ohio State and Bill Kerr of Notre Dame, two ends, are others slated as almost surefire go-getters in the pro circuit. Now the question of getting them under contract is the problem confronting the Green Bay board of strategy.

#### **32,500 TO SEE PACKERS PLAY GIANTS FOR PRO TITLE**

DEC 10 (Milwaukee Journal) - With the largest crowd that has ever attended a sporting event in Milwaukee assured, a sellout of 32,500, the Green Bay Packers and New York Giants Saturday night quietly awaited the kickoff in their championship football game at State Fair park Sunday. The game will start at 1:30 o'clock. Green Bay, on the eve of the battle, remained an 8 to 5 favorite. Installed on the long end of the betting last Monday, the big bad Bays, champions of the west, retained strong support through the week despite dire reports of New York's great defensive strength and ability to make the most of breaks. Maybe it is a sentiment, although nobody broke a leg trying to cash in by bucking it, but Milwaukee, Green Bay - the whole state, in fact - just refuse to believe that this isn't to be a Green Bay day. Milwaukee, meanwhile, tossed in the throes of the worst football fever in its history. Nothing has ever gripped the city quite so strongly as this. Saturday night everybody, whether lucky enough to have tickets or not, awaited the crisis of the kickoff. A prediction of cool weather, with no precipitation anywhere near Milwaukee, assuring a dry field, heightening the feeling about the game. Those who like Green Bay point principally to the Packers' irrepressible offense, especially in the air, with either Arnie Herber or Cecil Isbell pitching, and the fleet Don Hutson or Carl Mullenueaux receiving. It isn't an ordinary pass attack - it's a payoff attack. The Packers, more than any other team in the league, are apt to score from anywhere at any time. The running attack hasn't begun to measure up to the passing attack, and against a line as tough as New York's it probably won't be much of a factor. But those passes - just how are the Giants, who let Washington complete 14 out of 27 last week, going to stop them? Those who like Green Bay, also point to the effectiveness of Tiny Engebretsen's toe anywhere around the 25 yard line, the spirit of the team, which has enabled it to come from behind time after time this season to win, and the particular grudge which the Packers carry against the Giants since last year's playoff, which New York won at the Polo Grounds, 23 to 17. The Packers haven't been outstanding as a defensive club this year, but "so what?" ask the loyal Packer fans. Against a club like the Bears, with the powerful Osmanski, this might cause concern. Against a club with the relatively ineffective running attack of New York's, it means little. Talk to the New York newspaper men here with the team, however, and you get a different picture. "The Giants put out just enough to win," one of them explained. "They're one of the really great ball clubs of all time. Against the 'dog' clubs, they sink to a low level themselves, but win. Against the top clubs they rise to great heights - and win, too. They're one of the greatest money clubs the league has ever had, and I don't see how anybody can go against them." All this might cause an arching of eyebrows, except for one thing. The Packers, with Hutson crippled, almost ran and passed them out of the park in last year's playoff, despite the defeat. The Lions, an ordinary team this year, beat them. They have great defensive strength against rushing, a great all-around back in Cuff, a fine passer in Danowski and a good runner in Leemans, but they haven't the deep brilliance that you'd expect in "one of the greatest ball clubs of all time." New York's greatest threat undoubtedly lies in its placekicking strength. The Packers have Engebretsen, and he's a dandy in close, but they haven't anybody like Cuff or Strong, who can split the uprights consistently from 40 yards out. Whatever New York does to Green Bay's goal Sunday, you can almost bet that some of it will be done by kicking. The players will get 60% of the estimated \$84,000 receipts. Of this players' fund, 60% will go to

the winning team and 40% to the losing team, which means about \$700 and \$450, respectively, to each player. Shares in the gate of the Los Angeles and Chicago All-Star games will increase each winner's take as the result of this game to about \$1,500. Work on the new stands, including state inspection, was completed late Saturday afternoon. The hay, which was placed on the field Monday to keep out any frost, will be moved Sunday morning. Both the Giants and Packers who inspected the field Saturday morning, pronounced it extremely fast. Because of possible track snarls, fans are urged to arrive early. Special police and ushers will patrol the grounds. In the absence of Steve Owen, who buried his mother in Enid, Okla., Saturday afternoon, the Giants will be in charge of Assistant Coach Bo Molenda. Molenda formerly played with the Packers.

**GIANTS PLAY IT STRAIGHT, LET FOES DEFEAT SELVES**

DEC 10 (Milwaukee Journal) - Don't underestimate those New York Giants or they'll likely send you away from the park talking to yourself. For years those city slickers have been taking the professional league apart with a sort of hick game. Their attack is as simple, as outwardly adorned as the broad back of Steve Owen, greatly fundamentalist of this time. The Giants stuff is so direct, so perfectly executed, so unspectacular that half this town always is unconvinced and continually build up odds on the visiting teams in money games. The Giants not only are the rockiest team put on any field in recent years but also quite possibly the smartest. About three times out of five they let the other club beat itself. The more devious and flashy the opposing attack, the more impotent it looks when the Giants start slapping it down. The great Packers frequently in spots have looked like crossroad performers against the Giant defense. In the line the Giants two-time continually. No matter whom the bench lifts, the replacement


is usually as rugged and as fast on the uptake. It is virtually a hopeless task to try to beat that line apart. Those Giants will break your heart and your back almost every time. Front and rear, the Giants muster the best anti-aircraft men in the league. They can be taken but it takes considerable buildup, and inside their own 20 yards line passing against them is as risky as toying with TNT. When you see those fellows out there you are likely to think it is an illusion - too simple to be true. Tuffy

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Leemans often comes waltzing through the line, apparently just loafing. Everybody gets a piece of him, but he keeps spinning, shifting gears, picking up blocking and loping to a touch. The Giants' downfield blocking is superb. Nevertheless, those runs of Tuffy's sometimes are hard to credit. The tacklers look as though they were playing tag, because Tuffy himself is an almost complete illusion. He looks small on the field, seems almost slow, glances off opponents but leaves them sprawling. Defensive men meet him time after time and still don't believe there's such a guy. Mel Hein, key man in the defensive tactics, also will astound you occasionally by both his ground and air speed. The roving center is the greatest gadabout in the league, afoot and aloft, as well as one of the hardest and cleanest of the smackers-down. Toughest of the linesmen is Johnny Dell Isola, one of the league's greatest guardsmen and also a first rank center. No one ever challenged Johnny and went unanswered. In fact, it's just as well to play it straight with him. Ward Cuff - noted as a bootman and a blocker - quite probably is greater as a defensive player. He is a terrific smacker against ground attacks and one of the best pass defenders in the game. When the ball is down for money Cuff and Hein are the principal guns behind the line. Dale Burnett, an ancient now, has been among the top anti-air men, as well as one of the great catchers. There are few better all-around backs than Len Barnum, who is likely the greatest distance punter now around. In addition, he can pitch, catch, run, block and tackle. Also on display will be one of the freakiest runners in football - Kink Richards, who skitters along under tacklers like a duck on water. He is down and up, up and down, running part of the time with his knees around his ears. But he is no freak as a ground gainer and is equally good as a blocker. Ken Strong, in his time the greatest of all-around backs, some believe, now is carried principally as a placekicker. Another specialist of color is John (Bull) Karcis, a squat plunger who can lug for those last ditch yards or freeze a ball almost indefinitely. Under pressure another great figure is Ed Danowski, passer and kicker, coolest director on the team in explosive situations. This is a complete assembly of ballhawks, virtually every man being a snatcher. They snare four or five enemy passes a game and snag several of the opponents' fumbles. The breaks are not wholly accidental. The Giants play the ball all the time and make about half of their own opportunities. There are times when it appears as though they had measured the opposition's power almost completely, refusing to stir in attack more than necessary. A score against them is almost always an incitement. Then they are likely to break loose a touchdown run, goal to goal, or span the field in three or four takeoffs. As strategists they usually let the other team carry the load, lying there in wait for a bobble, then pouncing for the kill. It is a great "percentage" team, even its short passing attack being virtually proof against backfire. If anyone ever has seen them lateral downfield it is now a forgotten incident. In short they don't gamble at all, except at outguessing and outsmarting the gamblers. And no one who has watched them closely ever would gamble a nickel against them.

## *Story of Green Bay Packers Is Story of Curly Lambeau; They Had Ups and Downs*

**STORY OF GREEN BAY PACKERS IS STORY OF CURLY LAMBEAU; THEY HAD UPS AND DOWNS**  
DECEMBER 10 (Milwaukee Journal) - It was all Curly Lambeau's idea. He wanted a hometown football team on which he could play and which he could coach, and he got it. Now look at it. Twenty years ago, in the late summer of 1919 to be exact. A team representing one of Green Bay's wartime boom industries, the Acme Packing Co., took the field. It was his team. He got the backing. He played. He coached. Today a crowd of 32,500 who consider themselves lucky that they have been able to buy tickets at all will jam State Fair park to see the lineal descendant of that scrumpy eleven of 20 years ago to take the field against the New York Giants in the playoff for the championship of the NFL. The world is full of success stories. Every sport has them. It has few, however, to equal the amazing tale of Curly Lambeau and Green Bay. An acorn again has grown into an oak. There was luck on the side of Lambeau, of course, when you turn back now and look. The Green Bay team of 1919 or of the early twenties, to which nobody paid a great deal of attention, might just as well have folded up as not. Certainly countless other teams of its kind have. The acorn could have fallen on barren ground. There was luck...**CAN'T SEPARATE PACKERS AND CURLY LAMBEAU:** The story of the Packers can be told in only one way. It is Lambeau's story. It is the story of one man who had an idea, who persevered against tremendous odds, who at last succeeded. You can't separate the Packers from Lambeau. They tell a story of how the big business men of Green Bay rallied around him in his lean years of the middle thirties. Things at the time looked bad. A certain faction, the "town alumni", dissatisfied with the team's showing, sought to oust him. "Gentlemen," said Andy Turnbull, one of the owners of the Green Bay Press-Gazette, at a meeting of the directors, "you can count me off the board if you fire Lambeau. I'm



*Andy Turnbull, first president of the Packer corporation, who took hold in 1923 when things looked darkest.*

through." "Me, too," another businessman shouted. "And me!" "And me!" Lambeau wasn't fired. Two years later he won another championship. The Packers and Lambeau - they are one. The story of one is the story of the other. Lambeau has always had an intense love of football, of course. He played baseball on the streets, he skated, he did other things that kids do, but football - football was the big thing. Football was in his blood. There wasn't another game like it. It is only natural that he should have played on the high school team and only natural, perhaps, that he should have been a star. As a matter of fact, he was quite a star, and folks in Green Bay still talk of his thrilling play, in the fall of 1917, which gave Green Bay East its first victory in eight years over Green Bay West. Lambeau scored both the touchdown and the point after touchdown of the 7-6 victory...**LAMBEAU COMES UNDER KNUTE ROCKNE'S INFLUENCE:** The story of the Packers properly begins with Lambeau's graduation from high school in the spring of 1917. He got a job with the Acme Packing Co., later



*Lee Joannes, present president of the Packers, one of the men responsible for their success, Joannes has been president since 1930.*

destined to give him his original backing for the Packers and he began to have the disturbing thought that he had probably played his last game of football. For a year he worked - and brooded. No more football? Just work? In the fall of 1918, with another season set to begin, he could stand it no longer. It isn't often that a boy remains out of school for a year, earning fairly good money, and then returns, but Lambeau did. In the fall of 1918, determined to get back into football at all costs, he enrolled at Notre Dame. Knute Rockne was then in his first year as head coach, so Lambeau came under the influence of the man whose hand you can still see, of course, every time the Packers take the field. The first Packers of 1919 played Notre Dame football. The Packers Sunday will play Notre Dame football, or at least a type of ball based largely on the Notre Dame style. Green Bay still uses the balanced line, the original "T", the split ends and the shift into the box, although along with these things Lambeau has introduced ideas of his own, especially ideas about the pass...**A \$250 A MONTH JOB KEPT LAMBEAU HOME:** Lambeau easily won a varsity letter his first year and only year at Notre Dame. "That was the SATC year in which freshmen were permitted to play," he has often recalled, "and because the squad was so small, we all got letters - Chuck Crowley, George Gipp, Rollie Stine, Fred Larson, Eddie Anderson, Clipper Smith, Len Bahan, Bernie Kirk, Hunk Anderson, Frank Lockhart, Norman Barry, Bill Mehan and myself. We started with 22 men and finished with 13. Rock got sore one day and fired nine of the original squad." Lambeau intended to return to Notre Dame after his first year. He liked it. He was happy. More than that, he had struck up a warm friendship with Rockne which was to continue until the master of them all met his untimely death in a plane crash in 1931. Lambeau frequently visited Notre Dame in later years and Rockne visited Green Bay. The friendship really grew. But Lambeau never returned to Notre Dame. Frank Peck, an official of the Acme Co., took him to lunch one day in late July, offered him a permanent job at \$250 a month, which was more money than Curly had ever seen before, and he did just what anybody at the ripe age of 20 or 21 would do. He took it...**PACKING COMPANY BACKS TEAM WITH \$500:** An another football season approached, Curly became mildly aghast at the thought he might have to pass up football again. But this time he had an idea. Why couldn't he have both - job and football, too? They tell a story how on an early August afternoon he approached Mr. Peck "Would you back us with some uniforms?" he asked. "I think we can get a pretty good team together. We'll call ourselves the Packers."

Mr. Peck, they say, didn't understand at first. The thermometer was up near 100 this summer day. He wanted to know why Curly wanted to organize a baseball team so late in the season. "No, I mean football," Curly answered. "Football." Those were happy days in the packing industry with the war boom still on, and the company had money to spend. But Mr. Peck was skeptical. He hesitated. Football? Well.. "Come back in a couple of weeks," he told Curly. So Curly waited. With the season almost upon him, however, he returned, his heart almost in his mouth, as he recalls, fearing that Mr. Pack might say "no". The answer was "yes". "Will \$500 be enough?" Mr. Peck asked. It almost floored Curly. Enough? Enough for a couple of seasons, it seemed. And so the Packers were born...**FIRST TEAM RECRUITED FROM GREEN BAY BOYS:** Nobody in that first year of the Packers had any idea that out of Curly Lambeau's first eleven would grow the football machine which was destined to roll to four National league championship and win acclaim such as few other football teams ever have won. There was little in that first team, recruited almost entirely from boys of Green Bay and vicinity, to raise even the faintest hopes. Lambeau still recalls his first lineup well. "I bet I can name them," he laughed the other day. "There were Nichols, Powers, Coffeen and Martin - Marty Zoll and Chuck Zoll, Sauber, Martell, Leener, Ladrow, Des Jardiens, Muldoon and Rosenow, who had only one hand. Petcha, Abrams and Gavin - and McLean, Bero and myself. Nineteen of us, right? What a gang we were - but we were also a football team." The record bears Lambeau out, too. The 1919 team rolled up the amazing total of 565 points in 11 games and permitted only 18. It won 10 games, beating teams like Menominee, New London, Marinette, Sheboygan, Racine, Milwaukee, Oshkosh, Ishpeming and Stambaugh, and it lose only one game. "And we shouldn't have lost that one, either," recalled George Calhoun, news editor of the Press-Gazette, Green Bay's No. 1 fan, publicity man, and the club's traveling secretary. "We lost to the old Beloit Fairies at Beloit, 6 to 0, on what I still think was a bum bounce but which now is only a funny story. Late in the game, we had the ball on Beloit's three yard line and Lambeau carried it over, but the referee called offside. Again Lambeau carried it over, and again the official called offside. Before the next play, Lambeau called all the boys together and told them, for gosh sakes, just stand still and don't even charge. And again Lambeau scored, this time on a wide end run from the 13 yard line. But did it count? Hell, no! The official called Lambeau in motion before the ball was snapped. And so we lost."...**TEAM PASSED THE HAT TO MAKE ENDS MEET:** The first Packer team didn't dare charge admission, even though Lambeau quickly learned that the \$500 which he had received from the packing company wouldn't stretch nearly as far as he had thought and that he could well use receipts to support the team. As a matter of fact, the \$500 didn't go any farther than jerseys with "Acme Packing Co." lettering on front and back, pads and stocking and incidental expenses. Equipment came high. The boys had to provide their own shoes and headgear. "We had just one out," Lambeau has often recalled. "We played at old Hagemeister field, an open field without fences, and we passed the hat. The fans could drop in anything they wanted. Some of them were very good to us. They'd drop in as much as a quarter. Others just walked away. What little we got helped, though, and at the end of the season, after paying all expenses, each of us got \$16.92." It was really tough sledding in those early days, but Lambeau refused to abandon his idea, even though in 1920 the packing company without war orders to sustain it, started to slip and withdrew its support. Lambeau and his friends, including Neil Murphy, who became general manager, and Calhoun, who became secretary, took over. Again the team hung up a remarkable record, winning nine games, losing one - to Beloit again - and tying the Chicago Boosters. But again it had to pass the hat...**CLAIR BROTHERS ENTER TEAM IN PRO LEAGUE:** In 1921, the packing company changed hands, and for awhile Lambeau thought he saw the light. Encouraged by the team's record in the first two years, he not only sought and got backing from the new owners, the Clair brothers, Emmett and John, but begged them to enter the team in the National Professional league, which Joe Carr had just organized. The Clairs were sports. They entered the team in the league, and the team didn't let them down. It lost its first league game to Rock Island, 10 to 3, but came back after this and finished respectably. Incidentally, Green Bay's first league victory was scored over the Minneapolis Marines, 7-6. But if the team fared fairly well on the field, it developed financial headaches for the backers that they had never dreamed existed. With admissions to be charged and with a lineup which, for the first time, included outside players on a flat salary, the Clairs, Lambeau and Calhoun rode a merry-go-round all season. Even the business itself went bad, and the Clairs, in whose name the first league franchise had been taken out, at last had to call a halt. They tossed in the towel...**FRIEND SELLS HIS AUTO TO REGAIN FRANCHISE:** The Packers have passed through many a dark hour in their history, but here probably was the darkest of all. The franchise was gone. There was no question in Lambeau's mind, either, that if his team was ever to get anywhere he needed the franchise. Independent ball was all right, but league ball - league ball was the thing. Between headaches Lambeau thought fast. He didn't have the \$250 necessary to repurchase the franchise, and neither did his friends. But one of them, Don Murphy, had a car and - well, Lambeau had an idea. "Don," he asked his friend one

Year	W	L	T	P	OP
1921.....	3	2	2	73	55
1922.....	5	4	3	80	50
1923.....	7	2	1	85	34
1924.....	8	4	0	113	38
1925.....	6	5	0	132	110
1926.....	7	3	3	151	60
1927.....	9	2	1	169	50
1928.....	7	4	3	189	92
*1929.....	13	0	1	212	24
*1930.....	9	4	1	227	111
*1931.....	12	2	0	291	74
1932.....	10	3	1	152	63
1933.....	6	7	1	191	107
1934.....	7	6	0	156	112
1935.....	8	4	0	181	96
*1936.....	11	1	1	269	124
1937.....	7	5	0	220	121
†1938.....	8	4	0	210	111
1939.....	9	2	0	233	153
<b>Totals . . .</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3,314</b>	<b>1,615</b>

\*National champions.  
†Division champions.

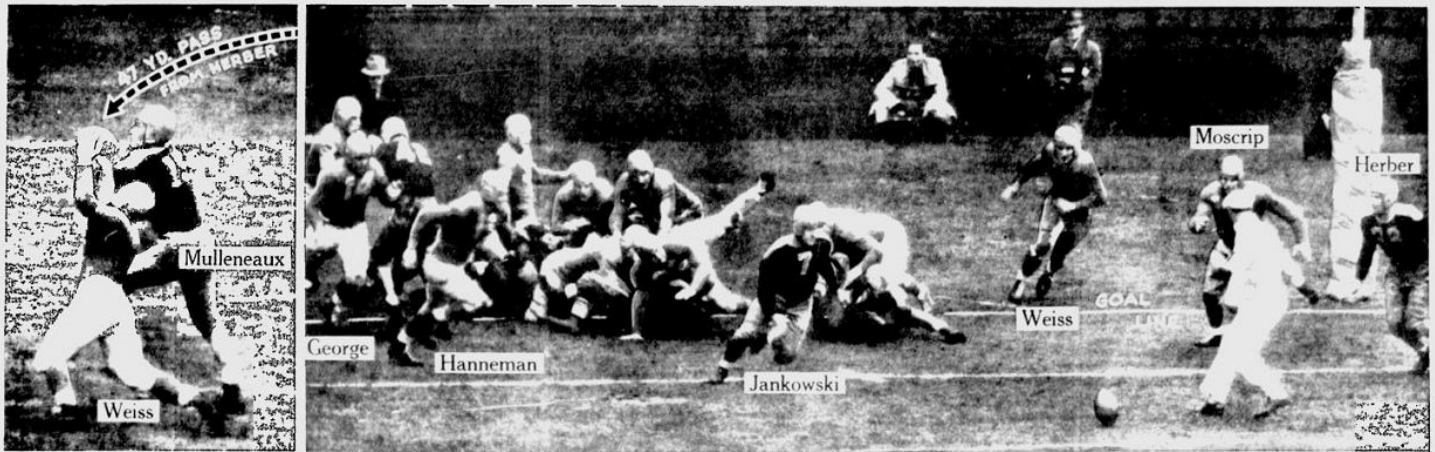
day, "sell your car, will you? And we can get the franchise back. You won't lose anything in the end." Lambeau must have pleaded his case well and Murphy must have had a heart as big as gold, because Murphy sold his car. Lambeau hurried to the league meeting at Akron, Ohio, plunked down \$250 and regained the franchise which he already saw meant so much. The path out of the woods was long and tortuous, however. Again a group backed the club - Joe Ordens, Calhoun, Don Murphy and Lambeau - and again in the counting house the boys had nothing but headaches. "Nothing seemed to break for us," Calhoun recalls. "As an example, we took out rain insurance the day we played Columbus and sure enough it rained. We were all patting ourselves on the back that at last we got a break. The insurance would take care of everything. But then we got the jolt. It rained one one-hundredth of an inch less than our policy stipulated...ANDY TURNBULL BECOMES INTERESTED IN CLUB: Financially, in 1922, the team stumbled around again until, midway through the season, with the Duluth Eskimos in town and another rainstorm on Sunday, even Lambeau was about ready to throw up the sponge. Andy Turnbull, who the next year was destined to become the first president of the football corporation, still recalls the day well. "I walked into our office and found Lambeau, Calhoun and Ordens far down in the dumps. They owed the players \$1,500 or \$1,600 in back pay. The rain was the last straw. They were undecided, because of the prospect of a small crowd and the guarantee which they had to meet, whether to go through with the game that afternoon or not. They asked me what I thought." Here, on this rainy Sunday, the Packers reached the crossroads - and they chose the right fork. Turnbull told them to go on with the game, rain or shine, if they ever hoped to put professional football across. That settled it. The Packers played before some 300 fans and added another page of red ink to the book, but out of it came the big break. In the clutch, it seems, the Packers have always got a break. Turnbull became interested in the club and he interested Lee Joannes, Dr. W. W. Kelly, A.C. Witteberg, John Kittel and Ed Schwager. At a meeting at the Beaumont hotel that same week they went on a note for \$1,600 to play the players. They also promised to do something about reorganizing the club for the next season. The gentlemen here mentioned, and a few others, kept their word. Over the winter months they organized the Green Bay Football Corp., with Turnbull as president, and the drive to the top was begun...CIVIC DRIVE PUTS \$5,000 IN COFFERS: It was plain to the reorganizers of the Packers that the club would have to be sold to the whole city of Green Bay. They decided to sell stock at \$5 a share. To make the sale attractive, with each \$5 share they gave the purchaser one box seat. What the sale of stock really amounted to was a civic ticket drive. So well was it organized and pushed that the corporation had \$5,000 in the treasury before the team played a game in 1923. With other ticket sales at the gate, the Packers managed to break even for the season although the reorganizers still had the \$1,600 note to pay. The club even felt secure enough in 1924 to strengthen its ranks. In 1923 the Packers had carried only 14 men. They added several in 1924, and even more in 1925. They even felt they needed bigger quarters after having played at old Hagemeister field in the early years and at Bellevue field, a ramshackle baseball park, in later years and they approached the city on a proposition to build a high school field which they could use. "Mayor Wenzel Weisner never has received the credit he should have for his part in getting the Packers a field," Calhoun related the other day. "We needed a new field badly and he didn't let us down. How he did it I don't know, but he scraped up the money somewhere, and the school board ordered the field built. If the mayor had turned us down, I don't know what would have happened. We might have had to quit." It was in 1924, incidentally, that the Packers first beat the Chicago Bears, and good Packer fans who see red at the mere mention of the Bears' name, still chuckle over the victory. It really wasn't so much of a victory, it was the chagrin the Packer managed to inflict. A fumble by Halas gave the Packers position to let ponderous Cub Buck kick a field goal, and a bad pass from center by the ancient Green Bay enemy, George Trafton, which rolled into the end zone, gave them a safety. "Halas almost killed himself going after Trafton's bad pass in the end zone. He fell on the ball, but he rammed his head against the grandstand and knocked himself out," one fan related. "Only he didn't knock himself out enough. That Halas - !" Mr. Halas is not very well liked in Green Bay...PACKERS TAKE MONEY AND BUY NEW PLAYERS: With an improving team and new stands, the Packers started their big drive in 1925. They started to pull crowds not only from their own city, but from neighboring cities as well, and it wasn't long before they sat in the golden chair of football. As the money started to roll in, the Packers invested much of it in new players. The payroll grew, but in 1929 the investment paid its first big dividend. The Packers won the championship. They repeated in 1930, 1931 and 1936, and except for a few lean years in the middle thirties, they have always been up near the top. As the Packers grew everything around them grew, too. The high school football field, which at first seated 6,000, today has grown to a stadium of 23,870. Spike Spachman, who, like Calhoun, has been connected with the club since the start and who, as director of ticket sales, at first got \$3 a game, then \$5 and finally \$15, now had a year round job with permanent offices in the Legion building. Lambeau, who at first handled all the coaching chores alone, now has an assistant, Red Smith. Smith, who coached Wisconsin's line under Doc Spears, joined the club in 1936. And the town, nay the whole state, which in early years showed indifference at best, now either turns out every Sunday afternoon or tunes in.

### Only Four Presidents

In 17 years, the Green Bay Football Corp. has had only four presidents. Andy Turnbull, who helped organize the corporation in 1923, was the first. He served through 1927 Ray Evrard succeeded him and served one year. Dr. W. W. Kelly followed Evrard, also for one year. Leo Joannes was elected in 1930, and has served since.

# 30,000 Seats Practically Sold Out in One Day for Packer Game

*A Devastating Stroke by Green Bay Packers—and the Fumble Which Brought It to Naught*



**W**ITH characteristic daring, Green Bay's Packers struck on the first play of Sunday's game with the Detroit Lions at Detroit. Herber threw a pass far downfield and Mulleneaux snatched it out of the arms of a defending Lion, as shown in the picture on the left, for a 47 yard gain and a first down on the Detroit eight yard line. Three plays later, with first down inside the two yard line, a mix-up on signals and a poor pass from center resulted in a fumble by Jankowski. The picture at the right shows the ball rolling back, with Jankowski and several others in pursuit. Jankowski recovered on the 13 but it was Detroit's ball. Not until the fourth quarter did the Packers finally cross Detroit's goal line for a 12-7 victory.

—Journal Staff Photos

## *Line for Packer Tickets Stretches a Block Long*



**A**T THE peak of the rush for tickets Monday for next Sunday's Packer-Giant pro football championship game at State Fair park, the line of buyers stretched from State st. to Kilbourn av. on 4th st. All but about 400 of the 11,000 tickets placed on sale at The Journal were sold.

—Journal Staff Photo



All Walks of Life Represented at Counter in Journal Lobby, Buying Tickets for Sunday's Packer-Giant Game



The Hardest Charging Line in Football—the New York Giants' Starting Forward Wall



*Jim Howell, end*

*John Mellus, tackle*

*John Dell Isola, guard*

*Capt. Mel Hein, center*

*Oroville Tuttle, guard*

*Frank Cope, tackle*

*Jack Poole, end*

Some Old Reliables Among Green Bay Players Who Are Favorites With Packer Fans



*Don Hutson, end*

*Clark Hinkle, fullback*

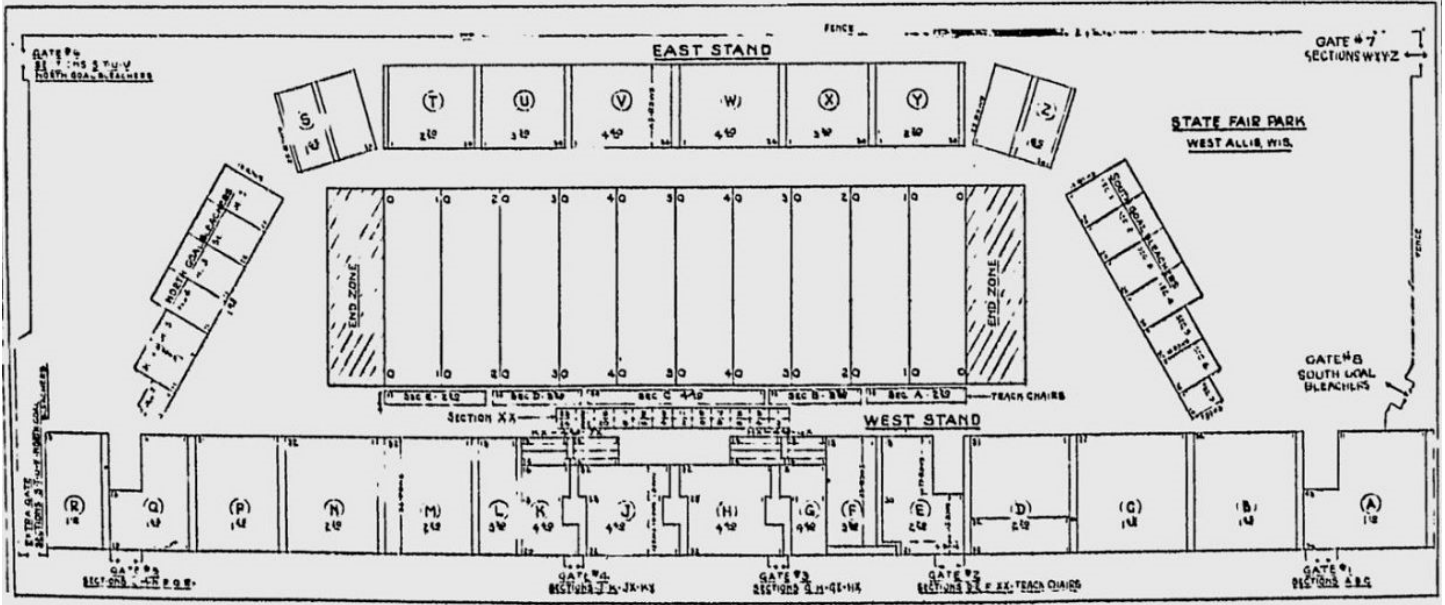
*Eddie Jankowski, fullback*

*Buckets Goldenberg, guard*

*Cecil Isbell, halfback*

*Joe Laws, quarterback*

## Where Are You Sitting Sunday at Packer Game? Here's the Chart



## Packers Strike for Fifth National Championship Sunday



ARNOLD HERBER  
(Ten Years)

MILTON GANTENBEN  
(Nine Years)

HENRY BRUDER  
(Nine Years)

CLARKE HINKLE  
(Eight Years)

CHARLES GOLDENBERG  
(Seven Years)

JOE LAWS  
(Six Years)

PAUL ENGERETSEN  
(Five and a Half Years)

DONALD HUTSON  
(Five Years)

# Packer Statistics

## National Football League

(Final Standings)

### Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PS	OP
GREEN BAY ...	9	2	0	.819	233	153
Chicago Bears ..	8	3	0	.728	298	157
Detroit .....	6	5	0	.546	145	159
Cleveland ...	5	5	1	.500	195	164
Chicago Cards ..	1	10	0	.091	84	254

### Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PS	OP
New York .....	9	1	1	.900	168	85
Washington .. ..	8	2	1	.800	242	94
Brooklyn ...	4	6	1	.400	108	219
Philadelphia ...	1	9	1	.100	105	200
Pittsburgh .....	1	9	1	.100	114	216

### Sunday's Results

GREEN BAY 12, DETROIT 7.  
 New York Giants 9, Washington 7.  
 Cleveland 35, Philadelphia 13.

### Next Sunday's Game

Championship

GREEN BAY VS. NEW YORK.  
 At Milwaukee.

### The Starting Lineups:

#### GREEN BAY

Hutson, le  
 Ray, lt  
 Letlow, lg  
 Svendsen, c  
 Goldenberg, rg  
 Lee, rt  
 Mulleneaux, re  
 Craig, qb  
 Uram, lh  
 Herber, rh  
 Jankowski, fb

#### DETROIT

le, Hanneman  
 lt, Johnson  
 lg, Wiethe  
 c, Wojciechowicz  
 rg, Radovich  
 rt, George  
 re, Moscrip  
 qb, Pingel  
 lh, Vanzo  
 rh, Cardwell  
 fb, Weiss

### Replacements

Green Bay: Ends—Gantenbein, Jancunski. Tackle—Smith. Guards—Tinsley, Engebretsen. Center—Greenfield. Backs—Bruder, Isbell, Laws, Hinkle.

Detroit: Ends—Austin, Diehl. Tackles—Rogers, Maronic. Guards—Calvelli, Tonelli. Center—Stokes. Backs—Szakash, Shepherd, McDonald, Martinovich, Sloan.

### Score By Periods

Green Bay .....	0	3	2	7—12
Detroit .....	0	7	0	0—7

### Scoring

Touchdowns: Green Bay—Hinkle. Detroit—Sloan.

Points after touchdown: Green Bay—Engebretsen. Detroit—Hanneman.

Field goal—Engebretsen.

Safety—Green Bay.

### The Officials

Referee—Cochrane, Chicago.

Umpire—Reese, Denison.

Linesman—Brubaker, Ohio State.

Field Judge—Tehan, Xavier.

### The Statistics

First downs—Green Bay 15, Detroit 7. Total yardage—Green Bay 231, Detroit 143.

Yardage from scrimmage—Green Bay 128, Detroit 129.

Yardage from forward passes—Green Bay 103, Detroit 23.

Forward passes—Green Bay attempted 18, completed 6. Detroit attempted 8, completed 3, 1 intercepted.

Penalty yardage—Detroit 20, Green Bay 5.

Fumbles—Green Bay 5, recovered 2. Detroit 2, recovered 1.

### Individual Statistics

#### Ball Carrying

Green Bay: Uram 56 yards in 11 attempts, average 5.1. Isbell 29 in 8, 3.6. Laws 18 in 5, 3.6. Hinkle 25 in 20, 1.2. Jankowski 10 in 10, 1. Herber —10 in 2.

Detroit: Vanzo 32 yards in 1 attempt. Sloan 23 in 5, 4.6. Shepherd 3 in 1. McDonald 3 in 1. Weiss 40 in 14, 2.8. Pingel 20 in 8, 2.5. Cardwell —1 in 1.

#### Forward Passing

Green Bay: Isbell attempted 10, completed 3 for 43 yards. Herber attempted 8, completed 3 for 60 yards.

Detroit: Sloan attempted 5, completed 1 for 10 yards, 1 intercepted. Pingel attempted 3, completed 2 for 13 yards.

#### Pass Reception

Green Bay: Hutson 4 for 32 yards. Mulleneaux 1 for 47. Hinkle 1 for 24.

Detroit: McDonald 2 for 28. Weiss 1 for —5.

#### Punting

Green Bay: Hinkle 6 for 273 yards, average 45.5. Herber 2 for 68, 34.

Detroit: Pingel 8 for 346, 43.2. Shepherd 2 for 88, 44.

First Period

Herbert looked off to the left, the ball going out of bounds...

Herbert hurried a long drive down the line to Miller...

Knock Down Aerial - Johnson received left tackle for one yard...

Spilled for Low - White looked through to Tom Zankowski for a 3-yard loss...

Stopped by Swedberg - White drove into left guard...

Second Period - Stone's fumble was recovered by Ernie Smith for the Packers...

With Lavy holding the ball on the 15-yard line...

Knickerbocker - Stone, on an attempted forward pass...

Stopped by Burkette - Stone was stopped by Goldenberg for a 1-yard gain...

Stops blocked by Swedberg and White...

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Third Period

Herbert looked off to the left, who returned 18 yards to the line...

Crug looked through and toward Pugh for a 2-yard loss...

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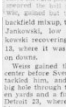
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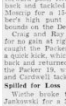
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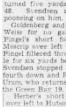
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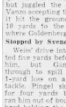
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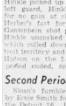
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Swedberg



Lavy



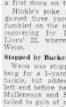
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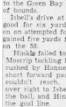
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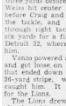
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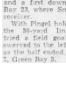
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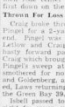
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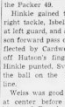
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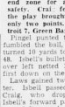
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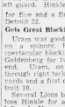
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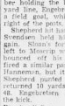
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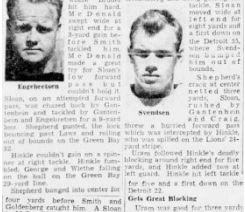
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