

Detroit Lions (1-0) 20, Green Bay Packers (0-1) 16
Sunday September 30th 1956 (at Green Bay)

Detroit Beats Green Bay 20-16 in Bitter Opener

Packers Off to Slow Start; Move Too Late

GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(GREEN BAY) - The Packers were too late with too little offense at City Stadium Sunday afternoon, and the Detroit Lions capitalized for a bitterly-fought 20 to 16 victory before a sellout crowd of 24,668. This NFL opener could have gone either way, even though the Lions had a 20 to 9 lead with 10 minutes left in the bruising battle. At that point, the Packers launched their only concerted drive of the day, roaring 80 yards in nine plays to make it 20-16. Then, with five minutes to go, the Packer defense, which had played brilliantly to keep the Lions down to two TDs, yielded two first downs and there was 1:15 left when the Pack made a last stand. It was too late! This was the Packers' third loss to Detroit by four points in the last five games and the tight, rugged action gave an indication of the fierce battles that will be waged for high Western Division berths. Green Bay faces its traditional enemy, the Chicago Bears, here next Sunday while Detroit visits Baltimore Saturday night. The Colts bumped the highly-rated Bears 28-21 yesterday. The Packer-Lion encounter was jammed with crucial situations, clutch plays and just plain excitement but when it was over the teams were dead even in the touchdown department. Detroit scored two - on one-yard sneaks by Bobby Layne and Bob McIlhenny, and Green Bay counted two on Tobin Rote passes to Bill Howton (eight yards) and Gary Knafelc (five yards). The difference on the scoreboard then would be in the field goal department. Jim Martin boomed home a 48-yarder to give Detroit a 3-0 lead in the first quarter, Fred Cone's 45-yard job made it 10-3 in the second frame, and the Lions' hero, Layne, canned a 15-yard shot for a 13-9 edge at the start of the fourth frame. Detroit, rolling up and down the field for 391 yards, might have won by a big score had it not been for the staunch Packer defense, which was anchored by tackle Dave Hanner, who played one of his greatest games. The Packer offense was cooled down to a mere

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170 yards, including 72 by rushing and 98 passes, and therein was a tale of woe for the enthusiastic crowd. The Packer offense went through the first quarter without making a first down and in four series it was held to 12 yards rushing and four incompleated passes. The second quarter was similar, although the Bays picked up two first downs - one on a 13-yard

run by Rote and the other on Rote's 20-yard pass to Joe Johnson, setting up Cone's field goal. Despite this, the highly-keyed Packers were behind by only 10-3 at the 20-minute intermission. The Packers need an explosion at the start of the third period and they got it - a 59-yard punt return by Jack Losch. Four plays later, Knafelc scored and it was 10-9 as Cone's try for the point hit the upright and bounced the wrong way. With the way the offense was moving, another explosion was needed by the Packers and they got it late in the third quarter when Bobby Dillon intercepted Harry Gilmer's pass on the Packer 45 and crawled and leaped back to Detroit's 40. This was the big break that was needed but Jim David intercepted Rote's pass, which sailed high over Howton - the intended receiver, on the Detroit three. That was the turning point for both Green bay and Detroit. Layne, who had been injured with a vicious block by Hanner halfway through the first quarter, replaced Gilmer for the first time since then and moved the Lions to the Packer five to set up his field goal early in the fourth frame. Three minutes later, he hurled to Dave Middleton for 33 and then plunged for Detroit's last TD. The Packers were terribly mean and wicked on defense. Four or five Lions had to be helped off the field, including Layne, Jug Girard, Bill Bowman, Doran and Gene Gedman. They ran out of fullbacks and halfback McIlhenny wound up at FB. But there didn't seem to be the same type of viciousness on the part of the offense - especially in the line and on the part of blockers for ball carriers. The Bays couldn't turn an end and there was little denting Detroit's line between the tackles - except Howie Ferguson's 14 stripes on a draw play in the fourth frame. The offensive line did, however, furnish Rote with ample protection for his passes but the receivers - especially Knafelc and Al Carmichael, couldn't get loose. Inability to shake away a ball carrier put a tremendous load on the Packer defense which had to look at Lions on 75 plays. The Bay offense had the pigskin for only 47. Despite the toughness of the defense, the Lions came in with 175 yards rushing and 206 passing in 15 completions in 24 attempts. Rote had eight completions in 22 throws. Bart Starr, who replaced Tobin when he knocked himself out briefly running into a wall - Ray Krouse, 275-pound Lion tackle, incompleting one try...The "tight" first quarter saw the Packer defense make its first save, Billy Bookout intercepting a Gilmer pass with an assist from Dillon to end a threat on the Packer 24. Four player later, however, specialist Dick Deschaine got off a poor punt (23 yards). The Bay defense stopped the Lions cold on the Bay 41 so Martin booted his 48-yard field goal. Deschaine's fourth punt of the opening quarter wasn't up to his usual par, the ball sailing only 36 yards to the Detroit 47 from where Detroit scored in nine plays for a 10-0 lead early in the second heat. The big gainers were two runs for 16 yards by Girard and nine and 20-yard Gilmer passes to Doran. The Bay line dug in hard at the goal line but McIlhenny crashed in from a foot out on fourth down. Layne converted.

HITS JOHNSON FOR 20

Rote couldn't find a receiver and bolted 13 yards for the Packer's first down a moment later. He then hit Johnson for 20 to move the Bays into Detroit land for the first time. Johnson and Rote moved eight yards in two trips, but Tobin was kayoed on his trip, running into Krouse. Starr incompleting a short shot to Knafelc and on fourth down held the ball as Cone booted a 45-yard field goal. A key third down tackle by Hanner on McIlhenny, who needed two yards for a first down, set up Losch's punt return. Losch took Yale Lary's boot on the Packer 24, evaded one Lion and sailed up the sideline to the Detroit 17. Rote ran up the middle to the five, Ringo recovered Rote's fumble for a yard gain, and then Rote hurled a strike to Knafelc in the end zone for the touchdown. Cone's boot hit the uprights and it was 10-9. Midway in the third period, Dillon

Strike One!

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

(Western Conference)

	W	L	T	Pct.	PS	OP
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	28	21
Los Angeles	1	0	0	1.000	27	7
Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	20	16
GREEN BAY	0	1	0	.000	16	20
Chicago Bears	0	1	0	.000	21	28
San Francisco	0	1	0	.000	21	38

(Eastern Conference)

	W	L	T	Pct.	PS	OP
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	30	13
Chicago Cards	1	0	0	1.000	9	7
New York	1	0	0	1.000	38	21
Washington	0	1	0	.000	13	30
Cleveland	0	1	0	.000	7	9
Philadelphia	0	1	0	.000	7	27

Sunday's Results

DETROIT 20, GREEN BAY 16.
 Los Angeles 27, Philadelphia 7.
 New York 38, San Francisco 21.
 Baltimore 28, Chicago Bears 21.
 Chicago Cards 9, Cleveland 7.
 Pittsburgh 30, Washington 13.

Saturday Night's Games

Cleveland at Pittsburgh.
 Detroit at Baltimore.
 Washington at Philadelphia.

Sunday's Games

CHICAGO BEARS at GREEN BAY.
 Los Angeles at San Francisco.
 New York at Chicago Cards.

The Lineups:

DETROIT

Ends - Dibble, McCord, Perry, Long, Doran, Mains, Cronin, Middleton.

Tackles - Creekmur, Krouse, Spencer, Miller.

Guards - Sewell, Gandee, Schmidt, Salsbury, Campbell, Martin.

Centers - Ane.

Backs - Layne, Gilmer, Cassidy, Girard, David, Christiansen, Davis, McIlhenny, Gedman, Stitts, Karilivacz, Lary, Hart, Bowman.

GREEN BAY

Ends - Knafelc, Deschaine, Martin-kovic, Barnes, Howton, Borden.

Tackles - Skoronski, Helluin, Sandusky, Hanner, King.

Guards - Skibinski, Bettis, Teteak, Spinks, Brown, Szafaryn, Zatkoff.

Centers - Ringo, Lauer, Forester.

Backs - Rote, Starr, Reid, Johnson, Losch, Gremminger, Capuzzi, Walker, Carmichael, Dillon, Bookout, Ferguson, Cone.

Detroit 3 7 0 10-20
 Green Bay 0 3 6 7-16
 Detroit Scoring: Touchdowns - McIlhenny (1 yard, 4:55 of 2nd), Layne (1 yard, 5:25 of 4th). Extra Points - Layne 2. Field Goals - Martin (48 yards, 13:50 of 1st, Layne (12 yards, 1:25 of 4th).

Green Bay Scoring: Touchdowns - Knafelc (5 yards, pass from Rote, 4:20 of 3rd), Howton (8 yards, pass from Rote, 10:10 of 4th). Extra Point - Cone. Field Goal - Cone (45 yards, 9:20 of 2nd).

Officials: Referee - John Pace; Umpire - James R. Crowe; Back Judge - Yans Wallace; Head Linesman - Dan Tehan; Field Judge - Charles Sweeney.

Team Statistics:

	G. Bay	Det.
First downs rushing	4	9
First downs passing	4	11
First downs penalties	2	3
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	10	23
Yards gained rushing	72	175
Yards gained passing	98	206
TOTAL YARDS GAINED	170	381
PASSES: Attempted	24	24
Completed	9	15
Had Intercepted	2	2
Yds. Intercep. passes ret.	19	7
PUNTS: Number by	7	4
Punting average	40.5	45.7
Number returned by	1	5
Yards punts returned	58	5
KICKOFFS: N'ber ret. by	3	3
Yds. kickoffs returned	68	66
FUMBLES: Number by	3	0
Ball lost	0	0
PENALTIES: N'ber against	4	6
Yds. lost by penalties	40	69

Individual Statistics

Rushing:
 Detroit: Girard gained 52 yards in 13 attempts, Cassidy 45 in 8, McIlhenny 45 in 14, Hart 18 in 6, Dibble 8 in 1, Layne 6 in 6, Gedman 3 in 1, Gilmer minus 1 in 1, Stitts minus 1 in 1.
 Green Bay: Ferruson gained 34 yards in 8 attempts, Rote 30 in 9, Carmichael 6 in 3, Johnson 3 in 1, Reid minus 1 in 2.

Passing:
 Detroit: Gilmer attempted 12, completed 8 for 77 yards, 2 intercepted; Layne attempted 12, completed 7 for 129 yards.
 Green Bay: Rote attempted 23, completed 9 for 98 yards, 2 intercepted, 2 touchdowns. Starr attempted 1, completed 0.

Pass Reception:
 Detroit: Doran caught 5 for 63 yards, Middleton 3 for 66, Dibble 3 for 40, Cassidy 1 for 9, Girard 1 for 7, Hart 1 for 2.
 Green Bay: Howton caught 5 for 76 yards, Carmichael 2 for minus 3, Johnson 1 for 29, Knafelc 1 for 5.

intercepted Gilmer's throw on the Packer 45 and crawled his way back to the Detroit 40. A defensive holding penalty gave the Bays a first down on the Lion 39 but on the next play Rote overthrew Howton and David intercepted on the three.

37-YARD PUNT

Layne entered at this point and hit Middleton with a 17-yarder on a vital third down play. From there, the Lions moved to the Packer five where the defense stopped them cold on three plays. Layne stepped back on the 12 for a field goal and a 13-9 edge. The Bays were tossed back 15 yards in two plays after the next kickoff, and Deschaine had to punt from a point just inside the end line, with the ball on the five. He responded with a 37-yarder and the Lions were on the Bay 42. On the fifth play, Layne hit Middleton for a 33-yard gain and Layne then



One shoe off and one shoe on, Howard Cassady, former Ohio State all-American, really became "Hopalong" as he ran back a kick-off for the Detroit Lions against the Green Bay Packers in the fourth quarter of their National Football league opener at Green Bay Sunday. His left shoe (circled) was left behind as Emery Barnes (85) and Hank Gremminger (46, behind Cassady) tackled him on Detroit's 32 after a 22 yard return. The Lions won, 20-16.

plunged in. His extra point made it 20-9. Green Bay's 80-yard trip opened with a neatly executed 42-yard Rote to Howton pass. Ferguson went up the middle for 14 and the Bays had it on Detroit' 24. On a third down play, Rote was inches short of a first down on the 15 and on fourth down he sneaked for a yard. Rote hurled to Howton for nine, lost three on a keeper and then hit Howton for a touchdown. Cone's kick was good with 5:40 left. The Lions moved from their 32 to the Packers' 30 in nine plays where the Bays held. Martin tried a field goal from the 37, but it went wide. With 1:15 to go and no times out left, Rote hit one pass in three tries, to Howton for eight, and on a fourth down pass Bob Long intercepted. The Lions then stalled out the clock.

DETROIT	-	3	7	0	10	-	20
GREEN BAY	-	0	3	6	7	-	16

	<u>DETROIT</u>	<u>GREEN BAY</u>
First Downs	23	10
Rushing-Yards-TD	51-175-2	23-72-0
Att-Comp-Yd-TD-Int	24-15-206-0-2	24-9-98-2-2
Sacked-Yards		
Net Passing Yards	200	88
Total Yards	375	160
Fumbles-lost	0-0	3-0
Turnovers	2	2
Yards penalized	6-69	4-40

SCORING

- 1st - DET - Jim Martin, 48-yard field goal DETROIT 3-0
- 2nd - DET - Don McIlhenny, 1-yard run (Bobby Layne kick) DETROIT 10-0
- 2nd - GB - Fred Cone, 45-yard field goal DETROIT 10-3
- 3rd - GB - Gary Knafelc, 5-yard pass from Tobin Rote (Kick failed) DETROIT 10-9
- 4th - DET - Layne, 12-yard field goal DETROIT 13-9
- 4th - DET - Layne, 1-yard run (Layne kick) DETROIT 20-9
- 4th - GB - Billy Howton, 8-yard pass from Rote (Cone kick) DETROIT 20-16

RUSHING

GREEN BAY - Howie Ferguson 8-34, Tobin Rote 9-30, Al Carmichael 3-6, Joe Johnson 1-3, Breezy Reid 2-(-1)
DETROIT - Jug Girard 13-52, Don McIlhenny 14-45 1 TD, Howard Cassady 8-45, Leon Hart 6-18, Dorne Dibble 1-8, Bobby Layne 6-6 1 TD, Gene Gedman 1-3, Harry Gilmer 1-(-1), Bill Stits 1-(-1)

PASSING

GREEN BAY - Tobin Rote 23-9-98 2 TD 2 INT, Bart Starr 1-0-0
DETROIT - Bobby Layne 12-7-129, Harry Gilmer 12-8-77 2 INT

RECEIVING

GREEN BAY - Billy Howton 5-76 1 TD, Al Carmichael 2-(-3), Joe Johnson 1-20, Gary Knafelc 1-5 1 TD
DETROIT - Jim Doran 5-63, Dave Middleton 3-65, Dorne Dibble 3-60, Leon Hart 2-2, Howard Cassady 1-9, Jug Girard 1-7

Sidelights: One Game Isn't Season, Liz

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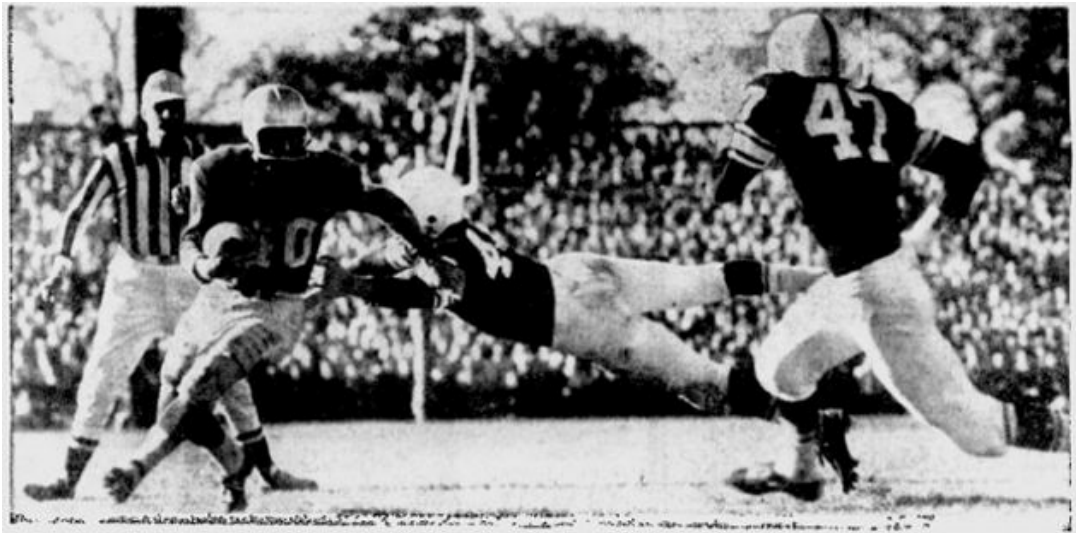
OCT 1 (Green Bay) - "It's good to get out of here with a win - whether it's by four points or half a point or whatever it is." The author of this admission was Raymond K. (Buddy) Parker, affable head coach of the Detroit Lions, and it was born of the memory of the Packers' last-minute 20-17 victory in 1955 as well as a near repeat of that spectacular finish Sunday afternoon. "And, the way it looks, that's about the way it's going to be the rest of the season - real close," the big Texan sighed. "There are an awful lot of good football team in this league." Parker felt that the Lions' defense had been the key to a successful '56 start for a team that lost its first six games a year ago and finished last with a 3-9 mark. "I thought the defense played real good all the way," he declared. In this vein, he admitted "it was a rough one. Both quarterbacks (the Lions' Bobby Layne in the first quarter and the Packers' Tobin Rote in the second) got knocked out. We got three fullbacks (Leon Hart, Bill Bowman and Gene Gedman) hurt, too. I never heard of that before," he said with a wry smile. Though



Harland Carl, fleet former University of Wisconsin back, is one of the offensive threats the Chicago Bears will send against the Packers Sunday afternoon at Green Bay's City stadium.

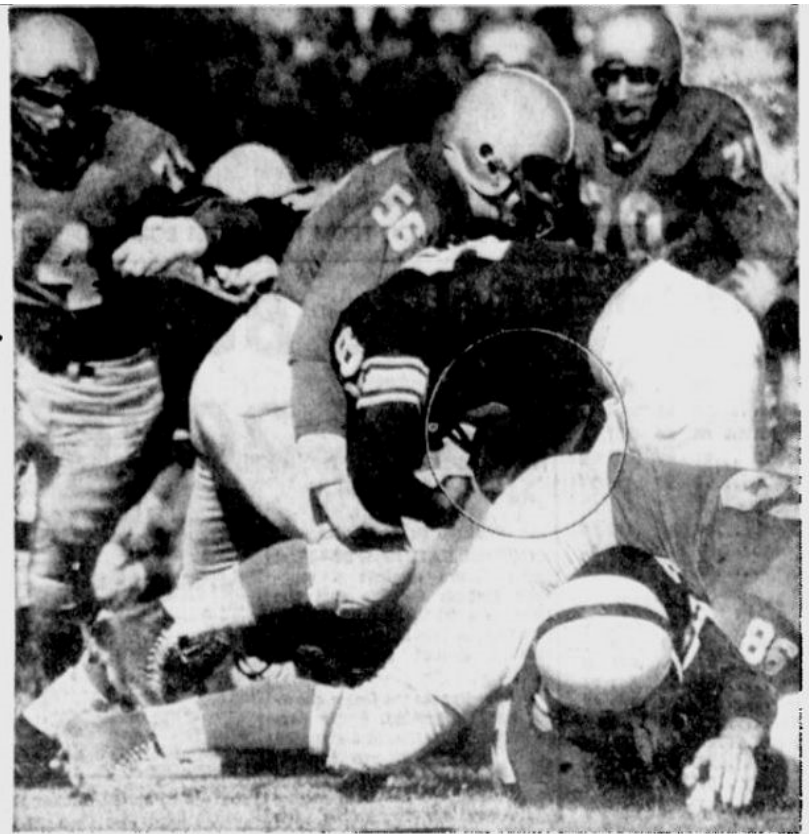
Packer fans probably will concede the Lions were sufficiently formidable yesterday, Parker feels they will be even more so by the time they meet again Thanksgiving Day. "I think we're going to be a little better later on," Buddy explained, not without a gleam of satisfaction. "Dave Middleton's only been with us three days and Bowman has only been back from service a week and a half. In fact, I only intended to play Middleton a little bit today but I had to use him when our three fullbacks got hurt and we were forced to use another offense." No. 1 draft choice Hopalong Cassady wasn't likely to handicap the Lions either, it was ventured. Buddy, unable to conceal a smile at the mere mention of Hoppy's name, replied with obvious conservatism, "Yes, Cassady's going to be a good football player." Assaying the Packers, the Lions' head man said, "they're a real good football team - they're going to be heard from. That Rote's getting to be real tough. And Knafelc's so much better than he's ever been." Nothing that the Colts had beaten the Bears, the Lions' chain-smoking head man expressed concern about Detroit's date in Baltimore Saturday night as he was leaving. "They're going to be tough," he sighed. "They're always tough at home the first of the season and this will make 'em that much tougher."...Earlier at City Stadium, Packer Coach Liz Blackburn had immediately made it plain to his players he didn't feel they had failed him. "All right, nice going," Blackburn barked as he followed his silent athletes into the dressing room. "You all played good, hard football. And don't forget, one game doesn't make a season." At this point, he asked the only visible reporter to step outside so that he might address the team privately. Later, though they were far from satisfied with the outcome, a number of players exchanged congratulations for an all-out effort and there was general, matter-of-fact conversation. Rookie Jack Losch, whose 59-yard punt return had sparked the Packers' second half resurgence, admitted he might have gone all the way. "I fooled around with those guys up field too long, trying to juke 'em," the jet-powered freshman explained. Another rookie, Texan Hank Gremminger, had a simple four-word explanation of what had happened on the Layne pass to Middleton that set up the Lions' winning touchdown on the Packer one-foot line. "I tripped and fell," he said, glumly, adding, "We should have won this one." There was no mystery involved as far as Al Carmichael was concerned. "It was just a matter of who got the breaks, that's all," Al, peeling off a sock in front of his locker, asserted. A couple of feet to his right, 1955 hero Gary Knafelc was waxing philosophical. "We'll have a better year than we did a year ago," he was figuring. "Last year, we won our first two and finished with six-six. This

year, we lost our first one and we'll probably win the league."...Reviewing the situation later, Blackburn repeated, "One game doesn't make a season." "I don't think there's too much difference between our team and their team," he insisted. "It just took us too long to get started – we wasted the first quarter." At the same time, he felt "the defense played fine football and I thought Hanner was the best man on the field." As to any possible changes in the Packer lineup,



LIONS' CASSADY EVADES "FLYING" DILLON, BUT IS DUE TO BE GROUNDED BY WALKER (47) AFTER 6-YARD GAIN IN 4TH QUARTER. Sentinel photo by Ernest Anheuser via Midwest Airways, Inc., Piper Apache plane

Blackburn said, "I think there'll be a little more Johnson and a little less Carmichael." Johnson caught a 20-yard pass from Rote to set up Fred Cone's field goal in the second quarter. "That interception down in the corner killed us," Blackburn said, adding in almost the same breath, "That's the third loss to those guys by four points in less than three years."...ANOTHER FIRST: The Packers collected another in a long list of first as principals in the first game telecast ever to originate from City Stadium. As a result, the stadium press box was literally bulging at the seams since a 22-man crew was required for the CBS transmission. Two cameras were located in the new television booth atop the stadium, one on its roof and one of the sideline. This phase required four cameramen and five maintenance men and supervisors. Two other six-man production crews were stationed in separate booths in the press box's radio section, one of them for the CBS regional telecast and the other for a separate transmission to Detroit. There also was an operative stationed on the field for the purpose of coordinating with the booths on timeouts. The crew, dispatched from Milwaukee, functioned under the supervision of Art Schoenfuss, director of operations. One of their number, Cameraman Pay Lupone, said that all of the facilities provided were "entirely satisfactory." Televised, along with the game, were the Menominee, Mich., DAR Boys' Club exhibition between halves and the Packer Lumberjack band's pregame performance. The drum and bugle corps, a national champion, dedicated its presentation to the Packers' Dick Deschaine, a Menominee native, and the Lions' Jug Girard, who hails from Marinette...

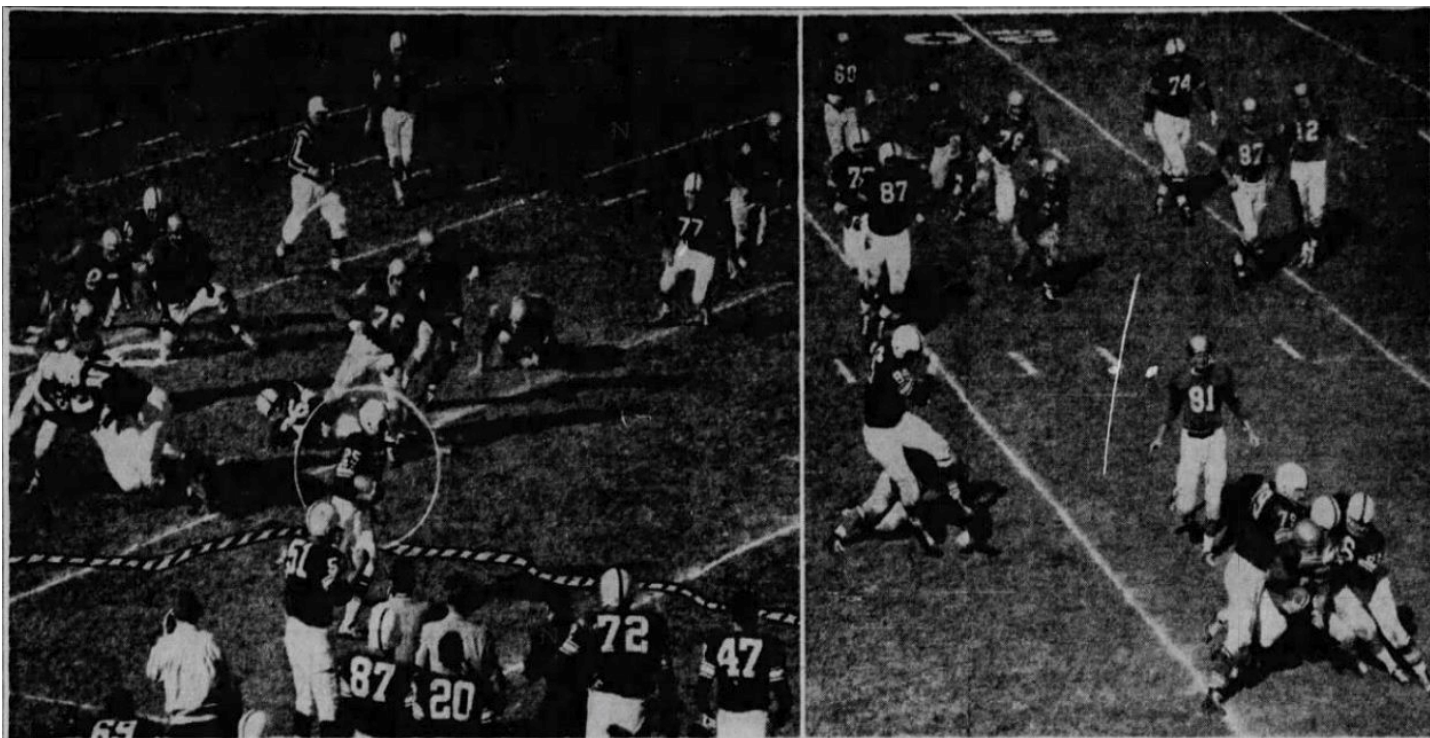


This was the rule rather than the exception — the above Lions' welcome committee which repeatedly greeted Packer running backs in Sunday's NFL Opener. Al Carmichael is stopped by Joe Schmidt after

advancing the ball (circle) two yards to the Packer 28 in the first quarter. Bob Miller comes in at left to help, while Bob Long rests upon a Packer in the foreground.

Sentinel Photo by Ernie Anheuser via Midwest Airways, Inc. Piper Apache plane

...RUGGED AS EVER: Tobin Rote has taken more than a few hard knocks in his time but he demonstrated again yesterday that he's as indestructible as ever. The Lions' 270-pound Ray Krouse felled the hard-nosed Texan with a crushing block from the side in the second quarter that put him out of action – temporarily. Minutes later, when Trainer Bud Jorgensen came over to Rote to bind his wounds, Tobin waved him away, growling, "Let's forget about the damn scratches."...HOPPY HARNESSSED: The Lions' Hopalong Cassidy never had a chance in his first official act as a pro. He was dropped squarely in his tracks by a vicious Deral Teteak tackle after gathering in a towering punt by Dick Deschaine shortly before the intermission. He made a first down two plays later, however, wriggling his way for 15 yards...SARTORIAL NOTE: The Packers baptized their new uniforms in this one.



Off to the Races—Three on One—Jack Losch, the Packers' speedy rookie half-back, is circled in picture at left on his 59-yard punt return in second quarter against Detroit Lions at City stadium Sunday. The runback set up Bays' first touchdown. Losch caught ball on Packer 33 and ran to Detroit 17. In lower right corner of picture on right, Lions' Don McIlhenny is lowered to ground by three Packers—(left to right) Dave Hanner, Bill Forester and Deral Teteak. Leaping

over Lion at left is Packer rookie Emery Barnes. Other identifiable Packers in two pictures are Hank Gremminger (46), John Sandusky (77), Jerry Helluin (72), Nate Borden (87), Roger Zatkoff (74) and on sidelines Bill Forester (69), Jim Ringo (51), Billy Bookout (20) and Val Joe Walker (47). Identifiable Lions are Bob Long (86), Jim Salsbury (60), Lou Creekmur (76), Harley Sewell (66), Dave Middleton (81), Dorne Dibble (87) and Harry Gilmer (12).

They include dark green jerseys with white arm bands, green socks, white trousers and white helmets with a single green stripe down the center...**SMALL TURNOUT:** Only three scouts, an unusually small representation for the "private eye" fraternity, were in evidence in the press box. They were Herman Ball, former Washington and Pittsburgh coach now in the employ of the Baltimore Colts; the Chicago Bears' omnipresent Walter Halas; and Ray Truske of the San Francisco Forty Niners...**BIG DAY:** More than 600 Press-Gazette carriers were guests of the newspaper at the game. They included newsboys from the Greater Green Bay area and those from 71 smaller communities scattered over an 11-county area throughout northeastern Wisconsin.

LIONS' DEFENSE BEAT US - LIZ

OCT 2 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - The Packers had their sights set on making hay against Western Division toughies this season, but had an off day Monday to forget about their 20-16 loss to the Lions Sunday while their coach, Liz Blackburn, tried to explain what went wrong. "Their defense did it," Blackburn insisted from his Green Bay office. "They forced us to give up the ball too many times. We did a remarkable job holding them to 20 points." Blackburn wasn't bitter, rather more disappointed at his Packers' ineffective offense. But realizing the Lions' defense kicked the daylights out of almost everything the Packers tried, Liz said there would be an immediate stepup in offensive preparations for next Sunday's annual slugfest with the Bears. Asked what was the best part of the Packers' showing. Liz shot back: "Defense. But when Detroit controlled the play so much it forced too much of a load on our defense. I thought they played a terrific game." Recalling the close games between these two clubs, Blackburn added: "These Lion-Packer games have always been good games; they've always been close contests between a lot of good boys." The Packer boss made one point extra clear. "There are no changes, personnel-wise, in sight. Their first loss taught us many things. We've got to step up our scoring punch and be ready to smash the Bears. Sure, the boys were disappointed. But they'll be up for the Bears." Rote had good protection every time he went back to pass. Tackles Bob Skoronski and John Sandusky have plugged up glaring weaknesses of old. But what raised havoc with Rote's aerial performance was that Lion pass defense. Ends Gary Knafelc and Billy Howton had trouble shaking their pesky foes. Knafelc, it is hoped, just had a bad day. His five-yard touchdown catch was his only completion. Howton caught five for 76 yards - the big one being a 42 yarder in the fourth quarter which led to the Packers' second touchdown. One thing for sure, the Packers never gave up. Trailing, 20-9, in the fourth quarter, the Bays powered back 80 yards in nine plays for a quick touchdown to squelch for any thought that the Lions were going to break this game wide open. An inept first quarter, in which the Packers could not muster a single first down, hurt badly. The Lions won the ball game, but were a pretty physically beaten bunch after the game. No less than six had to be helped off the field. "Our boys were really smacking," Liz admitted. "They had to be to keep us in the game." No serious injuries were reported by Blackburn, "just some real good bruises."

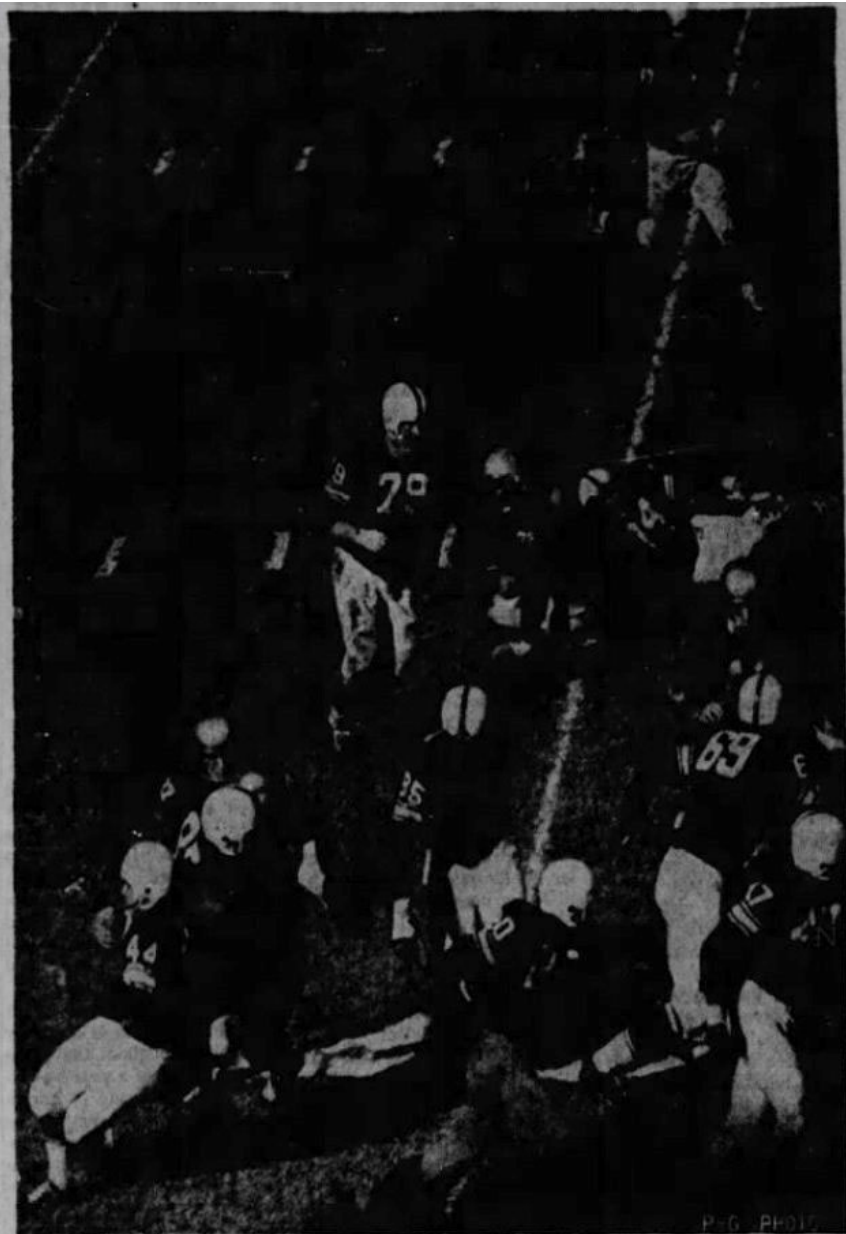
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OCT 2 (Green Bay) - And now the Chicago Bears, and, more important, a chance to gain an even break! In fact, both the Packers and Bears will be battling at City Stadium Sunday afternoon with the same goal – a 1-1 record in the NFL on Monday morning. It's unusual for the Packers and Bears to collide on the same field with 0-1 marks, but that was the situation in '54 when the Bays lost a one-pointer to Pittsburgh and the Bears were skidded by Detroit 48-32 in their starters. The following Sunday, the Bears made off with a 10-3 verdict in muddy and watery City Stadium. A year ago, the Bays went into the Bear game with a 1-0 while the Bears had 0-1, with the Packers coming out with a 24-3 victory. Both the Packers and Bears were surprised Sunday since both clubs were confident of winning their openers, but the Detroit Lions beat our boys here 20-16 and the Baltimore Colts whipped George Halas' boys 28-21. Baltimore's win was somewhat shocking because the Bears had been boomed since last January as the '56 champion. In other Western Division games this weekend, Detroit invades Baltimore Saturday night and Los Angeles goes to San Francisco Sunday. From the Packers' standpoint, the hopes are (1) a victory over the Bears, (2) a tie between Baltimore and Detroit, and (3) a win for San Francisco over Los Angeles. That would put everybody in a virtual knot, although the Colt-Lion tie (what a dreamer, we are) would leave the two clubs with 1.000 marks. While fans were busy today figuring out what could happen, Packer coaches were also busy trying to straighten out the Packer offense. Coach Liz Blackburn revealed after the Detroit game Sunday that the Lions concentrated on one of the keys, Gary Knafelc, to the Bay scoring power "and stopped him. We made a number of switches to correct the situations, but we weren't as effective"...**SETTLES FOR ONE CATCH:** The Bears, who scouted the game with a fine tooth comb, undoubtedly were aware of the Bays' offensive difficulties that produced only 170 yards, including 72 rushing and 98 passing. Knafelc had to settle for one catch – an important one at that. It went for the Bays' first touchdown. Gary's receiving partner, Billy Howton, caught five – one for 42 yards that set up his own touchdown catch. Tobin Rote threw both TD strikes. Two other Packers caught passes. Al Carmichael nailed two but they totaled up to a minus three yards and Joe Johnson picked one off for 20 yards...And speaking about passing, did you note that the Los Angeles Rams passed for only 60 yards in their 27-7 victory over Philadelphia Sunday. They had eight completions in 18 attempts. The Rams, however, rushed for 234 yards. In the Chicago Cardinals' spectacular 9-7 victory over the Cleveland Browns, the Cards settled for 68 yards passing on seven completions in 16 attempts. But the winners had 276 rushing. Incidentally, the Cardinals called defensive signals via tiny radios in the helmets of some of the defensive players. Reportedly, the one goof-up came when the Browns had a third-down-two situation on the Cardinals' 42. The radio voice upstairs called for a goal line defense, figuring the Browns would try to rush for the first down. George Ratterman crossed 'em up with a 42-yard touchdown pass for the game's only TD. Pat Summerall's three field goals won it for the Cards. The Packers had a third and two situation on the play after Rote was hurt Sunday. Bart Starr, the rookie quarterback who went in for Tobin, called a short pass to Knafelc to the left, but Gary dropped the low throw. On fourth down, Fred Cone booted a 45-yard field...Sunday's Packer-Bear game has been a sellout for two weeks, which means that the attendance will reach 24,668 – not counting a couple of thousand kids who crawl under, over and through the rickety fences around the stadium.

ROTE GETS PROTECTION BUT CATCHERS CAN'T GET IN CLEAR

OCT 2 (Green Bay) - One of Packer coach Liz Blackburn's big objectives this year was to provide more protection for quarterback Tobin Rote. That goal, on the basis of Sunday's tussle with the Detroit Lions, has been reached – thanks to the Bays' offensive line. Rote wasn't the harassed, chased and abused quarterback that he had to be so many times in his previous six seasons. The few times he was forced to peel the pigskin and eat it was due chiefly to an unexpected trouble. Packer receivers couldn't get in the open! Detroit's defense was having a spectacular afternoon, tenting Gary Knafelc, Billy Howton and Al Carmichael – the three chief Bay catchers. The Lions acted like they'd had Knafelc on their minds for over a year. And there was good reason for that. It was Gary who caught the pass that whipped the Lions here in '55. The '56 Detroit defense, tougher and faster with the return of Yale Lary from service, aimed its collective fire at long Gary – the key in the Packer offense. To make it worse, Carl Karilivacz, assigned specifically to Gary, had the good fortune to play his greatest game Sunday. The pressure of Knafelc was tremendous but it wasn't tough enough to bother him from taking Rote's bullet in the end zone for the Packers' first touchdown. But that was the only pass Gary caught, although he dropped two



Bobby in 'Reverse?'—Defensive halfback Bobby Dillon appears to be running backwards here after intercepting Harry Gilmer pass in third quarter. Interference formed rapidly for Dillon, who picked off pass on Packer 45 and returned it to Detroit 40, as evidenced above. Nate Borden, lower left corner, holds off Charlie Ane as Dave Hanner (79), Emery Barnes (85), Billy Bookout (20), Bill Forester (69) and Val Joe Walker (47) swing up field. Also identifiable is Roger Zatkoff (74), on ground.

tosses, including a 30-yarder on which he worked into the open. While the Packers were virtually helpless in the matter of rushing, the value of completing a long pass was really hammered home when Howton snared Rote's shot for a 42-yard gain in the fourth quarter. That one blast apparently shocked the Lions because on the next play fullback Howie Ferguson ripped 14 yards up the middle. That, by the way, was the only two-figure gain by a Packer back all afternoon other than Rote, who had runs of 12 and 13 yards. Even after Ferguson's run, the Packers couldn't loosen up Detroit's defense. On the next play, Breezy Reid tried a pitchout to the left side, but, ugh, the Lions were waiting. Ferguson tried that draw again and it gained two stripes. Rote shouldered the Packer offense by keeping for nine, sneaking for one on fourth down on the 14, throwing to Howton for nine, losing three on a keeper and then hurling to Howton for the touchdown...BITS: The Packers rushed with the ball 23 times; Detroit 51 – more than double. Each team tried 24 passes, with the Lions completing 15 and the Packers nine. Packer halfbacks Carmichael, Breezy Reid and Joe Johnson lugged only six times – Al 3 for 6, Johnson 1 for 3 and Reid 2 for minus 1. Fullback Howie Ferguson moved 34 yards in eight trips and Rote ran nine times (about four of them unintended) for 30 yards. The number of rushes by the two teams indicates that Detroit was able to control the ball and thus exert tremendous pressure on the Bays' most effective unit – defense, which had to be played beautifully to hold Detroit down to 20 marks. Everybody in the park had to admit the Packers' Dave Hanner was the best man on the field. Big Carrot Head had 12 clean tackles himself and he set up many others. It's tough for a tackle to set up a touchdown but his nailing of Don McIlhenny behind the line of scrimmage for a two-yard loss on third down (the Lions needed two for a first

down) set up the punt that Jack Losch returned 59 yards. The Packers scored their first TD six plays later. The rugged Bay defense saw Hank Gremminger, the rookie cornerback, come in with nine tackles; Jerry Helluin seven, Roger Zatkoff eight, Bill Forester six, Nate Borden six, Deral Teteak five, Emery Barnes five, Val Joe Walker four, Tom Bettis four, Don King three, Bobby Dillon two, Billy Bookout two and John Martinkovic one.

STARTED TOO LATE, SAYS BLACKBOURN

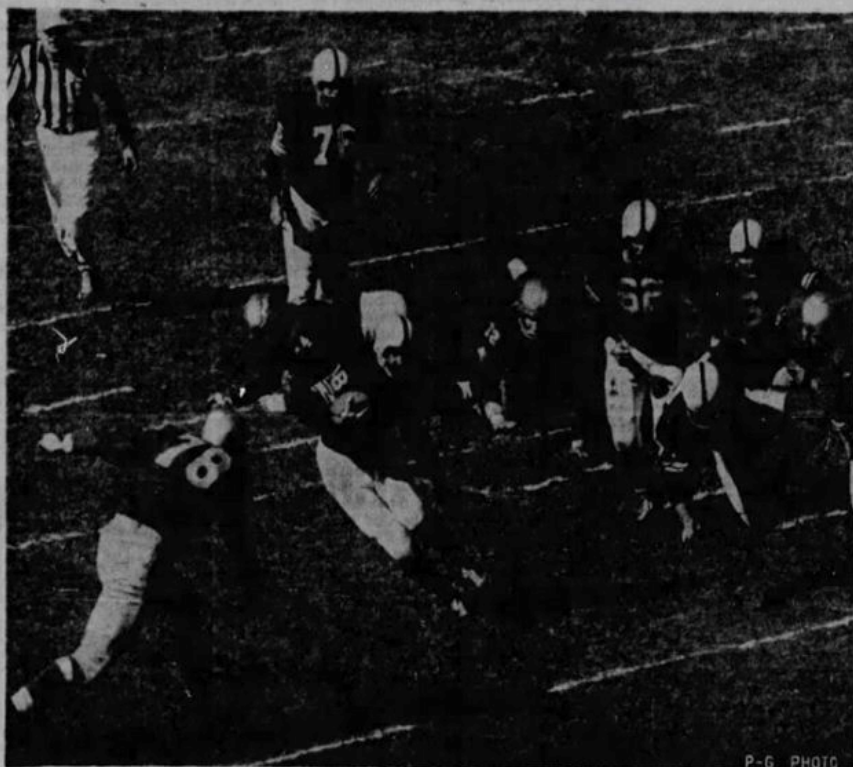
OCT 2 (Milwaukee Journal) - Lisle Blackburn smiled a little grimly in the Packers' dressing room under the stands of City Stadium at Green Bay. It was late Sunday afternoon and the place was almost deserted. Most of the players had left after having lost to the Detroit Lions, 20-16. The veteran coach answered each question slowly and fully, but he had a snap to his voice and fire in his eyes. He does not lose easily. He wants to win too badly. "We lost it by wasting the whole first quarter," he said. "Not even a first down. It took us a long time to find out how good (Carl) Karilivacz, defensive back, is. Once we found out, we played well enough. Look over there," Blackburn said, pointing at the blackboard, on which were circles and X's, depicting a play. "They played their defense just the way we wanted them to. They rotated their deep men to meet our power. That left one on one for Knafelc. Now that's what we wanted. We can beat teams when there's only one man to cover Knafelc. But we couldn't beat Karilivacz. We tried and tried, but he was too good. I don't know if he's that good all

the time, but he was that good today." Maybe it was that Knafelc wasn't having a very good day? "It's hard to get down on him," Blackbourn said. "He won for us against them a year ago. No, I'd say it was just too much Karilivacz." Blackbourn stared at the floor a moment and then looked up. "After we found out what we couldn't do against Karilivacz, we opened 'em up in the middle and moved all right." he said. "But you can't waste a whole quarter and hope to beat Detroit, or any other team in this league. Say, that Detroit line is good. Their whole defense is good, but I'd say our defense did everything that could be expected of it, too. Their running backs are good. We didn't do much on the ground. Maybe we'll try Johnson more at halfback next week - in place of Carmichael. That's the only change I have in mind now." Someone mentioned that Baltimore had beaten the Chicago Bears. The Bears will play the Packers at Green Bay Sunday and Baltimore will meet Detroit at Baltimore. "I didn't think Baltimore could do it," Blackbourn said. "Well, they're all tough in this division. Detroit had better watch out because they're going over to Baltimore all crippled up. We hurt them today. Their halfbacks and fullbacks are banged up. Layne's shoulder might have been all right when he came back in today, but after it cools off and stiffens he may have trouble. That's a chronic injury and could put them on a spot. Sure, Gilmer did a good job filling in - he's looked good all fall - but he's not Bobby Layne." Someone asked Blackbourn if he realized how completely Detroit had dominated the statistics. "Yes," the coach said. "We expected that. We still could have just as well won. We spotted them the first quarter and never caught up. We had the chance, though. You always like to win that first one - it means so much. Now we'll just have to win more later."

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OCT 3 (Green Bay) - Who could forget that sunny day in Chicago last November. The score was Bears 52, Packers 31. It was 28 to 3 at the half and 38 to 3 going into the fourth quarter. The Packers ripped off 28 points in the last quarter, but the Bears added 14 for a wild 42-mark period. It was a tremendous offensive show for ticket buyers and television viewers, but it was downright embarrassing for the Packers, who had beaten the Bears by the same margin, 21 points (24-3), in Green Bay earlier. During the first three quarters, the Packers fumbled four times and the Bears recovered all of 'em - three on kickoffs. The Bears ran and blocked like a bunch of wild men, knocking the Packer defensive aces for a loop - not to mention 399 yards rushing. The two biggest thorns in the Packer sides were Bobby Watkins and Rick Casares, left half and fullback, respectively, and both will be in Bear silks when the Chicagoans invade City Stadium Sunday. Watkins and Casares each gained 115 yards in the 83-point hurricane, which makes for a total of 230. Both murder on pitchouts, Watkins made his total on 14 trips and Casares performed his in 16. Oddly enough, the game's leading ground gainer that day was the Packers' blasting fullback, Howard Ferguson, who ripped off 120 yards in 17 trips. But Howie had little help since the Bays settled for 151 yards rushing, which was still 79 more than the Pack picked up in losing to Detroit 20-16 last Sunday. While Watkins and Casares ripped the Packers to shreds in Chicago, the Bays held 'em pretty well in check in the opener here. Watkins picked up 50 yards in 10 trips for a healthy five-yard average while Casares had 23 in three rides - a better than seven-yard average. Thus, they gained 157 fewer yards in Green Bay but they also had 17 less carries than in the nightcap in Chicago. Returning with sophomores Watkins and Casares is veteran John Hoffman, who can catch and run equally well. Backing up these three veterans are three highly-rated rookies - Don Bingham of Sul Ross State, Perry Jeter of California Poly and Harland Carl of Wisconsin. Jeter already has gained a fantastic reputation for his running. He stands only 5-9 but carries 180 pounds and plenty of swift. He lugged five punts back for touchdowns in the exhibition state and reeled off a 51-yard TD return of a punt in the Bears' 28-21 loss to Baltimore last Sunday...The Packers launched Bear Week practice yesterday with an offensive session. Packer Coach Liz Blackbourn is in hopes of juicing up the Bays' point output which added up to two touchdowns, one extra point and one field goal in the loss to Detroit. Both TDs came on



First First Down—Packer quarterback Tobin Rote is en route to the first Packer first down in this second quarter action as Lions' Darris McCord (78) closes in from left. Rote picked up 13 yards on play. Also identifiable are Packers' Bob Skoronski (76), Buddy Brown (62), John Sandusky (throwing block) and Skibinski (63).



Lions' Leon Hart Is Stopped on One-Yard Line; TD followed

Tobin Rote passes to Gary Knafelc and Bill Howton. Running and passing were emphasized Tuesday and more of the same was scheduled for today...BRIEFS: Sunday's game could be the 74th, 75th or 76th game between pro football's arch rivals. It's the 74th if you don't count an exhibition played in Milwaukee over 20 years ago and the 1941 division playoff. At any rate, with those two games, the Packers won 25, lost 44 and tied six. Which would make it the 76th. Actually, it's the 74th regularly-scheduled league game between the two clubs and the 76th game between the two teams. The teams also played some postseason games in California in the old days...Earl Gillespie, the one-time WJPG sports director who is the voice of the Milwaukee Braves, is here for a few days to study the Packers. Earl will start broadcasting Packer games next Sunday with WJPG's Tony Flynn as his sidekick. Tony handled the Packer-Detroit game last Sunday while Earl finished up with the Braves. Had the Braves made the World Series, Tony also would have play-by-played next Sunday's Packer game...The Bears moved into Wrigley Field today for practice. They worked yesterday in Soldier's Field while sodding of the Wrigley infield was completed...Sunday's sellout game of 24,668 will include some 100 former Packer players who are coming in for the annual Alumni celebration. There will be a reception after the game at the Beaumont Hotel.

6 WESTERN DIVISION CONTENDERS - HALAS

OCT 3 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - Papa Bear himself, George Halas, said Tuesday he was hardly discouraged watching his much heralded Bruins bow in their opener against the Colts, 28-21, at Baltimore Sunday. "I'll be delighted if we win just one of our first three games," said the Bear owner, who turned over the coaching reigns to his old assistant Paddy

Driscoll this season. "That would be a 100 percent improvement over last season," Halas coyly observed. (The Bears lost their first three games under Georgie last fall and then went on to win six in a row, the longest winning streak in the NFL). Halas tried to brush off the champion-in-the-making tag predicted by most preseason observers. "That was a figment of the imagination by the typewriter boys. No coach in his right mind would predict such a silly thing. There are six contenders in the Western Division, six of them." Getting back to the Colt game, Halas pointed out that quarterback George Shaw had an exceptional "hot" afternoon. "I doubt if he will be that effective the rest of the season. (Shaw completed 19 of 25 passes for 253 yards). But that Baltimore club is coming up with something. Lenny Moore, Alan Ameche and L.G. Dupre are fine runners. They hurt us." Owner George wasn't too pleased with the Bears' pass defense. "We've got a job to do there. Our offensive unit is a good one with Ed Brown, Rick Casares, Gene Schroeder, Harlon Hill and Bobby Watkins. We've got some fine guards (Stan Jones and Bill George)." Asked about the Wisconsin boys, Harland Carl and Jim Haluska, Halas was in the praising mood again. "Carl looks like he's going to be a good pro halfback. He likes the game and is learning fast. He teamed with Watkins against the Colts and handled himself well." Haluska didn't play against Baltimore, but Halas wants to keep him, insisting "I think we've got one here." Perry Jeter, the scatback rookie, also was mentioned. "He raced

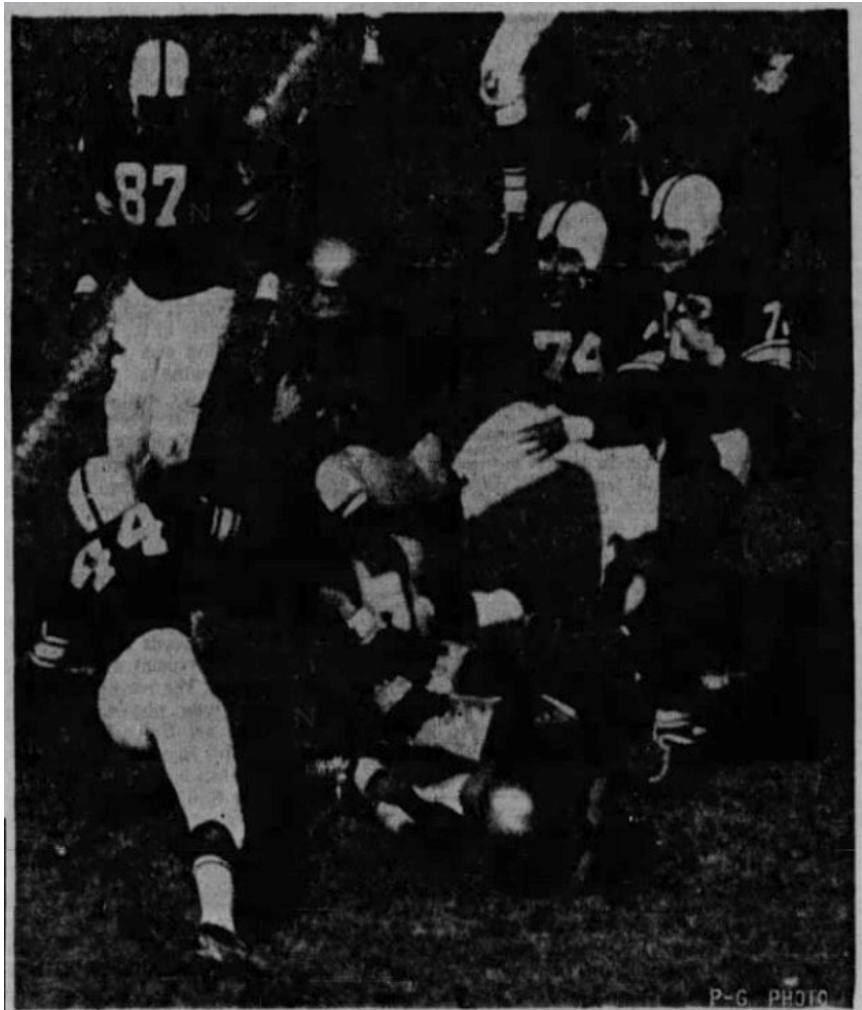
51 yards on a punt return against the Colts. He sure has speed." The Bears came out of the Baltimore game physically sound. Halas then said, "Heard the Packers really beat up the Lions. Green Bay always played a socking game." Halas' parting shot was "don't count those Packers out. They'll be in this thing to the end with the rest of us."

HARDLY ANY CHANGE

OCT 3 (Milwaukee Journal) - The NFL has hardly changed from last year. Favorites are still getting their lumps. Oddsmakers had San Francisco, Green Bay, Washington, Chicago Bears, Los Angeles and Cleveland all favored from three to nine points. All lost but Los Angeles...The openers were rough on new coaches - Paddy Driscoll of the Bears, Frank Albert of San Francisco and Hugh Devore of Philadelphia...Packer alumni will get together at the Beaumont Hotel in Green Bay after Sunday's game with the Bears...In a way, Jim Lee Howell, New York coach, outsmarted himself as the Giants beat San Francisco. He started quarterback Don Heinrich to test the 49ers' defense. He planned to bring in veteran Charlie Conerly to take advantage of the findings. Heinrich passes for two touchdowns, and had the Giants head, 24-0, before Howell took him out...The Chicago Cardinals used the split-T (college variety) to get position for their winning field goal against Cleveland. This is not recommended for the health of a pro quarterback, but the Cardinals got away with it...George Shaw, Baltimore quarterback, completed 14 out of 15 passes in the first half against the Bears...Paddy Driscoll, Bears' new coach, assays Baltimore thusly: "Vastly improved over last year. More depth. Shaw a great quarterback against us..."...The Bears' offense was not bad, just spotty. Ed Brown played most of the game at quarterback and did not get too good protection. Penalties and fumbles cost the Bears dearly...The Packers are looking for more running help from their halfbacks and some openings for fullback Howie Ferguson to run through.

PACK TO EXERCISE CARE ON OWN, BEAR THIRD DOWN PLAYS

OCT 4 (Green Bay) - Keep your fingers crossed when the Chicago Bears step up to the line of scrimmage for third-down plays at City Stadium Sunday. Also, when the Packers step up for a third-downer make with the noisy encouragement. Most games are won or lost on third down plays. Making the necessary yardage for a first down on a third down means another series. Failure to make the necessary yardage means a punt if you're in your own territory. Packer coach Liz Blackburn, kicking around last Sunday's Detroit game before addressing the Packer Quarterback meeting last night, pointed to two third-down successes that "really hurt us." The first rough one was midway in the third period when the Packers had Detroit on the Lions seven with third and six coming up. Bobby Layne then hurled to Dave Middleton for 17 and "that got 'em out of the hole." Had the Packers held, Yale Lary would have had to punt from the end zone. The second damager came early in the fourth quarter. Detroit had third down and 13 on the Packer 35 and easily made the yardage when Layne hit Middleton for 33 stripes, setting up the TD that gave the Lions a 20-9 edge. There was another damager after the Bays cut the score to 20-16 with five minutes left. The Lions needed four on third down on their own 38 and got it on Layne's 10-yard pass to Dorne Dibble. That play helped the Motors eat up valuable time. In all, Detroit had 17 third down plays and was successful on five of them - one each in the first and third quarters and three in the last quarter. That doesn't sound like many successes on third down but the Packers were even more unsuccessful, making only one out of 12 - that coming on Tobin Rote's 13-yard run in the second quarter when the yardage need was 12 due to a two-yard loss on first down. Blackburn told quarterbacks gathered in the WBAY-TV studio that "the real bad break, and we got a lot of them, was the roughing penalty in the third quarter." The Packers had held Detroit



Surrounded—Lions' Don McIlhenny is surrounded by Packers as he nears end of nine-yard gain to Detroit 49 late in second quarter. Closing in are Bobby Dillon (44), Nate Borden (87), Roger Zatkoff (74) and Jerry Helluin (behind Zatkoff).

on the Bay 40 when Martin stepped back on the 47 for a field goal with the score 10-9. "Martin missed the kick, but we were penalized 15 yards, giving them the ball on our 25," Liz said. A few moments later, Layne kicked a field goal from the 14 for a 13-9 lead, ruling out the possibility of the Packers getting a lead with a field goal of their own. There was little reference to the Bears on the part of quarterbacks, but Liz warned them that "we'll be facing a good, solid team out there Sunday." In answers to a question, Blackburn told the "signal callers" that "you may see us switch our ends (Gary Knaflec and Bill Howton), but as yet we have had no particular reason for doing it." The coach also pointed out that "we played our worst offensive game but we will might have won it with a break or two." He said the defense "played well considering the fact that the offense was unable to move the ball consistently."...The Packers worked on their defense yesterday against Bear maneuvers. The offensive players wore Bear numbers, with Tobin Rote playing the role of Ed Brown (No. 15), and Bart Starr serving as George Blanda (16). Knaflec worked as the Bears' great Harlon Hill, the long-geared offensive left end. Most of the defense was against passing which meant THAT Knaflec and Howton, who served as Bill McColl, did a lot of pass catching. For a spell early in the drill, Knaflec had himself a hot afternoon. The Packers, of course, can't match the Bears in the QB department – even on the practice field. The Bruins reportedly carry four of them – Tommy O'Connell, Jim Haluska, Brown and Blanda, but one or two may have to go when cutting-to-33 time comes next week. Brown and Blanda have been sharing the load – as they did a year ago. Green Bay will go into the important battle (each team has a 0-1 record) in good condition. The last injured player, Bill Forester, was moving around well yesterday...Dave Hanner, the Packers' veteran tackle, was selected as the most valuable player in the Lion game and received a wrist watch from the Fairmont Foods Co., at the QB meeting. Quarterbackers heard some baseball, too, last night – from Earl (Lippy) Gillespie, the Twin Voice of the Braves and Packers, who came to town yesterday to "scout" the Bays in preparation for the broadcast of the Packer-Bear game. Working with the one-time Bluejay and WJPG sportscaster will be WJPG's Tony Flynn. Gillespie reviewed the Braves' season and answered a flock of questions. In closing, Earl admitted, "it would have been a wonderful day for a World Series in Milwaukee today." Gillespie was torn between baseball and football yesterday afternoon as he stood on the third baseline at Bluejay field with Phil Seghi, former Bluejay manager, now midwest scout for the Cincinnati Reds. Seghi worked in that third base box for five years. Boob Darling served as Quarterback Club master of ceremonies, introducing the speakers. He told the "experts" that some fortunate pair will go to the Packer-Lion game in Detroit Thanksgiving Day as guests of the Packers and that the Packer Alumni Assn., will again run excursions to the Packers' three games in Milwaukee.



A Solid Packer Cheering Section—There may have been some Detroit Lions fans in the stands at City Stadium Sunday afternoon, but not in the area of some 600 Press-Gazette carrier boys who were the guests of this newspaper at the ball game. Some of the carriers, shown above, weren't at all happy about the trend of events during the opening National Football League contest, but everyone of them pulled for the Packers right down to the final gun in the 20-16 Packer defeat.

SPINKS TO GIANTS

OCT 4 (Green Bay) - The Packers Thursday traded offensive guard Jack Spinks to the Giants for a future draft choice. Spinks, in his fourth season of NFL play, was drafted by the Steelers as a back in 1952 and traded to the Cardinals the following year. The Packers acquired the 6-1, 240-pound Negro last year and converted him into a guard. He attended little Alcorn, Miss., A&M.

Left Cornerbackers on Spot In Packer-Bear Tilt Sunday



Ground Gainers—The two Chicago Bear ball carriers above—Bobby Watkins (left) and Rick Casares—gained 230 yards, 115 apiece, between 'em in the Bears' 52-31 victory over the Packers in Chicago last November. They'll be back with the Bears when the Bruins battle the Packers at City stadium Sunday.

LEFT CORNERBACKERS ON SPOT IN PACKER-BEAR TILT SUNDAY

OCT 5 (Green Bay) - Last Sunday's Packer-Lion game was a real baptism for rookie Hank Gremminger, the Packers' left cornerback. He was the only simon-pure in the Bays' defense and the Lions knew it. So Bobby Layne and Harry Gilmer peppered passes toward Hank's area. The fact that Detroit had to settle for two touchdowns was ample proof that Henry caught on in a hurry. Out in Baltimore Sunday, a left cornerback for the Chicago Bears – one J.C. Caroline – was having similar first-game troubles. Caroline wasn't coming into the majors cold – like Gremminger, since J.C., the former Illinois flash, had played a season in Canada. When the Packers and Bears collide in City Stadium Sunday, the leftsiders for both teams will be observed by the opposing quarterbacks – not to mention the scouts upstairs. Packer coach Liz Blackbourn figured Gremminger played “a good game Sunday – any mistakes he made were honest ones.” The left cornerback spot is being manned by a rookie for the second consecutive season. Gremminger replaces Doyle Nix, who held the spot in '55 and then went into service. Billy Bookout, the right cornerback, was also a rookie in '55. The Packers' pass defense is strictly in the hands of Texas since Gremminger. Bookout, Val Joe Walker and Bobby Dillon all hail from the Lone Star State. Caroline, like Gremminger, was praised by his coach, Paddy Driscoll, for his performance against the Colts. Paddy pointed out that “they (the Colts) just were making too many miracle catches.” Colt revolver George Shaw was extremely hot, completing 19 out of 25 passes. The Bears' fifth man on defense is rookie Jess Castete of McNeese State College, who play behind Caroline or Ray Smith, the right cornerback. Deep men are Gene Helwig, a former end, at left safety and Ken Gorgal, a former Cleveland Brown, at right safety...The Packers are aware

of the fact that the Bears are an early-exploding club, which means that the Bruins generally get the jump on their foes. In their final non-league game against the Browns, the Bears took the opening kickoff and ripped 80 yards in 11 plays for a 7-0 lead. They were on the Browns' 15-yard line a few minutes later but couldn't score. Cleveland won 24-14. Against Baltimore, the Bears took the opening kickoff and moved 55 yards in six plays for a TD. They stopped Baltimore quickly and moved to Baltimore's 11-yard line, only to lose the ball on a fumble. The Colts eventually won 28-21. Judging from those two games, the Bears apparently likes to hit the first pitch...The Packers put in what Blackbourn called a “good practice” Thursday. Tobin Rote and Bart Starr were hitting the mark for the most part and the receivers, who had some trouble against Detroit, were handing onto the pigskin like it had handles. The running plays seemed to have considerable zip. Although this was chiefly an offensive drill, the defense, always laboring, had some fun breaking up a few of their teammates' plays. Thus, the defense can earn an assist if the offense works Sunday. The offense has high hopes of exceeding last Sunday's 16 points, 170 yards, including 98 passing and 72 rushing. Incidentally, the Bears rolled up 298 yards, including 154 rushing and 137 passing, against Baltimore. The Colts had 359 yards – 253 by passing and 128 rushing...The Packer roster was reduced yesterday to 34 players with the trade of veteran guard Jack Spinks to the New York Giants for an undisclosed draft choice. Spinks, a former Pittsburgh and Chicago Cardinal fullback, was shifted to guard when he joined the Packers a year ago. He had been making considerable progress but was in danger of being placed on waivers next week when Blackbourn must cut the squad to 33. The Bays will go with 34 players for Sunday's game – one under the limit of 35 for the first two games. The Giants, incidentally, had two of their three offensive guards hurt in their victory over San Francisco last Sunday. Thus, Spinks may see early action. He left yesterday afternoon and was to report today.

MUM'S THE WORD IN PACKER CAMP

OCT 5 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - Liz Blackbourn was in high spirits before the Detroit opener. He soundly believed the 1956 Packers were a better football team than a year ago. That Blackbourn spark wasn't evident after last Sunday's 20-16 loss to

the Lions (by nature, of course) and it still wasn't showing Thursday as his Packers climaxed preparations for their annual grudge fight with the Bears Sunday at Green Bay. It could be that the Packer coach is nursing bruised feelings, and it could be he is secretly building up a jolt of surprises for the Chicago visitors. One thing for sure. Blackbourn was in a most unusual quiet mood before taking the practice field Thursday afternoon. Here as are his crisp notes:

* "Our scouts report the Bears' offense is better than last year."

* "Sure, they have some weak spots, but I'm certainly not going to disclose what we're going to do about them."

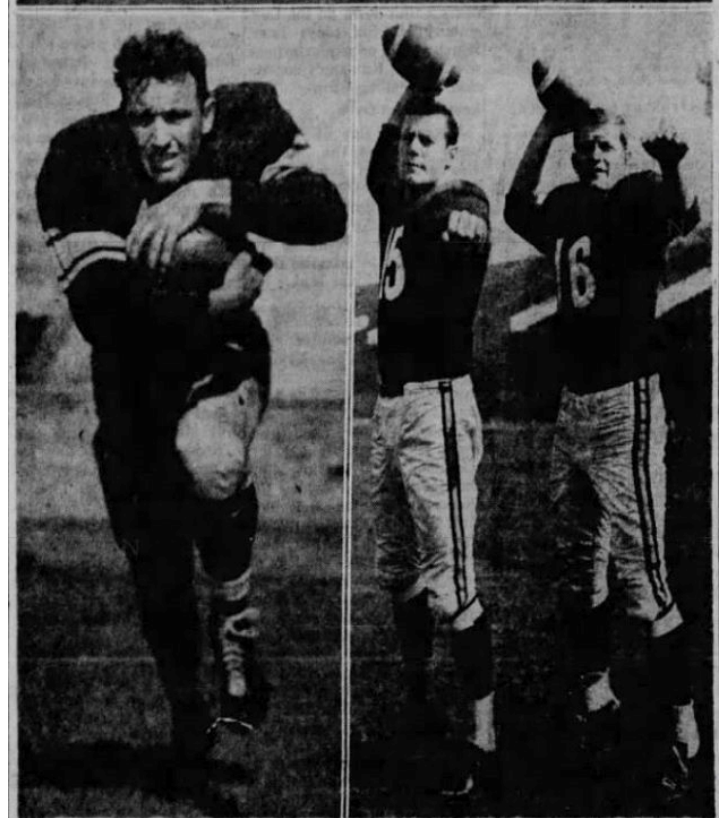
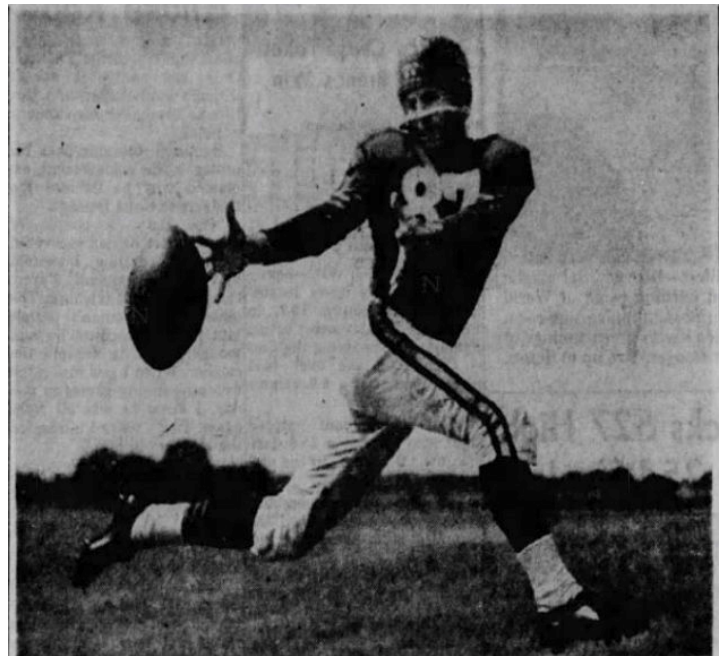
* "We've worked on defense until today and will switch to offensive drills the rest of the week."

* "Outside of middle guard Bill Forester, sidelined with a jammed shoulder, we will be in good physical shape."

Blackbourn's only reference to the game itself was, "It looks like another one of those close battles...we still should have won that first one," the taskmaster muttered in closing. Blackbourn earlier praised defensive tackle Dave Hanner as the best performer in the Lion game. Hanner, a mean 255-pound Arkansas brute, banged his way into the Detroit backfield most of the game and was rewarded for his actions by the Packer Quarterback Club as player of the week. A report from the Bear office showed no physical wounds after their 28-21 loss to Baltimore, just hurt feelings. George Shaw, the Colt revolver, shot 25 times and hit his target on 19 for 253 yards against a (weak?) Bear pass defense. So Paddy Driscoll has stepped up defensive drills with Joe Fortunato, J.C. Caroline, Ray Gene Smith, John Helwig and Ken Gorgal being glued to the Packer-Lion film, which vividly showed what a good pass defense did to the Packers. Sunday's game is another sellout at City Stadium and is the annual homecoming for more than 100 former Packers who will be in the stands. This will be the 76th renewal of the Bear series, which began in 1921. The Bruins hold a 44-25-6 advantage, but how many times were the Bears held without a touchdown? It happened last year at Green Bay, 24-3, and nothing could be finer than to do it again.

BLACKBOURN SAYS BEARS BETTER THAN YEAR AGO

OCT 5 (Milwaukee Journal) - Lisle Blackbourn, Green Bay coach, rates the Chicago Bears as "a lot better now than at this time last year." Blackbourn's Packers will meet the Bears in the 76th game of their old rivalry at Green Bay Sunday afternoon. "Are the Bears better than they were last November when you played them the second time in Chicago?" Blackbourn was asked Friday. "Heaven help us if they are," he said. The Packers beat the Bears at Green Bay early in October, 24-3, then at Wrigley Field in November, were put to complete rout in all but the fourth quarter, 52-31. "The Bears in that second meeting of ours were tremendous," Blackbourn shuddered. "In the first one they had not yet completely jelled. They're a jelled team, now, though. There's no question about it. We're going to meet a much better October team now than they were a year ago." Both teams will go into Sunday's meeting trying to catch up. The Packers lost their opener last Sunday to Detroit, 20-16, the Bears their defeat to Alan Ameche and the Baltimore Colts, 28-21. The Bears, Blackbourn feels, have more offense than the Lions. "They've got it," he said. "No question. But they don't measure up to the Lions on defense, and in that lies our chance. We should be able to move too." The Bears' principal weakness last year, perhaps, was a pass defense and it wasn't good in the opener at Baltimore either. They lost Don Kindt, former



Big Guns—Four of the key offensive principals in Sunday's Packer-Bear game at City Stadium are pictured above. At top is Harlon Hill, Bear end often favorably compared with Don Hutson. Pitching in his direction will be Ed Brown (15) and George Blanda (16), below. In "mad" rush at left is Packers' bruising fullback, Howie Ferguson.

They lost Don Kindt, former

Milwaukee Washington and Wisconsin star, through retirement and that hurt. They added J.C. Caroline, former Illinois flash, to their deep secondary but Caroline still has a lot to learn. On offense, the best new man appears to be Perry Jeter of California Poly. "A great back," Blackburn said after checking with scout Wally Cruice. "He ran a punt back against Baltimore all by himself. He's probably the best new back in the league." The Bears have four quarterbacks - Ed Brown, George Blanda, Tom O'Connell (returned from the service) and Jim Haluska, Wisconsin graduate. Harland Carl, another former Badger has been alternating at left half with Bob Watkins and Jeter. Rick Casares at fullback and John Hoffman at flanker provide the rest of the punch. Harland Hill, Gene Schroeder and Bill McColl pose the big recovery threat on passes. The Packers defense, which did its job well against Detroit last Sunday, will have an even more pressing time Sunday. But at least the Packers won't have something quite as tough as Detroit's defense to crack. The game will start at 1:05 p.m.

PACKERS, BEARS VIE 76TH TIME AT STADIUM SUNDAY

OCT 6 (Green Bay) - The Packers and Bears both expect to explode at City Stadium Sunday - only in different ways. Green Bay hopes to uncork an attack, the lack of which ruined the Bays' chances in their 20-16 loss to Detroit last Sunday. The Bears hope to flash some defense, the shortage of which figured heavily in their 28-21 setback at the hands of the Baltimore Colts last Sunday. What developed this week in the practice camps of the NFL's oldest and bitterest rivals on those two deficiencies will be unfolded starting at 1:05 Sunday afternoon. The crucial league battle - 76th in the long series since 1921- will be witnessed by a sellout crowd of 24,668. This is a must game for both teams since they'll enter competition with 0-1 records. The winner will be back in business with 1-1 and the loser will have to rest its case for another week in the torrid Western division race. The Bears will be slight favorites Sunday - by maybe seven points, for a couple of reasons. They whipped the Packers 52 to 31 in their last meeting in Chicago and the Bears have been rated as the team to beat for the championship. That 52-31 thing has been a sore spot with the Packers ever since it happened. The final score isn't so bad, but the Bruins did pile up a 45 to 3 edge at an early stage in the game. Earlier in '55, the Packers stopped the Bears 24-3 here. Oddly enough, the two 21-point differences left the two clubs dead even in points last year - 55 each. Whether the Packers can generate an offense will depend chiefly on Tobin Rote's ability to hit on his passes and his receivers' ability to keep from dropping same. Then there's the matter of rushing! This was virtually extinct last Sunday. Thus, the key Packer figures besides Rote will be Howie Ferguson, Gary Knafelc, Breezy Reid, Al Carmichael, Joe Johnson, Billy Howton and possibly Jack Losch, the swift halfback who is still untested on the attack. The Packer offensive line will be asked to keep the road clear - a rough problem for that unit last Sunday. The line did, however, keep a protective wall around Rote. The Packer defense, which had many brilliant moments in the Detroit game, faces a stiffer task - such power runners as Rick Casares and Bobby Watkins, in particular, and the talented whizback, Perry (The Jet) Jeter. Casares and Watkins gained 230 yards between 'em (115 apiece) in the 52-31 game. The Bears' aerial game is a thing to behold, what with the skilled Harlon Hill, Jeter, Gene Schroeder, John Hoffman, Harland Carl, Bill McColl and Casares and Watkins. Hill is one of the league's top long-distance threats who always poses a challenge to Bobby Dillon and Val Joe Walker. The Bears are a four-quarterback team, so to speak, with George Blanda and Ed Brown playing the main roles. Backing them up are veteran Tommy O'Connell, who had a finger in beating the Pack here '53 before going into service, and Jim Haluska, the former Wisconsin ace. The Packer defense likely will undergo its severest test because of the Bears' well-rounded offense, and unfortunately one member of the defensive team has an injury - middle guard and linebacker Bill Forester. This might force a change in defensive plans. Tom Bettis shares middle guard and linebacker with Forester and Deral Teteak, depending on the defense. The defensive line, anchored by Dave Hanner, likely will see plenty of Watkins and Casares, who ripped the Packer wall - not to mention the ends, to shreds in the 52-31 battle. Packer coach Liz Blackburn has readied his squad all week for the stiffest kind of job. Little has been heard from Coach Paddy Driscoll and the Bears, who practice all week in the privacy of Wrigley Field and Soldier's Field. The Bruins came out of the Baltimore game in good physical condition, it was reported.

11TH PACKER HOMECOMING SET SUNDAY

OCT 6 (Green Bay) - A sidelight to Sunday's Packer-Bear collision will be the 11th annual official Packer Homecoming, to be featured by the return of virtually the entire 1922 team. The ex-Bays and their wives will breakfast together in the Beaumont Hotel at 10 o'clock Sunday morning, go to the game in a special bus, then turn to the hotel for the annual Homecoming dinner and party. Packer officials are hoping the occasion will result in a happy coincidence such as prevailed

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San Francisco	0	1	0	.000	21	38

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	W	L	T	Pct.	PS	OP
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Chicago Cards	1	0	0	1.000	9	7
New York	1	0	0	1.000	38	21
Washington	0	1	0	.000	13	30
Cleveland	0	1	0	.000	7	9
Philadelphia	0	1	0	.000	7	27

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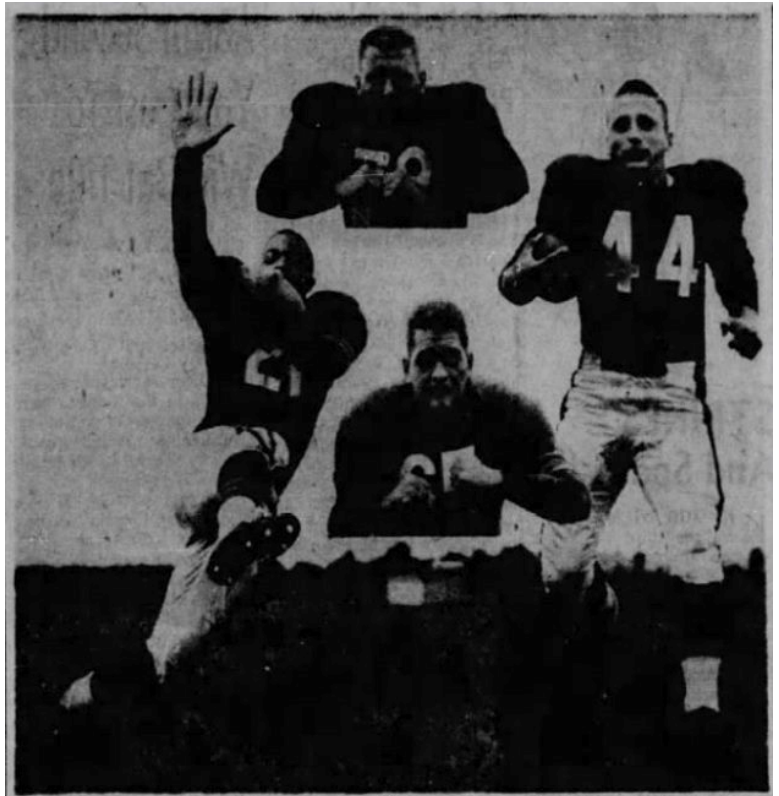
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in 1955 when the Packers made the last reunion a resounding success with a 24-3 conquest of the Bears...George S. Halas, for the first time since he brought his Bears to Bellevue Park for their Green Bay debut on Oct. 14, 1923, will appear in the role of a spectator tomorrow. George, who doubled in brass as the Bears' owner and coach for more than 30 years, stepped down as head coach following the 1955 season and relinquished the reins to Paddy Driscoll, who makes his local bow as the Bruins' top strategist. Halas, it is reported, will sit in the press box. The pro football pioneer sat with the fourth estate in Baltimore last week as the Bears lost their opener to the Colts, 28-21... There will be only one telecast of Sunday's production, instead of two as was the case in the Packers' opener against the Lions a week ago. There will be a regional transmission, via CBS, with Chicago blacked out along with Green Bay since the Cardinals will be playing at home against the Giants. Last week, there was a separate telecast to Detroit in addition to the regional transmission. The Giant-Cardinal game is the only other contest scheduled to be TV'd tomorrow...Extra bus service to City Stadium is planned again Sunday for the Packer-Bear game by the Wisconsin Public Service Corp. Extra buses will leave the end of the Shawano Avenue line at 11:44 and 12:24; the Dousman end at 12, and the W. Mason Street end at 12:10. These buses will follow their regular routes to downtown, from which they will go directly to the Stadium. After the game they will go directly downtown, and then to their regular West Side routes...All stadium workers, including ushers, gatemen and inside police, are reminded by H.J. Bero to report at City Stadium not later than 11:15 Sunday morning. Gates will open at 11:30, with the Packer-Bear kickoff set at 1:05.

PACKERS MEET BEARS IN 'BIG ONE' SUNDAY

OCT 7 (Green Bay) - Pro football's oldest rivals, the Chicago Bears and Green Bay Packers, will meet for for the 75th time here Sunday afternoon with the Bears in the familiar role of favorites. Little old City Stadium was sold out of its 24,668 seats two weeks ago. Except for youngsters who sneak in, those without tickets, who are interested will have to watch on TV (WXIX) or listen to the radio (WEMP). The kickoff is at 1:05 p.m. Each of the rivals will be after its first victory after losing the opening game a week ago, and each will go into the game after having had a different kind of difficulty in the opener. The Bears showed plenty of offense against Baltimore, but lost, 28-21, for lack of a pass defense. The Packers played the kind of defensive ball Coach Lisle Blackbourn expected they would, but the offense was something else and they lost 20-16. Chicago has a new coach, Paddy Driscoll, who replaced George Halas, who retired to become owner only. Otherwise, the Bears look just about the same as last year - rated as western division favorites in the NFL, but off again to a losing start. In this respect, the Bears are hard to figure. In each of their last four season, they lost their opening game, three times to Baltimore. Last year, they lost their first three games, including a 24-3 licking in the second game here. Then they righted themselves and won eight of their last nine games. They beat the Packers in Chicago, 52-31. Only an almost unexplainable 53-14 drubbing at the hands of the lowly Chicago Cardinals kept them from the division title. They finished a half game behind Los Angeles. This year, Driscoll, former Marquette university coach, sought to get a real jump at the gun. He trimmed his roster early, concentrated on about 40 players, most of them veterans, and appeared to have the team more then ready. Maybe that was it - more than ready. After winning their first five exhibition games, they lost the final preseason game to champion Cleveland and the league opener to the Colts. The big questions for today, then, are these: (1) Will Green Bay's offense, built around quarterback Tobin Rote, backs Howie Ferguson, Joe Johnson, Breezy Reid and Al Carmichael and ends Bill Howton and Gary Knafelc, be able to take advantage of Chicago's shaky secondary? (2) Will Green Bay's rugged defenders be able to contain quarterback Ed Brown, ends Harlon Hill, Bill McColl and Gene Schroeder and backs Bobby Watkins, Parry Jeter, John Hoffman and Rick Casares? The Packers in the last week have concentrated on offense; the Bears, on defense. Since they started playing each other in 1921, the Bears have won 43 times and the Packers 25 times. Six games ended in ties.



The Enemy—The Chicago Bears will throw plenty of speed against the Packers at City stadium Sunday afternoon. Two of the top speedsters are Perry (The Jet) Jeter, the tiny scatback shown at left, and Harland Carl, the former Wisconsin star. Jeter ran a punt back 51 yards for a touchdown last Sunday. Insets are two veteran Bear guards who help the speedsters along—(top) Herman Clark and Stan Jones. Kickoff Sunday is set for 1:05. A sellout crowd of 24,668 will attend.

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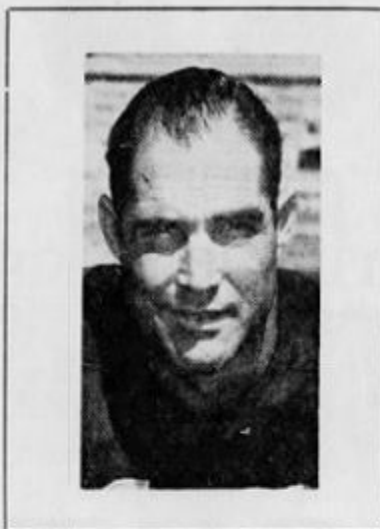
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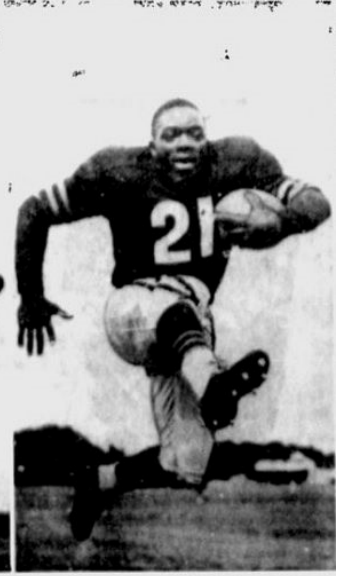
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Each year the Press-Gazette maintains all its carrier boys at a Packer game. There'll be Dave Sumner, begging to get the Duck off to a winning start.



Here Are Four Chicago Bears Whom Packers Must Stop Sunday.



One of the best offenses in the National Football league, if not the very best, is that of the Chicago Bears. And the Green Bay Packers will be faced with the large job of trying to throttle it in the traditional game at Green Bay Sunday afternoon.

Here are four reasons the Bears rank as the western division favorite. From left, quarterback Ed Brown, fullback Rick Casares, end Harlon Hill and left halfback Perry Jeter. Brown was rated second to Otto Graham among passers last fall.

Casares, from the University of Florida, stood out as a rookie. Hill is one of the finest pass catchers anywhere. Jeter, from California Poly, has been the rookie surprise of the league so far. He is especially dangerous on punt returns.



Aerial Scores—The touchdowns came hard for the Packers at City stadium Sunday afternoon before a sellout crowd of 24,668 but the two pictures above prove the Bays scored two six-pointers. The top view shows Billy Howton (on ground in circle) just after he hugged a five-yard pass from Tobin Rote (18) at right in third quarter. Lion No. 25 standing over Howton is Jim David. The picture below puts Gary Knafelc in the circle—just after catching short pass from

Rote (standing at left) for touchdown in fourth quarter. Packers in both pictures are (top) Knafelc (84), Bob Skoronski (76), Howie Ferguson (37), Jim Ringo (51), Joe Skibinski (63), Buddy Brown (62), John Sandusky (77) and below Breezy Reid (24). Lions are (top) Bob Long (86), Carl Karihvac (21), Jack Christiansen (24), Sonny Gandee (85), Bob Miller (74), Ray Krouse (70), Darris McCord (78), Gil Mains (72) and below Joe Schmidt (56). Detroit won 20-16.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

BALTIMORE

Colts



1955 RECORD: Won 5, lost 6, tied 1. Finished fourth.
1956 EXHIBITIONS: Won 3, lost 2.
COACHES: Head—Weeb Ewbank. Assistants—Herman Ball, Charles Winner, Frank Cumiskey, Frank Lauterbur.

WATCH FOR: 14, George Shaw, QB; 21, Billy Vessels, HB; 35, Alan Ameche, FB; 44, Bert Rechichar, DHB; 45, L. G. Dupre, HB; 63, Art Spinney, G; 70, Art Donovan, T; 73, Joe Campanella, G; 76, Don Joyce, E.

OFFENSE: The addition of Halfbacks Billy Vessels (Oklahoma) and Lennie Moore (Penn State) should spice a Colt running attack which in 1955 depended too much on Alan Ameche's magnificent running up the middle and George Shaw's passing. With the addition of a definite running threat to the outside (last year's fragile



35. ALAN AMECHE



44. BERT RECHICHAR

L. G. Dupre again appears sound), the Baltimore offense should be far stronger. Shaw's aim was off during the exhibitions, but will probably improve, and this year he has more and better receivers. Moore replaces tiny Buddy Young, the doughty five-foot-four-inch Negro halfback who charmed and thrilled pro crowds for nine years. Center is the weakest position on an otherwise good offensive platoon.

DEFENSE: The Colts' Ferocious Five was one of the sturdiest defensive lines in the pro league last year, and, saving the ravages of age, should be again. The secondary defense was somewhat green, except for Bert Rechichar, and porous, but it is hoped that a year's experience will improve this.

1956 SCHEDULE (1955 score):

Sept. 30—Chicago Bears (23-17)
 Oct. 6—Detroit (28-13)
 Oct. 14—at Green Bay (24-20)
 Oct. 21—at Chicago Bears (10-38)
 Oct. 28—Green Bay (14-10)
 Nov. 11—at Cleveland (no game)
 Nov. 18—at Detroit (14-24)
 Nov. 25—Los Angeles (17-17)
 Dec. 2—San Francisco (26-14)
 Dec. 9—at Los Angeles (14-20)
 Dec. 16—at San Francisco (24-35)
 Dec. 23—Washington (13-14)

CHICAGO

Bears



1955 RECORD: Won 8, lost 4. Finished in second place.
1956 EXHIBITIONS: Won 5, lost 1.
COACHES: Head—Paddy Driscoll. Assistants—Phil Handler, George Connor, Luke Johnsons, Sid Luckman, Clark Shaughnessy.

WATCH FOR: 15, Ed Brown, QB; 16, George Blanda, QB; 21, Perry Jeter, HB; 35, Rick Casares, FB; 45, Bobby Watkins, HB; 61, Bill George, G; 78, Stan Jones, G; 63, M. L. Brackett, T; 83, Bill McColl, E; 87, Harlon Hill, E.

OFFENSE: The Bears, in George Halas' final year as head coach, nearly caught the Los Angeles Rams in a finishing rush which saw them win eight of their last nine games in 1955 after dropping the first three. They also whipped the champion Rams twice. They have added a wonderful breakaway



21. PERRY JETER



63. M. L. BRACKETT

threat in Rookie Perry Jeter, who looked like another Buddy Young in exhibitions. The Bears haven't yet found a really top-notch quarterback, although Ed Brown has developed steadily in the last two years. The offensive line is rated best in the division.

DEFENSE: The Bear pass defense was about the worst in the loop a year ago, but it has looked much better in the exhibition trials. J. C. Caroline, the fast Illinois halfback who played in Canada last season, has quickly adapted to the intricacies of pro pass patterns and may plug a serious leak for Coach Paddy Driscoll, who takes over from Halas. A pair of large rookie tackles—John Melakas of Arizona and M. L. Brackett of Auburn—lend new authority to the line.

1956 SCHEDULE (1955 score):

Sept. 30—at Baltimore (17-23)
 Oct. 7—at Green Bay (3-24)
 Oct. 14—San Francisco (19-20)
 Oct. 21—Baltimore (38-10)
 Oct. 28—at San Francisco (34-23)
 Nov. 4—at Los Angeles (31-20)
 Nov. 11—Green Bay (52-31)
 Nov. 18—Los Angeles (24-3)
 Nov. 25—at New York (no game)
 Dec. 2—at Detroit (24-14)
 Dec. 9—Chicago Cardinals (14-53)
 Dec. 16—Detroit (21-20)

DETROIT

Lions



1955 RECORD: Won 3, lost 9. Finished sixth.
1956 EXHIBITIONS: Won 4, lost 2.
COACHES: Head—Buddy Parker. Assistants—John Cochrane, Buster Ramsey, George Wilson, Aldo Forte.

WATCH FOR: 22, Bobby Layne, QB; 24, Jack Christiansen, DHB; 40, Howard Cassady, HB; 42, Don McIlhenny, HB, 56, Joe Schmidt, LB; 70, Ray Krouse, T; 76, Lou Creekmur, G; 82, Leon Hart, FB-E.

OFFENSE: Bobby Layne, the key to the Lion offense, passed well in the exhibition season, indicating he is finally rid of the shoulder trouble which has bothered him for the last two years. An infusion of youth makes the backfield look stronger despite the loss of Doak Walker, who has retired. Another SMU back—195-pound Don McIlhenny



24. JACK CHRISTIANSEN



22. BOBBY LAYNE

—was impressive during preseason games; Hopalong Cassidy, the Ohio State All-America, proved very handy as a flanker back—the pro's third end. Return of Gene Godman from service will give the Lions quick-hitting fullback power through the middle and release Notre Dame's famous Leon Hart, who has been filling in at that spot, to his normal duties at both offensive and defensive end.

DEFENSE: Some part of the reason for the team's amazing drop from first to last in the Western Division in 1955 was due to a softness at the middle of the defensive line, this year stiffened by the addition of Ray Krouse, 265-pound New York tackle acquired by trade.

1956 SCHEDULE (1955 score):

Sept. 30—at Green Bay (17-20)
 Oct. 6—at Baltimore (13-28)
 Oct. 14—Los Angeles (10-17)
 Oct. 21—San Francisco (24-27)
 Oct. 28—at Los Angeles (13-24)
 Nov. 4—at San Francisco (21-38)
 Nov. 11—at Washington (no game)
 Nov. 18—Baltimore (24-14)
 Nov. 22—Green Bay (24-10)
 Dec. 2—Chicago Bears (14-24)
 Dec. 9—Pittsburgh (31-28)
 Dec. 16—at Chicago Bears (20-21)

GREEN BAY**Packers**

1955 RECORD: Won 6, lost 6. Finished in third place.
1956 EXHIBITIONS: Won 4, lost 1.

COACHES: Head—Lisle Blackbourn. Assistants—Ray McLean, Earl Klapstein, Lou Rymkus, Abe Stuber.

WATCH FOR: 18, Tobin Rote, QB; Floyd Reid, HB; 37, Howie Ferguson, FB; 44, Bobby Dillon, DHB; 84, Gary Knafelc, E; 86, Bill Howton, E.

OFFENSE: The Packers have improved their offensive line with the addition of a rookie tackle—Bob Skoronski of Indiana—and the purchase of Tackle John Sandusky from the Browns. A new spirit of confidence implements the improved personnel and makes Coach Lisle Blackbourn feel this is the best team he has had in his three years as coach. Tobin Rote is a very useful passing quarter-



18. TOBIN ROTE



37. HOWIE FERGUSON

back and a strong runner; Howie Ferguson gives the Packers a thumping threat up the middle.

DEFENSE: The Packer defense was bolstered last year by Rookies Nate Borden at defensive end, Billy Bookout at defensive halfback and Tom Bettis at linebacker. This trio is back, and the emergence of Henry Gremminger, who played end at Baylor last year as a defensive back, makes the Packer pass defense stickier. A lack of good substitutes may prove wearing for the members of the defensive line as the season goes along, but the starters are capable. The secondary defenders were victimized only three times last year on long passes, but allowed too many short completions.

1956 SCHEDULE (1955 score):

Sept. 30—Detroit (20-17)
Oct. 7—Chicago Bears (24-3)
Oct. 14—Baltimore (20-24)
Oct. 21—Los Angeles (30-28)
Oct. 28—at Baltimore (10-14)
Nov. 4—Cleveland (10-41)
Nov. 11—at Chicago Bears (31-52)
Nov. 18—San Francisco (27-21)
Nov. 22—at Detroit (10-24)
Dec. 2—at Chicago Cardinals (31-14)
Dec. 8—at San Francisco (28-7)
Dec. 16—at Los Angeles (17-31)

LOS ANGELES**Rams**

1955 RECORD: Won 8, lost 3, tied 1. Finished first. Playoff: Lost to Browns, 14-38.
1956 EXHIBITIONS: Won 3, lost 3.

COACHES: Head—Sid Gillman. Assistants—Joe Mudro, Jack Faulkner, Lowell Storm.

WATCH FOR: 9, Billy Wade, QB; 11, Norman Van Brocklin, QB; 21, Skeets Quinlan, HB; 27, Ron Waller, HB; 35, Tank Younger, FB; 40, Elroy Hirsch, E; 43, Bill Sherman, DHB; 48, Les Richter, LB; 61, Duane Putnam, G.

OFFENSE: The Rams have an overflowing supply of all the offensive talent needed for a versatile, powerful attack. In Norm Van Brocklin, they have the finest long passer in pro football, and he is backed up by two top ball handlers—Bill Wade and Rudy Bukich. Skeets Quinlan and Ron Waller are both fast and elusive at halfback; the fullbacks are veteran Tank Younger, one of the strongest in the league, and Joe Marconi, a 220-pound rookie from West Virginia. Elroy Hirsch, still as dangerous a pass receiver as there is, is only one of a half dozen such ends.

DEFENSE: The only weakness apparent on the team is at one defensive end post, where Frank Fuller, being groomed to replace Andy Robustelli, broke his leg, leaving only inexperienced personnel available. The linebackers—Les Richter and Larry Morris—are a really fearsome tandem, and the addition of Hugh Pitts, the TCU great, makes this position well stocked, too. The defensive backs, who were more than adequate last season, have returned intact.



48. LES RICHTER



27. RON WALLER

1956 SCHEDULE (1955 score):

Sept. 30—Philadelphia (23-21)
Oct. 7—at San Francisco (23-14)
Oct. 14—at Detroit (17-10)
Oct. 21—at Green Bay (28-30)
Oct. 28—Detroit (24-13)
Nov. 4—Chicago Bears (20-31)
Nov. 11—San Francisco (27-14)
Nov. 18—at Chicago Bears (3-24)
Nov. 25—at Baltimore (17-17)
Dec. 2—at Pittsburgh (27-26)
Dec. 9—Baltimore (20-14)
Dec. 16—Green Bay (31-17)

SAN FRANCISCO**49ers**

1955 RECORD: Won 4, lost 8. Finished fifth.
1956 EXHIBITIONS: Won 3, lost 3.

COACHES: Head—Frank Albert. Assistants—Red Hickey, Phil Bengtson, Mark Dunean, Bill Johnson, Joe Vetrano.

WATCH FOR: 11, Earl Morrall, QB; 14, Y. A. Tittle, QB; 34, Joe Perry, FB; 35, John Henry Johnson, HB; 39, Hugh McElhenny, HB; 47, Dick Moegle, HB; 73, Leo Nomellini, T; 74, Bob Toneff, T; 82, Gordy Soltau, E; 84, Bill Wilson, E.

OFFENSE: Frankie Albert was a practicing gridiron magician in his days as quarterback for Stanford and the 49ers, and he may need all his warlock's skill in his maiden venture as a head coach. Bill Johnson, who quit as an offensive center to help Albert as a coach, had to return to his chores



74. BOB TONEFF



11. EARL MORRALL

after the exhibition season. Hugh McElhenny and John Henry Johnson, recovered from 1955 injuries, may take some of the ball-carrying burden off Joe Perry, whose drives up the middle have been bread and butter for the 49ers for years. If Albert can dig up some blocking in the middle, the 49ers can move; they have passing with Y. A. Tittle and Earl Morrall, and top receivers in Gordy Soltau and Billy Wilson.

DEFENSE: The ends and deep backs do not have exceptional speed, leaving team vulnerable to passing. Albert thinks much of his success depends on the defense, where Leo Nomellini can do much to help at tackle—if he chooses to try; Bob Toneff, the other tackle, will.

1956 SCHEDULE (1955 score):

Sept. 30—New York (no game)
Oct. 7—Los Angeles (14-23)
Oct. 14—at Chicago Bears (20-19)
Oct. 21—at Detroit (27-24)
Oct. 28—Chicago Bears (23-34)
Nov. 4—Detroit (38-21)
Nov. 11—at Los Angeles (14-27)
Nov. 18—at Green Bay (21-27)
Nov. 25—at Philadelphia (no game)
Dec. 2—at Baltimore (14-26)
Dec. 8—Green Bay (7-28)
Dec. 16—Baltimore (35-24)

