



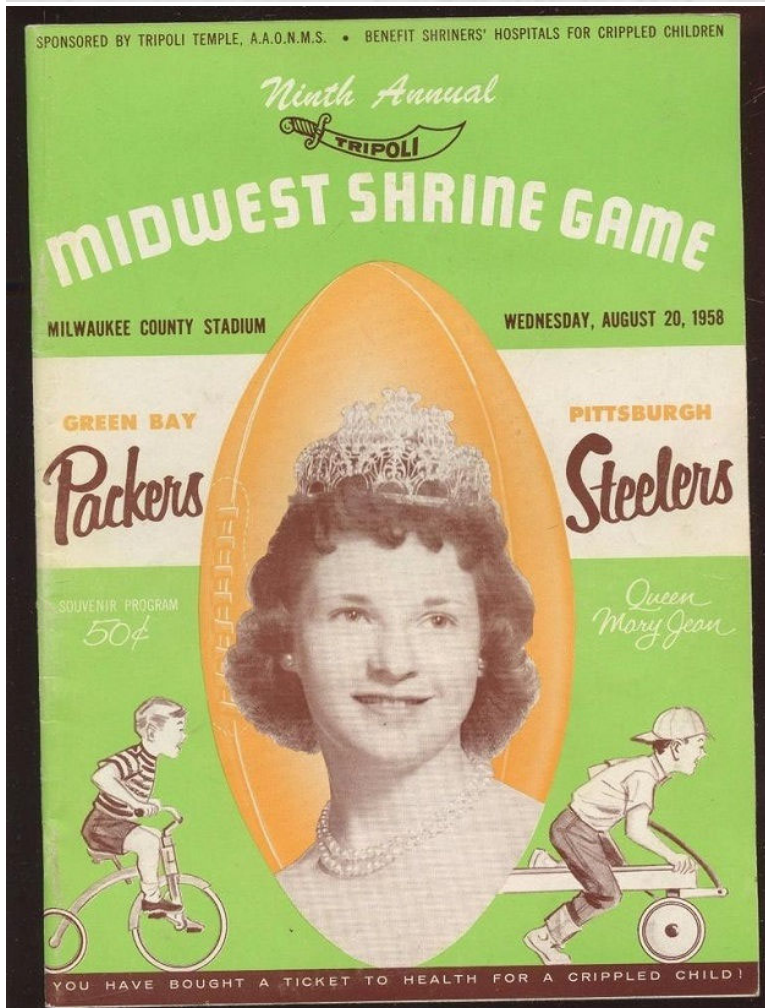
Preseason: Pittsburgh Steelers 3, Green Bay Packers (0-1) 0  
Wednesday August 20th 1958 (at Milwaukee)

# Late Steeler FG Tips Packers in Downpour, 3-0

## Pitt Interception Sets Up Last Second Miner Boot

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

(MILWAUKEE) – A driving downpour made an impossible situation out of the ninth annual Shrine Football Classic between the Packers and Pittsburgh Steelers in County Stadium Wednesday night. The Steelers won it 3 to 0 on Tom Miner's 37-yard field goal in the very last seconds of the game. That one play put a dramatic touch to a grid contest that was made slightly foolish by the deluge, accompanied by snappy lightning. This was the kind of weather you wouldn't leave your cat out in, but the show had to go on for the benefit of 17,294 real football fans. Promptly at the stroke of 8:15, the players were introduced and at 8:18 the starting elevens of both teams were soaked. A few minutes later the yard lines and sidelines were washed away. And that slick infield of the Braves? Horrors, it was like an infield painted on the bottom of a swimming pool - until the gents started skidding around. The heavy dew produced at least two handicaps - players of both teams were weighed down with mud and/or water, thus making it impossible to do anything at full speed; and Coaches Scooter McLean of the Packers and Buddy Parker of the Steels found it impossible to pass judgment on most of the newcomers. McLean called it football-wise a "complete waste of time and effort." And Bill Downes, the veteran referee, said playing conditions were the worst he'd seen in 20 years. Actually, the fumble-bumble department didn't suffer so much by the corny conditions - six fumbles (three on each side) and five interceptions, three by the Pitts. A good hot dry-field league game will produce figures like that. Let' just say the boys were careful last night. The game produced some odd-ball oddities. Two of the game's leading pass catchers were all-pro defensive stars - Dale Dodrill, the Steelers' linebacker, and Bobby



Dillon, the Packers' safety artist. Each "received" two passes - Dodrill getting both from Babe Parilli and Bobby filching his from Earl Morrall. The only other player to catch two was Packer Billy Howton. Parilli pitched six passes and completed half of them; the other three were intercepted. The Packers' first pass and completion was thrown by a quarterback; rushing back Paul Hornung threw it to Howie Ferguson for 12 yards - and that might be an indication of the versatility of the Packers' attack. McLean used everybody but a few of the new backs, including rookie quarterbacks Joe Francis and Doug Maison. Veteran QBs Bart Starr and Parilli were having troubles keeping the ball in their hands, much less trying to run an attack;

the new signalmen thus were spared working in these conditions. Judging by what the Steelers did later, the Packers might have won it in the first half. They reached the Pittsburgh six in the first two minutes of the game, the 25 late in the first period and the seven just before the half. A lost fumble, a blocked field goal and an interception ruined each of those chances in that order. Though the rain let up some in the second half (it almost stopped in the last few minutes), the Packers were limited to two first downs in the second half - one on a Steeler holding penalty and the other on a quarterback sneak by Starr. Al Carmichael got the Packers off to a flying start with a 61-yard return of the game's opening kickoff to the Pitt 30, getting a good block at midfield. Starr recovered his own fumble on the first play but Hornung hurled to Fergie for 12. Hornung gained 12 yards in two tries to the six. Starr fumbled in the slop around third base and Dave Liddick recovered. The Bays got the ball right back at midfield and a roughing penalty on our boys for fighting. A Starr to Gary Knafelc pass gained 15 yards to the Pitt 28. Three short gains set up Hornung's field goal try which was blocked by the great Dodrill. The two teams fumbled, intercepted and buttered around until near the end of the half when Parilli and Hornung worked a picture pass - a 34-yard loafer that Babe dropped in Paul's arms from high out of the downpour on the Pitt 20. The Bays moved to the seven on Parilli's 11-yard pass to Howton and Hornung's rush but on first down Dodrill leaped high to grab Parilli's throw in the end zone. That made Dodrill the leading receiver in the first half. The second half was awful. Neither team budged much. Dillon intercepted a Pitt pass halfway through the third period and a moment later the Packers scored a first down to Pitt's 45. On the next play the greasy ball slipped out of Bart's hands when he cocked his arm to pass, and Pitt recovered. Max McGee and Jack Kemp each punted twice before the Steelers got frisky near the end. Morrall hurled 21 yards to Evans to the Packer 21 with two minutes left. The Packers then tightened and Miner's field goal try from the 48 was short with 32 seconds left. Parilli tried a last-ditch pass real deep by Jack Butler intercepted on the 50 and returned to the Pack 30. Then Miner, who is in the States after two years in Canadian football, kicked the game winner. The game was practically even statistically. The Steels gained 170 yards, five more than the Pack. The winners gained 103 yards rushing against the Packs' 84. Tank Younger, just in from Los Angeles, carried 16 times for 57 yards. An order for no rain has been put in for the Packers' next showing - against the Philadelphia Eagles in City Stadium Labor Day afternoon.

# Oh, Mudder

<p><b>The Lineups:</b></p> <p><b>PITTSBURGH</b>  Ends — Miner, Bernet, Evans, McClarien, Smith, Lasse, Bishop, Jamison.  Tackles — Stautner, Lewis, Varrichione, Krupa, McClung, Liddick, O'Brien.  Guards — Reger, Tarasovic, Daugherty, Dodrill, Thomas, Sandusky, Krisher, Nisby, Rozzell, Leahy, Schmitt.  Centers — Beatty, Campbell.  Backs — Morrall, Dawson, Kemp, Cichowski, Mathews, McCabe, Wells, Glick, Volkert, Krutko, Young, Younger, Cann, Alban, Zador, Felton, Butler, Reed, Petrarcha.</p> <p><b>GREEN BAY</b>  Ends — Cook, Ford, McGee, Knafelc, Howton, Borden, Reese, Temp, Massey.  Tackles — Culpepper, Hanner, Kimmel, Gregg, Spencer, Masters, Gray.  Guards — Bullough, Amundsen, Skibinski, Danjean, Bettis, Barry, Salisbury, Harris, Forester.  Centers — Palumbo, Ringo, Hudock, Currie, Habig.  Backs — Hornung, Parilli, Starr, Hodge, Shanley, Switzer, Kinard, Romine, Symank, Lance, Purnell, Ferguson, Johnson, Burris, McIlhenny, Dillon, Gremminger, Carmichael, Berzinski, Nitschke, Meilinger.</p> <p>Pittsburgh ..... 0 0 0 3-3  Green Bay ..... 0 0 0 0-0</p> <p>Scoring: Pittsburgh: Field Goal—Miner (37 yards, 14:59 of fourth quarter).  Officials: Referee — Bill Downes; Umpire — Carl Bauer; Head Linesman — John Highbarger; Back Judge — Stan Jawarowski; Field Judge — James Kane.</p>	<table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <th colspan="2" style="text-align: left;">Team Statistics</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Pack</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Pitts.</th> </tr> <tr> <td>First downs rushing</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>First downs passing</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>First downs penalties</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total first downs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">7</td> <td style="text-align: center;">7</td> <td style="text-align: center;">8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yards gained rushing</td> <td style="text-align: right;">84</td> <td style="text-align: center;">84</td> <td style="text-align: center;">103</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yards gained passing</td> <td style="text-align: right;">81</td> <td style="text-align: center;">81</td> <td style="text-align: center;">67</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total yards gained</td> <td style="text-align: right;">165</td> <td style="text-align: center;">165</td> <td style="text-align: center;">170</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Passes: Attempted</td> <td style="text-align: right;">12</td> <td style="text-align: center;">12</td> <td style="text-align: center;">11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Completed</td> <td style="text-align: right;">5</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Had intercepted</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yards intercepted passes returned</td> <td style="text-align: right;">33</td> <td style="text-align: center;">33</td> <td style="text-align: center;">30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yards lost attempting to pass</td> <td style="text-align: right;">8</td> <td style="text-align: center;">8</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Punts: Number by</td> <td style="text-align: right;">5</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Punting average</td> <td style="text-align: right;">35</td> <td style="text-align: center;">35</td> <td style="text-align: center;">38</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Number returned by</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yards punts returned</td> <td style="text-align: right;">27</td> <td style="text-align: center;">27</td> <td style="text-align: center;">11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Penalties: No. against</td> <td style="text-align: right;">6</td> <td style="text-align: center;">6</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yards penalized</td> <td style="text-align: right;">48</td> <td style="text-align: center;">48</td> <td style="text-align: center;">23</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kickoffs: No. ret'd. by</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yards kickoffs ret'd.</td> <td style="text-align: right;">61</td> <td style="text-align: center;">61</td> <td style="text-align: center;">39</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fumbles: No. by</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ball lost</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Individual Statistics</b></p> <p><b>Rushing:</b>  Pittsburgh: Younger gained 57 yards in 16 attempts, Volkert 14 in 7, Morrall 13 in 4, Young 9 in 3, Wells 7 in 6, Cann 3 in 1.  Green Bay: Hornung gained 29 yards in 11 attempts, Ferguson 24 in 9, Parilli 19 in 3, Purnell 7 in 2, Switzer 4 in 1, Starr 1 in 3. Carmichael 0 in 1.</p> <p><b>Passing:</b>  Pittsburgh: Morrall attempted 11, completed 4 for 67 yards, 2 intercepted.  Green Bay: Parilli attempted 6, completed 3 for 34 yards, 3 intercepted; Starr attempted 6, completed 1 for 15 yards; Hornung attempted 1, completed 1 for 12 yards.</p> <p><b>Pass Reception:</b>  Pittsburgh: McClairen caught 1 for 36 yards, Evans 1 for 17, Younger 1 for 8, Wells 1 for 6.  Green Bay: Howton caught 2 for 20 yards, Hornung 1 for 34, Knafelc 1 for 15, Ferguson 1 for 12.</p>	Team Statistics		Pack	Pitts.	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First Downs	8	7
Rushing-Yards-TD	37-103-0	30-84-0
Att-Comp-Yd-TD-Int	11-4-67-0-2	12-5-81-0-3
Total Yards	170	165
Fumbles-lost	3-2	3-2
Turnovers	4	2
Yards penalized	3-23	6-48

## SCORING

PIT — Tom Miner, 37-yard field goal PITTSBURGH 3-0

## RUSHING

**GREEN BAY** - Paul Hornung 11-29, Howie Ferguson 9-24, Babe Parilli 3-19, Frank Purnell 2-7, Veryl Switzer 1-4, Bart Starr 3-1, Al Carmichael 1-0

**PITTSBURGH** - Tank Younger 16-57, George Volkert 7-14, Earl Morrall 4-13, Dick Young 3-9, Billy Wells 6-7, Allen Cann 1-3

## PASSING

**GREEN BAY** - Babe Parilli 6-3-54 3 INT, Bart Starr 6-1-15, Paul Hornung 1-1-12

**PITTSBURGH** - Earl Morrall 11-4-67 2 INT

## RECEIVING

**GREEN BAY** - Billy Howton 2-20, Paul Hornung 1-34, Gary Knafelc 1-15, Howie Ferguson 1-12

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The Packers fell, 3-0, to Pittsburgh in this 1958 preseason game at County Stadium in Milwaukee, a foreshadowing of what would prove to be a dismal regular season (Photo Credit - Milwaukee Journal)

### Sidebars: Soup Campbell Happy

## **Game Looks Good Only In Pittsburgh Papers!**

### **GAME LOOKS GOOD ONLY IN PITTSBURGH PAPERS!**

AUG 21 (Milwaukee-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – “The only place this game will look good is in the morning papers in Pittsburgh!” The author of that gem was Art Rooney, owner of the Steelers, and it pretty well reflects the “oh nuts” attitude of both teams after the show. The Pittsburgh morning sheets is where Rooney wants his

men to look good – especially today, because the Steelers play in Pitt University Stadium for the first time a week from Saturday, against the Bears yet. The Bears had three scouts at the game – Walter and Mugsy Halas and Phil Handler, and here’s a clue: They weren’t particularly interested in the Steelers. The Packer dressing room, or rather the Braves clubhouse, was the dirtiest place in Beer Town. Coach Scooter McLean laughed: “If Johnny Logan could see that infield now, he’d have a stroke.” Logan’s shortstop area was badly beaten up – more than Red Schoendienst’s second base workshop. What about the game, Scooter? “What can I say? This is no test for either side. I’m just darned glad nobody got hurt. We could have had a couple of broken legs or ankles in that mess. We were fortunate for that.” McLean said he through the “effort was wonderful.” Steeler Coach Buddy Parker, sitting in the team bus with Dick Plasman, the former Packer aide now with Pitt, put it this way: “That’s about all you can say for this game; they all were playing some real hard football.” Parker admitted he isn’t having much luck getting his offense going: “You can’t move in weather like this and last Saturday against

the Browns was played on a muddy field. It rained all week in Akron and a circus had been on the field. What a mess that was," he explained. The Steelers were blanked by the Browns 10-0. Thus, Pitt had been shut out for all but the last second of the second game – almost eight complete quarters. Buddy said he felt that "Tank (Younger) still has a lot of football in him." Pitt obtained Tank from Los Angeles in a trade. Soup Campbell, the former West High and Marquette star, was extremely happy after the game – what with (1) a chance to see the folks from Green Bay and (2) a chance to play a lot. "I didn't think they'd let me in that long; I appreciate the opportunity," the Steeler rookie said. Soup played outside linebacker and several times put on some good tackles. Campbell said his chances of making the club depend on whether or not he can double as an offensive center and LB'er. McLean said he held out promising rookie quarterback Joe Francis purposely. "It's bad enough for a new man on a dry field in his first game – much less going out in this stuff." The officials called the coaches together before the game and said they wanted no beefing on yardage calls, etc., because the headlinesman had to operate without yard lines (washed away). There were no complaints.

#### AL OLIVER WINCES AS RAIN FALLS AND WHY NOT?

AUG 21 (Milwaukee Journal) - Al Oliver winced as the rain came down in bucketfuls and so would you if you had Al Oliver's job. For Oliver of the Braves grooms the baseball field at County Stadium and there Wednesday night, sloshing around infield mud and ripping up outfield grass were Green Bay's and Pittsburgh's football bulls. It will take a lot of doing, a lot of patching, to restore the diamond for the Braves' return just one week hence. The work started

Thursday morning - rolling, resodding, patching. And there'll be grooming right up to the time the club comes back. The job will be done, of course, and the field will be ready, which is the main thing. But the hazards of joint occupancy by baseball and football in overlapping seasons were seldom better shown...PRECEDENTS: Actually, bearing in mind all that was involved, the Shrine game should not have been played Wednesday night. The Packers have as much right to use a municipal field as the Braves, but on a night like this there should have been better judgment. A postponement till Thursday was distinctly in order and exhibition football is full of precedents. The threat of rain hung over the humid city all day, the forecast promised rain, and black skies built up most of the hot afternoon. There was ample time to announce a postponement. "Sure, we'd have been glad to stay over an extra day," said Art Rooney who owns the Steelers. "We've done it before." "We were thinking of postponing it," said Herb Mount, chairman of the Shrine Committee. "A couple of years ago we had the same situation but the clubs refused, so we didn't pursue it any further." "Oh, we couldn't have possibly postponed," said General Manager Verne Lewellen of the Packers. "Too many out of town people here." So the game was played and nobody was really happy about it...MORE THAN FIELD: There was more than the field involved in this, too. What is an exhibition for except to learn what men can do under fire? It was impossible to tell anything Wednesday night. Scooter McLean of the Pack and Buddy Parker of the Steelers know little more today than they did before the kickoff. And what do fans pay good money to see? Not this. The crowd of 17,294 suggested that in good weather the game would have drawn upward of 25,000. It was an excellent turnout considering conditions. Even in the rain, long queues lined up before the windows. The only winner was charity. One-third of the gate and all of the program revenue will go to the Shrine's hospitals for crippled children. And wouldn't today have been a good day to play the game? Al Oliver thinks so, and so do a lot of others.



Steeler Stopped—George Volkert (28, arrow) of the Pittsburgh Steelers (to left of Packer 46) tumbles to his knees in mud after being hit by Nate Borden (87) of Green Bay. Volkert made 3-yard gain in second quarter of annual Shrine benefit exhibition

football game at Milwaukee County Stadium Wednesday night. Steelers won 3-0 on field goal. Packers are Bill Forester (69) and Len Ford (83). Heavy downpour marred game for three quarters, flooded Braves infield. (AP Photofax)



Steelers Dale Dodrill Blocks Paul Hornung's Field Goal Attempt in First Quarter

# Third Quarter Defense Best Packer Bit vs. Pitt: Scooter

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## THIRD QUARTER DEFENSE BEST PACKER BIT VS. PITT: SCOOTER

AUG 22 (Green Bay) – Packer Coach Scooter McLean admitted the downpour took the “good” out of Green Bay’s opener against Pittsburgh, but “there was one thing that we all liked and that was the play of the defense in the third quarter.” McLean said “we had mostly rookies in the third and part of the fourth and they were tough. The Steelers didn’t do much against them, you know.” For the record, the Steelers had the ball for only 16 plays in the third period and gained a total of eight yards. Only three veteran regulars were in the lineup at the time – Nate Borden at end, Hank Gremminger at cornerback and Bobby Dillon at deep defense. The rest of the lineup included Ken Gray and Ed Culpepper at the tackles, Hank Bullough, normally an offensive guard, at one end, and linebackers Dan Currie, Ray Nitschke, Esker Harris and Neil Habig and Al Romine deep. The best gain on this bunch was a 10-yard skid by Earl Morrall, but that was as fluke. Earl went back to pass and Culpepper was in on him like a flash but Morrall buttered out of Ed’s grasp and advanced. On another occasion, Gray tackled a Steeler for a two yard loss on a wide play to the opposite side of his position. Morrall made a first down on the Culpepper rush but on the next series Nitschke made two straight key tackles on Tank Younger and Frank Volkert to force a punt. The next time Pitt got the ball Dillon performed an interception. The tackle chart showed Dave Hanner leading the Pack with seven tackles, while Borden and Bullough made six each. And that’s more tackles than Hank made all

year as a rookie offensive guard in 1955. He had been in the service the last two years. Gray and veteran Tom Bettis, who received the thumb from the officials for unpleasantness, each had five tackles. Nitschke and Danjean each made four. Bill Forester, bothered by a sore throat, played long enough to get four tackles. What a place to expose a sore throat!...McLean called a halt to things yesterday. The team returned from Milwaukee yesterday noon. It was back to work today – classroom study in the morning and practice this afternoon. McLean and aides Jack Morton, Breezy Reid, Ray Richards and Nick Skorich viewed Pitt game pictures last night. “It was still raining,” Scooter laughed. McLean and his henchmen are figuring out cuts this morning and they are expected to arrive at some decisions early this afternoon. The squad must be cut from 57 players but the rainy game complicated judgment on the players somewhat...The Steelers had the ball for 48 scrimmage plays, including 37 rushed and 11 passes. The Packers had it for 43 on 30-13. It could have been more lopsided in favor of Pitt in view of the fact that the Steelers already played a game – in the mud of Akron vs. the Browns...It won’t happen again in another million years – this business of having no kickoff after a field goal or touchdown. But that’s what happened Wednesday night. The gun went off, ending the game, about the time the ball landed behind the end zone...Jim Shanley, the Packers’ highly-touted “little” back, didn’t carry against Pittsburgh. “That’s no field for guys his size, so we didn’t run him,” Scooter said. The Steelers tried their tiny back – Billy Wells, and he gained a mere seven yards in six attempts. “You’ve got to use your big heavy backs in that heavy going,” McLean said...And speaking about weight, here’s a question: How much extra weight did any one of the busy players carry in the mud and water Wednesday night? We say 20 pounds – as a wild guess. Those shoulder pads, long wool socks and jerseys are heavy enough unsoaked. And then fill the shoes with water? It’s a wonder anybody moved!...Two exhibitions are on tap for tonight – Cleveland at Detroit and New York at Los Angeles.

## SCOOTER LOOKS AT FILMS, CAN'T TELL 'FRIEND' FROM FOE

AUG 22 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - Scooter McLean's coming out party will have to be held all over again at Green Bay Labor Day. The Packers' debut under the Scooter turned out to be a stuck-in-the-muck affair as the heaviest rainstorm of the season made the Stadium gridiron unplayable Wednesday night. McLean returned to his St. Norbert College retreat



**Packerettes National Champions**

—The Packerettes, who perform at the Packers' home league games, will carry a national title when they go before the television cameras at City and Milwaukee County stadiums this autumn. They won the national corps twirling championship at the Chicago-Land Music Festival over the weekend. Front and center is Diana Williams, holding trophies. Behind her, in order, are, left to right, first row, Mary Kay Williams, Karen Hopfensperger, Judy

Schaetz, Beth Gale, Sonia Nier, Carol Kowalczyk; second row, left to right, Judy Steeno, Doris Rodar, Marlene Verdette, Shirley Remich, Mary Weiland, Donna Fonder; back row, Janet Dickenshied, Karen Lemerom, Christine Karsten and Lynne Tauber. Diane and Cheryl Wadzinski and Diane Kanz were missing when picture was taken. The corps is directed by Mrs. Bernadine Boyere Matzke, with Beth Gale as captain.

(Press-Gazette Photo)

Thursday, still scraping mud from his boots. He gave his 60-man squad until midnight to forget about playing in the rain. As far as that 3-0 defeat is concerned, it could just have easily been a Packer victory. But it really didn't matter. "Yes, I looked at the pictures," McLean said, answering the first question. "I couldn't tell one side from the other. "No one knew who anyone was out there," Scooter continued. "It's too bad the game had to be played under those conditions." McLean was hesitant about cutting his squad. This first preseason scrap was no proving ground. "But we've got to get down to a more workable size," McLean said. "I'll have to make at least a half dozen cuts this week." The Packers had numerous chances to beat the Steelers. Scooter pointed out that on a better field his club could have easily scored. "If it had been a good night, Tom Bettis would have scored when he picked up that blocked punt," McLean said. "But he had a hard time getting up off the pitcher's mound." There were a few bright spots. Scooter praised the play of his rookie defensive line. He thought his All-Star boys, Dan Currie and Ray Nitschke, did an excellent job backing up the line. When asked why Joe Francis, the quarterback star of the intrasquad game, didn't play McLean answered: "It wasn't fair to let a rookie quarterback play on a night like that. But maybe we should have let him get a taste of the defensive picture." End Max McGee, who suffered a concussion in the intrasquad game, was used very little. Scooter is not taking any chances with his veterans, and you can't blame him. Maxie had been conked on the head too often. But he's determined to not let it bother him. "You can't be gun-shy in this league," McGee said. Outside of getting a good mud bath, the squad came out without any serious injury. Mike Hudock, rookie center, reported a

sore muscle in his side. While many a baseball fan wondered Thursday is the Stadium diamond would ever be restored to its well groomed self, Stadium Manager Bill Anderson said, it's not as damaged as most people think. "We could play baseball tonight," Anderson said. "The skin part of the infield dried out fast and was scraped and raked into shape. The worst part was the hips of the playing field, where the team's benches were set up. And there's a couple of spots behind second base where we'll have to re-sod." Anderson had 30 men working on the field Thursday. The crowd of 17,294 was most encouraging considering the heavy downpour. With better weather the count might have reached 30,000. It proved the Packers have a solid backing in Milwaukee. McLean must now wait until Labor Day to see what his boys can really do. They'll tackle a revamped Eagles in a 4:30 p.m. game.

# Pack Drops Berzinski, Amundsen, 4 Others

**PACK DROPS BERZINSKI, AMUNDSEN, 4 OTHERS**

AUG 23 (Green Bay) – Two players with pro experience and four rookies were dropped by the Packers today, thus reducing the club's roster to 51 active athletes. Veterans among the six placed on waivers by Coach Scooter McLean are Norm

Here's the Packers' active-player roster as of now:

**Quarterbacks**—Babe Parilli, Bart Starr, Joe Francis (3).

**Rushing Backs** — Al Carmichael, Dick Christy, Howie Ferguson, Roy Hodge, Paul Hornung, Don McIlhenny, Jim Shanley, Frank Purnell, Veryl Switzer, Jim Taylor (10).

**Slot Backs** — Joe Johnson, Steve Meilinger.

**Defensive Backs**—Bob Burris, Bobby Dillon, Billy Kinard, Hank Gremminger, Bobby Lance, Al Romine, John Symank (7).

**Linebackers** — Tom Bettis, Dan Currie, Ernie Danjean, Bill Forester, Neil Habig, Carlton Massey, Ray Nitschke (7).

**Ends** — Nate Borden, Dick Deschaine, Len Ford, Bill Howton, Gary Knafelc, Max McGee, Jim Temp (7).

**Tackles** — Ed Culpepper, Dave Hanner, Ken Gray, Forest Gregg, J. D. Kimmel, Norm Masters, Ollie Spencer (7).

**Guards** — Al Barry, Hank Bullough, Jerry Kramer, Jim Salisbury, Joey Skibinski (5).

**Centers** — Mike Hudock, Sam Palumbo, Jim Ringo (3).

Amundsen, the former Wisconsin guard who played here in 1957, and back Willie Berzinski, ex-La Crosse State hero who worked with the Los Angeles Rams and Philadelphia Eagles during the last few years. The four departing freshmen are quarterback Doug Maison of Hillsdale (Mich.) College, end Joe Reese of Arkansas Tech, end-slot back Gene Cook of Toledo, and linebacker Esker Harris of UCLA. With Maison gone, the quarterbacking corps now is down to three — veterans Babe Parilli and Bart Starr and rookie Joe Francis, who also plays on defense. Only two slot backs remain — Joe Johnson and Steve Meilinger, but Berzinski's departure still leaves 10 rushing (left half or full) backs. The 51 athletes now on duty are composed of 14 rookies and 37 veterans of pro ball. Since some of the first-year men have been showing up exceptionally well, additional cuts likely will include veterans. McLean doesn't expect to make any cuts until after the next non-league game — against the Philadelphia Eagles at City Stadium Labor Day. League rules call for all rosters to be trimmed to 43 players on the day after Labor Day.

McLean's next big job will be reducing the squad to 43 by a week from Tuesday. The remaining major proving period will be the Eagle game, although competition will be extremely rugged in the practice sessions between now and that game...The Packers returned to the practice field Friday afternoon for the first time since the Pitt game and worked out the bumps and bruises. There was one athlete missing — Paul Hornung, who was called to his home in Louisville by the illness of his mother. Commissioner Bert Bell chopped almost a half hour off yesterday's 3:30 to 5:00 practice. He gave his annual preseason tackle — via telephone and loud speaker — to the players in the dressing room. Calling from league headquarters in Cynwyd, Pa., which adjourns Philadelphia, Bell

warned the players about gambling and the various "characters" in that business, and put forth suggestions and rules on commercial contract signing, league prestige, etc. The defensive players were sent in earlier than the offensive group which remained out and went through a number of plays — mostly runs...The Packers were still throwing a "heavy" ball yesterday. The 12 footballs used in the downpour for the Pitt game are still heavy with moisture — "it will take about a week to dry 'em out completely," said property man Dad Braisher. Some of the balls still had mud caked in the seams. Property aides Jerry Jorgensen and Jack Noel had quite a system working during the game. After each play they alternated running out and picking up the used ball and running back and wiping it off on towels. All available balls, 12 of them, were used in the process. Jack and Jerry were dragging after the game, not having conditioned themselves for the chore — which is probably more demanding than the messenger guards used by the Browns.

## The Board

### NATIONAL GRAPEFRUIT LEAGUE

	W	L	T	Pct.	PS	OP
Los Angeles	2	0	0	1.000	65	20
Chicago Bears	2	0	0	1.000	27	7
Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	17	7
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	30	31
San Francisco	1	1	0	.500	30	38
New York	1	1	0	.500	29	48
Cleveland	1	1	0	.500	17	17
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	.500	3	10
Baltimore	0	1	1	.500	59	61
Chi. Cards	0	1	1	.500	38	55
Green Bay	0	1	0	.000	0	3
Washington	0	2	0	.000	39	51

#### Weekend Results

Detroit 17, Cleveland 7.  
Los Angeles 38, New York 10.  
Chicago Bears 3, Philadelphia 0.  
Baltimore 31, Chi. Cardinals 31.  
San Francisco 20, Washington 19.

#### Friday Night's Games

Washington at Baltimore.  
New York at Detroit.  
Cleveland at Los Angeles.

#### Saturday's Game

Bears at Pittsburgh.

#### Sunday's Game

Cardinals at San Francisco.

#### Monday's Game

**PHILADELPHIA AT GREEN BAY**  
(4:30).

# Ron Kramer Joins Packers, Starts Toughening Process

## RON KRAMER JOINS PACKERS, STARTS TOUGHENING PROCESS

AUG 25 (Green Bay) — Ron Kramer reported to the Packers Sunday afternoon and proceeded to slow himself down with a 70-pound weight. The Packers' slot back, who broke his leg in the 11th league game last season, is here to see if the injury (plus subsequent surgery) is healed enough to permit returning for the 1958 season. The former Michigan great, Green Bay's first draft choice a year ago, arrived from Chicago just about the time the Packers finished a lively scrimmage Sunday. Trainer Bud Jorgensen went to work right quick with the treatments and to top it off, the returnee exercised with a 70-pound

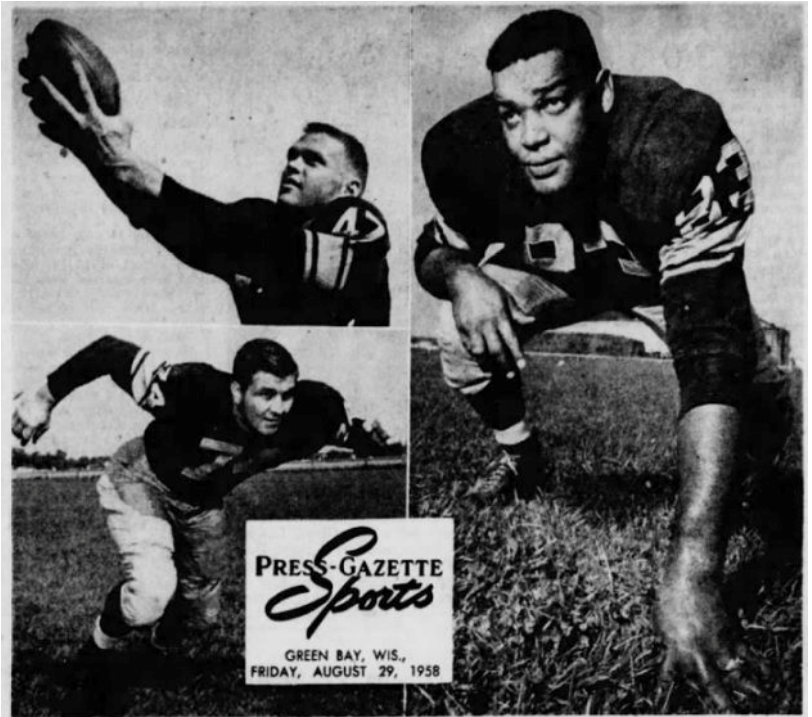
weight on his foot. Purpose of hanging what looks like an overgrown roller skate on the foot and then swinging it while sitting on a table is to toughen the muscles around the injury. Kramer has his weight down to 215 pounds. "I want to make it lighter for my leg until it gets stronger," Ron laughed. He played last year at around 230 pounds – a weight he'll want to carry this year provided all goes well. "Let's see now," Kramer said, "this is the 24th. The season opens next month near the end – maybe I can make it." The arrival of Kramer added to the fierce competitive spirit and attitude of the 1958 Packer camp. There are 54 active players in camp now, including Kramer and Harry Horton, who participated in Sunday's scrimmage despite an arm fracture just two weeks ago. The squad was reduced by the release of six players Saturday – veterans Norm Amundsen and Willie Berzinski and rookies Doug Maison, Joe Reese, Gene Cook and Esker Harris. Cook's departure left only two slot backs – Steve Meilinger and Joe Johnson – until Kramer stepped into the picture. Kramer caught 28 passes as a rookie slot back last year in 10 games and less than two quarters into the 11th. He ranked as the second highest Packer receiver – next to Billy Howton, who caught 38. The Bays scrimmaged for about 20 minutes Sunday before a crowd held down to about 500 by a stiff cold northwest wind. It was quite hot on the field, however, as one group of athletes (the offense) tried to protect the passer against the claws of another eleven (the defense)... "BREAK IT UP": Defensive Coach Ray Richards and Nick Skorich, who coaches the offensive line, both had their chances to smile. Head Coach Scooter McLean liked the whole business – though once had had to make with the "all right, all right, break it up," when a group fight broke out. One of the "fighters" was the aforementioned Horton, who apparently has forgotten all about that broken arm. Young Ken Gray continued to sparkle as a defensive left tackle, exerting excellent pressure on anyone playing opposite him – not to mention the passer. Gray also went to offensive right guard. The Handy Hawaiian, Joe Francis, saw plenty of action as a cornerback on defense – and doing quite well at it, judging by the recent squad game. The big objective this week will be the non-championship game against the Philadelphia Eagles in City Stadium Monday afternoon. (Kickoff at 4:30, don't forget.) The Eagles will come into Green Bay with – among other items – a new coach, Buck Shaw; a new quarterback, Norm Van Brocklin; and a new spirit... Assistant Coaches Breezy Reid and Jack Morton scouted the Eagles' game against the Bears in Columbus Sunday – a 3 to 0 victory for the Bears. The Eagles were only a yard from winning the game when the gun ended the action. The score was held down by rain and mud... Watching practice the other day was Joe Butchka, who played fullback alongside Scooter McLean at St. Anselm's College back in the 1930's. Butchka, now a teacher in New London, Conn., was vacationing in these parts and decided to look up "my old grid pal, Scooter."

**PACKER-EAGLE BATTLE ROYAL LOOMS**

AUG 26 (Green Bay) – The Packer-Eagle game in City Stadium Labor Day shaped up as a giant battle royal. It isn't listed as a league game, but the close-to-120 participants from Green Bay and Philadelphia will be battlin' like their very lives were at stake! The football futures of at least 35 of the gladiators will be on the roster because each team must, under league



**New Training Room Look**—Dad Braisher, Packer property man, has been "dressing up" the Packers' clubhouse with shelves, name cards, championship pennants and the like. His latest presentation is the painting shown above. It hangs above Trainer Bud Jorgensen's "operation" tables in the training room and shows the Packers in a passing play against their traditional enemy, the Bears. Passing is Arnie Herber and the intended receiver is Don Hutson, No. 14. Looking on at left are Braisher, left, and Jorgensen. The painting was done by Jerry Fitzsimmons of Green Bay. (Press-Gazette Photo)



**Tradesters** — The three Packers obtained from two Eastern Division clubs played approximately over 20 league games against the Eastern-Division Philadelphia Eagles—the Packers' foes in City Stadium Monday afternoon. Len Ford, right, fought against Philly 16 times in his years with the Cleveland Browns while the former Washington Redskins —Steve Meilinger (top) and J. D. Kimmel (below), each played 'em about six times. Monday's game will be the three veteran-newcomers' first major test as Packers. Kickoff is set for 4:30. (Press-Gazette Photos)



rules, reduce its roster to 43 players the day after Labor Day. Both will be allowed to carry a few extra men who reported late due to service, but the total number of remainees on both sides probably won't exceed 95. Purpose of the sharp reduction from the starting line of 60 athletes per club is to scramble up the talent a bit and thus pass around a little strength. From what we hear however, the Packers and Eagles won't be holding their breathing machines for other clubs to waiver players – chiefly because Monday's combatants are pretty well juiced up with fierce competition among their own stars. The Eagles are like new blood in Quakertown – what with Buck Shaw at the coaching helm and Norm Van Brocklin at the quarterback wheel. And to top it off the Eagles have shifted their home games from ancient Shibe Park to collegiate Franklin Field. Judging by the Eagles' earlier performances, the Packers will be getting a good taste of New Murder. The Eagles were the low brows of the Eastern Conference a year ago but in two non-leaguers thus far this season they stuck the Baltimore Colts 30 to 28 in a real shocker and missed beating the rugged Chicago Bears by a yard. Shaw, Van Brocklin and their cohorts didn't figure to bother the well-heeled Hosses much but Van Brocklin engineered the winning touchdown in the last eight minutes for the victory. Van Brocklin worked the Phils 80 yards in the last two minutes vs. the Bears, but the gun ended the game with first down and less than a yard to go for a touchdown. The Bears won the rain-mud battle in Columbus, Ohio, 3 to 0. Packer assistant coaches Jack Morton and Breezy Reid scouted the Bear-Eagle game and came away impressed with the Phils' power. "Peaks and Barnes are tough back there," Breezy said, referring to the Clarence Peaks and Bill Barnes, the team's major rushing backs. The slot back is Pete Retzlaff...The Packer camp at St. Norbert College slowly returned to normal today – which is the morning after, so to speak – after the annual Rookie Night show. Everybody had a great time, it was reported today, as the rookies turned the recreation room at Sensenbrenner Hall into a theater. About the only note that leaked out was a report that Ed Culpepper served as master of ceremonies...With 500 people looking on, it's no secret that Paul Hornung is doing a lot of passing in practice – and so is Howie Ferguson. These two powerbusters, who run in the same backfield, can throw a mean pass. Hornung, having been a quarterback, falls right into throwing but Fergie is finding that it takes considerable practice. The Packers polished their offense yesterday in the first move to sharpen up for the Eagle contest...The traffic is heavy in the field goal department, a fourth prospect joining the party yesterday – Ron Kramer, who now is trying his toe with Jerry Kramer, Jim Taylor and Hornung. All four booted field goals and extra points in college. And to keep the booting from getting bored, some of the "boys" put on a two-way field goal match. Billy Howton, Gary Knafelc and Steve Meilinger stood 20 yards behind the goal posts and field goaled the ball back to the other FG'ers, who were booting from about 30 yards out. The Packers were the only club in the league with seven field goal prospects – at least until Scooter blew the whistle ending yesterday's post-practice period.



**The Enemy** — The all-time veterans above, Center Chuck Bednarik and Quarterback Norm Van Brocklin, will spearhead the Philadelphia Eagles' offense against the Packers in a non-championship game at City Stadium Monday afternoon. Bednarik has been switched from linebacker to offensive center while Van Brocklin, the former Ram great, was traded to the Eagles last winter. Kickoff Monday is set for 4:30.

**JOE JOHNSON ON WAIVERS**  
 AUG 26 (Green Bay) – Joe Johnson, veteran Packer halfback and slot back, has been placed on waivers, Coach Scooter McLean announced today. Joe, the former Boston College star who was drafted as a junior in the 11th round in 1953, played four seasons with the Packers, starting in 1954. The 28-year old handyman was working as a slot back this year.

# Packer Rookies To Get Acid Test vs. Eagles: Scooter

## PACKER ROOKIES TO GET ACID TEST VS. EAGLES: SCOOTER

AUG 27 (Green Bay) – Packer fans won't be short-changed at the Philadelphia Eagle game at City Stadium Monday afternoon. "We want to get a good look at every player in camp, and we'll show 'em all. A veteran team will start but the rookies will soon be in here, working in with the veterans," Coach Scooter McLean said today. And what about Joe Francis, the promising rookie quarterback who did so well in the recent squad game? "Joe will be tested both ways – at quarterback on offense and at cornerback on defense," McLean pointed out, adding: "But we won't try him at quarterback unless we get the weather." Scooter was referring to the Pittsburgh game in which Francis was held out because of the downpour. "It was bad enough for our regular quarterbacks in that weather – much less an inexperienced one." Bart Starr and Babe Parilli shared the QB'ing. McLean said he is anxious to see what Dick Christy, Jim Taylor, Roy Hodge and Jim Shanley can do against an enemy defensive line. Defensively, Scooter said, "we'll work our new linebackers and backs right into the action – sometimes with veterans and sometimes without. We won't stick with the same unit; we'll mix it up." This game will help Scooter and Aides Jack Morton, Breezy Reid, Ray Richards and Nick Skorich shape their plans for the future. "After this game, we can start thinking about certain units and we then can play together so that they become familiar with each other's movements," McLean pointed out. In view of the fierce rain during the Steeler game, the coaching staff was unable to learn much about the team – "except maybe some of the defensive players," the coach said...The Packers went through their last major scrimmage before the Eagle game Tuesday afternoon and it was feared for a spell that two freshmen players suffered breaks – guard-tackle Ken Gray and halfback Jim Shanley. One did but it wasn't serious. Shanley came up with a broken nose, which probably won't keep him out of the Philly show, and Gray was rushed to St. Vincent Hospital for an x-ray of a leg injury. The "picture" showed only a comparatively minor bruise. Gray was playing offensive guard when he was hurt. The scrimmage – a real rock 'em, sock 'em affair – featured mostly rushing, with just enough passes to keep the defense honest. Most of the running plays went inside – up the briar patch, and several fights broke out. The defense was extremely rugged and didn't allow many gains. A crowd estimated at 700 fans saw the test. Held out of action were Ron Kramer, who just reported; Len Ford, nursing a pulled muscle; and Howie Ferguson and Dick Christy. Jim Taylor, with Paul Hornung working close behind him, carried a few times...Slot back Joe Johnson, a New Englander, headed east a few hours after being placed on waivers yesterday morning. The remaining slot backs are Ron Kramer and Steve Meilinger...Defensive back John Symank is nursing a miserable head cold...Forrest Gregg, the burly offensive tackle, will miss the Eagle game. He left today for Camp Carson, Colo., and will be processed from the Air Force during the next two weeks. Gregg expects to rejoin the Bays Sept. 9 in Winston-Salem, N.C., where Green Bay meets Washington Sept. 13...Scout Wally Cruice conferred with the Packer staff yesterday relative to the Eagle game. He worked with Breezy Reid and Jack Morton at the Eagle-Bear game in Columbus Sunday.

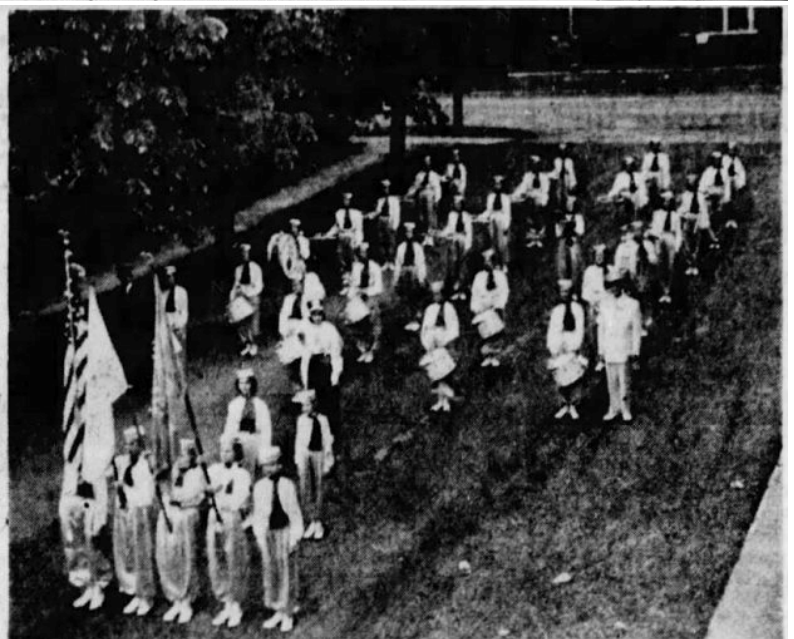
## PACKER EXCHANGE PUNCHES IN COMPETITION FOR POSITIONS

AUG 27 (Green Bay) - The Green Bay Packers' private war - Packer against Packer- is continuing in camp as players seek to avoid the inevitable cuts that will come after next Monday's exhibition with the Philadelphia Eagles. Fist fights broke out



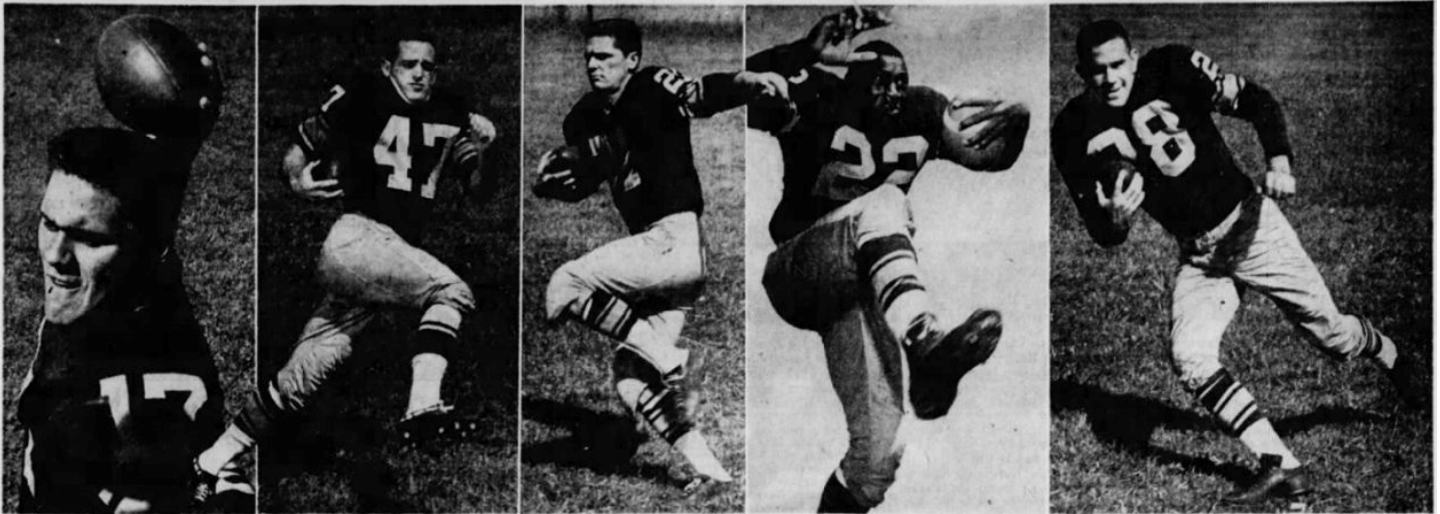
**Offensive Lineman**—Norm Masters, one of the Packers' offensive tackles, seems to be saying, "they shall not put a hand on our quarterbacks," in this unique picture snapped by Lowell Georgia during Picture Day recently. Masters and the rest of the

Packers' offensive linemen will be out to make life easy for Packer pitchers against the Philadelphia Eagles at City Stadium Monday afternoon. Kick-off for the non-championship game is set for 4:30. (Press-Gazette Photo)



**Entertain at Packer-Eagles Game**—The Little Chute Drum and Bugle Corps, above will entertain between halves of Monday's Packer-Eagle pre-season game at City Stadium. The

corps, organized in February, 1950, is directed by Clarence Peeters, and took third place in the recent State American Legion convention at Oshkosh. Kickoff is set for 4:30.



New Faces — Packer Coach Scooter McLean plans to start an all-veteran lineup against the Philadelphia Eagles at City Stadium Monday but he also plans to give the Bay freshmen a thorough test, including the five rookie backs above. From left to right they are Quarterback Joe Francis, Jim Shanley, Bobby Lance, Roy Hodge and Bob Burris. Lance and Burris have been working mostly on defense; the other three on offense. Kickoff in the first non-league game ever played in the new stadium is set for 4:30. Norm Van Brocklin will start at quarterback for the Eagles. (Press-Gazette Photos)

again in a scrimmage Tuesday as Coach Ray (Scooter) McLean hustled his squad through another heavy workout. The intense competition for positions lead to the fighting. The squad, now down to 54, will be reduced by 10 after Monday's game. One injury resulted from the scrimmage but had nothing to do with the fisticuffs. Ken Gray, rookie tackle from Howard Payne College, was taken to the hospital with a leg injury. The extent of the injury will not be determined until after x-rays Wednesday. The rugged scrimmage, witnessed by 700 fans at City Stadium, stressed the running game again. Little passing was done by quarterbacks Babe Parilli and Bart Starr. One of the Packers' service returnees, tackle Forrest Gregg, left for Fort Carson, Col., to receive his discharge. He will rejoin the club September 9 in Winston-Salem, N.C., for an exhibition with the Washington Redskins. The Eagles have a 1-1 record, having defeated Baltimore, 30-28, and having bowed to the Chicago Bears, 3-0.

# Packers, Eagles Both Figure To Explode Offenses Monday

## PACKERS, EAGLES BOTH FIGURE TO EXPLODE OFFENSES MONDAY

AUG 28 (Green Bay) — The Packers and Eagles both expect to explode offensively at City Stadium Monday afternoon. The reason is quite obvious: The two clubs were shut out in their last outings — and by the same low-brow score, 3 to 0. What's more, Monday's combatants were victimized by the same horrors — rain and mud. The Eagles were blanked by the Bears last Sunday; the Packers by the Steelers a week ago Wednesday. Needless to say, both losers bristled with defense. The two clubs figure to stress points Monday and the Eagles already demonstrated that they know how to score, having scored 30 in whipping the snotty Baltimore Colts 30-28 in their opening non-wheeler. Green Bay's only previous showing as the Pittsburgh affair. Packer Coach Scooter McLean plans to start Babe Parilli at quarterback and then sit back with veteran sidekick Bart Starr, who started the Pitt game, and rookie Joe Francis in reserve. Parilli tried six passes against the Steelers and completed half of them. The other three were intercepted by the Steels and the third set up the winning field goal on the last play of the game. Coach Buck Shaw of the Eagles will start his prize quarterback from the Los Angeles Rams, Norm Van Brocklin. The Dutchman, as a Ram, has had good and bad days against the Packers and when he's right he's murder. Van Brocklin has put new life into the Eagles. He engineered an 80-yard march to whip the Colts in the last eight minutes. He carried his team 60 yards in the final minute against the Bears — only to have the clock run out on the Bear one-yard line, second down...Oddly enough, the Packers and Eagles will be fielding "new" teams Monday. Both clubs have new coaching regimes, Shaw replacing Hughie Devore and McLean taking over in place of Liz Blackburn. And the trade that brought Van Brocklin adds to the Birds' newness...Undecided about taking in Monday's game? Remember this: There will be no radio broadcast of the battle as it's played due to the previous-spoken-for Braves doubleheader...McLean plans to give all of his rookies a good shot but he has two positions that are actually freshmen-less, offensive back and slot back. The Bays' offensive ends are Billy Howton and Dick Deschaine on the right side and Max McGee and Gary Knafelc on the left. And the slot backs are Steve Meilinger, a Redskin vet, and Rom Kramer. Since Kramer won't play (he just reported Sunday),

Meilinger will go the distance at SB until an end fills in... The other day in practice Parilli flipped a short pass to Billy Howton, and McLean sprung into action – "That's what I mean, Babe, you only had eyes for Billy. Fergie was wide open there," the coach said. Scooter was referring to Parilli's penchant for throwing to "only" the receiver who is called for in the huddle. One of Scooter's big problems is curing Parilli of this main problem. McLean pointed out: "He'd leave that huddle with one man in mind to throw to. If that man was covered, Babe'd be lost. He'd have trouble picking out the pass defense and then run out of the pocket when he didn't have to and be thrown for a loss. Or he'd throw anyhow, many times for interceptions..." Ken Gray, the rookie tackle climbed out of a hospital bed, jumped in front of a TV camera and then made it for practice yesterday. Gray was put in the hospital after a tough scrimmage Tuesday afternoon with a possible leg fracture. He stayed all night even though the injury resulted in nothing more than a muscle bruise. Yesterday, Publicist Tom Miller put Gray and Gary Knafelc on a short TV show before practice – "He's got to relax a little," Miller said, referring to Gray. But not for long! Ken and Gary got back to camp in time to take part in some rough stuff.

#### **MCLEAN HAS NO QUARTERBACK WOES**

AUG 28 (Green Bay) - Coach Scooter McLean of the Packers can choose between a home run hitter and a singles hitter for his quarterback this season, as the occasion demands. For the long, or home run passes as it's called in the NFL, he has Babe Parilli. For the short, hit-'em-where-they-are type of pass, he can call on Bart Starr. The two compliment each other. Parilli, 29, and Starr, 24, divided the quarterback position last season with fair, if not consistent, results. This year, McLean's first as head coach, each is expected to mirror results of incessant practice in his specialty. "Parilli's main problem has been a one track mind," McLean said Thursday as the Packers got ready for a Labor Day exhibition game with the Eagles. "He'd leave that huddle with one man in mind to throw to," McLean continued. "If that man was covered, Babe'd be lost. He'd have trouble picking out the pass defense and then run out of the pocket when he didn't have to and be thrown for a loss. Or, he'd throw anyway, most of the time for an interception. We've been working on him right along and he's thinking a lot better than he did before. I'd say he's shown a lot of improvement." Starr, an Alabaman with two years of NFL experience, is expected to develop into one of the finest quarterbacks in the league. His strong points are an accurate arm and the ability to control the ball, which is the biggest single factor in producing a victory. "There's no question that Starr has come a long way in the last two seasons," McLean said. "He can spot defensive moves and weaknesses real fast and studies all the time. I'd say he has an analytical mind. He knows the other team's movements, studies them before and after each game. Afterwards, he'll come to me and say, 'that



**Fighting Hard**—Harry Horton, above, the rookie defensive end from Wichita, is fighting hard to gain a berth with the Packers . . . And to prove it, he was scrimmaging less than two weeks after breaking his arm. Horton will get a good test against the Eagles at City Stadium Monday afternoon.

(Press-Gazette Photo)

# **Packer Tradees Get Major Test Against Eagles**

**Meilinger, Ford, Kimmel Scheduled  
To Start; Szafaryn With Visitors**

fellow did this or that differently from the last time.' It usually takes more time for a college player to develop into a good pro quarterback, but Starr learns fast. He has a sixth sense about football." McLean said he never sets up his plays with the idea that a particular play will be 65-yard spectacular. "I favor ball control," he said, "but when the long pass is there I want to be able to get it."

#### **PACKER TRADEES GET MAJOR TEST AGAINST EAGLES**

AUG 29 (Green Bay) – The Packers' new coach, Scooter McLean, made three off-season trades in an effort to boost Green Bay fortunes. One already has been scratched – the deal with Detroit for Ray Krouse who wound up with Baltimore at the request of Commissioner Bert Bell. The other two deals will be on display during the Packer-Philadelphia Eagle game at City Stadium Monday afternoon. And Packer fans can start making

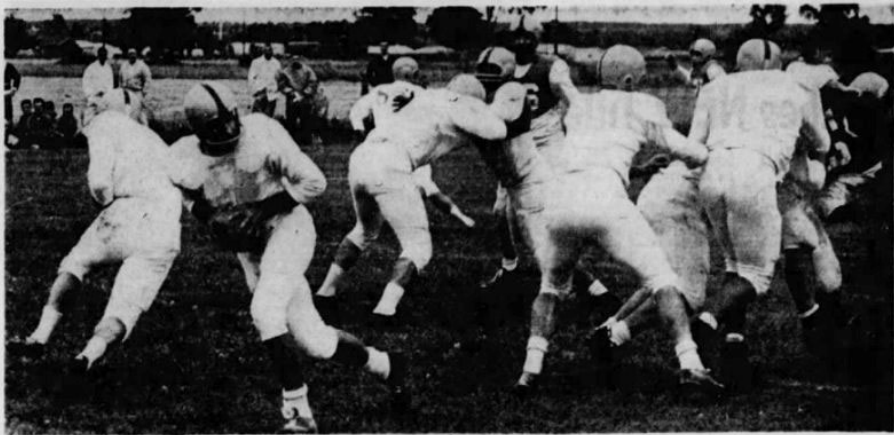
their own judgment of the three obtainees – J.D. Kimmel and Steve Meilinger from the Washington Redskins and Len Ford from Cleveland. Kimmel and Meilinger cost the Packers two defensive halfbacks, Doyle Nix and John Petitbon. The Bays gave the Browns an undisclosed draft choice for Ford. All three will be starters Monday and two of them will be side by side – Kimmel at right defensive tackle and Ford at right defensive end. Meilinger will open at slot back. Kimmel, a 250-pounder, and Meilinger, 230, could reach the peaks of their careers with the Packers since J.D. is only in his fourth pro season and Meilinger in his third. Both hope, expect and are anxious to become factors in lifting Green Bay into the winning class. McLean is hoping that Ford has what he calls “that one more good year.” Big Lennie, 32, a 260-pounder, has been belting in pro football for 10 seasons; that’s better than par for the fastest football course in the world. But Ford feels he can match his previous effectiveness in this “new year” for him. Ford is nursing a pulled leg muscle right now, but he’ll probably be ready when they ring the bell for Monday’s game. The Eagle clash will be like old home week for the three trades since their former home teams and the Eagles played in the same conference. Ford played something like 16 league games against Philly; Meilinger and Kimmel six each. The Eagles’ Kelly green and white won’t be strange to them...With Forrest Gregg back at Camp Carson, Colo., for the purpose of being separated from military service, offensive line coach Nick Skorich has shifted guard Jim Salsbury to Gregg’s offensive left tackle spot. Salsbury, who is rapidly digesting the new plays, will work behind Norm Masters who shared the spot with Gregg...With Kimmel at right tackle, Dave Hanner will move over to left tackle – the spot occupied by Jerry (Shoulder Separation) Hanner. Hanner plays both defensive tackles and he finds offensive tackle no puzzle either. This situation won’t permit Hanner an opportunity to play across from an old teammate, Len Szafaryn, who was traded to the Eagles a year ago. Szafaryn is scheduled to start at offensive left tackle, which puts him across from Kimmel and Ford...Eagles Walt Kowalczyk, the Michigan State great, and Proverb Jacobs, a 255-pound guard-tackle from California, are likely to play key roles against the Pack. Both were in the College All Star game and are just now beginning to catch up with the Eagles’ system. Kowalczyk is battling veteran Dick Bielski for a No. 2 fullback spot behind Clarence Peaks. Packer warriors from the Star game also will be given their first major chance and there are six of them – offensive backs Dick Christy and Jim Taylor, offensive guard Jerry Kramer, and linebackers Dan Currie, Neil Habig and Ray Nitschke...The Packers have two players in St. Vincent Hospital – halfback Jim Shanley, who is nursing a broken nose, and center Mike Hudock, a knee injury. Both may miss Monday’s action, though Shanley might be ready...Packer veterans were happy to hear today that Joe Johnson, one of the best liked players, has caught on with the Pittsburgh Steelers. J.J. from B.C. (Boston College) was purchased from the Pack...The Bays worked hard Thursday in the hot muggy weather and lost some weight. The emphasis was on offense and the drill was topped off with plenty of running for everybody. Most of the giants went down under punts and Scooter called a special “left, right, left, right” drill for the ends and some of the backs. On this exercise, the athlete runs about 30 yards toward Scooter who jogs backward and calls “left, right,” etc. The athlete responds by running in the different directions at full speed.

### PACKERS TACKLE EAGLES MONDAY; KICKOFF AT 4:30

AUG 30 (Green Bay) – Curious about the 1958 Packers? If you are, and who isn’t in these parts, get out to City Stadium Monday afternoon – kickoff is set for 4:30 – and watch the Packers battle the Philadelphia Eagles in a non-championship

## Packer Roster to Date:

QUARTERBACKS				
	Ht.	Wt.	School	Exp.
FRANCIS, Joe	6-1	195	Oregon State	1
PARILLI, Babe	6-1	190	Kentucky	5
STARR, Bart	6-1	200	Alabama	3
HALFBACKS				
BURRIS, Bob	6-1	195	Oklahoma	1
CARMICHAEL, Al	6-1	190	Southern California	6
CHRISTY, Dick	5-10	190	N. Carolina State	1
DILLON, Bobby	6-1	180	Texas	7
GREMINGER, Hank	6-1	195	Baylor	3
HODGE, Roy	6-0	198	Toledo	1
LANCE, Bobby	6-1	194	Florida	1
McILHENNY, Don	6-0	200	SMU	3
ROMINE, Al	6-2	185	Florence	2
SHANLEY, Jim	5-9	170	Oregon	1
SWITZER, Veryl	5-11	195	Kansas State	3
SYMANK, John	5-11	180	Florida	2
FULLBACKS				
FERGUSON, Howie	6-2	220	No College	6
HORNUNG, Paul	6-2	215	Notre Dame	2
PURNELL, Frank	6-0	230	Alcorn A and M	2
TAYLOR, Jim	6-0	205	Louisiana State	1
ENDS				
BORDEN, Nate	6-0	235	Indiana	4
DESCHAIINE, Dick	6-2	220	No College	4
FORD, Len	6-5	260	Michigan	11
HORTON, Harry	6-3	225	Wichita	1
HOWTON, Bill	6-2	190	Rice	7
KNAPFELC, Gary	6-4	215	Colorado	5
KRAMER, Ron (slot)	6-3	219	Michigan	2
McGEE, Max	6-2	205	Tulane	3
MEILINGER, Steve (slot)	6-2	225	Kentucky	3
TEMP, Jim	6-4	235	Wisconsin	2
GUARDS				
BARRY, Al	6-2	235	Southern California	3
BULLOUGH, Hank	6-2	235	Purdue	2
KRAMER, Jerry	6-3	235	Idaho	1
SALSURY, Jim	6-0	235	UCLA	4
SKIBINSKI, Joe	5-10	235	Purdue	4
TACKLES				
CULPEPPER, Ed	6-1	260	Alabama	1
GRAY, Ken	6-2	235	Howard Payne	1
GREGG, Forest	6-3	245	SMU	2
HANNER, Dave	6-2	250	Arkansas	7
KIMMEL, J. D.	6-4	250	Houston	4
MASTERS, Norm	6-2	245	Michigan State	2
SPENCER, Ollie	6-2	250	Kansas	3
CENTERS				
HABIG, Neil	6-0	220	Purdue	1
HUDOCK, Mike	6-2	230	Miami (Fla.)	1
PALUMBO, Sam	6-1	235	Notre Dame	4
RINGO, Jim	6-1	230	Syracuse	6
LINEBACKERS				
BETTIS, Tom	6-2	235	Purdue	4
CURRIE, Dan	6-3	235	Michigan State	1
DANJEAN, Ernie	6-0	230	Auburn	2
FORESTER, Bill	6-3	235	SMU	6
MASSEY, Carlton	6-4	220	Texas	5
NITSCHKE, Ray	6-3	220	Illinois	1



**New Slot Back . . . Protection for the Passer—**  
The Packers welcomed a "new" slot back in camp Sunday, Ron Kramer, the former Michigan ace who caught 28 passes as a Packer rookie last year before

breaking his leg. He's shown in left panel, right, jabbering with the team's two other slotsters—Joe Johnson, left, and Steve Meilinger before dinner at St. Norbert College Sunday night. Ron is here to

test his injured leg. The Packers are shown at the right in a scrimmage session Sunday afternoon. Purpose of the action was to sharpen the pass protection. Quarterback Babe Parilli, with ball, seems

to be getting adequate protection on this play. Over 500 fans turned out for Sunday's workout despite strong cold northwest wind. The Packers play the Eagles here Monday. (Press-Gazette Photos)

contest. Packerland has been wondering about the team ever since Scooter McLean succeeded Liz Blackburn as head coach last January. Monday's fracas won't provide all the answers but certainly the change to a new regime – the fourth in the 40-year history of the Packers – will be noticeable. A crowd of over 20,000 fans is expected – with reasonably good weather, which means no rain. The kickoff was set at 4:30 to give returning vacationers an opportunity to see the 1957 hometown grip opener. Monday's game could be labeled as the Packers' official starting test since the Packer-Steeler game in Milwaukee a week ago Wednesday night was washed down the drain. A deluge ruined just about every opportunity for the Packer staff to evaluate the material. And besides the Steelers won 3-0. The Eagles will give Green Bay a fierce test since they already have played two games, beating the powerhouse Baltimore Colts 30-28 and losing to the Chicago Bears in the mud 3-0. Philly has a new coach, Buck Shaw, the former San Francisco mentor, and a new quarterback, Norm Van Brocklin, late of Los Angeles. Most important, the team has a red-hot spirit, what with the new regime. This won't be the Eagles' only visit to Green Bay this year. They'll be back Oct. 26 for a league battle. Monday's battle could have the earmarks of a league-type crash because each team has nearly 20 players who will be breaking their necks for a chance to stick. Under league rules, the clubs must cut to 43 players (not counting service returnees) by Tuesday. McLean plans to give every Packer who is physically able to move violently an opportunity to play. This will exclude Ron Kramer, who just reported last Sunday and is still testing his injured leg; Mike Hudock, new center who has knee trouble; and possibly halfback Jim Shanley, who has a broken nose. Scooter will lead off with a veteran team, including a backfield composed of Babe Parilli at quarterback, Don McIlhenny at left half, Steve Meilinger at right (slot) halfback, and Paul Hornung at fullback. The line will have Ollie Spencer and Norm Masters at the tackles; Hank Bullough and Al Barry at guards; Jim Ringo at center; and Billy Howton and Max McGee at ends. After they make an initial bid or two, McLean said he plans to give the other veterans, which includes Bart Starr at QB, and the rookies in particular a good chance to show their stuff. One rookie will be tested at two key spots – Joe Francis, the Handy Hawaiian, who will work some at quarterback and at cornerback. Joe will be withheld from QB if the weather is bad...EAGLE DEFENSE PLEASING: Other rookies due for a solid tests are backs Bob Burris, Dick Christy, who is hurting some, Roy Hodge, Bobby Lance and Jim Taylor; linemen Harry Horton, Jerry Kramer, Ed Culpepper, Ken Gray and Neil Habig; and linebackers Dan Currie and Ray Nitschke. The Eagles will show a defense that is especially pleasing to Shaw. The group includes four giant defensive linemen – Don Owens, Sid Youngelman, Jesse Richardson and Marion Campbell. Chuck Bednarik, the Eagles' great middle linebacker, has been shifted to offensive center out of respect to his 32 years and, Shaw says, Bob Hudson has been playing Chuck's position like he's always been there. Due in from service for this game will be Bob Pellegrini, Maryland's fine All-American star who will spell Hudson. Van Brocklin will operate behind a strong offensive line that includes a former Packer, Len Szafaryn, who plays left tackle. The Eagles will start with Bill Barnes and Clarence Peaks as the rushing backs. They plan to give Walt Kowalczyk, the former Michigan State star, a stiff test behind Peaks, another former Spartan. Come to think of it, this should be an interesting situation for Currie who will be tackling two former teammates in Peaks and Kowalczyk.

#### **HEARDEN TO SIT ON PACK BENCH**

AUG 30 (Green Bay) – Guest of honor on the Packer bench during Monday's game with the Eagles at City Stadium will be Tom Hearden, former Packer defense coach. It will be Tom's first football game since 1956, when he was an assistant coach at the University of Wisconsin. Hearden, who rejoined the Packers following that season, has been out of football since suffering a stroke in May of 1957...The Eagles, flying in, are due to land at Austin Straubel Field at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon. They will headquarter at the Hotel Northland...Though he admits forecasting conditions 48 hours in advance is a bit hazardous, the weatherman is confident of cool and clear weather at kickoff item (4:30) Monday.

afternoon, adding that no precipitation is expected...There will be no radio broadcast of the game because of prior commitments – Press-Gazette station WJPG will be carrying the Braves-Chicago Cubs holiday doubleheader...City

Stadium workers, including gatemens, ushers and inside police, are asked to report at the employee's gate not later than 2:15 Monday afternoon. Program sellers are asked to report at 2 o'clock...The Wisconsin Public Service Corp. will run extra buses to New City Stadium for the Packer-Eagle game Monday afternoon. Extra buses will leave Washington and Walnut streets starting at 3:20 p.m. Passengers can take their regular bus to Walnut and Washington and pick a special stadium bus at that site. Direct connections will be made at Walnut and Washington streets with the Dousman bus leaving Marshall and Dennoyers at 3:21 p.m., the Willow bus leaving Irwin Avenue and Berner Street at 3:27 p.m., the Main Street bus leaving Decker Avenue and Henry Street at 3:24 p.m., and the Walnut Street bus leaving Baird and E. Mason streets at 3:42 p.m. and for passengers on the Monroe line.

**VAN BROCKLIN DOESN'T ALWAYS PUNT ON DOWN 4**

AUG 30 (Green Bay) – Fourth down was an unhappy expression in Packerland last year – almost a pair of naughty words. Two fourth down situations cost the Packers a couple of touchdowns and quite possibly a pair of victories – Yale Lary's fourth down punt that set up Detroit's first touchdown in the game here and Joe Arenas' fake field goal dash for a touchdown at San Francisco. And now comes Eddie Hogan all the way from Philadelphia and what does he mention? Fourth Down! The Eagles' publicist was telling about one of his team's two rays of sunshine from California – Norm Van Brocklin, as follows: "He's given us something new to think about. We had four fourth down situations in our 30 to 28 victory over the Colts and he punted on only one of them. And probably the only reason he punted that one time was that the game was just about over and figured the defense could hold out." Where was the ball when Van Brocklin didn't punt on fourth down? "Around midfield," beamed Eddie, "and a couple of times in our own territory. The first fourth down play he passed to Clarence Peaks out in the short flat for a 12-yard gain; the next time he handed off to Bill Barnes for a five-yard gain; and the third time he sneaked for a couple of yards himself. Yeah, each time he made a first down. Guess maybe that's another reason why we love Van Brocklin in Philadelphia." The other California sun-stroker is, of course, Mr. Buck Shaw, the former San Francisco 49er coach, whose first task was getting Van Brocklin for the Eagles. Earlier, as you might remember, Van has "retired" from the Rams but the rumor persisted that the veteran quarterback couldn't get along with LA Coach Sid Gillman. And that reminded Hogan: "After Buck got Van Brocklin, he took Van aside and said, 'all right now we're both Eagles so tell me what really happened between you and Sid!' Van Brocklin, never at a loss for words, explained: 'Nothing really, we both just wanted to coach the Rams.'" Conclusions: Leave us keep the fingers crossed when a fourth down situation comes up at City Stadium Monday. And let's have some sunshine for the sake of the aforementioned ex-Californians – and the gate!...Remember the old tag line – "The Fighting Packers?" It died off a bit in the last few years – probably because it was overworked on the air and in the papers. Maybe it should be revived, judging by the scrimmage action. It's getting so a scrimmage isn't a scrimmage unless the men let fly with tempers and fists...This sort of fighting has wonderful implications – that (1) the combatants mean business and (2) the competition is extremely fierce. The whole set of bruises knuckles could add up to some Packer victories this fall. Put your dukes up, fellers!...QUIZ QUESTION: Who threw the first pass in the Packers' first game of the 1958 season? No, it wasn't Babe Parilli or Bart Starr. It was Paul Hornung, who threw a 12-yard strike (from a rushing back position) to his running mate, Howie Ferguson, on the second play of the Pittsburgh game last week...Earl Falck, the Packer ticket director, tells us that 40 to 60 season tickets are sold over the counter every day at the Packer ticket office. "The other day a guy came in with \$200 for seasons. He said, 'the boss told me to take the money and get some football tickets,'" Earl said.

**FISTFIGHTS NOW TABOO, SAYS SCOOTER**

AUG 31 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - If there are any hard feelings among the Packers, you can bet they'll take them out on the Eagles Labor Day at Green Bay, 4:30 p.m. kickoff. Coach Scooter McLean is annoyed over the mushrooming publicity of camp fights. He vowed Saturday there would no more fistfights among his 54-man squad. "Why, this thing has grown way out proportion," McLean said. "A national magazine wants to send a reporter up here to get the whole story. We're in this business to build a football team. This isn't a Golden Gloves gym." Tempers flared and fistfights broke out the first week of practice. Apparently, very few were sure of their jobs. Thus, competition for 35 berths has become the keenest ever as Green Bay assembled its finest material in a decade. The Packers need a real preseason test really badly. Their initial encounter against the Steelers was no contest, as both clubs got stuck in the mud. "We're not ready for the season yet," Scooter warned. "Far from it. We must get our squad down to a more manageable size," he added. "Our offense has a lot to learn. Week by week we're adding plays and assignments. We'll keep rehearsing them in the preseason games and by the time the Bear

# Football!

**NATIONAL GRAPEFRUIT LEAGUE**

	W	L	T	Pct.	PS	OP
Chicago Bears	2	0	0	1.000	27	7
Detroit	2	0	0	1.000	43	14
Los Angeles	2	1	0	.667	79	33
Cleveland	2	1	0	.667	30	27
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	30	31
San Francisco	1	1	0	.500	30	38
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	.500	3	10
Washington	1	2	0	.333	66	58
New York	1	2	0	.333	36	74
Baltimore	0	2	1	.000	66	88
Chicago Cards	0	1	1	.000	38	55
Green Bay	0	1	0	.000	0	3

**Friday Night's Results**  
 Washington 27, Baltimore 7.  
 Detroit 26, New York 7.  
 Cleveland 13, Los Angeles 10.

**Tonight's Game**  
 Bears at Pittsburgh.

**Sunday's Game**  
 Cardinals at San Francisco.

**Monday's Game**  
**PHILADELPHIA at GREEN BAY**  
 (4:30).

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**Probable Offensive Lineups:**

Green Bay	McGee	LE	Philadelpha	Walston
Masters	.....	LT	.....	Szafaryn
Bullough	.....	LG	.....	Sabal
Ringo	.....	C	.....	Bednarik
Barry	.....	RG	.....	Huxhold
Spencer	.....	RT	.....	Snyder
Howton	.....	RE	.....	Nacrelli
Parilli	.....	QB	Van Brocklin	
McIlhenny	.....	IH	Barnes	
Meilinger	.....	RH	Retzlaff	
Hornung	.....	FB	Peaks	

game rolls around, we should be ready." Scooter admits the club has depth at every position, a situation which optimistic hopes are pinned on. Scooter also realized that when he cuts down to 35, he will be able to really pinpoint his strong and weak points. "So this is a see game for us," McLean concluded. "We'll see how far we've progressed and who we'll keep." McLean, naturally, prefers to win all the time. But his main purpose in the preseason is to get veterans into condition and test his new men. He doesn't have to convince Green Bay fans with an impressive "Grapefruit" record. He wants his bread to be buttered starting September 28. Scooter will suit up 52 players for the Eagle scrap. Veteran tackle Jerry Helluin and rookies halfback Ken Shanley and center Mike Hudock will not play. Helluin is still sidelined with a shoulder separation sustained in an intrasquad tiff. Shanley, an impressive halfback from Oregon, is out with a broken nose and Hudock has a ligament strain, not the result of fistfights. Otherwise, 52 eager gridders are rarin' to show their stuff against Philadelphia. McLean will start an all-veteran unit, directed by quarterback Babe Parilli. He'll intersperse new men, allowing them to perform alongside those with experience. Everyone will be used. Five cuts after the game will be based on their play. Scooter hoped for only two things. 1. That no one will be injured. 2. That it won't rain.

### **5 PACKERS FACE AXE AFTER EAGLE TILT**

AUG 31 (Green Bay) - Labor Day will be an unlucky day for five Packers. Five will get the axe after a preseason showing against the Eagles. Unfair labor practices? A dirty trick on the working man's holiday? But rules are rules...and the NFL says Scooter McLean must lop five off his 54-man squad. The Eagles, fortunately, have already met the necessary limit. In fact, Buck Shaw's club is already cut to a workable 42. The game, therefore, is not just another exhibition as far as the Packers are concerned. Who will be fired...a veteran, rookie, service returnee, or player obtained in a trade? Barring another torrential downpour which marred their first preseason test in Milwaukee, the Packers should be able to handle the Eagles. Anxious to show the home folks how they've progressed after five weeks of practice, Scooter's gang is a fired up lot. Green Bay should have an edge in passing even though the proven Norm Van Brocklin is now pitching for the Eagles. The Packers have the better receivers and two capable passers in Bart Starr and Babe Parilli. The Kentucky Babe will start. He has looked good in practice. He has the confidence of his coach and his teammates. Babe needs this confidence. Parilli will be tossing to Billy Howton, Max McGee and Steve Meilinger. He'll have Don McIlhenny and Paul Hornung to carry the mail. Starr, who is expected to reach great heights this season, will get his first chance in the second quarter. Other subs are Howie Ferguson, Al Carmichael, Gary Knafelc, Veryl Switzer and Frank Purnell giving an idea of the veteran depth Scooter has in his backfield. Also tested will be quarterback Joe Francis, fullback Jim Taylor and halfbacks Dick Christy and Roy Hodge, all rookies. Veteran slotback Ron Kramer, hobbled with a sore knee, is a doubtful player. Van Brocklin, who after nine seasons with the Rams says he hopes "to play 10 more for Buck Shaw," apparently has lost none of his passing artistry. In two exhibitions, Van Brocklin completed 25 of 48 passes for 378 yards and three touchdowns. Walt Kowalczyk, the sprinting blacksmith from Michigan State, Bill Barnes and Pete Retzlaff round out the starting Philly backfield. While fans will keep their eyes on these names, the fiercest competition will take place in the line. Shaw boasts the biggest defensive line in the league. It averages 258 pounds. "It will take a whale of an offensive line to move them," says Shaw. But there's a whale of fight going on in the Packer forward wall...something should give. The Eagles will also bump into a hornet's nest of Packer linebackers. There are Tom Bettis, Dan Currie, Ernie Danjean, Bill Forester, Neil Habig, Carlton Massey, Ray Nitschke and Sam Palumbo. Who will survive the cuts? Monday will tell.

# **Packers Tackle Eagles Monday; Kickoff at 4:30**