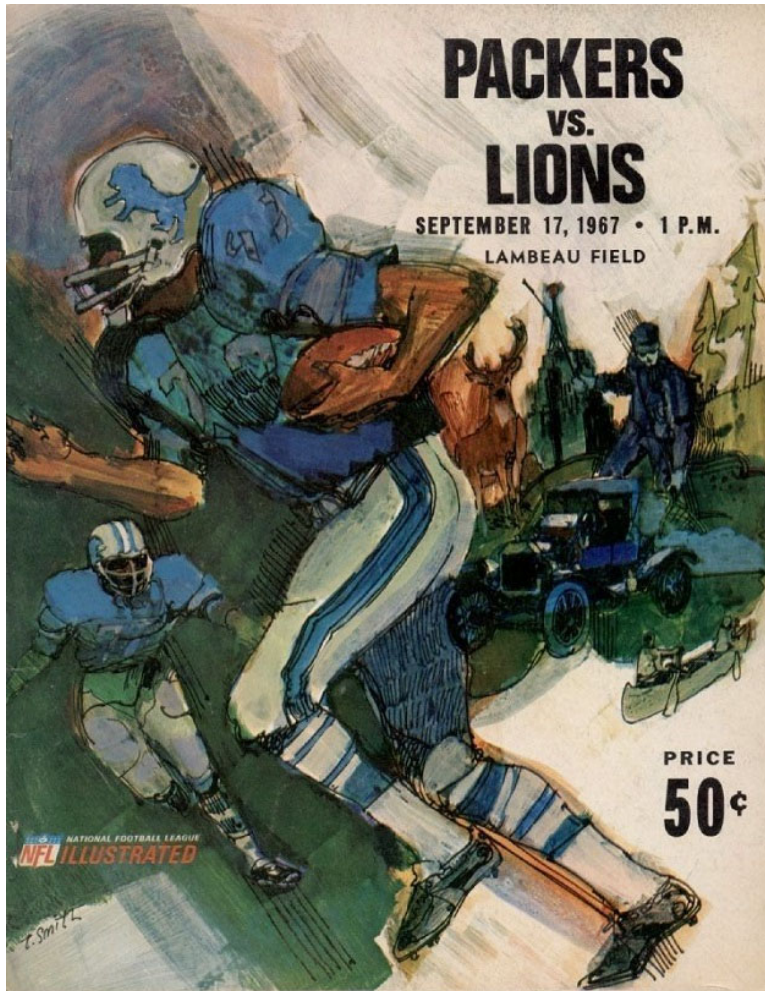




Green Bay Packers (0-0-1) 17, Detroit Lions (0-0-1) 17 (T)
Sunday September 17th 1967 (at Green Bay)



Packers Gain Tie With Lions in Standings, Too



GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(GREEN BAY) – It's okay, Daddy...you'll still be tied with Detroit for first place." This bit of consolation came from 9-year-old Bart Starr, Jr., as the head of the house slowly peeled off jersey number 15 in front of his green and gold cubicle in the Packers' spacious Lambeau Field dressing room late Sunday afternoon, left somewhat subdued in the wake of a 17-17 tie with the suddenly menacing Detroit Lions. Although he accepted this optimistic appraisal in the spirit that it was intended, Bart Sr. shook his head in tolerant but firm disagreement, reminding his towheaded son, "It's not good enough. You've got to win, sugar." Seconds later, the press corps converged upon Mr. Quarterback, and he dispatched his son in search of a soft drink while he graciously fielded question for the fourth estate, although it must have been a trying interlude for the NFL's reigning Most Valuable Player, unhappy over being victimized by four interceptions in the first half after permitting only three in all of 1966. The third of these misadventures was converted into a touchdown by Detroit rookie cornerback Lem Barney, who bounced up from the turf after making a diving catch in front of the intended receiver Boyd Dowler and wheeled 24 yards to score. This shocker, which came at 9:47 of the first quarter, not only shot the Pack's opportunistic guests into a 7-0 lead but triggered a series of untoward events which, incredibly enough, left the world champions in arrears by a decidedly uncomfortable 17-0 at the

intermission in their 1967 NFL inaugural, played in balmy, shirt-sleeve weather. Fortunately, the Packers rebounded from those early misfortunes with sufficient ammunition, largely by dint of a 42-yard Donny Anderson, a 54-yard Starr-to-Jim Grabowski screen pass maneuver, an 84-yard Starr collaboration with Elijah Pitts in the second half – and Don Chandler's game tying field goal, to escape defeat. In fact, they appeared en route to victory in the closing seconds when Starr hit Dowler with a 13-yard first down pass on Detroit's 38, setting the stage for a Hollywood finish with the score deadlocked at 17-17, but time ran out before the home forces could get over the ball for another field goal attempt. This somewhat anti-climatic development left a capacity gathering of 50,861 customers with jaws slightly agape – and the combatants with only the third stalemate in their 68-game series, the first since 1958 when they struggled to a 13-13 standoff on the same soil. But, as Bart Starr Jr. so cheerfully pointed out, they also emerged in a tie for first place in the newly-created Central Division of the NFL – because their fellow members, the Chicago Bears and Minnesota Vikings, cooperated by stumbling in their openers. This, however, was of no great consolation to the senior Starr, who told the assembled sportswriters, "I just played very poorly. I wish I could tell you more than that, but that's really just about the story." His critical analysis obviously ignored the fact that, despite those four interceptions, he completed 14 of 23 passes for 263 yards – 6 of them for 202 yards in the second half in rallying the offense to that major comeback. He had no explanation, he said, for his early problems. "I can't tell you – I really don't know." Did he think his passes might have been "hanging a little?" Starr replied, politely, "No, I didn't." Had the Lions made any defensive changes which might have proved troublesome? The 33-year-old field general again shook his head. "They played very standard defenses – the same ones they've used in the past." The suggestion was

that recent injuries might have affected his throwing. Starr rejoined with alacrity, "They're just fine, just fine." The emphasis shifted to Barney's first quarter interception and Bart explained, "I was trying to short pass off into the flat to our split end. It was poorly thrown." The target (Boyd Dowler) had another version of that one. "The ball was low – Bart got hit as he threw the ball, so he couldn't get anything on it," Dowler explained. "The kid made a good play on it, but if the ball had got to me, I might have been able to go." It was the second such misfortune of the afternoon for the nine-year veteran. Earlier, he had gained a step on Lion safety Tommy Vaughn as the Packers swept deep into Detroit territory following the opening kickoff, but Vaughn leaped in front of Dowler to intercept at the 1. Shortly thereafter, linebacker Mike Lucci waylaid another Starr pitch, this one intended for flanker Carroll Dale, and returned it 16 yards to the Packers' 49. Fortunately, this opportunity ended with Wayne Walker missing a 37-yard field goal attempt. On the Packers' very first play from scrimmage following Walker's errant boot, Barney electrified the Lions with his interception – and the Pack's troubles began. The visitors next pulled off a successful onside kick, Bruce Maher falling on Walker's spinning boot on the Packer 49. The Lions were unable to move, however, and after Marsh was throttled with a yard in a third-and-two situation, Walker was summoned, and he boomed home a 47-yard field goal at 12:21 of the opening period to erect a 10-0 lead. The Lions were off again, after a Tom Watkins fair catch of an Anderon punt on the Detroit 48. This time they drove 52 yards to a TD in 11 plays, aided by an interference penalty on the Pack's Willie Wood which moved the ball to the 3, from where March veered off left tackle behind Ron Kramer to score at 8:55 of the second quarter. Still obstreperous, the Lions managed to gain field goal position following the second half kickoff, but Lee Roy Caffey burst through from his right linebacker post to block Walkers' 45-yard kick to quash that threat. A quick exchange of punts ensued before the green and gold began to make their move. Gathering in Studstill's boot on his own 49, the elusive Anderson raced laterally to his right and, turning the corner behind an incisive block by rookie John Rowser, bolted down the western sidelines to the 8-yard line before being run out of bounds by Marsh. "Rowser had a great block on that one," Andy later volunteered in reconstructing the play. "Pitts had one, too, but Rowser had to make his for me to get away. I saw the guy coming over and all I could do was to wait and hope Rowser would get him – and he did." "Then it opened up for me until I got to about the 20 – I had a couple of guys in front of me...I should have scored on that play," he added soberly. "I was going full speed and so was March, the guy who knocked me out of bounds. If I had stopped and cut inside, I might have been able to make it." The Pack took it in from there in three plays, Pitts veering off right tackle for the final 2 yards at 9:40 of the third period, behind an explosive block by Gale Gillingham, who blasted Barney to the outside, creating a huge hole for Pitts. Restricting the Lions to one first down following the kickoff, the Packers next swept 77 yards in six plays to their second touchdown, sending the faithfuls' hopes soaring. With first down on the 23, Starr found Dale in the open – after a masterful fake to Pitts – and he was run to earth 51 yards later at the Detroit 26 by Barney and Vaughn. On the second play of the fourth quarter, Lucci and Ernie Clark hurled Starr for an 8-yard loss and the Pack next was penalized 23 yards back to its own 45 for holding. It was now fourth and 40, but the resourceful Starr was equal to the occasion. He pitched a deftly executed screen pass to Grabowski and he charged 54 yards down the western sidelines before being headed off at the Lion 1. Pitts exploded over left guard for the touchdown on the next play. With just 1:11 gone in fourth quarter and now a mere 14-point deficit, optimism mounted. It faded somewhat, however, when Studstill's punt – taking an unfortunate bounce – abruptly careened away from the out-of-bounds stripe at the Packer 22 and bounced all the way to the 3. With fourth and inches and the fans raining the familiar "Go, go" chant, Anderson returned the punt, and Studstill shortly reciprocated, the Packers taking over on their own 8. Starr then collaborated with Pitts on the most spectacular maneuver of the afternoon. With the ball on the 3 – Bart had just been thrown for a 9-yard loss by Karras – Starr retreated into the end zone and, narrowly sidestepping a tackler, hit Pitts on the 9. Dodging about in a frantic search for running room, Elijah suddenly found it, and bursting past a pair of eager Lions who overshot him, wheeled down the eastern sidelines until run out of bounds by LeBeau at the Lion 13. Anticipation abounded as the Packers came out over the ball, but Anderson lost two on first down, a Starr pass intended for Anderson was knocked down in the flat by Clark and Karras stormed through to fell Bart for a 6-yard loss on third down. Enter "Mr. Automatic," Don Chandler, who toed a 28-yard field goal between the yellow uprights – his 10th consecutive successful kick, including nine straight in preseason play – with only 1:28 remaining to forge a tie.

REGAINED LEATHER

The Pack subsequently regained the leather with 50 seconds left, but, after Starr found Dowler for 15 yards and one first down at the home 49, yards became exceptionally difficult to acquire. Grabo was held for no gain on a pitchout to the left,

Surprised?

National Football League Eastern Conference Capitol Division 2

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	op
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	35	24
Dallas	1	0	0	1.000	21	14
Washington	0	1	0	.000	24	35
New Orleans	0	1	0	.000	13	27

Century Division

Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	41	13
New York	1	0	0	1.000	37	20
St. Louis	0	1	0	.000	20	37
Cleveland	0	1	0	.000	14	21

Western Conference Coastal Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	38	31
Los Angeles	1	0	0	1.000	27	13
San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	27	21
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	31	38

Central Division

Detroit	0	0	1	.000	17	17
Green Bay	0	0	1	.000	17	17
Minnesota	0	1	0	.000	21	27
Chicago	0	1	0	.000	13	41

Sunday's Results

Baltimore 38, Atlanta 31
Pittsburgh 41, Chicago 13
Dallas 21, Cleveland 14
Detroit 17, Green Bay 17, tie
Los Angeles 27, New Orleans 13
New York 37, St. Louis 20
San Francisco 27, Minnesota 21
Philadelphia 35, Washington 24

Friday's Game

Minnesota at Los Angeles
Only game scheduled.

Sunday's Games

Chicago at Green Bay
Atlanta at San Francisco
Baltimore at Philadelphia
Cleveland at Detroit
New York at Dallas
St. Louis at Pittsburgh
Washington at New Orleans

after which 13 seconds remained. A Starr “bomb” to Dale fell incomplete and, with 8 seconds left, Starr hit Dowler for 13 and he barged out of bounds in a futile effort to stop the clock. Later, in the dressing room, there were some downcast faces – champions expect to win – but battle-scarred Ray Nitschke’s was not one of them. Thrusting out his chin, he proudly admonished all in earshot: “Heads up, heads up.”

DETROIT	- 10	7	0	0	- 17
GREEN BAY	- 0	0	7	10	- 17
		<u>DETROIT</u>	<u>GREEN BAY</u>		
First downs		10	13		
Rush-yards-TDs		39-192-1	20-43-2		
Comp-Att-Yd-TD-INT	7-17-41-0-0	14-23-321-0-4			
Sacked-yards		0-0	7-58		
Net pass yards		41	263		
Total yards		233	306		
Fumbles-lost		1-1	1-1		
Turnovers		1	5		
Penalties-yards		4-52	3-38		

SCORING

1st - DET - Lem Barney, 24-yard interception return (Wayne Walker kick) DETROIT 7-0

1st - DET - Walker, 47-yard field goal DETROIT 10-0

2nd - DET - Amos Marsh, 3-yard run (Walker kick) DETROIT 17-0

3rd - GB - Pitts, 3-yard run (Chandler kick) DETROIT 17-7

4th - GB - Pitts, 2-yard run (Chandler kick) DETROIT 17-14

4th - GB - Chandler, 28-yard field goal TIED 17-17

RUSHING

GREEN BAY - Jim Grabowski 10-36, Ben Wilson 1-5, Elijah Pitts 7-1 2 TD, Donny Anderson 2-1

DETROIT - Mel Farr 16-95, Amos Marsh 18-86 1 TD, Tom Watkins 2-7, Tom Nowatzke 3-4

PASSING

GREEN BAY - Bart Starr 23-14-321 4 INT

DETROIT - Milt Plum 17-7-41

RECEIVING

GREEN BAY - Carroll Dale 4-109, Jim Grabowski 3-69, Elijah Pitts 2-98, Boyd Dowler 2-28, Donny Anderson 1-14, Marv Fleming 1-9, Ben Wilson 1-(-6)

DETROIT - Pat Studstill 3-19, John Henderson 1-9, Ron Kramer 1-8, Bill Malinchak 1-7, Mel Farr 1-(-2)

Quickest Eight Seconds I've Ever Seen—Lombardi

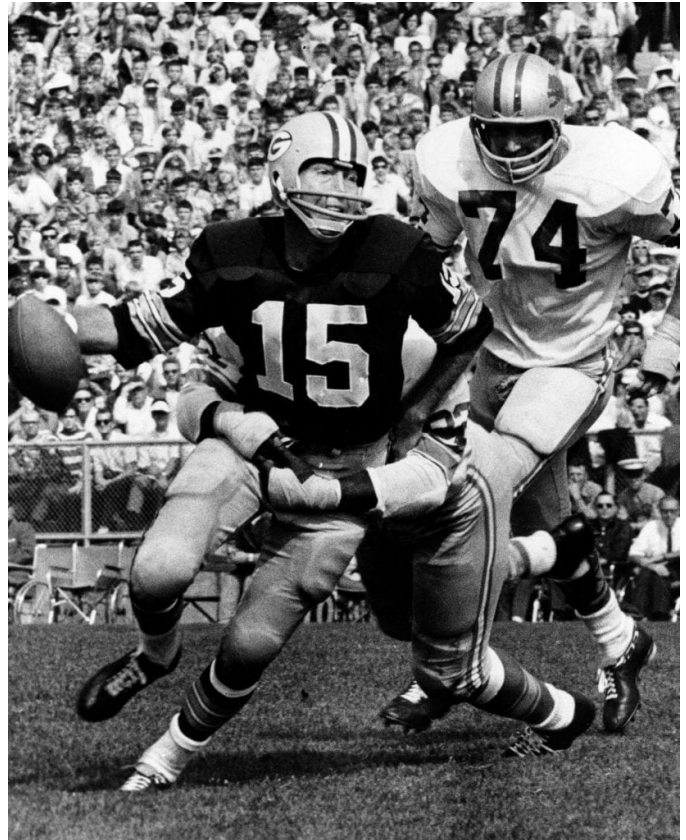
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Miami	1	0	0	1.000	35	21
Houston	1	1	0	.500	40	28
Buffalo	1	1	0	.500	23	37
New York	0	1	0	.000	17	20
Boston	0	3	0	.000	42	89
Western Division						
Oakland	2	0	0	1.000	86	7
San Diego	1	0	0	1.000	28	14
Kansas City	1	0	0	1.000	25	20
Denver	1	2	0	.333	47	107
Sunday's Results						
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QUICKEST EIGHT SECONDS I'VE EVER SEEN – LOMBARDI

SEPT 18 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Inches? This was a game of one yard and eight seconds... “the quickest eight seconds I’ve ever seen in my life,” as Packer Coach Vince Lombardi described it. He had reference to the final play of Sunday’s NFL opener in Lambeau Field. There were eight seconds on the clock when quarterback Bart Starr took the snap and rifled a pass to Boyd Dowler on the east sideline. The play was designed to get field goal position while getting the ball out of bounds to stop the clock with a couple seconds remaining. Dowler did catch the ball on the Detroit 36 yard line and he did step out of bounds immediately. But, after a momentary delay during which the anxious players hovered around the officials as they checked the clock, the game was declared over. The expectant crowd seemed to go limp. No cheer. No boo. Just...just nothing. It was not so in the Packer locker room several minutes later, however. Asked about the time situation, Lombardi, like all good NFL coaches are required to, said, “I have no complaints about it.” Then, he added, as if for grudging emphasis, “I’d rather not say...I

have no complaints. But I can’t understand it. It was the quickest eight seconds I’ve ever seen in my life. But you better ask our PR man to get the officials for you and ask them about it.” Referee Norm Schachter, acting as spokesman for the officials, pointed out that it was simply a case of the timekeeper, Line Judge Herman Rohrig, judging when the player actually took the ball out of bounds and then stopping his clock. In this case, when he looked at the clock after stopping it, the time had elapsed. End of game... 17 to 17. Earlier, though, the officials caught a bit of Lombardi’s feelings. Trudging in from the field, the coach paused before entering the Packers’ dressing room to stick his head into the officials’ dressing

room and snort, “You guys sure make us look like lousy coaches out there.” The conditions under which Dowler did catch the ball and get out of bounds were a bit crowded, but Boyd said that though somebody touched him right after he caught the ball, his quick progress over the sideline was not impeded. “I knew what the scoreboard said and I knew I had to get out of bounds for us to have a chance,” he somberly reported. “I thought I did get out in time but evidently I didn’t.” Actually, however, two situations involving approximately one yard of turf each also played major roles in this upset of sorts. The first was an onside kick by the Lions that led directly to a Wayne Walker field goal from 47 yards away. Lem Barney had just engineered the third in a startling succession of interceptions off Starr and turned it into Detroit’s first touchdowns. Walker then dribbled the kickoff to his left and Bruce Maher raced to recover the leather on the Packer 49. That meant the ball had made the required 10 yards distance for it to become free by a single yard. Lion Coach Joe Schmidt admitted it was a “gamble” but added, “We figured if we got a quick score, we might come back with it and get another.” He said he signaled Walker to try the onside kick when he was sure the Packers were lining up with just three men up front and the second wave between the 30 and 35. Four plays later, Walker’s kick sailed over the bar. In the second instance, Schmidt acknowledged that he considered gambling for a moment but changed his mind. That was when the Lions came up with fourth down and one on the Packer 47 with 4:30 left in the game. “If it had been inches, I’d probably have gone for it,” he said. “But it looked more like a yard and a half to me.” Thus Pat Studstill was called on to punt and the Packers converted the kick into the tying three points via Don Chandler’s 28 yard field goal after Elijah Pitts’ spectacular 84-yard dash with a Starr pass...



An unidentified Detroit Lions’ tackler catches Green Bay Packers’ quarterback Bart Starr (15) during the season opener at Green Bay, Sept. 17, 1967. Lions’ Larry Hand (74) help flatten Starr before ball was released. ASSOCIATED PRESS ARCHIVES

Schmidt, at 35-years-old the youngest head coach in the league, sounded almost like Lombardi in discussing his team’s rejuvenation. “A lot of people thought we had an awful team last year,” he said. “So we came to camp this year determined to get our pride and respect back. I think we got it.” Lombardi also seemed more inclined to talk about the Lions than his own Packers, though he noted, “We came back in the second half. We played poor in the first half and didn’t do much better in the second half but we made some big plays.” But, changing avenues, he then declared, “Give Detroit credit. They ran hard. It’s a coming football club. They were spirited. They have a new coach, and they hustled more than any Detroit team I’ve seen in years. Every time the Packers lose, they played lousy. Give the other team some credit.” Actually, of course, the Packers didn’t “lose.” Neither did the Lions, but you couldn’t have determined this from the mood in either dressing room. “It was disappointing,” the barrel-chested Schmidt, just two years removed from the active playing ranks, said, taking particular note of his team’s 17-0 halftime lead. “But don’t forget, this is supposed to be the champions of the world. That means something, too.” Congratulations of a fine game were offered to him, but he shook them off unsmilingly. “Congratulations are only in order when you win. We should have won.” Somebody told him that Lombardi had said the Packers were fortunate to have come out with a tie. And Schmidt commented, “I’d agree.”

KRAMER, KARRAS AGREE: ALEX HAD ‘DAY’

SEPT 18 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Shades of Thanksgiving Day, 1962. Well not quite, but veteran Packer guard Jerry Kramer, wearied by a trying day of doing battle with rugged Alex Karras, said the Lions of Sept. 17, 1967, reminded him of those fitful games against the Detroit defense of the ’61-’62 era. Karras, who said he couldn’t remember back to that fateful Turkey Day when Packer quarterback Bart Starr suffered bruise on top of purple bruise in a 26-14 defeat, nevertheless admitted that Sunday was the best game the Lions enjoyed “as a defensive club” in a long time. And, with a smile surrounding a huge cigar, the surprisingly Amiable Alex agreed, “Yes, I had a pretty good game.” Kramer put it another way: “I think we had a lovely day.” Karras, with a large helping hand from fellow tackle Jerry Rush, replacement for traded Roger Brown, headed a resistance that flattened Starr seven times, hurried him on other occasions and held the Packer ground game to a net of 43 yards. Freshman Lions Coach Joe Schmidt said, “We had to gamble a bit and we blitzed quite a bit so we had to play our backs tight.” Karras added, “We have a real fine defensive backfield. They played the receivers tight and it gave us a chance to rush (Starr) quite a bit and he had to scramble a little.” Still grinning, Karras continued dryly,

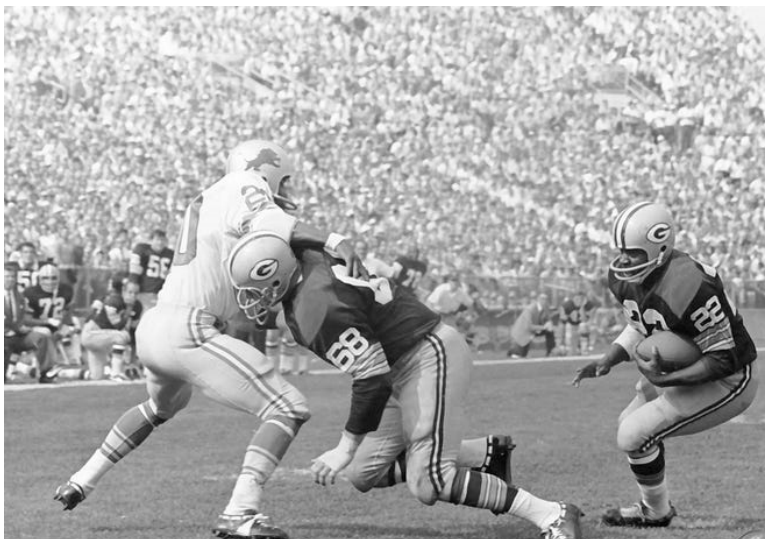
“We get to him pretty good every game.” This undoubtedly had something to do with the four interceptions thrown by Starr though Packer Coach Vince Lombardi noted tersely, “There wasn’t any pressure on the first two.” In Lombardi’s opinion, though, Karras was “sensational.” Kramer, expanding on this, declared, “He’s a heckuva football player.” Then, managing something of a grin, he added, “I had a lot of plans for him, but they didn’t quite work out. He has great agility and exceptional strength. He’s quick and he’s built so low to the ground.” Jerry, however, had another viewpoint. “We had an opportunity to score on our first drive. That would have taken some of the juice out of them. Then we would have scored and scored.”...Rookie John Rowser, who with one big play helped get the Packers untracked, was unjustly accused by some observers of righting an original wrong with his beautiful block that sprung Donny Anderson loose for a 43-yard punt return that set up the Bays’ first touchdown. It has appeared that he missed his man downfield and then, in chasing him, got into position for his crusher. But Rowser enlightened the unknowing thusly: “The way the Lions play on their punts, I was just supposed to chug my man at the line and then peel back. That’s what I did, and when Anderson dipped, I came right in behind him.” The highly promising defensive back wouldn’t take complete credit for knocking two would be tackled off Andy’s heels though. “I think the second man pursuing just fell over us,” he smiled...While one Lion, Dick LeBeau, was fast enough to catch him, two other Lions were too fast, Elijah Pitts revealed in describing his 84-yard jaunt with a Starr pass that set up the tying field goal. “A couple of their sprinters overshot me when I caught the ball and it turned into a one on one situation. I just ran down the field, but it seems as though he won the battle.”...Schmidt, who looks as if he would be ready for combat himself, was asked how he really felt about his coaching debut. “I was a little nervous, naturally. But I didn’t feel any different than when I was playing. I guess I would have liked to get in there.”...FOOTNOTES: Paul Hornung was in Greem Bay Sunday. But it wasn’t the familiar Paul. This Paul Hornung (that’s his name) was the fancy strutting drum major for the Ludington, Mich., High School Band, which performed both before the game and between halves...A large green pennant with gold trim and gold and white lettering spelling out “Green Bay Packers, World Champions, 1966” was raised with Old Glory in pregame ceremonies...At halftime, Green Bay Mayor Don Tilleman helped open Wonderful Wisconsin Week by presenting the Packer Corp. with a huge trophy from the citizens of the city. The trophy was offered in appreciation of the heritage that the Packers have given Wisconsin. Sunday was designated Heritage Day in the WW celebration.

OPENERS ARE ALWAYS STICKY; TIE BETTER NOW

SEPT 18 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Openers are always sicky and the Packer-Lion affair Sunday was a sterling example. And look around the league...the Rams had trouble beating the infant Saints and the Vikings and Falcons might have won with an extra minute. The Packers now have a 5-3-1 record for openers under Vince Lombardi. Other than the 34-7 win over the then-sophomore Vikings in ’62 and the 41-9 triumph over the Steelers in ’65, Packer openers were real beastly. GB lost three by 17-14, 17-13 and 10-3 and won such closes as 9-6, 23-12 and 24-3. After the first flush of disappointment with the tie wore off Sunday, you had the feeling that maybe this wasn’t so bad after all. The Packers are an excellent team but even the best can profit by errors. Better that the tie – or even a loss – came now than somewhere in the last four or five games...This was the first tie opener for the Packers in 24 years. The Packers opened the 1943 campaign with a 21-21 knot vs. the Bears...The Packers played their first league game since 1959 without the historical duo, Jim Taylor and Paul Hornung, but you certainly couldn’t fault their successors. The yardage totals of Jim Grabowski, Elijah Pitts and Donny Anderson didn’t match Taylor and-or Hornung in their prime but neither did they get the blocks that these two enjoyed most times. Grabowski ran for daylight beautifully several times when the hole closed...And whoever heard of an onside kickoff in the first quarter? This had to be the surprise of the season, but it is typically Lion. Joe Schmidt, the Lions’ head coach, was a linebacker for the Lions when they featured shenanigans. In fact, moments after the onsider the Lions had a punt situation close to midfield and we were surprised that Pat Studstill didn’t try a run, though he had eight years to go...Season firsts: Kickoff return – Herb Adderley, 29 yards; run from scrimmage – Elijah Pitts, 4 yards; pass completion – Bart Starr



Vince Lombardi reacts during the game (SOURCE: Green Bay Press-Gazette)



Gale Gillingham (68) makes a block for Elijah Pitts (22) in the season (SOURCE: Green Bay Press-Gazette)

to Jim Grabowski, 8 yards; first touchdown – Pitts...Quick now...can you remember the last time the Packers didn't score in the first half? Or have three interceptions and a fumble lost in the first quarter? It ain't worth looking up...The sweltering crowd, under a blazing 78-degrees, sun and little breeze, was a little stunned in the first half, but still noisy. Lion QB Milt Plum stopped his signals and rehuddled three times...The Packers produced many goodies but one of the things that pleased us particularly was blocking a field goal attempt by Wayne Walker in the third quarter. Three Bays streamed and Lee Roy Caffey knocked it down. Another goodie was Starr's play action pass to Carroll Dale for 51 yards near the end of the third quarter. He faked off to Elijah Pitts first, stopping the Lion defense line in its tracks, and then let fly. And speaking of goodies...how about the tie. A knot never looked so good.

PACKERS 'LOOK AT IT AS A LOSS,' JORDAN SAYS

SEPT 19 (Madison) – The Green Bay Packers' tie game with Detroit Sunday was regarded as a defeat by the team, says a veteran Packer defensive tackle. "We look at it as a loss, Detroit looks at it as a win," Henry Jordan, nine-season Packer veteran, said Monday. Jordan was in Madison for a football competition stunt for young athletes. Jordan advised Packer fans, however, not to panic because of Sunday's 17-17 tie. "We still think we have a football team," he said. "We'll come around." He added the tie means the Packers will virtually start their season next Sunday against the Chicago Bears.

NEVER GOT ESTABLISHED: LOMBARDI

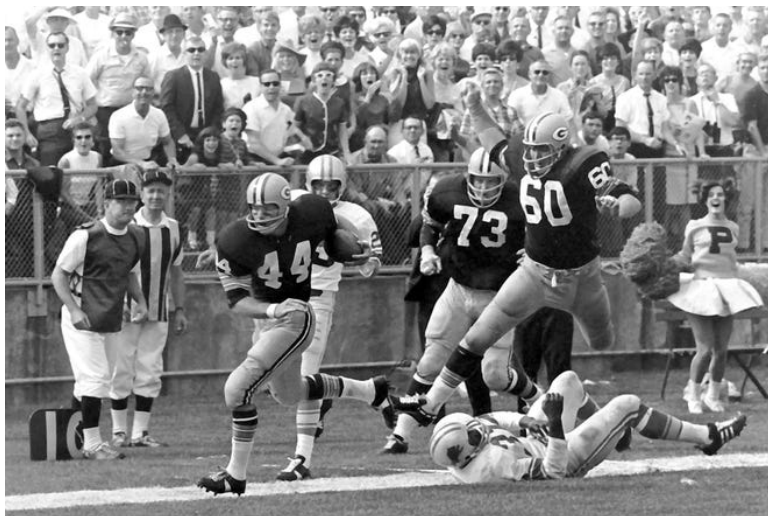
SEPT 19 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – "You're never satisfied with a tie," Bart Starr grimly asserted following the Packers' 17-17 inaugural standoff with the Detroit Lions Sunday. But, Coach Vince Lombardi intimated today, it was not an unreasonable "result" in view of the Packers' performance. Terming the world champions' efforts "very frustrating," Lombardi declared, "We made enough errors in one game to last an entire season. When you make that many mistakes (4 interceptions, 1 fumble, 3 crucial penalties and having the quarterback thrown for 7 losses), you face an insurmountable problem. We never got established in anything we tried to do all game." This was eloquently reflected in the Pack's rushing total, a slightly anemic 43 yards. "We didn't rush," was the Packer headmaster's simple explanation. It was, he added, entirely by accident. "It was just the patterns the game assumed. We just could never get going with any kind of a planned operation." Commenting on Detroit's four first half interceptions (one more than quarterback Starr permitted 14 opponents in all of 1966), Lombardi said after viewing the game films, "That was just one those things. On the one that went for a touchdown, he (Lion rookie Lem Barney) just made a great play, a tremendous play. Bart was hit on the play, however, which made the ball go the way it did." He had not, he noted in this connection, given any thought to replacing the NFL's Most Valuable Player with his veteran understudy, Zeke Bratkowski. "Starr's number one," he said. "You only hope he comes out of it on the next play." Although he was not happy with the overall performance, Lombardi applauded the defense. Pointing out, "We gave them the ball an awful lot in key positions" and when it was noted that the Lions had amassed 192 yards rushing, he observed. "We gave up some yards, but the defense did well when you consider it was facing almost

Meet 'Old Friend'



Meeting Henry Jordan, defensive tackle for the Green Bay Packers, Monday were two youngsters who placed high last year in the nationals of the Punt, Pass and Kick competition. From left, Jeff Anding, 9, fifth last year; Jeff Stern, 14, third; and Jordan. (Staff photo by Skip Heine)

insurmountable odds.” The Packer major-domo had no comment on the contention of a local television sportscaster (Channel 5’s Bob Schulze), supported by a timed running of the game’s final seconds on film, that 1.75 seconds remained when Boyd Dowler stepped out of bounds on what became the last play of the game. The pictorial presentation, which began with eight seconds remaining in the game (the correct time, established by Starr in a check with the line judge before the play), suggested that the Packers’ Don Chandler would have had an opportunity to attempt a field goal, since time would have been out until the ball was snapped, had the official stopped the clock at the instant Dowler crossed the sideline. It also was noted that the 1.75 seconds remaining after Dowler was flat on his back out of bounds. At that point, the Packers were in possession at the Detroit 38, which presumably would have found Chandler kicking from the 45. A long boot, to be sure, but Chandler has connected from even further out. Could, Lombardi was asked, the Packers’ problems have stemmed from over-anxiety (prompted by all of the emphasis on their now launched bid for an unprecedented third straight title)? “We weren’t tight,” he replied in discounting this possibility. “We just played a poor game.” And the Bears (the Pack’s next opponent in Lambeau Field Sunday)? “I don’t know,” Vince said. “We haven’t had our report on them yet.”...PACKER PATTERN: When asked how he had happened to call a screen pass to Jim Grabowski that triggered a 54-yard gain and set up the Packers’ second touchdown, Starr had an eminently practical reply. “I didn’t know anything else we’d run all day,” he said dryly, “that would get us 40 yards.” The Packers were faced with a staggering third-and-39 situation after Starr had been felled for an 8-yard loss and the offense had drawn a 23-yard penalty for holding. Also queried after a pitchout to Grabowski with 20 seconds remaining in the game, Bart first said, “I would rather not comment on that,” then added, “it was a change of pace.”...Signing as he reflected upon his marathon run (75 yards following a 9-yard Starr pass) that triggered the Pack’s tying field goal, Elijah Pitts volunteered, “It looked like a long way to go.” The pride of Philander Smith, caught at the Detroit 13 by Dick LeBeau, added with a chuckle, “That goal line just wouldn’t come to me.”...The sizzling American League baseball pennant race could transfer the Packers’ rematch with the Lions to “home” ground. William Clay Ford, Lion owner, announced today that the game will be played either in Milwaukee County Stadium on Sunday, Oct. 8, or in Detroit on Monday night, Oct. 9, depending upon whether the Detroit Tigers become involved in a playoff, “especially if there should be a rain delay.”



Donny Anderson (44) runs the ball past the Detroit Lions defenses, assisted by Lee Roy Caffey (60) and Jim Weatherwax (73) (SOURCE: Green Bay Press-Gazette)

Don't Think There's a Thing Wrong With Bears—Desmond

Two Newcomers On Packer Scene

Mrs. Ken Bowman, wife of the Pack's veteran center, contributed a new addition to the Packer family this morning. A son born at St. Vincent Hospital, he is the Bowman's second child. He also is the second new arrival on the Packer scene within the last three days. Ass't. Coach and Mrs. Dave Hanner welcomed a son, their sixth offspring, Sunday.

DON'T THINK THERE'S A THING WRONG WITH BEARS – DESMOND

SEPT 20 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – “I don’t think there’s a thing wrong with the Bears.” Cheruble Dan Desmond, facing the inevitable question in the wake of the Bruins’ opening 41-13 loss to the suddenly formidable Pittsburgh Steelers, said it with a pardonable amount of indignation. “We’re no dog club,” Dan, a Green Bay visitor Tuesday to report on the current state of the Midway Monsters in preparation for Sunday’s 97th collision with the Packers here, stoutly insisted, “We’re a well-constructed club.” Dan, however, made no attempt to explain away the Bears’ Pittsburgh misadventure. “We just played bad football,” he said flatly. “The statistics show that. We had five fumbles and lost four of them. And we had two interceptions – one each off Larry Rakestraw and Rudy Bukich.” He also gave due credit to the enemy, asserting, “The Steelers were just higher than heck – and very well coached (by Bill Austin, former Packer line coach). The funny part of it was we had them down 13-3 at one point in the first quarter – one a 103-yard runback of a kickoff by Gale Sayers and a 24-yard run with an interception by Roosevelt Taylor – and they hadn’t seen our offense yet.” “You’d

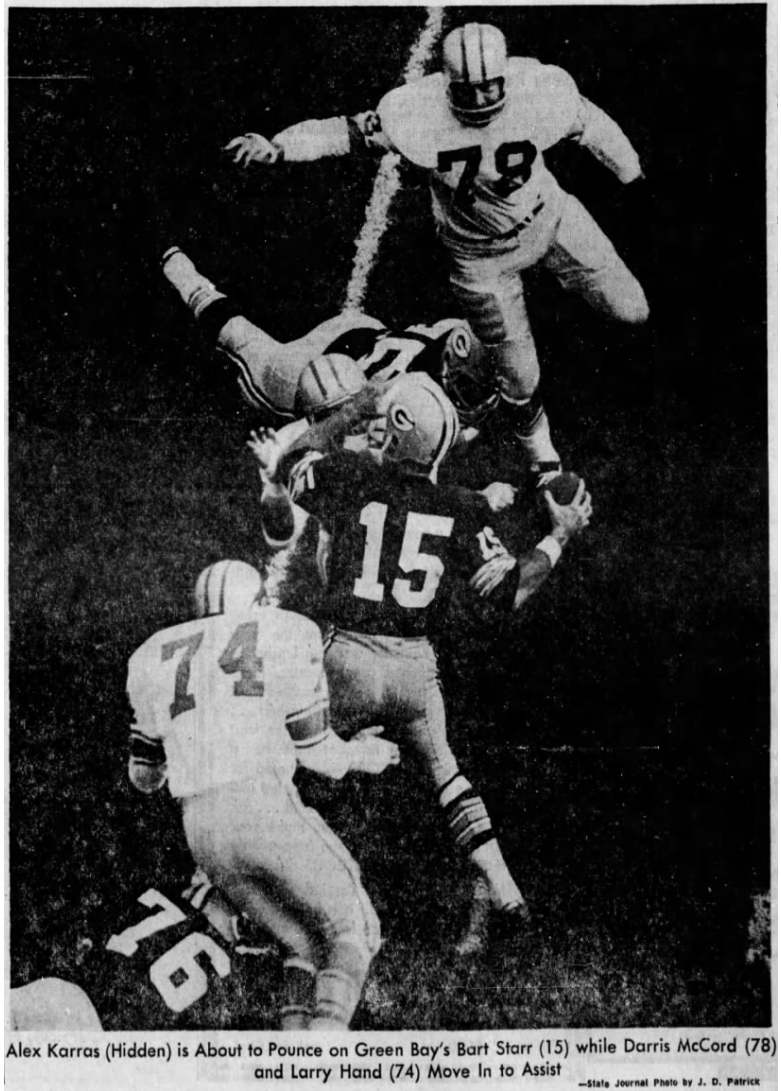
think they’d be frightened,” Dan said, a little incredulously, “but they weren’t.” The Bears’ problem, he said, was basic – they seldom had the football. “The Steelers had the ball on 72 offensive plays,” he revealed, “and we had it for 35.” “As a matter of fact, our quarterback, Larry Rakestraw, didn’t get in until the 12th or 13th minute of the game. The Steelers received the opening kickoff and drove down for a field goal. Then, when they kicked off to us, Sayers ran it back 103 yards for a

touchdown. And a little later, Rosie Taylor made that interception and ran it in to give us a 13-3 lead – and we still hadn't had the ball on offense." Desmond added wryly, "Rakestraw's been waiting three years to throw his first pass for us in a league game and, when we finally do get the ball, our first play from scrimmage gains us six yards, but we're called for holding." Things, he further noted, failed to improve. "We had 18 running plays in all – for a net of 16 yards." Of these, the gifted Sayers emerged with the incredibly meager total of two yards in seven carries. Although it was an admittedly inauspicious beginning for the Bruins, the Bear spokesman is hardly inclined to push the panic button. "The week after we got beat so badly (66-24) by Kansas City, we came back to beat the Cardinals, 42-14," he pointed out. "It's possible to come back." Elaborating on this theme, Desmond appended, "We've got personnel...and, certainly, Sayers is not going to be held to two yards rushing every Sunday." Summing up, he declared with some fervor, "I may be naïve, but I think there's such a thing as team pride. When these guys get a look at themselves in the movies, if that leaves them cold..." He didn't finish, but the inference was obvious...PACKER PATTERN: The Packers' physical exertions Tuesday – their first day on the field since Sunday's 17-17 tie with the Detroit Lions in their season opener – were confined to a 15-minute game of touch football in Lambeau Field. The Pack's first "inside" practice of the season, it was preceded by a lengthy meeting and followed by a scouting report from Wally Cruice...The Bears' right guard, Jim Cadile, suffered a knee injury against Pittsburgh and will be sidelined for two weeks. He will

be replaced by George Seals, who has been stationed at left tackle. Either Dan James, acquired from the Steelers in a trade that sent Charlie Bivins to Pittsburgh, or Bob Pickens, an ex-University of Wisconsin athlete who has just recovered from a neck injury, will move into Seals' tackle post. Pickens, a rookie who finished his career at Nebraska after encountering scholastic difficulties at Wisconsin, recently ranked as one of the world's premier Greco-Roman wrestlers. He finished among the first five in that competition in the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo.

PERSONALITY PARADE – DOUG HART

SEPT 20 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Most of the faithful, employing the flashback technique in the inevitable coffee shop analysis, will date the Packers' second half renaissance against the burgeoning Detroit Lions to Donny Anderson's 43-yard punt return in the third quarter of their NFL baptismal. And it was, obviously, a major item. But the Pack's resurgence actually was triggered four plays earlier when Doug Hart, with a perfectly timed, last second spring, leaped to bat Anderson's punt dead on the Detroit one-yard line with a dexterous backhand flip as the ball appeared certain to bounce into the end zone. The second such maneuver of the afternoon for Hart, who previously had downed an Anderson kick on the Detroit 3 just before the half, it left the Lion offense in an awkward position and shortly produced a return punt – the one with which Andy cantered 43 yards into scoring position at the 8...MADE DIFFICULT ADJUSTMENT: It also was a testimonial to the competitive character of the sunny, personable Texan, who has made the difficult adjustment to a reserve role after having been a starter throughout the 1965 season. Reflecting upon his contributions to the Packers' 17-17 deadlock against the surprisingly anti-social Lions while relaxing in his comfortable West Side home, Hart observed, "It's not hard to do when you're in the outside position. When you're playing end on the punting team, you don't have as many people trying to block you as the interior men have. I find if you can get there as fast as you can, you can get there with the ball, and, if the opportunity avails itself, you can down the ball." "Both of those Sunday actually were pretty easy for me," the 28-year-old Arlington State alumnus confided, "because Donny was kicking the ball real high. That gives the coverage an extra second or second and a half to get downfield."...HAS NO COMPLAINTS: Although his appearances against the Lions were confined to duty on the special teams, Hart, typically, has no complaints. "Everybody wants to play, to be a starter –



Alex Karras (Hidden) is About to Pounce on Green Bay's Bart Starr (15) while Darris McCord (78) and Larry Hand (74) Move In to Assist —State Journal Photo by J. D. Patrick

likewise myself. But if you're not and they give you a job to do, you do it as well as you can because a game can be decided by the kicking teams. The big thing in my mind was to keep the Lions down in their end of the field, because if they got field position, if they got a drive going, that meant we'd have that much less time to score ourselves." Officially in his fourth season with the Pack (he spent a year on the cab squad before winning a berth on the roster in '64), Hart takes a commendable view of his current situation. "Being of value to the team is of prime importance, whether as a backup man or on the teams," he says, "but of all things, I'd rather be a starter first." He doesn't permit this last to affect his approach, however. "I don't seem to have any breakdown in attitude," Happy, as the amiable cornerback is known to his colleagues, explains, "Even in practice, I try to do the best I can on every play." "Of course, I have our own ends mad at me all the time because of it," he chuckled. Hart, who began his NFL career with the St. Louis Cardinals, who released him after a two-week trial because they had an abundance of defensive backs, is happy to be a Packer — in whatever role. "It's been a nice, enjoyable life up here," he noted. "I'm really glad I got the opportunity to play pro football." After being dropped by the Cardinals, it might be added, he was convinced it would never come. "I had gone back to Arlington (Tex.) and gotten a good job," Doug reported. "I think it was on a Friday that I got cut and I went home to work. The next Wednesday, the Packers came to Dallas and Pat Pepler called my home and left a message with my mother for me to call him."...LEAVE OF ABSENCE: "When I went to see him at the Packers' motel, Pat said, 'Where are your clothes?'... We hashed it out for a while — seeing I had a good job I didn't want to give it up and get cut again — and I got a leave of absence from my job for three days so the Packers could look me over. Then they decided to suit me up for the game. In fact," Hart informed with a grin, "I wore Elijah Pitts' other jersey — we had two 22s in the game that night. As, as it turned out, I got in for the last three plays of the game. After the game, Coach Bengtson (Phil) told me they wanted me to go back to Green Bay with them." Two years later, Doug won the starting assignment at the right corner and held forth there until the morning of the championship game against the Cleveland Browns. "I woke up with an infection in my arch," Hart said, "and I played only about three or four series. Bobby (Jeter) came in and did a fine job. And he's been doing a real fine job ever since."

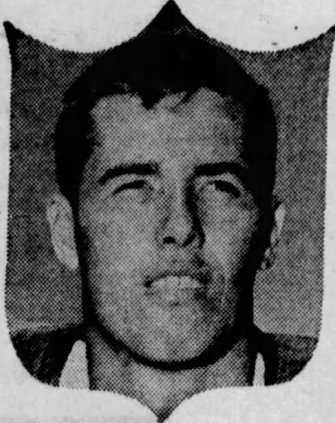
HALAS DECLARES, 'IT'S MURDER,' TO PLAY AGAINST THE PACKERS

SEPT 20 (Chicago) — Venerable George Halas, who says he can't even count the ways his Chicago Bears went wrong last Sunday, faces more trouble ahead this Sunday when he takes his team north to meet the Green Bay Packers. "Any time you play the Packers, it's murder," said Halas, whose Bears were beaten into the ground by Pittsburgh 41-13. The Packers tied Detroit 17-17 in a game that saw Green Bay quarterback Bart Starr throw four interceptions. "If the Packers don't want Starr, we'll take him," said Halas. Quarterback is only one troubled spot for the Bears. Jack Concannon, the multi-muscled acquisition from Philadelphia, is bogged down with a bad arm. Rudy Bukich and Larry Rakestraw are the other quarterbacks. "All three are on an even keel," said Halas. Neither has proved he can move the team. "Everything fell apart for us," said Halas of the Steelers' game. "Our blocking was terrible." Chicago star Gale Sayers gained only two yards from scrimmage. Guard Jim Cadile toed a knee ligament against Pittsburgh and may need surgery. His loss poses another problem for the overburdened offense. The Bears' defense hasn't been anything to rave about either. The Steelers gained 393 yards against Chicago. "It's never pleasant to lose," the owner-coach said. "The only thing is to forget about Pittsburgh and start thinking about Green Bay. I think we'll be a team that will improve. We've got 14 new faces, and it's quite a chore to groom them into a cohesive unit with our veterans."

WFRV'S BOB SCHULZE CLAIMS PACKERS VICTIM OF FAST CLOCK

SEPT 20 (Green Bay) — The Green Bay Packers were the victims of a fast clock in their 17-17 tie with the Detroit Lions last Sunday, says a television sports director. Bob Schulze, sports director of WFRV-TV, Green Bay, based his statement on a time study he made of the game film. The study showed, said Schulze, that the final play of the game ate up not eight by 6.2 seconds. The play, a pass from Bart Starr to Boyd Dowler, put the ball within field goal range at the Detroit 38. The play, which began with eight seconds left on the official clock, ended with Dowler being tackled out of bounds. So did the game...COACH MIFFED: Coach Vince Lombardi of the Packers was miffed when the officials began walking off the field.

Long



BOB LONG

Flanker—Wichita
Height 6-3, Weight 205
Born in McKeesport, Pa., June 16, 1942

Fourth year in pro ball. . . Packers fourth round draft choice for 1964. . . Played only one year of football at Wichita, three of basketball. . . Broke 5 school records in one year at Wichita. . . Caught 9 passes in 1 game, most for season with 42, most in career with 42, most yardage on passes with 653, and most yardage on passes for career. . . 9.5 speed in 100. . . Caught 13 passes for 4 TDs and 23.2 yard ave. in 1965. . . Missed first 8 games of 1966 with knee injury. . . Caught 3 for 68 yds. in 1966 and 1 for 9 yards against Dallas in NFL Title game. Owner of Pizza Huts throughout Wisconsin. Residence: Green Bay, Wis.

BOB LONG'S RECORD

Year	Caught	Yards	Longest	Ave.	TDs
1964	1	19	19	19.0	0
1965	13	304	62	23.4	4
1966	3	68	42	22.7	0
Totals	17	391	62	23.0	0



Caffey

LEE ROY CAFFEY

Linebacker—Texas A & M

Height 6-3, Weight 250

Born in Thorndale, Texas, June 3, 1941

Fifth year in pro ball . . . Eagles seventh round draft choice for 1963 . . . Traded to Packers with Eagles number one 1964 draft choice for center Jim Ringo and fullback Earl Gros . . . Has started at right linebacker for Packers last 3 seasons . . . Can also play middle linebacker . . . 10.1 speed in the hundred . . . Broke open first Colt game in 1966 with 52 yard pass interception for TD. AP and UPI All-Pro 1966 . . . Rancher during off-season . . . Residence: Thorndale, Texas.

Year	Int.	Yds.	Long	Ave.	TDs
1963	1	87	87	87.0	1
1964	1	44	44	44.0	0
1965	1	42	42	42.0	1
1966	3	62	52	20.7	1
Totals:	6	235	87	39.2	2

He obviously felt there should have been time for at least one more play. So did Schulze after his study. He counted 74 frames on the 16mm film used by the station to record the final play. The camera speed, said Schulze, was 28 frames per second. Even allowing a margin for error of four frames, there still should have been more than a second left, Schulze said. Schulze said his findings were only of academic interest. "We don't want to make another Baltimore thing out of the this," he said, referring to the drawn-out dispute after a controversial field goal that helped sink the Colts in the 1965 Western Conference playoff at Green Bay. "This was done in the interest of science. The game is gone, and we were lucky to tie." Lombardi had no comment.

DIFFICULT PROBLEM FOR BAYS: CONTAIN SAYERS LIKE STEELERS

SEPT 21 (Green Bay) — The Green Bay Packers had several things in mind, including halfback Gale Sayers, Wednesday as they continued preparations for meeting the Chicago Bears at Lambeau Field on Sunday. The Packers trimmed the Bears, owned and coached by George Halas, 18-0 last month in an exhibition. However, Packer tackle Henry Jordan said Wednesday, "Forget about that preseason game. They'll come out like all the others in a money game feet off the ground." Green Bay and the Detroit Lions played to a 17-17 tie last Sunday in their NFL opener while the Bears bowed to Pittsburgh 41-13...CLAMPED DOWN: The Steelers held

Sayers to two yards rushing although the fleet back scored a touchdown on a 103-yard kickoff return. Jordan said Sayers presents a problem every time he steps on the field. "Pittsburgh stopped him but he played only the first half," Jordan said. "Maybe they're resting him for us." The tie with the Lions still rankles in Green Bay. Packer Coach Vince Lombardi, after watching movies of the game, said his club made "15 offensive errors, big ones, and that's not counting the mental errors." A Bear scout, George J. Halas, nephew of the owner-coach, said of his team's loss to the Steelers, "This will only serve to make the Packers that much tougher for us. When Lombardi hears about our score, he'll probably give the Packers the week off."

STEELERS HAVE TOP DEFENSIVE MARK IN NFL

SEPT 21 (New York) — Pittsburgh has the best defense in the NFL and Baltimore has the best offense, according to the first week's official statistics released Wednesday. The Steelers, of course, clamped down on the Chicago Bears. They held Gale Sayers and Co. to 95 yards, including only 16 on the ground. Pittsburgh showed a solid offense,

too, when it ran up 41 points against the Bears and gained 393 yards, good enough for fourth place. John Unitas passed for 401 yards of Baltimore's league-leading total of 508 yards against the Atlanta Falcons. Next best is Los Angeles with 462 against the expansion team in New Orleans. A statistic that does not show up in the weekly averages is the blocked field goal. Philadelphia blocked two against Pete Gogolak of Washington last Sunday, big plays in the 35-24 victory for the Eagles. Mike Morgan, Don Hultz and Harold Wells blocked a Gogolak attempt from the 25 early in the third period with the Eagles leading 21-17. Floyd Peters blocked another from the 19 on the last play of the third period. Detroit's defense smeared Bart Starr of Green Bay seven times and intercepted four of his passes in a superior effort. Baltimore, Minnesota, Detroit and New York were able to keep their quarterback from being thrown for a loss. An error by the scorer at Cleveland resulted in a statistical change, altering Cleveland's rushing from a minus five yards to a plus 11.

EX-MATES GRABO, BUTKUS COLLIDE FIRST TIME

SEPT 21 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) — It may not adequately describe what is likely to occur, but Jim Grabowski and Dick Butkus will be reunited in Lambeau Field Sunday, when the Packers collide with the Chicago Bears for the 97th time. Two of college football's brightest stars of the last decade as teammates at the University of Illinois, their paths actually crossed as professionals for the first time in 1966, but on a largely figurative basis. A year ago, Butkus — who graduated from Illinois

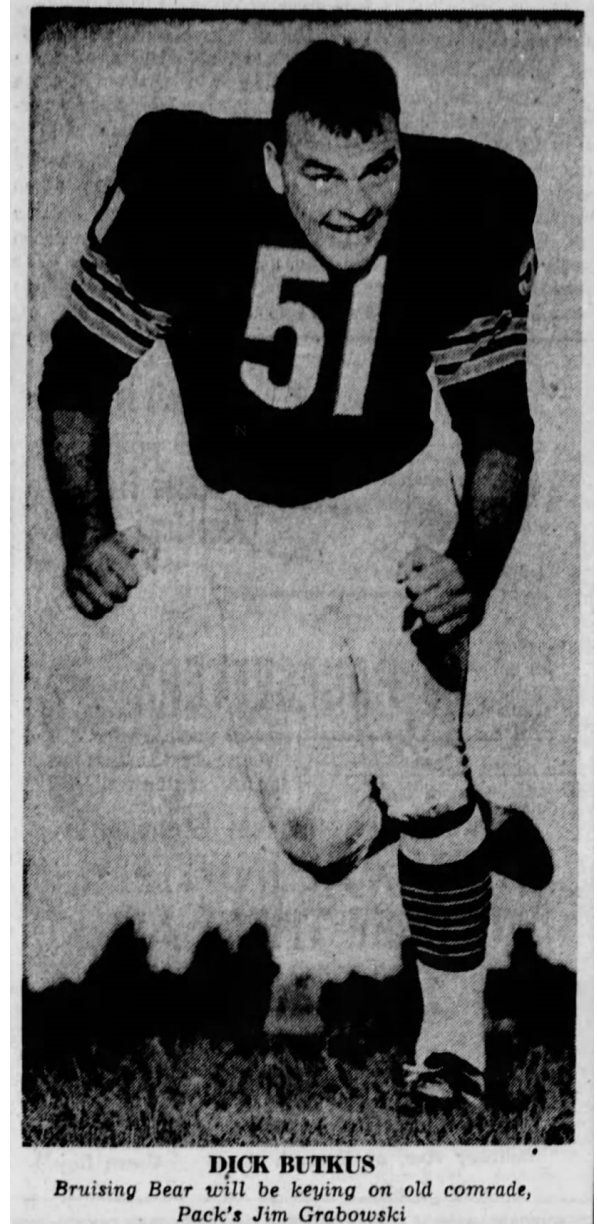
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	Avg. Yards	Avg. Rushing	Avg. Passing
Baltimore	508	89	419
Los Angeles	462	170	292
Philadelphia	426	150	276
Pittsburgh	393	195	198
Washington	388	84	304
Dallas	370	181	189
San Francisco	360	240	120
St. Louis	358	205	153
New York	336	104	232
Minnesota	335	148	187
Green Bay	306	43	263
Atlanta	303	104	199
New Orleans	299	125	174
Cleveland	237	11	226
Detroit	233	192	41
Chicago	95	16	79

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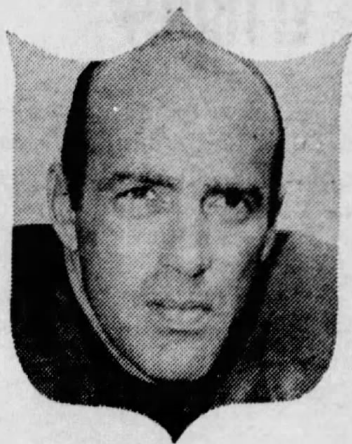
a year earlier than Grabo – already was an established NFL performer, having won all-league honors in 1965 as a rookie. Grabowski, on the other hand, was a first year fullback playing behind the veteran Jim Taylor, now a member of the New Orleans Saints, and saw only limited action. Reflecting upon this point following Wednesday's brisk practice, the swift sophomore observed, "I just got in at the end of our first game last year – about the last 2 minutes – in Chicago (17-0, Packers). The game here, it was even closer (13-6, Pack), so I don't think I even got in." It will be a vastly different situation in Sunday's match which will find both the Packers and their favorite enemies in search of their first NFL victory – the Pack following a 17-17 opening tie with the Detroit Lions and the Bears in the wake of a 41-13 disaster in Pittsburgh. Butkus again will be stationed at middle linebacker, where he will stand comparison with another ex-Illini luminary, the Packers' all-pro Ray Nitschke, but this time he will be keying on Grabo, who has succeeded the departed Taylor at fullback. This represents something of a change from 1964, of course, when the burly Bruin (6-3 and 245 pounds) was cutting a swath for Grabo at center (Dick was a two-way player at Illinois) as the future Packer forged to a host of new Illinois and Big Ten rushing records. One of those came against Wisconsin's Badgers that season when Grabowski churned and spurted for 239 yards to shatter the all-time Western Conference record established by the legendary Red Grange. Although he is aware of what lies ahead, Grabo says he is not pointing for Sunday's reunion. "There is nothing special about it," he said soberly, "except I always like to play against Chicago because it's my home." Noting that Butkus is "a heckuva football player," he added. "I don't recall that he tackled me in last year's game in Chicago – I only ran the ball twice." "But I'm sure he was on it," he concluded with a wry smile. "He usually is."...PACKER PATTERN: The Pack's offensive line, unhappy over seeing quarterback Bart Starr thrown for losses seven times in that Detroit deadlock, sparkled in pass blocking drills during Wednesday's practice. Starr fired "scoring" strikes to Boyd Dowler and Claudis James in the course of the session. Rookie defensive back John Rowser later made a leaping interception during the passing drill...Bob Canadeo, oldest son of Packer immortal Tony Canadeo, has joined the Packer staff as an aide to Property Manager G.E. (Dad) Braisher, while awaiting a call to service...The Packers, who held the Lions to 233 yards, rank second in the NFL defensively, according to the first week's official statistics, released today. Pittsburgh leads on a yield of 95 yards to the Bears. Offensively, however, the Pack ranks 11th with 306 yards. Baltimore's Colts, keyed by a 401-yard passing performance from John Unitas, lead with 508.

ROOKIE OF YEAR? PHILLIPS POSES PACKER PROBLEM

SEPT 22 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The 1967 Chicago Bears, who barge into Lambeau Field Sunday afternoon, are not the same Bruins who last approved there ten months ago. Gone are such Windy City stalwarts as Mike Ditka, Doug Atkins, Herman Lee, Bob Kilcullen and Dave Whitsell – all starters for the Bruins in 1966. In fact, there are 14 new faces on the Midway Monsters' 40-man roster, a massive turnover traceable to a variety of developments – trades, retirements and the expansion draft for the infant New Orleans Saints. One of them belongs to a swashbuckling young Texan, Lloyd Phillips, the Bears' No. 1 choice in the first common draft last March, who looms as a leading candidate for NFL rookie of the year honors. The only player in University of Arkansas history to win All-America recognition two years in succession, the 6-3, 240-pound freshman has been so impressive he has won the starting assignment at defensive left end from the veteran Ed O'Bradovich, Bear Publicist Dan Desmond reports. Mentally rubbing his hands together as he discussed the 22-year-old Longview, Tex., resident, Desmond enthused, "This kid is quite a football player. He's what Abe Gibron (the Bears' offensive line coach) calls an outlaw...HAVE HAD LUCK: "The Bears have had good luck over the years with picking linemen as their first choice in the draft," he continued, noting, "We picked Joe Stydahar number one when we drafted him back in 1936. Everyone thought Coach George Halas was crazy for not drafting a fullback or quarterback, but he turned out to be a great one. In fact, he's in the Hall of Fame today. After that, we picked Bulldog Turner in the first round in 1940.



Chandler



DON CHANDLER

Kicker—Florida

Height 6-2, Weight 205

Born in Tulsa, Okla., Sept. 5, 1934

Twelfth season in pro ball . . . Came to Packers from Giants prior to 1965 for draft rights to Bob Timberlake . . . Packers leading scorer in 1965 with 88 points and 1966 with 77 points . . . Holds club and League record for longest punt, 90 yds. vs. 49'ers in 1965 . . . Holds Packer record for most field goals in 1 season with 17 in 1965 and most PATs against Atlanta in 1966 with 8 . . . Tied Western Division play-off game against Colts in 1965 and won same with 25 yd. field goal in overtime . . . Kicked 3 field goals in NFL Title game against Browns in 1965 to tie league record . . . NFL's leading scorer in 1961 with 106 points . . . Led NFL in punting in 1957 with 44.6 ave. . . All-Southern Conf. in 1952, 1953 and 1955 . . . Played in All-Star game. Residence: Tulsa, Okla.

practice. It is noting if not a testimonial to the young man's patience. Rakestraw, drawing his initial starting assignment, threw his first NFL pass in the Bruins' 41-13 loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers in their 1967 debut last Sunday — in his fourth season as a member of the Bear cast. Although he is obviously short on game experience, the 25-year-old Georgian has several things going for him, not the least of which is the fact that he escorted the Bears to two consecutive preseason victories prior to that opening misadventure — the Midway Monsters' only successes of the year to date. "He's a good one," Bear publicist Dan Desmond declared in revealing that Halas had tabbed the well-knit (he's 6-2, weighs 195 pounds) blond to lead the Bears against the Pack. "He had the Cardinals down 35-0 at halftime in our Armed Forces game in Chicago earlier," Desmond reported. "The following week, Concannon started and Rudy Bukich took over after

He was a great center and linebacker for us and also wound up in the Hall of Fame. Now we have high hopes that Phillips also will be a great one — he certainly has the credentials," Desmond declared...**WON OUTLAND TROPHY:** "For example, he was the first Arkansas player to be all-Southwest Conference three straight times, as well as the first to win All-America honors two years in a row, and he also was the winner of the Outland Trophy as the outstanding interior lineman in the nation for 1966. Statistically, his three-year varsity record shows 117 unassisted tackles, 193 assists, nine passes broken up and nine opponents' fumbles recovered or caused. He also threw opposing backs for 210 yards in losses." Phillips, who will be contending with Packers' all-pro Forrest Gregg in Sunday's 97th Packer-Bear collision, also is used to success, it might be added. Including his freshman year at Arkansas, he played in 34 winning games and only three losses with Razorback teams...**PACKER PATTERN:** Defensive back Doug Hart "played" the Bears' gifted Gale Sayers for the second day in a row as the Packer defense worked against the Bruins' anticipated offense in Thursday's practice. Tight end Allen Brown made a dazzling, lunging catch of a long Bart Starr strike to highlight the passing drill. Starr also pitched a "TD" to rookie flanker Claudis James...Coach Vince Lombardi reported Lionel Aldridge, who fractured a bone in the lower left leg against the Bears in Milwaukee Aug. 18, is making "very fine progress" but did not indicate when the veteran defensive is likely to be reactivated...The Bears are scheduled to arrive at Austin Straubel Field at approximately 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. They will headquarter at the Hotel Northland.

LARRY RAKESTRAW BEAR QB STARTER

SEPT 23 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) — "If at first you don't succeed..." Adherence to this venerable maxim finally has paid dividends for Hollywood handsome Larry Rakestraw of the Chicago Bears, it would appear. Rakestraw will be starting at quarterback ahead of veteran Rudy Bukich and the recently acquired Jack Concannon — for the Bruins in Sunday afternoon's 97th Packer-Bear collision in Lambeau Field, Coach George Halas announced in Chicago following Friday's

Starr



BART STARR

Quarterback — Alabama

Height 6-1 Weight 200

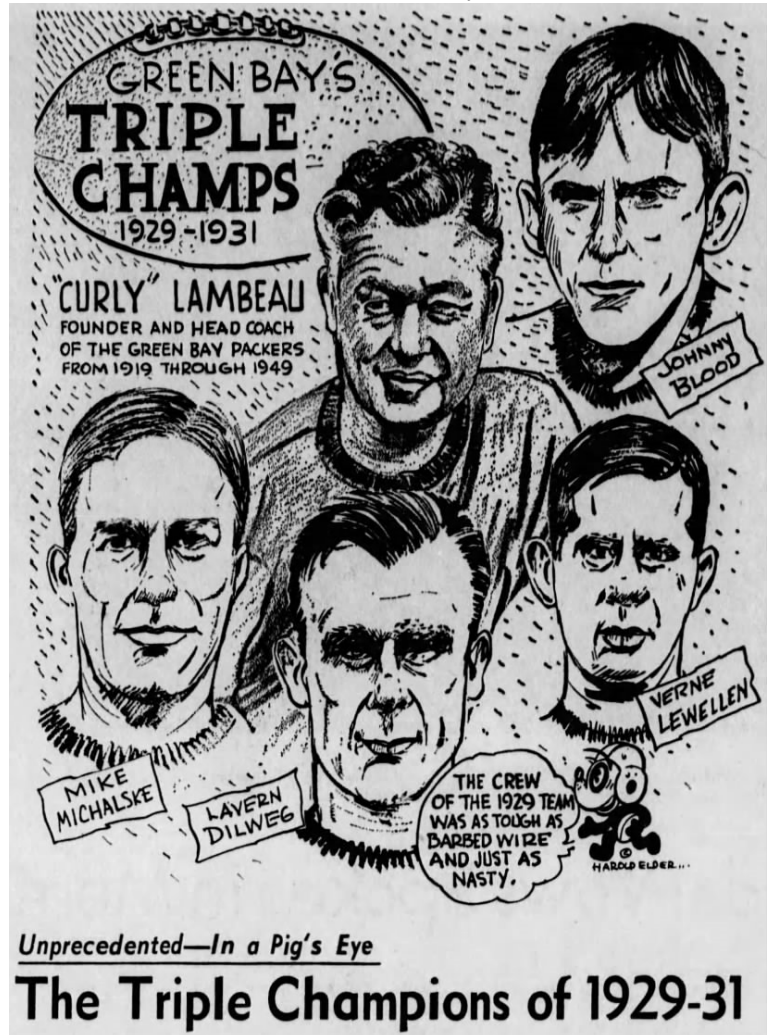
Born in Montgomery Ala., Jan. 9, 1934

Twelfth year in pro ball . . . Drafted by Packers in 17th round in 1956 . . . Broke in under Tobin Rote in 1957 . . . Shared position with Babe Parilli and Lamar McHan in 1958 . . . Started last 4 games in 1959 . . . Regular in 1960 . . . **Winningest QB in pro football** . . . 57 per cent completion average over career . . . Quarterbacked Packers to Western Division Titles in 1960, 1961, 1962, 1965 and 1966 . . . World's Titles in 1961, 1962, 1965 and 1966 . . . High School All-American . . . History Major . . . Has completed higher percentage of passes in career than any other NFL player and has lowest percentage interceptions . . . holds NFL record of 294 consecutive passes without an interception . . . NFL Leading passer 1962, 1964 and 1966 . . . Most Valuable Player in NFL 1966 . . . Voted MVP in AFL-NFL Super Bowl 1967 . . . **Played in Pro-Bowl** 1961, 1962, 1963 and 1966 . . . All-Pro AP, UPI, and NEA 1966 . . . Jim Thorpe Award winner 1966 . . . Has gained over 2,000 yards passing 5 of last 6 years . . . Missed 5 games in 1963 with broken hand . . . During off-season does sales promotion. Residence: Green Bay, Wis.

seven minutes of the second quarter, and we were 0-0 at halftime against the Eagles. Larry started the second half and took us to two touchdowns and a 14-0 victory. After that the feeling was that he had won the job. Last week, of course, he had his troubles against Pittsburgh, but nothing was working well.” Statistically, Rakestraw had little to apologize for, completing seven of 13 passes for 89 yards on the Steelers, who also intercepted one of his throws. An injury has delayed the Mableton, Ga., native’s major league arrival. “Two years ago, he had a great preseason,” Desmond informed. “He completed 7 of 15 passes for 161 yards in our Armed Forces game, but got a knee injury and was out all season.” Rakestraw then spent the bulk of the 1966 campaign on the Bears’ taxi squad while Rudy Bukich and Bill Wade shared the quarterback assignment. He was activated for the last two games of the year, but did not get to throw a pass, although he was hurled for losses for three times...**DIDN’T GET POSSESSION:** “It took him three years and 13 minutes to throw his first NFL pass,” Desmond pointed out, “because we didn’t get possession of the ball until late in the first quarter at Pittsburgh.” Itemizing Rakestraw’s assets, he said, “Larry’s cool, he has good execution and the players like him. He runs pretty well, too. Our offense was built for Concannon’s running, and he fits right in. He ran for two touchdowns against the Cardinals in the Armed Forces game – one was for 15 yards and the other was for 4. He finished with 28 yards in 4 carries.” Halas also announced yesterday that rookie Terry Stoepele will start at tight end Sunday in place of ex-Los Angeles Ram Duane Allen, who is hampered by injuries.

THE TRIPLE CHAMPIONS OF 1929-31

SEPT 23 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – There have been guarded references in the public prints lately about the Green Bay Packers launching a drive for an “unprecedented” third straight NFL championship. What’s so unprecedented about it? Nearly 40 years ago, between 1929 and 1931, when most of the sportswriters who now sniff at “stone age football” were not yet out of – or even in – three-cornered pants, the Packers won three straight titles. True, nobody else has done it and there wasn’t a series of playoffs to jingle the cash registers, but so what? They were the best of their time and just as much kings of the gridiron as their modern grandsons. Is Jack Dempsey any less a champion because he didn’t know Cassius Clay’s block off?...**COLORFUL CREW:** The triple champs of 1929-31 were not only the best there was (the 1929 team was the only undefeated one in Packer history and the last NFL club to post an unbeaten record), but they were the most colorful crew ever to wear Packer pads. They weren’t very big by modern standards, there weren’t many of them but they were tough as barbed wire and just as nasty. Average team weight wasn’t much over 200 pounds, at no time did they number more than 30 players and the traveling squads never carried more than 25. Everybody played both ways and none ever came off the field willingly before the final gun. Another unique feature was that the team remained essentially unchanged throughout the championship era. There were additions and dropouts, of course, but the 23 men who brought Green Bay its first title in 1929, 14 were still regulars in 1931, and they filled every position...**SAME LINEUP:** At any time in 1929 Coach Curly Lambeau could send a team into action consisting of Lavvie Dilweg and Tom Nash on the wings, Cal Hubbard and Claude Perry at the tackles, Mike Michalske, Whitey Woodin and Jim Bodowin at guard, and either Jug Earp or Boob Darling in the middle. The backfield might include Verne Lewellen and Johnny Blood at the halves and Bo Molenda and Hurdis McCrary at fullback. That lineup was still clicking two years later. The Packers never had more than three end and didn’t need them with Lavvie Dilweg going 60 minutes in virtually every game. Dick O’Donnell, the third flanker, usually spelled Nash, and when Dick retired rookie Milt Gantenbein moved in to stay...**OTHER LINEMEN:** Tiny Cahoon, Red Smith, Bill Kern, Roger Ashmore and Paul Minnick were the other linemen in 1929. Cahoon, Ashmore and Smith dropped out the next year and were replaced by Elmer Sleight and Ken Radick. Dick Stahlman and Rudy Comstock took over Kern and Minnick in ’31. Earp and Darling had a little more help at center. Hubbard played a lot of pivot but when he moved to tackle in 1930, Merle Zuver backed up Boob and the Juggernaut, being succeeded by Don Carlos the following



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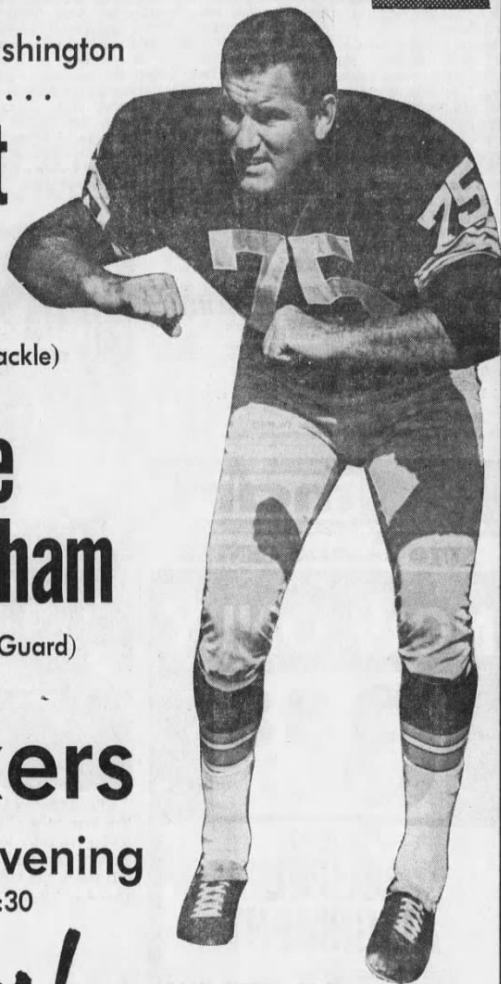


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season. When Darling called it quits midway through 1931, Nate Barrager took up the slack. For the first two years Red Dunn was the only reliable quarterback. Operating out of the old Notre Dame box, however, any competent back could do the job, and triple threats like Lewellen, Blood and Eddie Kotal were far above run-of-the-mine. In fact, in the epic 1929 victory over the New York Giants, Red Smith, a guard by trade, filled the slot. In addition to Dunn, Blood, Lewellen and McCrary, the 1929 ball carriers were Kotal, Carl Lidberg and Dave Zuidmulder. Smoke-eater Dave wasn't a regular, but he was an adequate reserve until Hank Bruder arrived in 1931...**HATED HELMETS:** Kotal, who hated football helmets and wouldn't wear one unless forced to, retired after '29 and was promptly forgotten the first time Wuert Englemann got his hands on the ball. Lidberg, a third fullback, gave way to Mule Wilson in the last championship season. Other backs added to the roster were Arnie Herber, Roger Grove and Russ Saunders. Arnie understudied Dunn in 1930 and '31 and was just beginning to show his class when the title string was broken. Grove and Saunders, like Bruder, were rookies in 1931. The skein began in 1929 with a run of ten straight victories before the club went east late in the season. The crucial test came in New York's now vanished Polo Grounds on Nov. 14 when the unbeaten Packers and Giants tangled and the Pack smashed the New Yorkers, 20-6...**DECISIVE VICTORY:** The win proved decisive although the Packers couldn't afford to lose any of their three remaining games. They almost came a cropper against the Frankford Yellowjackets, but salvaged a scoreless tie, then recovered to finish with a 12-0-1 record. The Giants were right on their necks with 12-1-1. New York furnished the principal threat again in 1930 but a fast start enabled the faltering Pack to hang on in the stretch. They ran their unbroken string to 22 straight before it was snapped by the Cardinals and managed to tie the Portsmouth Spartans in the final game to retain their laurels. Although the league was considerably tighter in 1931, Green Bay got off to another whirlwind start and was never headed. This time the main opposition came from Portsmouth, whom the Pack didn't play...**CHASED TO WIRE:** The Spartans chased the Packers right to the wire and were vociferously teed off when Lambeau refused to give them a postseason crack at the title. Had the Packers beaten the Bears in the finale instead of losing, 7-6, Curly might have obliged. Since he had been too cagey to put any "promises" in writing, he would have no part of the fired up Spartans. Color? Even after 30 years Johnny Blood could make headlines by strolling casually into the White House to have lunch with a total stranger named John F. Kennedy. When the unpredictable McNally wasn't driving Lambeau nuts on the field, he as doing en

even better job off...**POWERFUL RUNNER:** Verne Lewellen was not only a powerful and elusive runner, a crack pass receiver, and thrower, but the greatest punter of his time, if not of all time. The standard of professional line play is still

measured against that of Hubbard and Michalske. Pro football wasn't so stylized then, and with such free-wheelers as Blood, Kotal and Molenda in the same backfield – all of whom could run, kick, throw and catch forward passes – nobody, least of all Lambeau on the bench, knew what would happen when the ball was snapped. Fortunately for Curly's ulcers, the huddle wasn't in general use yet – no telling what they would have dreamed up on the spur of the moment. Unprecedented? Bah! Humbug!

PACKERS APPROACHING BEARS WITH CAUTION

SEPT 24 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – “I guess we quieted down all the talk about the Packers being a shoo-in.” Coach Vince Lombardi dryly volunteered their observation, accompanied by an enigmatic smile, during a practice break from honing the somewhat chastened Packers for today's 97th confrontation with their ancient and implacable enemies, the Chicago Bears, in Lambeau Field. It eloquently underscored the change which one week has wrought. Prior to last Sunday's NFL bow, many of the faithful – and not a few experts – were sanguinely forecasting a laughter with the Detroit Lions, which it was confidently assumed would be the first of 14 consecutive successes en route to a perfect record and an unprecedented – since the advent of the two division system – third straight NFL titles. This, Lombardi also noted, was a trifle unrealistic, pointing out, “You make changes and lose people (Jim Taylor and Paul Hornung have departed and flanker Bob Long and defensive end Lionel Aldridge have been sidelined with injuries), but the Packers are supposed to keep on winning.” Just how unrealistic, it was unhappily discovered when the world champions, their backs scraping the proverbial wall, were forced to storm back from a 17-0 halftime deficit to gain a tie with the revitalized Lions. As a result, there is certain to be a more cautious approach to today's imbroglio (1:00, WNFL), which will be viewed by another capacity house of 50,861 customers, by all concerned. There is no hint of complacency to be found – most assuredly not on the part of the home forces themselves - despite the fact the Bruins were accorded cavalier treatment (41-13) by the Pittsburgh Steelers in their inaugural. This attitude was soberly reflected by all-pro tackle Forrest Gregg in analyzing what awaits the Pack this afternoon. Gregg, who has unpleasant memories of that brush with Detroit, along with his colleagues in the offensive line, is grimly anticipating another major challenge. “The Bears have a good defense, period, not only a strong front four,” the towering SMU alumnus declared. Discounting the Bruins' opening disaster, Forrest added, “That game against Pittsburgh didn't look as bad on film as the score sounded. Their front four got to Nelson (Steeler quarterback Bill) several times. Their whole defense looked good – they're all hustlers. Their rookie, Phillips (Lloyd), and O'Bradovich (Ed) both looked good at left end and Amsler (Marty), the other end, has gotten some experience. And, of course, Evey (Dick) and Cornish (Frank) are both fine tacklers...They've got a good defense.” There was no need for him to add that the Bears, regardless of their record, automatically begin pawing the turf upon sight of the Packers' green and gold, a factor which is a great imponderable in today's encounter. Although noted for their ability to contain the enemy, the Bears are not without weapons of their own – the incomparable Gale Sayers at left halfback, power runner Ralph Kurek and Andy Livingston and talented receivers Jimmy Jones and Johnny Morris. Larry Rakestraw, who is scheduled to open at quarterback, has won the starting assignment by leading the Bears to their only preseason victories (42-14 over the St. Louis Cardinals and 14-0 over the Philadelphia Eagles) and Coach George Halas has high hopes for the 25-year-old University of Georgia product. In his fourth Bear season although he has seen little action to date, Rakestraw is one of seven new faces in the Chicagoan's starting lineup. Rookie Terry Stoepel of Tulsa, just activated this week, has succeeded the departed Mike Ditka – traded to the Philadelphia Eagles for quarterback Jack Concannon – at tight end and Dan James, a former Pittsburgh Steeler, is holding forth at left tackle in place of Herman Lee, traded to the New Orleans Saints. Defensively, Phillips has replaced the venerable Doug Atkins at left end, Frank Cornish is in Bob Kilcullen's old left tackle slot, Curtiss Gentry, a sophomore from Maryland State, has taken over at Dave Whitsell's former left cornerback stand, and Doug Buffone at Joe Fortunato's old linebacker spot. Atkins and Whitsell, like Lee, were dealt to New Orleans, and Kilcullen retired. The indestructible Halas, who has been through this sort of thing once or twice before during a 40-year coaching career, points out, “We've got 14 new faces, so this is a team that will improve.” The Packers, of course, devoutly hope the Bruins will not be too premature in that development – like this afternoon, for example. Lombardi's forces, it might be added, are likely to be in keen psychological fettle for this one. The spur, obviously is that tie with Detroit, which defensive tackle Henry Jordan has noted “we look upon as a loss.” The champions' format is likely to remain unchanged. Bart Starr, who shook off four first half interceptions to trigger a major comeback in that Detroit deadlock, will again preside at quarterback and Elijah Pitts and Jim Grabowski will be paired at left halfback and fullback, respectively...14-GAME STREAK: Explosive Donny Anderson and bruising ex-Ram, Ben Wilson, also are expected to see early action as an alternate duo. The only uncertainty exists at right defensive end where either Jim Weatherwax or Bob Brown will be stationed in place of the injured Aldridge. Weatherwax, like Brown a second year man, started against Detroit last week. The Packers, who will be protecting a 14-game undefeated streak, will be in search of a third straight regular season victory over the Bears, dispatched 17-0 and 13-6 in 1966. They also decided the

Probable Offensive Lineups:			
BEARS		PACKERS	
Jones	LE	Dowler	
James	LT	Skoronski	
Rabold	LG	Gillingham	
Pyle	C	Bowman	
Seals	RG	Kramer	
Wetoska	RT	Gregg	
Stoepel	RE	Fleming	
Rakestraw	QB	Starr	
Sayers	LH	Pitts	
Morris	FL	Dale	
Kurek	FB	Grabowski	
Probable Defensive Lineups:			
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Cornish	LT	Kostechnik	
Evey	RT	Jordan	
Amsler	RE	Weatherwax	
Buffone	LLB	Robinson	
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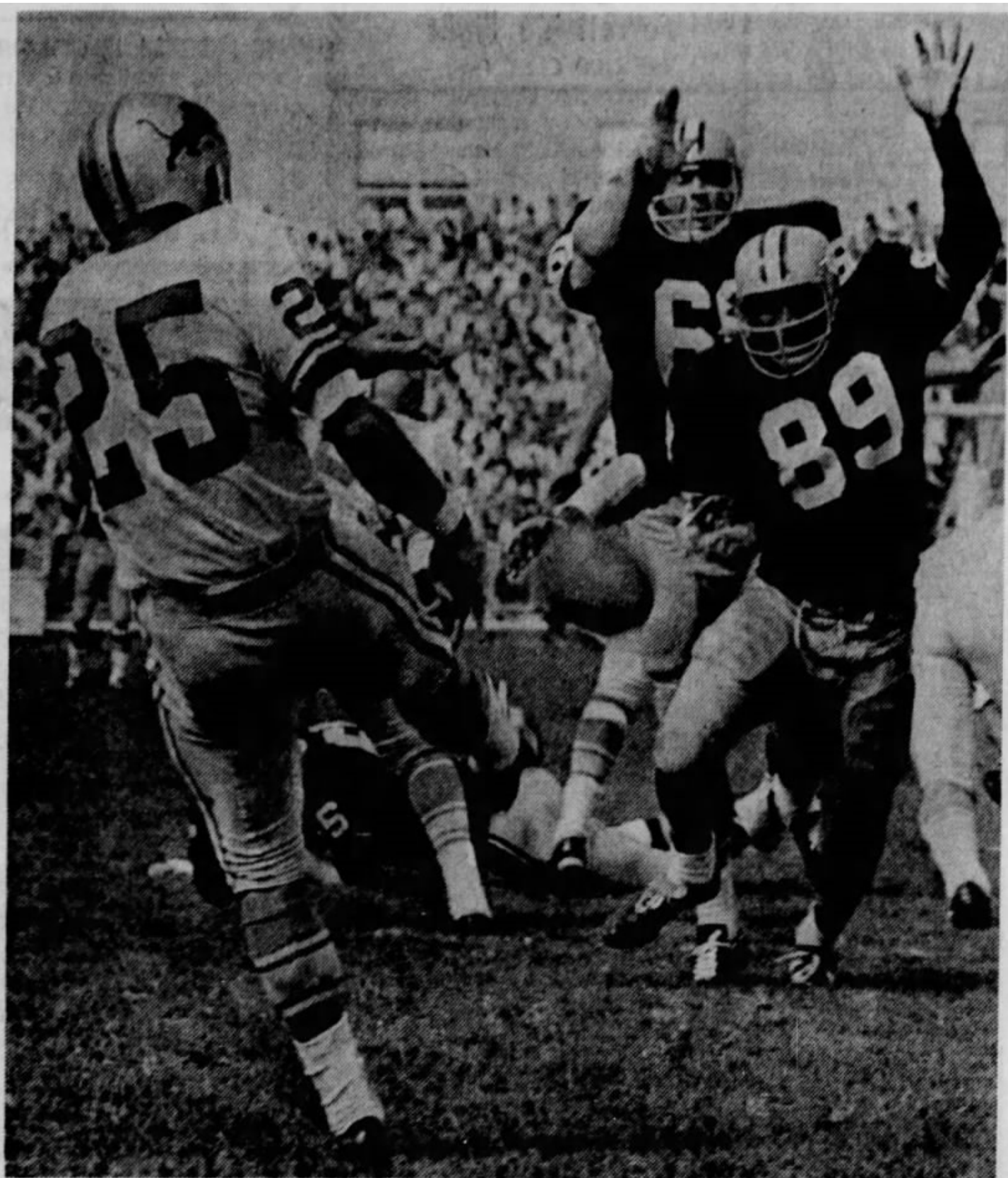
Bruins, 18-0, in their annual Shrine match in Milwaukee County Stadium Aug. 18 – despite being restricted to a net of 157 yards. The Bears, however, own a substantial edge in the all-time rivalry. They have won 53, the Packers 37, of their previous 96 collisions, and 6 have ended in ties. The Chicagoans, as might be expected, also have a bulge in the point table, 1,585 to 1,364.

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Packers, Bears Seek Offensive Thrust

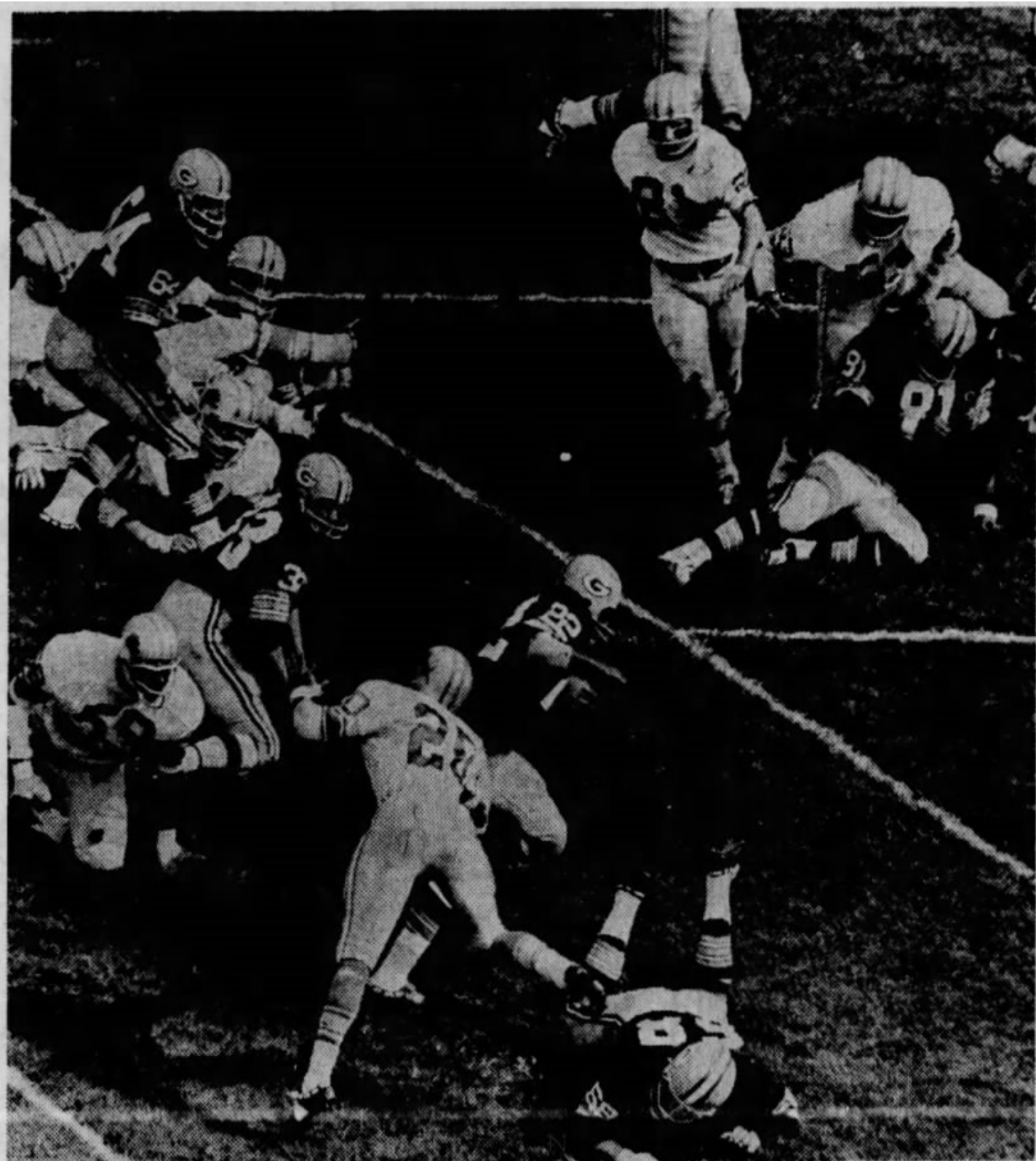
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12	Bratk'ski	qb	60	Caffey	lb	10	Bukich	qb	59	Kuechberg	lb
13	Horn	qb	63	Thurston	g	11	Concannon	qb	62	Reilly	lb
15	Starr	qb	64	Kramer	g	12	Raktraw	qb	63	Wetoska	t
16	James	fl-rb	66	Nitschke	lb	17	Petitbon	db	64	Rabold	g
17	Williams	rb	68	Gill'gham	g	20	Taylor, J.	db	65	Jackson	t
21	Jeter	db	72	Wright	t	23	Dodd	db	67	Seals	g-t
22	Pitts	hb	73	Weath'wax	dt	24	Taylr, R.	db	70	Pickens	t
24	Wood	db	74	Jordan	dt	26	McRae	db	72	Cadile	g
26	Adderley	db	75	Gregg	t-g	29	Bull	rb	73	Cornish	dt
28	Rowser	db	76	Skoronski	t-c	32	Kurek	rb	74	James	t
33	Grabo'ski	rb	77	Kostelnik	dt	40	Sayers	rb	76	Johnson	dt
34	Chandler	k	78	B.Brown	de	41	Piccolo	rb	79	Evey	dt
36	Wilson	rb	81	Fleming	te	43	Jones, B.	e	80	Jones, J.	e
40	T.Brown	db	83	A.Brown	te	45	Gordon	e	81	Amsler	de
43	Hart	db	84	Dale	fl	46	Gentry	db	85	Allen	te
44	Anderson	rb	84	McGee	e	47	Morris	fl	86	Phillips	de
45	Hathcock	db	86	Dowler	e	48	Livgston	fb	87	O'bidovich	de
50	Hyland	t-g	87	Davis	de	50	Pyle	c	88	Green	k
55	Flanigan	lb	88	Capp	te	51	Butkus	lb	89	Percival	k
56	Crutcher	lb	89	Robinson	lb	53	Purnell	lb			



Close Call — The Packers' leaping Dave Robinson, foreground, and Lee Roy Caffey narrowly missed blocking this punt by the Detroit Lions' Pat Studstill in the third quarter of

—Press-Gazette photo by John Roemer
Sunday's game. It was unnecessary effort, as it turned out. Donny Anderson returned Studstill's 41-yard kick 43 yards to the Detroit 8, setting the stage for the Pack's first touchdown.



The Beginning—Elijah Pitts bolts past Lions' Lem Barney, knocked aside by Gale Gillingham (on turf, foreground), to score Packers' first touchdown and officially launch second half comeback from a 17-0 deficit.

Also shown are Pack's Jerry Kramer (64), Jim Grabowski (33) and Marv Fleming (81) and Lions' Ernie Clark (59), Alex Karras (beneath Kramer), Bruce Maher (51) and Mike Lucci (53). (P-G Photo by Russ Kriwanek)



Gain for Grabo — Jim Grabowski, making his regular season debut as successor to Jim Taylor, sets off on short gain in first quarter of Sunday's

opener in sunny Lambeau Field, where the Packers struggled to a 17-17 tie with the Detroit Lions before shirt-sleeved, capacity crowd of 50,861. Also identi-

fiabile are Pack's Boyd Dowler (86), Elijah Pitts (22), Gale Gillingham (68) and Ken Bowman (57), and Lions' Larry Hand (74) and Wayne Walker (55).

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