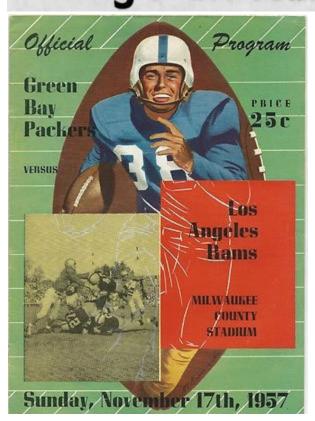




Los Angeles Rams (4-4) 31, Green Bay Packers (2-6) 27 Sunday November 17th 1957 (at Milwaukee)

### Packers Blow 24-3 Lead, Lose to Rams 31-27

## Fadeout '52 Repeat; Losing Starr Hurts



GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

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(MILWAUKEE) - The Packers lost their third straight heart-breaker Sunday. And isn't that just about enough? They dropped the New York Giant game for lack of one lousy yard in four downs, and a rock by the officials robbed them of a good victory chance in the Chicago Bear battle. And how this - a 31 to 27 loss to the Los

Angeles Rams, in which the Bays blew a 24 to 3 halftime lead and a 27-24 edge with 6:54 left in the game. Tossing away a 21-point margin doesn't sound exactly heart-shatterish but the Packers ran into a tough piece of luck - loss of quarterback Bart Starr, whose steady hand and play-calling might have guided them home safely when the Rams went on a rampage in the second half. Starr injured his pitching arm and never returns after taking a 10-0 lead at the end of the first quarter. This was much more than the loss of Starr, of course. Defenses just aren't supposed to blow 21-point leads - if the team expects to win, but somewhere along the brutal third quarter way Starr might have worked a first down or two, thus giving the defense a chance to organize. The loss set the Bays' record at 2-6 and kept the Rams in the running with 4-4. Green Bay will attempt to salvage something out of the season at Pittsburgh next Sunday. This was a history-repeating game and reminded the poor crowd of 19,540 of the Rams' 30-28 victory with a 24-point blast in the last 12 minutes of the 1952 Packer-Ram game at Marquette Stadium here. And when Fred Cone booted a field goal to put the Pack ahead 27-24, you couldn't forget Cone's last 24-second field goal that gave the Pack a 30-28 victory over the LA's in County Stadium in 1955. Both field goals were set up by long returns of kicks by Al Carmichael. This was sort of a "double" game, since the Pack deserved to win because of its outstanding play in the first half and the Rams deserved it on the basis of sweeping the field of Packers in the second half. The Pack thus won the first half, 24-3; the Rams the

second 28-3. The Rams were a devastating football team in the second half. They scored three touchdowns three of the first four times they obtained the ball in the second half to tie the score 24-up, waited until the Pack went ahead on Cone's field goal and then won in the last 1:23 on Norm Van Brocklin's perfect strike to Lamar Lundy. And just to show you how hot the Rams were in the second two periods, they gained 358 yards against the Packers' 70, they outfirst downed the Pack 17 to 4, and they gained 193 yards rushing against the Packers' three. The Rams, for instance, allowed the Packers only eight plays, including two punts, in the third quarter while they were charging to two touchdowns in 18 plays, Van Brocklin pitching 21 yards to Bob Boyd for one and Tank Younger blasting one yard for the second. Early in the fourth quarter, Jon Arnett went 68 yards for the TD that tied the score. The real Ram here isn't listed above. He was Wisconsin's gift to the pro circuit, 34-year old Elroy Hirsch who made a spectacular catch, while running between Don Petitbon and Bobby Dillon, for 45 yards and a first down on the Packer 21. That set off the Rams' first TD. Without the catch, the Rams would have had

third down and 10 to go on their own 35! While the Rams were winning the battle of Half II, the Packers were sparkling in Half I. In the first quarter, Starr carefully pitched and handed off the ball for two sharp drives - one producing a 39-yard field goal for a 3-0 edge in the first period and the other scoring a 10-0 lead on his 14-yard pass to Don McIlhenny. In that period, Starr hit six passes in seven attempts, missing only his second toss, for 88 yards and one TD. He handed off to Paul Hornung and Don McIlhenny for gains of 87 yards rushing in controlling the ball for 25 plays against the Rams' 10. Starr's arm acted up while the Rams were driving for Paige Cothren's 12-yard field goal at the start of the first quarter, but Babe Parilli quickly worked the Bays' to a 17-3 edge, the big gainer going to Howton for 47 yards and the score coming on Carmichael's fourvard trip around end. From then on, Parilli was unable to get anything moving and was dumped for four losses totaling 42 yards trying to pass and the Bays made only four first downs the rest of the game. But the Packers got another touchdown in the second period, the defensive team doing the honors. Bill Forester intercepted a Van Brocklin pass on the Packer 8 and rumbled to the 50 where he lateraled to the fleet Dillon. Bobby took off untouched down the sideline to score, completing a 92-yard play and putting the Pack in front 24-3. The Rams are a good football team but the Packers delivered some brutal blocks and tackles to stun their foes in the first half. The Bays, for instance, had 237 yards in the opening half compared to the Rams' 163. The Bays intercepted two passes and completed eight out of 11 against the Rams' six for 14 in the first half. But at the end the Rams had a box score 521 yards, including 271 rushing, against the Bays' 309. Rookie Arnett had his greatest day as a pro with 149 yards in 17 attempts, while McIlhenny and Hornung gained 107 of the Packers' 128 rushing yards. For the game, the Rams ran 75 plays, the Pack 55. Van Brocklin, below par in the first half, finished with 14 completions in 31 tries for 250 yards and two touchdowns. Hirsch led all receivers with six for 106, while Max McGee snared

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Los Angeles Scoring: Touchdowns

— Boyd (20-yard Van Brocklin
pass, 2:15 of third), Younger (1
yard, 8:39 of third), Arnett (68
yards, 2:21 of fourth), Lundy (34yard Van Brocklin pass). Extra
Points — Cothren 4. Field Goal —
Cothren (12 yards, 3:28 of second).
Green Bay Scoring: Touchdowns

— McIlhenny (14-yard Starr pass,
13:18 of first), Carmichael (4 yards,
6:36 of second), Dillon (55 yards,
lateral from Forester who returned
intercepted pass 37 yards, 9:25 of
second). Extra Points — Cone 3.
Field Goals — Cone 2 (39 yards,
6:48 of first; 32 yards, 8:06 of
fourth).
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Passing:

Los Angeles — Van Brocklin attempted 31, completed 14 for 250 yards, 2 touchdowns, 3 intercepted Waller attempted 1 completed 0.

Green Bay — Parilli attempted 15, completed 7 for 125 yards; Starr attempted 7, completed 6 for 62 yards, 1 touchdown. touchdown. 1 touchdown.

Pass Reception:

Los Angeles — Hirsch caught 6 for

106 yards, Boyd 4 for 87, Lundy 3

for 57, Younger 1 for 0.

Green Bay: McGee caught 5 for

58 yards, Howton 3 for 79, Kramer

3 for 37, McIlhenny 1 for 14, Hornung 1 for minus 1.

five for 58. The action was damaging. The Rams' Bill Sherman went out, maybe for the season, with a leg injury in the first quarter and a few plays later Norm Masters was helped off. Later, Starr, Sam Palumbo, Hank Gremminger and Jerry Helluin were injured. The Packers put together three first downs to set up Cone's opening field goal. The first came on McGee's good catch of a 13-yard Starr pass to the Bay 44. Hornung and McIlhenny hit for 15, Star hurled to Kramer for eight and Hornung ran three to the Ram 30. Starr lost four on a fumble and Cone delivered the 39-yard three-pointer. After Van Brocklin punted out of bounds on the Packer 14, Starr led the team on an 86-yard TD drive in nine plays. The big gainers were Starr's 16-yard pass to Kramer, McIlhenny's 15-yard run off tackle, Hornung's 21-yard jaunt up the middle, Starr's 12-yarder to Howton on the Ram 14 and Starr's touchdown hook to McIlhenny to the left. Cone booted the point and it was 10-0. After recovering McIlhenny's fumble on the last play of the first quarter, the Rams went on a field goal drive. A personal foul on the Pack gave the Rams the ball on the Ram 11 and a good third-down tackle by Dave Hanner forced the field goal by Cothren from the 12. Cone lugged the kickoff back 25 yards to the Pack 40 and the Bays scored in five plays. After Carmichael made six, Parilli dropped a pass in Howton's arms on the Ram seven, a gain of 47 yards. Parilli gained three in two tries and then pitched out to Carmichael who scored behind blocks by Jim Salsbury and Ollie Spencer. The Rams recovered Carmichael's fumbled punt at midfield but four plays later Forester and Dillon worked their touchdown. Just before the half, John Symank collared Bob Boyd who fumbled and Bill Kinard recovered, but Deschaine had to punt. John

#### NFL Surges Over Two Million Mark In Attendance

By United Press

The National Football League surged over the two million mark in attendance Sunday when five games attracted 194,190 fans.

The Lions and Forty-Niners played before a capacity crowd of 56,915 at Detroit, the Bears-Colts game at Chicago drew 47,168 and the Giants-Eagles game at New York drew 42,845. The Browns and Redskins played before 27,722 at Washington while the Rams and Packers drew only 19,540 at Milwaukee.

Last week the Rams playbefore a record pro crowd of 102,368 at Los Angeles. The Steelers and Cardinals did not play Sunday. Petitbon intercepted and returned to midfield. With 13 seconds in the half, Hornung was short and low on a field goal try from the 45. The Rams went 80 yards in seven plays to start the third quarter, the big gainer being Van's 45 yard pass to Hirsch. Van Brocklin pinpointed Boyd who was on the ground for the touchdown. Cothren kicked the first of four extra points. The enraged Rams threw McIlhenny back nine yards in two trips and forced Parilli to hurl wide to Howton and Deschaine to punt. The Rams then drove 63 yards in 10 plays for the score. Arnett ran 35 yards in four trips and Van Brocklin hurled short strikes to Hirsch and Boyd for most of the yardage, with Younger scoring from the one for a 24-17 count. Hornung missed a first down by one yard in three trips so Deschaine had to punt again. This time the Rams didn't score. They drove 45 yards and Forester intercepted Van Brocklin's deflected pass and returned 12 yards to the Packer 40 on the first play of the fourth quarter. The Rams then grabbed Parilli for a 10-yard loss but Howton had a Parilli pass for a first down but couldn't hand onto the ball, forcing a punt again. The score was tied in two plays, Arnett racing around right end, evading three Packers at the 50 and then going all the way for a 68-yard touchdown maneuver. That tied the score. The Packers responded with their first first down of the second half on Parilli's pass to Kramer for 13 yards but Babe was smeared back 14 yards two plays later and Deschaine had to punt. The Bays got tough and forced a Ram punt, Carmichael taking the ball on the 19 and with the aid of a good block by Joe Johnson, ankled to the Ram 34. Parilli pitched 12 yards to McGee on the 22, but Babe then was smeared for a 13-yard loss. Parilli ran 10 when he couldn't pass and then threw wide to Howton to set up Cone's 32-yard field goal. Waller's 46-yard return of Hornung's kickoff set up Cothren's wide and short field goal from the Packer 39 with 4:14 left. McIlhenny gained one off right end and Hornung lost one off left end. Hauser caught Parilli with an ankle tackle for a four yard loss to the 16 so Deschaine punted to the Ram 41. With 2:12 left, Van Brocklin hit Lundy for 12 and Waller ran 12 yards to the Packer 35. Boyd took

Van's strike for 15 and the Rams were penalized back to the 34 on Waller's intentional grounding of a pass. After Van missed Boyd, the Ram quarterback spotted Lundy wandering around on the five yard line. Lundy took the pitch and stepped just inside the flag for the winning TD with 1:20 left. Parilli moved the Bays 25 yards with passes in the last few seconds but that was it.

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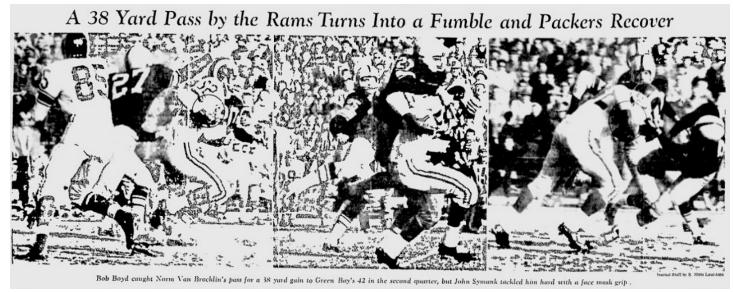
	LOS ANGELES	GREEN BAY
First Downs	27	16
Rushing-Yards-TD	43-271-2	33-120-1
Att-Comp-Yd-TD-Int	32-14-250-2-3	22-13-187-1-0
Sacked-Yards	9	31
Net Passing Yards	241	156
Total Yards	512	276
Fumbles-lost	1-1	3-2
Turnovers	4	2
Yards penalized	1-15	4-41

#### **SCORING**

- 1st GB Fred Cone, 39-yard field goal GREEN BAY 3-0
- 1st GB Don McIlhenny, 19-yard pass from Bart Starr (Cone kick) GREEN BAY 10-0
- 2nd LA Paige Cothren, 13-yard field goal GREEN BAY 10-3
- 2nd GB Al Carmichael, 4-yard run (Cone kick) GREEN BAY 17-3
- 2nd GB Bobby Dillon, 55-yd lateral after a 37-yard interception return by Bill Forester (Cone kick) GREEN BAY 24-3
- 3rd LA Bob Boyd, 20-yard pass from Norm Van Brocklin (Cothren kick) GREEN BAY 24-10
- 3rd LA Tank Younger, 1-yard run (Cothren kick) GREEN BAY 24-17
- 4th LA Jon Arnett, 68-yard run (Cothren kick) TIED 24-24
- 4th GB Cone, 32-yard field goal GREEN BAY 27-24
- 4th LA Lamar Lundry, 34-yard pass from Van Brocklin (Cothren kick) LOS ANGELES 31-27

#### RUSHING

**GREEN BAY** - Don McIlhenny 13-60, Paul Hornung 11-47, Al Carmichael 2-10 1 TD, Babe Parilli 5-7, Max McGee 1-0, Bart Starr 1-(-4)



**LOS ANGELES** - Jon Arnett 17-149 1 TD, Tank Younger 12-58 1 TD, Joe Marconi 5-24, Tommy Wilson 7-24, Ron Waller 1-13, Norm Van Brocklin 1-3

#### **PASSING**

GREEN BAY - Babe Parilli 15-7-125, Bart Starr 7-6-62 1 TD

LOS ANGELES - Norm Van Brocklin 31-14-250 2 TD 3 INT, Ron Waller 1-0-0

#### **RECEIVING**

**GREEN BAY** - Max McGee 5-58, Billy Howton 3-79, Ron Kramer 3-37, Don McIlhenny 1-14 1 TD, Paul Hornung 1-1 **LOS ANGELES** - Elroy Hirsch 6-106, Bob Boyd 4-87 1 TD, Lamar Lundy 3-57 1 TD, Tank Younger 1-0

## Film, Injuries Make Pack Sick All Over

#### COORDINATION IN SECOND HALF DID IT!

NOV 18 (Milwaukee-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - "This was our best comeback since I've been with the Rams." Sid Gillman, one eye now on the NFL's Western Division championship which he last won as a rookie head coach in 1955, made this declaration in a crowded Los Angeles dressing room at County Stadium late Sunday afternoon. "Did you ever see such a lousy football team as we were in the first half and such a good one as we were in the second?" he asked, permitting himself a broad smile at the memory of those profitable last 30 minutes. Any explanation? "We didn't change a thing," was the somewhat surprising answer. "What can you change? We used everything we've got in the first half and we did the same in the second. The only thing is, we had good coordination in the second half but we had nothing in the first half." Sid, who said "it was like a wake in here at halftime," interrupted his analysis briefly to congratulate pro football's Ol' Man River, Elroy Hirsch, as he passed by. "Elroy," he added, "I hope your father is all right." (The elder Hirsch is a patient at Wausau Memorial Hospital.) "He couldn't help but be better after today," Hirsch, en route to his locker from the shower room, grinned. Resuming the discussion at hand, Gillman answered the inevitable question without hesitation. "Our chances are good. This race is going to be one hell of a scramble before we're through. Detroit's got to play the Bears twice, you know, and we've got the Colts twice," Sid pointed out, adding "Our key game is next week with the Browns." Gillman, who experimented with it for the first time last Sunday, was loath to discuss the messenger signal calling system he employed off and on during the course of the afternoon. "I don't care to comment on that," he said. "We don't worry about who calls the plays, we just want to win. All I can say is Van (Brocklin) took 'em in." What about Lamar Lundy, the man who caught that winning touchdown pass in the final two minutes? "We just love Lundy, and not only for that touchdown," Gillman said. "He's just been tremendous for us." It wasn't all milk and honey for the Rams, however, Sid confided. Will Sherman, crack defensive back, "might be out for the season," he said. "He hurt his elbow." Sherman was injured in a second quarter collision with the Packers' Ron Kramer. Gillman, ordinarily miserly with bouquets for the opposition, had high praise for at

#### Proud of the Packers

Editor, Press-Gazette: In the past I have been reading the articles in the forum in regard to the Packers. The thought that came to my mind when I read what some people write, is that they must be first cousin to some of them Milwaukee sport writers. When the Packers win, they really are on the wagon, but as soon as they lose they can really pick them apart.

Being a Packer Backer I feel mighty proud of the Packers after the Bear game. First of all I thought that Bart Starr called a very good game. Sure we lost, but I sure wouldn't blame either the Coaching Staff or any player. I sure thought it was an all out effort by both. Any sport fan who can find fault with the Bear game should give up the sport, and maybe try his hand at knitting.

As for the Coaching Staff, well, they are human beings like us all, subject to making mistakes. I know I have made some in my life and I think if everyone looks back on their life, we all would maybe do some things different, if he had to do it over. An example that comes to my mind is the case at Marquette. Coach Ferzacca wasn't good enough for them, so they got Druze and if you follow the sport, you know his record. It could be that if they had to do it over, maybe they would have Fer-

Yes this coaching in professional isn't cracked up to be what it showed to be. Sure, they say they get paid big money, etc. But just look at the rest of the teams in the league. All the coaches at one time or another have been on the spot. Take for example the Bears. Last year they won the Western title. This year their team was supposed to be superior to last year champs, but things didn't shape up like some of the sports writers wrote. Did you know who was getting the blame? It was Driscoll.

Sure I like to win like anybody else does, but if I go out and see groups of players give the best they have, I am satisfied. Truthfully speaking I can say that Blackbourn is getting that out of his players. If the Packers continue to show improvement like they have the last three weeks, any team who plays them will also respect them.

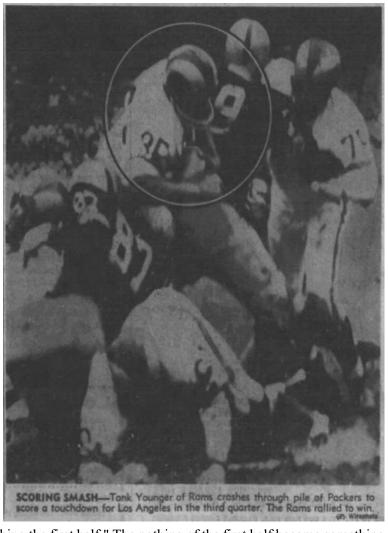
Packer Fan from Wrightstown.

least two members of the enemy. "That Ringo's a great center, he's a hell of a center," Sid declared. "And that Howton's out of this world. What an end he is."...At the far end of the room, Hirsch was still smiling. "It sure is great to go home without my tail between my legs for the first time in four years," Elroy beamed. Crazy Legs, en route to Wausau for the premiere of his latest picture there tonight, had reference to three consecutive Ram losses in Milwaukee at the hands of the Packers. "My dad saw the game on TV in the hospital there," Elroy said, "and that's the best medicine he could have gotten. He had a heart condition, he's 70 years old, you know, and been in an oxygen tent, but I think he's going to pull through." Voluntarily turning to the Packers, he asserted, "I think this Green Bay team is going to be up there a long time. They have three great receivers in Howton, McGee and Kramer, and they're young, fast, and have great spirit. And," he whistled, "do they hit!"...There was a singular unanimity of opinion in the Packer dressing room. Stricken, they all agreed there was no explaining the calamity. Bill Howton, replaying that nightmarish second half with locker-mate Babe Parilli, muttered, "I don't know the answer. We moved good the first half but we sure didn't move in the second." Next door, Bobby Dillon shook his head sadly but likewise was unable to shed light upon the matter. "There is no way to explain anything like that," he sighed. A few feet away, burly Jim Salsbury confided, "I didn't notice any difference in the quality of their defense the second half. I can't say there was any change. But, of course, we only had the ball for something like six or nine plays in the third quarter." Sam Palumbo, his aching right leg plunged in a bucket of icy water, reported, "I twisted my leg when somebody rolled on it. It's not only the ankle (which was badly swollen), the whole leg hurts." At the other end of the room, a morose Johnny Symank discussed that last Ram touchdown candidly. "I got over-anxious and took the wrong man," he said disgustedly. "He (Lundy) was my man." The normally voluble Ollie Spencer, returning from the shower, also had little to say. "We just frittered it away," he rapped. Across the way, Paul Hornung shrugged off an arm injury that kept him on the bench most of the fourth quarter. "I think I'll live," he growled. Locker partner Ron Kramer also was nursing an injury, although he still wasn't sure "how bad it was. I got kicked in the back, I guess." Bart Starr, another casualty, wasn't quite sure what had happened. "I don't even remember when I got it," the brilliant sophomore quarterback confessed. Bringing his passing arm up to handshaking height, he explained. "It stiffened on me early in the second quarter. I could get it up here but not up here (he pointed to his right shoulder with his left hand) to throw."...Head Coach Liz Blackbourn had no alibis. "They outplayed us in the second half," he said, "just as we outplayed them in the first half." To the casual observer, his selection of the turning point might come as a surprise. "That long pass to Elroy Hirsch made the difference," Liz said. "It not only set up the Rams' first touchdown, but gave them a big lift. The worst part of it was it came too easy." There were at least two other factors, he felt. "We missed Starr, of course," he pointed out, "and that missed third down pass to Howton just before they scored really hurt, too. We could have kept possession if it had been complete and we'd have been in business. Of course, it would have been a good catch if he'd held the ball because he was hit hard as it arrived." Leaning back, Liz reflected sadly. "We just find a way to get beat."...FAST ACTION: Perhaps NFL officials have become sensitive as the result of criticisms leveled at them in recent days but, whatever the case, Headlinesman Lon Evans acted with dispatch when Ram headmaster Gillman stormed down the sidelines to protest an offside call in the second quarter. Evans wheeled around and ordered Gillman back to the bench and Sid retreated with alacrity, under threat of a 15-yard penalty. Later, Gillman explained, "I was made because somebody kicked Lamar Lundy on the play and also because Hirsch, who first jumped offside, had jumped back before the ball was snapped and so did a Packer so no handkerchief should have been dropped." There was, however, no penalty on the play since the Packers declined when the Rams made only a short gain...UNHAPPY LANDING: The Rams' Ron Waller was more than mildly perturbed when the hard-hitting Johnny Symank catapulted him over the Packer bench and onto the bare turf in front of the first base box seats as the Maryland alumnus returned the kickoff following the Packers' late fourth quarter field goal. No blows were exchanged but Waller expressed his displeasure in unmistakable terms...GHOST ENTERS "HALL": Tony Canadeo, the Packers' Gray Ghost of Gonzaga officially entered the major league football hall of fame when General Manager Verne Lewellen presented him with the

Helms Athletic Foundation plaque between halves. "Football is a game of many thrills but I think this is about the greatest I've ever had," Tony told the 19,000odd spectators who had cheered him as his name was announced. He thanked "all Packer fans and my former teammates without whom this honor wouldn't have been possible." The Packers' all-time ground gainer thus joined six other Green Bay greats in the pro shrine - Earl (Curly) Lambeau, Cal Hubbard, Arnie Herber, Clarke Hinkle, Hutson Don and Johnny Blood...DISTINGUISHED GUESTS: Henry Aaron, only last week named the National Baseball League's most valuable player, and his hard-hitting Braves colleague, Eddie Mathews, were guests on the Packer bench. Also lending moral support was a former Packer defensive back, Lou Mihaljovich, now baseball and swimming coach at Milwaukee's Riverside (East Division) High School...RAMS STAY: The Rams will remain in Milwaukee until Saturday and train at St. Francis Seminary until Saturday, when they leave for a date with the Cleveland Browns. The seminary arrangement, now in its fourth year, is made through the Rev. Gerald Hauser, a member of the St. Francis faculty, who is a brother of Ram tackle Art Hauser.

#### AWAKENING FOLLOWS RAMS' WAKE AT HALF

NOV 18 (Milwaukee Journal) - The Los Angeles Rams held a halftime wake over themselves at County Stadium Sunday and in the second half woke up. "It was like a wake in our dressing room at the half," Sid Gillman of the Rams said. "Fight talk? Of course not.



We just quietly talked things over, that's all. We'd had nothing the first half." The nothing of the first half became something indeed after the intermission. They woke up. Behind at the half, 24-3, they snapped back with 28 points, giving up only three and won 31-27. "It was ridiculous," Coach Lisle Blackbourn of the six times beaten Packers said, referring to his collapsed defensive. "But that's the way our season has been - ever since that Detroit game." Turning point of the game, Blackbourn said, occurred on the Rams' first touchdown of the second half. Bob Boyd took Norm Van Brocklin's pass for the score with hardly more than two minutes gone. "There were three men around Boyd, Blackbourn said, "and they let him catch the ball. Ridiculous." Physically, the Packers experienced their worst afternoon of the season. Eight were hurt. Four suffered arm injuries, three leg injuries and Ron Kramer hurt his back. Jim Ringo, Bart Starr, Paul Hornung and Hank Gremminger had ailing arms although only Starr was removed from the action. Sam Palumbo, Norm Masters and Jerry Helluin went out with injured legs. The Rams lost defensive back Bill Sherman midway through the first quarter when he tackled Kramer on a pass play. Sherman will probably be out for the season with a bad elbow. Starr left the game in the first half after being hit on the muscle of his pitching arm. "I don't even remember when it happened," Starr said. "The arm got sore and I couldn't cock it to throw." "If we made a mistake," Blackbourn said, "it was in not throwing the ball sooner in the second half. The defense let us down though. The defense wasn't too good in the first half either." Happiest Ram of them all was Elroy Hirsch, the 12 year veteran who played high school football at Wausau and college football at Wisconsin and Michigan. The annual "Return of the Native" was a victorious one for the first time since 1953. "This was a good one to win," Hirsch said. "It'll be pleasant for a change not to go home with my tail between my legs. This game will be a tonic for Dad." Hirsch's father, Otto, was released from a Wausau hospital Saturday and watched the game on television. He had suffered a heart attack and was under an oxygen tent earlier in the week. "This Green Bay team ought to be up for a long time," Hirsch said. "They're young, fast, have a lot of spirit, and, boy, do they hit!" Gillman, happy at the turn of events which gave him his first victory in Milwaukee, said that he had "no explanation" for the turnabout. It just happened. The Rams' chances of winning the Western Division title? "It's going to be a helluva race," he said. "Our key game is with the Browns this week." The Rams, just a game behind the Detroit Lions, San Francisco 49ers and Baltimore Colts, will stay in Milwaukee the rest of the week, going to Cleveland Saturday for their meeting with the Browns. They will work out at the St. Francis Seminary where the brother of the Rams' Art Hauser is a priest. Gillman refused to cite any of his own players

or any of the Packers for praise or censure. He refused, that is, until Billy Howton's name popped into the conversation. "That Howton's out of this world," he said. "What a receiver." The only argument between coach and official was precipitated in the second quarter but was not as bad as it seemed. Head linesman Lon Evans threw down his handkerchief, apparently indicating an offside. The hankie went down before the ball was snapped and about half the players merely went through the motions. Tom Wilson of the Rams hit left tackle for four yards and could just as easily gone for 84 yards with one or two more blocks. Gillman began fussing and fuming on the sidelines and Evans had to order him back to the bench. No penalty was called on the play, despite the dropped handkerchief. Gillman's argument was not about the offside call that wasn't an offside call. "A Packer kicked Lamar Lundy right in the face in front of the official," Gillman said. "And he refused to call it. That's what I was mad about." Suppose, however, Wilson had gone all the way for a touchdown? Well, just suppose. Commissioner Bert Bell's desk would be flooded with protests.

#### WE RELAXED TOO MUCH IN 2ND HALF: LIZ

NOV 18 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - "We tried not to relax," Liz Blackbourn was saying after Sunday's 31-27 Packer loss, "we tried so hard not to relax in the second half." As if history repeated, the Packers couldn't stand prosperity after holding a convincing lead. In 1952, Green Bay lost to the Rams here, 30-28, after leading, 28-6, at the end of the third quarter. "We played terrific ball in the first half," Blackbourn continued. "But even then there were some indications the defense wasn't too good in spots. They played the heck out of us the rest of the way. They really put the pressure on us." Blackbourn believed a shoulder injury to defensive halfback Hank Gremminger weakened the Packers' pass defense in the second half. Gremminger played, despite the painful injury, the remainder of the game. "That long pass to (Elroy) Hirsch in the third quarter got them started," Liz said. "I guess that's what started that debacle." Over in the Rams' quarters, Sid Gillman was happy for the first time after a game in Milwaukee. It was his first win in four visits to Milwaukee Stadium. "We were nothing in the first half," Gillman said. "In the second half things began to go for us. It was just the reverse for Green Bay." Gillman then added that it's a heck of a game every time these foes meet in Milwaukee. When Hirsch was asked if this is his last season, the 12-year veteran said, "I'll see how I feel at the end of the season. Right now I've never felt better." As far as Gillman is concerned, "Hirsch is good for a half a dozen more years with the Rams." Regarding the play in which Bill Forester intercepted Norm Van Brocklin's long pass to Hirsch (the one which resulted in a Packer touchdown), Hirsch said, "(Carlton) Massey hit me the hardest I've been hit since playing football. It was a good clean block." Said Massey: "Maybe so, but it almost killed me. I think I got hurt worse than Hirsch." Sitting on the Green Bay bench and wrapped up in Packer robes were Eddie Mathews and Henry Aaron. The way injuries were cropping up Blackbourn glanced more than once to the Braves' stars.



#### GREEN BAY BEATS MILWAUKEE AT GATE

NOV 18 (Green Bay) - Green Bay outdrew Milwaukee by a 3-2 margin for the Packers' home football season. Three games in Green Bay's new city stadium drew 96,322 and three games in Milwaukee's County Stadium, 64,781, giving the Packers 161,103 for the season.

#### FILM, INJURIES MAKE PACK SICK ALL OVER

NOV 19 (Green Bay) - The Packers were sick all over today for two reasons - (1) the pictures of the 31 to 27 loss to Los Angeles and (2) a report from Trainer Bud Jorgenson. Both both Coach Liz Blackbourn and Jorgenson agree that there will be no "sickness" come Sunday when the Bays invade Pittsburgh to meet the make-shift Steelers. The pictures revealed the

glowing action in detail and Blackbourn was impressed with two items in particular - the blocking of Lamar Lundy, the Rams' slot back, and the "blocking from behind on our cornerbackers." Liz was referring to the Rams' big push in the second half in which the Rams scored 28 points to overcome a 24-3 Packer lead. Lundy did a "great job blocking our linebackers," Liz pointed out but the Bay cornerbackers (Hank Gremminger and John Petitbon) were "being blocked from behind by the Ram ends." Blocking from behind, of course, is clipping - the penalty for which is 15 yards. The reason for the penalty is that the clipped one is helpless to defend himself (it's like getting shot in the back) and the extreme danger of injuries. Blackbourn said that on Jon Arnett's 68-yard touchdown run "Gremminger was blocked beautifully from behind. Penalty? There wasn't a clipping penalty called all afternoon. Oh yes, Gremminger was among the more seriously hurt Sunday." Blackbourn praised two Rams in particular for stopping up the Bays in the second half - Paul Miller, the defensive left end, and Art Hauser, the defensive right tackle. "They played a tremendous game," Liz said. The Packers needed a first down in the worst way in that third quarter and Blackbourn recalled that "we only missed one by a couple of inches on Hornung's third try." That occurred after the Rams scored the second time in the period, making it 24-17. Jorgensen was down at the training room bright and early Monday morning and the players were waiting treatments. And the "action" continued today. Jorgensen handed Blackbourn a training-room list containing 17 times - which is almost half the squad. It isn't quite that bad, however, since three of the players are recuperating - Norm Amundsen, who hurt his knee three games ago, Joe Skibinski, who is getting treatment for a leg broken in training camp, and Gary Knafelc, who underwent surgery recently. Others on the list and the



Stopped cold for no gain was Don McIlhenny of the Packers on the Green Bay 17 yard line in the first quarter of Sunday's game with Los Angeles at County Stadium.

Line backers Les Richter (on knees) and Larry Morris (right) of the Rams brought the runner down. Los Angeles came from behind in the serond balf and won 31.27

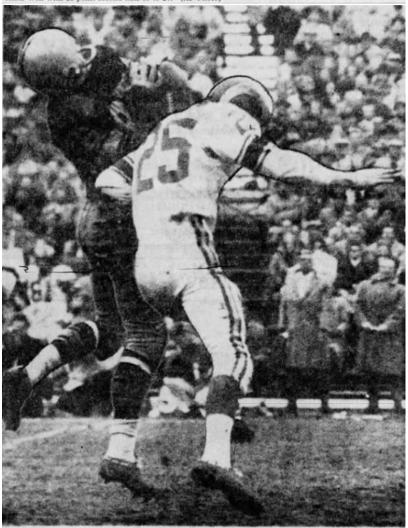
ailment: Norm Masters, knee; Jerry Helluin, leg and knee; Hank Gremminger, shoulder and leg; Al Carmichael, leg; Sam Palumbo, ankle; John Petitbon, foot; Bart Starr, arm; Ron Kramer, back; Jim Ringo, shoulder; Nate Borden, neck; Bill Forester, finger; Carl Vereen, arm; Bill Howton, leg and hip; Paul Hornung, arm. Some of the injuries are the normal run, as it were, but Jorgensen pinpointed seven that will require "plenty of treatment." He puts Masters, Helluin, Gremminger, Palumbo, Kramer, Ringo and Borden in that category. Jorgensen's big job is to get these seven in good condition for the Pittsburgh game. The list presents a problem to Blackbourn and aides Ray McLean, Lou Rymkus and Jack Morton for various reasons. Two of the hurt players, for instance, are centers Ringo and Palumbo. Sam handles the platoon-centering (punts, etc.) and also is a linebacker, while Ringo is the regular-play center. Larry Lauer is the reserve center. Another problem would involve Helluin and Borden who interchange. When Jerry was injured Sunday, Borden was moved to his defensive tackle spot and Jim Temp took over Borden's defensive end spot. And so it foes as the Bays prepare for a well-rested and free-of-injury Steeler squad. Pittsburgh, you know, didn't play last Sunday. Maybe the Steelers will be rusty! The Packers should be so lucky?

#### DEPARTURE OF DEFENSE GREATEST PACKER SIN

NOV 19 (Green Bay) - The third quarter of the Packer-Ram game might be set up as an example of what not to do in a football match - if your team is in front, that is. That period started with the Packers ahead by a score of 24 to 3. When the quarter was over, the score was 24 to 17 and the Rams were on the Packers' 40-yard line. During the 15 minutes herewith on display, the Rams ran off 30 plays, including two extra point kicks, for 188 yards. The Packers, in the 15 minutes, had the pigskin for eight plays, including two punts, for no yards. In the first series after the Rams cut it to 24-10, Don McIlhenny lost two to his left and seven to his right and then Babe Parilli was wide on a pass to Bill Howton who was open; Dick Deschaine followed with a 31-yard punt. After the Rams made it 24-17, the Packers tried again and this time just barely



Start of a Touchdown—The Packers' Bill Forester (69) is shown making like a fullback after intercepting Norm Van Brocklin's pass on the eight-yard line and returning to the 50 where he lateraled to Bobby Dillon who went on to a touchdown in the second quarter. The TD put the Packers ahead of Los Angeles 24-3. Running alongside Bill are Nate Borden (87) and Tom Bettis (65). No. 24 of Rams is Tom Wilson. Rams won with 28-point second half 31 to 27. (AP Photo)

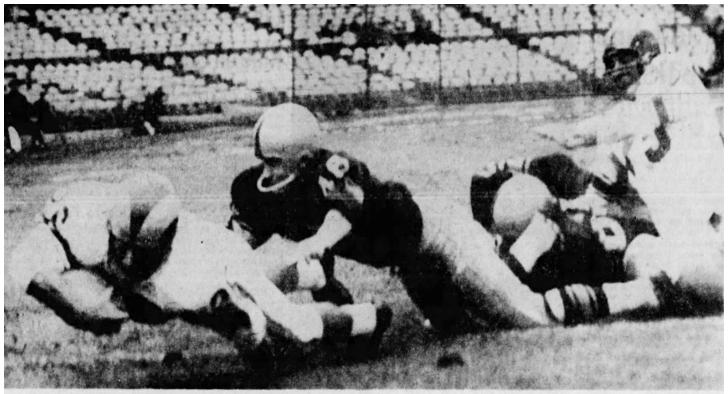


Rammed—End Billy Howton of the Packers (left, dark jersey) gets his hands on a pass from Babe Parilli in the fourth quarter of the Los Angeles Rams-Packers game at County Stadium Sunday, but can't hold it. The reason he couldn't is obvious. Ram defender Don Burroughs (No. 25) did a yeomanlike job of breaking up the play. The Rams won, 31-27, with a 28-point spurt in the second half. (AP Photo)

missed a first down. Paul Hornung ran it three times, gaining, in order, three yards at center, five at right tackle and one-plus at right tackle again. Deschaine then dropped a nifty 56-yard punt. So, in the two Packer series, McIlhenny lost nine yards in two tries, Hornung gained nine in three, one pass was incomplete, and Deschaine averaged 43.5 yards on two punts. The Rams were higher than a kite during those two series and Parill was extended to fierce pressure. It would have been interesting to see what injured Bart Starr had done with the two series although he, too, would have been pressed hard by the Rams. Actually, the greatest sin on the part of the Packers was the "departure" of the defense during the third period. The Rams averaged almost seven yards per in 28 scrimmage plays and passed for 105 yards on five completions in nine Norm Van Brocklin attempts. The Rams went 80 yards in seven plays for the first TD and 63 stripes in 11 trips for the TD that made it 24-17 and put the Rams back in the game. The Rams were moving so well in the two touchdown drives that they needed only two third down plays - one in each TD drive. In the first move, Tank Younger made seven on a third and two situation on the Ram 35 and in the second TD jaunt the Rams had a third and six situation on the Packer nine and Jon Arnett made seven. Actually, the play that started the Rams off was the 45-yard catch Elroy Hirsch made to set up the Rams' first TD in the third period from the Bay 21. That was a second and 10 play and a tough break for the Pack. John Petitbon and Bobby Dillon went all the way with Hirsch just inside the sidelines and the two Bay defenders both were in a position to intercept; but apparently both waited for the other to steal it, while Hirsch snared the ball. It was the kind of pass Dillon intercepts with that one eye of his closed. Many things happened after the third quarter but the Packers' collapse on defense in that period put the high-powered Rams back in the game and convinced 'em they could win.

#### 'OPEN DATE' DRILLS HELD BY STEELERS

NOV 19 (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette) - The Pittsburgh Steelers held an unusual Monday practice yesterday as they looked forward to Sunday's game here with the Green Bay Packers. Wash day is generally a holiday for Rooney U., but they were idle last weekend. Coach Buddy Parker still has hopes of overtaking the Cleveland Browns and New York Giants in the Eastern Conference race but must whip the Packers to stick in contention. The Gold and Black gained a 10-10 tie with the Wisconsin entry in Minneapolis in their last exhibition game. Coach Lisle Blackbourn's proteges caught up in the last minute and a half on a pass from quarterback Bart Starr to halfback Joe Johnson, after the Steelers had



String of Players — Jon Arnett, the Rams' rookie halfback flash, is shown coming to a halt on the Packer two-yard line in the third quarter to set up Tank Younger's touchdown plunge. Fall-

ing on him is Packer Hank Gremminger (46). No. 72 of Rams is Bob Fry. Rams scored 28 points in second half to overcome 24-3 deficit and win 31 to 27. (AP Photo)

been in control most of the game. In addition to Starr the invaders will present the veteran Vito (Babe) Parilli in the quarterback position. The Rochester, Pa., native usually manages to do well against the Steelers.

#### DON'T BLAME PARILLI - PACKER DEFENSE FOLDS

NOV 19 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - The Packers lost their No. 1 quarterback, Bart Starr, on the last play of the first quarter Sunday. He suffered an injury to his right elbow. He had no feeling in his fingers. He couldn't grip a football. Had it been his left elbow, he could have stayed in the game. Starr should be in shape for Sunday's game at Pittsburgh. During his brief action, the Alabama Flipper completed six out of seven passes for 62 yards. He triggered the Packers to a 10-0 advantage over the Rams. When something happens to Starr, the only alternative is to send in Babe Parilli - the Kentucky Babe who has passed the Packers to their only two wins this season. Parilli took advantage and moved the Bays goalward for their second touchdown in five plays. His 47 yard pass play to Billy Howton, which set up the TD on the Ram seven, was the game's longest aerial. The Packers didn't lose to the Rams Sunday because Parilli had taken over the quarterback chores. They lost because they couldn't stop Norm Van Brocklin's passing and Jon Arnett's running in the second half. Coach Liz Blackbourn preferred to be tight-lipped about the outcome Monday. "With our record people are tired of reading Blackbourn's excuses," said the disappointed but frank coach. "I'd rather not comment on turning points of the game or what have you," he said. "We're experiencing one of those seasons where nothing's going right." But why the complexion change in the second half? How could the Packers blow a 24-3 halftime lead? "I'll tell you one thing," Blackbourn shot back. "That first touchdown certainly gave them a lift - the catch by Hirsch (a 44-yard gain to the Packer 21) wins the big one." Did the Rams change their offense or defense drastically in the second half? "They shot their outside linebackers in a little more," Blackbourn answered. "That is the only change I observed. I haven't seen the films, though." Just how good are the Rams? "At this time I would say the Lions, Colts and Rams are the best teams in our division," was Blackbourn's comments. "I think Detroit will win it. We took a lot out of the Bears last week. The Rams have three tremendous left halfs," Blackbourn continued. "They run at you, pass at you - wow." But getting back to Sunday's game itself Blackbourn refused to pin the blame on anyone. If you're interested in game control, the Packers ran up a 24-3 lead by using 36 plays to the Rams' 35. In the second half in which Los Angeles scored 28 points to Green Bay's three, the Rams had the ball 47 times and the Packers 32. The Packers experienced a real beating physically. Eight were hurt, which took a lot of sting out of the club as the Rams closed in. Ron Kramer hurt his back, Starr, Paul Hornung, Jim Ringo and Hank Gremminger sustained arm injuries and Norm Masters, Sam Palumbo and Jerry Helluin went out with leg ailments. Being so effective on the ground in the first half (picking up 117 yards), Parilli directed the ground troops on five plays in the third quarter and the Bays gained no yardage. His only pass of the period was incomplete to Howton. When the Rams finally closed the gap, the Babe passed in desperation, frantically trying to unleash a bomb. But he lost 30 yards when he couldn't get rid of the ball. And when you

hesitate in this league, you're dead. Meanwhile, Van Brocklin continued to pass the Packers dizzy. His payoff throw to Lamar Lundy, which scored the winning points, was too easy. Lundy took the ball all alone on the east sidelines. Apparently, the Packers were more concerned covering Hirsch, who had caught six for 106 yards, and Bob Boyd, who had snared four for 87, because Lundry was ignored. Dick Deschaine, who has had a miserable time lately with two punts being blocked, outdid the master. His 41 yard average on six punts bettered the 39 yard average on four by the league's second ranked punter, Van Brocklin. "Deschaine wasn't going back any further," Blackbourn pointed out. "He just took quicker steps."

## Pack Guinea Pig in Parker-Wilson Feud? Kramer Injury From 'Kick'

#### PACK GUINEA PIG IN PARKER-WILSON FEUD? KRAMER INJURY FROM 'KICK'

NOV 20 (Green Bay) - Buddy Parker and George Wilson, past and present coaches of the Pittsburgh Steelers and Detroit Lions, respectively, have been feuding these days. And we're wondering if the Packers won't figure as a fat, crippled guinea pig in the argument the next two games - against Parker's Steelers in Pittsburgh and Wilson's Lions in Detroit Thanksgiving Day. The rift between the former coach-mates erupted the other day when Parker commented for public consumption as follows: "The Detroit Lions are the best team in the Western Division, and they'll win the championship." Wilson was quick to reply: "The night he quit (at a banquet last August) Parker said the Lions were the worst team he had seen since he'd been a head coach. Now he says this is the best team in the league. How does he explain this difference? We figure he was trying to put our coaching staff on the spot. If we win now, people will say it was because of a great team. If we lost out, people will say we had a great team and it was the coaches who lost it. That's the feeling Parker wants to put over." Parker later had an explanation for calling the Lions "the worst team," pointing out "they had a bad practice that day and I was trying to pep them up." The talking match took place last week. Detroit, in its first start since, walloped the 49ers 31 to 10. Pittsburgh was idle last Sunday but will be making its first AT (after talk) showing against our men. Parker hasn't "rebutted" any of Wilson's remarks, but he'll undoubtedly want the Packer scalp as a we'll-show-you token to send back to Detroit. What a rebuttal! If Parker's gents down the Pack, you can bet Wilson will want his men to carve up Green Bay meat Thanksgiving Day. At any rate, the five days starting Sunday, Nov. 24, will be important in the lives of Parker and Wilson. And they'll be important to the Lions and Steelers, too, because both teams are still in the running - Detroit with a 5-3 record in the Western Division and Pittsburgh with 4-3 in the Eastern. The Packers don't have any such "argument" to chaw on. Coach Liz Blackbourn hasn't been feuding with his fellow coaches and the Packers aren't in the running, what with a 2-6 record. The Packers are in for fun now and you'll recall that's when they really had a couple of belly laughs last year - beating the contending Lions and Cardinals in their home fields. They'll be relaxed and smiling when they go to bat, while the Steelers and Lions will have to keep an eye on the scoreboard - the lucky stiffs!...The Packers won't be in the best condition Sunday and there's a possibility that several battlers will be unable to battle. Among those maybes are quarterbacks Bart Starr, slot back Ron Kramer, linebacker Sam Palumbo, center Jim Ringo and tackle Norm Masters. The entire Packer team is steamed up about Kramer's back injury. The pictures show that he was kicked in the middle of the back by Paul Miller, the Rams' defensive tackle, in the second quarter. Kramer was offside on the play and flattened Miller with a solid block. Miller apparently was mad about it and kicked the Packer rookie in the back. The officials saw Miller's action and called the Rams for roughing but what boils Blackbourn is that Miller wasn't tossed out of the game. The Packers (Kramer) were offside on the play and the penalties nullified each other. And that brings up something we've been howling about for 10 years. Why must a five-yard penalty nullify a 15-yard penalty completely? The team guilty of a 15-yard penalty in a situation like this should still be penalized the difference - 10 yards. Incidentally, this double-penalty play occurred on the first Packer series after they had taken a 24-3 lead. They had obtained the ball when Billy Kinard recovered Bob Boyd's fumble on the Packer 45. After the double penalty, Paul Hornung and Don McIlhenny each made six yards but on Don's run the Packers were found guilty of an old Bay penalty - holding. The Packer offense was quiet for the day from that point on with the exception of four first downs, one of which set up a Fred Cone field goal. Despite the injuries no player is definitely out of action, but trainer Bud Jorgensen is keeping busy. Starr moved up another notch among National League passers and now ranks fifth behind Tommy O'Connell, Eddie LeBaron, John Unitas and Lamar McHan. Bart is averaging 7.69 per pass attempted and has a 55.4 completion percentage. Don McIlhenny held his lead among league kickoff returners with an average of 31 yards, while Al Carmichael moved into third place in punt returns. Ron Kramer edged into the pass receiving leaders with his 22 catches. Billy Howton has 26.

#### SHAUGHNESSY RUMOR FALSE, PACKERS SAY

NOV 20 (Green Bay) - There is "no foundation to the story" that the Chicago Bears' Clark Shaughnessy will replace Lisle Blackbourn as head coach of the Packers in 1958, Acting President Dominic Olejniczak said today. The story appeared



today in the Chicago American. "The Packer Corporation has never discussed Blackbourn's contract," he said. Blackbourn, who has been the Packers' head coach the last four years, has one year remaining on a three-year contract, another Packer spokesman said. Shaughnessy has been the Bears' technical adviser since 1951 and currently is defensive coach under head coach Paddy Driscoll. A much traveled coach before landing with the Bears, Shaughnessy led Stanford into the 1941 Rose Bowl game. Blackbourn, former Marquette University coach, took over the Green Bay helm in 1954.

#### STEELERS 3 1/2-POINT FAVORITE

NOV 20 (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette) - The Pittsburgh Steelers (4-3) have been tabbed as 3 1/2 point favorites over the Green Bay Packers (2-6) for their NFL clash in Forbes Field on Sunday. Coach Buddy Parker's local combine has a chance to equal their entire local win total of 1956. Last season the Gold and Black finished with a record of five wins and seven setbacks. For the first time since the initial game with the Cleveland Browns here on Saturday night, October 5, the Steelers will have their complete roster of 35 players in uniform. Bill Michael, promising rookie right guard from Ohio State, suffered a broken knee against the Brownies and has been idle ever since. He returned to light practice last week and is gradually reaching playing condition. Coach Parker may withhold him at the start but he'll be ready to spell off John Nisby, another recruit from the College of Pacific, who shifted from defensive right end to plug he guard gap. Bart Starr, first string quarterback of the Packers, suffered an elbow injury in the game against the Los Angeles Rams last Sunday in Milwaukee and is doubtful for the local contest. If he doesn't recover Vito (Babe) Parilli, Kentucky U. product from Rochester, Pa., will get the field general role. The Steelers held their second drill of the week under trying conditions at Forbes Field. Resoddding of the infield complicated the practice routine of Rooney U.

#### GREEN BAY INVENTING NEW WAY TO LOSE PRO FOOTBALL GAMES

NOV 20 (Milwaukee Journal) - When new ways to lose are found, the Green Bay Packers probably will find them. Close doesn't count in the NFL, so the Packers are buried in last place of the Western Division with two victories and six defeats. In his four seasons at Green Bay, Coach Lisle Blackbourn has met repeated frustration and disappointment. His teams have been highly respectable, but not winners. They come close, but they can't win. The breaks go against them, it would seem, week after week. It has been said, "It's better to be lucky than good." It also follows, however, that if you're good, you'll be lucky, too. You'll make a break for yourself here and there. Green Bay hasn't had that luck. From here it seems more a matter of personnel than anything else. The Packers have good players. The worst football player in the league is a good one. But the Packers do not have many great ones - not as many as the top teams. They have Bill Howton and Bob Dillon. The rest are mostly average. They have several promising youngsters, but none of them is great vet and some of the others will never be great. The club lacks something. Spirit is not enough. When the breaks go against them, they are unable to shake them off. If they were genuine contenders, the Packers would get their share of breaks and victories. This year's Green Bay team has an odd record. They beat the Chicago Bears in the opener when Babe Parilli got hot and they beat the Colts at Baltimore, no easy job, when they came alive from a 14-0 deficit going into the last quarter, went ahead with only two minutes to play, fell behind with a minute to play, then won on Parilli's 75 yard pitch to Howton with 29 seconds left. In losing, the Packers have almost exhausted the book. They have lost them early - Detroit piled up a 14-0 lead before the Packers tried their second play from scrimmage. First the Lions dusted off the fake punt to get position for a score, then they intercepted Parilli's first pass for the second touchdown. The Packers led the Colts at the half of their first meeting, 10-7, but fell completely apart in the second half. San Francisco needed help to win, 24-14. Green Bay gave it with failure on the 15, failure on first down on the one and an impromptu lateral and pass which backfired. The worst has been in the last three defeats. Against the champion Giants, first a blocked punt, then an interference call, then another first down failure from the one. Against the Bears at Chicago, a blocked punt, then an official's call which cost a touchdown (movies and still pictures made it resemble a touchdown, anyway) and failure to make a yard on fourth down gave the Bears the ball for their winning drive. And last Sunday the Packers rolled to a 24-3 lead at halftime and permitted the Los Angeles Rams to get off the hook, 31-27. Bart Starr, improving young quarterback, left early with a sore arm, and Parilli couldn't do the job. Nor could the defense. So Green Bay has lost them early (Detroit was ahead, 24-0, before the



Ball—Here's a Ram pass that went astray in the fourth quarter—thanks to alert work by Packer Bill Forester (69) who is shown clutching Ram Tank Younger who seconds before had the ball. The pigskin is shown at left. No. 58 is Ram Bob Griffin. In background are John Symank (27) and Bob Boyd (82). Rams won 31 to 27.

Packers crossed the Lion 40) and it has lost them late (61 seconds to go against the Bears and 80 seconds left against the Rams). There can't be too many ways left to lose.

#### **NO SURE BET - THOSE NFL GAMES**

NOV 20 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - The Packers lost to the Rams with one minute and 21 seconds to play...they dropped a 21-14 decision to the Bears the previous week with a minute and one second remaining. The Wisconsin pros, on the other hand, jolted the Colts, 24-21, with 29 seconds left on the clock. Unusual? No sir, not the way the ball is bouncing in the NFL this season. In fact 45 percent of the underdogs have been winning. So the timeworn statement by Commissioner Bert Bell - "any club can knock off any other club on a given day" - now is a fact rather than preseason oratory. Sid Gillman, who is drilling his Californians in the Wisconsin much, Tuesday admitted Sunday's 31-27 victory was pulled out of the fire. But he quickly pointed out two L.A. losses which were inflicted on last ditch plays. "Blocking and tackling, that's what won for us," said Gillman, pin-pointing Sunday's second half reversal. "Maybe Green Bay was too

impressed with its first half." Although eight Packers and two Rams were injured, Gillman did not believe the game was rougher than any other. Don Sherman, veteran defensive halfback, will be lost of the rest of the road games. He sustained an injured elbow. Fullback Tank Younger reported an injured cheek bone. He will have a specialist examine it. And speaking of fullbacks, Gillman prefers the Packers' Howie Ferguson to rookie Paul Hornung. "Don't get me wrong," Gillman said. "Hornung is a fine football player. But I'm a Ferguson fan." The Packers taken on an Eastern foe again Sunday, meeting the Steelers at Pittsburgh. This will be the first game between these clubs since 1954, when the Steelers edged Coach Liz Blackbourn's first Packer team, 21-20, at Green Bay. Buddy Parker, trading the best Pittsburgh draft choices for the next two years to get immediate veteran help, has molded a surprisingly strong contender even though it has been blanked twice. With Earl Morrall, former 49er, at the quarterback slot, the Steelers have outpointed four rivals while losing three games. A strong defensive team, Pittsburgh has allowed its opposition 17.4 points a game. In its all-time series with Pittsburgh, Green Bay shows a 10-6 mark. However, the Packers have always had trouble beating a Parker-coached team - and this time should be no exception.

# Sports Cocktail: Not Coming Here! Story Start of Change In Bear Coaching Staff

#### STORY START OF CHANGE IN BEAR COACHING STAFF

NOV 21 (Green Bay) - Clark Shaughnessy leaving the Bears? Coming to Green Bay? Liz Blackbourn going upstairs? Everybody will deny it, real quick, but that first question can be answered in the affirmative, the other two are strictly NO! Shaughnessy will leave the Bears. It's got to be that way because Shaughnessy and Luke Johnsos, another Bear coach, aren't even on speaking terms. Bear owner George Halas is sick and tired of acting as judge and peacemaker. And the report on Shaughnessy, what's more, is just the beginning of something that must come - a new Bear coaching regime. Something



Banquet Trimmings—Paul Hornung (left), Packer back, gave the principal address and gave out some of the trophies at the annual St. Philip school allsports banquet featuring the football team at Riverside Thursday night. In picture above are (left to right) Player Bill Berken, Coach Pat Simons, Player Chico Vanden Avond, and Don Dreier, assistant coach. Berken and Vanden Avond received special awards for outstanding play.

went wrong down there this year, and Halas, you can bet, aims to find out what happened. When he does, there'll be some changes made! The terrible part of the revelations that Shaughnessy was leaving and coming to Green Bay - sprung in the Chicago Herald American yesterday afternoon - is that Green Bay was named as Traveler Clark's next stopping place. That idea came from Shaughnessy, the Bears, somebody in Milwaukee with an iron in the fire, or some crank (and probably a high ranker) in Green Bay. It really doesn't matter who planted the going-to-Green Bay seed, because (and you can paste this in your hat) Mr. Shaughnessy is not coming to Green Bay. Dominic Olejniczak, Packer vice-president, and Verne Lewellen, Packer general manager, quickly denied the story yesterday. Said Dom: "The executive committee has never discussed a coaching change." Said Verne: "It's ridiculous. I have no idea where a report like that could have started. We are not interested in contacting Shaughnessy. The report is utterly without foundation. There is absolutely nothing to it." Shaughnessy, himself, said, "I don't know any more about this than the man in the moon. Where do they get those stories?" Halas said he

didn't want to dignify the report by even commenting. This type of story seems to thrive on a losing team. But it's especially unfortunate in this NFL where the difference in winning and losing is so thin. In other words, if it hadn't been for two feet in the New York Giant game, a terrible call by the officials in the Chicago Bear game, and a key injury in the Los Angeles Ram game - some other team like maybe Philadelphia or Washington might have been mentioned as Shaughnessy's next stop. And, come to think of it, we would have had a 5-3 record instead of 2-6!

#### PACKERS DENY REPORT 'LIZ' OUT AS COACH

NOV 21 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - Officials of the Packer Corp. Wednesday termed as "ridiculous" a report that Liz Blackbourn will be replaced next year by Clark Shaughnessy, defensive coach of the Chicago Bears. In Chicago Shaughnessy also denied it and commented: "I don't know any more about this that the man in the moon. Where do they get these stories?" "I have no idea where a report like that could have started," said Verne Lewellen, general manager of the Packers. "We are not interested in contacting Shaughnessy. It's ridiculous." The Chicago American which carried the report in Wednesday's editions, said it learned of the coaching change from a reliable source. It also said Blackbourn would be "moved upstairs" in the Green Bay organization. "The report is utterly without foundation," Lewellen added. "There's absolutely nothing to it." Dominic Olejniczak, vice president of the Packer Corp., also denied the report. "There is no foundation whatsoever for the story," Olejniczak said. "The executive committee has never discussed a coaching change." When asked whether Blackbourn has ever been given a vote of confidence, Olejniczak said, "We sit down with the coaches each Monday and review Sunday's game. We don't believe in that old malarkey of giving the staff a vote of confidence. The question of Blackbourn's status has never come up, believe me." Earlier this season, one of the most dismal in recent Packer history, it was learned that Blackbourn was under heavy fire from the club's board of directors. He apparently weathered that storm, although there have been indications that the board will make a decision one way or the other at the close of the current NFL schedule. The Packers, who battle the Steelers at Pittsburgh Sunday, are mired in the Western Division cellar with a 2-6 won-lost record. A source close to the organization, who asked not to be named, said if Blackbourn were dismissed Shaughnessy definitely would not be named as his successor. Blackbourn, 53, has another year to go on his contract. The pact, calling for about \$25,000 a year, is an ironclad agreement that can only be terminated with the agreement of both parties and then only if Blackbourn is paid in full for the unexpired portion. Blackbourn became head coach at Green Bay in 1954 following a three-year term as head coach at Marquette University. In his first year, the Packers won four and lost eight. The previous year, under Gene Ronzani, the Packers closed with a 2-9-1 record. Ronzani resigned under fire with two games left on the schedule. Shaughnessy has been with the Bears as technical advisor since 1951. In 1950 he held a similar job in Green Bay, helping Ronzani during the early part of the season. Reports have circulated rumoring that Shaughnessy, Bears' head coach Paddy Driscoll and offensive mentor Luke Johnsos were feuding. The rumors were denied by the team's owner, George Halas. The Bears, ousted as a title contender at the start of the current season, have a 3-5 record and are but one game ahead of the Packers in the Western Division.

#### REVAMPED STEELERS CREATE DEFENSE PUZZLE FOR PACK

NOV 21 (Green Bay) - The Packers can expect about anything from the Steelers in Pittsburgh Sunday. To start with, the Steelers are (or were) traditionally a running team - a grind-'em-out type. But Buddy Parker, w wide-open offensive guy,

was brought in to pilot the Steels last August after a successful stay in the high-flying, pass-happy Western Division as coach of the Detroit Lions. And Coach Parker isn't one to stick with tradition - if the material doesn't fit, that is. His team, in its first seven league games, gained only 554 yards rushing - less than 80 yards on the soil per start. Parker stated flatly after losing to Cleveland that "we're just not a running team." The Steelers have posted a 4-3 record and they're still much in the Eastern Division title running, Pitt's losses were to Cleveland (twice) and New York. One of Pittsburgh's victories came over the Western Division Baltimore Colts. To say that the Steels will give up rushing for the season - much less next next Sunday, would be foolhardy because Parker can cut loose such fine speedsters as Billy Wells and Sid Watson at left half and Dick Young, Frank Rogell and Bill Bowman at fullback. Parker also has noted that the Packers allowed 1,411 yards rushing - "tops" in the league. But Pittsburgh's offensive strength rests mostly in its passing, which is anchored by the sophomore flash, Earl Morrall, who was flown in at great expense (two first choices and a veteran linebacker) from San Francisco early last September. Morrall ranks eighth among National League passers and he has gained 1,369 yards and pitched for eight touchdowns on 94 completions in 184 attempts. Morrall, the former Michigan State ace, has the makings of a terrific passing unit. His chief receivers are the ends and slot back. The left end could be Jack McClairen, Jug Girard or Elbie Nickel; the right end Ray Mathews or Girard; and the slotback McClairen or Nickel. McClairen is the rage of the league since he nailed 16 passes in the last two games - eight in each, and now rests second in pass receiving with 31 catches - just one behind leader Billy Wilson of San Francisco, in one less game. Nickel is the Steels' bread and butter receiver, while Mathews, at halfback before this year, gives the Steels an all-the-way guy along with Girard...NISBY AT GUARD: Girard needs no introduction around here since he started his pro career with the Pack back in '48. He went to Parker and Detroit two years later and followed Parker to Pitt via the trade route. Jug is a natural receiver - with speed. Pitt has another former Packer - Jack Nisby, a high draft choice last January, who is now the club's starting offensive right guard. Nisby was traded to Pittsburgh shortly before the Pack's final exhibition game - against the Steelers, incidentally, and the score was tied, 10-up. Defensively, the Steelers can point to Jack Butler, their fine defensive back who leads the league in pass interceptions - eight in seven games. Jack recently was nicknamed "the thief" in recognition of his ball-stealing habits. The 6-foot, 200-pounder never played high school football before starring at St. Bonaventure... About the Packers? Coach Liz Blackbourn cut yesterday's workout down to about an hour due to the cold - not to mention a biting wind. Blackbourn is keeping the team off the stadium turf until the ground freezes, and the Bays are working in the open, as it were - on the Oneida Street field. The Packer injury list is dwindling, although four or five might be in the "doubtful" class, including slot back Ron Kramer, who is nursing a back hurt - the result of getting kicked in the back by the Rams' Paul Miller. Quarterback Bart Starr expects to be ready. "I can throw all right and it only hurts a little; that'll be gone, too," he said yesterday, adding: "I still don't know when I got this." Starr's arm started to tighten above the elbow early in the second quarter of the Ram game. The Packers will fly to Pittsburgh Saturday morning in a chartered Northwest Airlines plane, leaving Austin Straubel Field at 8:30.

#### SHAUGHNESSY COACH PACKERS? RIDICULOUS

NOV 21 (Milwaukee Journal) - "Ridiculous" was the key word in answer to a report from Chicago Wednesday that Clark Shaughnessy, assistant coach of the Chicago Bears, would replace Lisle Blackbourn as head coach of the Green Bay Packers. A Chicago newspaper, the American, ran the story supposedly from a "reliable source". Vern Lewellen, general manager of the Packers, said, "I have no idea where a report like that could have started. We are not interested in contacting Shaughnessy. It's ridiculous." The Packers are last in the Western Division with two victories and six defeats. Shaughnessy is defensive coach of the Bears, who have a 3-5 record, one step ahead of the Packers. One school of thought was that George Halas, Bears' owner, started the rumor. The Bears' coaching staff, too, has been under heavy criticism and Shaughnessy has been one of the principal targets. Blackbourn, 58, has one year to go on a three year contract. The Chicago report said Blackbourn would be moved to a front office post. The coach has an ironclad agreement, calling for more than \$20,000 a year, which can only be terminated with the agreement of both parties and then only if Blackbourn is paid in full for the unexpired portion. "The report is utterly without foundation and too ridiculous to discuss," Lewellen said. "There's absolutely nothing to it." Dominic Olejniczak, vice-president of the Green Bay Packers Corp., also denited the report. A source close to the organization said that even if Blackbourn were dismissed, Shaughnessy "definitely" would not be named his successor. Blackbourn succeeded Gene Ronzani, a one time Bears assistant, as Green Bay coach in 1954. He is only the third coach in Green Bay's 38 seasons. Curly Lambeau was the first. Blackbourn's first team had a 4-8 record, his second 6-6, and his third 4-8. This year's team went undefeated in the exhibition season, but has had little success in league play. In Chicago, Shaughnessy denied the report. He said, "I don't know any more about this than the man in the moon. Where do they get these stories?" Shaughnessy, a football nomad, once was head coach of the Los Angeles rams and before that of Stanford University. He was backfield coach at Green Bay under Ronzani for one season before going to the Bears in 1951.

#### STEELERS MAY FIND UP PACKERS ALL FIRED UP

NOV 21 (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette) - The Pittsburgh Steelers will meet a fired up Green Bay Packer opponent on Sunday in Forbes Field. Yesterday a story in a Chicago paper said that Coach Lisle Blackbourn of the Wisconsin team would be released and that Clark Shaughnessy, one-time Pitt mentor and now defensive coach of the defenseless Chicago Bears,

would be named as big boss for 1958. Blackbourn, 53, has another year to go on an ironclad contract calling for about \$25,000 annually. He became head man in 1954 following a three year team at Marquette University. His present record is 2-6 and the Packers are floundering in the Western Conference cellar. Verne Lewellen, general manager of the Packers, and Dominic Olejniczak, vice president, promptly denied that Blackbourn is on the way out. Lewellen said that Green Bay was not interested in Shaughnessy. Shaughnessy also was skeptical and said: "I don't know any more about this than the man on the moon. Where do they get these stories?" The furor is certain to stir up the Packer squad for the impending Steeler fray. Even the hard-bitten pros react to such yarns and Coach Buddy Parker of Rooney U. was sorry that the rumor had to break just prior to his team's engagement with the Wisconsin entry. Tom Miller, publicist of the Packers, arrived here yesterday and reported four players doubtful for the local engagement. They are center Jim Ringo, shoulder separation; tackle Norm Masters, bad knee; guard Norm Amundsen, twisted knee; and linebacker Sam Palumbo, sprained ankle. Bart Starr, first string quarterback, has recovered from a bruised elbow suffered last Sunday against the Los Angeles Rams and will start the local contest. Paul Hornung, bonus choice from Notre Dame, will open at fullback. Sunday will be Fran Rogel Day at the Oakland ballpark. Friends of the veteran Steeler fullback from North Braddock will honor him for his long service to Rooney U. Coach Buddy Parker has his squad hard at work yesterday in the Oakland ballpark. Everyone is ready for action, including guard Bill Michael, who has missed the last five games due to a fractured knee. Official statistics of the NFL released yesterday show that halfback Jack Butler of the Steelers continues to lead the league in pass interceptions with eight despite the fact that the local club was idle last Sunday, Jack Christiansen of the Detroit Lions and Milt Davis of the Baltimore Colts are close on his heels with seven. End Jack McClairen of Rooney U. was unable to cling to the top rung in pass receptions. Billy Wilson of the San Francisco 49ers snared eight last week against Detroit to slip into the lead with 32, one more than the Goose.

## Another Zero for Steelers—or Pack?

#### ANOTHER ZERO FOR STEELERS - OR PACK?

NOV 22 (Green Bay) - Pittsburgh once had a famous back who was nicknamed Johnny Zero. That would be Johnny Clement, a workhorse ball carrier about 10 years ago who wore a big "0" as his number. Clement probably won't be in Pittsburgh Sunday to watch his alma mater Steelers battle the Packers in Forbes Field, but the shadow of his old number somehow has leaped out of the past. The Steelers have been involved in "zero" games in three of their last four starts. They were socked by the New York Giants 35 to 0 after which the Steels downed Philadelphia 6 to 0. After upsetting Baltimore 19 to 13, Pittsburgh was downed by Cleveland 24-0. Sounds like scored out of the dear, dead and defensey past! The Steels' new coach, Buddy Parker, is a high-scoring type and he's aiming his guns skyward for higher scores. In other words, Buddy is making major uses of the forward pass. But it's been a tough job. Pitt scored a total of only 94 points in seven games, just 25 in the last four games and 69 in the first three. For comparative purposes, the Steelers averaged 13.4 points in their seven games; the Packers 18.5 in their eight. Pitt was idle last Sunday. The Steelers, fresh from a blanking, no doubt will be putting special emphasis on scoring. After their first blanking, the Steelers rebounded with a shutout of their own - 6 to 0 over Philly. The Packers thus have been warned...The Packers and Steelers figured in three "zero" games, all in favor of Green Bay - 47 to 0 in '33; 27 to 0 in '35 and 20 to 0 '38. In the all-time series, Green Bay holds a 10 to 6 victory edge, with the Packers winning the first nine games between the two rivals. Green Bay won only one of the last seven games - 35 to 33 in Milwaukee in 1951, a game in which the Packers took a 28 to 0 lead, lost it 33-28 and then rallied to win. Coach Liz Blackbourn had only one league experience with the Steels and it was a tough one - a 21 to 20 loss in his first game as Packer coach in 1954. That was the last time Green Bay and Pittsburgh tangled in a league match...Speaking about 0's, the steady-scoring Packers will be running into one of the league's toughest defenses Sunday. The Packers, to their credit, have never scored less than two touchdowns a game and they rank eighth in scoring in the league. Their offense came up with two three-touchdown games and they won both of them - 21-17 over the Bears and 24-21 over Baltimore. The Bays scored three TDs on Los Angeles in losing 31-27, but one of the sixers came though the courtesy of the defense - Bill Forester and Bobby Dillon. Unlike the offense which is a collection of other-team players obtained via trades, Pitt's defense is pretty solid Steeler and all-pro. The unit is anchored by Bill McPeak at right end, Ernie Stautner at right tackle and Dale Dodrill at middle guard or middle linebacker. They are among the best at their spots in the league. On the left side of the defensive

line are Bob O'Neil and Joe Krupa, both sophomores, while the other linebackers are Aubrey Rosell and John Reger. The secondary has Gary Glick and Dick Alban at cornerbackers and Fred Bruney and Jack Butler at safety. Butler leads the league in pass interceptions with eight...The injury problem in the Packer camp is still present but it's not as serious as it was Tuesday. The long list of hurt players has dwindled down to several "still bothered: and only two doubtfuls - Norm Masters and Sam Palumbo. Jim Ringo has been unable to practice but trainer Bud Jorgensen expects to have him ready. The Packers will leave for Pittsburgh in a chartered Northwest Airlines plane from Austin Straubel Field at 8:30 Saturday morning. The team will return to Green Bay via Northwest Sunday night, arriving about 8:30.

#### NFL PLAYERS MAY SUE FOR RECOGNITION

NOV 22 (Cleveland) - The NFL's Player Assn's attorney says he will sue for \$4,200,000 under the anti-trust laws if the NFLPA doesn't get the recognition it desires from team owners. Creighton Miller said he was prepared to file the suit last week but, the day before it was to be filed, NFL Commissioner Bert Bell "somehow got wind of our intention" and telephoned. On being told Bell felt club owners would agree to the NFLPA demands at their Dec. 2 meeting in Philadelphia, Miller said he decided to hold off filing the suit until Dec. 3. He told a reporter Thursday if the owners agree to the demands "the player representatives will probably decide not to file their suit." The big demand is that "every owner recognize our association, not just Bell. We also want pay for exhibitions and contract provisions to protect injured players." These demands, said the attorney, a former Notre Dame grid star, are the same as those the association formulated last February. "After Bell recognized us in August, we presented our demands at the All-Star game but have made no progress." Bell said he was authorized to recognize the association but that he needs a favorable vote from 10 of the 12 NFL owners to complete any agreement with the association. "We'll get that (approval) at our meeting," Bell commented from Philadelphia. Miller said the association, which claims representatives from 11 of the 12 NFL teams, "plans to charge the league, the clubs and the owners with violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act and ask treble damages amounting to \$4,200,000." The damages, he said, were based on an estimate of the difference between what the players "are getting now and what they would be able to get if they were able to offer their services to an open market." Bell said he told Miller "he would be very dumb to file suit, that things were going along very well and that Rome wasn't built in a day."

#### **NOT DIRECTED AT PACK - HOWTON**

NOV 22 (Green Bay) - The four-million dollar suit by the Players' Assn. against the NFL "isn't necessarily directed at the Packers, Colts, Rams and Cardinals," Packer end Billy Howton, who represents the Packers in the NFLPA, said today. "These four clubs have been agreeable to the association and requests like exhibition pay, an injury clause and a pension fund. We're talking with the club (Green Bay) now on some type of pension plan," Howton said. The Packers received pay for exhibition games and an injury clause has been added to their contracts.

#### THERE'S MORAL TO TALE OF STEELERS - MORRALL IS GOOD FOR MORALE

NOV 22 (Milwaukee Journal) - There's a moral to the story of the 1957 Pittsburgh Steelers. He is Earl Morrall, former All-American quarterback at Michigan State. And as Morrall goes, so go the Steelers. The Green Bay Packers must stop him to beat the Steelers Sunday. When the Steelers won their opener, Buddy Parker was ecstatic. In the dressing room, someone asked Parker if Morrall's name was pronounced "moral" or "morale". "Neither," Parker replied. "You pronounce it 'Darling'." The name is pronounced "moral" but Morrall has certainly improved the morale of the Steelers this season. The former second stringer with the San Francisco 49ers ranks eighth in NFL passing with an average gain of 7.46 yards. He has completed 94 of 184 for 1,372 yards and eight touchdowns. His total yardage is second only to that of John Unitas of the Baltimore Colts. Morrall has figured prominently in all of the Steelers' four victories. In the opening triumph over the Washington Redskins (28-7), he connected on 15 of 32 for 249 yards and three touchdowns. A 35 yard pass to Ray Mathews downed the Philadelphia Eagles, 6-0, in a game in which Morrall completed 14 of 28 for 227 yards. In the 19-13 conquest of the Colts, he completed 18 of 30 for 256 yards and two touchdowns to Mathews. He plunged a yard for a touchdown and passed 23 yards to Jack McClairen to set up another in the 29-20 victory over the Chicago Cardinals. Even in the 23-12 and 24-0 defeats by the Cleveland Browns, Morrall had good days. He pitched for both scores in the first game and hit on 15 of 33 for 193 yards in the other. Only in the 35-0 defeat by the New York Giants did he fail to turn in an outstanding performance. Cleveland's Paul Brown is enthusiastic about Morrall. After the first game, Brown said, "The Steelers are somewhat overbalanced toward passing but Morrall looks like a good one. He can throw the ball and he doesn't scare. We had the heat on but he stayed right in there." Parker believes that within the next couple of seasons Morrall will be the league's top quarterback. Morrall was valued highly enough by the Pittsburgh brass that they gave up their first draft choices in 1958 and 1959 and linebacker Marv Matuszak to the 49ers. That's the way the Steelers have been built this year. Other key players came to the club in exchange for future draft choices. Billy Wells, also a Michigan State alumnus, was obtained from the Redskins for a 1959 draft pick. Wells returned a kickoff 96 yards for a touchdown against the Chicago Cardinals. Parker has been getting top performances from center Ed Beatty, halfback Dean Derby and guard Sid Fournet - all obtained in the same manner. The Steelers are in hock to five teams - the 49ers, Colts, Redskins, Detroit Lions and Los Angeles Rams. "There's a pawn shop on a corner in Pittsburgh," and its proprietor is Raymond K. Parker, former coach of the Lions, who deals in football players and short speeches.

#### PARKER WORRIES ABOUT GREEN BAY'S 2-6 RECORD

NOV 22 (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette) - All things considered, the Steelers should be a favorite - on paper, that is - for Sunday's "must" game with the Green Bay Packers at Forbes Field. But Coach Buddy Parker takes a dim view of such prognostications. "Don't let the Packers' 2-6 record fool you. They lost some tough ones. Given a good day they probably could beat any team in the league," he said yesterday. And the way he had his charges snapping through a long workout in the Oakland orchard yesterday proved that he's taking anything but a dim view of the invasion of the Green Bays. "We can't afford to let up for a second if we're going to stay in the race for the Eastern title," he added. The players apparently agreed. They went through a long defensive drill against Packer plays, and topped it off with practice on the tackling dummy. And the majority of them made the bell ring every time they plowed into the swinging form. Parker will have one or two things in his favor - paperwise, that is. In the first place, the squad will be at full strength for the first time in several weeks. In the second place, statistics released by the league following last Sunday's games reveal the Steelers far in front of the Packers defensively, and hold a good edge in passing offense although they have played one game less than Green Bay. Opposing teams have rushed 1,411 yards and passed 1,346 yards against the Packers. Against the Steelers the figures are 873 yards by rushing, 880 by passing. Those returning from the infirmary ready to get into Sunday's game are guard Bill Michael, injured in the second game of the season, and fullbacks Bill Bowman and Dick Young.

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Sunday's Games
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#### 'CAN'T AFFORD IT' - LIZ WON'T SHIFT DEFENSE

NOV 23 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - The Steelers are not a good rushing team as far as pro football ground attacks go. They've won because a young passer, Earl Morrall, has risen to the occasion time and again. On the other hand, the Packers have been the league's "pushover" defending against the enemy's rush. They've lost because at critical times they have been unable to stop a runner. Looking at these facts Friday, coach Liz Blackbourn said his defense could not concentrate on Pittsburgh's passing attack alone Sunday at Forbes Field and ignore their running. Other teams have found this strategy paid off. "We'll have to set our defense the same," Blackbourn explained. "With our injuries and record we can't afford to take that chance." Blackbourn turned to the statistics himself and pointed out that Pittsburgh is a darn good team defensively. "While they've acquired practically a brand new offense, their defense is the same rugged unit which operated last year," Blackbourn observed. "They've allowed opponents 3.5 yards per rush. Our bunch has given up 4.4 yards per rush." The encouraging word from Green Bay was that quarterback Bart Starr, injured in the first quarter of last Sunday's game with the Rams, will be ready to start against the Steelers. "Bart is O.K." Blackbourn reported. "He's been throwing since Tuesday. That elbow bothered him a little during the early part of the week, but he can throw without any pain now." Such is not the case with five other Packers who were more seriously racked up in the Los Angeles scrap. Linebacker Sam Palumbo, defensive halfback John Petitbon, center Jim Ringo, tackle Norm Masters and guard Norm Amundsen haven't attended a single drill this week. If there's a chance one could play, it probably could be Ringo and Petitbon. Carl Vereen, rookie tackle from Georgia Tech, will take over Masters' starting position. Jim Salsbury and Al Berry will be the offensive guards and Larry Lauer, 28-year old sub center, will be Ringo's replacement. Blackbourn also said his two top draft choices, fullback Paul Hornung and slotback Ron Kramer, were nursing back ailments but will be starters. With the

injury list swelled and a frozen practice field to drill upon, Blackbourn is anything but happy over preparations for the Steeler battle. On the other hand, Pittsburgh will be well conditioned for Green Bay, having had an open date last Sunday. The team has been taking things easy since the Brown game and all the aches have vanished. The game will be a homecoming affair for three Menominee-Marinette athletes. Marinette's Jug Girard and Menominee's Billy Wells will be big guns in the Steeler attack and Menominee's Dick Deschaine will be in his usual punting role for the Packers. Wells and Deschaine were high school teammates. Both were in grade school when Girard was a freshman sensation at Wisconsin in 1944. But the fact will make little difference when the two teams clash at the Pirate park. The Packers will fly via a chartered airline early Saturday morning and will hold a workout at Forbes Field.

#### WELL-RESTED STEELERS IN 'MUST' GAME SUNDAY

NOV 23 (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette) - The Pittsburgh Steelers face a "must" game against the Green Bay Packers tomorrow afternoon in Forbes Field. After an open day in the NFL schedule, Coach Buddy Parker's proteges (4-3) face almost certain elimination from the Eastern Conference race unless they conquer the Wisconsin invaders (2-6). A crowd of 28,000 is expected for the kickoff at 2:05 p.m. The remainder of the pro card has the Washington Redskins (2-5-1) at the Philadelphia Eagles (2-6); the New York Giants (6-2) at the Chicago Cardinals (2-5); the Los Angeles Rams (4-4) at the Cleveland

Browns (6-1-1); the Chicago Bears (3-5) at the Detroit Lions (5-3); and the San Francisco 49ers (5-3) at the Baltimore Colts (5-3). Rooney U. is a 3 1/2 point favorite. They are all in good physical trim following the fortnight rest. Earl Morrall, brilliant quarterback, will duel with Green Bay's Bart Starr and Vito (Babe) Parilli. Coach Parker hopes to show a better ground attack. He has characterized the locals as the "worst running team he has ever seen." Billy Wells has been the only real local threat. He skipped 51 yards from scrimmage on a quick opener against the Cleveland Browns the last time out. Tomorrow will be Fran Rogel Day and friends from his native North Braddock area will honor the veteran fullback of the Steelers. Coach Lisle Blackbourn of the Packers has been under fire due to the lowly standing of his team and rumors circulated this week that he will be fired. The 53-year old tutor is popular with the squad and the yarn, since denied, may stir them up against the Gold and Black. The Packers will present the bonus choice of last winter, Paul Hornung of Notre Dame, who is well known here for his appearances against Pitt. A QB with the Irish he is now the regular fullback of the Packers. Their No. 1 draft pick, Ron Kramer, brilliant Michigan end, is a starter in the slotback position where he nabs aerials. Bill Howton is one of the top pass catching ends in the NFL. Local fans will also get their first look at Dick Deschaine, a punter who will remind them of Pat Brady, ex-Steeler great. Deschaine is one of the few pro performers with no college experience.

#### CRIPPLED PACKERS UNDERDOG VS. STEELERS

NOV 23 (Pittsburgh-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - A healthy and well-rested football team vs. a crippled and battle fatigued team! The first-mentioned team should win, shouldn't it? And maybe that's why Pittsburgh - the picture of sunshine and health is favored to whip our beat-up Packers in Forbes Field Sunday afternoon. The Packers still have high hopes of making something out of the 1957 season, but they'll have to overcome the handicap of several damaging injuries and the lingering disappointment of a three-heartbreaker losing streak. And, incidentally, they'll have to overcome the Steelers! More than 25,000 fans are expected to give the Steels an additional lift. Kickoff is set for 1:06, Green Bay time. The Steelers, with a good chance yet at the Eastern Division title on the strength of a 4-3 record, enter play with an extra week of rest and practice, since they were idle last Sunday. They have no injuries. The Packers came out of the 31-27 loss to the Los Angeles Rams with a dozen injured players and two of them may have to be held out Sunday - offensive tackle Norm Masters and linebacker-center Sam Palumbo. Not far behind is center Jim Ringo, who has been able to practice only once this week. Their places will be taken, if necessary, by two rookies, tackle Carl Vereen and linebacker Ernie Danjean, and a veteran replacement, center Larry Lauer. Loss of Ringo or Palumbo could make punting, extra pointing and field goaling risky jobs. Of the remaining injured players, Ron Kramer is the most serious with his back hurt. "We won't know about him (Kramer) until he warms up before the game, although he's anxious to play," Coach Liz Blackbourn said. The Packers could be in a fierce mood for Sunday's game because of the last three losses, and they figure things should start going their way just a little. Shortage of a foot was a big factor in the New York loss, a "rock" by the officials ruined a chance to win the Chicago Bear game, and injuries left the Pack

#### Wants Some Changes

Editor, Press-Gazette: After watching our '57 Packer team settle down into last place, I sincerely believe the time has arrived for some changes. I believe for the good of Pro football's future in Green Bay, something will have to done immediately. Naturally someone will have to go. Why not start with the so-called board? Those who spend quite a bit of time having lunch with our present head coach assuring him they have nothing but complete confidence in him. Let's elect some directors who are football minded. Those who love the game, and not just the free publicity and advertising they get from being on the board.

Elect some men who in turn will hire a coach who has the ability to handle men along with the ability to recognize his players' abilities and talents before half of a season has passed.

Let's get serious. Pro football is big business. We must run our team like any other business.

Our team in the NFL will be in jeopardy unless we can field a good solid unit. To do so we must have a good leader, a man with a good background, and the urge to fight for the club as hard as his players are expected to.

As far as Milwaukee is concerned, let them keep the Braves. We will keep our Packers. How about it? Six games here in '58.

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vulnerable in the Ram loss. The Steelers likely will be highly charged - as most Eastern Division teams are when they battle a Western Division outfit. Baltimore found that out the hard way when the Steelers whipped the Colts in Baltimore, 19-13. The Steelers have a little "edge" on the Western clubs since they are coached by Buddy Parker who is fresh out of the Western circuit – as coach of the Detroit Lions...PITTSBURGH "TYPE": By the same token, the Packers have a good idea of the Pittsburgh "type" because of Parker. The Steelers, thus, will probably throw most of the time, with Earl Morrall pitching to Jug Girard, a former Packer and Lions, Jack McLairen, Ray Mathews, Billy Wells and Elbie Nickel. Parker claimed the Steels don't have much of a ground attack, but the Packer defense has had its lapses against rushing – last Sunday, for instance, when the Rams rushed for 271 yards. So, buddy will be trying to spring Billy Wells, Dick Young and others loose! Scoring still is the Packers' big problem and this time Bart Starr hopes to go all the way – and win one. The sophomore quarterback has looked exceptionally good at times – especially last week before he was hurt. He left the Rams game late in the first quarter and never returned. Starr will start and his injured arm is okay. Paul Hornung will be at fullback,

Kramer at right half and Don McIlhenny at left half. Young Bart needs to the conference that goes with a triumph, and the Packers are hopeful of giving it to him here. The Bays are staying at the Webster Hall Hotel here – just a stone's throw from Forbes Field where they worked out this afternoon. The team will return in a chartered Northwest Airlines plane at Austin Straubel Field about 8:30 Sunday night.

#### NFL FOUGHT RAM MOVE; REEVES HAS LAST LAUGH

NOV 23 (Green Bay) - Pro Closeouts: Dan Reeves, who brought the Rams from Cleveland to Los Angeles 12 years ago, can't help recall after the Rams drew 102,000 the other Sunday, the fight he had getting the NFL to agree to his moving the club to Los Angeles. The big to-do was over which division would "have to put up" with the Rams, and some clubs announced flatly they wouldn't play in LA. The minimum guarantee in those days was \$10,000 per game. It was not until Reeves agreed to pay \$15,000 that the matter was resolved. Now the Rams hold every attendance record in the NFL: One complete season, 994.589; league season, 661,831; home season (including non-league), 674,048; league game, 102,368; non-league game, 95,985. The Packers played before 174,586 fans in Los Angeles the last three years. The attendance was 38,839 in 1954. It soared to 90,538 in 1955 and dropped to 45,209 in 1956. The paid gate at the 1955 game was around 63,000...The Eagles reportedly are for sale and can be had for \$750,000. There's nothing wrong with the Birds but what a good quarterback wouldn't cure...Frisco coach Frankie Albert, after 31-10 loss to Detroit: "The interior line broke down for the second straight week. They stopped playing and because of it they've made Tittle look like a sandlotter. It's a crying shame."...Here's a twist: The San Francisco 49ers, after returning home with a check for around \$92,000 as their share of the 102,000 crowd in Los Angeles a week ago, ask Frisco Mayor George Christopher to cut their rent at Kezar Stadium. The 49ers now pay 10 percent rate and Vic Morabito, acting chief of the team since the death of his brother, Tony, wants a new contract similar to the San Francisco Giants, whose rental rate was specified as 5 percent. Most rental the 49ers have paid is \$106,350 in '56...The Rams were due to beat the Pack in Milwaukee last Sunday. They had lost nine straight on the road going into their 31-27 victory...Paul Brown, the wins-so-much coach of the Cleveland Browns, has worn the same tie at seven straight games this season and won six. Brown wore the same cravat at the Washington test Sunday and, you guessed right, he came out with a tie - a 30 to 30 tie, and probably a pulled, beaten up tie around his neck...Jon Arnett: The spirit is better in pro football (difference between college and pro). There's more desire on the part of everyone. Another big difference is in the overall speed of the teams. Half of the time you're tackled by someone coming from the other side of the line...The Steelers used last weekend to scout college games. Coach Buddy Parker indicated he's looking for backs, but would take tackle Lou Michaels, also a good punter and field goal kicker, if he's still available.

## Crippled Packers Underdog vs. Pitt