

**Green Bay Packers (3-6) 24, Detroit Lions (7-2) 20**  
**Thursday November 22nd 1956 (at Detroit)**

# Packers Erupt for 21 in 4th To Nip Lions 24-20

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

(DETROIT) - The Packers of little Green Bay scored one of the most significant victories in their 35-year history in Briggs Stadium Thanksgiving Day. They whipped the Lions of giant Detroit 24 to 20 with a believe-it-or-not 21-point fourth quarter rally before 54,087 fans in the flesh and a television audience estimated at 50 million. This upset, which knocked Detroit out of a first-place tie with the Chicago Bears in the Western division championship race, was a tremendous tribute to the little guy, the underdog. It left the stadium crowd silent (except for scattered boos) and stunned as the game ended. It threw Packer fans everywhere into a frenzy of joy - particularly because the cocky Lions were figured to win by 14 points. It made something out of this 1956 Packer season - more than just a fourth place 3-6 record in the standings. It set the Bays up for a strong finish - one that could match last year's 6-6 if they can win the last three. Next stop will be Chicago - against the Cardinals, a top dog in the Eastern division, a week from Sunday. Then to San Francisco and Los Angeles! The Packers performed their last-period heroics against the National League's best defense - one that hadn't permitted more than 21 points in any one league game this year; one that allowed only one touchdown in the previous four games; and one that was almost beyond picking apart by any passer. But the Packers had a vulture in their lineup Thursday - one Tobin Rote who picked off the Lions' fearsome foursome (Carl Karilivacz, Jim David, Jack Christiansen and Yale Lary) to pieces with 12 completions in 19 attempts in the last period for two aerial touchdowns. Rote scored the other himself and led the team in rushing with 45 yards. And the Packers produced a defense to go with the Rote-powered attack, holding the Lions to two touchdowns - one a cheapy on a deflected pass, and twice forcing the Detroit to go for a field goal after penetrating deep into Packer territory. And to top it off, Bobby Dillon intercepted one of Bobby Layne's passes to kill off the Lions' last hope of winning in the final 38 seconds. The Packers never led until Rote pitched 13 yards to Billy Howton for the touchdown that put the Packers ahead 24-20 with 1:35 left in the game.

# Rote Hits Howton For Winning Score

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## GRABS 7-0 LEAD

Detroit grabbed a 7-0 lead in the first quarter on Leon Hart's five-yard touchdown blast, but Fred Cone closed the gap with a 12-yard field goal just before the opening stanza closed. There was no scoring in the second quarter, but Layne kicked 22 and 15-yard field goals to make the count 13-3 going into the fourth period. Rote's two-yard plunge made it 13-10 eight plays after the frantic fourth period opened. Layne came back to make it 20-10 with a 56-yard scoring toss to Dave Middleton. The Bays set sail again, scoring on Rote's 14-yard pitch to Cone to make it 20-17. Then, in a triumphant push, the Packers, gambling with a fourth down nine-yard pass to Howton, moved 81 yards for the winning TD toss to Howton. In the three teedee jaunts, the Packers moved 185 yards in 26 plays, with Rote turning his 12 completions into 173 yards - not to mention his 15th and 16th TD passes of the season. Rote completed four out of five passes in the first drive and three out of five in the second. He attempted nine straight passes, with no rushes, in the payoff drive, completing five for the necessary 81 yards. Rote finished with 21 completions out of 40 tries for 301 yards and six Bays figured in the receiving, with left halfback Howie Ferguson leading with seven catches for 106 yards. Gary Knafelc grabbed five, Howton four, Joe Johnson three, Cone one and Losch one - a 43-yarder that set up the winning touchdown. Rote, Ferguson and the Bays' offensive line were the keys in the Packer attack. The Lions concentrated on Howton and Knafelc with so much emphasis that Ferguson had a free hand along with Cone, Losch and Johnson. The front line gave Rote excellent protection and, with the way Rote was hitting, Lion linebackers had no taste for red-dogging (rushing through the line); they had to stay back and help defend.

The Packers had to settle for 84 yards rushing in the face of the talented Joe Schmidt, Ray Krouse and a few others, but the rushing stripes came at opportune moments. Rote, Ferguson and Cone handled all of the rushing, with Rote getting 45 yards, Cone 25 and Fergie 14. They carried 24 times - just enough to maintain some honesty among the Lion defenders. The Packer defense had to play it rough and the stalwarts did just that. They submitted 206 yards rushing, including a 48-yard run by Hart to set up Layne's first field goal. Hart ran to the Packer 10 but after three downs the Lions were set back to the 14, giving you an idea of the smacking by the entire defense. Gene Gedman gained 103 yards; Hart 89. The Bay defensive outfield limited Layne to 147 yards on only nine completions in 22 attempts and Deral Teteak, Ken Gorgal and Dillon came up with interceptions. The Lions threatened to score the first time they had their hands on the ball but a clipping penalty forced Layne into the air and he got nowhere, forcing a missed field goal by Jim Martin from the 46. Detroit moved 55 yards in nine plays for a touchdown the next time it got the ball. A 22-yard run by Gedman and two completions ate up most of the yardage and Hart banged over from four yards out. Layne converted for a 7-0 edge with 10:17 gone in the first period. The Packers quickly drove 68 yards in 11 plays to set up Cone's field goal. Rote hurled to Johnson for 12 and Ferguson for 13 to the Lion 45. On a second and nine situation, the Lions refused a 15-yard penalty on the Pack and Rote promptly threw to Howton for 11 yards and a first down on the Bay 33. Karilivacz interfered with Howton on Rote's next toss and the Packers had first down on the 11. The attack stalled so Cone booted his field goal at 14:35. The Lions made a first down at the start of the second quarter and then displayed their cockiness. Needing one yards with fourth down on the 50-yard line, the Lions elected to try for it instead of punting. Teteak and Tom Bettis cracked Gedman for zero gain and the Pack took over. After Ferguson gained 12 to the Detroit 38, the Packers ran into a tough break. Cone took Rote's third down pass and steamed 12 yards to the Lion 16, but the Bays were holding and the gain was lost. Dick Deschaine punted twice and Jug Girard once before a wave of interceptions set in. First, Ken Gorgal intercepted a Layne throw at the Packer 43. Then, after Deschaine and Lary exchanged punts, Lary intercepted Rote's throw aimed at Knafelc on the Detroit 15 after

# Prestige!

## NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

(Western Conference)

	W	L	Pct.	PS	OP
Chicago Bears	7	1	.875	288	163
Detroit	7	2	.778	192	133
Baltimore	3	4	.429	154	203
GREEN BAY	3	6	.333	199	234
Los Angeles	2	6	.250	177	193
San Francisco	2	6	.250	135	220

(Eastern Conference)

	W	L	Pct.	PS	OP
New York	6	2	.750	191	135
Chicago Cardinals	5	3	.625	154	114
Washington	4	3	.571	113	121
Cleveland	3	5	.375	102	112
Philadelphia	3	5	.375	95	148
Pittsburgh	3	5	.375	130	154

Thursday's Result

GREEN BAY 24, DETROIT 20.

Sunday's Games

Chicago Bears at New York.  
Los Angeles at Baltimore.  
Pittsburgh at Chicago Cardinals.  
San Francisco at Philadelphia.  
Washington at New York.

The lineups:

GREEN BAY

Ends—Knafelc, Deschaine, Martin-kovic, Howton, Borden, Knutson.  
Tackles—Helluin, Zatkoff, Hanner, Skoronski, Sandusky.

Guards—Gregg, Brown, Skibinski, Bettis, Teteak, Szafaryn, Forester.  
Centers—Ringo, Lauer.

Backs—Rote, Cone, Ferguson, Johnson, Roberts, Young, Losch, Gorgal, Dillon, Gremminger, Walker, Carmichael.

DETROIT

Ends—Dibble, Long, Gandee, Middleton, Doran.

Tackles—Krouse, Miller, Spencer, Creekmur, McCord, Perry, Schmidt.

Guards—Salsbury, Sewell, Campbell, Cronin.

Center—Ane.

Backs—Gilmer, Reichow, Layne, Stitts, Karilivacz, Girard, Christiansen, David, Gedman, Lary, Tracy, Bowman, Cassidy, McIlhenny, Martin, Hart.

Green Bay ..... 3 0 0 21-24  
Detroit ..... 7 0 6 7-20

Green Bay Scoring: Touchdowns—Rote (2-yard run), Cone (14-yard Rote pass), Howton (13 yard Rote pass). Field Goal—Cone (12 yards). Extra Points—Cone 3.

Detroit Scoring: Touchdowns—Hart (5-yard run), Middleton (56-yard Layne pass). Field Goals—Layne 2 (22, 15 yards). Points—Layne 2.

Officials: Referee—Tommy Timlin; Umpire—Joe Crowley; Back Judge—Tommy Dowd; Head Linesman—Warren Wright; Field Judge—Jim Kane.

Team Statistics:

	Det.	G. Bay
First downs rushing	11	3
First downs passing	5	15
First downs by penalty	1	3
Total first downs	17	21
Yards gained rushing	206	84
Yards gained passing	147	301
Total yards gained	353	385
Yards lost att. passing	1	12
Total yards gained (net)	352	373
Forward passes attempt.	22	40
Passes completed	9	21
Passes intercepted by	3	3
Yds. intercept. pass. ret.	30	36
Punts (number)	4	5
Total distance punts	170	206
Average distance	42.5	41
Punts returned by	3	3
Yards punts returned by	0	2
No. kick-offs returned	4	5
Yards kick-offs returned	75	105
Penalties (number)	6	5
Yards penalized	62	55
Fumbles	0	0

Individual Statistics:

Rushing:

Green Bay: Rote gained 45 yards in 8 attempts, Cone 25 in 10, Ferguson 14 in 6.

Detroit: Gedman gained 103 yards in 22 attempts, Hart 89 in 14, Bowman 15 in 3, Cassidy 2 in 1, Middleton 1 in 1, Layne minus 4 in 1.

Passing:

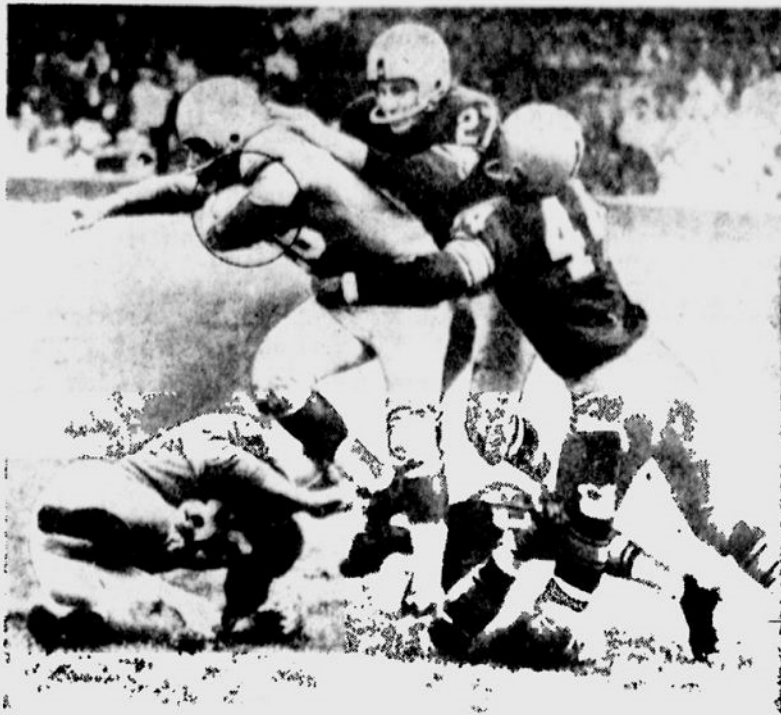
Green Bay: Rote attempted 40, completed 21 for 301 yards, 2 touchdowns, 3 intercepted.

Detroit: Layne attempted 22, completed 9 for 147 yards, 1 touchdown, 3 intercepted.

Pass Reception:

Green Bay: Ferguson caught 7 for 106 yards, Knafelc 5 for 52, Howton 4 for 53, Johnson 3 for 33, Losch 1 for 43, Cone 1 for 14.

Detroit: Dibble caught 3 for 52 yards, Middleton 2 for 69, Doran 2 for 22, Bowman 1 for 4, Hart 1 for 0.



A pair of Packers, Ken Gorgal (27) and Bobby Dillon, gang up on Detroit Fullback Gene Gedman and pull him down after he took a

flat pass from Bobby Layne in the first quarter of Thursday's game. The play picked up five yards.

Associated Press Wirephoto.

Rote set the stage with a nifty 20-yard run. The Packers got the ball back two plays later when Teteak intercepted Layne's pitch on the Detroit 38. Rote passed to Johnson on the 26 but before Cone could get lined up for a field goal the gun ended the half. It started to blizzard again at the start of the second half as Rote pitched passes to Ferguson and Knafelc to the Detroit 41. But the drive ended as Karilivacz intercepted a throw aimed at Knafelc and the Lions immediately set sail. Moving 22 yards on five rushes, the Lions reached their own 42 from where Hart burst through an eight-man Packer line on a third-down-one situation and ankled 48 yards before Hank Gremminger brought him down from behind. The Packers met the test and forced Layne to field goal from the 22, but a moment later the Lions were back on the Packer 27 when Lary grabbed a Rote pass that popped out of Joe Johnson's hands. Gedman and Hart made a first down to the 11, but that was it as Martinkovic, Hanner and Forester teamed up to stop the assault. Layne hit a three-pointer from the 15 and the score was 13-3 with 9:20 gone in the period. After an exchange of punts, the Packers opened their three-drive touchdown spree on the last play of the

third quarter - Rote throwing for eight yards to Knafelc to the Detroit 43. Rote lost three yards on the first play of the last quarter but followed up with tosses of 11 and 15 yards to Ferguson to the Detroit 20. Then, in short order, Cone blasted five yards to the 15, Miller knocked down Rote's pass, Rote hurled 13 yards to Ferguson to the two, and Rote sneaked over right guard for the score. Cone converted and it was a 13-10 game. After Layne hurled his 56-yarder to Middleton for a 20-10 edge, the Packers drove goalward again after Fergie set his mates up beautifully with a 32-yard kickoff to midfield. The Packers had to go 30 yards to make a first down to start it, a holding penalty setting 'em back to their own 27. But the Bays made it (33 yards in fact) on Rote's 20-yard throw to Howton and Rote's 13-yard run on a rollout to his left to the Detroit 40. Cone smashed four yards on a draw and David interfered with Johnson on Rote's next pass, giving the Bays a first down on the 30. Knafelc took Rote's 11-yard strike on the 19, Cone banged five yards to the 14, and, for the payoff, Cone took Rote's pass on the three and banged it. Fred then added the point and it was 20-17 with 5:55 left in the frame. Hart made nine yards in two tries to the Lion 37 and it appeared that the Detroiters were ready to stall it out. Layne sent Middleton around left end on an end-around but the right side of the Packer defense was waiting and stopped him cold. In fact, he fumbled and Campbell finally recovered the bouncing ball for the necessary gain but a "wonderful" fast whistle sounded the ball dead where Middleton was smacked. Girard then punted and the Packers took off from their own 19 with 3:30 left. The winning drive started with a thud as Losch dropped Rote's seven-yard pass. Johnson snared one for eight stripes and Rote's next pitch was deflected down. With 2:41 left, the Packers elected to gamble on fourth down with two yards to go. Rote threw to Howton off to the right for nine yards and the Packers were in business on their own 36. Rote's next two passes were incomplete but his third was the real payoff, Losch taking the ball about two yards behind Christiansen on the Detroit 21 - a gain of 43 yards, Losch had to wait a moment for the ball and it appeared that he might wheel around and get free but Chris recovered in time for the tackle. With 1:55 left, the Packers scored in two plays. Knafelc took Rote's toss to the left for eight yards to the 13 and Howton maneuvered free under the goal posts and took Rote's perfect strike for the score, catching it on the one and then stepping in with a Lion hanging on. The silent crowd wiped its collective eye as Cone converted for a 24-20 score. With 1:35 to go, the game was far from over. Layne, starting from his 31, completed three straight passes to the Packer 32 before Dillon intercepted his fourth toss aimed at Middleton on the 12 and picked his way back 37 yards to the 49. Rote squeezed the ball on two plays to run out the last 38 seconds and the Packers were all set for their biggest Thanksgiving Day feats in history. They had never beaten Detroit here on Turkey Day and this was the sixth Packer-Lion game of the holiday series

**GREEN BAY - 3 0 0 21 - 24**  
**DETROIT - 7 0 6 7 - 20**

	<u>GREEN BAY</u>	<u>DETROIT</u>
First Downs	21	17
Rushing-Yards-TD	24-84-1	42-206-1
Att-Comp-Yd-TD-Int	40-21-301-2-3	22-9-147-1-3

Sacked-Yards		
Net Passing Yards	289	146
Total Yards	373	352
Fumbles-lost	0-0	0-0
Turnovers	3	3
Yards penalized	5-55	6-62

### SCORING

1st - DET - Leon Hart, 5-yard run (Bobby Layne kick) DETROIT 7-0  
 1st - GB - Fred Cone, 12-yard field goal DETROIT 7-3  
 3rd - DET - Layne, 22-yard field goal DETROIT 10-3  
 3rd - DET - Layne, 15-yard field goal DETROIT 13-3  
 4th - GB - Tobin Rote, 2-yard run (Cone kick) DETROIT 13-10  
 4th - DET - Dave Middleton, 56-yard pass from Layne (Layne kick) DETROIT 20-10  
 4th - GB - Cone, 14-yard pass from Rote (Cone kick) DETROIT 20-17  
 4th - GB - Billy Howton, 13-yard pass from Rote (Cone kick) GREEN BAY 24-20

### RUSHING

**GREEN BAY** - Tobin Rote 8-45 1 TD, Fred Cone 10-25, Howie Ferguson 6-14  
**DETROIT** - Gene Gedman 22-103, Leon Hart 14-89 1 TD, Bill Bowman 1-15, Howard Cassady 1-2, Dave Middleton 1-1, Bobby Layne 1-(-4)

### PASSING

**GREEN BAY** - Tobin Rote 40-21-301 2 TD 3 INT  
**DETROIT** - Bobby Layne 22-9-147 1 TD 3 INT

### RECEIVING

**GREEN BAY** - Howie Ferguson 7-106, Gary Knafelc 5-52, Billy Howton 4-53 1 TD, Joe Johnson 3-33, Jack Losch 1-43, Fred Cone 1-14 1 TD  
**DETROIT** - Dorne Dibble 3-52, Dave Middleton 2-69 1 TD, Jim Doran 2-22, Bill Bowman 1-4, Leon Hart 1-0

*Sports Cocktail: What Can We Say!*

**Lions Can't Afford To Rush Rote; Too Hot To Handle**

### **Cold? 1,500 Greet Packers at Field**

A crowd estimated at 1,500 fans braved 10-degree weather Thursday night at Austin Straubel field to greet the Packers and cheer their appreciation of the team's 24-20 victory in Detroit Thursday afternoon. The first of two North Central planes carrying the squad arrived at 6 o'clock when the big crowd was on hand. The second came in an hour later.

### **LIONS CAN'T AFFORD TO RUSH ROTE; TOO HOT TO HANDLE**

NOV 23 (Detroit-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - What can we say! Somebody else had better do the talking. "It was wonderful, just great, beating them here like this when the whole country was watching, 21 points in the last quarter!" That was Packer coach Liz Blackburn in a steamy, happy dressing room a half hour after the game. Putting his thoughts together, Liz observed: "Tobe was great out there. That line held nicely for him, gave him the protection he needed. They (the Lions) couldn't afford to rush in. They had to protect themselves against those short passes. Our defense was great and they didn't get any breaks. The ball just wouldn't drop down as you'd think it would. When Hank (Gremminger) batted for that ball (Layne's pass to Middleton) - sure it had to go up and drop behind him into Middleton's hands." That particular play gave Detroit a 20-10 lead in the fourth quarter. "How about the pass to Joe (Johnson) - the ball had to pop into the air and they got their hands on it," Liz continued. This set up the Lions' second field goal. Somebody mentioned the injuries and how it looked for a spell that the Packers would run out of replacements. Line Coach Lou Rymkus said he had to start digging deep to "fill out those platoons." Roger Zatkoff pinched a nerve in his shoulder on the first play and several others, including Nate Borden and Larry Lauer, limped off. "Roger couldn't feel his arm for awhile and he never had complete feeling it," Liz smiled. Incidentally,

Val Joe Walker played the entire game with a broken little finger on his three-fingered hand. He suffered the injury in practice earlier in the week. Edwin J. Anderson came into the Packer dressing room to congratulate Blackburn. "You deserved to win," he said and then added with a bit of salt, "we certainly didn't deserve to win the way we played." Lion coach Buddy Parker told writers in the tomb-like Lion dressing room that "we played our worst game of the season, but you can't take anything away from that Rote. If he played like that against everybody, the Packers would be on top of the league." If the Lions played their worst game of the season, the Packers made 'em do it. The Lions seemed to be high - what with the championship practically at stake in this one game. The Packers hurt the Lions real bad, mentally and physically, when they started wrecking Detroit's most powerful weapon - defense, in the fourth quarter. That was the consensus in the press box after the game. Jack Lavelle, New York Giant scout who observed the Lions just in case they meet in the playoff, figured that "Rote and Ferguson were your big men in that last quarter. The Lions just couldn't stop 'em." Big George Svendsen, the former Packer center who sat with Lavelle, was grinning like a big car smoking a cigar when the game ended. "I'm still a Packer," he pointed out, adding cautiously, "except on two Sundays during the season." George scouts for San Francisco. The Detroit press box was slightly on the quiet side except for Tom Miller, the Packer publicist; Milwaukee writers Chuck Johnson and Bud Lea; and this scribe. We all gave out with a whoop (sporting writers no longer are quiet in a press box when they lost) and got nothing in return but a cold stare from the stunned Detroit folks who faced a Thanksgiving meal of crows along with the proud Lions. Shortly before the game, a group of Packers who were here in the early 1950s received a wire from former Packer line coach Tarz Taylor, who suffered a near-fatal heart attack in Chicago last Sunday, asking them to "win one for me." Tarz is recuperating in a Chicago hospital but watched the game on TV.

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## Free Sunday

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#### Sunday's Games

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 Pittsburgh at Chicago Cardinals.  
 (WJPG, WBAY-TV, 1:05).  
 San Francisco at Philadelphia.  
 Washington at New York.

## TURNING POINT? PACKER FOURTH FRAME WAS PACKED WITH THEM

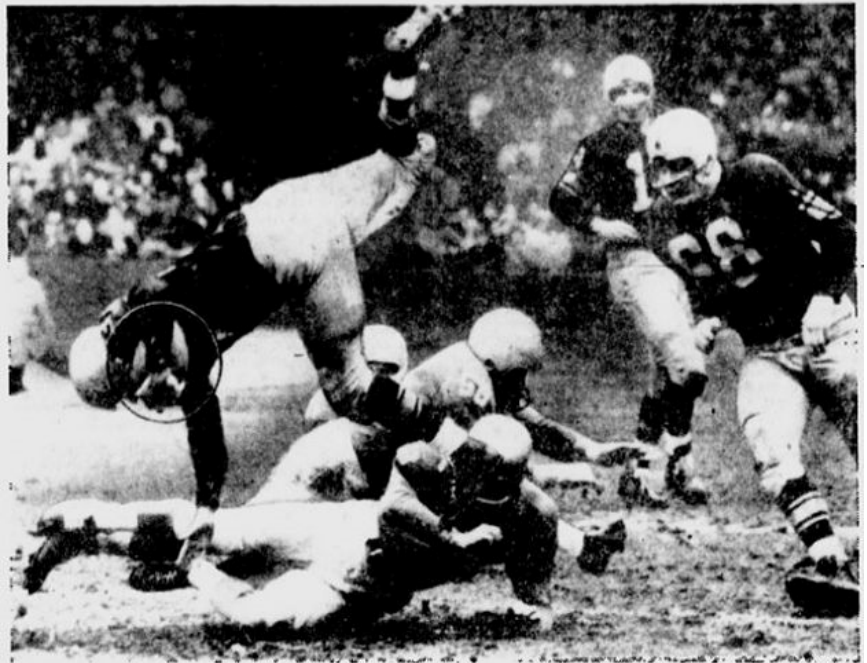
NOV 24 (Green Bay) - A turning point in that last quarter, you say? We can think of about 20, and all of them contributed somehow to the Packers' 24 to 20 victory over the Lions in Detroit Thanksgiving Day. The key turning point would probably have to be in the third touchdown drive in the fourth quarter - the nine-pass, 81-yard push that won the classic. Or you defensive fans might figure it should Bobby Dillon's interception of Bobby Layne's pass with 35 seconds left, thus preserving the victory. However, a turning point usually indicates the start of something; Dillon's interception ended something - Detroit's five-game Thanksgiving Day feasting on Packer meat since '51. The turning point, some folks agree, undoubtedly must be the fourth down Tobin Rote to Bill Howton pass that gave the Packers' new life on their own 36-yard line with 2:50 left. That, however, set off another turning point. Rote's next two passes were incomplete. So it was third down and 10 to go again, bringing up the next turning point - Rote's 43-yard aerial to Jack Losch. This put the Packers on the Detroit 21 with 1:55 left. Rote called on his ace receivers - Gary Knafelc and Howton, to do the job. Gary took a shot to the left and ran out of bounds for an eight-yard gain and Howton took the next pitch down the middle for the touchdown - both turning points. Another turning point was the Packers' defensive stand that forced Jug Girard to deliver the punt that set off the final 81-yard push. There were two turning points in the second-touchdown making. Jim Martin's kickoff was short after

Layne pitched 56 yards to Jim Middleton to give Detroit a 20-10 lead. Ferguson grabbed the short kick on the 15 and raced back to midfield - a turning point. A moment later, the Packers found themselves in need of 30 yards for a first down due to a penalty. Rote got 20 of it on a pass to Howton and then, (another turning point), the quarterback ran 13 yards to give the Bays the needed first down on the Detroit 40. Like the guy at the coffee counter said this morning, "Maybe there were three turning points in the game - the three touchdowns in the last quarter."...Oddly enough, each team had the same number of plays - 64, but the likeness ended right there. The Packers tried 40 passes and 24 runs, while Detroit attempted 22 passes and 42 rushes. In the roaring fourth quarter, the Packers had the ball for 27 plays, Detroit only 13. And if you're superstitious about 13's, don't ever be! The winning touchdown pass traveled 13 yards. Rote hurled 13 yards to Ferguson to set up the

quarterback's two-yard touchdown plunge to make the count 13-10. Rote ran 13 yards to help along the second-touchdown mark. And the score was 13-3 at the end of three quarters. And Detroit Coach Buddy Parker, an unusually superstitious fellow, probably blamed the loss on all those 13's. After the Packers nipped Detroit here in 1954, Parker made no bones about his unhappiness over his room number at the Northland Hotel. It was 409. The figures added up to 13!...Did you notice something odd about the Turkey Day game's statistics? There wasn't a fumble listed for either team, despite the fact that we (and you via TV) distinctly saw the ball bounce on its handles several times during the game. The reason for same is the league's new fast whistle which killed the ball as soon as the official detected a slight slow-up on the part of the ball carrier. The trick now is to get the officials to be uniform in their killing of the ball. Incidentally, the 1955 Packer-Lion game in Detroit contained 12 fumbles (yep, one dozen) – six for each team and, what's more, each team recovered five enemy fumbles. This rule had made a change in pro football!...Packer players relaxed this weekend, but not the coaches. Coach Liz Blackburn and his administrative aide, Jack Vainisi, were off to Philadelphia today along with Packer president Russ Bogda and general manager Verne Lewellen to set up shop for the four-round draft there Monday. Blackburn and Vainisi will also scout the Philadelphia-San Francisco game in preparation for the Packer-Forty Niner test in Frisco Dec. 8. Coaches Ray McLean, Abe Stuber, Lou Rymkus and Earl Klapstein will be in Chicago Sunday to scout the Cardinal-Pittsburgh game. The Cardinals are the next big Packer want – not to mention a 6-6 finish!

**ROTE WON'T QUIT IF LIZ HAS WAY**

NOV 24 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - As Coach Liz Blackburn put it Friday, "you could see it coming. When we gained momentum the other team tightened." It happened because Tobin Rote got hotter than a pistol, completing 11 passes for 166 yards in a furious fourth quarter explosion that overcame the Lions, 24-20, in Detroit Thursday. And this is the "old pro" who is thinking of retiring. Blackburn said "we're not taking that too seriously especially after the way he looked against Detroit." When Rote gets hot and has a good thing going he can't be beat. He convinced the Lions - and a lot of other people, too - that retirement may be quite a few seasons away. Well, let's hope so. The Detroit defense hadn't yielded a touchdown in nine periods until Rote sneaked over to cap a 51-yard drive to start the last quarter fury. And within the space of four minutes, the seven year veteran directed two breathtaking scoring bursts that ended a four game Packer losing streak. Most of Rote's completions (he hit 21 of 40 for 289 yards) came off a slot formation. Bill Howton and Gary Knafelc were set far out on both ends, taking with them two or three defenders. The middle was left alarmingly open and here sailed most of Rote's successful shots. Howie Ferguson grabbed seven for 106 yards. Blackburn said before the game that criticism of the Packers' running attack wasn't going to change his mind to pass even more. "We don't have to kid ourselves that we can run with the ball," Liz said. "But we can pass and pass well. So why shouldn't we pass more?" Rote has now completed 112 of 234 passes for 1,702 yards and 16 touchdowns - the best



The Lions find the Packers' hard running Howie Ferguson a hard man to stop on this smash through center in the second period of Thursday's game at Detroit. Ferguson sails through the air and is about to turn a somersault after being hit by

Yale Lary (on the ground in foreground) and Joe Schmidt (behind Lary). Packer Guard Len Stafaryn (68) and Quarterback Tobin Rote are at right. The Packers surged back with a 21-point final quarter to upset Detroit, 24-20. Associated Press Wirephoto.

**PACKER CATCH THAT TAMED THE LIONS**



(United Press Telephoto)  
Bill Howton (86), Green Bay end, catches pass on goal line for final touchdown as Packers knocked Lions from tie for first in National Football league's western division, 24 to 20.



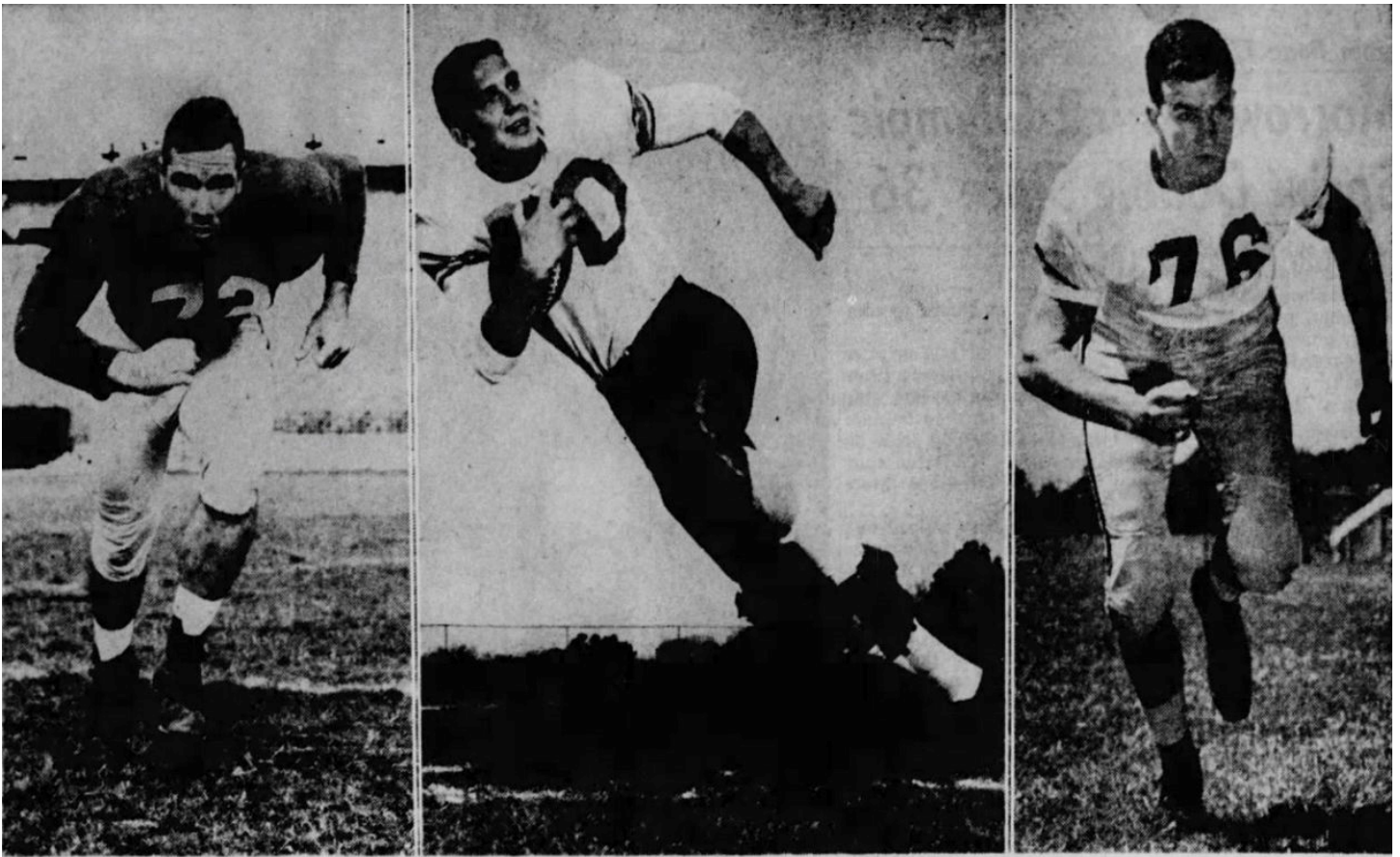
**The Winning Touchdown**—Here's the touchdown pass that gave the Packers' a 24 to 20 victory over the Detroit Lions in Detroit Thanksgiving Day. The Packers' Billy Howton (86) is shown catching the 13-yard pass from Tobin Rote (18) about a foot inside the goal line. He whirled to his left into pay dirt where he was shoved out again by Jim David (25) but it was six on the scoreboard as soon as he

stepped in. Looking at Howton is the Lions' Joe Schmidt. Others in picture are Packer fullback Fred Cone (31), Packer center Jim Ringo (51), Detroit tackle Bob Miller (74) and Packer halfback Howie Ferguson (37). It was Packers' first victory in six Turkey Day battles in Detroit and the win knocked Detroit out of a first place tie with Chicago Bears. (Photo by Vernon J. Biever)

performance, by far, in the league. An amazing thing about this happy victory was the Packers' determination to win after the Lions had apparently put the game out reach, 20-10, with less than eight minutes to play. "Tob starting hitting perfectly and our boys had the desire," Blackbourn said. "It was a happy victory, one we deserved after numerous bum breaks and one we needed." Actually, it was the Packers' defense which outclassed Detroit's famed platoon this time. The Lions could muster only a 55 yard touchdown drive in the first quarter. Their fourth quarter TD was just plain lucky. Packer defensive halfback Hank Gremminger timed Bobby Layne's long pass perfectly as he cut in front of Dave Middleton. The ball bounced off Gremminger's hands for a much too easy TD. In between, the Lions couldn't penetrate the Bay wall for a touchdown as they marched to the Packer 38, 11, 8 and 32. Two short field goals by Layne were the best the Lions could do. Blackbourn's gang can now enjoy a four day holiday before preparing for the Cardinals at Chicago a week from Sunday. But for the coach and his staff, it's work galore for the upcoming draft at Philadelphia Monday.

#### **PACKERS, CARDS EYE BONUS CHOICE**

NOV 25 (Philadelphia) - The Packers and Cardinals participate in an out-of-the-hat drawing here Monday with the lucky team earning the right to select any graduation college football player in the nation as its NFL bonus choice. The bonus choice will be the first order of business at their partial college player draft meeting. For the second straight year, the American pros are drafting early to meet a competitive challenge for their Canadian counterparts. Prior to 1955, the NFL held its 30 rounds of player selection at its annual meeting in mid-January, but early winter bidding for talent by the Canadians forced Commissioner Bert Bell's circuit to schedule at least four rounds of selections for November. Bell announced recently that a fifth round would be held if there is unanimous consent, an unlikely event if Washington owner George Marshall keeps his promise to veto such a proposal. Los Angeles, as the team with the worst record among the 12 pro teams after Sunday's game will choose first in the regular draft, followed by San Francisco, Green Bay, Pittsburgh and Cleveland and will have to toss a coin to see in which order they will follow San Francisco, since they each now have an identical 3-6 record. After these three come Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, the Chicago Cardinals, New York, Detroit



**Packers Pick Southern Stars**—The Packers selected three of the south's brightest collegiate stars, pictured above, as their final choices in Monday's early National Football League draft in Philadelphia.

From left they are Dalton Truax, 6-2, 230-pound Tulane tackle, the No. 3 choice; Joel Wells, 6-1, 198-pound Clemson halfback, the No. 2 pick; and Carl Vereen, 6-6½, 238-pound Georgia Tech tackle, No. 4.

and the Chicago Bears. The bonus pick first was started in 1947. Under its rules each team winning the honor drops out until every club has won. Only Green Bay and the Cardinals are left in the drawing, won last year by Pittsburgh. The reports are that Green Bay will grab a hard running halfback if it draws the lucky slip, while the Cardinals are believed to be looking for a quarterback. There appears to be a bumper crop of college talent for the pros to harvest. Available for plucking are such stars as halfbacks Jim Swink of Texas Christian, Jon Arnett of Southern California, Jim Brown of Syracuse, Clarence Peaks of Michigan State and Tommy McDonald of Oklahoma; quarterbacks Paul Hornung of Notre Dame, John Brodie of Stanford, Len Dawson of Purdue, Wade Mitchell of Georgia Tech and Columbia's Claude Benham.

# Packers Get Paul Hornung, Ron Kramer in Draft

## PACKERS GET PAUL HORNUNG, RON KRAMER IN DRAFT

NOV 26 (Green Bay) - The Green Bay Packers cornered the nation's two best all-around football athletes in the NFL draft here today - Paul Hornung, Notre Dame's versatile back, and Ron Kramer, Michigan's All-America end. Hornung was the bonus choice - won by the Packers when Coach Liz Blackbourn drew the "right" slip out of a hat held by Commissioner Bert Bell. Blackbourn was drawing against Coach Ray Richards of the Chicago Cardinals - the only other team left in the bonus picking. Kramer was the Packers' choice in the first round - made possible by the "right" flip of a coin in a three-way draw with the Cleveland Browns and Pittsburgh Steelers, who were tied for third with the Bays. Los Angeles drew first and picked halfback Jon Arnett of Southern Cal and San Francisco, picking second, snared quarterback John Brodie of Stanford. The Packers drew next and selected Kramer. Then in quick order: Quarterback Len Dawson of Purdue went to Pittsburgh; halfback Jim Brown of Syracuse went to Cleveland; halfback Clarence Peaks of Michigan State went to Philadelphia; guard



## Packer Picks



PAUL HORNUNG



RON KRAMER

Jim Parker of Ohio State went to Baltimore; fullback Don Bosseler of Miami went to Washington; center Jerry Tubbs of Oklahoma went to the Chicago Cardinals; halfback Del Shofner of Baylor went to New York; guard Bill Glass of Baylor went to Detroit; and tackle Earl Leggett of LSU went to the Chicago Bears. The Packers picked Joel Wells, Clemson halfback, on the second round and then nabbed tackles on the third and fourth rounds - Dalton Truax of Tulane and Carl Vereen, respectively. Blackbourn, in naming Hornung his choice as the outstanding college football player in America, said of the Notre Dame ace: "He has the greatest potential of all Notre Dame backs. He is a great natural athlete, a tremendous competitor, has great speed and will stand the type of punishment dealt out in the league. He's a great punter, kickoff man, field goal and extra point kicker and an outstanding defensive back. He has wonderful poise and we believe in one year he will become an excellent passer. Hornung is the Tobin Rote type of back and he'll fit into the Green Bay pattern nicely." Hornung stands 6-2 1/2 and packs 210 pounds, about the same size as the Packers' ace quarterback, Rote. Both Hornung and Kramer are anxious to play pro football. Kramer, who made every All-America in the country, played both offensive and defensive end for the Wolverines - plus linebacker, fullback and halfback. The big fast guy, who stands 6-3 and weighs 220, has a reputation for being exceptionally rough. He's an excellent pass catcher and good blocker. Wells ranks as the best pro type back in the south. He stands a shade over 6-1 and carries 198 pounds. Interested in playing pro football, Wells carries considerable power and yet, according to scout Harry Wright, has plenty of speed to go all the way. He has been effective for Clemson as an outside runner. Wells was one of seven backs snared in the second round. Other second round picks: Los Angeles took John Pardee, Texas A and M halfback; San Francisco, Abe Woodson, Illinois halfback; Pittsburgh, Bill Michael, Ohio State tackle; Cleveland, Milt Plumb, Penn State quarterback; Green Bay, Wells; Philadelphia, Bill Barnes, Wake Forest halfback; Baltimore, Don Shinnick, UCLA halfback; Washington, Joe Walton, Pittsburgh end; Chicago Cardinals, Tom Maentz,

Michigan end; New York, Sam DeLuca, South Carolina tackle; Detroit, John Gordy, Tennessee tackle; Chicago Bears, Jim Swink, TCU halfback. Truax specialized on defense at Tulane and comes highly recommended by former Packers Mike Michalske, Ab Wimberly and Baby Ray. He packs 230 pound and stands 6-2. Vereen is an offensive tackle prospect and played his greatest game against tough Tennessee. He stands 6-6 1/2 and weighs 238 pounds.

### PACKERS DRAFT HORNUNG, KRAMER

NOV 26 (Philadelphia) - The Green Bay Packers selected Notre Dame quarterback Paul Hornung as their NFL bonus choice Monday after head coach Lisle Blackbourn drew the lucky slip from the hat at the pro football draft meeting. In the first round of the regular draft, Jon Arnett, Southern California halfback, selected by the Los Angeles Rams as the No. 1 choice. The 12 teams selected according to the standings as of Sunday with the last place club first and the first place team last. Grabbed quickly in the first round were such 1956 college All-American prospects as Stanford's passing ace, John Brodie, second choice named by San Francisco; Ron Kramer, Michigan end, tapped by Green Bay; Len Dawson, Purdue quarterback, picked by Pittsburgh; Jim Brown, Syracuse halfback, selected by Cleveland, and Clarence Peaks, Michigan State halfback, drawn by Philadelphia. The Packers followed with a halfback and a pair of tackles to round out their four

## Come On, Packers

Editor, Press-Gazette: What's the trouble with our Packers? They have the leading pass receiver, the leading punter, the leading man in interceptions, a quarterback who would be a leader if he got any kind of protection and a very fine defensive line. Why can't they produce us a few more victories?

What about those excuses they have been giving us such as "the Bears were really out for this one" or "the Colts wanted this one bad." That's not much of an excuse. I suppose if every team said this before their games the Packers would lose them all. Which is harder? Thinking of excuses or winning games. As of now, excuses seem much easier.

Why don't the Packers go after a few of these games with the idea of winning them instead of thinking, "well, they're out to win this game so we haven't got much chance of winning."

C'mon Packers! We all know you are of championship caliber. We fans have been backing you for many years hoping for a championship. All we hear is "maybe next," "maybe next year." Let's hope we can initiate the new stadium in 1957 on the opposite end of the score in which we pulled down the curtain of the old stadium and maybe go on to win the championship. C'mon Packers! We know it can be done.

Kind of Disgusted  
Green Bay, Wis.

# Hello Cards!

## NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	QP
New York	6	2	1	.750	208	152
Chi. Cards	6	3	0	.667	192	141
Washington	5	3	0	.625	133	138
Philadelphia	3	5	1	.375	105	158
Pittsburgh	3	6	0	.333	157	192
Cleveland	3	6	0	.333	119	132

## Western Division

Chi. Bears	7	1	1	.875	305	180
Detroit	7	2	0	.778	192	133
Baltimore	4	4	0	.500	210	224
GREEN BAY	3	6	0	.333	199	234
San Francisco	2	6	1	.250	145	230
Los Angeles	2	7	0	.222	198	249

## Sunday's Results

Chicago Bears 17, New York 17.  
Chicago Cardinals 38, Pittsburgh 27.  
Washington 20, Cleveland 17.  
Baltimore 56, Los Angeles 21.  
San Francisco 10, Philadelphia 10.

## Next Sunday's Games

GREEN BAY at CHI. CARDINALS.  
Chicago Bears at Detroit.  
Los Angeles at Pittsburgh.  
Philadelphia at Cleveland.  
San Francisco at Baltimore.  
Washington at New York.

regular picks. Halfback Joel Wells of Clemson was Blackburn's second pick followed by Dalton Truax, Tulane, and Carl Vereen, Georgia Tech. Commissioner Bert Bell presided over the partial draft session - the teams selected four rounds - called to meet the early Canadian league competition for American football talent. The final 26 rounds of the annual player draft will be held during the league's mid-January meeting. Only the Packers and the Chicago Cardinals participated in the bonus selection since under league rules all previous winners of the bonus player drop out until every team in the league has been successful in the out-of-the-hat draw. The Cardinals thus automatically will get the bonus selection next year. The Green Bay coach described Hornung, a 6-2, 210-pound quarterback as having "the greatest potential of all Notre Dame backs. He is a great natural athlete, a tremendous competitor, has great speed, and can take the punishment dealt in the NFL." Blackburn said Hornung was a good punter, kickoff man, field goal and extra point kicker and a good defensive player. "He has wonderful poise and in one year should become the greatest passer in the league," said Blackburn adding "we can use him at quarterback, halfback and fullback." The selection of Hornung by Green Bay was a mild surprise in some quarters since it was thought the Packers were interested in hard-running halfbacks to make their present quarterback, Tobin Rote, more effective. The selection indicated the recent report that Rote would retire from pro football at the end of this season bore more truth than fiction. Blackburn, however, said he did not believe Rote would retire. Wells, a 6-1 1/2, 203-pound halfback, was named to the All-Atlantic Coast Conference team for three years

and ranked as one of its best defensive backs. Offensively, he averaged 7.5 yards per carry. He is a specialist on pass defense. Truax comes highly recommended by Tulane coach Anton Pilney, who said: "I wouldn't trade him for any tackles in the Southeastern Conference. He weighs 222 pounds (over a 6-2 1/2 frame) and is fast enough to catch the halfbacks." Vereen has expressed his desire to play pro ball and has the physical assets. He's 6-6, weighs 242 and was a standout in Georgia Tech's offensive line. No NFL meeting would be complete without a rhubarb and this was no exception. George Halas of the Bears and Edwin Anderson, president of the Lions, led a floor fight to make eligible for the pro draft players in the Pacific Coast Conference ruled ineligible for further college competition for alleged recruitment violations. Anderson finally put the point to a motion but it fell short of the necessary unanimous approval when Baltimore's Don Kellett cast a "no" vote, declaring the league should stick by its ruling prohibiting the drafting of any player before his class has graduate, whether or not he had made himself ineligible or his college had done so. The Bears created a mild stir in the third round when they drafted UCLA quarterback Ron Knox, who played with several Canadian teams this past fall.

## ODDS AGAINST RETIREMENT - ROTE

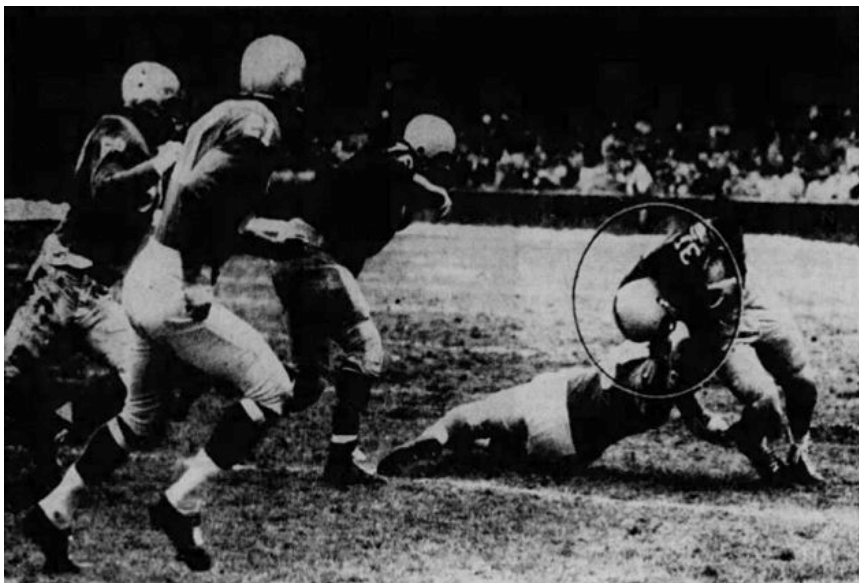
NOV 26 (Green Bay) - Tobin Rote of the Green Bay Packers, regarded as one of the finest all-around quarterbacks in the NFL, Monday said he hasn't decided whether to retire after this season, but "the odds are pretty good that I won't." Rumors have been making the rounds for the last week or 10 days that the 28-year old veteran of seven NFL seasons planned to retire. The rumors cropped up again Monday at the NFL draft meeting in Philadelphia. "Whether I retire or not depends on a lot of things," said Rote. "I'm working on a two-year contract that expires at the end of the season. A lot depends on what's in the new contract. I'm not coming back for peanuts or to sit on the bench." Rote, who leads the NFL in passes attempted with 234, passed completed with 112, total yards gained passing with 1,702 and touchdown passes with 16, said injuries also would figure in his final decision. "My left knee was reinjured twice this year in the Rams game at Milwaukee and against the 49ers here," said the Rice alumnus. "I've been pretty lucky with it after I had an operation in college - up to now. I'm not taking anymore of a physical beating this year than usual." Rote said his wife left for their Houston home Monday and did not plan to return to Green Bay even if he did sign to play another season. "That's another factor," he said. "If I come back I'd have to be away from my family for five months and that's pretty tough." Asked whether retirement from the Packers would mean he would be through with football entirely, Rote replied: "I couldn't answer that. If some Canadian team came through with an offer I couldn't pass up, I'd probably play. I don't want to be one of those contract-time problems, but after all I have to consider my family. If I quit I have a good job with a motor freight line waiting for me in Houston. Before the season started, I definitely intended to retire after our last game. Folks up here were going to have a 'day' for me, but Liz (Coach Lisle Blackburn) told them not to retire me too fast. So far he hasn't said anything to me. I'd kinda like to play at least one more season, but that depends."

## PACK, IN CLOUDS, COME DOWN AFTER CARDS' WIN OVER PITT

NOV 26 (Green Bay) - The up-in-the-cloud feeling that prevailed in Packerland over the Packers' 24-20 Thanksgiving Day victory came to a halt about 3:30 Sunday afternoon when the Chicago Cardinals snuffed out the Pittsburgh Steelers, 38 to 27. The Packers must play the Cardinals in Chicago next Sunday. The Cards' win, viewed by Packer players via television, adds emphasis to the Chicago showdown. The Bays, for the second straight game, get a chance to wobble a championship

contender. The victory over Detroit may have knocked the Lions out of the Western title and a win over the Cards might boot the Red Shirts out of the Eastern crown. Packerland enjoyed one of its most pleasant Thanksgiving weekends in years. Football folks, and who isn't a football fan in these parts, were downright giddy about the Packers' win. To say that the victory put a smile of the map of Packerland is putting it mildly. Packerland wasn't the only happy place. Down in Houston, Texas, home of Rice Institute where Packers Tobin Rote and Billy Howton played, there was considerable joy in front of television sets. One noted Texas business leader, Robert T. Herrin, was so impressed with the Packers' performance that he called one of his employees, Tobin Rote, long distance and told him to "take the squad out to dinner - on me." The result was a dinner for players who could be quickly rounded up

and their wives at The Spot Saturday night. Herrin is president and owner of Herrin Transportation Co., with main offices in Houston. Rote started with the Herrin firm during the past offseason and he'll return after the current campaign. After the dinner, Packer Backer Frank Cowles invited the group out to his home for an evening of fun, which included a recitation by the Alabama linguist, Frederick Cone, and musical selections (of her own composition) by Betsy Rote. One of the Packers is sporting a cast on his left wrist and hand - Larry Lauer, who broke the large bone in his hand in the Detroit game. Center Lauer figures he can still play - "I don't pass the ball back with my left hand," he laughed. If Lauer can't make it, the No. 2 centering chores behind Jim Ringo might go to Bob Skoronski, the first-year tackle, who played a year of centering at Indiana before moving to tackle. The Packers will open Cardinal week with the usual squad meeting Tuesday morning and the outdoor session in the afternoon. Coach Liz Blackburn is expected back from the draft in Philadelphia tonight, along with administrative aide Jack Vainisi, general manager Verne Lewellen and Packer president Russ Bogda.



**This Started A Fight** — Fred Cone, the Packers' rampaging fullback, gets the "bar" treatment from Detroit's ace linebacker, Joe Schmidt, in this action snapped during the first quarter of the Packer-Lion game Thanksgiving Day. Schmidt is pulling Cone down after a short gain by grabbing the face bar on his helmet. Coming over at left are Lions Gene Cronin (68) and Carl Karilvaer (21) and Packer Bob Skoronski. A moment later Packer John Sandusky and Skoronski registered their disapproval with the Cone treatment by bumping around a few Lions. Grabbing a mask is legal — if the grabbed one has the ball. Packers won 24 to 20.

# Packers Resume Drive For 6-6 Against Cards

## PACKERS RESUME DRIVE FOR 6-6 AGAINST CARDS

NOV 27 (Green Bay) - The Packers continued their six-six-in-'56 drive against the Cardinals in Chicago's Comiskey park Sunday afternoon. Green Bay must win its last three games in order to tie the six-six mark of 1955 - and thus make something of a success out of the current campaign. Although all clubs can be miserable customers, the Cardinals loom as the toughest of the Packers' final three foes - at least on the basis of the standings. The Cardinals are sitting a half-game out of the Eastern division led with 6-3, while San Francisco, the Bays' foe in 'Frisco Dec. 8, has 2-6-1. Los Angeles, the windup enemy in LA Dec. 16, has 2-7. The Packers started their six-six push with a big rush, beating the Lions in Detroit Thanksgiving Day, for a 3-6 reading. Winning the next three would finish the season off with a four-game victory string. The Cardinals present a real juicy target - just as the Lions did last Thursday. The 24-20 win at Detroit might have cost the Lions the Western division title; they would be leading the division today - had they won, since the Chicago Bears tied New York Sunday. Now, the Packers can deal the Cardinals a near-fatal blow - and add some polish to the '56 season. The Cards hope to escape their fourth loss. New York leads the Eastern wheel with 6-2-1 while Washington is a close third with 5-3. The Packer-Card game is one of the three key showdown battles Sunday involving the two division's top clubs. In other headliners, the Bears

# Draftees

**Green Bay:** Paul Hornung, Notre Dame (bonus); Ron Kramer, Michigan end; Joel Wells, Clemson halfback; Dalton Truax, Tulane tackle; Carl Vereen, Georgia Tech tackle.

**Los Angeles:** Jon Arnett, Southern California halfback; John Pardee, Texas A&M halfback; Bill Ray Smith, Arkansas tackle; Bob Cox, Minnesota quarterback.

**San Francisco:** John Brodie, Stanford quarterback; Abe Woodson, Illinois halfback; George Strugar, Washington U. tackle (traded to Los Angeles to complete prior commitment); Jim Ridlon, Syracuse halfback.

**Pittsburgh:** Len Dawson, Purdue quarterback; Bill Michael, Ohio State tackle; Don Owens, Mississippi Southern tackle; Jim Podohley, Central Michigan halfback (traded to Washington to fill prior commitment).

**Cleveland:** Jim Brown, Syracuse halfback; Milt Plum, Penn State quarterback; George Walker, Arkansas tackle; Paul Camera, Stanford end.

**Philadelphia:** Clarence Peaks, Michigan State halfback; Bill Barnes, Wake Forest halfback; Tommy McDonald, Oklahoma halfback; Bob Jurgesen, Duke quarterback.

**Baltimore:** James Parker, Ohio State guard; Don Shinnick, UCLA halfback; Luke Owens, Kent State tackle; Jack Simpson, Florida halfback.

**Washington:** Don Bosseler, Miami fullback; Joe Walton, Pittsburgh end; Ed Sutton, North Carolina halfback; Dick Scorsone, Pitt guard.

**Chicago Cardinals:** Jerry Tubbs, Oklahoma center; Tom Maentz, Michigan end; Bill Hudson, Clemson tackle; Mike Sandusky, Maryland guard (traded to San Francisco to complete previous trade).

**New York:** Del Shofner, Baylor halfback (traded to Los Angeles under previous commitment); Sam de Luca, South Carolina tackle; Dennis Mandyk, Michigan State halfback; Lamar Lundy, Purdue end (traded to Los Angeles to complete prior deal).

**Detroit:** Bill Glass, Baylor guard; John Gordy, Tennessee tackle; Terry Barr, Michigan halfback; Steve Junker, Xavier end.

**Chicago Bears:** Earl Leggett, Louisiana State tackle; Jim Swink, Texas Christian halfback; Ronnie Knox, UCLA halfback; Jack Johnson, Miami (Fla.) halfback.

visit Detroit and Washington invades New York. For the second straight game, the Packers will get a shot at one of the league's top defenses. Detroit, if you'll recall, had the league's best defense against points before the Bays erupted for 21 points in the last quarter. Detroit, second to the Browns, has allowed 133 points - an average of 14.7 per start. The Cardinals aren't far behind, with 141 permissions for an average of 15.6. Thus, the Packer offense has its work cut out. Incidentally, the Packer defense has given up 234 marks - an average of 26 per start, and only one team has given up a higher total, Los Angeles with 249. In limiting Detroit to two touchdowns and two field goals for 20 points and San Francisco to 17 in the previous game, the Packer defense has displayed a pleasant about-face from the first seven games, when they allowed an average of 28.1. The Cardinal offense presents a special problem for Packer tacklers and pass defenders. The chief reason, of course, is Ollie Matson, the powerful running back and pass receiver. Matson, who ranks among the leaders in the league in rushing, reeled off 149 yards on the snowy ground against the Pittsburgh Steelers Sunday, pacing the Cards to a rushing total of 242 yards. That's a heap of stripes when you consider the fact that Pittsburgh specializes in stopping ground attacks. Pitt's average against rushing is a tiny 3.6...The Packers went back to work today on the snow-covered and frozen City stadium turf - chiefly for the purpose of arousing well rests muscles. The Packers are fresh from a four-day vacation that started on a happy note with turkey dinner Thanksgiving Day night after the team returned from Detroit with a Lion scalp under its belt. Coach Liz Blackburn, just back from the draft in Philadelphia, called for a smattering of offense and defense during the loosening up process. The temperature stood around 35, which was 10 degrees "warmer" than it was in Detroit, and served as good weather preparation just in case the climate is on the cold side in Chicago.

## ONE HB DRAFTED? WHAT ABOUT HORNUNG, KRAMER?

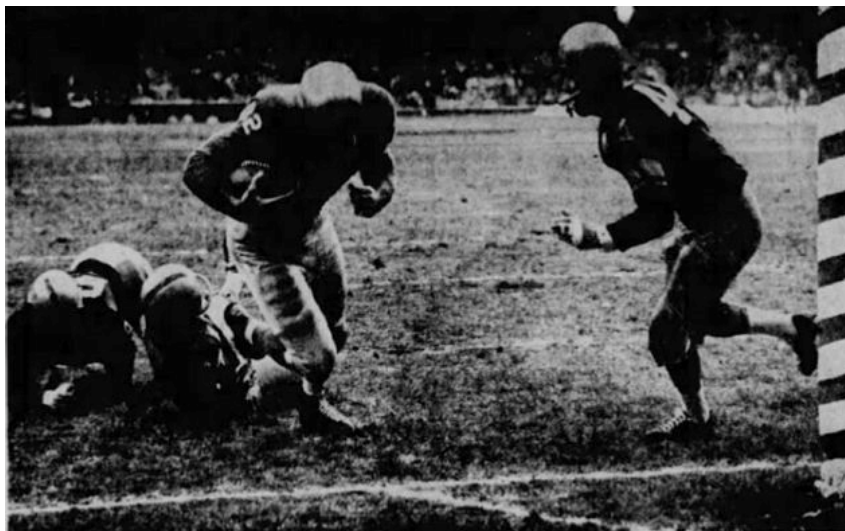
NOV 27 (Green Bay) - Only one halfback in the draft? The positions of the Packers' five players selected in the NFL draft in Philadelphia yesterday can be confusing. They include a tackle (two of 'em), quarterback, end and halfback. The tackles are Dalton Truax of Tulane and Carl Vereen of Georgia Tech; the quarterback is bonus choice Paul Hornung of Notre Dame; the end is first choice Ron Kramer of Michigan; and the halfback is Joel Wells of Clemson. Actually, three of the five players are halfbacks - or can be used as such. Wells, of course, is a HB by trade, but Kramer and Hornung both have played the position with success. Packer Coach Liz Blackburn has decided to play Kramer as an offensive end or slot back - where "we can use his exceptional ability to catch a pass and block." While offensive figures show the Packers at the bottom of the league in rushing, experienced pro rushing backs like Joe Johnson, Al Carmichael, Fred Cone and Howie Ferguson can still gain, and gain well - with effective blocking. In other word, a back is only as good as the blockers in front of him. Blackburn expects Kramer to help the Packer considerably in the blocking department - not to mention making the club's air game tougher. A rough operator, Kramer played end for Michigan last fall almost exclusively after switching between linebacker, defensive back, offensive and defensive end, and offensive back in his first two campaigns. Bennie Oosterbaan, Michigan coach, said Kramer had his best season in '56 "because he was blocking better." The two-time Michigan All-American caught 18 passes for 353 yards, an average of 19.6 per catch. In addition, Kramer kicked 17 out of 20 extra points and booted two field goals - one a 17-yarder than handed Iowa its only loss. The 220-

pounder punted twice, averaging 56 yards, and consistently kicked off deep into the end zone. Hornung, probably the most versatile back in Notre Dame history, is also a possibility for halfback in that he has good speed. In a recent practice race, he beat Aubrey Lewis, Notre Dame's fastest back. Blackburn said he is undecided at the moment on where to install Hornung since the 205-pounder has performed well as a quarterback, halfback and fullback on offense and safety and cornerbacker on defense. The Packers, it would seem are well established at quarterback, with Tobin Rote, a seven-year veteran, setting records every time he pitches, and Bart Starr, one of the top rookie QBs in the league. Rote has given some thought to retiring, while the service might snap up Starr. Tobin, at the peak of his career at 28, is working on the second year of a two-year contract this season. Blackburn said yesterday that Hornung was not selected with any thought that Rote

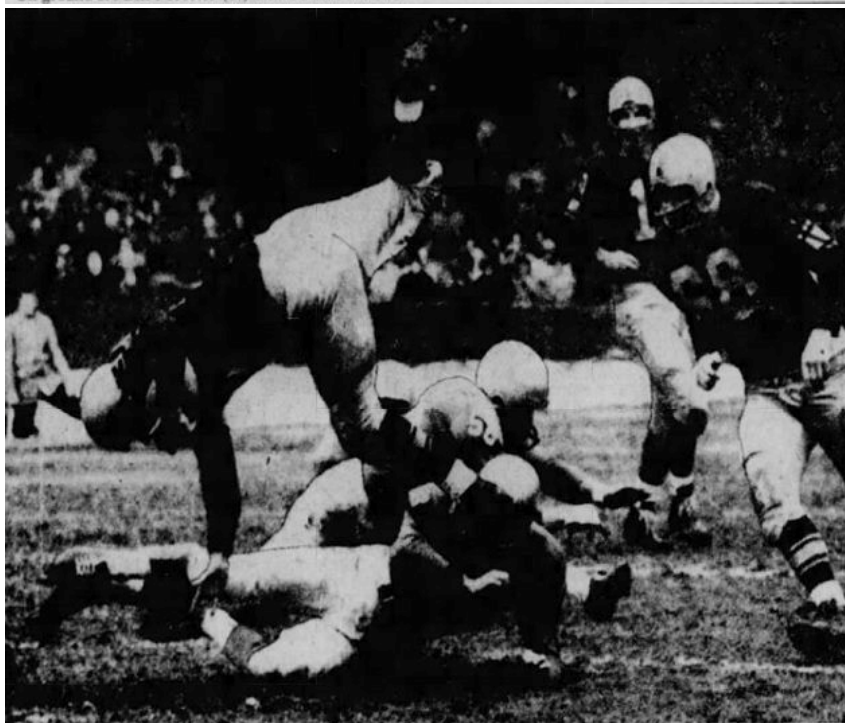
would retire. Liz emphasized the versatility of the Notre Dame star and pointed out that "he should fit into our Green Bay pattern nicely." Hornung was the one bright star in Notre Dame's dismal season. In nine games (the Irish finish against Southern Cal Saturday), he led the team in most departments - rushing with 396 yards in 85 attempts for an average of 4.7; scoring with 48 points on six touchdowns and 12 extra points; kickoff returns with 14 for 377 yards; pass interceptions with two for 59 yards; tackles with 51 in nine games; passes broken up with seven; and passing with 58 completions in 109 attempts for 892 yards and three touchdowns. Hornung, who may play little Saturday due to two injured thumbs, was second in the nation in total offense before he was forced out of the Iowa game early with the thumb hurts. At the time, he gained 1,296 yards in 193 plays - second only to John Brodie, the Stanford quarterback. Hornung, who was figured to be the top choice of every pro club, hails from Louisville, Ky., where he attended Flaget High. He's a commerce major at ND...Kramer, a native of Detroit, asked, "How's Roger doing?" when reached at Ann Arbor this morning. Kramer was referring to Roger Zatkoff, also a Michigan ace and a resident of Detroit. Ron will give the Bays three former Wolverines, No. 3 being Gene Knutson. Kramer said he felt "quite happy" when he heard Green Bay drafted him, adding: "I'm close to home and the Packers will be playing in Detroit, too." The prospective Packer said he considered it "an honor to get a chance to play in the National League. I like the wide open style of play." Kramer won't turn his attention to pro football until after the track season. He started work with the basketball team today and after that he'll swing into track. He led the Michigan cagers in scoring the last two seasons...Wells, a 195-pounder, ranks as one of the four top backs in Clemson history along with Ray Mathews, Bobby Gage and our own Fred Cone who reported today that "Wells is a good one." Wells has carried the rushing load for Clemson for the past three seasons, playing in 24 straight games through last Nov. 6. In 98 plays up to that time this season he gained 432 yards. His all-time average is 1,681 yards in 313 plays - mostly rushes, for an average of 5.4 per effort. Wells established the Atlantic Coast Conference rushing record in '55 with 782 yards and the one-game mark of 175. He rarely passes but in 1954, as a sophomore, Wells entered the record book by being on the pitching end of an 81-yard aerial with Joe Pagliei against North Carolina. In '54, Wells averaged 4.8 on 352 yards in 74 attempts. He rushed 135 times for 782 yards and an average of 5.8 in '55. Vereen and Truax figure to bolster the Packer line offensively and/or defensively, depending on their progress in training camp. Vereen stands 6-6 and packs 235 pounds and played mostly on offense. Truax, a defensive standout at 230 pounds. Both figure to put on more weight.

### HORNUNG TICKLED OVER CHOICE

NOV 27 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - Notre Dame's Paul Hornung and Michigan's Ron Kramer were as happy to be picked so high in the NFL draft Monday as the Packers were to get them. "I'm tickled to death about being the bonus choice," said Hornung, the 6-2, 210 pound quarterback who has sparkled for the Irish this season despite their mediocre record. "I was just talking to Coach Druze (Marquette's John Druze) tonight, and he told me how wonderful all the fans are to the Packers

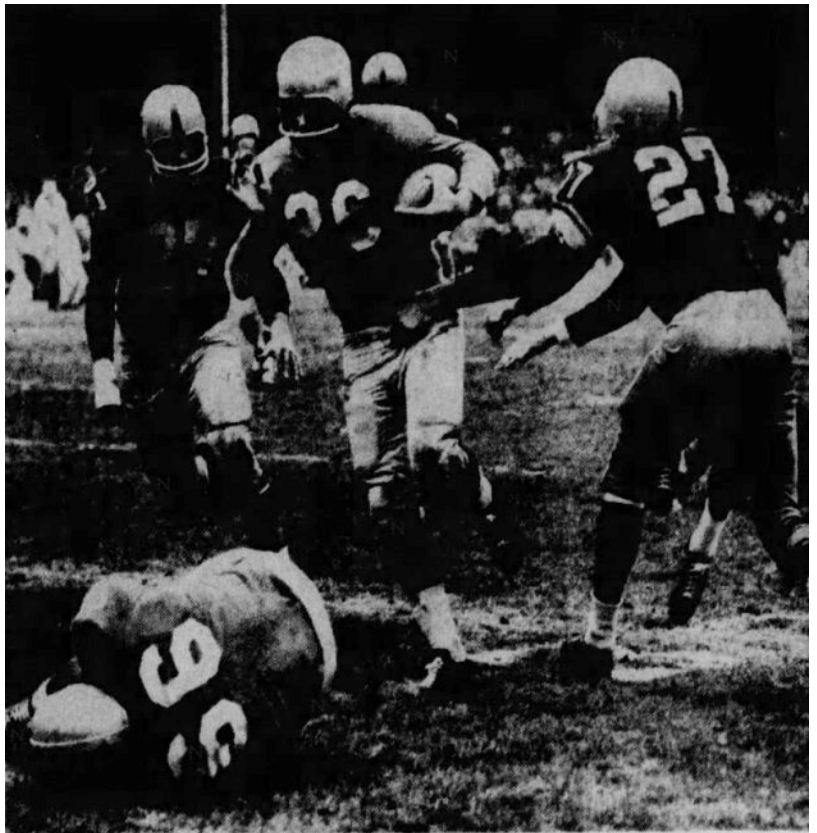


**Lions First Touchdown**—Detroit Lion fullback Leon Hart plunges over from the four-yard line for the Lions' first touchdown against Packers in Detroit Thanksgiving Day. Score gave Detroit 7-0 lead in first quarter. Coming over at right is Packers' Bobby Dillon whose interception in fourth quarter sealed 24-20 Packer win. On ground are Bill Forester (69) and Val Joe Walker.



**Over He Goes**—Packer fullback Howie Ferguson is about to turn somersault when hit by two Detroit Lions, back Yale Lary (on the ground in foreground) and linebacker Joe Schmidt (56, behind Lary), on a one-yard smash through center in second period of Thursday's game in Detroit. Packer at right is guard Len Szafaryn (68). Packers won 24-20. (AP Photofax)

in Green Bay," said Hornung via telephone from South Bend. He revealed the Packers had told him a week ago they would choose him if lucky enough to win the bonus pick. "I saw them beat Detroit on TV and they really looked good," Paul commented. Hornung said he definitely intended to play professional football, but his choice between the Packers and a Canadian team would have to await specific offers. He reported a Vancouver official contacted him Monday night and a Toronto official talked with him previously. Neither mentioned terms. The versatile star prefers to play quarterback, but "will do whatever I'm told." Speaking via telephone from Ann Arbor, Kramer said: "It's a good deal. Green Bay is close to my hometown (Detroit) so I'm happy the Packers drafted me." The rugged end had just returned from New York where he appears on a television program with other members of Collier's All-America team. Kramer said he had received a telegram from the Packers Monday informing him he had been their draft choice, but that Green Bay officials had made no contract with him previously. "Of course," he said, "I talked with Roger Zatkoff (Packer linebacker and former Michigan star) last week and I know all about the setup at Green Bay." The Packers will have to wait until next spring to sign the all-around athlete. He is captain of the Wolverine basketball team and may go out for track. He's one of the Midwest's best high jumpers and has paced the basketball team in scoring two straight years. Kramer declined to comment on whether he had been contacted by any Canadian football teams, but his tone of voice made it obvious he had. "Every player would rather be in the NFL instead of Canada," he said. "It would be an honor to play in the NFL. I like the wide open style of play. Of course, much will depend on the contract offered, and I won't discuss money until after I'm through competing here." The rugged end, who saw a little action at halfback for Michigan in practice, said he doesn't care where he plays in pro ball, but naturally prefers end. "Green Bay has a great quarterback in Tobin Rote, and they picked a dandy in Paul Hornung."



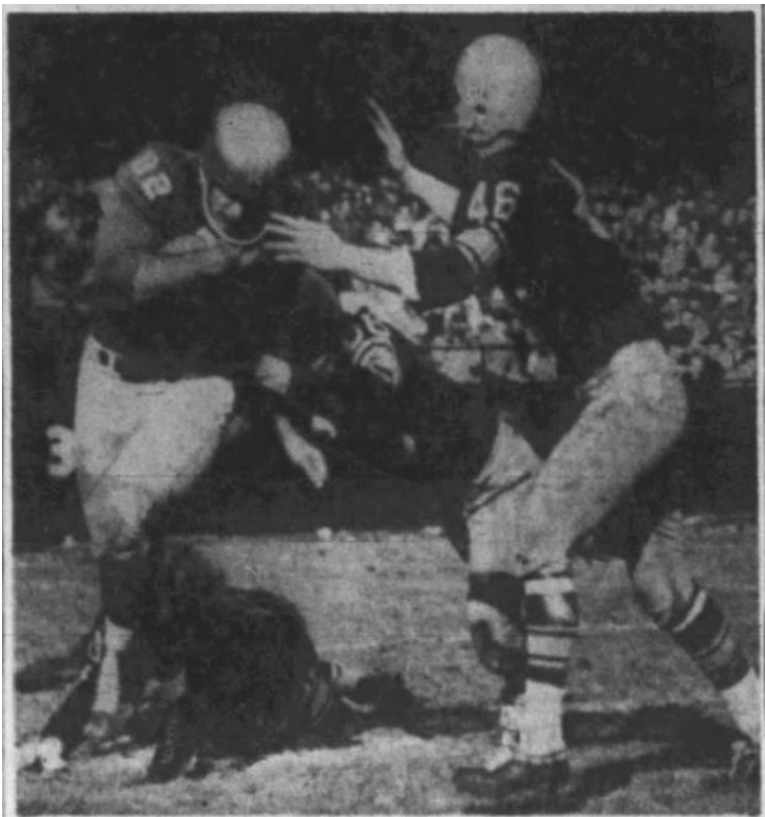
**Not For Next Year** — Gene Gedman (26), Detroit halfback, gained 103 of the Lions' 206 yards by rushing in 22 rushes and he's shown above making a short gain in the second quarter before Ken Gorgal (27) and Nate Borden (87) hauled him down. No. 66 on ground is Lions' all-pro guard, Harley Sewell.

# Matson Looms as Pack Problem

## **MATSON LOOMS AS PACK PROBLEM**

NOV 28 (Green Bay) - The Chicago Cardinals' Ollie Matson gained 152 yards in the first half against Pittsburgh last Sunday. Only seven in the second half! The Cards led 24 to 7 at the intermission and the final score was 38-27 in favor of Chicago's Southsiders. Thus, there is an indication that the Cards' fortunes rise or fall with the swift and powerful-running Matson. While the Packers, who battle the Red Shirts in Comiskey park Sunday, are fully aware of the many other spectaculars in the Chicago lineup, Matson looms as something of a particular problem because the Packers have given up 1,979 yards

rushing - more than any other team in the league. NFL individual figures, released today, pointed up Matson's leap in the past few weeks. Ollie ranks second in the circuit just 26 yards behind the Chicago Bears' Rick Casares, who was held to a paltry 12 yards by the New York Giants last Sunday. Casares has 774 yards in 178 trips for an average of 4.3; Matson 748 in 145 trips for 5.2. Eddie McGuire, Cardinal publicity chief, said he had "dreams on an NFL individual rushing record when Ollie showed up with 152 at the half. But those Steelers are tough, you know, and they put the clamps on him. Pittsburgh outscored us in the second half 20 to 14." Matson still has something to howl about. His 774 yards easily broke the Cardinals' all-time rushing record of 690, set by Charley Trippi in 1948. Ollie works at left halfback with Johnny Olszewski at fullback and Joe Childress at right half. Dave Mann, who had a great rookie season in '55, works behind Childress and also Max Boydston at right end. Boydston became the No. 1 RE the other day when Gern Nagler suffered an injury that put him out for the season. League figures showed the Packers' Billy Howton dropping to third place in pass receiving. Billy Wilson of San Francisco had a big day against Philadelphia (but the 49ers lost) and took over the lead with 42 catches for 617 yards. Harlon Hill of the Bears ranks second with 41 for 988 yards and nine touchdowns. Howton has 39 for 979 yards and a league-topping 11 touchdowns. Packer QB Tobin Rote remained in seventh place but held leads in four departments - attempts with 234, completions with 112, yards with 1,714 and touchdown passes with 15. Packer defensive back Bobby Dillon shared the pass interception lead with Norb Hecker of Washington, each with seven steals. Dillon has the best yardage return figure, 244. Incidentally, two Cardinals are tied in second place - Night Train Lane and Lin Crow, each with six. In other branches, Howton ranks third in scoring with 66 points, Dick Deschaine is second in punting with an average of 43.1, Al Carmichael is third in kickoff returns and seventh in punt returns, Jack Losch is sixth in kickoff returns, and Gary Knafelc is 10th in pass receiving...



**Detroit Lions Fullback Leon Hart is pulled down after making a 3-yard gain in the third quarter of Thursday's game with the Green Bay Packers at Detroit. Making the tackle for Green Bay is Deral Teteak (66), with Henry Gremminger (46) waiting to lend a hand. The Packers won, 24-20. (AP Wirephoto)**

The Packers hoped to get better footing, if that's even possible, for today's practice with the help of one of the city's motorized sweepers which was to have the stadium turf clear of snow. Tuesday's workout was mostly for exercise but even that became difficult in two to three inches of snow. Coach Liz Blackburn hoped to get a spot of defensive work in today. There was a chance that the temperature would go up to 35 about practice time, thus removing at least some surface frost. The Packers had a new face on the official roster today - guard Jerry Smith, the former Forty Niner and Wisconsin Badger. Smith played with Frisco in 1954 before going into service and returned this season. Smith replaces center Larry Lauer, who was placed on the injured reserve list due to a broken bone in his left hand. He will be out for the rest of the season. Smith will take Lauer's place in the platoons. Trainer Bud Jorgensen has been rather busy since the Thanksgiving Day victory feast at Detroit with a number of bothersome injuries. Requiring the most treatment is linebacker Roger Zatkoff, who injured his shoulder on the first play of the game but remained in action. All injured personnel will be healthy personnel for the important clash in Chicago.

### **THRILLS IN PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL**

NOV 28 (Green Bay) - When the Packers defeated the Detroit Lions on Thanksgiving Day, they proved again that there is so little difference between a first place team and a last place team in the NFL that no one can be sure which team will win any game. Coaches, fans and experts all know this and that is what makes the game so fascinating. If there ever was a breather in sight for the Detroit Lions, it was the scheduled appearance of the Packers in Detroit. On Thanksgiving Day morning, the people of Detroit were happy. Their Lions were tied for first place in the Western Division of the league with the Chicago Bears. Just ahead was the game with the Packers and then a good dinner. If there was a real threat to their happiness and comfort, it was the danger of overeating. The Lions had just beaten the third place Baltimore Colts, 27 to 3. Wilbur C. (Weeb) Ewbank, Baltimore coach, had been so impressed with the Lions' power that he predicted for all who would read that the Lions would win both of their upcoming games with Chicago Bears. This statement made the Detroit

folks very happy. Ewbank qualifies as an expert in this field, and there was no reason to question his judgment. He had not mentioned the Packers, but the lowly Forty-Niners had just beaten them, so why look for worries. Then it happened! As everyone in Detroit knew, but had comfortably forgotten for an hour or so, the Packers were tough. They got tougher as the game wore on and finally they won. Of course, the good Detroit people were disappointed. They had turned out 54,000 strong to see this game which was broadcast nationally. Then suddenly when the final score was posted everyone knew how foolish it was to be looking ahead to the Bear game when they had a real football game on their hands which must be won first. Some day, perhaps, fans will put sound football and skillful play ahead of victory which may come on breaks but victory will always be important.

**CARDS' BACK FRETS OVER PACKERS**

NOV 28 (Chicago Tribune) - Ollie Matson - professional football player, student of the game, and gentleman - was talking about the most important qualifications for duty as a big league halfback. "Speed," he said. "Speed is first. You have to have that. Then comes maneuverability. And after that, power, intelligence, and - of course - desire." It is significant that the traits outlined by the Chicago Cardinal star are exactly those that make Matson one of pro football's greatest all around backs. The 6 foot 2 inch, 210 pounder from the University of San Francisco had one of his finest days Sunday, gaining 159 yards and scoring two touchdowns in the Cardinals' 38 to 27 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers. The performance enabled Matson to succeed Charlie Trippi as the south siders' greatest producer of yardage within a single season. Matson now has gained 748 yards, an all-time Cardinal record. Trippi's mark was 690, set in 1948. Matson, indeed, possesses all of the attributes previously mentioned, and in abundance. Complementing these assets is an ingredient which can accurately be described only as sheer determination. As Assistant Coach Bob Nowasky says: "Ollie is always a threat. Even with three or four tacklers hanging onto him, he can break loose. You can't knock him down just by bumping him; he's liable to knock you down in return." Coach Ray Richards agrees: "There are a lot of fast backs in the league, but very few who can combine speed with power the way Ollie does. He's a big, strong runner - yet extremely fast." Matson treated Comiskey park fans to an example of this speed Sunday, when he ran 79 yards for a touchdown on a straight power play between tackle and guard. On the play, a simple handoff, tackle Jack Jennings is supposed to make a quick block in the line, then hurry downfield to take out the safety man. But by the time Jennings completed the first block, his further services no longer were needed; Matson had outrun the safety man. Although Matson is an optimist, he is worried about the Cardinals' Comiskey park date with the Green Bay Packers next Sunday. Ollie thinks his team will halt the Packers on the ground, but fears the results of Tobin Rote's passing. "No matter how good our defensive backs are, they won't be able to stop Rote completely if he's hot," moaned Ollie. "I guess the only thing to do is outscore them." Which might not be as ambitious an undertaking as it sounds if Mr. Matson stays in top form.



Coach Lisle Blackbourn of the Green Bay Packers beams as he wins the draw for the bonus choice Monday in the annual NFL draft at Philadelphia. The hat is held by

Bert Bell, league commissioner, while Ray Richards of the Cardinals tries to hide his disappointment at losing out. Blackbourn picked Paul Hornung of Notre Dame.

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**READY TO BATTLE CARDINALS**

THE RECORDS		
CARDINALS	GREEN BAY	
9-Cleveland	7 16-Detroit	20
35-New York	27 21-Bears	27
31-Washington	3 38-Baltimore	33
20-Philadelphia	6 42-L. Angeles	17
14-Wash.	17 21-Baltimore	28
28-Phila.	17 7-Cleveland	24
16-New York	23 14-Bears	38
7-Pittsburgh	14 10-S. Frisco	17
38-Pittsburgh	27 24-Detroit	20
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Dave Hanner, 250 pound Green Bay defensive tackle, who will try to cause Cardinals trouble in National league battle today in Comiskey park.

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## **PACKERS ADD JERRY SMITH**

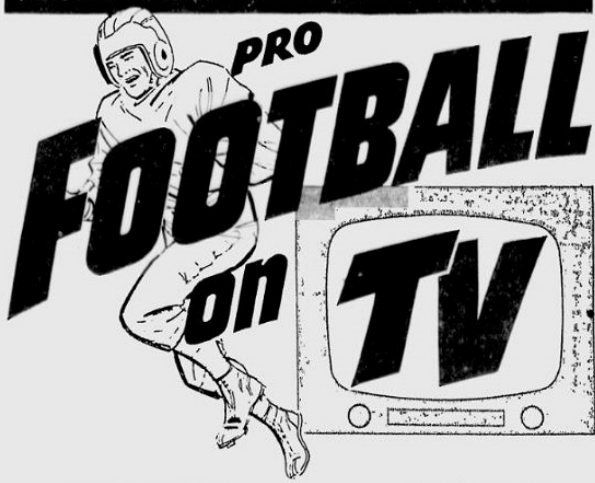
NOV 28 (Green Bay) - The Green Bay Packers announced Wednesday that Jerry Smith, former Wisconsin guard, has been placed on the club's active list. Smith was added to the list to replace center Larry Lauer, who was put on the injured reserve list after he broke his wrist in the Detroit Lions game on Thanksgiving Day. Smith played with the San Francisco 49ers in 1952 and 1953, then spent the past two years in the Army. He rejoined the 49ers this year but was released after the third game. He is a six-footer and weighs 235 pounds.

# **Weather Won't Hurt Pack Against Cards**

## **WEATHER WON'T HURT PACK AGAINST CARDS**

NOV 29 (Green Bay) - The weather is always a good starting subject. So: The Packers, being from the cold, cold north, apparently aren't bothered by the weather. They proved that in Detroit last Thursday; it was 25 degrees and they scored two of their three touchdowns in a close approach to a blizzard. But that was a game! How about practice? We'd be fibbing if we said the Packers didn't mind the cold during their daily workouts. It was around 25 yesterday during a concentrated offensive and defensive session of one hour on the swept-off stadium grass. With no enemy bones to bump around, the Packers found that "one hour was enough," Coach Liz Blackburn reported. Backs Howie Ferguson and Fred Cone were outfitted in sharper and narrower cleats on their shoes and they managed to bit into the frozen soil enough to permit quick starting. Ends Billy Howton and Gary Knafelc wore tennis shoes, which seemed to aid to their speed. The Packers are equipped with rubber-soled shoes - just in case Comiskey park is like a slab for Sunday's Packer-Cardinal game. The field likely will be covered but 20 to 25-degree weather will freeze it anyway - unless Card owner Walter Wolfner decides to invest in some hay. Another short but frozen drill is on tap for this afternoon, and the temperatures were due to range around 25. One thing is sure: With the extra layoff from Thursday's game and the short abbreviated drills, the Packers will be ready to cut loose Sunday. The weather this week also should make the Packers just about weather-proof Sunday. In fact, weatherman Herb Bomalaski reported today that Chicago weather Sunday will be in the mid-30's and "no snow." The heavy snow there last Sunday already has disappeared. After this week's deep freeze, the Packers now face the pleasant prospect of going "south" to a comparatively "warmer" climate. Chicago is not only south of Green Bay but Comiskey park in on the southside of Chicago...The Packers and Cardinals have opposite worries - at least in the newspapers. Chicago scribes claim the Cardinals fear the Packers' aerial game. It's no secret up here that the Packers are concerned with the Cards' ground machine. Each team has a legitimate worry because the Packers are second in the league in passing, and the Cardinals are second in rushing...Green Bay had two most valuable players on last night's Quarterback club program - Bill Forester, who received the honor for his performance in the Chicago Bear game a week ago Sunday, and Nate Borden, for his play in the Detroit classic Thanksgiving Day. Each received a wrist watch from Fairmont Foods Co. Blackburn may have been suffering from a cold, but you'd never know it by the way he was beaming over the Detroit victory at the QB meeting. It was Blackburn's last appearance since the team leaves for the west coast and two games right after Sunday's contest. Jack Vainisi, the Packers' administrative aide and scout, will conduct the final three programs. Before answering questions, Blackburn thanked Quarterbackers for their attendance and interest. In answer to a question, the coach reported that the club owes its fifth choice in the draft to the Cleveland Browns in the John Sandusky trade and will receive a sixth pick from the Cardinals for Tom Dahms...Speaking of Dahms, the former Packers offensive right tackle - the position now handled by Sandusky, will start at offensive left tackle for the Cardinals. Dahms has been an important cog in the Card line - just as Sandusky has been with the Pack...BRIEFS: Packer general manager Verne Lewellen was in Minneapolis today to discuss the possibility of the Packers playing for a non-league game there in '57. The Packers haven't played there since '54...Vainisi went to Detroit to extend the official welcome to first draft choice Ron Kramer to the Packer family. Kramer can't be signed until next summer since he plays with the Michigan varsity basketball team and competes in track. The Packers' bonus choice, Paul Hornung of Notre Dame, will be in action this weekend when the Irish close at Southern California...The Packers will depart from their usual hotel procedure in Chicago this weekend, headquartering at the Del

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**GREEN BAY PACKERS**

No.	Name	Pos.	No.	Name	Pos.
15	Starr, Bart	QB	63	Skibinski, Joe	G
18	Rote, Tobin	QB	65	Bellis, Tom	G
22	Roberts, Bill	HB	66	Teleak, Deral	G
23	Young, Glenn	HB	68	Staforyn, Len	G
25	Losch, Jack	HB	69	Forrester, Bill	G
27	Gorgal, Ken	HB	72	Helluin, Jerry	T
31	Cone, Fred	FB	74	Zalkoff, Roger	T
37	Ferguson, Howie	FB	75	Gregg, Forrest	T
40	Johnson, Joe	HB	76	Skoronski, Bob	T
44	Dillon, Bobby	HB	77	Sandusky, John	T
46	Gremminger, Hank	HB	79	Hannor, Dave	T
47	Walker, Val Joe	HB	80	Deschaine, Dick	E
48	Carmichael, Al	HB	81	Knutson, Gene	E
51	Ringo, Jim	.C	83	Martinkovic, John	E
58	Smith, Jerry	G	84	Knafelc, Gary	E
62	Brown, Buddy	G	86	Howton, Bill	E
			87	Borden, Nete	E

**CHICAGO CARDINALS**

No.	Name	Pos.	No.	Name	Pos.
8	McFarr, Lamar	QB	62	Dillich, John	E
12	Roach, John	QB	64	Hogland, Doug	E
17	Root, Jim	QB	65	Husmann, Ed	E
20	Lewis, Woodley	HB	67	Konovsky, Bob	E
22	Burl, Alex	HB	70	Jennings, Jack	E
33	Matson, Ollie	HB	71	Dalms, Tom	E
35	Childress, Joe	FB	72	Ulrich, Chuck	E
36	Olczewski Johnny	FB	74	Teoews, Len	E
40	Crow, Lindon	HB	75	Paquesi, Tony	E
41	Hill, Jim	HB	76	Jagielski, Harry	E
44	Mann, Dave	HB	80	Stonifer, Don	E
49	Bernardi, Frank	HB	81	Lane, Dick	E
50	Simmans, Jack	C	82	Bionemann Tom	E
51	Sanford, Leo	.C	83	Boydston, Max	E
55	West, Stan	C	84	Sugar, Leo	E
57	Bretschneider, Carl	C	85	Summerall Pat	E
			89	Weber, Charles	E

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**HORNUNG, KRAMER NAMED TO UNITED PRESS ALL-AMERICA**

NOV 29 (New York) - Quarterback Paul Hornung and end Ron Kramer, who were drafted by the Green Bay Packers, have been chosen on the United Press All-America first team. Hornung of Notre Dame was the Packers' bonus choice and Kramer of Michigan was the first round pick. Both players also were chosen on the All America team by the United Press last year. Two of three other players chosen by Green Bay won mention on the United Press poll. Carl Vereen of Georgia Tech was listed among the five leading tackles and halfback Joe Wells of Clemson won mention among backfield leaders. End Dave Howard was the only University of Wisconsin player to receive mention.

**KRAMER, HORNUNG PACKER POSTS SET?**

NOV 29 (Ann Arbor, MI) - Ron Kramer, Michigan's big end, will play right halfback, and Notre Dame quarterback Paul Hornung will play left half for the Packers. That was the report Thursday from Jack Vainisi, talent scout for the Packers. He arrived in Ann Arbor for preliminary talks with Kramer. Hornung was Green Bay's bonus pick in the NFL draft Monday. Kramer was Green Bay's choice on the first regular round. Kramer won't be signed to a contract until next spring, Vainisi said. He has eligibility remaining as a basketball star and trackman for the university. "He'll be Green Bay's right halfback or slot-back as we call it - to make use of his pass-catching, blocking and ball carrying ability," Vainisi said. Vainisi did not say why Hornung would be switched. Green Bay already has two fine pass receivers in ends Billy Howton and Gary Knafelc, and a veteran quarterback in Tobin Rote. Kramer's college coach, Bernie Oosterbaan, a one-time All-America end himself, threatened to use Kramer at right half this season in an emergency, but the situation never came up.

**CARDS COMMIT FOE'S GAME TO 'ROTE' MEMORY**

NOV 29 (Chicago Tribune) - Coach Ray Richards is putting a heavy accent on defensive work this week as he prepares the Chicago Cardinals for Sunday's Comiskey park battle with the resurgent Green Bay Packers. The Packers, who aren't going anywhere in the current NFL race, to gargantuan heights in knocking down the Detroit Lions in last week's Thanksgiving day classic. They did it by exploiting a Detroit weakness on short passes over the middle. Richards intends to make certain the Cardinals fall no such easy prey to the passes of Tobin Rote, though admitting that when the Packer quarterback is "hot", he is almost unstoppable. "Our main job is to make sure we have no such glaring vulnerability as the Lions showed last week," the Cardinal coach said. "Green Bay finally took advantage of it in the last quarter." The Cardinals escaped without injury from their victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers.

**CARDINALS FEAR ROTE'S PASSING**

NOV 29 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - Ollie Matson, one of pro football's greatest all-around backs, made one of the biggest understatements of the season Wednesday when he said: "I think we will be able to halt the Packers on the ground Sunday, but no matter how good our defensive backs are they won't

be able to stop (Tobin) Rote completely if he's hot." Mr. Matson then added, "I guess the only thing to do is outscore them." To enlighten the whole Cardinal team before Sunday's game at Comiskey Park, Coach Liz Blackburn's Packers don't run the ball - well, hardly ever. They don't have to run the way Rote is flipping the ball to Billy Howton, Gary Knafelc, Howie Ferguson, Joe Johnson, Fred Cone and Jack Losch - yes, seven receivers. Rote's arm klunked the Lions, 24-20, and it has produced 16 touchdowns and 1,714 yards, No other passer in the league comes close to matching this performance. Now Ollie himself could be more than an equalizer Sunday. The 6-2, 210 pound halfback had one of his finest days last Sunday, gaining 159 yards and scoring two touchdowns in the Cardinals' 38-27 victory over the Steelers. The performance enabled Matson to succeed Charlie Trippi as the club's greatest producer of yardage within a single season. Matson now has gained 748 yards, an all-time Cardinal record. Trippi's mark was 690, set in 1948. Blackburn, realizing that his club has had trouble with runners like Lenny Moore of the Colts, Rick Casares of the Bears and Hugh McElhenny of the 49ers, must now design a trap to catch Mr. Matson - the fastest of them all. Cardinal assistant coach Bob Nowasky gave this warning: "Matson is always a threat. Even with three or four tacklers hanging onto him, he can break loose. You can't knock him down by just bumping him; he's liable to knock you down in return." Matson moved within 26 yards of Casares in the race for the individual ball carrying championship. Blackburn's gang, well rested after a four-day vacation, has found it almost impossible drilling on the frozen turf at City Stadium. Liz said the ball carriers can only run straight ahead. The wintry setting will be left behind after Sunday's game when the Packers entrain for California. They will set up camp at the Sonoma Mission Inn in preparation for the 49er game December 8 and then leave for Pasadena prior for the finale at Los Angeles.

**PRO'S TALENT DISTRIBUTION PLAN STILL IN NEED OF REVISION**

NOV 29 (Milwaukee Sentinel - Lloyd Larson) -

In the early days of professional football, each club was free to negotiate with and sign players of its own choice. Success in lining up new talent was based strictly on bidding and/or persuasion. By 1934, owners came to realize that if the sport was to survive, some new talent distribution system must be devised. There was no share-the-wealth principle involved. Merely recognition that some semblance of equality of competition must be maintained over a period of time if a major sport is to grow and prosper. Under the old plan, it was possible for two or three clubs to skim off the cream and practically put rival outfits over the barrel before a season started. So the draft rule was adopted, to go into effect after the 1935 season, if memory serves. From that time on, the leading college stars were up for grabs one at a time, with each club taking a whack at the player pool in reverse order of finish in the final standings. The last place club had first choice and so on up to the top of the heap, with the champion getting last "dibs". Things went along that way for quite a spell. But finally, after the 1946

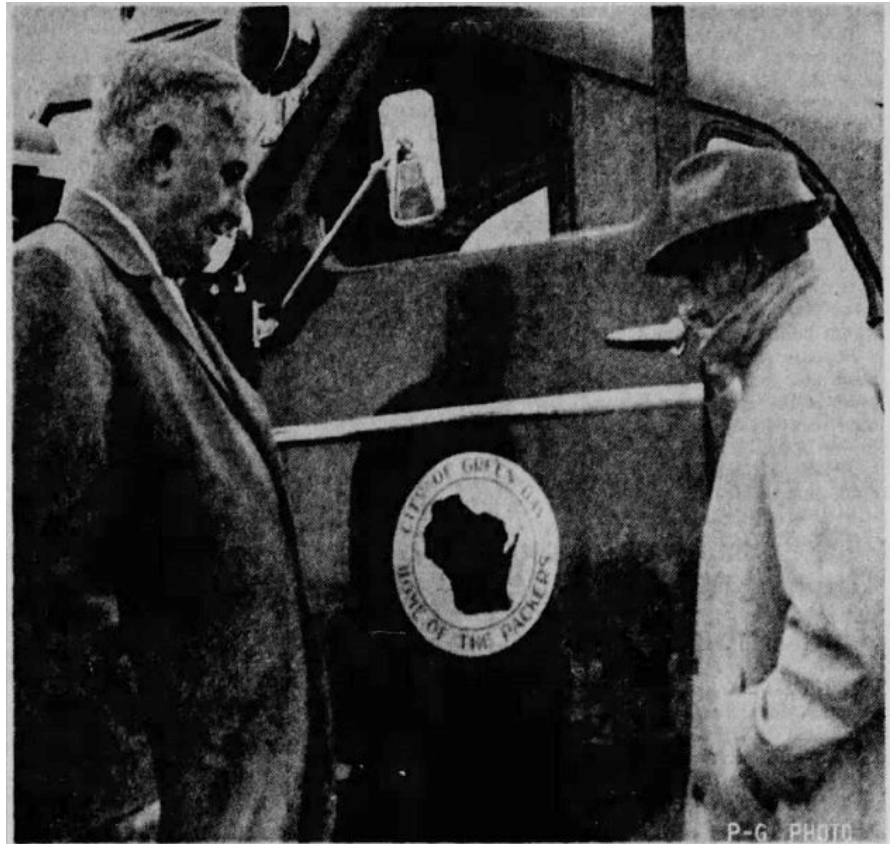


**Top Choices** — Notre Dame quarterback Paul Hornung (left) and Michigan end Ron Kramer were the Packers' top picks in today's early National Football League collegiate player draft in Philadelphia. Hornung was taken when the Packers won the bonus choice. Kramer as the No. 1 pick in the regular draft.



**Kramer Lineman of the Week**—Ron Kramer, the University of Michigan's gigantic flanker who was the Packers' No. 1 choice in the National Football League's early collegiate draft Monday, turns his black eye to the camera at Ann Arbor, Mich., Wednesday after being selected as the Associated Press lineman of the week. He got the shiner last Saturday in the Wolverines' 19-0 victory over Ohio State. He was all over the Ohio Stadium gridiron shattering opponents with blocks and tackles as Michigan beat the Buckeyes for the first time since 1953. Was he pleased? Sure he was and so was Coach Bennie Oosterbaan, who said the award was well deserved. (AP Photofax)

season, it was deemed wise to cook up another gimmick - the bonus pick...LONG WAIT FOR PACKERS: So that angle was added to the annual drafting ceremonies of January, 1947. The weakness was that all clubs, strong as well as weak, were immediately eligible to draw for a bonus extra. It was strictly a grab-bag deal. The only consolation for weaker clubs: Ultimately, all would get a kick at the cat because the winner of the draw each year would become ineligible until completion of the round robin. Look at the way that worked out for the Packers, who have been in dire need of material ever since the bonus system came into being. They finally made it this time - the eleventh beneficiary. Only the Chicago Cardinals will have to wait longer. The Cards' chance comes automatically next year. Presumably the plan is to resume the luck draw round robin two years hence. But before that time arrives, the club owners and Commissioner Bert Bell should take a long and serious look at the system - again, with balanced competition in mind. The thing to do, I feel, is to do something for the have-nots - like giving the last place club in each division an extra pick or at least confining the draw to all second division team. The top outfits certainly don't need any extra lifts...



**Packers Fired Up**—Everyone knew it, but now it's official. The new green and gold insignia on this city fire truck reads "The City of Green Bay—Home of the Packers." Here Mayor Otto Rachals and Fire Chief Dave Zuidmulder, a former Packer back, look over the emblem displayed on the city's new pumper which was put in action today.

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# Packers Hold Successful Drill in 17-Degree Weather

## In the Cards?

### NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
New York	6	2	1	.750	208	152
Chi. Cards	6	3	0	.667	192	141
Washington	5	3	0	.625	133	138
Philadelphia	3	5	1	.375	105	158
Pittsburgh	3	6	0	.333	157	192
Cleveland	3	6	0	.333	119	132

### Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Chi. Bears	7	1	1	.875	305	180
Detroit	7	2	0	.778	192	133
Baltimore	4	4	0	.500	210	224
GREEN BAY	3	6	0	.333	199	234
San Francisco	2	6	1	.250	145	230
Los Angeles	2	7	0	.222	198	249

### Sunday's Games

#### GREEN BAY AT CHICAGO CARDINALS (1:05, WJPG, WBAY-TV).

Chicago Bears at Detroit  
Los Angeles at Pittsburgh  
San Francisco at Baltimore  
Washington at New York  
Philadelphia at Cleveland

### Probable Offensive Starters:

PACKERS	LE	CARDINALS
Knafele	LE	Stonesifer
Skoronski	LT	Dahms
Szafaryn	LG	Hoglund
Ringo	C	Simmons
Gregg	RG	Dittrich
Sandusky	RT	Jennings
Howton	RE	Boydston
Rote	QB	Root
Ferguson	LH	Matson
Johnson	RH	Childress
Cone	FB	Olszewski

### Packer-Cardinal Series:

Packers Won 30, Cardinals Won 19, 3 tied; Points—Packers 789, Cardinals 574.

## PACKERS HOLD SUCCESSFUL DRILL IN 17-DEGREE WEATHER

NOV 30 (Green Bay) - The Packers came off the field yesterday with tears in their eyes. And they could hardly talk. But they were laughing! Sounds like a what-is-it riddle, but just try exercising violently for an hour and a half in 17-degree weather and you'll get the answer to today's puzzle. The eyes and noses were dripping when the 33 Thick Bloods stepped into the warm dressing room; the mouths were stiff and there was a rare silence for a couple of minutes for thawing purposes. Actually, the athletes weren't laughing; they were "cracking" icy smiles. Off in the coaches' sanctum, Coach Liz Blackburn opined that "we're making history," pointing out that "this may be our second last practice here." The final workout in City Stadium was held this afternoon; the team will be on the road for the last three games; and next year the Bays hope to work near the new stadium. Coaching aide Scooter McLean pointed a shivering finger at the rug on the floor: "And that's going too - to the new stadium," to which Liz added: "We'll get it (the rug) cleaned and put it down." That rug, about three stripes of carpeting, has been on the floor of the coaches' tiny room for years, it seems. And it's in pretty good shape, having survived stomping, snow, slush, mud and

water. These words are not intended to detract from the rugged task ahead, which would be the Cardinal-Bay clash in Chicago's Comiskey Park Sunday. The Packers didn't labor in the 17-degree temperature for nothing. The enthusiasm displayed on the "concrete" floor of the stadium indicated that the Packers are dead set on kicking the Cardinals out of contention in the Eastern division and add to their chances of producing a six-six season. Blackburn felt that the practice was successful in view of the cold. By comparison, today's drill was in summery weather - about 30! The team will drill in Chicago shortly after arrival Saturday afternoon. Most of the practice was spent on defense against the Cards' terrorizing running game, headed by the slippery Ollie Matson - not to mention Johnny Olszewski and Joe Childress. The Bays' aerial defense also had to be polished up, with Tobin Rote, wearing a glove on his non-passing hand, and Bart Starr, serving as the Cards' two quarterback aces, Lamar McHan and Jim Root. While the Cardinals are thought of chiefly as a running team, they scored half of their 24 touchdowns by passing. And they've completed an even 50 percent of their pass attempts for 1,035 yards. The Packers also spent some time working on offense and appeared to be lightning fast. The Bays aren't slow by any stretch of the imagination but the fact that they were wearing tennis shoes tended to double their speed. Everybody but few linemen wore rubber-soled shoes and after practice every player was ordered to be ready with "tennies" just in case the Comiskey Park turf is frozen solid. The Chicago gridiron is half covered - just the part of the field that is worn down to bare ground. Though temperatures have dropped into the 20s in Chicago this week, it is expected to go up close to 40 today and Saturday and stay about 35 for the game Sunday. No snow is predicted...SMITH

## CARD VICTORY OVER PACKERS A MUST TODAY

Guard Against Rote's Aerial Threat

### Home Finale

PACKERS	CARDINALS
Gary Knafele	L. E. Dun Stonesifer
Bob Skoronski	L. P. Tom Dahms
Joe Skibinski	L. G. Doug Hoglund
Jim Ringo	G. Jack Simmons
Forrest Gregg	R. G. John Dittrich
John Sandusky	R. T. Jack Jennings
Bill Howton	E. E. Max Boydston
Tobin Rote	Q. B. Jim Root
Jack Loech	L. H. Ollie Matson
Al Carmichael	R. H. Joe Childress
Mavis Ferguson	F. B. John Olszewski
Coaches—Liz Blackburn, Packers; Ray Richards, Cardinals.	
Referee—Robert Austin, St. Ambrose. Umpire—Joseph Connell, Pittsburgh. Back Judge—James Hamer, California State Teachers. Head Linesman—Samuel Cooperman, Muhlshberg. Field Judge—William Grimberr, Villanova.	
Kickoff—1:05 p. m.	
Radio broadcast—WCFL.	

**IN DEBUT:** The Packers will be in good physical condition for the key contest and that includes linebacker Roger Zatkoff who is trainer Bud Jorgensen's main patient this week. Zatkoff has a shoulder injury. One player will make his debut Sunday - Jerry Smith, the former Wisconsin guard, who played with the San Francisco Forty Niners in 1952-53 before going into service. Jerry, who played with the famed Wisconsin Hard Rocks along with Deral Teteak, started with the 49ers this season and joined the Pack recently. Smith replaces Larry Lauer, who was placed on the injured reserve list this week. The Bays leave for Chicago on the 10:25 North Western Saturday morning. They'll headquarter at the Del Prado Hotel and leave for San Francisco and the Sonoma Mission Inn training camp by train at 6:30 Sunday evening.

**BACKS PLEASE RICHARDS**

**NOV 30 (Chicago Tribune)** - On the south side, Ray Richards of the Cardinals said yesterday he was "very, very satisfied" with the starting backfield used in the victory over the Steelers last weekend. He said he will string along with the same array Sunday, when the Cards meet the Green Bay Packers in Comiskey park. Richards again will call upon Jim Root as his opening quarterback. Lamar McHan, back in the good graces of the Cardinals after last week's temporary suspension, will be available for relief duty. Rookie Joe Childress, off a great showing against the Steelers, again will open at right halfback. He'll be joined by veterans Ollie Matson at left half and Johnny Olszewski at fullback.

**CARD CHANGE OFFENSE - AND WIN**

**NOV 30 (Milwaukee Sentinel)** - Last season the Cardinals were rinky dinks in professional football. Today they're title contenders. The secret to success could be the change in the basic offense designed by Coach Ray Richards. The Chicago schemer discarded the straight T and employed the split T. As a result the Cardinals have passed an average of only 16 times a game this year compared with 23 times per game last season. With more emphasis on running, Ollie Matson and Johnny Olszewski are having their greatest year. Oh, the Chicago South Siders haven't grounded their aerial attack. In nine game their quarterbacks have

# The Leaders

Leading Ground Gainers				
	Att	Yds	LG	Av
Casares, Bears	178	774	50	4.3
Matson, Cards	145	748	79	5.2
McElhenny, SF	141	677	86	4.8
Gifford, NY	118	614	69	5.2
Ameche, Balt.	112	595	43	5.3
Waller, LA	83	543	46	6.5
Carpenter, Cleve.	128	528	30	4.1
Webster, NY	133	487	34	3.7
Olszewski, Cards	116	458	34	3.9
Moore, Balt.	56	447	79	8.0
Longest run: 86 yards, Hugh McElhenny, San Francisco vs. Green Bay, 11/18/56, TD.				

Leading Passers						
	Att	Com	Yds	Tdp	Int	Av
Brown, Bears	124	78	1400	10	11	29
Shaw, Balt.	70	42	594	3	7	8.49
Wade, LA	154	81	1306	9	12	8.48
Unitas, Balt.	105	57	887	6	5	8.45
McHan, Cards	105	52	852	10	5	8.11
Morrall, SF	78	38	621	1	6	7.96
Layne, Det.	204	105	1562	5	13	7.66
Rote, GB	234	112	1714	16	9	7.32
Th'son, Phil.	136	68	953	4	19	7.01
Conerly, NY	134	70	913	8	5	6.81
Tittle, SF	154	84	1017	2	9	6.60
V'Brin, LA	92	44	580	4	12	6.30
L'Baron, Wash.	72	38	430	3	7	5.97
M'broda, Pitt.	223	101	1282	9	15	5.75
Longest Completion: 79 yards, William McColl, Chicago Bears vs. New York, TD, 11/25/56.						

Leading Pass Receivers				
	Recd	Yds	LG	TD
Wilson, SF	42	617	46	1
Hill, Bears	41	968	79	9
Howton, GB	39	979	66	11
Gifford, NY	37	474	48	2
Walston, Phil.	28	463	51	2
Carson, Wash.	28	355	26	2
Dibble, Det.	27	520	56	1
Hirsch, LA	27	505	76	6
Clarke, LA	26	513	60	3
Berry, Balt.	26	448	49	1
Middleton, Det.	26	378	56	3
Knafec, GB	25	332	32	6
Longest Completion: 79 yards, Harlon Hill, Chicago Bears vs. New York, TD, 11/25/56.				

Leading Scorers								
	t	d	r	tp	xp	fg	fga	tp
Layne, Det.	4	0	4	21	11	14	78	
Casares, Bears	11	1	12	0	0	0	72	
Howton, GB	0	11	11	0	0	0	66	
Blanda, Bears	0	0	0	38	0	20	65	
Hill, Bears	0	10	10	0	0	0	60	
Soltau, SF	0	1	1	16	11	16	55	
Webster, NY	5	4	9	0	0	0	54	
Baker, Wash.	0	0	0	11	14	19	53	
Cone, GB	1	1	2	25	4	7	49	
S'merall, Cards.	0	0	0	24	8	16	48	
Best Performance One Game: 24 points, Richard Casares, Chicago Bears vs. San Francisco, 10/28/56.								

Leading Punters					
	Std	No	Ave	L	TDs
Van Brocklin, LA	1	37	43.8	72	
Deschaine, GB	2	47	43.1	57	
Morrison, Cleve.	3	28	42.6	70	
Burk, Phil.	4T	48	42.3	62	
Baker, Wash.	4T	33	42.3	56	
Chandler, NY	6	44	41.6	63	
Lary, Det.	7	30	41.3	57	
Brown, Bears	8	30	41.2	53	
Glatz, Pitt.	9	25	39.4	60	
Baldacci, Pitt.	10	26	38.8	64	
Longest Punt: 72 yards, Norm Van Brocklin, Los Angeles vs. Chicago Bears, 11/4/56.					

Punt Return Leaders					
	No	Yds	Ave	L	TDs
Konz, Cleve.	9	138	15.3	65	1
Bernardi, Cards	15	211	14.1	95	1
Perry, Pitt.	11	127	11.5	46	0
Taseff, Balt.	20	206	10.3	90	1
Keller, Phil.	15	146	9.7	40	0
Sherman, LA	9	86	9.6	76	1
Carmichael, GB	15	128	8.5	31	0
Tunnell, NY	16	97	6.1	10	0
Cassady, Det.	9	51	5.7	34	0
Paul, Cleve.	10	52	5.2	17	0
Longest Return: 95 yards, Frank Bernardi, Chicago Cards vs. Washington, TD, 10/14/56.					

Kickoff Return Leaders					
	No	Yds	Ave	L	TDs
Wilson, LA	14	455	32.5	103	1
Matson, Cards	10	302	30.2	105	1
Carmichael, GB	20	602	30.1	106	1
Bingham, Bears	12	333	27.8	100	1
Arenas, SF	20	534	26.7	90	1
Losch, GB	11	278	25.3	51	0
Waller, LA	11	276	25.1	40	0
Carpenter, Cleve.	10	250	25.0	42	0
Perry, Pitt.	9	219	24.3	38	0
Cassady, Det.	13	312	24.0	42	0
Longest Return: 106 yards**, Albert Carmichael, Green Bay vs. Chicago Bears, 10/7/56, TD. **League record.					

Interception Leaders				
	No	Yds	TDs	L
Dillon, GB	7	244	1	45
Hecker, Wash.	7	26	0	14
Lane, Cards	6	185	1	66
Crow, Cards	6	128	0	42
David, Det.	6	4	0	3
Caroline, Bears	5	176	2	59
Christiansen, Det.	5	61	0	33
Lary, Det.	5	61	0	31
Moegle, SF	5	44	0	21
Longest Return: 66 yards, Richard Lane, Chicago Cardinals vs. New York, TD, 10/7/56.				

pitched 12 touchdown passes compared to 14 TD tosses for the whole '55 season. Matson, going into Sunday's game with the Packers at Comiskey Park, is only 23 yards behind Rick Casares of the Bears as the NFL's best runner and needs only 399 yards in his remaining three games to break the all-time league mark of 1,146 yards set by Steve Van Buren of Philadelphia in 1949. Johnny O's best effort - prior to this year - was his freshman season when he gained 386 yards. He now has 458 yards and, if he maintains this average, could go well over 600 yards - a Cardinal achievement made by Charlie Trippi (690) and broken this season by Matson (748). The Packers must not only contend with Matson and Olszewski but with rookie halfback Joe Childress as well. Childress, the Cardinals' first draft choice from Auburn, has earned himself a starting berth with his low, line crushing running. Jim Root, who guided the Cardinals to a 38-27 victory over the Steelers last Sunday, will again start at quarterback, with Lamar McHan, the problem fellow, ready to take over when needed. A couple of former Wisconsin linemen, John Dittrich and Bob Konovsky, have really caught fire as pros. Dittrich, 6-1, 230, is a starter at guard on offense and Konovsky, 6-2, 245, plays both ways, also at guard. The Cardinals are in a three-way race for the Eastern Division title and must beat the Packers Sunday to remain a serious threat. Washington and New York, the other contenders, play each other Sunday. Green Bay, inspired after beating Detroit Thanksgiving Day, has the potential

to dump the Chicagoans if Tobin Rote is on the beam again. Rote triggered the Packers to a 31-14 decision over the Cards in Green Bay last fall. This will be the 53rd meeting between the rivals. The lowest scoring game was one in which neither team could get on the scoreboard, 0-0, in 1936. The highest score was a 55-24 Packer win at Green Bay in 1942.

### **PACKERS SHOOT FOR BIG VICTORY AGAINST CARDINALS**

DEC 1 (Chicago-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Things have been going pretty good for the Packers in the last 10 days. They upset the Detroit Lions 24 to 20 before 50 million television fans Thanksgiving Day and three days later plucked the nation's two top collegians with two strokes of luck in the draft - bonus choice Paul Hornung and first pick Ron Kramer. Now comes another opportunity to do something big - beating the Chicago Cardinals in Comiskey Park here Sunday afternoon. A Green Bay victory would just about knock the Red Shirts out of the Eastern division championship - just as Detroit was virtually tumbled of the Western contention last Turkey Day. What's more, a triumph would fatten the Packers' chances of finishing with a six-six record - same a year ago. Green Bay invades San Francisco and Los Angeles after Sunday. The Pack will be looking for its fourth win; the Cards their seventh. Kickoff is set for 1:05 and a crowd of only 20,000 is expected despite the lofty position of the Cards and the importance of the battle. Temperatures will be in the mid-30's and no snow is expected, but the Packers will be equipped with rubber-soled shoes and snow shovels - just in case. The Cardinals will be favored by about seven points to win and remain in the stiff Eastern division race, which would make it an upset if the Packers win. Off what the two clubs did in their previous games, Sunday's test looms as a battle between the Packers' aerial fireworks and the Cardinals' ground bombing. It could turn out just the opposite, but the statistics for the clubs' first nine games show that the Bays are No. 2 in passing in the league and the Cards are No. 2 in rushing. Green Bay's big hope than would be pitcher Tobin Rote and a flock of catchers headed by Billy Howton and Gary Knafelc. Against Detroit, Howton, Knafelc and three backs - Howie Ferguson, Fred Cone and Joe Johnson, were able to get down for passes. The Cards undoubtedly have taken steps to combat their five-receiver offense. If they do, the Packers will have to gain on the ground, and that's up to Ferguson, Cone, Johnson and Rote - not to mention a tough performance by the offensive line. The Packer defense, which has permitted an average of only 18 points in the last two games, will have to stop the Cards' chief "honesty" man - Ollie Matson, whose great running (he ranks second in the league) has helped make the passing of Jim Root and Lamar McHan quite effective. In other words, the Packers can't set their defense back for passing with a guy like Matson - plus Johnny Olszewski and Joe Childress - running loose...ONE QUESTION MARK: Packer coach Liz Blackbourn says he'll go with the offense that produced unbounded joy in Packerland a week ago Thursday. That would put Rote at QB, Ferguson at left half, Cone at fullback and Johnson at right half, with Jack Losch and Al Carmichael alternating with Johnson behind a line composed of Knafelc and Howton at ends, Bob Skoronski and John Sandusky at tackle, Len Szafaryn and Forrest Gregg at guards, and Jim Ringo at center. The Bays have one question mark on defense - linebacker Roger Zatkoff, who is still sporting a damaged shoulder, but will be ready to start. Due to the Cards' running strength, Blackbourn likely will keep his linebackers busy. The Packers are staying at the Del Prado Hotel here tonight. They'll leave Chicago Sunday evening for San Francisco and will start training at Boyes Spring, Calif., Tuesday for the Forty Niner game next Saturday afternoon.

### **CARDS' COACH PLOTS WAY TO STOP ROTE**

DEC 1 (Chicago Tribune) - Coach Ray Richards thinks he has the answer to a question which has puzzled NFL coaches since a young man fresh out of Rice Institute joined the Green Bay Packers six years ago. The question: How to stop Tobin Rote's passing. Richards' answer: Don't let him have the ball. Richards' Chicago Cardinals will try to put his philosophy into into practice tomorrow in Comiskey park week the Cardinal coaches have been talking ball control in drill sessions. "Of course we expect our defense to do its part, too," Richards said yesterday. "We feel that our defense is as good as any in the league. We're not going to let Rote make suckers out of us. But the best way to keep him from throwing those touchdown passes is to keep the ball ourselves. That's not a new idea, of course. We're simply going to try to do a little better job of carrying it out than some of the other Packers' foes." The Card coach said he thinks his team has recaptured the offensive spark which produced an early season streak of four consecutive victories. "If we can keep moving the ball like we did last Sunday against the Steelers, we'll have possession the majority of the time. If Rote doesn't have the ball, he can't throw it."

### **CARD VICTORY OVER PACKERS A MUST TODAY**

DEC 2 (Chicago Tribune) - Chicago's Cardinals will conclude their home season today against the Green Bay Packers - PROBABLY. There's a chance that the football may bounce once more on Comiskey park sod before the year is over. Whether the Cards win today's contest will help to determine that. The NFL title game is scheduled to be played December 30 in the home park of the Eastern division champion. So the Cards, of course, could guarantee that the playoff will be held on Chicago's south side by winning their divisional race. Victory over the Packers is a necessary first step in achievement of that objective. The Cards are a half game out of first place behind the New York Giants. A Cardinal triumph over Green Bay, coupled with a Giant loss to the Washington Redskins today would put the south siders on top of the heap. It is doubtful, however, whether the Cards can expect the Redskins to duplicate their victory of two weeks ago over New York. Since then, Washington has been beset by injuries, and the Giants appear to have grown stronger. The Packers, off their seasonal record of three verdicts against six defeats, do not appear to be in the same class with the Cardinals, who have compiled a 6 and 3 mark. The Cards have been installed as six point favorites. But Green Bay's unimpressive record belies both the

Packers' Thanksgiving day upset of the highly regarded Detroit Lions and the presence of Tobin Rote in the lineup. The Packers have perked up a bit since downing the Lions, 24 to 20, on a three touchdown rally in the final quarter led by the magnificent Rote. Jim Root, who will start at quarterback for the second Sunday in a row, will do the throwing for the Cardinals. Lamar McHan, the south siders' regular signal caller until last week's temporary suspension, is expected to get into the game the minute Root shows signs of fatigue. Richards plans to start rookie Joe Childress of Auburn at right halfback. Childress, a surprise starter at the position last week, did a capable job of replacing Dave Mann, whose running has not been up to par this year.

## **Packers Shoot for Big Victory Against Cardinals**