



Green Bay Packers (11-2) 14, Baltimore Colts (8-5) 10
 Saturday December 10th 1966 (at Baltimore)



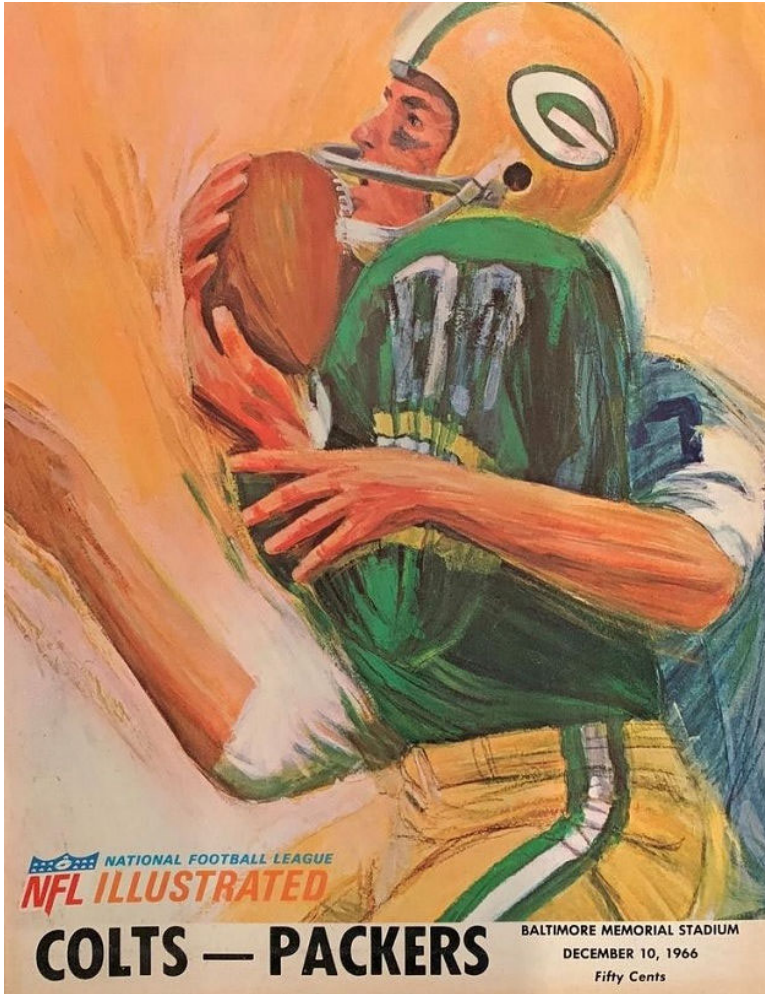
Packers Nip Colts, Win Western Title

GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(BALTIMORE) – It was Zeke to the rescue – just as he did in the sudden death playoff last December...but this time you'll have to give Willie Davis an assist as the Packers squeezed to the Western Division championship with a stirring 14 to 10 victory over the Colts in rain-soaked Memorial Stadium Saturday afternoon and night. Zeke Bratkowski replaced the injured Bart Starr at the start of the second half, with the Colts leading 10-7, and sealed the championship with a brilliant 80-yard, 10-play touchdown drive midway in the fourth quarter with 4:57 left. But the defense, facing one John Unitas, had to come up with a miracle play to save the crown.

FREEZE OUT CLOCK

With 1:29 left, Willie Davis met Unitas with a jarring tackle, the ball squirted free and Dave Robinson recovered the ball – and the championship. The Packers then froze out the clock. It was the Packers' fifth divisional championship in the last seven years under Coach Vince Lombardi and their ninth in history. Scoring their 11th victory against only two losses in the murderous West, the Packers have themselves as the undisputed best in their division. They now meet the champions of the east – probably Dallas, on Jan. 1, and they close out the regular season in Los Angeles next Sunday. The



Packers kept the Colts in hot water with four interceptions – including two by Willie wood, the first of which set off the Pack's first TD. Tom Brown and Lee Roy Caffey stole the others.

PACK TAKES LEAD

The Packers took a 7-0 lead on their 10th play of the game, scoring on a 42-yard pass from Starr to Elijah Pitts but the Colts stormed into a 10-7 lead early in the second quarter on Tony Lorick's one-yard smash and Lou Michaels' 26-yard field goal, which was set up on Donny Anderson's fumble on the kickoff after the TD.

QUICK ORDER

That's how it stood until the Packers put on their crackling drive, which started with Bratkowski's 28-yard pass on a screener to Pitts to the Packer 48. Then, in quick order, Taylor ran four Zeke passed to Fleming 11 yards up the middle, Pitts belted for five, Taylor for seven and then Pitts for no gain on first down at the Colt 25. After Brat ran three, when he was unable to pass, the "big play" of the drive took place. Zeke fired a liner down the middle to his old Air Force buddy, Max McGee, and the taxi took it under heavy pressure from Lenny Lyles and Jerry Logan. It was a 18-yard beauty and

Who's Next?

By The Associated Press
 National League

Western Conference						
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts	OP
xGreen Bay	11	2	0	.846	308	140
Baltimore	8	5	0	.615	284	212
1Los Angeles	8	5	0	.615	266	185
San Francisco	5	5	2	.500	265	281
Chicago	4	6	2	.400	179	203
Detroit	4	8	1	.333	190	289
Minnesota	3	8	1	.273	236	247
x—Clinched conference title.						
Eastern Conference						
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts	OP
Dallas	9	2	1	.818	397	198
St. Louis	8	3	1	.727	244	211
Cleveland	8	4	0	.667	344	216
Philadelphia	7	5	0	.583	256	291
Washington	6	6	0	.500	289	287
Pittsburgh	3	8	1	.273	212	286
Atlanta	2	10	0	.167	155	370
New York	1	10	1	.091	228	437

Saturday's Result
 Green Bay 14, Baltimore 10
 Sunday's Games
 Chicago at San Francisco
 Cleveland at Philadelphia
 Minnesota at Detroit
 Pittsburgh at New York
 St. Louis at Atlanta
 Washington at Dallas



Willie Davis (87), Paul Hornung (5), and Lionel Aldridge (82) on sidelines bench during game (CREDIT: Neil Leifer (Photo by Neil Leifer /Sports Illustrated via Getty Images)



two plays later Pitts went off right tackle standing up. Chandler's crucial kick came at 10:03. The Colts were far from dead and then roared down the field with Hill's running and Unitas' passes of 5 yards to Hill, 10 to Lenny Moore and 22 to Raymond Berry to the Packer 15.

UNITAS FUMBLES

With 1:29 left and on first down, Unitas couldn't pass as seven men went back into the end zone for the expected pass. Unitas, instead, ran up the middle and ran smack into Davis. Robinson ate up the ball. This was a typical Colt-Packer game – a fight to the finish, and it reminded a little of the sudden death playoff. Bratkowski rescued the Pack that day, too, and drove them for their winning field goal. The heavy downpour in the second half slowed down the offenses but perhaps the rugged defensive play was more of a factor. The Packers picked up 242 yards against the Colts' 283 for the day. It appeared that Anderson and Chandler would be the goats – Anderson because of his fumble that gave the Colts a lead and Chandler because he missed a 30-yard field goal that would have produced a tie in the third quarter. A tie would have given the Pack the title, too.

TRIED 7 FIELD GOALS

Chandler and Michaels tried seven field goals. Each missed three but left-footed Lou hit one that threatened to hold up. The big belting was provided by Jim Taylor and Pitts who gained 86 hard yards between 'em. They didn't fumble once. Bratkowski finished with five completions in eight attempts for 87 yards; Starr had 7 of 15 for 96 and the one TD. Unitas went the distance except for two plays when he was shaken up. The contest was a while getting started as Michaels kicked off three times. The first was nullified by offsetting

penalties and the Colts were offside on the next. Anderson took Michaels' third kick, from the 35, back 22 yards to the 30. The Packers moved close to midfield but Chandler was forced to punt and got off a 51-yarder, setting the Colt off from the 12. Unitas passed on the first play and Wood intercepted, giving Green Bay position on the Colt 46.

DIDN'T WAIT LONG

The Packers didn't wait long. On third and six, Starr fired his TD pass to Pitts, who took the ball between Haymond and Logan on the 20 and went in untouched. Chandler made it 7-0 at 5:19. After an exchange of punts, the Colts got off a drive moving into the second period, with a pass from Unitas to Berry gaining 20 yards. The Bays tightened and Michaels wound up missing a field goal from the 45. Moments later Chandler also tried a 45-yard field goal but this one backfired. The kick was wide and short and Haymond caught it on the goal line. He was trapped on the eight but got away to the Packer 47 where Willie Davis caught up with him. The Colts tied the score in six plays, the big blow (a double one) was Unitas' 27-yard pass to Raymond Berry to the 2-yard line. Bob Jeter, guarding Berry along with Caffey, was hurt and had to leave the game, bringing on Doug Hart. Lorick rammed it over from the one and Michaels' kick tied it at 8:12.

HELD 10-7 LEAD

Thirty seconds later the Colts held a 10-7 lead. Anderson fumbled Michaels' kickoff and Barry Brown recovered on the Packer 21. The Bays held off a TD but Michaels kicked a field goal from the 26. It developed into a punting match until just before the half when Wood intercepted a Unitas pass with six seconds left. But Starr was thrown for a three-yard loss on the last play. A mushy field and a driving rain greeted the athletes as the second half started, but it didn't seem to bother them.

SHORT FROM 47

Michaels was short on a three-point try from the 47 and Wood returned it 41 yards to the Baltimore 43, setting up a field goal try by Chandler from the 47. It was a close miss to the right. Three plays later Brown intercepted a Unitas pass aimed

Green Bay Beats Colts, 14-10, On Late Touchdown

at Mackey on the Colt 39. Pitts and Taylor rammed it to the 27 in two smashes. The Packers got a break on third down when Gaubatz dropped an interception of a Bratkowski pass on a quickie over the middle. But the Colts got the break right back when Chandler missed a game-tying field goal from the 30. After another exchange of punts, the Colts put on a drive early in the fourth quarter, rolling up two first downs on Hill's running and Unitas' 11-yard pass to Hill. The crowd yelled go on a fourth and one on the Packer 29 but Michaels came forth and missed a field goal from the 37. Now it was the Pack's turn to start a drive...and drive they did...all the way to the western championship.

GREEN BAY - 7 0 0 7 - 14

BALTIMORE - 0 10 0 0 - 10

	<u>GREEN BAY</u>	<u>BALTIMORE</u>
First downs	14	15
Rush-yards-TDs	30-97-1	43-153-1
Comp-Att-Yd-TD-INT	12-23-183-1-0	11-25-140-0-4
Sacked-yards	5-38	1-10
Net pass yards	145	130
Total yards	242	283
Fumbles-lost	1-1	1-1
Turnovers	1	5
Penalties-yards	2-19	3-25

SCORING

1st - GB - Elijah Pitts, 42-yard pass from Bart Starr (Don Chandler kick) GREEN BAY 7-0

2nd - BALT - Tony Lorick, 1-yard run (Lou Michaels kick) TIED 7-7

2nd - BALT - Michaels, 26-yard field goal BALTIMORE 10-7

4th - GB - Pitts, 2-yard run (Chandler kick) GREEN BAY 14-10

RUSHING

GREEN BAY - Jim Taylor 17-43, Elijah Pitts 11-43 1 TD, Bart Starr 1-8, Zeke Bratkowski 1-3

BALTIMORE - Jerry Hill 25-88, Tony Lorick 10-35 1 TD, Tom Matte 3-18, Johnny Unitas 5-12

PASSING

GREEN BAY - Bart Starr 15-7-96 1 TD, Zeke Bratkowski 8-5-87

BALTIMORE - Johnny Unitas 24-11-140 3 INT, Gary Cuzo 1-0-0 1 INT

RECEIVING

GREEN BAY - Elijah Pitts 4-79 1 TD, Jim Taylor 3-34, Carroll Dale 2-29, Marv Fleming 2-23, Max McGee 1-18

BALTIMORE - Raymond Berry 4-59, Lenny Moore 2-18, John Mackey 2-15, Tom Matte 1-25, Tony Lorick 1-18, Jimmy Orr 1-5

The Titledown Tale

Ho, Hum-Ho-Ho; We Did It

HO, HUM-HO-HO; WE DID IT

DEC 11 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - "Where are the celebrating crowds?" a downtown bartender was asked Saturday evening. "Celebrating what?" he quizzed. "The title game - the Packers beat the Colts." "Oh, Green Bay's too sophisticated for that anymore." Sophisticated? Maybe not? But experienced, yes. And experienced fans realize that too much enthusiasm wasted on a divisional championship is likely to result in a flat performance for league and "Super Bowl" titles still in the offing. Streets were nearly deserted and the Police Department reported little activity during the afternoon telecast of the game. Knots of people gathered around television sets in stores nearly emptied of holiday shoppers as the Packers slipped and slid over the Colts, 14-10, to win the NFL's Western Division title. They were a lot more comfortable than the Baltimore legions who sat and watched that city's version of the Christian's against the Lions in a downpour. By Saturday night, bars

and restaurants were busy – but not much more so than on a Saturday night at any other time during the year. All of these probably disappointed newspapers and other disseminators of information across the nation. They seem to take great delight in painting a picture of Green Bay as a town of mackinaw-clad woodsmen who light candles in front of pictures of their grid heroes and bet on the snowplow races. According to legend, residents are supposed to run into the thoroughfares waving banners, shouting and screaming for joy whenever victory smiles on the Packers. But Packer fan – like the team itself – have become professionals. They keep their poise. Play them one at a time. There were quiet toasts. A glass of buttermilk was quaffed to Zeke Bratkowski, the Packer relief specialist who specialized in beating the Colts. The Max McGee Fan Club met and decided to present an honesty and forthrightness award to their man who told a television interviewer he ran the wrong pattern, but still managed to set up the clinching touchdown. Packer fans even had kind words for the Colts. Especially for John Unitas “who picked the Packers apart” – with three interceptions and a fumble. In the main, though, Packer fans were content to wait for the films, analyze what happened, look at the scouting reports, take a sauna bath and get ready for next week. There were exceptions, however. An exuberant young fellow whizzed down Walnut Street in a streamer bedecked car a few minutes after the end of the game, threw his arms around a girl and kissed her. But, then, a guy doesn't get married every day either.

‘MIGHT BE BIGGEST TACKLE,’ WILLIE SAYS

DEC 11 (Baltimore-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Quietly triumphant, Willie Davis mopped beads of perspiration from his broad brow and soulfully reflected upon his climactic contribution to the Packers' second straight division title with their 14-10 win over the Colts Saturday. Now sartorially resplendent in a smart gray suit, white shirt and black-and-white-striped tie, minutes after removing the mud and grime of Memorial Stadium's swamp-like turf, Willie shook his head and softly announced, “I guess that might have been the biggest tackle I ever made.” He had reference, of course, to his cutdown of Colt quarterback John Unitas late in the fourth quarter, with the hosses imperiling the Packer goal, and the subsequent fumble recovery by Dave Robinson on Green Bay's 11-yard line to throttle the Colts' last gasp...ON TOP OF UNITAS: “I went in from the back,” Willie explained, “and Unitas had to veer away from a guy. And I was there on top of him when he turned – and the ball just popped out.” Ever forthright, the Packers' 31-year-old defensive captain volunteered almost in the same breath, “I'll tell you in all fairness, they (the Colts) played one of the finest football games I've ever seen. They maybe didn't score the points, but they were really coming off the ball and I've never seen 'em block any better. They played a great football game.” Again reviewing that timely tackle, Willie traces his role to help from “above.” “You know, it's funny thing,” he earnestly began. “You get yourself mentally ready to play a game, work hard to get yourself physically ready, and things are left in somebody else's hands.”...CHANCE AT SUCCESS: “I've never said this to anyone before because I don't know how to say these things too well, but while I was hitting on the bench, I said a little prayer about a score, and to stop a score. And it really shocks me,” he confessed, “that I was the one to turn up with that tackle...I asked the man upstairs to give us a chance to be successful.” Although it was the fifth division championship in seven years for Davis, he did not look upon this latest addition to the collection as old hat, Willie was quick to confide. “Every title seems to have its own peak about it,” he said. “And you think of today better than tomorrow or yesterday. The 1961 and 1962 teams were great ball clubs with great talent. These guys just hang in there – they never say die.”...TEAM NEVER QUIT: “I think this is what has made the season so interesting. There have been times when things were going against us, when it looked like the whole world was against us, but they never quit. So that's why I say this ball club has its own particular niche – because it never quit.” Burly Dave Robinson, the delighted recipient of that final fumbles, found himself in a quandary when the ball bounced his way, he said. “I wanted to run with it, but I didn't want to fumble,” he informed while holding forth in a corner of the steamy, boisterous dressing room. “And I didn't want to fall on it because I remember how Bill Anderson got hurt when he did that.” “So,” Dave chuckled, “I just stood up and wrapped my arms around it.”...STAYED WITH PLAY: Explaining his opportune presence in the fumble area, he said, “The end released, and I knew it was going to be a pass and

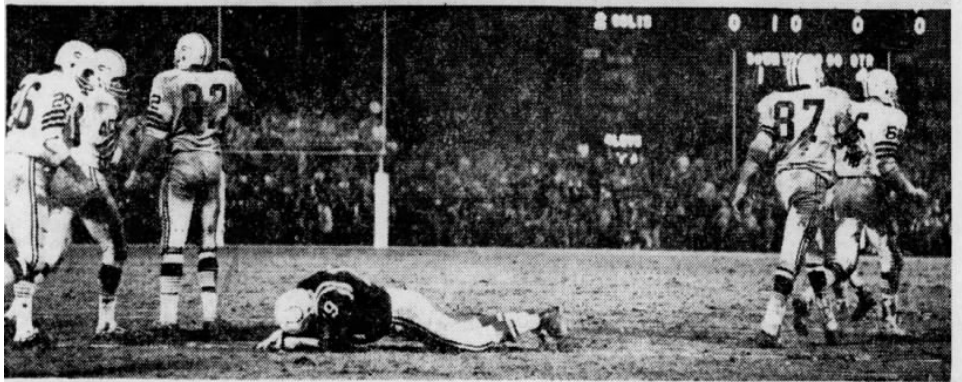
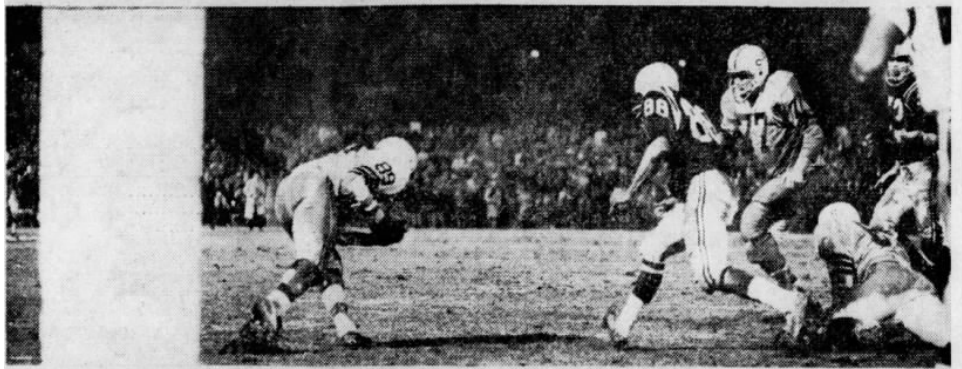
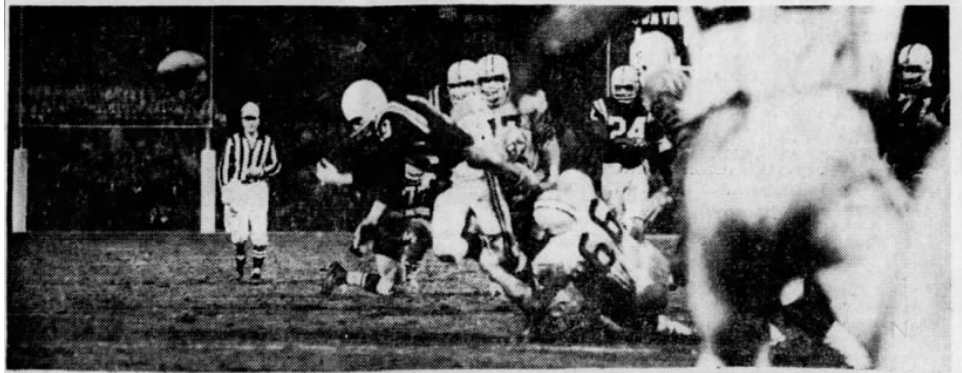


Quiet in Tittletown — The Green Bay Packer victory over Baltimore Saturday brought the Western Division football title to Tittletown for the fifth time in the past 7 years. Green Bay residents, however, took it right in stride as evidenced by this picture in a downtown cocktail lounge. The scene was repeated throughout the city in the hours right after the game.

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Lorick came into the flat, so I went with him. Then I saw Unitas run, so I tried to help box him in because my responsibility in that situation is to try to contain him so he can't get to the sideline and stop the clock. Just as I did that, Willie hit him. And he stripped him clean of the ball," Robinson laughed. "He came right down Unitas' body with his hands. Quarterbacks tend to carry the ball in one hand instead of under their arm, like other ball carriers."...THIS ONE'S BIGGER: Had this latest heroic been as great a thrill as his 87-yard runback with an interception that had triggered the Pack's 42-27 victory on the same soil a year earlier in similar circumstances? "This one was much bigger one," Dave replied with alacrity. "This one meant more – this one meant a championship." Another major contribution to the championship cause had stemmed from a hasty change in plans, Zeke Bratkowski informed. Surrounded by the press corps in front of his locker, the 34-year-old veteran quietly explained, "We had called a pass, but they lined up in a blitz formation, then got out of it. They had the safety blitz on, and I think Jim caught him."...SPOTTED BLITZ: Bratkowski, who was describing an 18-yard pass to Max

McGee that triggered the Pack's winning touchdown, added, "They were up real close to the line, and, in pro football, you know immediately that they are going to blitz and I don't want to get caught for a loss with too many receivers out. So I checked off and only had two receivers out, Max and Bob Long." Had there been any change in strategy when he replaced the injured Starr at the start of the second half? "No, we just stuck to the game plan," Bratkowski replied. "We used the same type passes and the same type runs we had planned to use." Attired in his "birthday suit," the Brat interrupted his discourse to mildly protest as photographers mounted chairs to zero in on him. "You guys want to take a picture of me? Let me get a shirt on or something," he pleaded. When the interview resumed, a Baltimore scribe asked, "Did you feel any sympathy when Unitas fumbled?"...PRAISES UNITAS: "John is a great, great quarterback," Zeke said, "and I know how John must feel, but I have to admit my only concern at that point was that we had the ball." Max McGee, on the receiving end of that clutch pass, impishly informed, "Zeke called an outside pattern on that one and I ran an inside. I might as well tell you now, because you'll find out anyway. I knew that the inside would be open on a safety blitz, so that's why I changed my route. You



THE PACKERS HAVE A BALL—Willie Davis's arm-tearing tackle of Johnny Unitas (top photo) squirts the ball loose in the fading moments and Dave Robinson (middle photo) pounces on fumble. Unitas stays in Stadium mud (bottom).

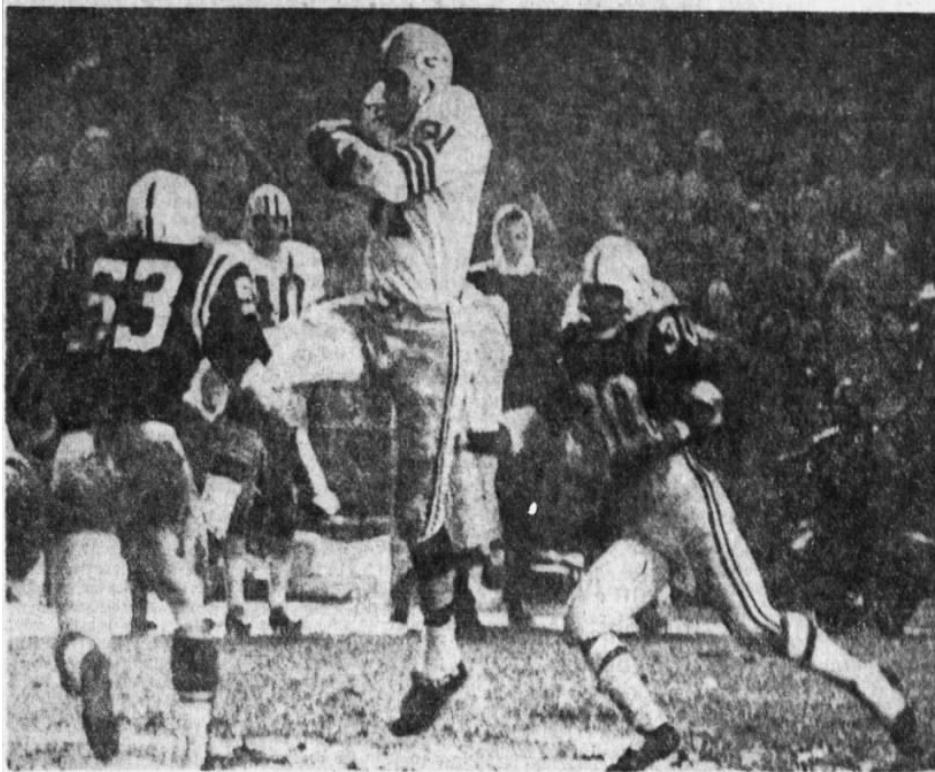
Sunpapers photo—Hutchins

also have more room to run in the middle. And I knew Zeke was coming to me on the pass, so it was just a matter of my getting open...Zeke did a helluva job to pick it up." Chided about having had the only white jersey on the field at that point, McGee quipped, "I try not to fall down unless I can help it. Your mother has to be able to ready your jersey number."...PITTS SCORES TWO: Cherubic Elijah Pitts, the author of both "title" touchdowns, reported, "the pass on that first was timed perfect. It was thrown on rhythm and I caught it on the run. That gave me a real good chance to run with it between those two guys (Alvin Haymond and Bob Logan) before they realized I had caught the ball. On the second one, the interior line did a terrific job of blocking – it was unbelievable." Pitts appended in awe, "I didn't think it was going to be that big a hole myself." "As a matter of fact," he reflected, "nobody touched me on either touchdown play." Down the line, Bart winced as he pulled a towel across his aching chest. "I'm a little bit sore right now," he admitted, but quickly

added, "I feel great."...PAIN GREW WORST: "I'll tell you what," he added with fervor, pointing to his next door neighbor, "Zeke's got to be the greatest...he's fantastic." Pressed for a medical report, Starr said, "I ran with the ball early in the second quarter, and got hurt when I was tackled. And it got progressively worse, so I just couldn't go in the second half." Another casualty, Bob Jeter, was still trying to reconstruct what had transpired, "I looked at the scoreboard one time and it was 10-7," he ruefully confessed. "I said, 'when did they score?' I didn't remember a thing, the last thing I remember it was 7-0."...FEELS BETTER: "I feel a little better now," he somewhat groggily concluded, "only my neck is a little stiff." Over in the Colt quarters, a somewhat dour but generally philosophical John Unitas confided, "he (Willie Davis) must have come from behind because I didn't even know he hit me. Nitschke hit me from the front, but he didn't bother me. Willie knocked the ball out of my hand – at least I guess it was Willie – they tell me it was." He added dryly, "I didn't get his number." Someone sympathetically suggested that King John had had "a great day." "Yeah," Unitas cynically agreed, "I gave 'em the ball."

'ONE STORY...THAT'S THE BALL CLUB,' VINCE

DEC 11 (Baltimore-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – "There's one story here, gentlemen...that's the ball club." It was a beaming, expansive Vince Lombardi, the rare picture of relaxation after 13 weeks of strain and stress, paying emotional tribute to his repeating western division champions in the depth of Memorial Stadium late Saturday afternoon. "They stay in there, they



stay there all the time," he asserted, punctuating his declaration with a wave of his soft drink in his hand. "They're a fine bunch of boys." "And Zeke (Bratkowski)," Lombardi added, shaking his head in the admiration. "Every time he comes off the bench, he does it for us." What had Bratkowski asked him when he came to the sidelines during a timeout just before that final, title-clinching touchdown? "He wanted to know if I wanted to try to stay down the middle and play for a field goal," Vince replied. "I said, 'Hell no, go all the way.' I knew that a tie would have given us a championship, but I also knew if we scored, they couldn't beat us with a field goal. And, of course, that won it for us, because after we got the touchdown, they had to so for the score." Would he have been satisfied with a tie, a New York scribe wanted to know. Lombardi rejoined, "I'm in this business to win championships – as many as I can. And the answer is, yes, if it wins the championship for us."...FATEFUL FUMBLE: Taking note of that fateful

A Short "Look-in" Pass to Green Bay tight end Marv Fleming (81) was complete for a 12-yard gain to the Baltimore 45-yard line in action from the third period of Saturday's game in Baltimore. Closing in quickly are Colt defensive backs Dennis Gaubatz (53) and Alvin

Haymond (30), while Packer Tom Brown (40) watches from the sidelines. The Packers clinched their fifth Western Division title in the last seven years with a 14-10 victory. (AP Wirephoto)

fumble, which had sealed the Packers' fifth division championship withing seven years, Lombardi volunteered with a grin, "Willie Davis said, I told myself I was going to go for the ball on that one, coach." The grin broadened as Lombardi twirled his pop can and quipped, "We're not looking for number one, you know," an observation which triggered considerable hilarity. Asked about the condition of Bart Starr, who gave way to Bratkowski, at the start of the second half, the Packer headmaster reported, "He got hurt when he was tackled early in the second quarter. We don't know whether it was a rib or a pulled muscle." Another casualty, cornerback Bob Jeter, injured and reinjured during the course of a long and bruising afternoon, "was a little dizzy," he said. "He got hit in the head." And Paul Hornung, hero of last year's victory on the same sod? "Yes, Hornung is hurt...that is, let me put it this way, he's all right, but he could be hurt easily." What, with the championship in cold storage, about next week's final at Los Angeles? "I'm going to play Anderson (Donny) and Grabowski (Jim)," Lombardi replied without hesitation, adding with a fond smile, "that Gillingham (Gale) must have done a great job in there today...he's a great young ball player."...LITTLE CELEBRATION: Asked if any title celebration was in the offing, Lombardi laughed and said, "We'll have the usual – each player is allowed two beers on the plane. That will be it for now." He chuckled and added, "We'll celebrate maybe after Dallas. The Super Bowl isn't too important to me right now." Reconsidering this observation, he amended, "I shouldn't have said Dallas – I should have said after we play whoever wins

the East.” Turning to a scribe who had evinced surprise over Starr’s having essayed a few first half “bombs,” Lombardi said, “Starr has always thrown long – that’s a fallacy. He always has, but he doesn’t throw long unless he really feels a situation indicates it.”...NO DIRTY LOOK: In this connecting, he noted, “If Dale (Carroll) catches that one in the second quarter, it’s a different ball game.” Had he given Dale a “dirty look?” “I might have given him a thought,” Vince laughed, “but not a dirty look. He’s caught too many good ones for us...Everyone is bound to miss one once in a while.” Making final reference to what also could have been a key play, Lombardi said, “That last field goal attempt by Don Chandler in the fourth quarter also was partially blocked, by the way.”...A bitter, tight-lipped Don Shula, understandably chagrined over a fifth straight loss to the Packers, provided a study in contrast to Lombardi’s ebullience. Stony-faced, the Colt



Tom Matte, Colt Halfback, is stopped after a 3-yard gain by Green Bay's Willie Wood (24) and Doug Hart (43) in the third quarter of Saturday's National Football League game in Baltimore. (AP Wirephoto)

coach walked abruptly away from the Wisconsin press, then in the process of complimenting him on the performance of his Hosses. “Willie Davis,” one volunteered, “said your team played one of the finest football games he has ever seen.” Shula, knotting his tie in the doorway of his Memorial Stadium office, ground out, “Thank Willie for us, huh?” With that, he strode past the press out into the dressing room. End of interview...PACKER PATTERN: Although Baltimore fans are not known for their charity, one of their number not only congratulated defense Captain Willie Davis in the dressing room but informed him, “You guys deserve it. You won it the hard way.” His name? Michael Lombardi, a letter carrier. Lombardi, who says he may be a distant relative of the Packer coach, confided, “I love the Colts, they’re my team, but I also like the Packers, and I’m glad they won the championship. I’ve been following them for nearly 25 years – ever since they used to come here to play exhibitions against the Washington Redskins for charity.” One of his fellow townsmen was not as courteous as the Packers alighted from their bus outside the stadium before the game. A youthful citizen in dark glasses, he called out, “Send all the bums back to Green Bay where they belong.” Another was more conciliatory. As Hornung, five-touchdown hero of last year’s 42-27 victory, stepped off the bus, a fur-capped fan pleaded, “Hey, Paul, take it easy on us today.”...Packer offense captain Bob Skoronski had two family celebrants in the dressing room after the game – brothers Ted, a student at Harvard, and Frank, a school principal at Shelton, Calif. Also a guest on the Packer bench for he big one was Tom Cichowski, the 6-4, 238-pound University of Maryland tackle, drafted second by the Packers a year ago as a future...Bart Starr was shadowed throughout the afternoon by Dave Wolf, a freelance writer fashioning a story for Sport Magazine. “It’s going to run in February,” Wolf smiled, “hopefully after the Packers win the Super Bowl.”...Although Colt fanatics obviously were in the considerable majority, the Packers were not without their cheering section. The “Pack-A-Longs,” 48 strong, were in boisterous evidence. Taking their lives into their own hands, they prominently displayed a huge green and gold sign proclaiming, “The Pack-A-Longs Back the Pack” along the third base boxes before the game...Home plate, a leftover from the World Series on this same turf, was still in evidence Saturday – in the shadow of the south goalposts.

WIN ‘EM BEST YOU CAN, LOMBARDI

DEC 11 (Green Bay) – Their 32-year-old punter owns one of their longest runs from scrimmage – 33 yards. Against Los Angeles, they lost the ball five times on fumbles and won anyway. They have no player as exciting as a Tarkenton, as theatrical as a Unitas, as electrifying as a Sayers. Only rarely do they score more than 24 points in an afternoon. Yet for the fifth time in seven seasons, the Green Bay Packers have won the NFL’s Western Conference crown. “We don’t do anything different than anyone else,” said Coach Vince Lombardi repeatedly through a pressure-filled season. “We are no different than anyone else. We have no secrets, no special systems.”...FEW CAME EASILY: Few triumphs, outside of a 56-3 conquest of Atlanta, came easily for the Packers – a team that occasionally struck for the sudden touchdown but usually did the enemy in by degrees, a few yards at a time. The Packers tend to sacrifice excitement to efficiency, the big play to the series of little plays that may also bring the touchdown while keeping the ball away from the opposition. “You don’t have to win ‘em aesthetically,” Lombardi once said. “You win ‘em the best you can.” Even Lombardi-lathed efficiency sometimes breaks down. It did in the fumble-filled game with the Rams. But as so often happens with the Packers, a weakness disclosed is only a strength revealed. The Rams, given the ball five times by the Packer offense, could not contend with the Packer defense and lost 24-13. When the Green Bay running game is stopped, as it was for an extended time in a 20-7 triumph over

San Francisco on an ice-slicked field, the Packers found a way to get needed yards through the air...PACKERS REMINISCENT: The Packers are in some ways reminiscent of the baseball Yankees in their balmier days. Green Bay has balance, bench strength, pride and a winning habit that waxes stronger with each new championship. Tackle Ron Kostelnik was asked if the Packers were beginning to smell the money on the table as clinching time drew closer. "We began smelling the money before the season started," he replied. Quarterback Bart Starr, having perhaps his finest season, is the NFL's leading passer; yet not one Packer is listed among the top 11 NFL receivers. Instead five players have caught 20 or more of Starr's throws. "That's a sign of a balanced team," said receiver Boyd Dowler...BALANCE AND DEPTH: With the balance goes a depth that allows Lombardi to replace the ailing Paul Hornung with an Elijah Pitts, Starr with a Zeke Bratkowski, and Jim Taylor with a Jim Grabowski. "We try to be – and we are – one," said Bratkowski after a brilliant performance in relief of the injured Starr. "We're a unit and every player on the roster of 40 players is important." Within that unity flares individual pride. "I have a deep desire to excel," said Willie Davis, the incredibly talented defensive end. He and his teammates find excellence in togetherness. "If I win the passing championship and we finish second, it doesn't mean a thing," said Starr. "I'd rather be with Green Bay, just a member of the squad, than be with a loser and have a great year individually," said receiver Carroll Dale. "We're all human, but this is a professional business and there is no way to succeed except by winning."

SON MAY REPLACE COLT'S ROSENBLOOM

DEC 11 (Baltimore) – It's two hours before kickoff and the Memorial Stadium field is crowded. Forty boys, representing winners from various section of the country in pass, punt and kick competition, are going through their specialties while Colt and Packer coaches and press, radio and TV are trying to keep the butterflies down with silly conversation. Somehow the spotlight seemed to be on Carroll Rosenbloom, the wealthy owner of the Colts,

who personally glad hands everybody on the premises...ONE OF 'THOSE' STORIES: The morning papers here had one of those "it was reported" stories on Rosenbloom selling the Colts to three former Colts, including Alan Ameche and Gino Marchetti. The subject wasn't introduced to Rosenbloom, but he touched on it in a different way, pointing out: "This is a young man's game, and I don't know if I can take it much longer. I never miss a game – here and on the road. My son is a senior at Georgetown, and when he is out in a year or so, he can just take it."...OTHER PLACES TOO: About that time, Carroll's son, Steve, walked over and father and son engaged in busy conversation before the boy went to the Colts' dressing room. Rosenbloom pointed out that "this is happening in Pittsburgh and Chicago," referring to young Dan Rooney taking over the Steelers from his father, Art, and Muggs Halas taking over the Bears from his famous father, George. Thus, it was obvious that Rosenbloom wasn't of a mind to see his team...The pass, punt and kickers puffed one and one lad, dressed in a Packer uniform, got off a short kick...to which John Sandusky, the former Packer now line coaching the Colts, laughed, "Us fat linemen never could kick."...Packer Coach Vince Lombardi came out in his shirt sleeves and Don McCafferty laughed, "So you're going to pull a Woody Hayes on us." While the temperature was 66, the high humidity produced a feeling of coolness and Vince noted that "It's cooler out there than I thought." He decided to wear a jacket and topcoat...On the team side, the Packers appeared as loose as that proverbial goose Saturday morning at the Hotel Belvedere and en route to the stadium. Probably the most serious pair in bus No. 2 were Jerry Kramer and Gale Gillingham. Kramer, the seasoned pro, was having a heart-to-heart talk about the Colts, offensive play and even pride in performance with young Gilly, who was to make his first start as a pro. Apparently, the PA announcer never heard of Gillingham, who was identified as "Fred Thurston," when he ran out on the field before the game.

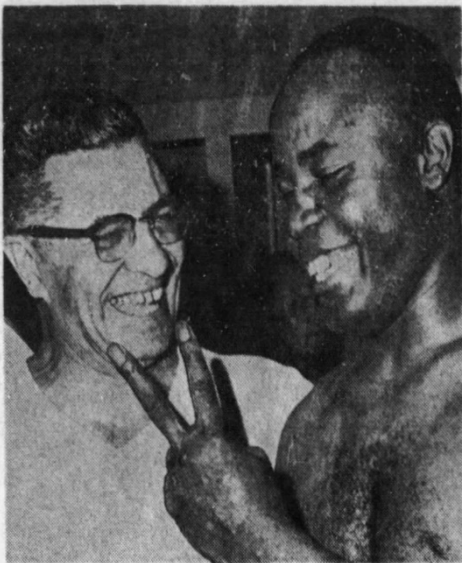


Baltimore's Jerry Hill (45) is stopped at the Packer 1-yard line in the second quarter of Saturday's National Football League game by Ray Nitschke (66). Dave Robinson (89) grabs Hill around the shoulders. Colt quarterback John Unitas (19) handed off to Hill. Green Bay won, 14-10. (AP Wirephoto)

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SAME OLD STORY, COLTS YELL FOUL ON MACKKEY 'TD' INCOMPLETE RULING

DEC 11 (Baltimore) – It was the same old story for the Baltimore Colts: They lost a crucial game to the Green Bay Packers by a close margin and they think they were robbed on a controversial call. The Packers won the NFL's Western Conference title Saturday, pushing over a touchdown in the final period for a 14-10 victory. Quarterback John Unitas fumbled away Baltimore's final bid on the Green Bay 11 with just over a minute remaining, but the Colts figure the issue was decided by



Victory Grins Were Broad Saturday night as Green Bay Packer Coach Vince Lombardi congratulated half-back Elijah Pitts on his 2-touchdown performance in the Packers victory over Baltimore. Pitts flashes the "V" for the victory that gave the Packers the Western Division crown. (AP Wirephoto)

an official's call on the last play of the first period. With Green Bay leading 7-0, Unitas threw a 31-yard pass to tight end John Mackey near the goal line in the right hand corner of the field. The ball popped out of Mackey's hands as he fell, and it was ruled an incomplete pass. "People say you're a cry baby when you complain in a situation like this," Mackey said. "But I don't care. I look at it like this...they took six points away from us. I had control of the ball and took a couple of steps into the end zone," Mackey said. "I was hit as I was going down and then I lost the ball. I thought I saw one official start to raise his hands for a touchdown and then another one started yelling, 'no, no, no.'" "There's no such thing as a fumble in the end zone," Unitas said. "As soon as Mackey crossed the goal line it should have been a touchdown. I started walking off the field because I thought it was." In last year's conference playoff game, Baltimore lost 13-10 in sudden death

overtime after Don Chandler's controversial field goal tied it 10-10. The Colts complained about the decision on Chandler's kick, and a recent television film was cited as evidence in their favor.

'LOVING' CELEBRATION REVEALS KEY TO PACKER SUCCESS

DEC 12 (Palo Alto, CA-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The secret of the Packers' success? We could name a dozen reasons - good quarterbacking, good linebackers, good coaching and good everything...but the real secret was unfolded during the Packers' United Airlines jet charter flight from Baltimore to San Francisco after their title clinching 14-10 victory over the Colts. This was a champagne party - not a boisterous escapade where the players doused each other with the traditional toasting stuff, but a glass-clicking, smiling, singing and downright loving celebration of a job well done. The champagne was opened a half-hour before the huge 727 jet left Friendship Airport - and somehow 40 voices took up the tune to "He's Got the World in His Hands."...WORDS CHANGE: The wording was rapidly changed as the singing crew louder - such as "We've Got the Best Team in the World" and "We've Got the Best Coach in the World." A beaming Vince Lombardi was touched deeply when the word "coach" boomed up front and he responded with a three-part solo, "We've Got the Best Players in the World, We've Got the Best Players in the World, We've Got the Best Players in the World." The flight was delayed about a half hour - to await the arrival of the Packer equipment which arrived in a truck. Dad Braisher, chief of Packer equipment, was the last to board the plane and the likeable little guy, who once described his job "like getting paid to go fishing," was given a mighty welcome by all hands...FLOCK OF KIDS: He hoisted a glass and the big bird was airborne. The merrymaking continued and sandwiches were brought forth as a sort of prelude to dinner, which was served after a refueling stop in Omaha, Neb., not quite halfway in the 2,500 mile flight. Few of the players sat down. They crowded in the main aisle chattering like a flock of kids. What were they talking about? You'd have to say they were talking about each other, telling each other how good they were alike. Forrest Gregg, with his arm around Willie Davis, saying things like "We've been through a lot together" and "You're the greatest." And little Red Mack...eight weeks ago he was cut by the Falcons and picked up by the Packers as insurance on Bob Long. Today he's a champion. He was still overcome by emotion - just as he was after the game when, with tears streaming down his face, he thanked Lombardi for picking him out of nowhere. "I've been in football since I was a fifth grader and this is the first time I've ever been on a championship team," Mack toasted...LOT OF SENTIMENT: "This is the fourth club (the others were the Steelers, Falcons and Eagles) and I mean it when I say this is the first time I've seen 40 guys all act and think alike. This is an experience I've never had - just being here. There is no better team feeling anywhere in sports." Bob Skoronski, the captain of the offensive unit, admitted "I'm sentimental tonight but there's a lot of sentiment on this team. We celebrate together and we suffer together. We all won the championship - just as we all did the others."

By The Associated Press

National League

Western Conference

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
xGreen Bay	11	2	0	.846	308	140
Baltimore	8	5	0	.615	284	212
Los Angeles	8	5	0	.615	266	185
San Francisco	6	5	2	.545	306	295
Chicago	4	7	2	.364	193	244
Minnesota	4	8	1	.333	264	263
Detroit	4	9	1	.308	206	317

x-Clinched conference title.

Eastern Conference

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Dallas	9	3	1	.750	428	232
St. Louis	8	4	1	.667	254	227
Cleveland	8	5	0	.615	365	249
Philadelphia	8	5	0	.615	289	312
Washington	7	6	0	.538	323	318
Pittsburgh	4	8	1	.333	259	314
Atlanta	3	10	0	.231	171	380
New York	1	11	1	.083	256	484

Saturday's Result

Green Bay 14, Baltimore 10

Sunday's Results

Philadelphia 33, Cleveland 21
 Minnesota 28, Detroit 16
 Pittsburgh 47, New York 28
 Atlanta 6, St. Louis 10
 San Francisco 41, Chicago 14
 Washington 34, Dallas 31

Saturday's Game

Cleveland at St. Louis

Sunday's Games

Baltimore at San Francisco
 Dallas at New York
 Green Bay at Los Angeles
 Minnesota at Chicago
 Philadelphia at Washington
 Pittsburgh at Atlanta

American League

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Boston	8	3	2	.727	287	245
Buffalo	8	4	1	.667	320	234
New York	5	6	2	.455	284	284
Houston	3	10	0	.231	307	367
Miami	2	11	0	.154	184	334

Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
xKansas City	10	2	1	.833	421	259
Oakland	8	5	1	.615	315	288
San Diego	7	5	1	.583	318	257
Denver	4	9	0	.308	175	343

x-Clinched division title.

Sunday's Results

Kansas City 19, Miami 18
 Boston 38, Houston 14
 San Diego 42, New York 27
 Oakland 28, Denver 10

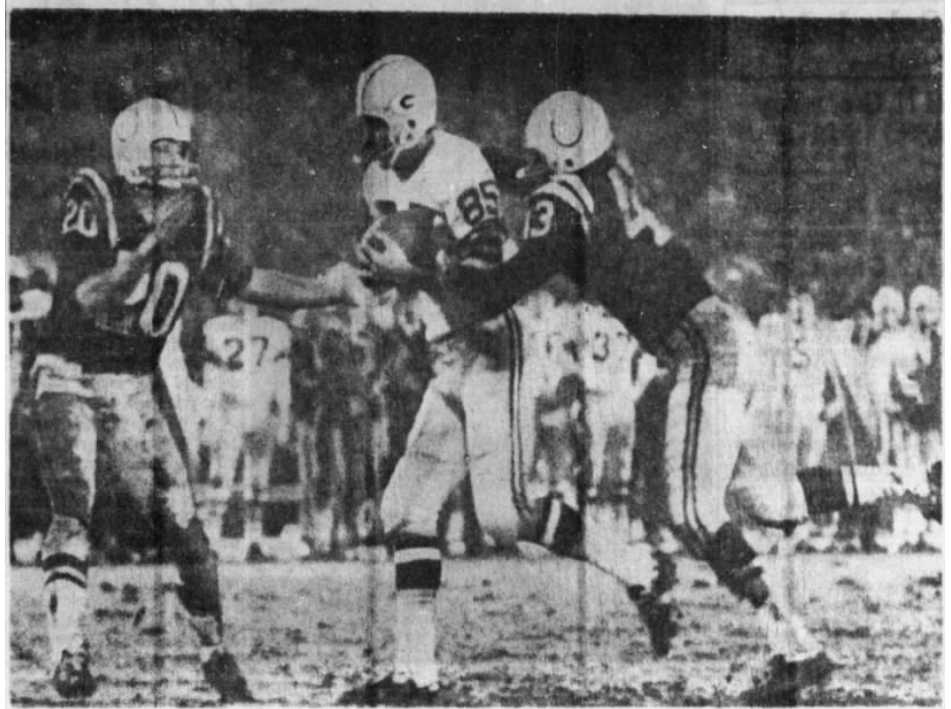
Saturday's Game

Boston at New York

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Kansas City at San Diego
 Denver at Buffalo
 Houston at Miami

And as an afterthought, big Robert said, "There aren't many of us five-divisioners left," referring to the number of players who were on the championship teams of 1960-61-62 and 1965-66. There are only 12 – Boyd Dowler, Paul Hornung, Hank Jordan, Jerry Kramer, Max McGee, Ray Nitschke, Bart Starr, Jim Taylor, Fred Thurston, Davis, Skoronski and Gregg. Zeke Bratkowski, who rescued the victory when he took over for the injured Starr in the second half, was cheered all over the place, with another Old Pro, Mr. McGee, leading the noise...PREDICTED CATCH: "Our combined ages are close to 70," Maxie drawled. Somebody said McGee predicted that he'd make the big catch. "That's right," said Lombardi, "he told 'em he'd do it." Maxie made a great third down catch of a Bratkowski pass to set up the winning TD in the fourth quarter. He caught only three balls all season but



The Packers' Max McGee (85) caught a key, 18-yard touchdown—in the final period. On defense are Jerry Logan (20) and Lenny Lyles (43). The Packers won, Baltimore 4-yard line—in position for the winning 14-10. (AP Photo)

they were big ones. He nailed one for a TD vs. Atlanta and set up a score with a catch in San Francisco. As the plane approached San Francisco, McGee and Thurston entertained on the ship's PA system with a great version of "I Left my Heart in San Francisco." When the trip is over, you can't help but think back and very easily find an explanation why the Packers are such a good item...DEDICATED TO SUCCESS: You'd have to say it's because they have such great admiration (you could even call it love) for each other. Certainly other clubs in pro football have material equal to the Packers...but none have 40 players who are totally dedicated to the success of each other. This is the secret to the Pack's success...and it all goes right back to their dynamic leader, Coach Lombardi, who molds men into more than football players...The Packers were on their own Sunday and most of them spent the day in San Francisco. They were to report for breakfast this morning but then were off the rest of the day until dinner tonight. A night meeting was scheduled. The first practice in preparation for the 1966 final against the Rams in Los Angeles Sunday will be held at Stanford University Tuesday morning. All players came out of the title victory over the Colts in good condition except Bart Starr, who suffered rib injuries. Coach Vince Lombardi relaxed Sunday by watching part of the Boston-Houston and Dallas-Washington games on television. Coaches Phil Bengtson and Dave Hanner took a busman's holiday. They went to the 49er-Bear game. The feeling here is that the Pack's opponent in the title game will be the Cowboys, despite their loss to the Redskins Sunday.

ECHO? BALTIMORE WRITERS CRY 'WE WAS ROBBED' AGAIN

DEC 12 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Baltimore's sportswriting gentry, seldom overly objective, have kept their record unsullied. Almost to a man, they struck the "we was robbed" stance in the wake of Green Bay's tingling title-clinching in the mire and drizzle of Memorial Stadium, a development they attributed in equal parts to Packer luck and Colt misfortune. Chief among these was John Steadman, the urbane sports editor of the Baltimore News-American. In his Sunday morning column, he unhappily asked, "Irony? Fate? Circumstance?" "Whatever it was, it was cruel and painful and destructive to the Baltimore Colts. Oh, how it hurt! No man or group of men should have happen to them what occurred yesterday when the Green Bay Packers again won a football game they didn't deserve. But the Packers lead the charmed life and they took advantage of the misfortune which befell the Colts. The sun wasn't out – physically it wasn't out – but something from somewhere was shining on the golden helmets of the Packers. The Colts should put the horseshoes of the Packers' headgear. Luck, which can never be denied, plays a part in an athletic contest as it does in life itself"...CONTROVERSIAL CALL: "The Packers were outplayed but not outscored. They pay off on total points, not how you get them there, and in the end the scoreboard told you that the Packers had 14 and the Colts only 10. The Colts, as it happened to them last year, were the victims of a controversial call by an official. This time it was field judge Fritz Graff, who ruled that Mackey didn't hold a Unitas pass for a touchdown in the first quarter. We thought Mackey had the ball long enough for it to have been ruled a score. So did Mackey. So did Unitas. Coach Don Shula made no observation at all because he was too broken up to discuss the game or any of its aspects." Steadman's News American colleague, N.P. Clark, was slightly more impartial, but he also was disinclined to credit the Packer performance. "Asking for a licking is generally the best way to get one," he wrote. "The

Pack Signs Dick Arndt

PALO ALTO, Calif. (P6) — The Packers announced late this morning that they have signed Dick Arndt, a 6-5, 250-pound tackle from Idaho. Arndt was the fourth draft choice of the Rams last year and rights to him were obtained by the Packers as part of the Tom Moore deal. The Packers outbid Denver of the American Football League for Arndt.

Bay and almost all of Northeast Wisconsin to Lombardi eight years ago. Nothing the Packers do is accidental, Lombardi insists, and what amounted to the game-saving fumble wasn't a stroke of Green Bay luck either. "I wanted him to fumble that ball," Davis said. "I told Robinson (Dave) if I ever get my hands on John (Unitas), I'd make him fumble, so be prepared to scoop it up." "That's the way it was planned, honest," Lombardi reiterated. "You're only in this business for one thing — to win championships. Sometimes you've got to plan for fumbles and recoveries. Right Dave, right Robinson?" The big galoots looked up and smiled, "Right coach," they chorused.

PACKERS WON TITLE WITH FOUR-FIFTHS NORMAL STRENGTH

DEC 13 (Palo Alto, CA-Green Bay Press-Gazette) — You could say the Packers won the Western Division championship without roughly one-fifth of their normal strength. "We had four of them out of there," Coach Vince Lombardi buzzed a couple of times since the Bays produced their 1966 title by beating the Colts 14-10. And if our arithmetic is correct, four of the 22 regular starters represents just a little over one-fifth. Vince, of course, was pointing to the loss of Fuzzy Thurston, Bart Starr, Boyd Dowler and Bob Jeter before or during the crucial contest. Thurston didn't start due to an ankle injury that wouldn't respond to treatment and rookie Gale Gillingham took his place at left guard. Starr hurt his ribs in the second quarter and then aggravated the injury on the last play of the half when he fell on the ball as he was tackled by Lou Michaels. Zeke Bratkowski quarterbacked in the second half. Dowler was hampered by a groin pull and shoulder injury that reduced his efficiency. Max McGee started replacing him in the third quarter and set up the winning TD with an 18-yard catch from Bratkowski. Jeter was knocked silly trying to tackle Tom Matte on a 27-yard pass gain in the second quarter and Doug Hart replaced him — except for brief spells along the way when Jeter "came to" enough. The key replacement had to be Gillingham, the former Minnesota star who has shown exceptional savvy for a first-year man. What's more, Henry Jordan, who works against Gale in practice every day, says, "He's almost as strong as Jerry Kramer and I never thought anybody could be that strong." Gillingham said he was anxious to see the pictures and "find out if I was of any value out there." Asked if the Colts tried to intimidate him (most rookies are given that treatment), Gilly said "They didn't say a word to me. I was surprised because I thought they would."...**WORKMANLIKE JOB:** A bright prospect for the Packer future, the studious-looking Gillingham said he received "a lot of help from Jerry (Kramer). He told me the things their linemen liked to do and I felt I was well prepared. And Bart and Zeke called quite a few quick counts. That makes it easier for somebody like me because they don't get as quick a jump." Lombardi was extremely enthusiastic about Gillingham's play after viewing the movies, exclaiming that "he really did a workmanlike job." Hart said John Unitas "didn't pick on a new man. At least not right away." The Colts were down close and scored 10 points on six plays after Jeter was hurt. They scored in two rushes after the Matte catch and they got the ball right back on Donny Anderson's fumble of the ensuing kickoff. Unitas tried two passes before Michaels' 26-yard field goal — both on Herb Adderley's side. "Just before the half Unitas really unloaded on me. He threw three straight at Berry (Raymond, the left end). He completed the first for about seven yards to our 40 and then he unloaded one of those deep floaters down the sidelines but Lee Roy (Caffey) and I had Berry covered so he threw it out of bounds. On his third I was lucky enough to tip it and that's when Wood made his second interception." Jeter was back in, off and on, in the second half, but he really wasn't quite himself...**THREE WEEKS TO HEAL:** Starr had his chest taped up at the half but "when I warmed up with Bob Long, I knew it was no use. It all turned out well, didn't it?" Bart allowed that "those Colts are tough on my ribs." Starr received the same kind of injury on the first play of the sudden death playoff against the Colts last Dec. 26. He was back throwing the next Sunday — in the title contest. This time, however, he has three weeks to heal — until Jan. 1, when the Packers battle for the 1966 NFL crown. Which means that Bratkowski likely

will carry the load at quarterback against the Rams in Los Angeles Sunday. The Packers had no practice Monday, but they watched pictures of the Colt game in the afternoon. The first drill was held at Stanford University this morning.

CHANDLER SNAKE BIT? HAS 7 FG MISSES IN ROW

DEC 13 (Palo Alto, CA-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Maybe Don Chandler is just plain snake bit. He has a streak of seven straight field goal misses going now, although one of those was tipped and another was from 53 yards. It seems fantastic in view of the fact that Chandler is a specialist in kicking. Don, who admits to being bothered considerably by his missing, has some consolation in another of his breed, pointing out that “Bakken has missed six of his last seven and I always felt that he was the best field goal kicker in the league.” Jim Bakken is the kicking specialist for the Cardinals. Chandler’s last field goal was an 11-yard shot in the Viking game in Green Bay Nov. 6. With three seconds left in the half, he missed the 53-yarder that day. He then missed from 39 and 27 yards out against the Bears, from 37 against the Vikings in Minnesota, and from 45, 47 and 30 yards in Baltimore. The 30-yarder was tipped. “I know it really doesn’t count, but most of the misses were close,” Chandler said, holding up his hands to measure out a couple of feet, and then adding: “I’ve been kicking longer ones this year.” Chandler has attempted 26 field goals this year, and he hit on 10 from 15, 14, 14, 23, 31, 18, 22, 30, 40 and 11 yards. Of the 16 misses, two were blocked...the remaining misses were (in order since the start of the league season) from 34, 43, 39, 26, 47, 29, 38, 53, 39, 37, 37, 45, 47 and 30 yards. Jerry Kramer, who rooms with Chandler, has urged Don “not to let it get you down. We really haven’t needed you yet.” Kramer, of course, is “prepping” Chandler for what could be three more games – two for sure. The Packers play the Rams Sunday, the Eastern Division champ on Jan. 1 and then, if all goes well, the AFL champion Jan. 15. Chandler has also been off on his punting, which is even more snake-bit evidence, because he has punted throughout his football career. He didn’t start field goal kicking until five years ago. While Chandler went into the Colt game with barely a 40-yard average, he turned his best punting job of the season, averaging 48.5 yards on six punts with a set and “heavy” ball. And the thing that Don likes is “they returned only five for 19 yards.” In addition, all were about the same length, the longest being 51 yards and the shortest just over 45. Perhaps Chandler will make a field goal comeback just as he did with his punting.

GOVERNOR EXTENDS CONGRATULATIONS TO CHAMP PACKERS

DEC 13 (Madison) – Gov. Warren P. Knowles added his congratulations to the Green Bay Packers today for having clinched the Western Conference crown in the NFL. Knowles told Coach Vince Lombardi in a telegram: “Never has a state held in higher regard a team of professional athletes than do we in Wisconsin. Never has a team more richly deserved praise and loyal support than do the Green Bay Packers.”

EIGHT PACKERS MAKE ALL-PRO

DEC 14 (New York) – Green Bay and Dallas dominated the NFL All-Star team selected for the Associated Press today by a committee of sportswriters and sportscasters. Vince Lombardi’s Packers, who have clinched the Western Conference title, placed eight men on the first team – three on offense and five on defense. The Dallas Cowboys, who can nail down the Eastern Conference title this weekend, placed four on the first club – one on offense and three on defense...NINE REPEATERS: Only nine repeated from the 1965 squad as the positions were divided among 11 teams. The Los Angeles Rams had two and no other club more than one. Washington, Pittsburgh, New York and Atlanta did not put a player on the first team. Bart Starr, the Packers’ quarterback who has had his best year, was joined by tackle Forrest Gregg and guard Jerry Kramer on the offensive team. The Packers’ five-man defensive contingent included end Willie Davis, linebackers Ray Nitschke and Lee Roy Caffey, cornerback Herb Adderley and safety Willie Wood...HAYES AT END: Bob Hayes, the fleet split end, was Dallas’ only starter on offense. The Cowboys placed tackle Bob Lilly, linebacker Chuck Howley and cornerback Cornell Green on the defensive club. Los Angeles had two members of its defensive unit on the first team – end Dave Jones and tackle Merlin Olsen...GREGG MOVES OVER: Joining Starr in the first string backfield were running backs Gale Sayers of the Chicago Bears and Leroy Kelly of the Cleveland Browns and flanker Pat Studstill of the Detroit Lions. John Mackey, Baltimore tight end, was a winner along with Bob Brown of Philadelphia and Gregg at tackle. Gregg made the team last year as a guard but has been able to concentrate on one position this year. John Thomas of San Francisco and Kramer were choices for starting guards with Mick Tingelhoff of Minnesota at center. The repeaters on offense were Brown, Gregg, Tingelhoff and Sayers. Jones and Davis were back again as the defensive ends, with Lilly at one tackle spot. Olsen took

The Selections

FIRST TEAM—OFFENSE
ENDS — Bob Hayes, Dallas; John Mackey, Baltimore.
TACKLES — Bob Brown, Philadelphia; Forrest Gregg, Green Bay.
GUARDS — Jerry Kramer, Green Bay; John Thomas, San Francisco.
CENTER—Mick Tingelhoff, Minnesota.
BACKS—Bart Starr, Green Bay; Pat Studstill, Detroit; Gale Sayers, Chicago; Leroy Kelly, Cleveland.

FIRST TEAM—DEFENSE
ENDS—Dave Jones, Los Angeles; Willie Davis, Green Bay.
TACKLES—Bob Lilly, Dallas; Merlin Olsen, Los Angeles.
LINEBACKERS—Ray Nitschke, Green Bay; Chuck Howley, Dallas; Lee Roy Caffey, Green Bay.
CORNERBACKERS — Herb Adderley, Green Bay; Cornell Green, Dallas.
SAFETIES—Larry Wilson, St. Louis; Willie Wood, Green Bay.

SECOND TEAM—OFFENSE
ENDS — Dave Parks, San Francisco; Mike Ditka, Chicago.
TACKLES—Ralph Neely, Dallas; Ernie McMillan, St. Louis.
GUARDS—John Gordy, Detroit; Tony Liscio, Dallas.
CENTER—Jim Ringo, Philadelphia.
BACKS—Don Meredith, Dallas; Gary Collins, Cleveland; Dan Reeves, Dallas; Dick Bass, Los Angeles.

SECOND TEAM—DEFENSE
ENDS—Joe Robb, St. Louis; Orrell Braase, Baltimore.
TACKLES—Henry Jordan, Green Bay; Alex Karras, Detroit.
LINEBACKERS—Dick Butkus, Chicago; Wayne Walker, Detroit; Maxie Baughan, Los Angeles.
CORNERBACKERS — Bob Boyd, Baltimore; Jim Johnson, San Francisco.
SAFETIES—Jerry Stovall, St. Louis; Ross Fichtner, Cleveland.

over the other job from Alex Karras of Detroit. Nitschke regained the middle linebacker job from Dick Butkus of Chicago and Caffey and Howley replaced Joe Fortunato of Chicago and Wayne Walker of Detroit. Adderley and Wood repeated. Green and Wilson were newcomers...**TWO FREE SAFETIES:** Although Kelly actually played halfback for the Browns, coach Blanton Collier's offense calls for almost identical work from his halfback and fullback Ernie Green. Consequently Kelly moved into the position on the team held so long by Jim Brown. Both Wood and Wilson wander as the free safety, but the voters recognized their ability to handle either of the safety jobs.

PACKERS AND CHIEFS ONLY VICTORY AWAY FROM BIG MONEY TILT

DEC 14 (New York) – The Super Bowl is definitely set for Sunday, Jan. 15, at the Los Angeles Coliseum with Green Bay and Kansas City only one win away from the big money date. The Packers, having clinched the Western Conference title of the NFL, must beat Dallas or St. Louis, the two teams still having a chance at the Eastern Conference crown, in the NFL title game Jan. 1 in the Eastern winner's park. Kansas City, the Western Division champ of the AFL, must defeat either Boston or Buffalo for the AFL championship Jan. 1 in the park of the Eastern winner...**LA AREA BLACKED OUT:** Under a unique arrangement between the television network (CBS) which carries all NFL games and the current (NBC) which beams all AFL games, the Super Bowl will be shared by CBS and NBC. There will be a blackout in the Los Angeles area. The television fee for the first Super Bowl will be \$2 million. The rights will cost \$2.5 million each year for the remaining years of the agreement running through 1970. CBS will have the game exclusively in 1968 and 1970 and NBC in 1969. After 1970, the two leagues will be merged into one unit. The total four-year contract calls for \$9.5 million. The postseason dates have been reshuffled to permit the two league champions two weeks of rest before the Super Bowl. The AFL title game at Boston and Buffalo, originally set for Dec. 26, will be played at 1 p.m. EST Sunday, Jan. 1. The NFL game, at Dallas or St. Louis, will be played the same day, starting at 4 p.m. EST...**2 WINNERS REST:** While the two winners rest and then start to prepare for the big game, the two second-place teams in the NFL will play their Playoff Bowl game Sunday, Jan. 8, in the Orange Bowl at Miami as originally scheduled. In the Jan. 15 Super Bowl, which may draw a \$3 million gate with a sellout of 93,000, each player on the winning team gets \$15,000 and each loser \$7,500. Seventy percent of the receipts, after expenses and rental, go to the players in shares or to their Player Benefit Plan pension fund in both leagues. It is possible for a player to make as much as \$8,000 in a league title game and an additional \$15,000 in the Super Bowl for a total of \$23,000. The new contract was announced jointly Tuesday by Commissioner Pete Rozelle and Bill MacPhail, vice president, CBS TV Sports, and Carl Lindeman Jr., vice president, NBC Sports. Rozelle said the two All-Star games had been rescheduled. The AFL All-Star game, originally set for Jan. 14, will be played Saturday, Jan. 21, at Oakland. The NFL Pro Bowl, or All-Star game, will be played Sunday, Jan. 22, at the Los Angeles Coliseum.

PAUL, 'FUZZY,' MAX MAY BE IN FINAL SEASONS

DEC 14 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The Packers are in a strange and wonderful position...they don't have to win Sunday. This is one of only three weeks in the Lombardi-winning era where the Packers didn't have to contend with the pressure that surrounds the usual regularly-scheduled league game. This happened only twice before – in 1961 when the Packers wrapped up the division title in the third last game and then went to the West Coast. They lost at San Francisco, 22-21, then beat Los Angeles, 24-17. The only other comparable situation was in 1962 when the Packers discovered in the second quarter in Los Angeles that the Bears had eliminated the Lions, making it unnecessary for Green Bay to beat the Rams. But the Pack won anyway, 20-17. Of course, this business of not having to win is a lot of malarkey as far as the Packers are concerned. While the Packers are human enough to suffer a normal letdown after winning the big bundle in Baltimore, they don't like to lose anything. Coach Vince Lombardi feels "we owe it to the league and a couple of other teams to play our best in Los Angeles." One of those teams is right in this area – the 49ers, to be specific...**EYE PLAYOFF BOWL:** The 49ers want to go to the playoff bowl in Miami

TEAM OFFENSE			
	Avg. Yards	Avg. Rushing	Avg. Passing
Dallas	376	155	220
Cleveland	357	160	197
San Francisco	344	128	216
Minnesota	321	144	177
Baltimore	314	113	200
Washington	310	97	212
Los Angeles	302	126	176
Green Bay	301	119	181
New York	282	103	178
Detroit	275	102	173
Philadelphia	265	132	133
Chicago	255	127	127
St. Louis	254	113	141
Atlanta	243	110	132
Pittsburgh	229	74	155

TEAM DEFENSE			
	Avg. yards	Avg. Rushing	Avg. Passing
St. Louis	235	85	150
Green Bay	250	118	131
Dallas	253	82	171
Los Angeles	262	91	171
Chicago	270	106	163
Minnesota	272	109	163
San Francisco	290	118	171
Baltimore	291	123	167
Pittsburgh	301	131	170
Philadelphia	308	122	186
Cleveland	310	135	174
Detroit	315	143	172
Washington	337	130	207
New York	360	150	210
Atlanta	370	157	212

LEADING GROUND GAINERS				
	Aff.	Yards	Avg.	Tds
Kelly, Clev.	197	1,122	5.7	14
Bass, L.A.	234	1,041	4.4	8
Sayers, Chi.	212	1,034	4.9	7
Brown, Minn.	229	755	3.3	6
Green, Clev.	139	730	5.3	3
Reeves, Dall.	163	726	4.5	8
Coffey, Atl.	189	711	3.8	3
Willard, S.F.	178	705	4.0	5
Perkins, Dall.	176	685	3.9	8
Taylor, G.B.	198	678	3.4	4

LEADING PASSERS				
	Aff.	Com.	Yds.	TDS Gain
Starr, G.B.	251	156	2,257	14 8.99
Jurgensen, Wash.	398	235	2,960	24 7.44
Meredith, Dall.	344	177	2,805	24 8.15
Ryan, Clev.	352	183	2,607	25 7.41
Tarkenton, Minn.	322	175	2,301	14 7.15
Unitas, Balt.	318	175	2,409	18 7.58
Brodie, S.F.	387	213	2,586	14 6.68
Gabriel, L.A.	360	195	2,303	9 6.40
Johnson, St. L.	205	103	1,334	10 6.5
Sweetan, Det.	309	157	1,809	4 5.85

LEADING PASS RECEIVERS				
	Recd.	Yds.	Avg. Gain	TDS
Studstill, Det.	67	1,266	18.9	5
Taylor, Wash.	64	1,045	16.3	10
Parks, S.F.	61	857	14.0	4
Hayes, Dall.	57	1,133	19.9	12
Mitchell, Wash.	54	858	15.9	12
Moore, L.A.	54	407	7.5	3
Nowatzke, Det.	54	316	5.9	1
Berry, Balt.	52	721	13.9	6
Collins, Clev.	51	820	16.1	10
McDonald, L.A.	51	668	13.1	2

and perhaps this is fitting since they are one of the two team that beat the champion Packers. If the 49ers beat the Colts and the Pack wins, San Francisco will go. If the Colts and Rams win, they would finish in a second place tie and the Rams would win the trip since the Colts went last time. The 49ers can be assured that the Packers will do their best to finish with a gaudy 12-2 record. Packer defensive aide Phil Bengtson expressed it this way to his old cronies (Bengtson was a 49er for 11 years) out here: "We're going to beat Los Angeles. Why? We just don't like to get beat." This is another way of saying that the Packers' pride will take over in the Coliseum Sunday. And there's this little clipping which has a prominent spot in the Packers' dressing room in Stanford University. It is dated Sept. 26, the day after the Packers beat the Rams 24-13, in Green Bay and it quotes Ram Coach George Allen as telling Los Angeles sportswriters: "Green Bay is going to lose four games and one of them will be when we get them in Los Angeles." Allen was wrong about that figure. The experts (gamblers) apparently don't figure the Packers will mean it Sunday. The Tahoe race book installed the Rams a 3 1/2 point favorite and gave as its reason "The Rams' incentive to win and the Green Bay non-incentive."...A LITTLE RUSTY: The Packers moved back into the practice field Tuesday and they were a little on the rusty side after two relaxing days. It was obvious in the pre-practice warmup that the Bays weren't moving well as a group, and it didn't take Lombardi long to crack the whip. They looked better as the practice progressed. With Bart Starr doing very little throwing due to injured ribs, Paul Hornung stepped in as a quarterback behind Zeke Bratkowski in the extensive passing drill. The one time Notre Dame quarterback, who played that position in his first year with the Packers (1957), was sharp with his passing and handoffs and drew applause from his teammates. Hornung undoubtedly won't see action at quarterback at Los Angeles, but he'd give his proverbial eye teeth for a change. We suggested that it would be quite a way to end his career and he laughed "that's the way I started. Remember?" Incidentally, Herb Caen, widely-read columnist in the San Francisco Chronicle, noted Hornung's marriage next month to a lady whose name he kept a secret. Paul intends to marry Pat Roeder of Green Bay but explained that "we're really not ready to set any date yet." Hornung and his long-time pals, Max McGee and 'Fuzzy' Thurston, may be playing their last seasons. Maxie and Fuzzy have a good thing going in their restaurants and like McGee was saying "we're getting a little old and I'm getting to like the restaurant business." The feeling seems to be general that Jim Taylor also will be an ex-Packer next year. His next stop likely will be New Orleans. "They've played some great football for Green Bay," Jerry Kramer said the other day, "and wouldn't it be nice if they threw some kind of party or banquet back home for them." Indeed it would, Jim.



Best Boosters Honored — Packer wives Mrs. Ron Kostelnik (left) and Mrs. Elijah Pitts admire the victory decorations on the tea table filled with tasty cookie delights at the Pan-Hellenic coffee Tuesday. Mrs. Frederick J. Lenfestey, hostess, pours for this traditional cookie party staged annually to exchange Christmas goodies and to entertain Packer wives while husbands are away on the West Coast. (Press-Gazette Photo)

I WASN'T NERVOUS, SAYS HART IN SPEAKING OF HIS ROLE IN EMERGENCY

DEC 14 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – How does it feel to be suddenly summoned off the bench in the midst of a "championship" game? It is customary for the athlete to be interrogated to confess he found the unexpected S.O.S. more than slightly disconcerting, an entirely understandable reaction. Such, however, was not the case with Doug Hart, the highly competitive Packer cornerback hastily thrust into combat when incumbent Bob Jeter was kayoed during the second quarter of last Saturday's hectic title clinching in the mire of Baltimore's Memorial Stadium... 'NOT SQUEAMISH AT ALL': "I wasn't nervous or anything," Hart currently in Palo Alto, Calif., where he and his fellow Western Division champions are priming for the NFL season finale against the Los Angeles Rams, surprisingly informed. "I wasn't squeamish at all – I just went in there as though I'd been playing all the time." "Of course, I'd been sitting there watching Berry the whole game to see what he was doing," he admitted. "So I had a pretty good idea of what he was trying to do." "I'd played against him before and I had thought in my mind when I went in that he wasn't going to catch anything on me," Hart appended. He did not quite turn this monumental trick, Doug conceded, but he came admirably close. "The first series I was in there, they threw three to him. The first one he caught – a little turnout pass you can't stop anyway. The second one Unitas had to throw

away.” “The last one I knocked down – I actually tipped it – and Willie Wood intercepted before it hit the ground. After that,” Hart noted with entirely pardonable satisfaction, “they didn’t throw to him anymore.” The handsome Arlington, Tex., alumnus, one of the few NFL performers to graduate from the taxi squad to starting status, found his success against the gifted Berry a particular success, he said, “because I felt I had a little score to settle with him if I got in there.” “He caught nine passes against me – for one touchdown – when I played against him last year,” Doug, the Pack’s starter at the right corner for most of the ’65 season, explained. He laughed and added, “Saturday helped soften it a little bit.”...’GOT TO STAY READY’: It hadn’t been easy, he admitted with characteristic candor. “There’s none finer in the league than Berry,” Hart said, admiration in his tone. “He has all the moves and he always knows the situation, all the time. He’s able to keep his body between the ball and the defensive back, so the defensive back can’t get to the ball...He has very few balls intercepted on him.” Again reflecting upon that sudden call to the rescue, the 27-year-old Texan explained his scintillating relief job with “you’ve just got to stay ready all the time – Just like Zeke (Bratkowski, another reserve hero of that Packer title triumph). It’s the obligation of everybody who is not playing to be ready to go in there at any time and do well enough so that he can keep the team cohesive. Admitting this isn’t as simple as it sounds, he explained, “You haven’t got a real good line of concentration, on how they are blocking and the passes they are throwing off their formation. It’s hard to tell from the sidelines.” Had Jeter been able to help? “He couldn’t remember anything – he got hit pretty hard.” Doug, whose sunny nature long since has caused his teammates to dub him “Happy,” laughed, “But when he went back in the second half, I told him what they’d done against me – what formations they were throwing from.” Married to a recent runnerup to Miss Texas (the former Marilyn Kay Lewis, a Milwaukee native), and the father of a five-month-old daughter, Tracy Quinn, the highly articulate Texan is an ardent archer in his leisure hours. But, he facetiously admits, “It’s kind of hard to get in any practice at the moment.”

TED FRITSCH QUILTS COACHING JOB FOR PARK POSITION

DEC 14 (Green Bay) – Ted Fritsch, whose football teams at Green Bay’s Premontre High School had a tremendous record, resigned as head football coach and athletic director today to accept a job as assistant superintendent of parks in Green Bay. The former Green Bay Packer fullback, who took the Premontre job when he retired from the NFL in 1952, compiled a 69-28-4 record in football in 15 seasons.

Starr Humble, Grateful as MVP, Pays Tribute to Team

STARR HUMBLE, GRATEFUL AS MVP, PAYS TRIBUTE TO TEAM

DEC 15 (Palo Alto, CA-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The toughest thing in this racket of reporting the happenings of the Packers is trying to get Bart Starr to talk about himself. Word that the Packers’ 11-year quarterback had just been named the Most Valuable Player in the NFL and on the Associated Press first offensive team made its way around the Pack’s headquarters at Rickey’s Motel Wednesday afternoon. The obvious thing to do was to seek out this young man for two reasons – (1) congratulate him and (2) get his reaction to the happy result of the Associated Press voting...GETTING HEAT TREATMENT: Starr wasn’t in his cottage but roomie Henry Jordan said he might be looking at game pictures in Zeke Bratkowski’s room. Zeke ended the chase: “He’s in 12-A getting a treatment from Jergie.” And there he was – sitting in a chair getting heat treatment for his sore ribs from trainer Bud Jorgensen and watching television, all at the same time. This is a new use for the boob tube, and, in Bart’s case, takes the mind off that heat, which gets quite hot. We tore away from one of those “which one is the real missus” TV shows and sat down in an adjoining room for a chat with the player of the year. When you talk to Starr about such things – any of his individual accomplishments, he doesn’t talk about himself. He talks about the Packers, the team, and Coach Vince Lombardi. This is exceptionally refreshing and certainly a tribute to the stuff Starr is made of. He started talking: “I am very humble about anything of this type. I mean that truthfully. It would be better to cut up something like this and pass it around to each member of the team. This is our philosophy. It is not how much it benefits the individual but how much it benefits the team. That’s the only thing that really counts. As I said before I am very proud and grateful but it really should be a team thing. And I realize there is a lot of players in the league deserving of the award.” Bart was asked about his “competition” with John Unitas, the Colts’ great quarterback. There is no competition, with Unitas, of course, in Bart’s mind, but the fans and press, radio and TV people are continually comparing the two stars...PASSES GENERAL JOHN: Starr has passed General John in wins, championships, and in passing. This is a matter of record and it makes Starr what we in the field of public print call “number one.” Starr looks at it this way and again he recognizes the team: “We have the type of team that is ideally suited to my type of quarterbacking. We have a great defensive team that

Packer Alumni Meet To Cap Welcome Plan

The Packer Alumni Assn. will meet at 10 o’clock Saturday morning at the Beaumont Inn to finalize plans to welcome the Packers at Austin Straubel Field Sunday night.

The Alumni is planning a formal ceremony for the Western Division champions upon their return from their regular season finale in Los Angeles Sunday.

Bernard (Boob) Darling, president of the Assn. said Wednesday, “the Packer Alumni Association feels that the whole country, particularly every city in the National Football League, had been wondering what we are doing to honor our team.”

Special Train To Follow Pack

Packer backers from Green Bay and Wisconsin will have the opportunity to follow the Western Division Champs to the NFL title game, which will be held in Dallas or St. Louis, in a 16-car Santa Fe deluxe special train. The train will leave Green Bay Dec. 31 and return Jan. 2.

The American Automobile Association of Green Bay, sponsors of the trip, has announced that reservations will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. There will be accommodations for 300 persons and the trip will cost \$125 per person. The tour price includes round trip rail transportation from Green Bay, deluxe roomette or bedroom accommodations, championship game ticket, bus transportation to game and additional features.

continually gives the ball back to us with interceptions and fumbles recovered. And I'm probably a better medium thrower than I am a long thrower and, with the defense getting the ball for us all the time, we can play ball control...**TRIBUTE TO UNITAS:** "Unitas, on the other hand, had to carry his team all by himself. I can appreciate what a burden it is to carry a team and I'm not so sure I could do that myself. It's a tribute to Unitas that he can do this." Starr was asked what his best game was in 1966: "My best game," Bart repeated the question with a smile, "I don't think in terms of that. But I think the Packers' best game and the most important was the opener against the Colts. Winning that one gave us the impetus we needed to begin the season." Starr also pointed to the Brown game in Cleveland. "Jimmy (Taylor) made a great individual effort to get that winning touchdown. That was one of the happiest days I've ever experienced. That game also showed the tenacity that Coach Lombardi has instilled in us. We just won't ever give up..."**NEVER FELT BETTER:** A couple of years ago Bart had considered retiring once he had completed 10 years. What about the future? "I've never felt better, physically, than I do at my present age (32), but I believe as you get older the mental side, the pressure starts to get to you quicker," he said, adding with a chuckle: "Little Bart (the Starr's nine-year-old) had apparently heard something about retiring and he said, 'You can't retire now. Bret hasn't seen you play yet.'" Son Bret is going on three and "according to that, I'll have to play for awhile yet," Starr smiled...**REMEMBERS 1956:** Starr remembers 1956 as the year he was overwhelmed with the opportunity to be able to make a professional football team. Ten years later, the Green Bay Packers' quarterback has been voted MVP. "I was grateful just to be drafted the year I started," Starr admitted. "I had been hurt my last two seasons in college and was a little dejected." From Alabama, Starr was the Packers' 17th draft choice but in five years had won the starting quarterback job...**WINS BY WIDE MARGIN:** He won the MVP honor by a wide margin with 19 votes to six for runner-up Larry Wilson, the St. Louis Cardinals' blitzing safety. Don Meredith, the Dallas quarterback, had four votes and Cleveland's Leroy Kelly had three. Starr was obviously pleased with the honor but looks forward to the NFL championship game and hopes his club will be facing the AFL title winner in the Super Bowl at Los Angeles. "We'd like to have that problem," he says referring to defeating the AFL. Recuperating from rib injuries suffered in the first half last Saturday at Baltimore, Starr doesn't know if he'll play Sunday in the regular season finale against the Rams at Los Angeles...**READY FOR CHAMPIONSHIP:** Coach Vince Lombardi has indicated he's like to rest his quarterback and the Packers already have won the Western Conference title. "It takes awhile to get well, or to get better," Starr said. "But I'll be ready for the NFL championship." After beating the Colts 14-10 to take the Western title, the Packers came to Palo Alto and work out daily at Stanford. Asked if he had expected pro football to become as big as it is today, the quarterback announced, "No," and then explained that he really hadn't thought about that much back in 1956. He was too happy with the opportunity of reporting to a pro camp...**CALLS IT FANTASTIC:** "I'm grateful to be a part of the game," he said. "It's a great challenge and a great life. Love it...just fantastic." Starr will be 33 on Jan. 9 and has enjoyed his best season of the 11 he's played with Green Bay. He's completed 62.2 percent of his throws with a fantastic record of only three interceptions in 251 attempts. He can eat up yardage with a ball control offense or shake a defense with an accurate bomb. Against San Francisco on Dec. 4, Starr had a third down and inches situation on his own 17. He surprised everyone with a pass to Carroll Dale, which went for a touchdown on the 83-yard play and propelled the Packers to a 29-7 victory...**PRAISED BY 49ER:** That bit of strategy coupled with Starr's performance the rest of the game, caused Coach Jack Christiansen of the 49ers to comment: "Bart Starr is probably the best quarterback in football today and before he gets through, which I hope is soon, he may be recognized as the greatest of them all." The Packers' veteran also leads the NFL

Mr. Packer



[AP Wirephoto]

Green Bay's Bart Starr jogs across Stanford university practice field yesterday in Palo Alto, Cal.

in average yards gained at 8.99, by destroying the theory that most of his passes are of the conservative nature for short yardage. However, he has thrown only 14 interceptions. Wilson and his always-present No. 8 typify the St. Louis defense. The man who originated the safety blitz, Wilson has played with two broken hands and various assorted injuries. He is the inspiration leader of the Cards' defense and leads the NFL with nine interceptions...**2 VOTES FOR DAVIS:** Meredith did a fine job with the Cowboys, moving them toward the Eastern Division title. Kelly is close to the rushing crown as the big man in the Browns' ground game. Sayers also is in the rushing race and Willie Davis, who got two votes in the balloting, has been playing outstanding ball all year, climaxing the season with a move that forced John Unitas to fumble at a critical point in last week's game. Among the other vote getters: Lilly is an outstanding leader on the Dallas defense and Reeves has been sensational as the Cowboys halfback, forcing Mel Renfro to return to the defense. Mackey had one of his best years at Baltimore and Jurgensen has been simply terrific for the Redskins, capping it all with that upset of Dallas last Sunday.

HORNUNG IS CONSIDERING RETIREMENT

DEC 15 (Chicago Tribune) – A distraught Paul Hornung admitted yesterday that he is considering retirement from pro football because of his chronic neck injury. The star Green Bay Packer halfback, however, said that he does not plan to make a decision on his future for several months. Hornung was reached by telephone in Palo Alto, Cal., where the Packers are training for Sunday's regular season finale with the Rams in Los Angeles...**DECISION IN SPRING:** "I am hoping that



PAUL HORNUNG
... last season?

a good long rest will clear up my condition," said Hornung. "I don't want to make a decision until April or May, after I see how I feel." Hornung's "condition" is a pinched nerve between the vertebrae which has caused his left arm to atrophy since he was last hurt against the Chicago Bears on Oct. 16 in Wrigley field. Hornung has made token appearances since then, but hasn't carried the ball. "The injury just won't respond to treatment like it did in 1961 when the trouble all started," said Hornung. "The first few times it was just a small hurt. All I had to do was rest three or four minutes and the pain would stop and I could back into the game...**ARM PARALYZED:** "But as the years went by the pain would get a little worse each time I'd get racked up. The last time in Chicago it was so bad that I blacked out. It paralyzed my arm, and the arm has been shrinking because of lack of use. I haven't had any mobility the last five or six weeks. I can't catch the ball if it is thrown to a certain spot because I can't get my arm up. The doctors suggested lifting weights but it didn't seem to be doing much good until last week, when the arm finally seemed to be starting to come around. I'm hoping to get in for a series and test it against the Rams Sunday. And I wouldn't want to miss the championship game or the Super Bowl." Old No. 5 grows more optimistic as he talks. But medical authorities who are familiar with his condition do not share his optimism. It is known the medics fear that another flareup of the condition could have serious consequences. "I'm aware of that," Hornung said slowly. "I'd be silly if I didn't realize it. But I'm hoping that all I need is a good rest."

PACKERS SIGN TOM CICHOWSKI

DEC 16 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – One look at the Green Bay Packers roster shows just where Coach Vince Lombardi needs to begin his youth movement – and he continued his efforts to rebuild at one of the positions Thursday with the

signing of Maryland guard Tom Cichowski. The Packers, comparatively young except at offensive guard and tackle and quarterback, had previously signed another guard prospect for the 1967 season – Dick Arndt of Idaho. Cichowski, a 6-foot-4, 235-pounder, was picked in the second round of last December's draft by the Packers. He still had a year of eligibility left and Oakland of the AFL selected him in that league's "future" draft.

'66 PACKER DEFENSE BEST YET, SAYS WOOD

DEC 16 (Los Angeles-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The Packer defense outscored John Unitas and Co. 14 to 13, in two games this season. What? We thought defense coach Phil Bengtson was kidding when he dropped that little morsel the other day. But it's true...Lee Roy Caffey and Bob Jeter ran back interceptions of Unitas pass for out and out defense touchdowns and Don Chandler contributed the two extra point kicks to the stop-em boys. The Colts got 13 points in the two games on two field goals and one TD, a one-yard smash by Tony Lorick last Saturday...**DEFENSE SPARKLES:** This rarity – against the Pack's No. 1 challenger, at that – is presented today as a means of emphasizing some comments by Sir Willie Wood on the 1966 defense. The defenders, among other features, have pitched the only shutout in the league this year thus far (17-0 on the Bears). In two other games, they allowed only two field goals and in three games they permitted but one TD each. The defense has allowed only 140 points in 13 games – an average of 10.7. Wood, the free safety, was asked if the current defense was better than previous Packer defenses – particularly the one which allowed 148 points, an average of 10.6.



BRAT ON THE LOOSE—Zeke Bratkowski, ex-Ram and veteran pro quarterback, will start for Packers against former mates in Coliseum

Sunday. Bratkowski is expected to go all the way in place of injured Bart Starr. Packers, Western Conference champions, are 4-point underdogs.

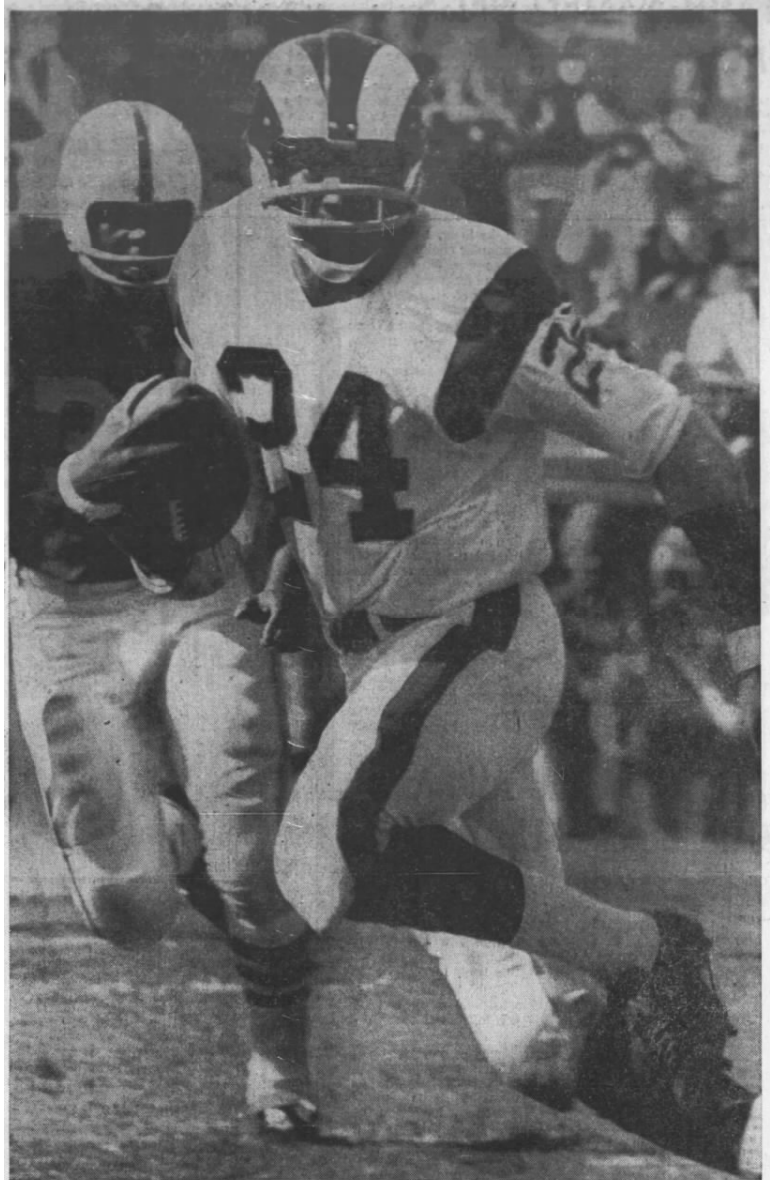
Willie, who came up in 1960, smiled when reminded of the 1962 defenders, but allowed that “our present defense is better because we have a better bench and more experience.”...**BENCH MAKES DIFFERENCE:** “It makes a great difference when there’s somebody on the bench who can take your place.” of the Packers’ 40 players, only 16 are on defense...”but that’s enough,” Willie said, adding, “I remember one year we only had one extra defensive lineman.” The five substitutes to the regular defensive 11 are linemen Bob Brown and Jim Weatherwax, linebacker Tommy Crutcher and halfbacks Doug Hart and Dave Hathcock. Brown, Weatherwax, and Hathcock are rookies. Dave who? “He’s a good one,” Willie said, “and we’d feel safe with him in there.” Wood breaks down defensive play this way: “It’s just two things – the points you give up and the number of times you get the ball. They can run up and down the field all day but if they don’t score you’ve done your job.”...**DEFENSE INTACT:** The Packer defenders have turned the ball over to the offense 42 times in the first 13 games – 27 on interceptions and 15 on fumble recoveries. That’s an average of slightly over three turnovers a game. The defensive unit – linemen Willie Davis, Lionel Aldridge, Ron Kostelnik and Hank Jordan, linebackers Ray Nitschke, Dave Robinson and Caffey and halfbacks Herb Adderley, Bob Jeter, Tom Brown and Wood – has gone virtually without an injury this season. Aldridge missed one game with an ankle injury and Brown filled in capably. “I think our secret in keeping away from injuries is aggressiveness. Nobody stands around for three plays and then plays hard for two. You get hurt when you loaf, although freak injuries can hit the most aggressive players.”...**I SEVENTH SEASON:** Wood had no thoughts of retiring, explaining “Maybe I can get in my 10 years and then see how I feel.” Wood, who has been named all-pro in four of the last five seasons, is in his seventh year. Five Packer defenders made the Associated Press all-pro team – Wood, Adderley, Nitschke, Caffey and Davis – and there very well could have been a sixth. That would be Robinson, who is having just a tremendous year. Robbie leads the club in interceptions with five – a fantastic feat for a linebacker. The Packers finished off the tough part of their practice week with a sharp drill in Palo Alto Thursday and the feature had to be the passing of Paul Hornung, who has stepped in behind Zeke Bratkowski at quarterback. Bart Starr is throwing lightly while

his sore ribs heal...ZEKE WILL START: Bratkowski undoubtedly will start against the Rams and Hornung will be his relief. Paul hasn't worked this much at quarterback since his rookie year, 1957. The Packers worked at Stanford University in Palo Alto Friday morning and then took an afternoon jet to the scene of Sunday's game. They'll practice in the Coliseum Saturday morning, and headquarter at the Sheraton West hotel. The Packer drills at Palo Alto are held in privacy except for Stanford football players and authentic Packer fans – like former Packer fullback Bo Molenda and two gents from Moffett Naval Air Station near San Jose by the name of Jon Dilweg and Al Smith. Lt. Cmdr. Dilweg is the son of former Packer star Lavvie Dilweg and Chief Petty Officer Smith hails from Sheboygan Falls.

PERSONALITY PARADE

DEC 16 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Although he is in a virtually unparalleled position to do so, Vincent Thomas Lombardi is not one to volunteer opinions about the nature or future of the sport in which he already has assured himself of a niche in the Hall of Fame. Because of his national pre-eminence in pro football, however, when the Packers' head coach and general manager is prevailed upon to express himself, his pronouncements are well considered and widely circulated. An intriguing example occurred last weekend when the Baltimore News-American's Bill Christine devoted his column to an interview with Lombardi, then girding the Packers for their Western Division showdown with the Colts. The ex-Block of Granite's assessment of television's impact on pro football is somewhat sobering and his evaluation of the game equally reassuring. His description of the Packers' success formula also offered further insight into the character of the man who has masterminded Green Bay's NFL renaissance. The interview, as

recorded by Christine, follows: "There's more to lunch with Vince Lombardi than just knowing he's going to pick up the tab. The catalytic coach of the Green Bay Packers comes on strong, regardless of whether he's discussing the appeal of the sidewalks of New York or taking television to task for sticking microphones where they don't belong...TOO MUCH TV FOOTBALL: "If you cut open Lombardi, you'd find a heart the shape of a football. That's why he speaks with such conviction about a game which is in danger of sinking into the abyss of overexposure. 'I knew the NFL when it was a peanut league,' Lombardi says. 'I wouldn't want to see us go back to that.' Lombardi feels that if somebody doesn't pull the plug on television, people will get so weary of watching instant replays they'll switch to Wallace Beery movies, or, worse still, the Ed Sullivan show. 'Anybody who can sit and watch three football games on Thanksgiving has got to be nuts,' Lombardi says, 'and come to think of it, that Dallas-Cleveland game almost did drive you to another helping of cranberries. Television is just giving the public too much, and one of these days, if you don't watch out, the public won't be buying it,' Lombardi continued. 'Then where will we be? Without television money, we wouldn't be able to operate, considering all these large bonuses we've been paying. I don't object to the timeouts for commercial, although once in a while they'll be called in spots where it could affect the outcome, but all these other gimmicks make it tough on a coach. Technicians in your way on the sidelines, microphones around your neck, in the dressing room, every place you turn. Crazy starting times. Football is a simple game. Television has most of the people believing it's something complicated. Nothing could be farther from the truth. You could take the 16 playbooks of the teams in the NFL, erase the names on the cover, and anybody who could read on could read them all. The only thing that might be different would be the terminology.' Lombardi, who played at Fordham and coached at West Point and with the New York Giants before he began building an empire in Green Bay, still has a lot of Times Square in him, and he really doesn't know if he and his wife have made the adjustment of living in what the natives

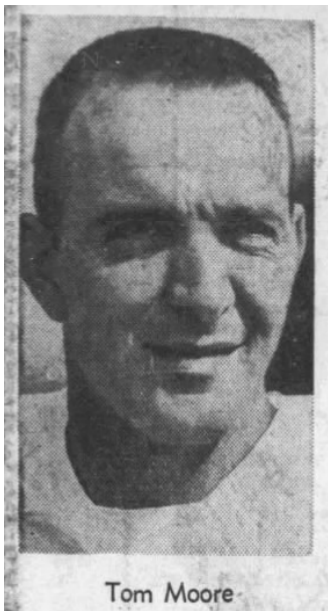


AERIAL THIEF—Clancy Williams, Rams' speedy defensive halfback who has grabbed eight enemy passes this season, will be big threat against Packers Sunday. He is also dangerous on kickoff returns. Times photo

like to call 'Titletown, U.S.A.' 'I don't miss New York as much as I used to, but my parents still live there, and I get back there seven or eight times a year,' he said. 'But after I'm there for a couple of days, I have a tough time forcing myself to leave it. I don't think there's a city in the country to compare with what New York has to offer.' Success at Green Bay is due to what Lombardi summarizes as 'dedication and self-denial. Those are old cliches, all right, but with the Packers we practice them. Green Bay might be an easier place to coach than say, Los Angeles or San Francisco, because there aren't as many places because there aren't as many places where the players can get in trouble, but we have rules just the same, and there are fines when the rules aren't obeyed. One thing I won't stand for, for example, is a player standing at a public bar. I don't care if he's drinking ginger ale and talking to a friend, it just doesn't look good if a fan sees him in the place. Because of this danger of over-exposure – which might already be on us – football can't afford the least bit of bad publicity. There's nothing wrong with having a drink, but men in our business just can't afford to do it in public.' Lombardi wears two hats, general manager as well as coach of the Packers, and he admits it's too much responsibility for one man. He says eventually he will relinquish one of the jobs, which means pro football would lose one of its best coaches, but any mention of stepping down is not dropped in the same breath with tomorrow, or the next day. 'I still get worked up each week,' says the man who has had everything, his cake with cookies on the side. 'In fact, I'm usually not tense by the time the game arrives. It's those first three days – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday – when I'm wound up the most. Maybe it's because that's when you second-guessing writers who are on my back.' Vince Lombardi winked, asked for the check, and since you were sitting awfully close to him, you were glad it was Thursday."

TYRANT OR HUMAN?

DEC 16 (Los Angeles Times) – What sort of person is Vince Lombardi, this extraordinary winning coach of the Green Bay Packers? His public image is that of a hard-boiled, slave-driving, utterly ruthless, egocentric tyrant. Tom Moore, the Ram halfback, played for him for five years. He didn't him impossible, or an ogre without considering for the hired hands. "You knew what was expected of you when you played for Lombardi," says Moore. "He laid it all on the line. You knew what you had to do, why you had to do it that way, how it should be done, when and where. If you didn't, then you heard about it. In that sense, he was tough. Every time you went to a meeting, or practice, or played a game, you had to give it everything you had. You practiced whether you felt like it or not. If you flubbed, there were no excuses. Not any. But that doesn't mean he was unapproachable," Moore added. "Sure, you can talk to him. He likes to laugh and joke as well as the next guy, but it has its place." George Allen also practices under game conditions. But Moore doesn't believe in comparison. "Because everybody is different," he says. "None of us has the same personality." Just because the Packers have already clinched the Western Conference title won't make them any easier to beat here Sunday, Moore says. "Lombardi won't accept less than the best. He'll have the Packers ready to play. He wouldn't stand for it any other way. Two years ago, it was the same situation. We had wrapped it up with two games to go and he was afraid of a letdown that might carry over to the championship game. So we played those two games all out as though we had to win them." Lombardi has further clarified his position in Palo Alto where the Packers have been preparing for the Ram game. "It wouldn't be fair to the San Francisco 49ers for us to give less than our best against



the Rams," he said. "The 49ers also have a chance for the Runnerup Bowl game."...ONLY KNOWS ONE WAY TO PLAY: The conjecture here is that Lombardi will use Jim Taylor and Elijah Pitts, his No. 1 and 2 running backs, sparingly and go with rookies Jim Grabowski and Donny Anderson. Grabowski, a \$350,000 bonus baby, has carried the ball only 20 times for 118 yards. Anderson, a \$650,000 selection, has carried it 13 for 46. Moore has other ideas. He says: "I look for him to go with the same lineup he has gone with all year. I don't think he would play it any different." Probably not. Lombardi didn't win three "world" championships and conference titles two other times in eight years by easing up anywhere along the line. Moore says it is hard to pin down the great strength of the Packers but he gave it a go. "They have team balance to begin with and pride in doing a good job." It was Moore's fate to understudy Taylor and Paul Hornung during his Packer career. He describes both as nice guys – gentlemen. He believe a lot of Taylor's success was inspired by the intense competition he had with Jim Brown of the Cleveland Browns. "There was always a fight between them," said Moore. "Taylor wasn't as fast, as big, or as strong, but he made up for it in sheer determination. He fought for every inch of ground." Taylor is playing out his option this season. He hasn't signed a contract. I imagine, in his outstanding career, he never got anything near the money that went to Grabowski and Anderson in bonuses. I don't blame a veteran who feels bitter about it but it has not affected his game. He was just great last week in the big one with Baltimore.

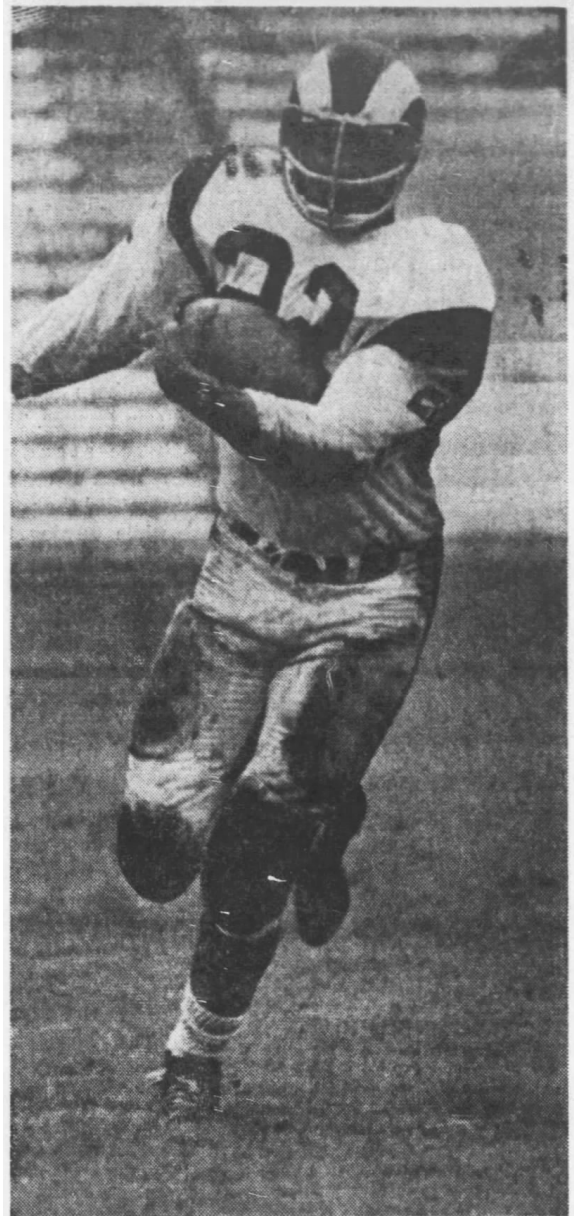
'GUARD' DENIES GIVING PREFERENCE TO PACKERS

DEC 16 (Madison) – Wisconsin's adjutant general denied Thursday that Green Bay Packer rookie fullback Phil Vandersea was given preferential treatment when he enlisted in the state's 32nd National Guard Division. Maj. Gen. Ralph J. Olson replied to a national magazine (Life) article which said "an officer admitted Vandersea had jumped in ahead of a dozen men

on the waiting list.” Vandersea, 23, was drafted by the Packers as a future at the end of the 1964 season on the 16th round. He is from Massachusetts and is a member of Green Bay’s 2nd battalion, 632nd armor of the 32nd Division...WAITED FOUR MONTHS: “According to information obtained from Lt. Col. Gerald F. Thiele, commander of the battalion, the statement by the magazine...was never made by an officer of the battalion,” Olson said. Thielke, in a letter to the magazine, said Vandersea was enlisted in October 1966, after being on our waiting list for four months, Olson said. “The Wisconsin National Guard has a long standing policy that preferential treatment will be not be given any individual applying for enlistment in the Army or Air National Guard, regardless of race, color, creed or prominence,” Olson said. “We have made a detailed study of that portion of the article that concerns Wisconsin Guardsmen and have been assure by National Guard commanders concerned that the policy has been complied with to the letter.”...NOT DRAFT DODGERS: There has been criticism of the draft from some quarters recently that claim professional athletes were given preferential treatment when applying for the National Guard so they wouldn’t have to go on active duty, and possibly to Vietnam. Several members of the Packers are in the National Guard. “No individual who enlists in the National Guard, or any other reserve component, to fulfill a military obligation, whether he be a professional athlete, doctor, farmer, laborer, can be classified as a draft dodger,” Olson said. “He is subject to active duty in the event his unit is mobilized for federal service.”...FULFILLING OBLIGATIONS: He said a number of professional athletes were called to active duty at the time of the 1961-62 Berlin crisis. “One additional point,” Olson said. “At no time in the history of the Wisconsin National Guard to pour knowledge has the governor or adjutant general of Wisconsin protested a callup of the National Guard of this state in a national emergency.” “Reports from the National Guard units in this state that have professional athletes on their rosters indicate these athletes are fulfilling their military obligations in accordance with existing military regulations, and they are a credit to their unit, the National Guard as a whole, and their country,” Olson said.

PACKERS ROBBED AGAIN, THEN GOT LOMBARDI LECTURE

DEC 17 (Los Angeles-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The Packers played Sherlock Holmes for a spell Friday morning in Palo Alto...but, sad to say, the “robber” is still at large. It happened again – the second annual theft in the Packers’ dressing and equipment rooms at Stanford University. Several hundred dollars worth of equipment, including helmets, shoes, jerseys and even a hand oxygen machine, was stolen. The Bays discovered the theft when they came out for Friday’s drills. The same thing occurred last year – only entry was gained via a pass key of some sort...This time, however, the culprit actually sawed the bars on two windows in the two rooms and then slipped through a 10-inch space. The players had all sorts of theories and this was deduced: that the stealer was a midget with a bad shoulder and a big head. Why? Well, first off he had to get through that slim space and one of the helmets stolen was the largest in camp – the property of Bill Curry. Another item stolen was Ken Bowman’s shoulder hardness, leading the amateur detectives to believe that “he” had a shoulder injury. The boys made quite a production of their policing. For instance, Jerry Kramer figured that any standard-sized guy who could get through a 10-inch space sideways. “But we couldn’t get through there with this,” said taxi guard Roy Schmidt, pointing to his and Jerry’s big chest. Curry said “I guess somebody likes me. They took my helmet last year, too.” Quite a bit of Jim Taylor’s things were stolen and this prompted Kramer to roar, “They always go after the big stars. That stuff will make great souvenirs.” This turned out to be the consensus – that the stuff wasn’t taken for its resale value, but merely because of its remembrance value. Like somebody said, “If we were losers they probably wouldn’t even bother.” Anyhow, that’s today’s police report. The Packers weren’t exactly a ball of fire in Friday’s drill – until Coach Vince Lombardi quietly but firmly addressed the squad in the center of the field. Lombardi, of course, is fearful that the champion Packers will not perform like champions against the Rams in the Coliseum Sunday...’NEVER



COMEBACK PLAYER—Dick Bass, Rams’ fullback who already has gained more than 1,000 yards this season, was voted Comeback Player of the Year in the NFL by an Associated Press board.
Times photo

National League						
Eastern Conference						
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
XDallas	9	3	1	.750	428	232
Cleveland	9	5	0	.643	403	259
Philadelphia	8	5	0	.615	289	312
St. Louis	8	5	1	.615	264	265
Washington	7	6	0	.538	323	318
Pittsburgh	4	8	1	.333	259	314
Atlanta	3	10	0	.231	171	380
New York	1	11	1	.083	256	484
X-Clinched conference title						
Western Conference						
XGreen Bay	11	2	0	.846	308	140
Baltimore	8	5	0	.615	284	212
Los Angeles	8	5	0	.615	266	185
San Francisco	6	5	2	.545	306	295
Chicago	4	7	2	.364	193	244
Minnesota	4	8	1	.333	264	263
Detroit	4	9	1	.308	206	317
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Saturday's Result						
Cleveland 38, St. Louis 10						
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Baltimore at San Francisco						
Dallas at New York						
Green Bay at Los Angeles						
Minnesota at Chicago						
Philadelphia at Washington						
Pittsburgh at Atlanta						

COME BACK': Angered by missed assignments and a lackadaisical performance in an offense drill, Lombardi called a halt and declared: "You fellows don't have any pride. All you have is shame. You're a disgrace to the NFL." The Packers won the Western Division title last week and finish their regular season against the Rams. Lombardi continued: "I don't know who you guys think you are. If the Rams beat you, you'll never come back. You fellows are supposed to be a championship team, but you must have been lucky to get where you are. Let's get back at it and do it right." The Packers then whipped through the last half hour of a 90-minute working with few mistakes. Bart Starr, gradually recovering from rib injuries suffered in the Colt game last Saturday, threw some in practice Friday. Lombardi was asked if he thought Bart would be ready for the Rams and Vince noted, "I doubt it." Starr has been unable to get his usual "zing" into his passes but the hot weather in Los

Angeles could help him. He'll throw in a light drill in the Coliseum Saturday under a predicted hot sun and 80-degree temperatures...FUZZY LIKELY STARTER: The heat should also help Fuzzy Thurston who is recovering from an ankle injury. Thurston likely will be ready to start Sunday. The Packers arrived here late Friday afternoon and took up headquarters at the Sheraton West Hotel. One of the guests of Lombardi's 5 o'clock club Friday evening was Chuck Connor, the star of the TV show, "The Rifleman," who also played some first base for the Dodgers and Cubs. This guy, who confesses to 46 years of age though he doesn't look over 35, is a solid Packer fan. He has something in common with Vince. They were both raised in Brooklyn.

EIGHT PACKERS ON 'WESTERN' ALL-STAR SQUAD

DEC 18 (Los Angeles) - Eight Green Bay Packers are on the Western Conference all-star team and Eastern title contenders, Dallas and St. Louis, also have eight each for the NFL's annual Pro Bowl game Jan. 22. Personnel for the 17th annual event in Memorial Coliseum were announced Sunday by the sponsoring Los Angeles metropolitan newspapers. Quarterbacks Sonny Jurgensen of Washington and Don Meredith of Dallas will lead the East and Bart Starr of Green Bay and Johnny Unitas of Baltimore were named to guide the West.

QUESTION: HOW WILL PACK PLAY VS. LOS ANGELES?

DEC 18 (Los Angeles-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Oddly enough...the question is not whether the Packers will win...but how will they play in the Coliseum this afternoon. The Packers have come out roaring in their last 13 games...and these tactics produced

11 victories against only two losses...not to mention the Western Division Championship. They play out the string today...and the experts have rated the Rams a 4-point favorite to win their fifth straight game and a berth in the Playoff Bowl in Miami. This seems like crazy oddsmaking, but these so-called experts have precedent on their side - the Browns came into the Coliseum the Sunday after they clinched their Eastern Division title in 1965 and were creamed 42-7. The Packers could lose, of course, but not by any score like that. They have too much pride - and this little item will carry them in search of their 12th triumph. The Rams, under new Coach George Allen, are progressing like the Packers did in 1958, Coach Vince Lombardi's first year. The Bays won their first three that year, lost five straight and then finished off with four straight wins, including one in the Coliseum in a 12-game schedule. The Allenmen won four of their first five, losing only to Green Bay and then lost four straight before putting together a four-game winning skein and an 8-5 record. The Rams go into action with the benefit of a week's rest, having drawn a bye last Sunday. Kickoff is set for 3 o'clock, Green Bay time, and a mammoth crowd of 65,000 will be on hand - plus the national TV audience. Sunny weather in the 80s (no snow) is predicted. The Packer defense, the best in the NFL, will be the clue to Green Bay's chances. It's a known fact in football that if a team isn't high, it's defense could look shoddy and ineffective since emotion is such a major factor in defensive

The squads:	
Eastern Conference	
Offense:	
Ends - Bob Hayes, Dallas; Jackie Smith, St. Louis; Charley Taylor, Washington.	
Tackles - Bob Brown, Philadelphia; Bob Reynolds, St. Louis; Dick Schafrath, Cleveland.	
Guards - Ken Gray, St. Louis; Gene Hickerson, Cleveland; John Wooten, Cleveland.	
Centers - Len Hauss, Washington; Dave Manders, Dallas.	
Quarterbacks - Sonny Jurgensen, Washington; Don Meredith, Dallas.	
Halfbacks - Leroy Kelly, Cleveland; Johnny Roland, St. Louis.	
Flanker - Gary Collins, Cleveland.	
Fullbacks - Ernie Green, Cleveland; Don Perkins, Dallas.	
Defense:	
Ends - Ben McGee, Pittsburgh; Joe Robb, St. Louis.	
Tackles - Bob Lilly, Dallas. Floyd Peters, Philadelphia; Chuck Walker, St. Louis.	
Linebackers - Chris Hanburger, Washington; Chuck Howley, Dallas; Johnny Brewer, Cleveland; Tommy Nobis, Atlanta.	
Halfbacks - Cornel Green, Dallas; Brady Keys, Pittsburgh; Carl Lockhart, New York.	
Safeties - Mel Renfro, Dallas; Jerry Stovall, St. Louis; Larry Wilson, St. Louis.	
Western Conference	
Offense:	
Ends - Dave Parks, San Francisco; Paul Flatley, Minnesota; John Mackey, Baltimore.	
Tackles - Grady Alderman, Minnesota; Bob Skoronski, Green Bay; Forrest Gregg, Green Bay.	
Guards - Howard Mudd, San Francisco; Milt Sunde, Minnesota; John Thomas, San Francisco.	
Centers - Bruce Bosley, San Francisco; Mick Tingelhoff, Minnesota.	
Quarterbacks: Bart Starr, Green Bay and John Unitas, Baltimore.	
Halfback - Gale Sayers, Chicago.	
Flanker - Pat Studstill, Detroit.	
Fullbacks - Dick Bass, Los Angeles; Ken Willard, San Francisco.	
Defense:	
Ends - Dave Jones, Los Angeles; Willie Davis, Green Bay.	
Tackles - Roger Brown, Detroit; Henry Jordan, Green Bay; Merlin Olsen, Los Angeles.	
Linebackers - Maxie Baughan, Los Angeles; Dick Butkus, Chicago; Dave Robinson, Green Bay; Dave Wilcox, San Francisco.	
Halfbacks - Herb Adderley, Green Bay; Dick LeBeau, Detroit; Lenny Lyles, Baltimore.	
Safeties - Richie Petitbon, Chicago; Eddie Meador, Los Angeles; Willie Wood, Green Bay.	

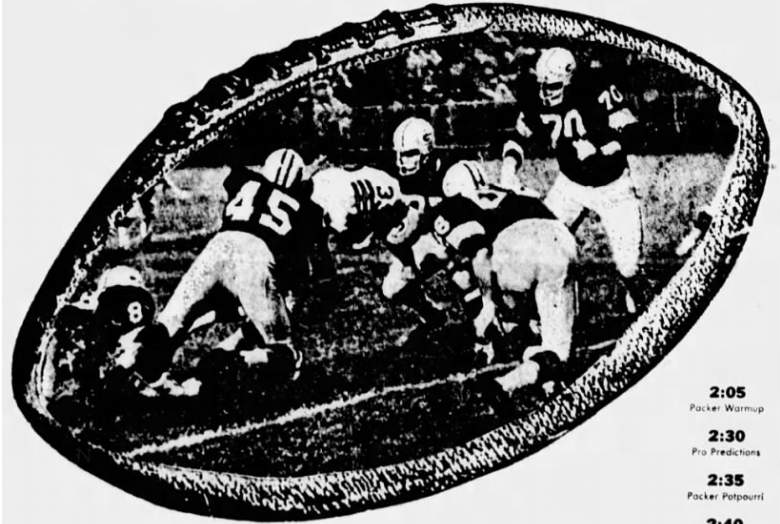
play...DEFENSE STEADY: The Packers can't be expected to be as high as they were for each of their first 13 "championship" games...Yet, the Packer defensive unit, with 27 interceptions and 15 fumble recovering on the books thus far, is exceptionally steady and it has amazing pride in its performance. The Bay defense is intact again now that Bob Jeter has recovered from the bat in the head in Baltimore. This group's biggest problems are fullback Dick Bass and the former Packer Tom Moore. Roman Gabriel is still the Rams' lead quarterback and his favorite target is Tommy McDonald, who was blanked by Herb Adderley and Jeter in the earlier game at Green Bay. Offensively, the Packers likely will go chiefly with quarterback Tom Bratkowski - unless Bart Starr feels his ribs are free enough from pain to get steam into his passes. Lombardi plans to go all-out, since the 49ers also figure in the Playoff Bowl, but it's probable that people like Donny Anderson and Jim Grabowski will get a good test along the way. Paul Hornung may also get a shot...but probably not at quarterback, where he worked during practice last week. Gale Gillingham is expected to start again at left guard in place of Fuzzy Thurston, who is still hampered by an ankle injury. The Packers will return home immediately after the game, arriving about 1:30 Monday morning. They'll take a commercial jet to Chicago and then fly a United Airlines charter into Green Bay.

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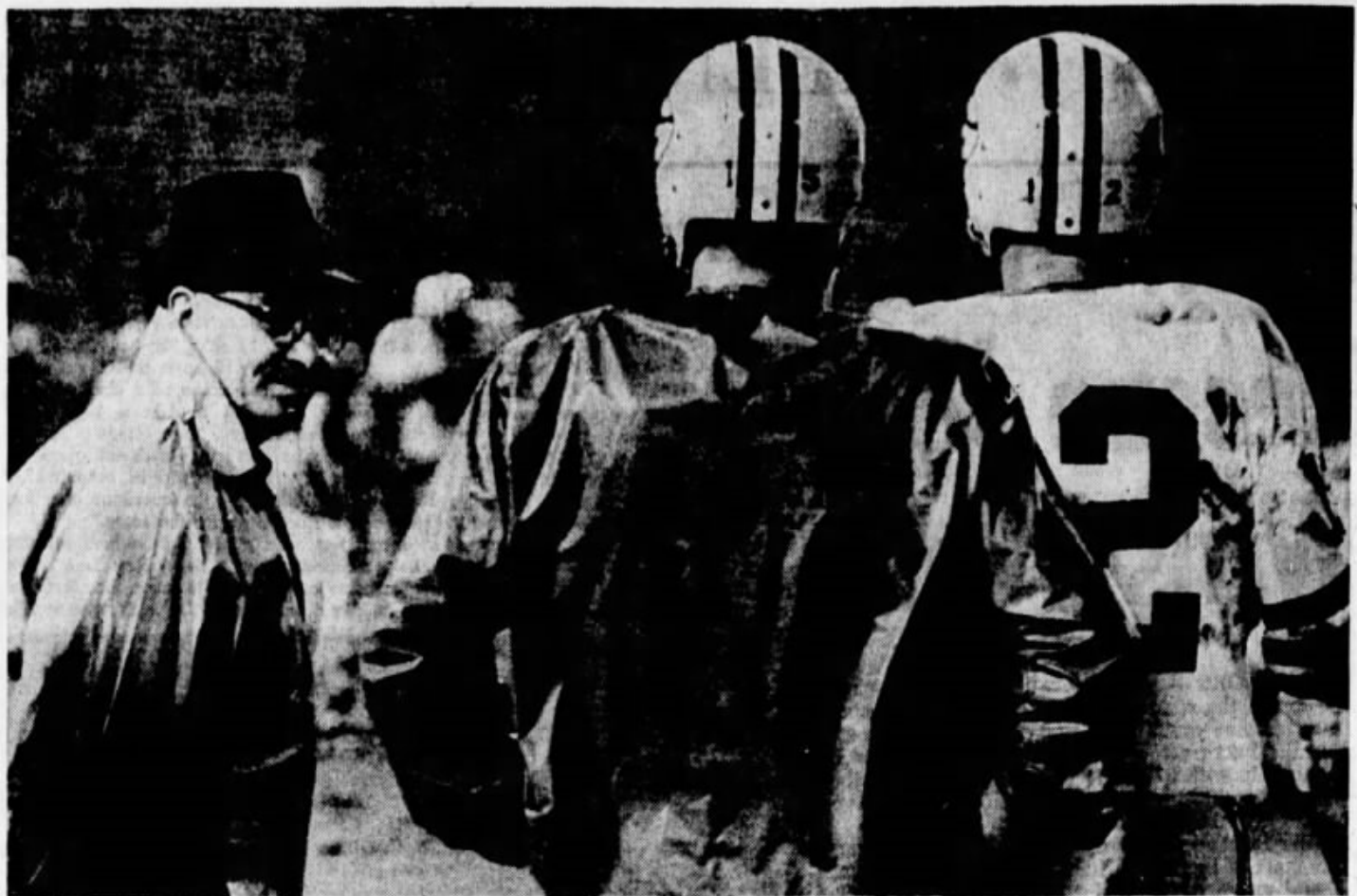
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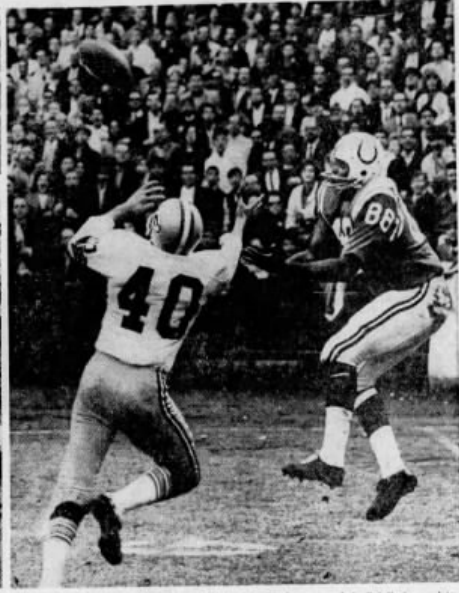
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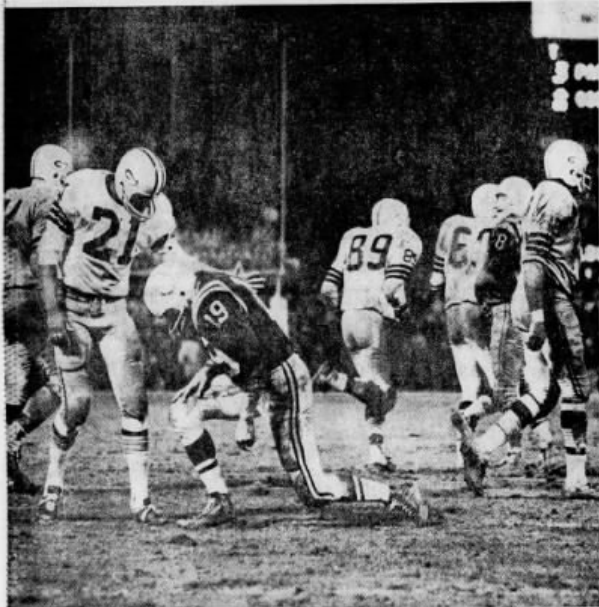
Lombardi's Proud of The Boys — Green Bay Packer coach Vince Lombardi turns and smiles at his quarterbacks, Bart Starr (left) and Zeke Bratkowski after they led his team to a 14-10

victory over the Baltimore Colts in Baltimore Saturday to clinch the western conference title. Starr played the first half and Bratkowski the second. (AP Wirephoto)



A FALLEN STARR—Green Bay quarterback Bart Starr was injured on this play as he tried to get away from Bob Boyd (40) and Billy Ray Smith (74).

NO POSSESSION—This apparent TD pass to John Mackey was ruled officially incomplete.



COLTS ARE DEAD—Bob Jeter (21) of Packers stress to be consoling John Unitas after latter fumbled in last minutes.

GAME WINNER—Elijah Pitts follows his blockers on game winning 2-yard touchdown run in the 4th quarter yesterday.



COLTS SCORE—Fullback Tony Loefick lays across fallen teammate after scoring on a 1-yard plunge in 2nd period for the Colts' only touchdown.

MATTE BY KO—Tom Matte hits the gridiron after knocking out Packers' Bob Jeter.

Congratulations to the Packers

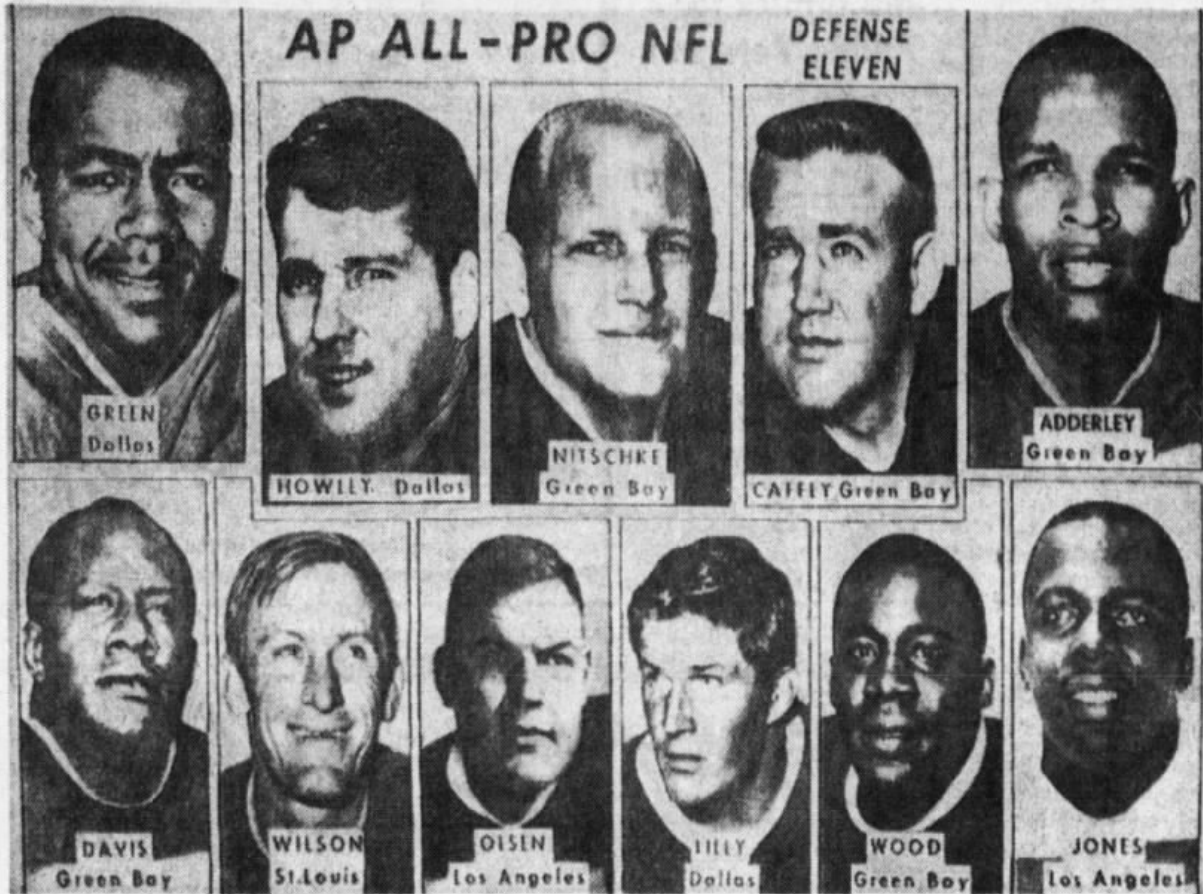
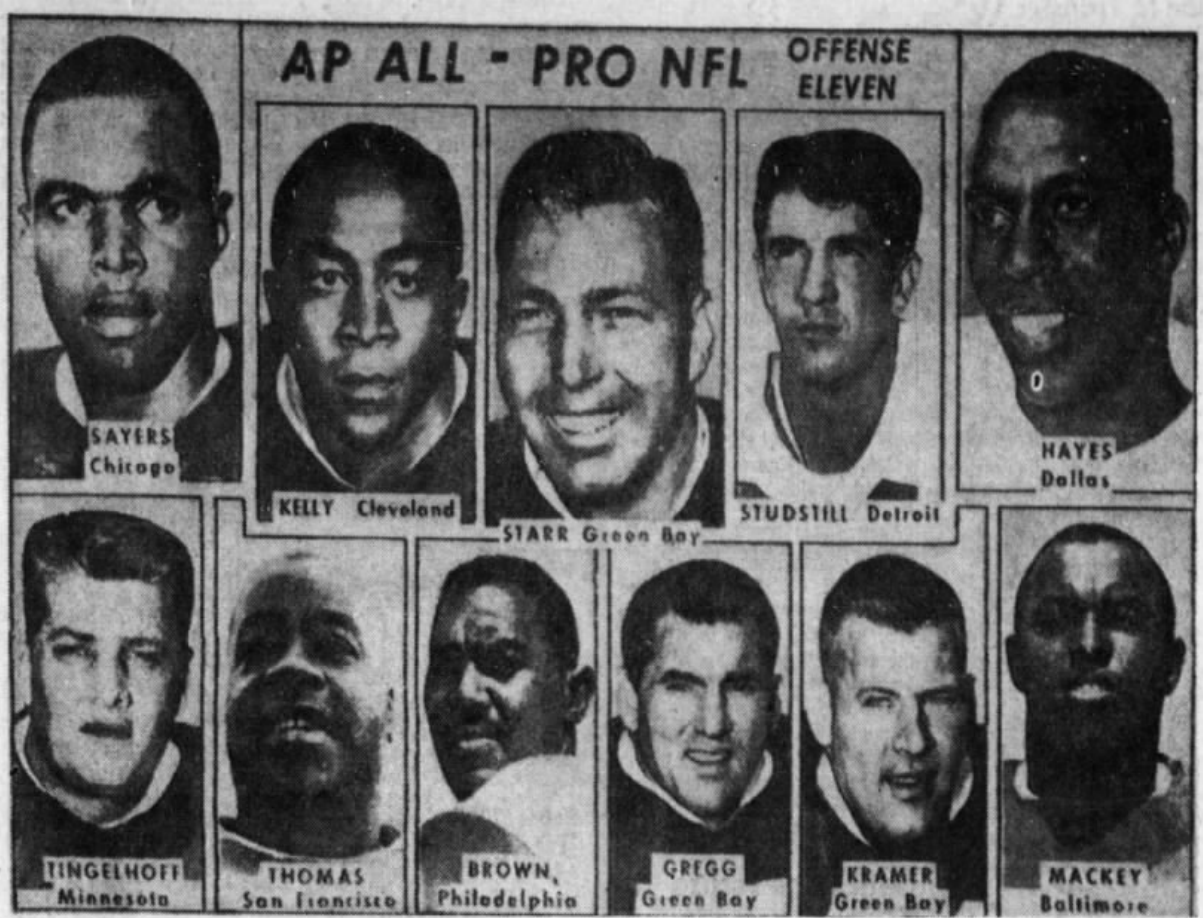
The glamorous history of the Green Bay Packers received further burnishing with the victory over the Baltimore Colts to give the team undisputed claim to the National Football League Western Division title for the 1966 season. The division title was the Packers' fifth in seven years under the guidance of Coach Vince Lombardi and their 12th in the league since 1921, a record unmatched by any other team in the NFL.

As defending world champions, the Packers were a prime target for each opponent during the season which will close next Sunday. This made the job of the coaches and the players infinitely more difficult. But they prepared mentally and physically for each game and did what they had to do Sunday after Sunday to move inexorably toward the division title. We have no doubts that they will put forth every effort to win the playoff game on New Year's Day and, if they win that one, to carry on in the Super Bowl contest which will match the champions of the two football leagues for the first time.

There are those who cannot understand how a comparatively small city like Green Bay can pro-

duce a championship team. Actually, the size of the city has little to do with continued success in a sport in which individual skills of the players are molded by an expert and highly dedicated coaching staff into a unit whose pride and willingness to make the sacrifices which victory requires are so necessary. The team, of course, is helped by the all-out support of its fans in Green Bay and throughout Wisconsin. This support certainly has meant much in maintaining what sports fans throughout the country have rightfully adjudged a sports world miracle.

The Packers, as Wisconsin's only major professional team, mean much to the entire state. Their value to Green Bay is immeasurable. By winning another NFL division title, they have added further luster to their storied history. To Coach Vince Lombardi, his aides, and all of the players, our heartiest congratulations. They have measured up in every respect to their role as defending world champions of professional football. We have no doubts that they will continue to do so in the league championship game Jan. 1 and, subsequently, in the interleague title game. *



These Are the 1966 All-National Football League offensive and defensive teams, as picked for The Associated Press. The Green Bay Packers won eight of the 22 berths. (AP Wirephotos)

Ram, Packer Rosters

COLISEUM, 1:05 P.M.

RAMS ROSTER

No.	Name, pos.	No.	Name, pos.	No.	Name, pos.
13	Kilgore, p	44	Lamson, db	66	Pottios, lb
18	Gabriel, qb	45	Youngblood, db	71	Scibelli, g
19	Munson, qb	46	Grem'nger, db	72	Leggett, dt
20	Heckard, e	49	Crabb, db	73	Cowan, t
21	Meador, db	50	Iman, c	74	Olsen, dt
22	Bass, fb	54	Wendryhoski, c	75	Jones, de
24	Williams, db	55	Baughan, lb	76	Grier, dt
25	Moore, hb	57	Woodlief, lb	77	Nichols, t
26	Stiger, hb	58	Currie, lb	80	Pope, e
27	Cross, db	61	George, lb	84	Snow, e
29	McDonald, fl	62	Chuy, g	85	Lundy, de
30	Gossett, k	63	Carollo, t	86	McKeever, e
32	Pardee, lb	65	Mack, g	87	Truax, e
34	Josephson, fb				

PACKERS ROSTER

No.	Name, pos.	No.	Name, pos.	No.	Name, pos.
5	Hornung, hb	44	D. Anderson, hb	75	Gregg, t-g
12	Bratkowski, qb	45	Hathcock, db	76	Skoronski, t
15	Starr, qb	50	Curry, c-lb	77	Kostelnik, dt
21	Jeter, db	56	Crutcher, lb	78	B. Brown, de
22	Pitts, hb	57	Bowman, c	80	Long, e
24	Wood, db	60	Caffey, lb	81	Fleming, te
26	Adderley, db	63	Thurston, g	82	Aldridge, de
27	Mack, fl	64	Kramer, g	84	Dale, fl
31	Taylor, fb	66	Nitschke, lb	85	McGee, e
33	Grabowski, fb	68	Gillingham, g	86	Dowler, e
34	Chandler, k	72	Wright, t	87	Davis, de
37	Vandersea, lb	73	W'therwax, dt	88	B. Anderson, te
40	T. Brown, db	74	Jordan, dt	89	Robinson, lb
43	Hart, db				
