

**Green Bay Packers (4-4) 31, Chicago Cardinals (3-4-1) 14**  
**Sunday November 13th 1955 (at Green Bay)**

# No. 4! Packers Take 31-0 Lead, Beat Cards 31-14

## Bays Even Slate at 4-4, Gain in Race

**20,104 Watch Rote Hurl Three TD Passes; Losers Work 98-Yard Play**

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

(GREEN BAY) - The Packers manhandled the Chicago Cardinals for the first three quarters at City Stadium Sunday afternoon and then coasted to a 31 to 14 NFL victory before 20,104. Roaring their fourth triumph - tying the '54 win total, the Packers thus closed out a perfect City Stadium season with three verdicts in three league starts. The Detroit Lions fell 20-17 and the Chicago Bears were toppled 24-3 in earlier games. Green Bay now is back in the thick of the torrid Western division championship race, resting just one game out of first place with an assist from the Bears, who downed Los Angeles 24-3. The Rams and Bears are tied at the top with 5-3 marks and the Packers and Baltimore are a notch back with 4-4 records. Who's next for the Pack? San Francisco in Milwaukee Sunday afternoon! Rolling up a 31 to 0 lead before dropping off their sharp beam, the Packers put a convincing finish to their three-game losing streak - 41 to 10 to Cleveland, 14-10 to Baltimore and 52-31 to the Bears. The win also ended a seven-game losing streak to the Cards. The Packers threatened to make a runaway of Sunday's battle, adding up a touchdown in the first quarter, two TDs and a field goal in the second and a touchdown in the third for the 31-0 edge before the Cardinals pushed across two in the fourth period. Packer quarterback Tobin Rote, floored with the intestinal flu most of the week, had a hand in all four touchdowns, throwing three TD passes and scoring one himself on a one-yard sneak. Rote pitched to Gary Knafelc for 25 yards and the first TD and 15 to Billy Howton for the second, sneaked a yard for the third, and hurled a 15-yarder to Al Carmichael for the fourth. Fred Cone booted a 42-yard field goal in the second period - his 12th in 19 attempts this season, and added four extra points to round out the Packer scoring. The Cardinals drove 84 yards for their first touchdown to start the fourth quarter, Mel Hammack plunging over from the one. With 5:15 left in the game, the Cardinals unfolded the second longest pass in league history - a 98-yard aerial play from quarterback Ogden Compton to end Dick (Night Train) Lane, who took the ball

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*versus*  
**PACKERS**  
**CHICAGO CARDINALS**  
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around the Cardinal 35 and out-distanced Val Joe Walker to the opposite goal line. The spectacular play was set up when Roger Zatkoff downed Dick Deschaine's punt on the Cardinal 2. The Cards could not gain in two runs so Compton went deep in the end zone and just barely got the ball away to Lane as Nate Borden charged in. Oddly enough, the maneuver tied the 98-yarder performed by the Cardinals of 1938 - Doug Russell to Gaynell Tinsley against the old Cleveland Rams. It was one yard short of the league mark of 99 set by QB Frank Filchok and receiver Andy Farkas of Washington against Pittsburgh in '39. While the long strike gave the Cards an aerial yardage advantage on the Packers, the Cards had little else to cheer about. The Packers had the situation well in hand in the first three frames. They scored the first time they had their hands on the ball, going 83 yards in six plays. They scored the third time, moving 77 yards in 11 plays. They scored the fifth time, going 49 yards in a dozen efforts, and the sixth time, counting on Cone's FG for a 24-0 halftime edge. Play tightened in the third quarter but with four minutes left the Packers went 49 yards in six plays to close out their scoring. In the first three frames, the Packers had the ball for 62 rushes and passes and the Cardinals for only 32, pointing out who was the master. The Packers didn't punt in the entire first half and rolled up 16 first downs to the Cards' two. The Cards were limited to only 27 yards rushing and 48 passing in the first half. The Packers produced 180 yards on the ground and 140 in the air in the first half. Rote completed only one pass in the second half - that to Carmichael for the TD, but had nine out of 18 in the first half. The Packer defense, while it was nicked for 14 points in the fourth quarter, kept the Cardinal offense from going wild with four pass interceptions - two by Bobby Dillon and one each by Walker and Doyle Nix, and recovered one fumble - by Dillon, all in the second half. Banged for 406 yards rushing by the Bears a week ago, the Packers limited the Cards to a modest 116 on the ground with crisp tackling and 226 in the air, including 98 on one stroke. The Packers finished with 343 yards, including 203 on the ground, and the Cards had 342. But the difference was in first downs - 24 for the Pack against 10 for the Cards. The Packers came up with a new face, so to speak - halfback Joe Johnson, who led both teams in rushing with 78 yards in 16 attempts behind sharp blocking. Fullback Howie Ferguson picked up 69 in 17 but had to retire with an injury in the fourth quarter. The Cards made the first down of the game - on three rushes after the opening kickoff, but the Packers quickly forced Charley Trippi to punt and set sail themselves. After two plays gained two from the 17, Rote hurled to Carmichael for 12, set Ferguson off for 14, hurled to Howton for 30 and then hit Knafelc in the end zone for the touchdown. Another Trippi punt was forced and the Packers moved to midfield on Ferguson and Breezy Reid runs but Lane intercepted a Rote pass. The Packer defense wouldn't budge again, so Trippi punted again, this time the Packers setting off from their own 23. Ferguson went six and Reid was injured on a three-yard gain after which Rote hurled to Howton for 7. On third down, Rote was trapped on a rollout but escaped and ran 23 yards to the Cardinal three. Ferguson went three, Johnson 13, Ferguson 4 and Ferguson eight to the 15 as the second quarter started. On first down, Howton made a leaping catch of Rote's pass on the goal line and dragged Bernardi into the end zone with him. Another Trippi punt and the Packers took off again. This time they went from their own 28 to the Cardinal 25, where the attack stalled and Cone tried a field goal from the 38. It was partially blocked by Pat Summerall. The Packers almost blocked Trippi's next punt as Veryl Switzer fair caught the ball on the Cards' 49. Johnson and Ferguson moved five yards and Rote six on two tries, including two on a fourth down sneak to the 38. Rote then hit Howton for 10 and Carmichael for 20 to the five. Rote sneaked to the one in two

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## NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

### Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	PS	OP
Chicago Bears	5	3	0	.625	218	154
Los Angeles	5	3	0	.625	169	162
GREEN BAY	4	4	0	.500	176	193
Baltimore	4	4	0	.500	133	153
San Francisco	3	5	0	.375	139	193
Detroit	2	6	0	.250	153	196

### Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	PS	OP
Cleveland	6	2	0	.750	208	138
Washington	5	3	0	.625	144	164
Pittsburgh	4	4	0	.500	143	163
Chicago Cards	3	4	1	.428	144	145
Philadelphia	3	4	1	.428	183	157
New York	3	5	0	.375	150	142

### Sunday's Results

GREEN BAY 31, CARDINALS 14.  
 Bears 24, Los Angeles 3.  
 Washington 7, San Francisco 0.  
 New York 17, Baltimore 7.  
 Detroit 31, Pittsburgh 28.  
 Philadelphia 33, Cleveland 17.

### Next Sunday's Games

GREEN BAY vs. SAN FRANCISCO at Milwaukee.  
 Bears at Detroit.  
 Los Angeles at Baltimore.  
 Philadelphia at New York.  
 Pittsburgh at Cleveland.  
 Washington at Cardinals.

### The Lineups:

#### CARDINALS

Ends—Stonesifer, Lane, Bienemann, Boydston, Sugar, Summerall, Nagler, Brubaker.

Tackles—Jennings, Ulrich, Teeuws, Delavan, Groom.

Guards—Thompson, Wallner, Hatley, Lange.

Centers—Simmons, Sanford.

Backs—McHan, Compton, Mann, Matson, Carr, Crow, Psaltis, Bernardi, Trippi, Olszewski, Hammack.

#### GREEN BAY

Ends—Knafelc, Howton, Martinkovic, Borden, O'Donahue, Deschaine.

Tackles—Dahms, Szafaryn, Helluin, Hanner, Lucky, Zatkoff.

Guards—Skibinski, Bullough, Forester, Spinks, Teteak.

Centers—Ringo, Bettis.

Backs—Rote, Reid, Switzer, Bookout, Johnson, Nix, Dillon, Walker, Carmichael, Ferguson, Cone.

Cardinals	0	0	0	14—14
Green Bay	7	17	7	0—31

Cardinal Scoring: Touchdowns—Hammack (1 yard, 2:45 of fourth quarter), Lane (98 yards, 9:45 of fourth. Extra points—Summerall.

Green Bay Scoring: Touchdowns—Knafelc (25-yard Rote pass, 5:40 of first), Howton (15-yard Rote pass, 4:0 of second), Rote (1 yard, 13:10 of second), Carmichael (15-yard Rote pass, 11:35 of third). Extra points—Cone 4. Field goal—Cone (42 yards, 14:30 of second).

Officials: Referee—Yans Wallace; umpire—Jim Crowe; head linesman—Dan Tehan; field judge—D. R. McMasters; back judge—Chuck Sweehey.

### Team Statistics

	Pack	Cards
First downs rushing	13	6
First downs passing	9	4
First downs penalties	2	0
Total first downs	24	10
Yards gained rushing	203	116
Yards gained passing	140	226
Total yards gained	343	342
Passes: Attempted	29	24
Completed	10	8
Had intercepted	2	4
Yards inter. pas. ret.	36	31
Punting:		
No. of punts by	6	6
Punting average	45½	45
No. of punts ret. by	6	3
Yards punts returned	25	49
Kickoffs: No. ret. by	3	6
Yards kickoffs ret.	83	88
Penalties: No. against	5	6
Yards lost by penalties	55	38
Fumbles: Number by	1	2
Ball lost by fumbles	0	2

### Individual Statistics

#### Rushing:

Cardinals: Mann gained 43 yards in 9 attempts, Carr 27 in 3, Olszewski 17 in 3, Matson 16 in 5, McHan 8 in 2, Hammack 1 in 4, Compton 0 in 1.

Green Bay: Johnson gained 78 yards in 16 attempts, Ferguson 69 in 17, Rote 35 in 7, Cone 22 in 3, Reid minus 1 in 5.

#### Passing:

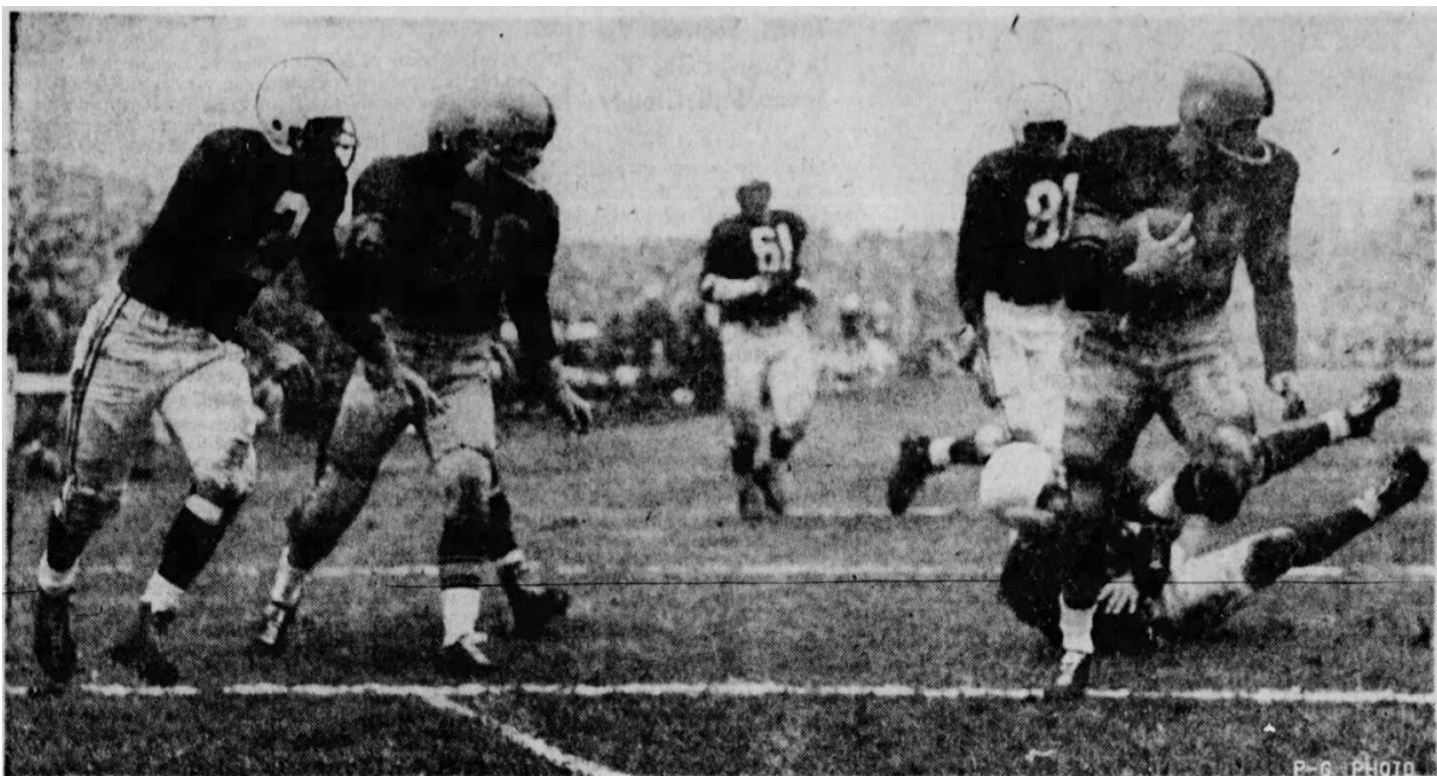
Cardinals: Compton attempted 13, completed 5 for 172 yards, 3 intercepted, 1 touchdown; McHan attempted 9, completed 2 for 11 yards, 1 intercepted; Matson attempted 1, completed 1 for 43 yards; Mann attempted 1, completed 0.

Green Bay: Rote attempted 29, completed 10 for 140 yards, 2 intercepted, 3 touchdowns.

#### Pass reception:

Cardinals: Lane caught 1 for 98 yards, Brubaker 1 for 43, Nagler 1 for 36, Carr 1 for 18, Hammack 1 for 10, Stonesifer 1 for 10, Mann 1 for 6, Olszewski 1 for 5.

Green Bay: Howton caught 4 for 64 yards, Carmichael 3 for 47, Knafelc 2 for 31, Ferguson 1 for minus 2.



**Al Crosses Big Line**—Al Carmichael (far right) steps into end zone, eluding last would-be Chicago Cardinal tackler (on ground) to score final Packer touchdown, after taking pass from Tobin Rote, in

third quarter of 31-14 victory at City Stadium Sunday. Packer watching, second from left, is Bill Howton (86). Also shown are Cards' Charlie Trippi (2), Fred Wallner (61) and Dick Lane (81).

cracks. Ferguson moved six inches and Rote went the last six for a 21-0 edge. Cone's next kickoff went short, bouncing off Leo Sugar. John Hatley tried to pick it up, fumbled it and Deral Teteak recovered on the Cardinal 32. Three passes lost two yards so Cone made his field goal. On the last play of the half, Ollie Matson passed 43 yards to Dick Brubaker on the Packer 27 - the Cards' second first down of the half. The two clubs exchanged errors to start the second half. After Johnson went 12 in two attempts, Lane intercepted a Rote pass. The Cards moved to the Packers' 43 on Matson's and Mann's running, but Johnny Olszewski fumbled and Dillon recovered on the 35. The Cards forced another Deschaine punt and started a drive but Dillon intercepted Compton's pass on the Packer 32 and returned nicely to the Cardinal 49. Johnson went up the middle 21 yards and hit left tackle for seven to the Card 22. Ferguson moved five and then two to the 15. Carmichael took Rote's throw on the five and cut into the end zone. After an exchange of punts, the Cards put on their 84-yard TD drive. Mann and Jim Carr ate up 25 yards but the big gainer was a 38-yard pass from Compton to Gern Nagler to the Packer six. An offside penalty set the Cards back but Compton threw to Hammack for 10 and Hammack crashed over on third down. Summerall added the extra point. Borden put the Cards in a hole by downing Deschaine's punt on the eight but the Cards moved out to the 25 on Compton's pass to Stonesifer. Dillon put a stop to that by intercepting on the Packer 42 and running to the 50. The Packers were clipping and they started from their own 32. Johnson went seven and Cone 10 off right tackle to the 49, but the Cards forced a punt, Zatkoff downing the ball on the two and setting up Lane's long gallop. After the 98-yard business, Walker and Nix intercepted passes to hold off the Cards. On Nix's interception, a fight developed in front of the Cardinal bench and Packers Bill Lucky and Bill Forester were ejected from the game.

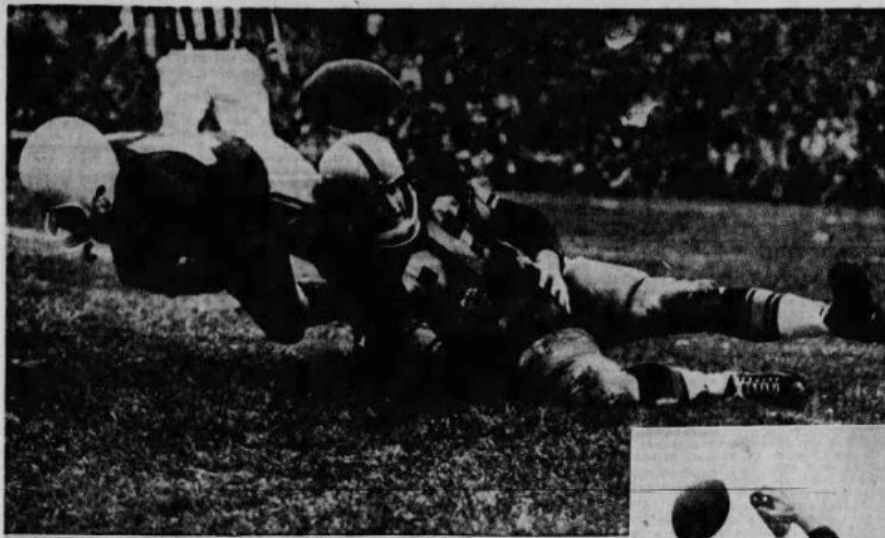
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	<u>CHICAGO</u>	<u>GREEN BAY</u>
First Downs	10	24
Rushing-Yards-TD	27-112-1	48-203-1
Att-Comp-Yd-TD-Int	24-8-226-1-4	29-10-140-3-2
Sacked-Yards	1-5	2-18
Net Passing Yards	221	122
Total Yards	333	325
Fumbles-lost	2-2	1-0
Turnovers	6	2
Yards penalized	6-38	5-55

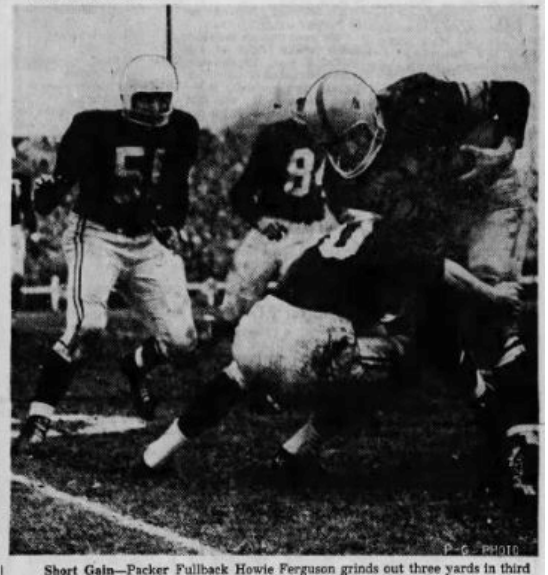
### SCORING

1st - GB - Gary Knafelc, 25-yard pass from Tobin Rote (Fred Cone kick) GREEN BAY 7-0





**Don't Let Him Get Up**—Chicago Cardinal quarterback Lamar McHan makes two-yard gain in third quarter and at least two Packers want to make sure he doesn't advance any more—Val Joe Walker (47) and Veryl Switzer (27). Cardinal 74 is Len Teeuws.



**Short Gain**—Packer Fullback Howie Ferguson grinds out three yards in third quarter and comes to halt in arms of Lyndon Crow, Cardinal defensive back. Two plays later Packers scored fourth touchdown. No. 51 is Leo Sanford.

**All 'Near Misses'**—Pictures of pass completions appear often but herewith are presented three serials which missed fire in Sunday's Packer-Cardinal game at City Stadium. At top, ball pops away from Bill Howton on play broken up by Cards' Frank Bernardi just before end of first quarter. At left, below, Cards' Don Stonesifer balances ball on his head but eventually dropped it. Packers' Billy Bockout (30) comes up at right. At far right, ball sails through Gary Knafelc's fingers on second quarter pitch from Tobin Rote.

- 2nd - GB - Bill Howton, 15-yard pass from Rote (Cone kick) GREEN BAY 14-0
- 2nd - GB - Rote, 1-yard run (Cone kick) GREEN BAY 21-0
- 2nd - GB - Cone, 42-yard field goal GREEN BAY 24-0
- 3rd - GB - Al Carmichael, 15-yard pass from Rote (Cone kick) GREEN BAY 31-0
- 4th - CHI - Mal Hammack, 1-yard run (Pat Summerall kick) GREEN BAY 31-7
- 4th - CHI - Night Train Lane, 98-yd pass fr Ogdon Compton (Summerall kick) GREEN BAY 31-14

**RUSHING**

**GREEN BAY** - Joe Johnson 16-78, Howie Ferguson 17-69, Tobin Rote 7-35 1 TD, Fred Cone 3-22, Breezy Reid 5-(-1)  
**CHICAGO** - Dave Mann 9-43, Jimmy Carr 3-27, Johnny Olszewski 3-17, Ollie Matson 5-16, Lamar McHan 2-8, Mal Hammack 4-1 1 TD, Ogdon Compton 1-0

**PASSING**

**GREEN BAY** - Tobin Rote 29-10-140 3 TD 2 INT  
**CHICAGO** - Lamar McHan 9-2-11 2 INT, Ogdon Compton 13-5-172 1 TD 2 INT, Ollie Matson 1-1-43, Dave Mann 1-0-0

**RECEIVING**

**GREEN BAY** - Billy Howton 4-64 1 TD, Al Carmichael 3-47 1 TD, Gary Knafelc 2-31 1 TD, Howie Ferguson 1-(-2)



# Lost Week Earlier? Packers Can Beat Anybody, Richards

## \$500, Gifts To Jorgensen

Carl W. (Bud) Jorgensen, Packer trainer for 32 years, had his "day" before the Packer-Cardinal game at city stadium Sunday.

Bud, who said "I want to thank everyone who made this possible," was presented with a check for \$500 by former Packer players and friends, an electric dryer by Vice President D. C. Dean of Two Rivers Hamilton Manufacturing Co. on behalf of the company's Foreman's Club, a \$75 merchandise certificate by Capt. Buddy Brown representing the Packer players "as a small token for all the things you do for us day after day," a sterling silver-mounted salad bowl by the Miller Brewing Co., and other gifts.

Bernard Darling, president of the Packer Alumni Assn. and chairman of the "Bud Jorgensen Day" committee, served as master of ceremonies.

## LOST WEEK EARLIER? PACKERS CAN BEAT ANYBODY, RICHARD

NOV 14 (Green Bay) - Burlly Ray Richards, freshman head coach of the Chicago Cardinals, suspects his Big Red may have lost Sunday's game here a week earlier. This may surprise at first reading but Richards has a logical explanation. "After what I saw today," he declared, "I'm against a team scouting another from the stands. I think it's bad psychologically. Our boys saw that Packer-Bear game at Chicago (the Cards had an off day, having played the Pittsburgh Steelers the night before) last Sunday and now it looks like it wasn't such a good idea," Ray opined. "No matter what you see, you can't counteract it. Of course, the Packers were really up for this one," the Big Red's congenial head man noted. "If they had played like that last week against the Bears, it would have been an entirely different game." The Packer defense was so militant, he pointed out, "that we couldn't get our receivers loose in the first half at all. They were doing a hell of a job of chugging on us and we couldn't get out of there." At the same time, Richards contended, "There was no excuse for the way we played the first half. We were colder than cucumbers. We weren't putting it in there - you could see it." He admitted, however, that "we got them up pretty good at the half and they played lots better ball the second half." An injury to the mercurial Ollie Matson was partially responsible for the Cards' first half difficulties, Ray intimated. "Matson's the man who gets us driving," he said, "and he pulled a muscle running down under a pass in practice yesterday. We only practiced 30 minutes but it was long enough to get him hurt. We tried to bind it today but he couldn't run." Though he felt that Cardinals "were not a well-coordinated unit today," Richards admitted that tis did not explain away everything. "The Packers were just outchargin' us

Chicago Bears piled up 24 points in first half with help of pinpoint passing by Ed Brown, held off Los Angeles to win 24-3 for fifth straight, moved into first-place tie with Rams in Western Conference of National Football League.

Philadelphia Eagles, down 17 points in first period, rallied behind Adrian Burk's accurate passing and unexpected running, Bill Stribling's glue-fingered pass-snatching to drub Cleveland 33-17, cut Browns' Eastern Conference lead to one game.

Washington Redskins put on brilliant defensive display, scored on Rookie Bert Zagers' 12-yard dash in third quarter to white-wash San Francisco 49ers at Washington.

Detroit Lions, beginning to look up after disastrous start, riddled Pittsburgh defense with passes of sharpshooting Bobby Layne, Harry Gilmore and Bill Stiits, then held on grimly when Steelers scored three times in final period, finally emerged with 31-28 triumph at Pittsburgh.

New York Giants got topnotch performance from hard-hitting linemen, hammered Baltimore 17-7 to put damper on Colts' dream of league leadership.

Green Bay Packers emerged from three-game slump as Tobin Rote, putting on great one-man show, pitched for three touchdowns, scored another on plunge, showed way in 31-14 battering of Chicago Cardinals at Green Bay.

to beat hell in the line. I was surprised, though, that they ran so well up the middle," he said. "We were set to stop their toss-outs and we did pretty well there - but they hurt us up the middle." Richards, in the final analysis, made it clear he was making no alibis. "The Packers were a good ball club today," Ray averred. "They were really blocking - really laying it in there. They can beat anybody if they play like they did today."...There was no uninhibited rejoicing in the Packer dressing room. Perhaps disappointed because they had been unable to maintain their first half pace in the last two quarters, Green Bay's athletes discussed the victory quietly. An indication of the prevailing reaction was Al Carmichael's comment. "I should have had that last one," Al insisted, referring to a Tobin Rote pass that had skidded off his fingertips in the closing seconds. Another came from Tobin Rote. "Yeah, I was throwing pretty well in the first half," he admitted, "but I only completed one in the second half. I had real good protection all day, too. I don't think they were in on me more than one time all day." Joe Johnson, who had the biggest day he's had since joining the Packers a year ago, was equally modest. "I had good holes," he contended. "If they open up, you can get through all right." Asked how he happened to be ejected from the game late in the fourth quarter, big Bill Forester explained, "Some guy threw a knee into me after the whistle and I kicked him - and the officials saw me." Bill Lucky, thumbed following in the same fracas, was more cryptic. "We were just fighting," he said with a wry smile. Bobby Dillon, describing what prompted the Cards' Jimmy Carr to "attack" him in the fourth quarter,



explained, "Val Joe intercepted and lateraled to me but the whistle blew so I just stood there. Carr came up and I struck out my hand to keep him from tackling me and he didn't like it."...Head Coach Liz Blackbourn, elated over ending a three-game losing streak, felt, "We were just a little more solid all the way through today than we have been lately. We had a real great first half. The pass protection was real good and the defense was improved, too." Liz also thought, "Joe Johnson had a good day." Always one to appreciate execution of fundamentals, he appended, "Of course, he had pretty good blocking." Already looking ahead to next Sunday's date with the San Francisco Forty-Niners in Milwaukee, he wrapped up his summation with "that's a nice win."...'LOCAL COLOR': Most fans may not have been aware of it but one of the game officials was Green Bay's D.R. McMasters, East High vice principal. McMasters, along with St. Norbert College football coach Mel Nicks, was called upon just before noon when two regular members of the crew, referee John Pace and Field Judge Chuck Sweeney, were "grounded" in Chicago. Sweeney ultimately was able to charter a plane from the Windy City, when the regular flight from South Bend, Ind., failed to come through, at 11:10 Sunday morning. Sweeney, who dressed on the plane, arrived at Austin Straubel Field at 12:40, stepped into a waiting cab (the pilot had radioed ahead) and reached City Stadium at 12:55.

Pace, however, never reached Chicago. With Pace missing, Yans Wallace, a referee until this year, took over Pace's duties, Sweeney moved to back judge, replacing Nick and McMasters, a veteran official who worked in the former All-America Conference for two years, served as field judge. The other members of the crew were Headlinesman Dan Tehan and Umpire Jim Crowe...ROCK AND SOCK: The 20,105 fans emitted a collective gasp when Veryl Switzer and Deral Teteak catapulted Ollie Matson over the railing on the south sidelines and on to the track in the process of running the Cardinal star out of bounds in the second quarter. They also "oohed" sympathetically when Al Carmichael was sent soaring skyward when jolted on a punt return in the third period...'ALL'S WELL': "He hasn't a chance," Blackbourn growled, half to himself, Rote appeared to be trapped on a second quarter pass attempt. But the indomitable Texan broke away from a host of red-shirted tackles and bolted 21 yards to a first down on the Card 43, setting up the Packers' second touchdown...NEAR 'TRIPLE PLAY': The Packers came within an ace of accomplishing a gridiron triple play in the fourth quarter. Doyle Nix batted a Cardinal pass into the air and Deral Teteak, lunging for the ball, deflected it again. Bill Forester, nearby, dived for the elusive oval and clutched it momentarily, but it popped from his hands as he hit the ground...TRIBUTE: A minute of silence was observed shortly before game time in memory of Jim Coffeen, a member of the Packer team in 1919 and Packer field announcer from 1925 through 1953, who was stricken with a fatal heart attack at the Green Bay-Baltimore game in Milwaukee Oct. 8...ANOTHER FIRST: The P.A. description of the game, which normally originates from the sidelines, was aired from the press box for the first time in Packer history.



**Arms and Legs**—The above collection of stretches and runs shows a rush from scrimmage, an interception and a knocked-down pass from the Packer-Cardinal game in City Stadium Sunday. In top picture, Packer halfback Joe Johnson (40) breaks through middle of line for 21-yard gain while Len Szafaryn (68) looks for a Cardinal to block out. Note Cardinal going head over heels at left. Below left, Cardinal Dick Lane takes off after intercepting pass aimed at Packer Bill Howton (86). The same Howton (86) grabs arm of Cardinal Charley Trippi (lower right) as Tobin Rote's pass goes incomplete. Packers won 31-14.

Clair Stone was at the microphone, pinch hitting for Tom White, who is convalescing from a major operation at Bellin Memorial Hospital...'I'VE HAD IT": Charlie Trippi has made his final appearance in City Stadium, he says. The Cardinal veteran, asked if he planned to retire at the end of this season, replied without hesitation, "You bet. I've had it. I'll be 33 next year so this is it." The fact that he must undergo extensive plastic surgery as the result of head injuries suffered at the hands of San Francisco's John Henry Johnson also may have something to do with his decision...RAY PAYS OFF: Johnny Yuenger, 11-year old son of Press-Gazette City Editor Dave Yuenger, met Cardinal Coach Ray Richards in the lobby of the Hotel Northland Saturday afternoon and told him, "The Packers are going to beat your boys something awful tomorrow." Richards grinned and shot back, "Oh no, they're not. I'll bet you a dime." Johnny took the bet and immediately after Sunday's game, dashed over to the Cardinal bench to collect. It may not have been the best psychological moment for such an approach, but Richards paid off...PREPS TESTED: The football squads of several Wisconsin and Upper Michigan high



schools were guests of civic organizations and businessmen in their communities at the game. Among those represented were Iron Mountain, Kingsford, Negaunee and Stephenson, Mich., and Prairie Farm, Wis., along with Marquette High of Milwaukee..."NIGHT GAME": Because of the heavy forecast, which presented the impression of twilight at noon, the field lights were turned on before the game started..."SHOW" FOR 49ERS: The Packers put on a good show for at least two visiting scouts, George Svendsen and Mark Duncan, who were scrutinizing the Bays for the San Francisco entry. Also diagramming the action were Pete Halas and Bob Gegere of the Bears, who were on the Cardinals; Russ Thomas of the Detroit Lions, analyzing the Packers; and Joe Tereshinski of the Washington Redskins, who watched the Cards...PRECISION: The Racine YMCA's youthful Kiltie Drum & Bugle Corps, which averages 15 years of age, made a favorable impression both musically and with their precise maneuvers in their intermission appearance.



Joe Johnson, Packer halfback, picks up 13 yards in the third quarter of Sunday's game with the Cardinals at Green Bay before being hauled down by Lin Crow and Charlie Trippi

(2). Identified Cardinals include Leo Sanford (51), Fred Wallner (61) and Pat Summerall (85). Johnson was stopped on the Chicago 28.

Sentinel Photo by Ernie Anheuser.

### MCELHENNY MAY WATCH PACKER GAME FROM BENCH

NOV 14 (WashingtonSan Francisco Examiner) – The barely beaten and bitterly disillusioned San Francisco 49ers were out on the town today. Deep in the dungeons of the Hotel Woodner, the coaching staff, headed by harassed and puzzled Norman P. Strader, minutely examined the pictures of San Francisco's 7-0 loss to Washington's Redskins and made plans for the invasion of Milwaukee to play Green Bay. The staff also discussed possible shifts in the offensive unit. One may involve the immediate future of Hugh McElhenny, last year's tremendous climax runner who hasn't been near par this year because of a mysterious foot ailment. It is entirely possible that McElhenny will be benched and called upon for only spot assignments. Two shifts are probable in the event the coaches decide that Mac's value as a threat does not even up with his inability to run from scrimmage or as the flanking back. Joe Arenas, rugged kid from Omaha, may be given the starting right half job. Joe played mostly on defense yesterday and was outstanding on a defensive team that sparkled. But he'd rather lug that ball, as who wouldn't? The other possibility is to bring Carroll Hardy back from his new left end position to play the right half job. Gordon Soltau would return to left end.

# Packers Aim for No. 5 vs. Forty Niners

### PACKERS AIM FOR NO. 5 VS. FORTY NINERS

NOV 15 (Green Bay) - And now the San Francisco Forty Niners – the only team able to make the Packers look bad in '54. Green Bay will face 'Frisco in Milwaukee County Stadium Sunday afternoon, and the Packers will be shooting for Victory No. 5 and a possible tie for first place in the Western Division. The Forty Niners, now training in Washington where they were blanked 7-0 by the Redskins last Sunday, will be testing the bulging Packer muscles for the first time this season. It will be a stiff test for both sides because (1) the Packers received a new life with their convincing 31-14 victory over the Chicago Cardinals Sunday and (2) the Forty Niners are saddled with a two-game losing streak, the Redskin affair being preceded by a 27-17 loss to the Los Angeles Rams. The Packers, with a 4-4 record, are one game behind the Rams and Chicago Bears, while the Forty Niners are two games back with a 3-5 mark. Thus, the Packers, by winning Sunday, can continue in the heat of the title battle and knock 'Frisco out of contention. They can tie for the lead if the Bears and Rams



## Praise for Clair Stone

Editor, Press-Gazette:

While attending the Packer-Cardinal game Sunday, we took special note of the splendid way in which Clair Stone gave full detail of each and every play over the public address system. Speaking from the press booth, crowd noises were eliminated and we got last minute scores of other games being played. But most significant, we knew what the scoop was on the playing field.

Hats off to Clair Stone and the P.A. system for a job well done. Here's hoping that they may continue this splendid service.

Two De Pere Packer Backers

lose. The tight race has advanced to a point where the teams are looking ahead to their last four games. The Bears play Detroit, the Cardinals, Detroit and Philadelphia in that order. The Rams meet Baltimore, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Green Bay. The Packers San Francisco, Detroit, 'Frisco and Los Angeles, while the Colts, now tied with the Packers, tackle Los Angeles, San Francisco, Los Angeles and 'Frisco in that order. Since the Rams and Bears are loaded with just three losses, their opponents hold the key to the race. Detroit, which has won two straight after losing its first six, could make life miserable for the Bears since they have two meetings left. Baltimore, with two to go vs. LA, could muss things up good by splitting with the Rams. An Eastern Division toughie, Philadelphia, has the pleasure of facing both the Rams and Bears and the Eagles, with a 33-17 sparkler over Cleveland under their belts, have been something of a jinx to both the Rams and Bears in the past. Coach Liz Blackburn and the Packers aren't particularly concerned about anybody but themselves, their next four foes, and, in particular, the Forty Niners. The big thing is that the Packers are still in the fight and gaining momentum on the wings of a solid victory. The Packers played one territory tussle with the Forty Niners, losing a 23-17 mud battle in Milwaukee, and one "unterrific" match, losing a 35-0 game in 'Frisco. That shutout was the only real "blot" on the '54 record and the current crew would like nothing more than to erase it with a win in Milwaukee Sunday...The

Packers went back to work today with a problem at guard. Hank Bullough developed a shoulder injury against the Cardinals and may be lost for the Forty Niner game. In addition, Buddy Brown is still nursing a bruised hip suffered in the Bear game. Brown was held out of action here Sunday. Thus, Joe Skibinski and Jack Spinks, both hale and hearty, may have to carry the load at left and right offensive guards, respectively, although Brown may be ready to give some assistance. Fullback Howie Ferguson came out of Sunday's fray with a shoulder injury but is expected to be ready to duel with the Forty Niners' ace fullback, Joe Perry. Blackburn said today that Veryl Switzer will remain on defense for the Forty Niner game. He shared cornerback duties with Doyle Nix Sunday and came up with five tackles. Nix turned in a pass interception to thwart the Cards in the fourth quarter...Frisco added a 33rd player for Sunday's game - Ed Sharkey, onetime ace New York Yank tackle, who is expected to work as a linebacker against the Packers. Sharkey, who has played with a number of teams in his eight pro seasons, carries 240 pounds. The Forty Niners had 32 players for the Washington game. Before Sharkey, they added Len Harkey, a 205-pound halfback from Emporia State to take the place of injured John Henry Johnson...Green Bay will see "red" again Sunday, since the Cardinal and Forty Niner jerseys are quite similar. The Cards call the colors "cardinal red and white" and the Forty Niners refer to theirs as "cardinal and silver"...Fans are reminded that the Packer Alumni Assn., will run a special train to the Packer-Frisco game. The special will leave the Milwaukee Road station at 9:30 Sunday morning, drop fans off near the stadium, and return shortly after the game. Kickoff Sunday is set for 1:05.

### PACKERS ADD JENNINGS; CAPUZZI ON WAIVERS

NOV 15 (Green Bay) - The Packers today added Jim Jennings, rookie end from Missouri, to the active list and placed defensive halfback Jim Capuzzi on waivers. The move was made to strengthen the club's platoons, weakened by last Sunday's injury to Hank Bullough, Head Coach Liz Blackburn indicated.

### REAL PLEASURE: PACK GAINING 85 YARDS THROUGH BRIAR PATCH

NOV 15 (Green Bay) - It was a real pleasure to see the Packers gain some yards up the middle - sometimes known as the briar patch, against the Cardinals at City Stadium Sunday. Yards through the guard-to-guard area have been especially hard to gain this season - much harder, it seems, than a year ago. The Packers tried the "patch" 13 times Sunday and came out with 85 yards - nearly seven yards per try, not counting Tobin Rote's three sneaks for a touchdown. The middle blasts were topped by Joe Johnson's 21-yard scamper, which set up the Packers' fourth touchdown. Howie Ferguson went straight ahead for 14 to help along the first touchdown. Breezy Reid's 12-yard patcher moments later put the Packers at midfield. Ferguson kept the defense honest with an eight-yard up-the-middle jaunt just before the second TD. Packer success up the middle kept the Cardinals from "leaning" for the Packers' tossouts. Center Jim Ringo and guards Joe Skibinski, Hank Bullough and Jack Spinks cleared the way in the inner section of the line, with help from tackles Len Szafaryn and Tom Dahms - not to mention Rote's faking and the ball carriers' drive. The Packers finished with 203 yards rushing but the figure would have been 30 yards higher except for losses on four plays late in the game. And speaking of rushing, the Packers held the Cards to 116 stripes on the ground - a darned sight lower than the 406 the Bears made soilwise a week ago. The Cards made more than 10 yards on a single attempt only twice all afternoon. With the score 31-0 at the start of the fourth quarter, Dave Mann went 14 yards off left tackle and three plays later Jim Carr made 14 on a pitchout around right end. The other gains were seven yards or much less. The Cards averaged 4.2 yards on each of their 27 rushes, but in the first three quarters the average was just 3.4. It ballooned to 6.3 in the final frame when the Cards scored 14 points...Five of the Packers' defensemen made five tackles or more each. Val Joe Walker, who heard birdies on one head-first tackle, wound up with nine good hits while Roger Zatkoff made eight. Bill Forester and Deral Teteak each scored six and Veryl Switzer,

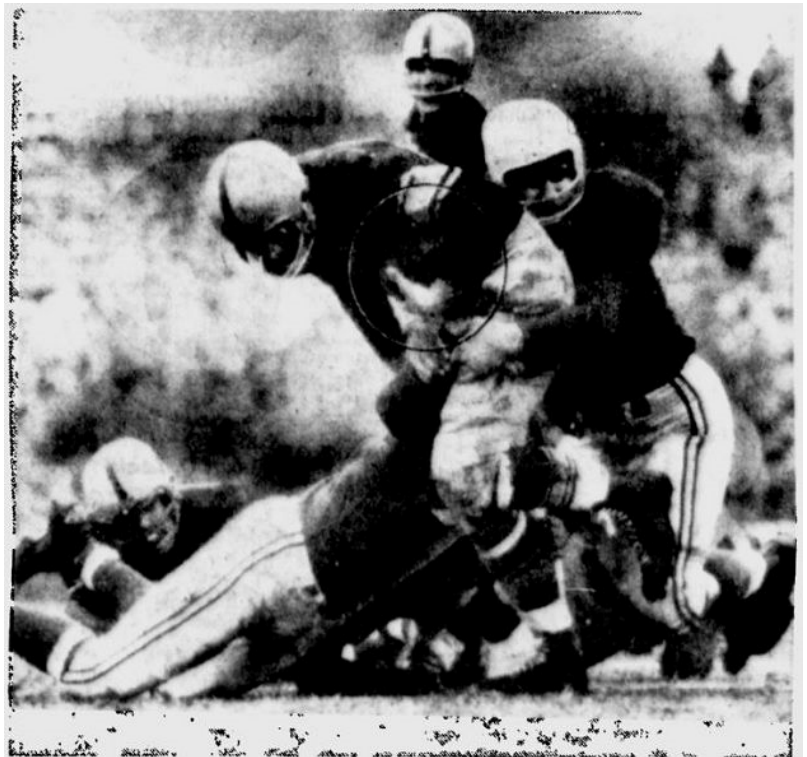
getting his feet wet as a regular defensive back for the first time this season, had five. Speaking about tackles, the Cardinals' left defensive tackle, Chuck Ullrich, had an unusual day for a lineman with 11 tackles...City Stadium now has played host to the shortest touchdown pass in league history and one of the longest in league history. The shortest was the four-inch job Cecil Isbell and Don Hutson worked against the old Cleveland Rams on Oct. 18, 1942. The longest ever in our orchard was the 98-yarder from Ogden Compton to Dick Lane Sunday. The pass was roughly 35 yards and Lane galloped the remaining 63. Incidentally, Charley Brock always figured the four-inch pass was actually about an inch. Charley was centering then and said some years later that the nose of the ball was "practically on the goal line." It was a rather unorthodox play, to say the least. The Packers held a 31-21 lead early in the fourth quarter and had a second down coming up inches away from the goal line when Isbell threw wide to the left to Hutson, who juggled the ball in the end zone and squeezed it for the TD. There were several near "strokes" on the sidelines.

### **BEIGHTOL, PACKER PICK, MAY CARRY TERP LOAD AT QB**

NOV 15 (Baltimore) - Unbeaten Maryland may go into its last 1955 football game without the services of Frank Tamburello, No. 1 quarterback. The husky Baltimore junior was thrown for a loss by a bug over the weekend, and doctors at University Hospital here said he might miss Saturday's game against George Washington. Dr. Thurston Adams, surgeon and team doctor, said Tamburello was suffering from cellulitis, an inflammation or infection of cell tissues, in glands on the left side of his neck. Tamburello became ill Friday night and played only briefly in the Terps' 25-12 victory over Clemson, while Lynn Beightol started at quarterback and carried the burden most of the way. (Beightol was drafted by the Green Bay Packers last January and will be eligible in 1956.)

### **SEEING BEARS ROUT BAY FOOLED CARDS**

NOV 15 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - The Cardinals made the biggest mistake of the season November 6. The whole team, coaches and pals went over to Wrigley Field to see the Bears make mincemeat of the Packers 52-31. "They never should have done that," Packer Coach Liz Blackbourn said from his Green Bay office Monday. "They must have thought we were pushovers. By the time they woke up here Sunday they were behind 31 points." The Big Red must have felt real blue after returning to Chicago with any title aspirations smashed to smithereens by the Packers' frenzied charge. The rousing win was a big lift for the Green and Gold. Not only did it snap a three game losing streak, but it once again shot the Packers into the Western Division title race. Green Bay trails the pace-setting Bears and Rams by a game. "We got a little made Sunday," Liz stated. "Yes, we got a little made and played some good football. Brother, this race is really tangled up now. We're not doing any daydreaming about our chances.



THE PACKERS' HOWIE FERGUSON MAKES 7 YARDS IN 2ND PERIOD

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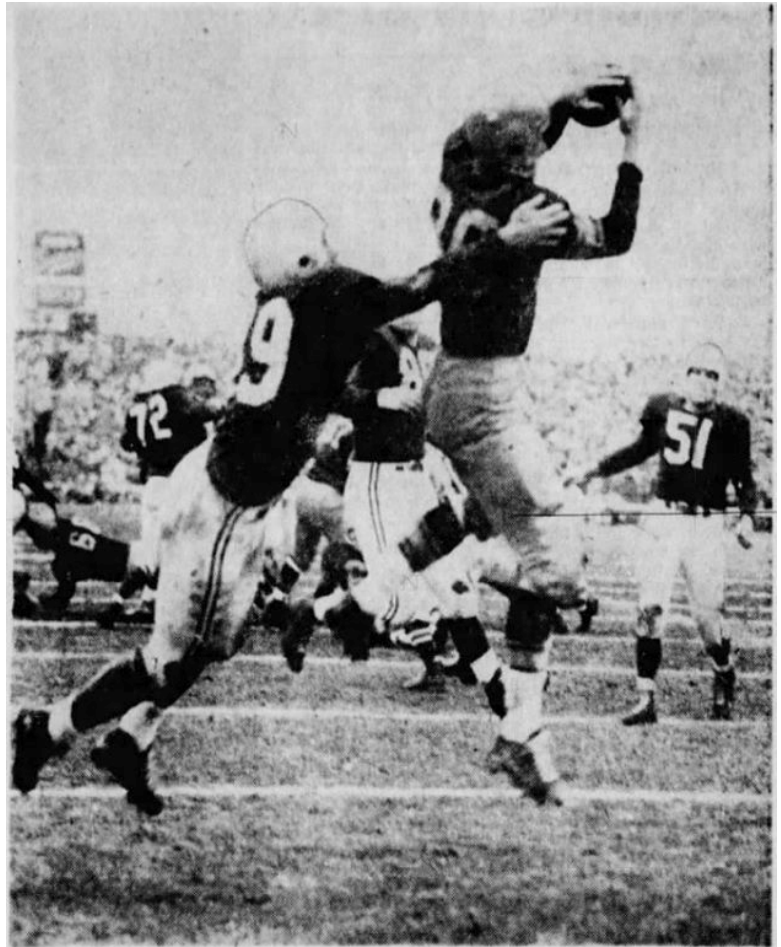
The 49ers at Milwaukee next Sunday are out utmost concern." Blackbourn pinned the win over the Cardinals on the fact the Packers were "up". Joe Johnson and Tobin Rote had good days, but the overall success picture was painted in the line - it was blocking and charging better than ever. "I thought Val Joe Walker, Bobby Dillon and Deral Teteak really did fine jobs," said Liz. "They certainly made up for mistakes incurred in the Bear game." Dillon, All-Pro last season and almost a cinch to duplicate the honor, was the real thorn in the Cards' side, intercepting two passes and recovering a fumble. "Johnson played a good game," admitted Blackbourn. "I don't know if he will start against the 49ers, though. Our line was really opening up for him. He's not fast, but he's got natural talent. Howie Ferguson jammed his knee in the third quarter. I don't know how seriously. But then, Fergy has been aching for some time. He always comes through, though." Blackbourn reported that guard Hank Bullough, rookie from Michigan State, was the only casualty. Bullough sustained a shoulder injury and might be out two weeks. "I thought Rote looked sharp," said Liz. "He had to miss practice during the middle of last week. That ear infection is really bothering Tob."

### **AN AMAZING TURNABOUT**

NOV 15 (Milwaukee Journal) - A turnabout such as the Green Bay Packers pulled against Chicago's two pro football teams on successive weeks is almost beyond comprehension. How could their defense permit the Bears 45 points in the first 46 1/2 minutes and 52 points all told at Chicago one Sunday, then hold the Cardinals scoreless for more than 47 1/2 minutes at



Green Bay the next? In each game, the Packers scored 31 points, although the timing was far different. Against the Bears, they made only three in first three quarters; against the Cardinals, they got all 31 by the time the third quarter was about half over. Granted that the offense was more effective when it counted against the Cardinals, the main difference still rests with the defense. How to account for the 38 point spread from Sunday to Sunday? Are the Bears that much better than the Cardinals? "Well," said Lisle Blackburn, Green Bay coach, after the game Sunday, "I'd say the Bears right now are a truly great team. I honestly thought before today's game that we could beat the Cardinals. Sometimes you have that feeling and I felt that way. I didn't believe they had more than we did. I never expected us to win that decisively (31-14), I'd have gladly settled for one point." Why the easy victory, then? "The line did it both ways," Blackburn said. "Our defensive secondary has always been all right. The boys up front just did their job. The protection for Rote was good - the best, I'd say, since the Bear game here, perhaps even better than then. Johnson ran well - they opened up holes for him, too." Jack Spinks, converted from fullback to guard, was mentioned. "He played most of the way on offense," Blackburn said. "Brown was injured, then Bullough got hurt. Spinks had a lot to do with making our attack go better - how much I can't say till I see the pictures. He's a real specimen - 235 pounds, tremendously strong, fast. He's still got some things to learn about playing guard, but what he knows to do, he does well." Spinks, a product

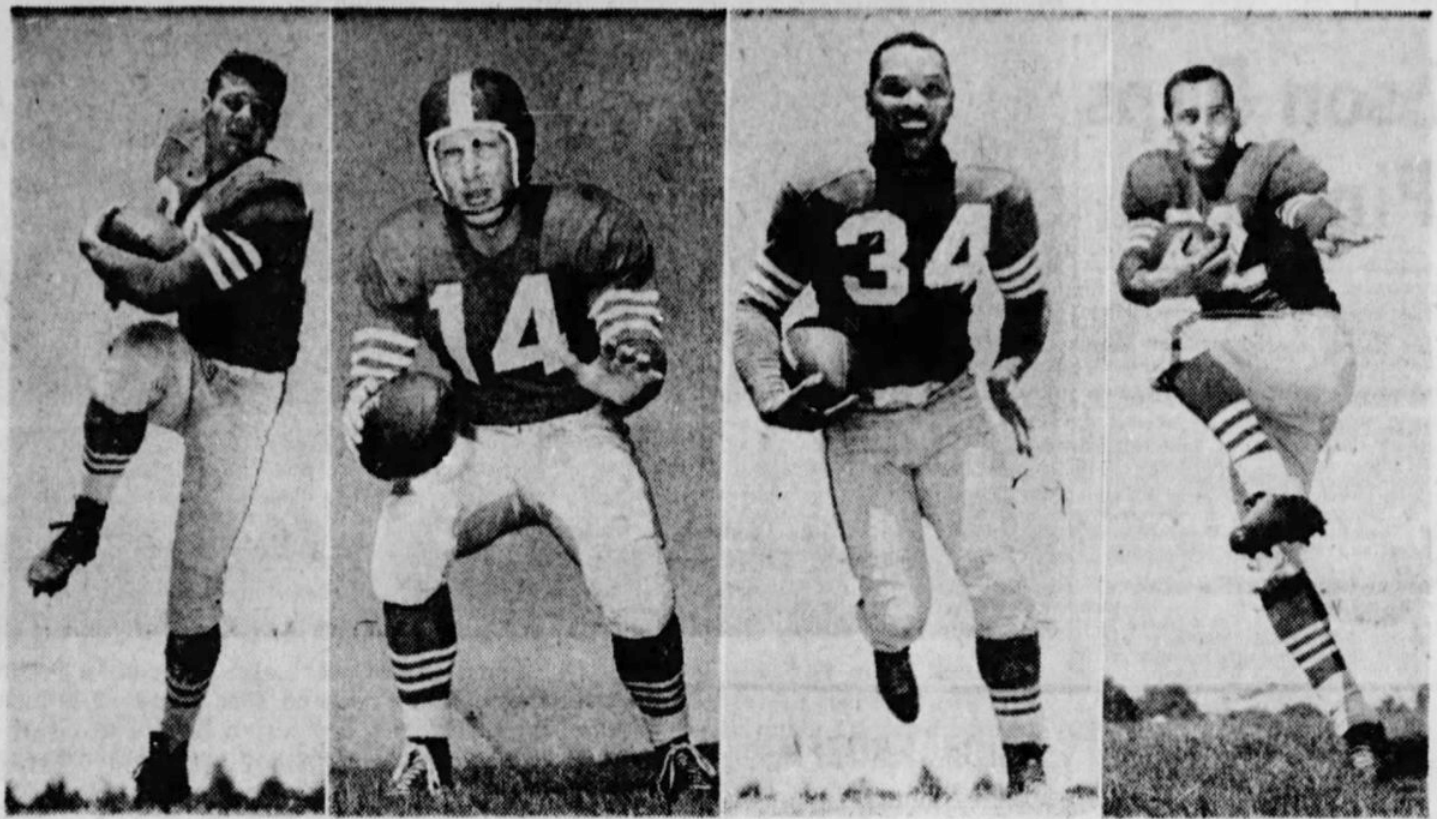


'Payoff To Howton—Bill Howton made this leaping grab of Tobin Rote pass, as Cardinal defensive halfback Frank Bernardi makes futile attempt to reach ball, for Packers' second touchdown in second quarter. Unhappy onlooker at right is Cardinal linebacker Leo Sanford (51).

of Alcorn A&M, played fullback with Pittsburgh and the Cardinals. He came to Green Bay's camp at Stevens Point last July as a free agent and Blackburn decided to try to make him into a guard. As might be expected, the conversion has taken time. Spinks was not ready when the NFL season opened. He was put on waivers. No other team claimed him, so the Packers kept him around. His name reappeared on the active list when George Timberlake left for his service call two weeks ago. Against the Bears, Spinks played with the "suicide" platoon - kickoffs, extra points, field goals and the like. He got his real chance against the Cardinals and Blackburn liked what he saw. "I've always through he could turn out to be a great guard," the coach said, "and I still think he can." Blackburn agreed that middle guard Bill Forester, left tackle Jerry Helluin and right end Nate Borden each played his best game of the season on defense. Someone suggested that the Packers might have learned something from observing, the painful way, how the Bears went around knocking people down with blocks and tackles. Blackburn nodded and said perhaps, then added, "There's a Chicago writer who probably deserves an assist. After the Bear game," Blackburn said, "he wrote that since Notre Dame and Pennsylvania had concluded their series and that George Halas had coached his last Bear team against the Packers, perhaps next year the schedule should be changed to the Packers versus Pennsylvania. I put that on the bulletin board. I think it got some of the boys at least a little mad."

#### **49ERS PREPARING FOR PACKERS GAME**

NOV 15 (Washington-San Francisco Examiner) – Red Strader herded his bewildered 49ers out to Georgetown University this afternoon to be far away from the maddening influence of George Preston Marshall, Joe Kuharich and the rest of the dominating Washington Redskins. The change from Griffith Stadium, scene of their 7-0 disgrace last Sunday, was necessitated by league rule. Two pro teams can't work in the same orchard or live in the same hotel. Preparations for the battle with Green Bay next Sunday in Milwaukee began in the early morning hours when Mark Duncan, chief scout, made his report on Green Bay. It was horrifying. The 49ers will have to catch the Packers in baskets or shoot them on the fly. They throw more passes than any other team in pro ball except the Pittsburgh Steelers...CAN EXPLODE: "The Packers can explode on you from any place in the field," Duncan reported. "Rote passing to Bill Howton, Gary Knafelc and Al Carmichael provides as potent a scoring punch as the Los Angeles Rams had when Bob Boyd was snagging Van Brocklin's pitches along with Tom Fears and Elroy Hirsch. And they've got the second most powerful fullback in the league in Howie Ferguson. He rates right behind Alan Ameche of Baltimore with 128 carries for 633 yards. With that punch and Rote's great



**The Old Guard** — Here are the San Francisco Forty Niners' four "murder" backs who will carry the load against the Packers in Milwaukee Sunday afternoon. All veterans, they are (left to right) Halfback Hugh McElhenny, who has been playing as a flanker in recent games; Quarterback Y. A. Tittle, who has thrown 10 touchdown passes thus far; Fullback Joe Perry, defending ground gaining champion; and Joe Arenas who rushes from left half. Kickoff is at 1:05 and the Packers will be going for their fifth victory—plus a possible first place berth.

passing to fine receivers, we're going to be in for another tough afternoon."...49ER CHANGES: Strader today shifted Leo Nomellini back to left tackle on offense and removed Doug Hogland to left guard after trying him in big Leo's tackle slot here Sunday. Carroll Hardy will remain at left end but changes are being made in the backfield for emergency purposes. "I'm going to use Joe Arenas and Harry Babcock at right half behind Hugh McElhenny," Strader said. "And Bud Laughlin, the reserve fullback, will be groomed for left half to relieve Moegle. He is a powerful blocker. We also will be ready with Ed Sharkey, the linebacker and guard we picked up from the Philadelphia Eagles. He'll work at left guard spelling Hogland. He may be the answer."

## Ferguson Pushes Ameche but 49ers' Joe Perry Coming Up

### FERGUSON PUSHES AMECHE BUT 49ERS' JOE PERRY COMING UP

NOV 16 (Green Bay) - The individual statistics race — like the championship run — is gradually coming to a head. While statistics don't count in the won-lost columns, the figures on the athletes serve to point up various strengths of the different teams. The ground-gaining race, for instance, shows that next Sunday's belligerents in Milwaukee — the Packers and San Francisco Forty Niners — are backboned on the ground by fullbacks Howie Ferguson and Joe Perry, respectively. Ferguson and Perry are running two-three in the league in rushing, Howie with 633 yards in 128 attempts for an average of 4.9 and Joe with 514 in 110 gallops for 4.9. Ferguson, despite injuries that slowed him down in three games, is closing in on Baltimore's Alan Ameche, who has 707 yards in 142 tries. With four games to go, Ferguson is now just 74 yards behind the Horse of Wisconsin. Ameche was limited to 40 yards by New York last Sunday and 32 by Detroit in the previous game



# Coming Up!

## Leading Ground Gainers

	Atts.	Yds.	LG	Ave.
Ameche, Balt.	142	707	79	5.0
Ferguson, G.B.	128	633	57	4.9
Perry, S.F.	110	541	42	4.9
Morrison, Cleve.	109	508	42	4.7
Rogel, Pitt.	126	477	19	3.8
Casares, Bears	84	472	81	5.6
Modlewski, Cleve.	118	446	21	3.8
Webster, N.Y.	81	428	71	5.3
Watkins, Bears	81	414	29	5.1
Waller, L.A.	87	396	32	4.6

Longest Gain: 81 yards, Casares, Chicago Bears vs. Baltimore, 10/16/55.

## Leading Passers

	At.	Co.	Yd.	Tp.	In.	Av.
Graham, Cleve.	108	58	987	5	6	9.14
Brown, Bears	118	64	1016	5	9	8.61
Tittle, S.F.	187	93	1480	10	20	7.91
Th'mson, Phil.	131	68	1004	8	3	7.66
L'Baron, Wash.	135	59	979	5	11	7.25
Finks, Pitt.	242	122	1629	6	17	6.73
Layne, Det.	199	102	1313	7	14	6.60
Coneily, N.Y.	144	68	932	9	11	6.47
V'Br'klin, L.A.	180	90	1132	6	13	6.29
Shaw, Balt.	133	63	805	6	13	6.05
Burk, Phil.	123	55	736	5	6	5.98
Rote, G.B.	240	108	1354	11	13	5.64
Blanda, Bears	67	30	331	3	5	4.94
McHau, Card.	143	47	674	7	12	4.71
Wade, L.A.	70	30	307	1	3	4.39

Longest Completion: 98 yards, Ogden Compton, Chicago Cardinals vs. Green Bay, 11/13/55. TD.

## Leading Pass Receivers

	Rec.	Yds.	Lg.	Td.
Fears, L.A.	36	435	31	1
Hill, Bears	35	655	86	6
Wilson, S.F.	35	564	72	4
Pihos, Phil.	35	520	31	5
Mathews, Pitt.	34	603	51	4
Howton, G.B.	34	580	60	5
Doran, Det.	29	433	41	1
Middleton, Det.	29	371	49	2
Knafelc, G.B.	28	424	36	4
Chandnois, Pitt.	27	385	51	0

Longest Completion: 98 yards, Richard Lane, Chicago Cardinals vs. Green Bay, 11/13/55. TD.

## Leading Scorers

	Tr	Td	Tt	Xp	Fg	Tp
Walker, Det.	2	3	5	18	7	69
Blanda, Bears	1	0	1	27	9	60
Janowicz, Wash.	3	2	5	18	4	60
Cone, G.B.	0	0	0	20	12	56
Groza, Cleve.	0	0	0	26	8	50
Watkins, Bears	7	0	7	0	0	42
Summerall, Card.	1	0	1	18	6	42

## Leading Punters

	Stdg.	No.	Ave.	LG
Van Brocklin, L.A.	1	44	46.0	61
Burk, Phil.	2	42	44.0	75
Le Baron, Wash.	3	40	42.8	52
Girard, Det.	4	44	42.7	65
Deschaine, G.B.	5	38	41.9	58
Gillom, Cleve.	6	39	41.8	56
Luna, S.F.	7	41	41.1	63

Longest Punt: 75 yards, Adrian Burk, Philadelphia vs. Chicago Cardinals, 10/23/55.

## Punt Return Leaders

	No.	Yd.	Av.	L	Td.
Drzewiecki, Bears	15	140	9.3	48	0
Riley, Det.	9	93	9.2	26	0
Matson, Card.	10	90	9.0	28	0
Scudero, Wash.	16	132	8.3	37	0
Paul, Cleve.	14	111	7.93	65	1
Bernardi, Card.	13	118	7.86	39	0
Switzer, G.B.	17	84	4.94	33	0

Longest Return: 69 yards, James Patton, New York vs. Washington, 10/20/55. TD.

## Kickoff Return Leaders

	No.	Yd.	Av.	L	Td.
Carmichael, G.B.	8	281	35.1	100	1
Switzer, G.B.	12	324	27.0	57	0
Arenas, S.F.	15	403	26.9	42	0
Scudero, Wash.	19	495	26.1	41	0
Watson, Pitt.	15	386	25.7	49	0

Longest Return: 100 yards, Al Carmichael, Green Bay vs. Cleveland, 10/23/55.

## Interception Leaders

	No.	Yds.	TD	L
Sherman, L.A.	8	72	0	36
Bawel, Phil.	7	168	2	42
Dillon, G.B.	7	147	0	61
Burroughs, L.A.	6	81	0	34
Moegle, S.F.	6	50	0	37
Lane, Card.	5	69	0	26
Shula, Balt.	5	64	0	31
Hecker, Wash.	5	52	0	26
Lahr, Cleve.	5	52	0	24
Tunnell, N.Y.	5	51	0	26
Nix, G.B.	5	33	0	12
Walker, G.B.	5	24	0	17

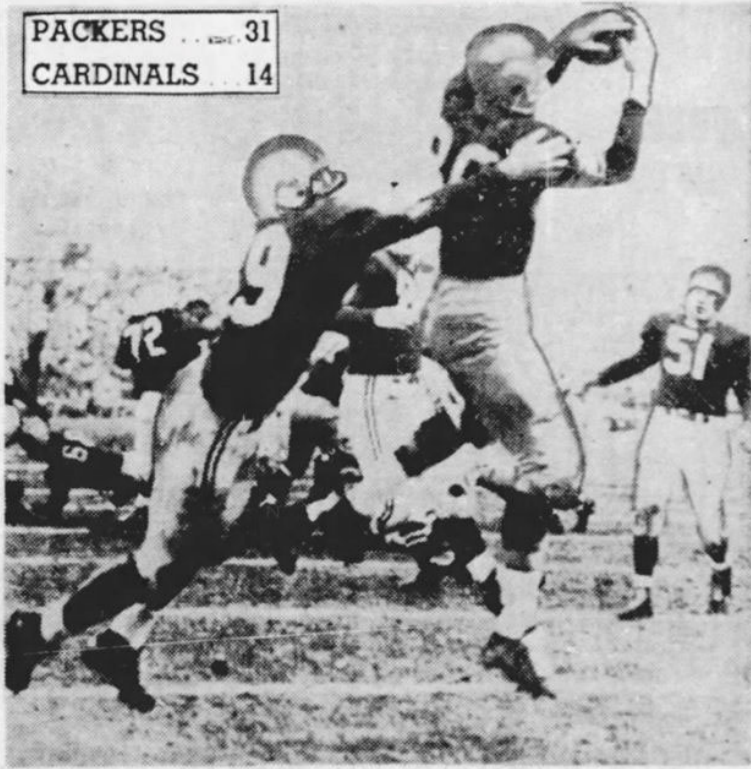
Longest Return: 92 yards, Leo Sanford, Chicago Cardinals vs. Pittsburgh, 9/26/55. TD.

while Ferguson made 120 against the Bears and 78 on the Chicago Cardinals. Perry, the 1954 rushing champion, was off to a slow start this year, but has been coming up fast, the Packer defense can be warned. The pass receiving column reveals the Packers' and Forty Niners' main scoring threats - Billy Wilson of 'Frisco and Billy Howton and Gary Knafelc of the Pack. Wilson is one of three players in the league with 35 catches each, Billy turning his into 564 yards and four touchdowns. Howton is a catch behind with 34 for 580 yards and five TDs. Knafelc isn't far off with 28 for 424 and four six-pointers. Tom Fears of Los Angeles leads the pack with 36 snatches... **THIRD AND 12TH:** The Forty Niners' Y.A. Tittle ranks third in the league in passing and Packer Tobin Rote is 12th. That doesn't add up, in view of the two club's records, but the manner of figuring the standings (average per attempt) puts the premium on the long reception. Tittle has had the good fortune to complete a number of long jobs to Wilson, Carroll Hardy and Hugh McElhenny. Tittle's average is 7.66 and Rote's 5.64. Rote leads the league in touchdown passes in 11, while Tittle is second with 10. Tittle has had 20 intercepted, tops in the league, while Rote had 13. Speaking about passing, the Packers added a potential third receiver at end with the signing of Jim Jennings, the Missouri wing who has a good knack of fighting for and hanging onto a pass. Coach Liz Blackburn gave Jennings the go signal yesterday after placing Jim Capuzzi on waivers. Jennings also will help strengthen the Packer platoons - kickoffs and punts, since he's a rugged tackler and blocker. The Packers managed to get in a good warmup yesterday despite the steady drizzle and wet field. They toiled behind City Stadium and everybody worked up a good sweat. Blackburn is keeping his fingers crossed on injuries. Two of the four guards, Hank Bullough and Buddy Brown, are bothered with hurts and Hank probably won't play. Jack Spinks, getting his first test at guard after three pro seasons as a fullback, may see plenty of action at right guard vs. 'Frisco. Blackburn liked his performance in last Sunday's win over the Cardinals and expects him to improve even more at Milwaukee. Jerry Helluin and Ferguson are also on the injury list... **PACKER SHORTS:** Jim Jennings was known as "Ike" at Missouri but not because he majored in political science. The name is a carryover from his high school days... The Forty Niner game Sunday will be the 68th pro battle for Tobin Rote. The fighting Texan joined the Packers as a rookie in '50 and is already set for '56, having signed a two-year contract last January... The Packers had good fortune in breaking the Cards' seven-game winning streak over the Bears. They get a chance to break a similar streak against the Forty Niners, who also have beaten the Packers in their last seven games. Green Bay won the first 'Frisco game 25-21 in a blizzard here in '50 and hasn't won since. That was the day one of Frankie Alberts' punts went straight up into the air and landed behind him... The Packers play their next two games in five days, facing Detroit a week from tomorrow, Thanksgiving Day.

**WHAT'S THIS? 49ERS POOR RUNNING CLUB**  
 NOV 16 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - Last Sunday's 7-0 loss to the Redskins pretty well tells of the 49ers' woes. Hugh McElhenny netted a minus four yards in eight carries. Joe Perry gained 55 yards in 14 attempts. The 49ers ended up with 76 yards on the ground. Are these the 49ers - a team which waltzed through five of six exhibitions and was tabbed as the favorite in the Western Division? Are these the 49ers, who once possessed the most feared running attack in pro football? "Injuries did it," answered 49er Publicitor Dan McGuire Tuesday. "We just don't have it on the ground. McElhenny injured his ankle during the exhibition season and it hasn't responded to treatment. Who ever through Hugh would be held to a two yard average this season? We lost John Henry Johnson in the Ram game when he sustained a shoulder separation. He's lost for the season. Perry hasn't been able to burst through for the long ones down the middle. Our running attack bears no resemblance to the one of old. It seems when things go wrong they really go wrong," continued McGuire. "The club is almost in a state of shock. Its pride is hurt and it seems to going through the motions mechanically." And so the 49ers invade County Stadium Sunday with one of their poorest seasons since joining the NFL. They managed to edge the Bears, 20-19, before being pounded, 34-23, by the Bruins, and they toppled the Lions twice. "Y.A. Tittle is having a good year, but that's the only consolation," retorted McGuire. "He's second ranked in the league and our Billy Wilson is one of the best receivers in the business. It's probably the best passing we've ever had. We're throwing the ball about 65 percent of the time, trying to make up for our feeble ground attack." McGuire pointed out that end Gordy Soltau has been a big disappointment. Soltau, who used to be one

## A PACKER DEAL IN CARD GAME

PACKERS . . . 31  
CARDINALS . . . 14



[Associated Press Wirephoto]

Billy Howton of Green Bay Packers leaps to catch touchdown pass from Tobin Rote despite efforts of Chicago Cardinals' Frank Bernardi to break up play in yesterday's National Football league game in Green Bay, Wis. Packers won, 31 to 14.

of the best field goal kickers in the league, missed three within the 20 yard line against Washington. "We've had some good luck with rookies. Dicky Moegle is playing on offense and defense. He's leading the club with interceptions (five) and can do the job as a runner. Carroll Hardy is a pleasant surprise as an end. He's one of the fastest we've ever had and is a big help to our passing game." Good or bad, the 49ers have always been tough customers for Green Bay. San Francisco has whipped the Packers seven of eight times, the last being a 35-0 shellacking on the Coast last December.

### MCILHENNY DENIES HE IS GIVING UP

NOV 16 (San Francisco) - Hugh McElhenny, 49er halfback who has been bothered all season with a foot injury, tonight denied published stories he would quit the club for the remainder of the season. "If I can help the team next Sunday against Green Bay, I want to play," he said. "But that, of course, is up to Coach Red Strader. I have never had any intention of giving up even though I haven't been able to run as I did last year." McElhenny explained that the pain in his foot keeps him from opening up even on a straight ahead course and increases "tremendously" when he tries to cut. "The instep is deadened with novocaine before every game, but the drug wears off," he said. "That's why it bothers me so much right after a game and the next day."...STATEMENT DISTORTED: It was during that postgame period after the Washington game that he remarked he would "not play again if it did not get better." "This was distorted to mean immediately,"

Hugh explained. "Actually, I was speaking of next year. In case a winter's rest doesn't bring relief, I will not have to retire - I'll be fired. But I am going to play the season out. Nothing else ever entered my mind. I'm not going to quit on the team." McElhenny is used largely as a flanking back and most opposing teams still respect his speed enough to cover him with two men. He broke loose against the Los Angeles Rams and got behind the defenders for a touchdown to prove that even on one wheel he still was dangerous...TOPS AS RUNNER: Until he suffered a shoulder separation in mid-season last year, Hugh was considered the most spectacular breakaway runner in pro football. McElhenny made no attempt to disguise his feelings toward the officials of last Sunday's game, which the Washington Redskins won, 7-0. Three 49er touchdowns were whistled back. "The players saw the pictures and none of us could understand some of the decisions," he said. He predicts a victory over the Green Bay Packers at Milwaukee Sunday. "Our spirit is good - we think we can win it," he concluded. Joe Arenas missed practice today because of a heavy cold and sore throat. Dr. R. South, team physician, put Arenas to bed as a precautionary measure.

# Packers Running Into 49er 'Hornet Nest?'

## PACKERS RUNNING INTO 49ER 'HORNET NEST'?

NOV 17 (Green Bay) - The Packers aren't fixin' to get beat 35 to 0 or so in Milwaukee Sunday. But the pregame business today is strangely similar to what it was before the Packers invaded San Francisco a year ago and came out with a licking by the above score. The Forty Niners entered the '54 Packer game with a fresh loss under their belts - plus a coach on the



hot seat. They had dropped a 17-14 decision to Baltimore and likeable Buck Shaw wasn't the most popular guy in 'Frisco. The '55 Forty Niners have just absorbed a loss – 7 to 0 to Washington, just a short hop from Baltimore, and their new coach, Red Strader, who is also a likeable fellow, is on the pan. Packer Coach Liz Blackburn pointed out the Shaw-Strader angle at Wednesday night's Quarterback Club meeting at the Columbus auditorium and added: "I hope we're not running into a hornet's nest in Milwaukee Sunday. The Forty Niners, you know, have the ability to explode and we all hope they don't do it against us." Last year's 35-0 loss, the 11th of the season for both teams, was almost inevitable. The Packers had just played two four-point losses with Detroit in five days, pretty well sapping them physically and mentally, and the Forty Niners wanted to win one for Shaw since it had been fairly certain that he was to be relieved of his chores. Frisco had a 5-4-1 record going into the tussle and the Packers 4-6. That game turned out to be the only real shellacking the Packers took during the entire '54 season. The situation this year, fortunately, is much more interesting in view of the fact that the Packers are still in the running. The shoe is on the other foot as concerns the records, the Packers posting 4-4 and the Forty Niners 3-5. By winning, the Packers can remain in the title race and at the same time increase their chances of copping in 'Frisco two weeks hence. Blackburn told the QB'ers "what a difficult job is ahead for the Packers," explaining: "Tittle (Frisco quarterback) has two good receivers in Carroll Hardy and Billy Wilson, who is among the best in the league. Hardy has caught a long one in every game thus far. Hugh McElhenny, they tell me, is back in shape and Joe Perry has been coming along faster. The Forty Niners didn't score against Washington, but they had two touchdowns called back by penalties and Soltau missed three field goals. They would have won without those bad breaks." A question concerning a "safety valve" was timely because, as Liz put it, "the Forty Niners use it a lot," pointing out: "A safety valve is an eligible receiver who makes a good block and then slips out in the flat to catch a pass just in case the quarterback can't find a receiver downfield.

The Forty Niners are quite famous for this type of play and we're alerting our defense."...Tobin Rote, veteran quarterback, was chosen by sportswriters and sportscasters as the most valuable player in Sunday's 31-14 victory over the Chicago Cardinals. He pitched three touchdown passes and scored one on a sneak...The Packers had a new experience yesterday – at least for '55, practicing in the well-below freezing weather, not to mention the stiff wind. They worked for 45 minutes behind the stadium, using the fence as a shield from the wind. They wore every sweat shirt and stocking cap equipment manager Toby Sylvester could dig up. Most of the boys agreed that "this is the worst since I've been here." A lot of them had trouble even talking after practice since their lower jaws seemed numb and stiff with the cold.



Side By Side Again—Joe Carey (far left) and Jim Cook, seated next to him, played side by side in the Packer line in 1921, are shown (above) as they were reunited at Sunday's Packer-Cardinal game at City Stadium. Carey, who now lives in Chicago, was the first player ever to come to the Packers from the state of Illinois. Shown with them are George W. Calhoun (second from right), former Packer publicity director, and Joe Laws, ex-Packer field general.

The emphasis was on offense and, surprisingly, the offensive backs managed to handle the ball well despite the cold. Most of the linemen and defensive players wore gloves. Conditions were to be more pleasant today, what with the sun shining...BRIEFS: Halfback Joe Johnson may get the starting assignment at left half Sunday in view of his performance against the Cardinals last Sunday. Johnson led both teams in rushing with 78 yards...Though the weather will be the deciding factor, attendance at Sunday's game could go well over 20,000. The sale now, according to publicitor Bonnie Ryan, is "ahead of that for the Ram game." A good crowd is expected down from Green Bay. And fans are reminded of the Packer Alumni Assn's. special, via the Milwaukee Road, leaving at 9:30 Sunday morning...Forty Niner publicity director Dan McGuire, in Milwaukee earlier in the week, was called home yesterday due to his wife's illness. He had hoped to stop in Green Bay today...The Packer-Cardinal film at the QB meeting was narrated for former Packer Tom Miller, who also served as chief quarterback. Regular narrator Tom White is in Bellin Hospital recuperating from an operation.

#### **SOLTAU WILL START AT LEFT END SUNDAY**

NOV 17 (Washington-San Francisco Examiner) – Gordy Soltau goes back to left end in the offensive lineup the San Francisco 49ers will start against the Green Bay Packers in Milwaukee Sunday afternoon. And Hugh McElhenny will be at his customary spot at right halfback praying that he can run and cut with his former abandon. Soltau, of the errant placement kicking toe, has been second choice the past several games behind Carroll Hardy, the speed merchant from Colorado. Hardy takes the back seat for this one "because he hasn't given us enough playing time," according to Red Strader. "First, he hurt his ribs, then he got a knee in Los Angeles, and now it is his back that slows him down," Strader explained. "I know what to expect from Soltau in the way of pass snatching and blocking, but Hardy's recurring injuries make him a risk as a

starter.”...MIFFED AT ROOKIE?: It can be that Strader and the coaching staff are a bit disgusted with the way Hardy failed to run with a Tittle pitch when he was wide open and clear for a touchdown in the Redskins shutout last Sunday. He was hauled down from behind principally because he hesitated a minute as he got clear. Generally, no one catches the Rocky Mountain sprinter once he gets loose. And why he'd let a tackler hit him from behind when his back is sore is another mystery. Evidently the fellow can't run yet freely and until he does it will be Soltau at left end. McElhenny, whose unguarded statement – “I have been thinking about quitting for the past two weeks” – threw the 49er camp into turmoil last night definitely has no ideas about giving up a job that pays \$17,500...JUST DISGUSTED: Evidently the young man was disappointing over owing the team four yards over eight carries against the Skins. Like the good baseball hitter who has been blanked in 14 trips to the dish, Mac was just plain disgusted with himself and popped off. He had trouble with his left foot at the University of Washington, but worked things out. That's what he's trying to do now. Strader still believes in McElhenny and cites the fact that defending teams still assign two men to watch the former Hurryin' Hugh. McElhenny has told Strader he has no objections to riding the bench if Red thinks such a move will help the team. To which Red replies: “None of our backs were running against Washington. I see no purpose in blaming McElhenny or anyone else. Although he can't cut, he still can dangle out there for that long touchdown pass and he's blocking well for Perry and Moegle.”...ARENAS RETURNS: Despite this brave explanation, Strader is running Harry Babcock, the bonus baby end of three years ago, in Mac's flanking back spot in practice. And Joe Arenas has been taught the intricacies of McElhenny's job just in case. But Hugh remains the No. 1 boy. Arenas returned to practice and ran in sweat clothes after a successful fight last night against a sore throat and cold. Joe Perry didn't run with the first eleven, because he has sore Achilles tendons. Stuck in the safety spot when Bobby Luna practiced punting, the Jet ran as fast as he ever did. The weather turned bitter cold and there was a heavy, piercing wind today. This served only to make the 49ers run faster. They had to or sprout icicles. The team spirit is high again and the three workouts this week have been outstanding from the standpoint of enthusiasm. Word from Milwaukee is that the temperature has dropped to 14 degrees, but there now is no sign of an impending storm.

**PACKERS REMAIN IN TITLE RACE - THANKS TO 'IRON MEN'**

NOV 17 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - The Packers, depending so much on so few, are still in the Western Division race, thanks to "iron man" performances.

- \* Fullback Howie Ferguson, within 74 yards of Alan Ameche's league-leading mark, has played in every game despite a wrenched knee incurred in the first Colt game. Ferguson's 633-yard production has been the key to Green Bay's outstanding running game, which is surpassed only by the Bears and Browns.
- \* Quarterback Tobin Rote will start his 68th consecutive game against the 49ers at the Stadium Sunday. Injuries have never kept rovin' Tobin out of a game, and that includes countless exhibitions and intrasquad games.
- \* Halfback Veryl Switzer is playing both offense and defense for the Packers. He's a tough little cookie, a demon on punt and kickoff returns and one of the best blockers on the club.
- \* Ends Billy Howton and Gary Knafelc can show a combined total of 62 catches for nine touchdowns - best in the league. Rote, incidentally, has tossed 11 touchdown passes this season - another "best" in the league.



**'Boys' Honor Bud**—Packer Capt. Buddy Brown, speaking on behalf of players, presents merchandise certificate to Carl (Bud) Jorgensen during ceremonies honoring veteran Packer trainer before game. It was signed "The Boys." Shown between them is Bernard Darling, president of the Packer Alumni Ass'n.



\* Fullback Fred Cone has booted 12 field goals this season, tops in the league, and has added 20 conversions to boost his scoring total to 56 points. Punter Dick Deschaine is 5th ranked with a 41.9 average.

\* Al Carmichael, who returned a kickoff 100 yards against the Browns last October, gives the Packers the best one-two punch in kickoff returns with second ranked Switzer. Carmichael has a 35.1 yard average, Switzer 27.0

\* Bobby Dillon has intercepted seven passes, second only to Will Sherman of the Rams. Doyle Nix and Val Joe Walker have stolen five passes apiece to give the Packers the best pass defense trio in the business.

At the beginning of the season Coach Liz Blackburn insisted injuries could kill all chances. The Packers can thank their lucky stars that injuries have not been serious. Only a game out of first place with a 4-4 record, the Packers can make progress under the Blackburn regime with one win in the last four games. A step in the right direction would be Sunday before the home folks. Joe Johnson, Packer sophomore, had his best day of his short pro career against the Cardinals last Sunday, picking up 78 yards. Johnson was used sparingly last season and gained only 31 yards. However, Blackburn has indicated Johnson will be used much more. Johnson and Mike Holovak were considered two of the best players ever to play at Boston College. Holovak, the present B.C. coach, played with the Rams for a year and two seasons with the Bears. The 49ers, training in Washington, D.C., will fly to Milwaukee Friday. A light workout is scheduled at the Stadium Saturday afternoon. The Packers will arrive by train Saturday afternoon and leave immediately after Sunday's game.

# Packers Cooking Up Scoring Party? Emphasis on Offense!

## **PACKERS COOKING UP SCORING PARTY? EMPHASIS ON OFFENSE!**

NOV 18 (Green Bay) - There is a slight suspicion that the Packers are cooking up a big offensive party for the San Francisco Forty Niners in Milwaukee Sunday afternoon. The weather put a crimp in practice this week – what with rain and slop on Tuesday and icy winds and snow Wednesday, but the emphasis has been point-making. Three-fourths of Thursday's workout – held in ideal weather compared to the previous two days – was devoted to scoring. Coach Liz Blackburn has a certain pattern worked out for weekly practices – generally defense the first two days and then mostly offense. This program varies with the type of opposition coming up and the previous week's performance. A week ago, for instance, the Packers pounded defense something fierce what with a 52-31 licking under their belts. The defense responded by blanking the Chicago Cardinals for three quarters and then allowed two touchdowns in the last period in a 31-14 victory. The offense helped along the defensive cause by controlling the ball exceptionally well in those first three games. The Forty Niners, held to 14 points in their last two games, including a 7-0 shutout at the hands of Washington, are due to break out with points. The Packers also hope to produce some markers and presently they're on a 62-point springboard – 31 in each of the last two games. Points for the Pack would serve as a wonderful lift for the defense which faces a tremendous task in collaring such artists as Y.A. Tittle, Joe Perry, Hugh McElhenny, Billy Wilson, Joe Arenas, Carroll Hardy and a raft of others. Strictly on a point basis, the Packers and Forty Niners are even on defense, each allowing 193 in eight starts. The Packers have outscored the Gold Diggers 176 to 139. Yardagewise defensively, Sunday's combatants are practically even. In fact, each team permitted the same number of yards rushing, 1,481. The Green Bays gave up 1,110 yards passing, Frisco 1,134. Frisco's rushing defense has allowed an average of 3.9 yards, while the Packers permitted 4.6 per. The Packers shine in the percentage of passes allowed with a low 40.9 against Frisco's 48.0. Offensively, the Packers have outrushed the Forty Niners, who were ground gaining champs last year, 1,278 to 1,040. In passing, the Forty Niners have the edge 1,311 to 1,177... Frisco was to get its first taste of Wisconsin weather late this afternoon when they were scheduled to arrive in Milwaukee from Washington where they have been in training. It probably will quite a shock for the Forty Niners who had ideal weather all week. In fact, the mercury reached 74 in Washington yesterday. There won't be below-freezing weather Sunday, Weatherman Herb Bomalaski promised today. He figured the temperature would go into the high 40's and maybe get into the low 50's. There's also a possibility of rain but "it won't be heavy," Herb said, adding, "there may be some wind." After the blistering wind Tuesday, the Packers are ready for anything. The players agreed that "nothing could be worse." The Packer injury situation, like the weather, brightened yesterday and all hands took part in the workout. On the hurt list are guard Hank Bullough, who may not play, guard Buddy Brown, fullback Howie Ferguson who worked without shoulder pads and tackle Jerry Helluin... Tickets are selling well for the Packer Alumni Assn.'s special train, via the Milwaukee Road, to Sunday's game. The train will leave the Washington Street station at 9:30 and take the fans directly to the stadium. It will leave Milwaukee (from the stadium) shortly after the game. A special ticket, which includes

transportation and a ticket to the game, costs \$9, Alumni President Bernard Darling reminded. Dining facilities will be available on the train – as well as parlor cars.

**49ERS GET SCARE ON GAME HOP**

NOV 18 (Milwaukee-San Francisco Examiner) - The San Francisco 49ers had their hearts in their mouths when they landed here late this afternoon for a football game with the Green Bay Packers Sunday in County Stadium. The plane, swooping in for a landing on General Mitchell Field, dropped fifty feet. As suddenly as it zoomed back upward. The 49ers and their entourage gasped, turned white and rolled with dizziness. The ship has just come from above a cold cloud bank into dark haze on its way here from Washington, D.C. The pilot later explained he had received sudden orders from the airfield tower to shift course. But this was like an elevator dropping, not like a car making a left turn. The big ship came on to make a satisfactory landing in good visibility but it is good that the 49ers have a day of rest tomorrow so that their inner organs can return to their normal positions. The temperature tonight is 10 degrees above zero and snow is expected. Tomorrow the Fahrenheit is supposed to rise to 40 degrees and the Sunday forecast is "Cloudy with no rain." Cold, windy weather all week will hold the crowd to little more than 20,000 although the Packers are hotter on the gridiron than they have been in years. They are favored to beat the 49ers. Coach Red Strader worked the team at Georgetown University this morning before taking the plane for Milwaukee.

**PACKERS SLIM CHOICE OVER 49ERS SUNDAY**

NOV 19 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - Those glimmer championship hopes of the Packers depend entirely on what transpires Sunday afternoon at County Stadium. A Green Bay loss to the San Francisco 49ers in their 1:05 encounter will virtually eliminate the Packers from the title picture in the NFL's torrid Western Division race. More than 20,000 are expected to see the Packers' lost home appearance. The general weather outlook is mostly cloudy and warmer. No rain is expected. There is every evidence of a down to the wire finish for the division flag. The Bears and Rams (5-3) have a game lead on the challenging Packers and Colts (4-4). The Bears, who have won five straight after losing three in a row, are the hottest team in the league and rate the odds-on choice to grab honors. He's the breakdown of the race at a glance:

Bears (5-3)	Rams (5-3)
November 20.....at Detroit	November 20.....at Baltimore
November 27.....at Cardinals	November 27.....at Philadelphia
December 4.....Lions at Chicago	December 4.....Colts at Los Angeles
December 11.....Eagles at Chicago	December 11.....Packers at Los Angeles
Packers (4-4)	Colts (4-4)
November 20.....49ers at Milwaukee	November 20.....Rams at Baltimore
November 24.....at Detroit	November 27.....49ers at Baltimore
December 4.....at San Francisco	December 4.....at Los Angeles
December 11.....at Los Angeles	December 11.....at San Francisco

The Packers are a 1 1/2 point choice to beat the 49ers, something which hasn't been accomplished since 1950 when they won in Green Bay, 25-21. The 49ers have won seven in a row, the last being a 35-0 deal at San Francisco last December. With two-thirds of the season expired, the Packers can show a better rushing game than the 49ers. San Francisco, with its ailing backs, has taken to the air and produced a better aerial punch than Green Bay. Quarterback Y.A. Tittle is third ranked in the league with 7.91 yards gained per pass. Tobin Rote is 12th with a 5.64 average gain. The Green Bay rushing attack has been chiefly the work of fullback Howie Ferguson, who has gained 633 yards for a 4.9 average. However, last week against the Cardinals, halfback Joe Johnson ripped off 78 yards - and a halfback threat was discovered. The Packers, in woolen underwear and stocking caps, have been drilling in below freezing weather this week in Green Bay. The emphasis has been on offense and how to handle the ball in Wisconsin's wintry weather. San Francisco arrived Friday afternoon from its Washington D.C. base. A light workout is scheduled at the Stadium Saturday morning.

**FOUR-WAY TIE FOR FIRST PLACE POSSIBLE IN SUNDAY'S PRO GRID TILTS**

NOV 19 (Milwaukee Sentinel - Lloyd Larson) - A double feature of sorts is in store for the thousands of pro football fans planning to take in the last game on the Packers' home schedule Sunday afternoon at County Stadium. The main attraction naturally will be the activities on the field as the Bays try to subdue San Francisco's 49ers - not an impossible feat, by the way. For the 49ers have suffered five defeats, one more than the Packers, and seem to be going nowhere in particular at the moment. But there will be more than passing interest on the big scoreboard, too, as results of other games around the NFL are posted. The posting, in fact, can develop into quite a show in itself, depending on the progress report of two distant battles in particular. The big, rugged Bears, you see, are slated to engage in something akin to mortal combat in the Lions'

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den at Detroit. And the Rams, currently tied with the Bears for the Western Division lead, go into their weekly battering act against the frisky Colts at Baltimore. What does that mean? Just this: If the Lions cool off the Bears and the Colts knock off the Rams and the Packers do the same to the 49ers, the hectic race for divisional honors will turn into a four way tie...HUNGRY LIONS COULD UPSET RUGGED BEARS: Impossible you say? The odds are against it, to be sure, just as they are in any three team parlay, which this is. But stranger things have happened in one day. Although the Bears admittedly have looked like supermen on the loose in recent weeks, it isn't reasonable to expect them to continue their terrific pace forever. Besides, those Lions are hungry, as witness their present cellar position and only two victories in eight starts. Hungry Lions can be very, very troublesome. The Rams haven't been as hot as the Bears at any time this season, and certainly aren't shoo-ins over the Colts. On the contrary, they could run into a heap of trouble, especially with the Colts performing before the spirited home crowd at Baltimore. As far as the Packers are concerned, anyone must grant them an even chance, or better, against the 49ers, off their sharp play in chilling the Cardinals last week. That victory took on added significance because it proved Liz Blackburn's boys could bounce back after a bad beating and generally bad performance in the Bear game at Chicago. So it could happen. Here's hoping. And here's hoping, too, that the weather is right and at least

25,000 move in on the Stadium to give the Bays moral support in the home finale...TOBIN ROTE - A MAN'S MAN: An outstanding part of Sunday's show has to do with a fine young man on whom rests a major part of the responsibility for the Packers' success or lack of it. That, of course, would be none other than Tobin Rote. It's no secret that as Rote goes, so go the Packers. When Tobin goes into action, which will be on the very first play after the opening kickoff (if the Packers receive) or however they gain possession, it will mark his 68th straight game in a Packer uniform. Sixty-eight consecutive games! That's a terrific streak - even more so when you consider what a pounding Rote takes week after week, game after game, as both passer and runner. Obviously, Rote must be deceptively rugged. Otherwise he couldn't tangle with 250 pounders, no matter how willing he has been and is that great big heart of his - the love of contact, the great will to continue to do battle and take it without the slightest sign of flinching. A man's man that Rote. Hats off to him. May he has a big day Sunday and more of the game as long as he chooses to play football.

**ABILITY OF DILLON, WALKER UNHAMPERED BY HANDICAPS**

NOV 19 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - Bobby Dillon has one eye and Val Joe Walker has only eight fingers, handicapped indeed for playing pro football. It's even more bewildering to see Dillon and Walker operate on pass defense. The two Texans are Packer safetymen, a position which requires an uncanny

**49ERS-PACKERS TV ROSTER**

49ers	Green Bay
12 Maury Duncan, qb	15 Paul Held, qb
14 Y. A. Tittle, qb	18 Tobin Rote, qb
22 Joe Arenas, hb	20 Billy Bookout, rcb
23 Rex Berry, hb	24 Breezy Reid, hb
27 Carroll Hardy, hb	27 Veryl Switzer, hb
32 Lem Markey, hb	31 Fred Cone, fb
33 Hardy Brown, fb	37 Howie Ferguson, hb
34 Joe Perry, fb	40 Joe Johnson, hb
36 Bud Laughlin, fb	41 Doyle Nix, hb
39 Hugh McElhenny, hb	44 Bobby Dillon, hb
47 Dicky Moegle, hb	47 Val Joe Walker, hb
49 Bobby Luna, hb	51 Jim Ringo, c
52 Ed Sharkey, lb	58 Tom Bettis, hb
53 Bill Johnson, c	61 Jack Spinks, g
54 Ed Beatty, c	62 Buddy Brown, g
55 Matt Hazeltine, c	63 Joe Skibinski, g
57 Paul Carr, c	66 Dearl Teteak, lb
64 Doug Hogland, g	67 Hank Bullough, g
65 Eldred Kraemer, g	68 Len Szafaryn, t
68 Lou Palatella, g	71 Bill Lucky, t
69 Bob Hantla, g	72 Jerry Helluin, t
73 Leo Nomellini, t	74 Roger Zatkoff, lb
74 Bob Toneff, t	78 Tom Dahms, t
75 Al Carapella, t	79 Dave Hanner, t
76 Marion Campbell, t	80 Dick Deschaine, e
77 Sid Youngelman, t	81 Pat O'Donahue, e
79 Bob St. Clair, t	83 John Martinkovic, e
82 Gordy Soltau, e	84 Gary Knafelc, e
83 Clay Matthews, e	85 Jim Jennings, e
84 Billy Wilson, e	86 Bill Howton, e
87 Charley Powell, e	87 Nate Borden, e
88 Harry Babcock, e	
86 Tom Sholhandske, e	

ability to break up enemy passes. Their record speaks for itself. Dillon has intercepted eight passes this season and Walker five. Dillon was All-Pro last season and Walker an honorable mention. "Best in the league" is the monicker often given to Dillon and Walker by opposing scouts. When told of their handicaps, the opposition shakes its head with suspicion. Take last Sunday's game with the Cardinals, for instance, 49er scout George Svendson had this to report: Dillon recovered a Johnny Olszewski fumble, intercepted a Lamar McHan pass and ran it back 19 yards to set up the Packers' fourth touchdown and intercepted an Ogden Compton pass and returned nine yards. Walker squelched a late Cardinal drive by intercepting a Compton pass on the Packer 20. Walker was the deadliest tackler on the field. This is Dillon's fourth season with the Packers. He was an All-American at Texas and graduated in business administration. "He knows his figures when it comes to contract signing," says Packer Publicitor Bonnie Ryan. "Money and love for football have kept him in Green Bay." Val Joe was obtained from the Giants in 1953. A standout at Southern Methodist, he was chosen on the 1953 College All-Star team. And, ironically, it was Walker who ran a punt return 92 yards against Dillons' Longhorns. Walker was handicapped to a greater extent last season with a loose cartilage in his knee. Surgery was successful last winter and Val Joe is enjoying his

greatest year in pro ball. "Val Joe is an insurance seller during the off-season," added Ryan. "And when it comes to signing pro football contracts, he's as good a talker as Dillon." Dillon and Walker have found pro football a successful and paying proposition. The Packers have found them the best safety duo in the business. And that's a guy with one eye and another with eight fingers.

### **BAYS OPPOSE FORTY NINERS IN 'BIG ONE' AT COUNTY STADIUM**

NOV 19 (Milwaukee-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packers will be out to end the home phase of their NFL schedule just like they started it, when they battle the San Francisco Forty Niners in County Stadium here Sunday afternoon. And who can forget how they opened their '55 card, beating the Detroit Lions 24-20 in the last 20 seconds. The Packer and fan slogan for that kickoff was "Beat Detroit". Except for changing the name to San Francisco, the banner is the same for tomorrow's classic - "Beat San Francisco". This is the BIG one for Green Bay because a victory means that the Packers will remain in its Western Division championship running. They could go into a four-way tie for first place with a win - if the Chicago Bears lose at Detroit and the Colts beat the Los Angeles Rams at Baltimore. The Bears and Reams are locked in first place with 5-3 marks and the Packers and Colts are knotted a game behind with 4-4 records. 'Frisco has 3-5. The Packers are a slim one-point favorite. Kickoff is set for 1:05 - a half hour earlier than usual because of the early darkness. A crowd of around 25,000 is expected and the temperatures will be in the low 50's. Seeking their fifth victory in six home starts, the

Packers have gathered scoring momentum for the Forty Niners. They counted 31 points in the last quarter of the loss to the Bears and registered 31 in beating the Chicago Cardinals last Sunday. The Forty Niners enter the match with two straight losses under their belts - 27 to 14 to Los Angeles and 7-0 to Washington, and undoubtedly they expect to snap back with gusto. This could snarl up the Packers' plans. Green Bay has hoped of continuing the offense they displayed in beating the Cards, although the Forty Niners defensive line and secondary are considered tougher and more talented than the Cardinal units. The Packers' offensive cases rests on the good right arm of Tobin Rote; the rushing of Howie Ferguson, Breezy Reid and Joe Johnson; the catching of those three backs and such other individuals are Billy Howton, Gary Knafelc, Al Carmichael and maybe Jim Jennings; and the front wall. The offensive line has two injured guards, Hank Bullough and Buddy Brown, but the other members are in excellent condition...FERGUSON VS. PERRY!: The due-to-explode Forty Niners will be throttled by veteran quarterback Y.A. Tittle, whose favorite receiver is Billy Wilson, the No. 2 catcher in the league. Tittle has a "few" other snatchers available - Gordy Soltau, Carroll Hardy, Hugh McElhenny, Joe Perry, Dick Moegle and Joe Arenas. The Packer defense against passing, led by Bobby Dillon and Val Joe Walker, will be subjected to considerable strain since Tittle can throw the pigskin a country mile, with accuracy. Both defenses against rushing - one of the prime movers these days - will also get a good test what with Perry and the Packers' Howie Ferguson banging away. Ferguson ranks second in the league in rushing and Perry, defending rush champ, is third. Both figure highly in first down procedures but they also have able "two" punches at halfback. The Forty Niners lines are anchored by a couple of tough, old pros - Leo Nomellini, the onetime Minnesota defensive star who now works at offensive left tackle, and big Bob Tonneff, who works at defensive left tackle. Nomellini will be across from Dave Hanner and Tonneff will be working against Tom Dahms most of the time. The Packers were to leave Green Bay on the 4:55 North Western this evening. They'll headquarter at the Astor Hotel and leave after the game, arriving in Green Bay at 8:25 Sunday night.



Don't Drop Me, Billy!-The San Francisco Forty Niner aerial attack is pretty well "carried" by Billy Wilson (84), their ace pass catcher, and the scene above shows him carrying Carroll Hardy, a highly-touted pass catcher who works from end or halfback. Apparently unaware of Hardy's foot is Dick Moegle, rookie offensive and defensive back. The threesome will be out to end the Forty Niners' two-game losing streak at the expense of the Packers in Milwaukee Sunday afternoon. Kickoff is at 1:05.

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### **49ERS OUT TO WRECK GREEN BAY**

NOV 19 (Milwaukee-San Francisco Examiner) - The San Francisco 49ers plan to turn spoilers in County Stadium tomorrow afternoon. They take on the Green Bay Packers, who still have a mathematical chance to catch the division leading Chicago Bears and Los Angeles Rams. The game will be televised (10:45 a.m., S.F. time, KGO, Channel 7) and broadcast (KFRC, 610). The 49ers hope to continue their domination over Tobin Rote & Company. They now have won seven straight from the Packers after losing their first meeting in 1950. A crowd of more than 30,000 is expected to watch the last home



**Forty Niner-Packer Series:**  
 Forty Niners won 7, Packers won 1.  
 Points—Forty Niners 212, Packers 103.

**Forty-Niner-Packer Comparison:**

	Pack.	49ers
<b>OFFENSE</b>		
First downs	143	132
Rushing	74	61
Passing	61	60
By penalty	8	11
Yards gained (total)	2455	2351
Rushing (net)	1278	1040
Passing (net)	1177	1311
Number of rushes	283	270
Ave. gain per rush	4.5	3.9
Fwd passes attempted	242	194
Passes completed	108	94
Per cent completed	44.6	48.5
Yards gained passing	1354	1507
Yards lost att. passing	177	196
No. had intercepted	13	20
Yards inter. ret. op.	184	220
Op. touch. interc.	1	2
Number of punts	38	41
Average distance	41.9	41.1
Number of penalties	23	48
Yards penalized	266	408
Fumbles	23	16
Own fumbles rec'd	8	5
Opp. fumbles	12	12
Opp. fumbles rec'd	6	8
Touchdowns (total)	20	19
Touch. running	9	9
Touch. passing	11	10
Extra points	20	16
Field goals	12	3
Field goals attempted	19	12
Total points	176	139
<b>DEFENSE</b>		
Opponents' points	193	193
Opponents first downs	174	169
Rushing	80	71
Passing	42	64
By penalty	2	11
Opp. yards gained	2591	2615
Rushing (net)	1481	1481
Passing (net)	1110	1134
No. opp. rushes	319	380
Op. av. gain per rush	4.6	3.9
Opp. passes attempted	154	202
Completed	63	97
Per cent completed	40.9	48.0
Intercepted by	24	16

appearance of the Packers, who play their final three games on the road. Already more than 28,000 tickets have been sold. Red Strader reports all 49ers on hand are ready for combat. These include a pair of new ones, Lem Harkey, fullback, and Ed Sharkey, an offensive guard, who have replaced John Henry Johnson and George Maderos, who are at home recovering from wounds...**FULLBACK AT GUARD:** Lisle Blackburn, second year mentor for the improving Packers, reports Hank Bullough, offensive right guard, will not play. He has a shoulder injury. Jack Spinks, converted fullback, replaces him. Joe Johnson, a sophomore back, may start at left half in place of Breezy Reid, a speedster who has troubled the 49ers in the past. Since each team has had more success with the pass than with the run, a wide open game is forecast. Each has enough power to make the passing game a threat. Howie Ferguson, Packer fullback, is the league's second best ground gainer, leading San Francisco's Joe Perry, 633 to 547 yards. Strader hopes Hugh McElhenny finally will fly loose to help Perry and swift Dick Moegle. If they can't get racing room, Tittle will have to pass against one of the pitchingest quarterbacks in pro ball - Tobin Rote. He has whipped 240 into the air in eight games and has a completion average of 45.0...**GOOD RECEIVERS:** Rote has tossed for 11 touchdowns, one more than Tittle. Tittle ranks second on yards

gained with 1,480 to Rote's 1,354 and his percentage is 49.7. Y.A. has gained 8.61 per throw, against Rote's 5.54. Each has good receivers. Tittle's main targets have been Billy Wilson (four touchdowns), Gordon Soltau and Carroll Hardy, ends, and Hugh McElhenny, halfback.

#### 49ERS THREAT TO PACKERS' CHANCES

NOV 20 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - The Packers won every home game in 1944 and went on to win their sixth NFL title even though they were blanked at New York, 24-0 and, 21-0, by the Bears in Chicago. After 11 long seasons of drought, the Packers find themselves in title contention going into the home stretch of the torrid Western Division race. Chances aren't as prosperous as they were in 1944, but - Green Bay could finish with its best home season since that last championship year and could keep pennant talk buzzing if it can beat the 49ers at the Stadium Sunday. Kickoff is 1:05. The Packers have played their best before a partisan crowd. They whipped the Lions, Bears and Cardinals in Green Bay and dumped the Rams in Milwaukee. They were within 16 yards of tripping the Colts here before time ran out. Coach Liz Blackburn's gang, on the other gang, has resembled the 1944 club on the road. Two real drubbings, a 41-10 loss to the Browns and a 52-31 rout by the Bears, deflated hopes at that time. Yet, the Packers bounced back to the tune of an easy 31-14 win over the Cardinals last Sunday. They are not ready to call it quits, although the odds are certainly against them. Sunday's showdown with the 49ers is strictly a shoot-the-works affair. A loss would virtually eliminate the Bays from further consideration. More than 20,000 are expected to see if they can do it. Fine football weather, with the temperatures in the mid-40s, is forecast. The 49ers have not been any great shakes this season. Yet, the 49ers have been the Packers' jinx. Green Bay managed to win the first contest, 25-21, but then dropped seven in a row. The incentive for revenge adds more fuel to the fire as far as the Packers are concerned. This could be the time the tables will be turned. The oddsmakers favor Green Bay, but by a close margin of 1 1/2 points. Hurt pride and home town grumbling have certainly added to the 49ers' woes. Both Coach Red Strader and Owner Tony Morabito have been hung in effigy as the losses have mounted. The San Francisco front office insists that serious injuries to its fabulous backfield ruined any chance for a title. John Henry Johnson is out for the season, Hugh McElhenny has a two yard average because of leg trouble and the opposition have been laying for Joe (The Jet) Perry. So what used to be the most savage attack in the business has been supplanted by the passing arm of Y.A. Tittle. It was Tittle, if you remember, who came off the bench last year to beat the Packers single-handed, 23-17.

# Beat 'Em!

**NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE**  
 Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	PS	OP
Chicago Bears	5	3	0	.625	218	154
Los Angeles	5	3	0	.625	169	162
<b>GREEN BAY</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.500</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>193</b>
Baltimore	4	4	0	.500	133	153
San Francisco	3	5	0	.375	139	193
Detroit	2	6	0	.250	153	196

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	PS	OP
Cleveland	6	2	0	.750	208	138
Washington	5	3	0	.625	144	164
Pittsburgh	4	4	0	.500	143	163
Chicago Cards	3	4	1	.428	144	145
Philadelphia	3	4	1	.428	183	157
New York	3	5	0	.375	150	142

**Sunday's Games**

**GREEN BAY vs. SAN FRANCISCO**  
 at Milwaukee (1:00, WJPG).  
 Chicago Bears at Detroit.  
 Los Angeles at Baltimore.  
 Pittsburgh at Cleveland.  
 Washington at Cardinals.  
 Philadelphia at New York.

**Last Sunday's Results**

**GREEN BAY 31, CARDINALS 14.**  
 Bears 24, Los Angeles 3.  
 Washington 7, San Francisco 0.  
 Philadelphia 33, Cleveland 17.  
 Detroit 31, Pittsburgh 28.  
 Baltimore 17, New York 7.

**Probable Offensive Lineups:**

SAN FRANCISCO	GREEN BAY	
Hardy	LE	Knafelc
Nomellini	LT	Szafaryn
Hogland	LG	Skibinski
Johnson	C	Ringo
Palatella	RG	Brown
St. Clair	RT	Dahms
Wilson	RE	Howton
Tittle	QB	Rote
Moegle	LH	Reid
McElhenny	RH	Carmichael
Perry	FB	Ferguson

**Officials: Referee—Thomas Timlin.**  
 Umpire — Joseph Crowley. Head  
 Linesman — Warren Knight. Back  
 Judge — Samuel Giangreco. Field  
 Judge — James Kane.

# Beat San Francisco! Pack Seeks 5th Win Sunday



**Final Home Appearance**—The 1955 Packers, still in the thick of the Western Division race, will make their final home appearance of the season when they battle the San Francisco Forty Niners in Milwaukee Sunday afternoon. They will be seeking their fifth win in six home starts and a possible first place tie. Members of the team are (top row, left to right) Len Szafaryn, Jack Spinks, Tom Bettis, Joe Skibinski, Hank Bullough, Bill Forester, Jim Ringo, Dave Hanner, Trainer Bud Jorgenson, equipment manager Toby Sylvester; (second row from top, same order) offensive backfield coach Ray McLean, line coach Lou Rymkus, John Martinkovic,

Nate Borden, Tom Dahms, Bill Lucky, Jerry Helluin, Pat O'Donahue, defensive backfield coach Tom Hearden, head coach Liz Blackbourn; (second row from bottom, same order) Al Carmichael, Howie Ferguson, Breezy Reid, Val Joe Walker, Bobby Dillon, Buddy Brown, Roger Zatkoff, Billy Bookout, Veryl Switzer, Deral Teteak; (bottom row, same order) Tobin Rote (inset), Gary Knafelc, Joe Johnson, Jim Capuzzi, Paul Held, Billy Howton, Doyle Nix, Fred Cone, Dick Deschaine and Jim Jennings (inset). Capuzzi has been placed on waivers. Rote and Jenning were not present when picture was taken. Kickoff is set for 1:05.



# THE ROOKIES ARE STEALING THE FOOTBALL SHOW

FOR YEARS professional football was the private preserve of the Chicago Bears and more recently of the Cleveland Browns. Occasionally Green Bay or Washington or Detroit or Los Angeles would emerge from the pack, win a championship or two and then slip back into the lower ranks once more. Lately, however, the pro teams have been spending as much as \$40,000 a season just to scout red-hot college prospects, thus turning collegiate gridirons into a coast-to-coast farm system. As a result, the old line of division in the National Football League—on one side the permanent haves, on the other the have-nots—is disappearing. The annual crop of rookies is paying off in an honest-to-goodness balance of power.

The NFL draft system aims at this very equalization of strength; the last-place finisher each year gets the first choice of that season's college crop and so on down the line to the league champion—which gets what is left over. The last three years, for example, the Lions have been at or near the bottom in the annual draft—this fall they lost their first six games. "It's finally catching up with us," Head Detroit Scout Bob Nussbaumer said recently in explaining the Lions' lapse. "You need good, fresh material each year—and we just haven't been getting it."

The Lions are one of the few teams who haven't; however, the 1955 group is considered by the league's coaches to be the best ever. Downtrodden Baltimore picked up so many outstanding first-year men—players like Alan Ameche (see page 18), Quarterback George Shaw of Oregon, Halfback L. G. Dupre of Baylor and Center Dick Szymanski from Notre Dame—that the Colts are now high in the Western Conference race. San Francisco has been bolstered by the addition of Dick Moegle (Rice) and Carroll Hardy (Colorado); the Giants have Alex Webster from Canada and Roosevelt Grier (Penn State); Philadelphia got Dick Bielski (Maryland) and a sleeper in Bob Kelley, the center from little West Texas State; Pittsburgh has Frank Varrichione (Notre Dame) and Ed Bernet (SMU); the Chicago Cardinals, Dave Mann (Oregon State); Washington, Ralph Guglielmi (Notre Dame) and Bert Zagers (Michigan State); the Chicago Bears, Rick Casares (Florida) and Bobby Watkins (Ohio State); Los Angeles, Ron Waller (Maryland) and Larry Morris (Georgia Tech); even Detroit came up with one very good one, Dave Middleton of Auburn. In the wonderful array of new talent, these stand out and give promise of taking their places alongside the league's Otto Grahams and Doak Walkers and Chuck Bednariks and George Connors. They have obviously proved themselves to be real pros.

Shaw, the 1955 bonus pick in the draft, is a slick-faking T-formation quarterback who has great speed, is a fine

runner and the only rookie up among the league leaders in passing; Szymanski is called "far and away the best rookie lineman" by Green Bay Coach Lisle Blackbourn.

One reason the Giants' Jim Lee Howell doesn't consider Szymanski the best is his boy Grier, a tremendous mountain of a man who has been one of the great defensive tackles of the season. The Giants, picked to finish high in the Eastern Conference race, have been a disappointment—but not Grier. Nor Webster. The 1954 ground-gaining champion of the Canadian League, Webster has jumped right into the NFL without any loss in efficiency. "The best running halfback in this business," says Howell, and he's backed up by no less an authority than Columbia's Lou Little, who calls the 210-pound halfback "the finest broken-field runner since Cliff Battles."

In San Francisco they refer to Moegle as The Baby-faced Assassin. When the 49ers picked him up in the first round of the draft there were those who asked what a team with three runners like Joe Perry and Hugh McElhenny and John Henry Johnson would do with another one. But Moegle, a brilliant defensive back, stayed busy with less glamorous chores and was ready to step in on offense when first McElhenny and then Johnson were hurt. He has been one of the big reasons the 49ers, after losing their first two games, have not yet fallen entirely out of the race.

Casares is the lone rookie fullback who can challenge Ameche—and some of the league coaches are beginning to think the big Bear may be the better of the two. He is next among the rookies to the Baltimore star in rushing, and against the Colts four weeks ago cut loose with the longest run from scrimmage of the season, an 81-yarder. Teammate Bobby Watkins has looked almost as good. Dave Mann has blossomed into a brilliant halfback for the Cardinals; Waller is a standout in the Ram backfield, and Middleton, moved from halfback to end to take advantage of his great straightaway speed, caught 13 passes, including one for 50 yards, in his first two games at the new position.

But now it is almost time for the pros to meet again, to pore over voluminous scouting reports, peer intently at the records and pick the players from the 1955 college season who will keep the NFL rolling on toward better—and better-balanced—football in the years to come. For the first time, well aware of stepped-up Canadian recruiting, the league will hold a partial draft meeting this year on November 28, picking the bonus choice and the first three rounds of selections. The rest of the draft will be completed, as in other years, in January. And down through the list—from rosters of schools like Notre Dame and UCLA and West Chester Teachers—the pros will be looking for the Ameches and Griers and Moegles of 1956. **(END)**