



Cleveland Browns (9-2-1) 20, Green Bay Packers (6-6) 7
 Sunday December 7th 1969 (at Cleveland)



Kelly, Browns Punish Punchless Pack, 20-7

GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(CLEVELAND) - "Has Anybody Here Seen Kelly...K-E-Double-L-Y? The slightly crestfallen Packers, with the memory of Sunday's trauma still green, can answer this venerable vaudeville ditty with an unhappy affirmative. In fact, our heroes saw more than enough of Leroy, Cleveland's most prominent Kelly, in the ooze of rain-swept Municipal Stadium en route to their latest disappointment. Although easy to see, the Packers found him an uncommonly elusive citizen on the soggy sod, over which the NFL's reigning rushing champion charged and squirmed to 151 yards as the Browns expunged a long-standing Green Bay hex with a 20-7 victory. The Packers' discomfiture in absorbing their sixth defeat, which again lowered them to .500 status in the Central Division, was hardly diminished by the knowledge that Kelly's production ranks as a season best for the NFL, eclipsing a 150-yard effort by Dallas rookie Calvin Hill against the Wahington Redskins Nov. 16. Though his artistry cannot be denied, the Bays contributed no little to his success with a rare off key defensive performance, marred by insecure tackling, and an impotent attack, which again failed to produce until the outcome was no longer an issue and thus provided him with additional rushing opportunities. The situation improved somewhat when towering Jim Weatherwax was inserted at left tackle in the second quarter, but much of the damage already had been done. Kelly amassed 114 of his yards in the first half, which saw the century division champions slog 83 yards to the Packer 13 before settling for a 20-yard field goal by Don Cockroft, who later added a booming 45-yarder just 12 seconds before the intermission to mount a 13-0 lead. The Ohioans, whose final home appearance as members of the NFL was viewed by a bulging house of 82,137 customers, sandwiched their first touchdown between those two efforts. It came on a 30-yard pitch from quarterback Bill Nelsen to the Browns' artful split end, Paul Warfield, who eluded a sliding Bob Jeter at the 2-yard - line and darted into the end zone. Cleveland sealed the decision, for all practical purposes, late in the third quarter when Ernie Kellermann waylaid a Don Horn pass and, effectively screened off from Packer pursuit by his fellow defenders, cantered 40 yards to score.

FACE-SAVING FUNCTION

The Bays, meanwhile, were unable to develop a sustained offensive until the closing stages of the final period when, for the third time this season, they scored in the last two minutes to avert their first shutout since 1958. For the second time, rookie Dave Hampton performed this face-saving function. First faking a handoff to fullback Perry Williams on the play action, Horn lofted the ball to Hampton, who caught it in full stride at the goal line and carried defender Walt Sumner into the end zone with him. Only 1:46 remained when Booth Lusteg added the extra point and, though in no particular jeopardy at that juncture, the Browns ran out the clock.

JOLTING TACKLE

Though the home forces established control early the Packers had one glittering opportunity to turn the game around. That came early in the fourth quarter, when rookie Ron Johnson fumbled inside the Cleveland 15 following a jolting tackle by Bob Brown. Lionel Aldridge dived for the loose leather and appeared to have it in hand, but it squirted from beneath him and Nelsen ultimately recovered out of a scramble at the Cleveland 9. The Packers previously appeared in a fair way to crash the scoreboard when Hampton twisted and churned 48 yards to the Cleveland 47 with the kickoff following Warfield's touchdown. But this opportunity dissolved in the face of three successive incompletions, one intended for Carroll Dale that was overthrown.

KICKED INTO CROSSWIND

Perhaps because of the uncertain footing, which also troubled Nelsen, Horn was not his customarily accurate self. He had to settle for 10 completions in 23 attempts for 122 yards. Aside from that late touchdown, the Packers only other scoring gesture came in the second quarter when Lusteg's first field goal attempt in Green Bay silks, kicked into something of a crosswind, fell short and to the right. The defeat, the fourth in the last five games for the Bays, ended an eight-game winning streak against the Browns for the Pack, which last lost to them in a 1964 exhibition, 20-17.

AME
GREEN BAY PACKERS

CLEVELAND BROWNS
 SUN., DEC. 7, 1969, 1:30 P.M.
 CLEVELAND STADIUM
 NO REFUND OR EXCHANGE Est. Price \$2.9126
 City Tax .0874
 Total \$3.00
OPEN STANDS
 GATE E
 SEC. 60
 ROW 10
 SEAT 23
GAME 7

GREEN BAY - 0 0 0 7 - 7
CLEVELAND - 0 13 7 0 - 20

	<u>GREEN BAY</u>	<u>CLEVELAND</u>
First downs	12	17
Rush-yards-TDs	29-99-0	38-210-0
Comp-Att-Yd-TD-INT	23-10-122-1-1	24-10-137-1-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-3	0-0
Net Passing Yards	119	137
Total yards	218	347
Fumbles-lost	1-0	1-0
Turnovers	1	0
Yards Penalized	3-30	2-25

SCORING

2nd – CLE – Don Cockroft, 20-yard field goal CLE 3-0
 2nd – CLE – Paul Warfield, 30-yard pass from Bill Nelsen (Cockroft kick) CLE 10-0
 2nd – CLE – Cockroft, 45-yard field goal CLE 13-0
 3rd – CLE – Ernie Kellerman, 40-yard interception return (Cockroft kick) CLE 20-0
 4th – GB – Dave Hampton, 29-yard pass from Don Horn (Booth Lusteg kick) CLE 20-7

RUSHING

GREEN BAY – Travis Williams 14-47, Dave Hampton 8-33, Donny Anderson 4-12, Perry Williams 2-5, Jim Grabowski 1-2
CLEVELAND– Leroy Kelly 22-151, Bo Scott 5-21, Ron Johnson 7-21, Paul Warfield 1-7, Reece Morrison 2-7, Bill Nelsen 1-3

PASSING

GREEN BAY - Don Horn 23-10-122 1 TD 1 INT
CLVELAND – Bill Nelsen 24-10-137 1 TD

RECEIVING

GREEN BAY – Dave Hampton 3-38 1 TD, Travis Williams 2-3, Boyd Dowler 1-22, Perry Williams 1-18, Carroll Dale 1-17, John Spilis 1-14, Donny Anderson 1-10
CLEVELAND – Milt Morin 5-63, Paul Warfield 2-44 1 TD, Gary Collins 1-24, Bo Scott 1-6, Ron Johnson 1-0

Pack 'Getting Old... Going Downhill:' Hoaglin

PACK 'GETTING OLD...GOING DOWNHILL:' HOAGLIN

DEC 8 (Cleveland-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Under the circumstances, only one football team could have attracted so many people to Cleveland's Municipal Stadium Sunday. More than 80,000 defied a steady rain to watch a game that meant nothing in the final standings. The motivation was the prospect of seeing the Browns beat the Packers for the first time in over a decade in a game that counted. It's been that long since Cleveland was favored over Green Bay. "Three-fourths of the guys on our club can't remember ever beating the Packers," observed Browns' center Fred Hoaglin. "We still owe the Packers a lot more. We haven't repayed them for that 55-7 game yet." It was Hoaglin's first victory over Green Bay. "They're getting old and going downhill," he observed. "They're slowing down a little bit. We were able to get to them and tramp some holes in their line. No, they aren't as strong as they used to be. There's no pass rush from their tackles and they aren't getting across the line as fast. In the movies we saw, they weren't playing well," Hoaglin declared...PLAYED WELL: He added that the Browns were not particularly "up for the game," but he added, "Deep inside, we wanted to prove something to the Packers. We weren't up for it, we just played well. It didn't seem like we would because we goofed off during the week." Browns' Head Coach Blanton Collier was asked about the team's attitude for the game. "They prepared furiously as I hoped they would. I really didn't want any great emotional outburst, just good, tough football. The only change we made during the week was to cut down a little on the length of practice. It's a long season and there's a tendency to get tired about this time." Collier admitted that Green Bay was something special for the Browns. "These fellows are pros," he declared. "They probably got a little tired of hearing about the Packers over the



Here Comes Kelly

Cleveland's Leroy Kelly, mud flying from his cleats, charged for 10 yards to the Green Bay 48 in second quarter of Sunday game at Cleveland. Kelly wound up his day's work with 151 yards and the Browns beat Packers 20-7 for their first win over Green Bay in a regular season game since 1956.

NFL Standings

EASTERN Conference						
Century Division						
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts	OP
Cleveland	9	2	1	.818	310	252
St. Louis	4	7	1	.364	265	317
New York	4	8	0	.333	216	267
Pittsburgh	1	11	0	.083	177	356
Capitol Division						
Dallas	9	2	1	.818	322	203
Washington	6	4	2	.600	270	285
Philadelphia	4	7	1	.364	273	336
New Orleans	4	8	0	.333	270	352
Central Division						
Minnesota	11	1	0	.917	366	116
Detroit	7	4	1	.636	211	285
Green Bay	6	6	0	.500	203	290
Chicago	1	11	0	.083	304	298
Coastal Division						
Los Angeles	11	1	0	.917	313	202
Baltimore	7	4	1	.636	256	234
Atlanta	4	8	0	.333	239	262
San Francisco	3	7	2	.300	256	296
Saturday's Results						
San Francisco 42, Chicago 21						
Sunday's Results						
Dallas 10, Pittsburgh 7						
Detroit 17, Baltimore 17, tie						
Cleveland 20, Green Bay 7						
Minnesota 20, Los Angeles 13						
Atlanta 45, New Orleans 17						
New York 49, St. Louis 6						
Washington 34, Philadelphia 29						
Saturday's Schedule						
Baltimore at Dallas						
Sunday's Schedule						
Atlanta at Philadelphia						
Cleveland at St. Louis						
Green Bay at Chicago						
Los Angeles at Detroit						
New Orleans at Washington						
New York at Pittsburgh						
San Francisco at Minnesota						

AFL Standings

Eastern Division						
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts	OP
New York	9	4	0	.692	326	240
Houston	5	6	2	.455	251	256
Buffalo	4	9	0	.308	217	314
Boston	4	9	0	.308	243	289
Miami	3	9	1	.250	224	305
Western Division						
Oakland	11	1	1	.897	367	236
Kansas City	11	2	0	.846	351	167
San Diego	7	6	0	.538	238	270
Cincinnati	4	8	1	.333	264	340
Denver	4	8	1	.333	270	328
Saturday's Result						
New York 34, Houston 26						
Sunday's Results						
Kansas City 22, Buffalo 19						
San Diego 28, Boston 18						
Oakland 37, Cincinnati 17						
Miami 27, Denver 24						
Saturday's Schedule						
Kansas City at Oakland						
Sunday's Schedule						
Boston at Houston						
Buffalo at San Diego						
Cincinnati at Denver						
New York at Miami						

years." The Browns' offensive tackle Monte Clark said he was particularly pleased because the team didn't have a letdown after clinching the Century Division title last week...**CRITICAL GAME:** "I thought this was a critical game - not because we haven't beaten the Packers in a long time...but because we have to build to a crescendo for the playoffs," Clark said. The Packers used what running back Leroy Kelly described as "odd" defenses, sometimes showing five man lines with an outside linebacker, either Dave Robinson or Leroy Caffey, playing up on the line. "They've used it before and we had a few checkoff plays planned for it," said Hoaglin. "We can pass a lot better because they have one less linebacker covering passes when they do that. It stopped us pretty good for about three series, though." As a result, tight end Milt Morin found himself open with regularity in the zones usually occupied by outside linebackers and caught five passes. But Morin, who has been criticized by the coaches because of his blocking, was more excited about the Browns' running game...**NFL MARK:**"Our philosophy is: Let us pass the line of scrimmage and we can do the rest," exclaimed Kelly, who delighted once again in the rain and the mud for 151 yards in 22 carries, the best performance in the NFL this year. Kelly's only other 100 yard performance came on a similarly sloppy field. "When it's muddy, we tend to run more," Kelly said. "That's what I like to do: Run the ball quite a few times. A runner has the advantage in the mud. He knows where he's going, the defender doesn't. I run under control most of the time." Kelly admitted that he received a special pleasure to have such a good day against Green Bay. "The Packers still have that great defense. That's why I enjoy having a day like this against them. They play us honest. They don't set a defense to stop either the run or the pass. With their strong linemen and linebackers, they try to contain everything," Kelly contended.

SNOW BEATS PACKER PLANE

DEC 8 (Cleveland-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Even the weatherman frowned upon the Packers Sunday. Following their 20-7 loss to the Browns in Cleveland their home-bound United Airlines charter was forced to land in Milwaukee because of poor visibility at Green Bay's snowswept Austin Straubel Field. "At the time of United's decision," Glenn Ward, Austin Straubel's senior agent, reported, "we weren't even open as far as aircraft of that size are concerned. For planes of that type (A 727) you must have a 400-foot ceiling and one mile visibility and we had only a half-mile of visibility at that point." The Packers, who were scheduled to arrive here at 5:45 p.m., returned to Green Bay from Milwaukee by chartered bus, arriving shortly before 9:30.

PACK DEFENSE NOT SHARP: BENGTON

DEC 8 (Cleveland-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Offensive problems have not been uncommon for Phil Bengtson this nightmarish '69 season. He is, in fact, still trying to find out why the Packers have been unable to score with any degree of frequency as again evidenced in Sunday's 20-7 loss to the Browns on the rain-soaked turf of Municipal Stadium. But those concerns were compounded by a new one on this occasion - a sub-standard performance by the defense, previously his invariable in all circumstances...**WEREN'T AGGRESSIVE:** "The defense wasn't sharp today," the Packers' head coach and general manager admitted as he analyzed the day's

unproductive proceedings. "We weren't aggressive," he said. "Leroy Kelly did an excellent job of running, but there were a lot of times his gains should have been held down more than they were." Kelly, the NFL's individual rushing champion the last two years, had amassed 151 yards in 22 carries, best single game performance of the season in the NFL. Although he felt his defenders could have been more artistic, Bengtson observed, "Kelly is a great runner. In fact, he is a great football player. He does everything well - he's a good blocker and catches the ball well in addition to being a great runner." There wasn't a great deal to be said about the Packers' offensive woes that hasn't already been said, but Phil readily conceded, "We just couldn't seem to move the ball." "There were a couple of times, though, that if he had been running on a dry field, I think Dave Hampton would have been gone. But his feet slipped out from under him." Bengtson noted, in this connection, that quarterback Don Horn "wasn't real sharp." Commenting on the sparing use of Donny Anderson, he reported, "He didn't play too much because he got knocked silly in the first quarter. He got hit in the face again in the third quarter when we put him back in, so we had to take him out."...**THREE GREAT RECEIVERS:** Asked why he had replaced rookie Rich Moore with Jim Weatherwax at left tackle in the second quarter, Bengtson replied, "We just wanted Wax to get a little play." Would he, the same scribe asked, term this a disappointing season? "We've played a few respectable games," Phil said, "but we haven't beaten any of the top teams, and that has been a disappointment." Noting that coverage of Cleveland's talented receivers had been something of a problem, he said, "You certainly can't neglect any of them, Paul Warfield, Gary Collins or Milt Morin...Bill Nelsen has as good a set of three receivers as anybody around."

WE CAN'T SCORE...BROWNS OUTPLAYED US: WOOD

DEC 8 (Cleveland-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Willie Wood, a pro's pro, told it like it was. "It would be fair to say they outplayed us," the Packers' accomplished free safety said as he splashed shaving lotion on his face in the quiet visitors' quarters beneath Municipal Stadium late Sunday afternoon. The Browns, 20-7 victors on a gloomy December day, "were

real sharp," Wood explained. "They were moving off the ball real quick." "This," a Cleveland scribe suggested, "must be a disappointing season for you, Willie." "We can't score," the 10 year veteran rejoined. "You can't win if you can't put points on the board. What it's going to take to do it, I don't know. But something has to be done...PRAISES WARFIELD: "Don Horn did a real fine job at quarterback, I might add. I couldn't criticize his play today. He stayed in there and did a good job. But we'd get down there in scoring zone and get caught for olding, get caught for offside," Willie said. "No discipline here." Wood's fellow defender, Bob Jeter, paid high tribute to the enemy's Paul Warfield, whose second quarter touchdown catch had staked the Browns to a 10-0 lead. "He's the best receiver around when you consider speed, quickness and running good patterns," Jeter declared. "He has real outstanding moves. You very seldom find a receiver with his speed who has the moves he has...CUT DALE OFF: "On that touchdown, he gave me a good outside move, like he was going to

run a zigout, then he ran a post. When he made the outside move, I slipped and I never could get back in stride...On a field like that, the receiver has an advantage on the defensive back - he knows where he's going, I don't. I think that if I hadn't slipped, though, that I would have intercepted the ball." Quarterback Don Horn, whose only interception of the afternoon resulted in the Browns' final touchdown, explained, "Ernie Kellermann just cut Carroll Dale off - he ran in front of him. I didn't see him, of course, or I wouldn't have thrown the ball there.' The Browns, Horn added, "played a lot more zone defense than we expected...The wind and the turf did a lot more to complicate things, though, than their defenses did." "What makes the Cleveland defense so tough is that they play so well together as a unit. They're so well coached and disciplined so well."...HAMPTON ONE-ON-ONE: Describing the Pack's only big moment of the afternoon, his 29-yard scoring pass to Dave Hampton in the final minutes, Horn reported, "They were double covering our split end, so it left Hampton one-on-one against the middle linebacker. You just hope the weak side safety doesn't fall off and try to cover it. That's the only way you can stop that pass. But he didn't - he was too occupied with Boyd Dowler, who was the tight end on that play." Hampton, viewing it from the other end, informed, "The right cornerback, Walt Sumner, hit me just after I got the ball. I juggled it a little bit, but I was fortunate enough to gather it in...It was a beautifully thrown ball.'...BLOODY NOSE: Donny Anderson, forced out of action in the first quarter, reported, "I got a bloody nose when I got hit in the face and we couldn't get it stopped. The first time I got hit in the second half, it started bleeding again, so they took me out...I wanted to play, I didn't want to let a little thing like that keep me out of there - but I guess the coaches thought I'd better not." Boyd Dowler, hastily called upon to punt when Andy exited the first time, said with a smile, "That's the first time I've done that in a while - I think the last time I punted was in an exhibition game in 1963, although I'm not sure." Dowler also made his professional debut as a holder for placekicker Booth Lusteg when the latter attempted - and missed - his first field goal attempt as a Packer, a 47-yard effort...NOT A GOOD HOLD: Boyd took some of the responsibility for that one, confiding, "It wasn't a good hold. He hit it good, despite that...It's the first time I've misheld since I started practicing it last week, but that's when it counts. "The extra point I held for in the last quarter was no problem...I think." Lionel Aldridge was lamenting the big one that got away, the fumble he "almost" recovered at the Browns 9-yard-line in the third quarter, at which point the score was 13-0. "I really can't explain what happened," Lionel said. "I thought I had it. I went down on it and it just spurted out from under me." "It was," he added dryly, "typical of our entire day. I had visions of recovering the ball and our going in for a touchdown...I guess I had too many."

HARD TO ACCEPT PACKER PLUNGE

DEC 8 (Cleveland-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Somehow you keep expecting the Packers to do better. You remember that just two years ago this team was the world champions. There were fears of a dynasty that would go on and on and on. Those five championships in the sensational '60s had erased...or at least dimmed...the memories of the futile '50s. Yet, there it is before you: a team...for it is as a team that you win and as a team that you lose, not an offense and a defense...that to be very frank, sometimes borders on being "poor," as Coach Phil Bengtson has called his offense. That's the way it was Sunday. You keep expecting the Packers to do better...and it's difficult to accept the fact that they are not doing better. Oh, they have managed to do well enough to produce a 6-6 record for their 12 games and that's .500. There are eight other teams in the league that would like to be on that keel. But that sort of record put the Packers in the class that has long been reserved for the likes of the Eagles, 49ers, Cardinals, Redskins. Those are teams that struggle each year for the satisfaction of a winning record. Those are the teams that spring an occasional upset. We are used to more luxury than that. This year, however, the Packers have had trouble even coming up with an upset. The closest thing to it was that first win over Detroit. The other five teams they have beaten have a combined won-lost record of 13-45-2. And of equal note, the Packers are now the second lowest scoring team in the league, topping only the Pittsburgh Steelers...who chalked up 34 points against the Pack. Sunday, only a touchdown in the final, make-no-difference minutes spared the Packers the horsecollar. It was the fifth time in 12 starts in which the Packers have barely saved themselves from the embarrassment of a shutout. And this



LOOSE BALL

Cleveland quarterback [Bill Nelsen (right) and an unidentified teammate scramble for a loose ball in the third quarter of yesterday's game against the Green Bay Packers. Nelsen recovered the fumble by Ron Johnson. (AP Wirephoto)

time it was against a team, though a division champ, which has surrendered an average of more than 22 points a game. At Minnesota, the Pack scored with less than 10 seconds left to hatch the goose egg. Against the Lions in Lambeau Field, they collected a touchdown in the waning seconds to go along with a solitary field goal. At Baltimore they did not get any touchdowns and in the second Viking game it was the defense that tallied their only points, a lone TD. It's all so difficult to accept...despite the proof in the W-L columns, the standings and, frankly, on the field. Whatever the reason or reasons...talent, coaching, attitude, breaks, the turning cycle...the fact is that you no longer can believe even the opponents who each week insist that "They're the same ol' Packers." If, by "ol" they mean the Packers of the '60s...well, they ain't.

PADDED ARM CHAIR FOR SENIOR CITIZEN GREGG

DEC 8 (Cleveland-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – It was an hour before game time in the Packer dressing room, during that period when football players trade quips and study game programs to ease the inevitable tension. A wide smile creasing his rugged features, Forrest Gregg gestured toward his locker and said, "Look what they've got for me today." In front of his modest cubicle was a green, office-type metal "arm chair" with rubber padding. "That," Gregg chuckled, "is what they give senior citizens around here." The Packers' 36-year-old offensive captain was the only one so honored, his colleagues having to be content with the customary straight-back, armless chairs. Actually, it was more a tribute to his newly-discovered statu as the NFL's undisputed iron man than it was a concession to his longevity. Official announcement is expected momentarily from NFL headquarters that the eight-time all-pro has played in more consecutive games than any other active NFL performer. According to just compiled "unofficial" figures, Gregg has appeared in 171 straight games since joining the Packers off the Southern Methodist University campus in 1956. It previously was assumed this distinction belonged to Gregg's fellow captain, Willie Davis, who made his 160th successive appearance here Sunday. This was based on the assumption that the indestructible Gregg had missed the final game of his rookie season and another in 1964. A check of the records, however, revealed that Gregg - though injured - had been in that '64 game against the Lions in Detroit to block on extra point attempts, which constitutes an official appearance. This would have left Gregg and Davis in a tie at 160. But it reportedly was further discovered that Gregg had missed the Pack's '56 finale because he was entering the Army. Since this does not count against his record, for obvious reasons, the towering Texan picked up those first 11 games of that 1956 season to stand alone as the NFL's most durable athlete.

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SCHOLARSHIP SET TO HONOR PACK'S WILLIE DAVIS

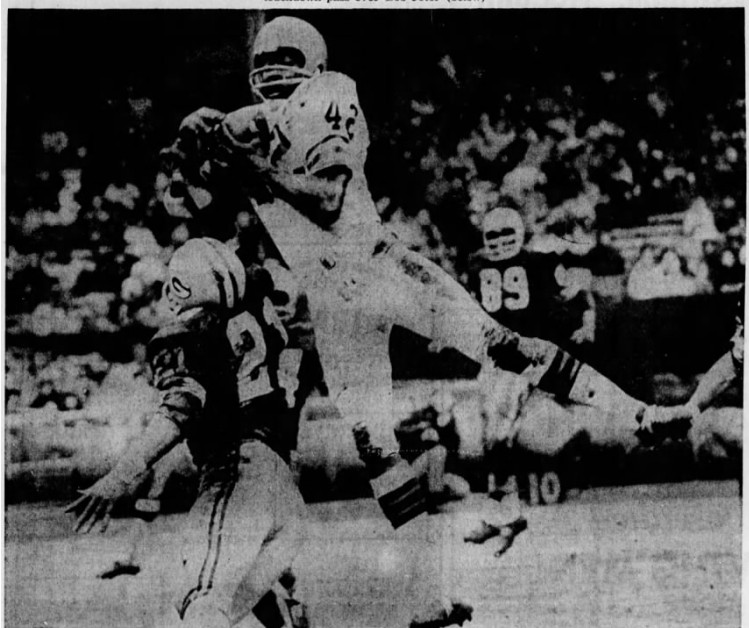
DEC 9 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - A college scholarship fund has been established in the name of Green Bay Packer defensive captain Willie Davis, who plans to retire after this season. Davis, 35, a five-time all-pro defensive end, will be honored during halftime ceremonies of the Packers last game of the season, Dec. 21. Station WBAY of Green Bay, which is sponsoring the fund drive, says the governor's office has promised to declare the day "Willie Davis Day in Wisconsin." Packer Coach Phil Bengtson made the first contribution to the scholarship fund, which will go to the school of Davis' choice. Contributions can be sent to Post Office Box 87, Green Bay, Wis., 54305.

FILMS REVEAL DEFENSE NOT THAT BAD: BENGTON

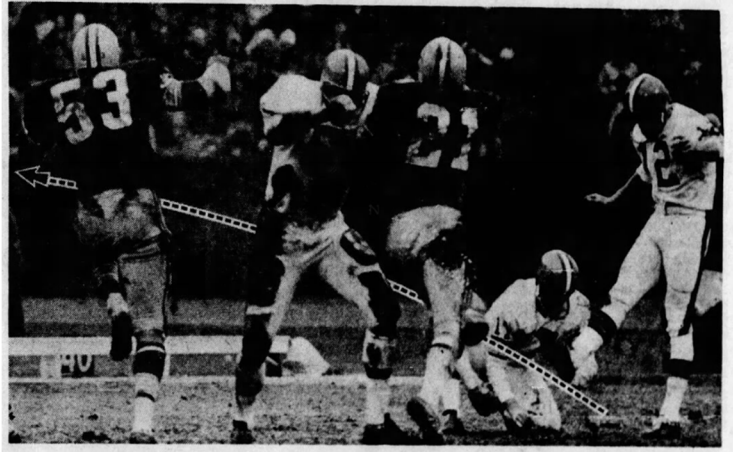
DEC 9 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Appearances, even from a ringside seat, can be deceiving. Phil Bengtson, one of pro football's more acute observers, made this discovery Monday in the revealing darkness of his Lombardi Avenue projection room. Twenty-four hours earlier, following that 20-7 loss to the Browns in Cleveland, the Packers' head coach and general manager had decided that, among other things, the defense had not been "real sharp." After studying the proceedings on celluloid, Bengtson came to a somewhat different conclusion...**SLIPPING ON TURF:** "Leroy Kelly did a great job of running," he said. "Our defense wasn't that bad." Elaborating on this point, Bengtson observed, "Kelly made some great runs, some



Cleveland Strikes by Land and by Air
 LeRoy Kelly runs for some of his 151 yards between Willie Wood and Dave Robinson (above) and Paul Warfield catches touchdown pass over Bob Jeter (below)



that he would have had a hard time doing on a dry field, while our guys, Dave Hampton and Travis Williams, were slipping and sliding on the wet turf. "Where we were having difficulty in our footing, he wasn't having any...He's in a class with Jimmy Brown and Gale Sayers - all the good ones. In fact, he has a lot of the characteristics of Brown. Not the size, but he has the same ability to accelerate and pull out of tackles...And he's a better blocker than Brown."...**HAND-TO-HAND:** Packer defenders LeeRoy Caffey and Dave Robinson, who had hand-to-hand experience with the accomplished Kelly, separately concurred in Bengtson's assessment. "You can't tackle him," was Caffey's pithy appraisal while luxurating in a rubdown from Trainer Domenic Gentile during an informal Monday post-mortem. Robinson nodded agreement and added, "He's got good moves and a great change of pace, not to mention good speed." "His big secret, though," Caffey said, "is that he follows his blockers so well. He runs behind 'em so nice and easy." Bengtson also discovered



On Target—for 45 Yards

Note the concentration of Don Cockroft on his follow-through as he kicks a 45-yard field goal in the second period. Jerry Rhome is the holder and Bob Matheson (56) is blocking out Bob Jeter (21).
Pain Dealer photo (Richard T. Conway)

a partial explanation of the Packers' offensive impotency in the films...**PEOPLE OPEN:** "Honestly, we had a lot of people open on passes, but we just couldn't hit 'em," he said. "I don't want to be critical of Don Horn, who did a good job of play selection, but if we had had any success in that department at all..." He didn't finish the sentence, but the intimation was obvious. In this connection, Bengtson said he was uncertain at this point about Bart Starr's availability for next Sunday's game with the Bears in Chicago. Starr, deactivated before the Giant game Nov. 30 because of a 'shoulder separation, is now eligible to return, having sat out two games...**THREW TWO PASSES:** "I don't know about Bart yet," Phil said. "We have a whole week to find out, of course. He threw two passes in practice Saturday, but he just lobbed the ball. Off hand, I would say that chances he will be able to play this weekend are not real good. That would be kind of quick healing for that type of injury." Bengtson also made these points on other matters:

- "The man covering Marv Fleming (Ernie Kellermann) dropped off to make that interception, which he ran back for the touchdown in the third quarter, and Horn didn't see him. Carroll Dale had his man beaten.
- "We started Ken Bowman at center instead of Bob Hyland because Bowman is our regular center and he's back in shape, not because of any dissatisfaction with Hyland." (Bowman, who still has a cast on his fractured right thumb, went the distance.)
- "Boy, that fumble that Lionel Aldridge almost had in the third quarter would have been a big one...a real big one. His hand was out to get it and the ball took a funny bounce off his hand, almost like it was dribbled.
- "Jim Flanigan did a fine job in his first time at right side linebacker...Jim Weatherwax also looked fine at defensive tackle in his first long stint of the season.
- "As far as the offense is concerned, we'll try any combination we think will help us to get some points on the board."

PACKER PATTERN: The Packers emerged from the Cleveland contest without any major injuries, although Dave Robinson came out of it with a bruised foot...Although he would have preferred a victory, Herb Adderley took some small consolation in the fact that he held the Browns' Gary Collins, his long-time nemesis, without a reception for the first time since they began dueling in the early 1960s...Lambeau Field is covered at the moment to protect it for the Packers season finale against the St. Louis Cardinals Dec. 21, but Bengtson reports, "We're going to try to take the covering off and keep it exposed as much as we can. We feel if we can turn on the heating system and leave the field exposed, we will have a better playing surface than if we left it covered until the day of the game."

CARTER WILL GET ANOTHER CHANCE AGAINST PACKERS

DEC 9 (Chicago Tribune) - Virgil Carter has won the starting quarterback job on the Bears - at least for one more week. When the Bears face their arch enemies - the Green Bay Packers - next Sunday in Wrigley field, Carter will be at quarterback, Coach Jim Dooley decided yesterday.

"I think it will be Virgil," Dooley said. "As a matter of fact, I'm sure it will be Virgil. He earned another shot with his performance in San Francisco." Carter and the Bears absorbed still another loss over the weekend, 42 to 21, to the 49ers. But Dooley was pleased with the performance of Carter, who completed 31 of 49 passes for 301 yards and two touchdowns in his first 1969 start...

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CAN'T HELP INTERCEPTIONS: "We watched the offensive films this morning," Dooley said, "and Virgil did a very fine job. He made several good drives, he kept the team rolling, and it wasn't until the latter part of the game that he allowed the three interceptions. "You can't pin the blame on him for the interceptions, because by that time we were trailing and he was trying to play catch-up. For three quarters he did an exceptionally good job." The Bear coach indicated that Carter not only will start but will go all the way against Green Bay, "We don't want to put any pressure on Virgil." Dooley said. "We don't want him to feel that the first mistake he makes he gets yanked."...**HOW'S DOUGLASS FEEL?:** How will Rookie Bobby Douglass feel about sitting on the bench for the second straight week after starting seven games in a row? "I think

Bobby was glad to see Virgil do a good job against the 49ers," the Bear coach declared. "I'm sure Bobby realizes he was given a fine opportunity and did a good job the seven games he played. We've accomplished what we wanted to accomplish with Douglass. We took a good look at him and we liked what we saw. The only experience he hasn't had is playing in real severe weather, and we'll probably get that in the season final against Detroit. Maybe we'll take another look at Bobby then."

BUTKUS MAY PLAY: Dooley said he was hopeful Dick Butkus, middle linebacker, captain, and hub of the Bear defense, will be ready for Green Bay. Butkus sat out the 49er game with a bad knee and the Chicago fortress resembled the Maginot line the day the Germans came pouring in. "Hopefully, Dick can play after a couple of weeks' rest," Dooley said. San Francisco newspaper accounts of the Bear game carefully avoided mention of the fact that the Chicago defense was minus Butkus. Instead, the contest was recorded for bay area consumption as a tremendous and inspired resurgence of the 49er offense. "This," said Coach Dick Nolan of the 49ers, "is what we should have been doing all year."...**DEFENSIVE SPREE, TOO:** The coast club not only went on an offensive spree against the disorganized Bear defense, but recovered a Chicago fumble and blocked two field goal attempts by Mac Percival. One of the blocked field goals was by Rosey Taylor, who started the season in a Chicago uniform before being traded for Guard Howard Mudd. Taylor also robbed the Bears of a probable touchdown when he dashed across the field in the first quarter to slap a Carter bomb away from Dick Gordon at the last instant. "I don't believe in going back and haunting anyone," said Rosey, whose performance earned him a game ball. But he didn't play like it. He played like a man with a mission...**NICE TO SEE YOU:** "It's nice "to see all you guys," Rosey said to Chicago newsmen before the game. "The trade happened so suddenly I didn't really get to say good-by to anybody. It was tough getting oriented out here - a new team, different training facilities, and all. But I guess I'm going to like it." Gale Sayers stayed atop the National Football league rushing derby despite the fact he was held to 41 yards in 12 carries by the 49ers. The Kansas Comet's 12-game total is 882 yards. He needs a couple of good days against the Packers and Lions to top the 1,000-yard mark and emerge as the league's top ball carrier once again. Closest to Sayers in the yardage race is Rookie Calvin Hill of Dallas, with 828 yards. Following, in order, are Tom Matte, Baltimore, 811; Tom Woodeshick, Philadelphia, 805; Larry Brown, Washington, 795, and Leroy Kelly, Cleveland, 706. Kelly gained 151 yards Sunday in the Browns' 20 to 7 victory over Green Bay. The Browns were so elated over the victory they voted the game ball to Coach Blanton Collier. Between the 1963 season, when Collier replaced Paul Brown, and Sunday, the Cleveland team had played Green Bay 10 times and lost nine of the games...**ALLEN LIKES PRESSURE:** A smiling Jim Kanicki [Cleveland defensive tackle], who has been with the Browns as long as Collier, said, "this is the first time I've been on a team that beat Green Bay since the College All-Star game in 1963." Meanwhile, Coach George Allen of Los Angles refused to indorse the theory that his team's 20 to 13 loss to the Minnesota Vikings Sunday meant nothing because both teams already had clinched their divisional titles. "It's never any good to lose," said Allen. "Losing never relieves pressure. Our players want to be under pressure because it keys them up." Allen consoled himself with the thought that the Rams didn't disgrace themselves. "Minnesota got only two touchdowns," he said. "One thing was certain. They didn't take the ball away from us." The closeness of the contest was illustrated by the yardage statistics. The Rams gained 247 yards and the Vikings 246.

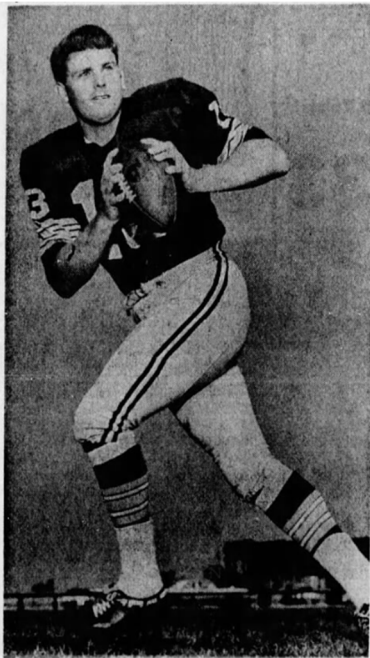
DAVIS IN NAIA HALL OF FAME

DEC 10 (Kansas City) - Five men, Including a Green Bay Packer, will be inducted into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame Saturday at Kingsville, Tex. The Packer is Willie Davis, an all-pro defensive end who gained NAIA all-American honors while playing college ball at Grambling. Others to be honored include Jackie Smith of the St. Louis Cardinals, Elbert Dubenion who played eight years with the Buffalo Bills, Byron Morgan, who is coach of Findlay College and Paul Durham, former coach at Linfield College.

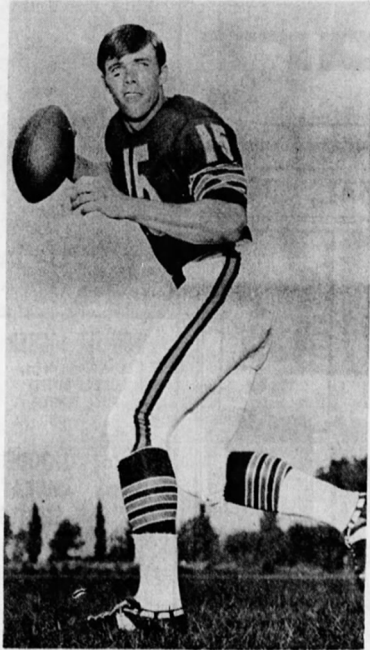
Horn, Carter Seeking To Repeat '68 Maneuvers in Pack-Bear Tilt

HORN, CARTER SEEKING TO REPEAT '68 MANEUVERS IN PACK-BEAR TILT

DEC 10 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - There will be a curious twist to Sunday's 102nd Packer-Bear collision, courtesy of the football fates. A year ago, boyish Virgil Carter, a recent refugee from the Midway Monsters' taxi squad, maneuvered the Bears to a 13-10 victory over the Packers in their first 1968 meeting at Lambeau Field. That, the faithful will reluctantly recall, was the afternoon Mac Percival's free kick field goal in the waning seconds sealed the Packers doom...**FAILED TO SUIT:** Carter completed only five of 14 passes for 15 yards but, a competent scrambler, he darted for 56 yards in 11 attempts and made spectacular capital of Gale Sayers' talents, the Kansas Comet rolling up 205 yards in 24 carries. Six weeks later, Zeke Bratkowski opened at the Packer controls in the rematch at Wrigley Field because Bart Starr, troubled with rib injuries, had been deactivated and failed to suit up for the first time in his 13-year career. Bratkowski, however, was rendered hors de combat himself in the first quarter by a blow to the ribs and sophomore Don Horn, just 10 days removed from the Army, was hastened into action. Although he had to be a trifle rusty, Horn responded with a dazzling performance, firing 67 and 25-yard touchdown passes to Jim Grabowski and Boyd Dowler, respectively, in escorting the Packers to a tingling 28-27 decision over the Bruins, who were deprived of the National Football League's Central Division championship in the process...**FRACTURED ANKLE:** Carter was not in evidence on that occasion, having suffered a fractured ankle three weeks



Packers' Don Horn



Bears' Virgil Carter

earlier that sidelined him for the season and returned fellow scrambler Jack Concannon to the quarterback assignment. Though key figures in last year's P-B split, these two young opportunists did not appear in the immemorial rivals' first meeting of the season, which saw the Packers launch their 51st season with a 17-0 victory at Lambeau Field. They thus will be paired for the first time in Sunday's struggle at Chicago's Wrigley Field and it promises to be an interesting study in contrasts. Horn, possessor of a quick, accurate arm, is a classic quarterback who customarily sets up in conventional fashion and hews to the "pocket" at all costs, while the nimble Carter, a journeyman passer but adroit runner, is fond of flitting about...**EARNED ANOTHER SHOT:** Bear Coach Jim Dooley already has announced that Virgil, who made his first start in last weekend's 42-21 loss to the 49ers, will draw his second successive assignment against the Pack. Horn, of course, is expected to be GM-Coach Phil Bengtson's nominee, although there is an outside possibility that Bart Starr will be returning to action after a two-week layoff with a shoulder separation. In making his announcement, Dooley said Carter "earned 'another shot with his performance in San Francisco." The ex-Brigham Young athlete completed 31 of 49 passes against the 49ers for 301 yards and two touchdowns. "We watched the offensive films...and Virgil did a very fine job," Dooley said. "He made several good drives, he kept the team rolling, and it wasn't until the later part of the game that he allowed the three interceptions. You can't pin the blame on him for the interceptions, because by that time we were trailing and he was trying to play catch up. For three quarters, he did an exceptionally good job." Dooley indicated that Carter will not only start but go all the way, observing, "We don't want to put any pressure on Virgil. We don't want him to feel that the first mistake he makes he gets yanked." Horn, who is expected to make his third consecutive start, says he has forgotten all about his brilliant effort in last season's finale against the Bruins. "Last year was last year," he notes with eminent practicality, thereby consigning that one to history. Concerned at this point with the immediate future, the former San Diego State sharpshooter says he has not been satisfied with his performance since taking over for the injured Starr...**LINE BIG SURPRISE:** "I hoped that we would win a lot more games than we have, so I have to feel I didn't do too well," Horn said. "Why that is I couldn't tell you." The pass protection, he added, has hardly been a factor in the attack's season-long problems." "The offensive line has been the big surprise on our whole offensive team, in fact," he said. "It was the big question mark when the season opened but, in the end, they're the ones who are doing the job." Like many of his colleagues, Horn can offer no explanation for the Pack's inability to score. "There are a lot of reasons, I guess. "We haven't been the luckiest ball club in the world, for one. And we haven't been able to come up with the big plays, the third down plays...**SEES GREAT FUTURE:** "It's frustrating personally and team - wise. We've got great personnel - there's no reason why we shouldn't be winning. After making this assumption, then you ask yourself why you're not and you can go into lots of ifs and whys...But who can pinpoint any one and say that is the one which is responsible. But there is one thing I do know. I can see no place for us to go but up. We're as low as we can go - we're on the bottom as far as I'm concerned. With the personnel we've got, I can see nothing but great things ahead for this team next year and in the future."... **PACKER PATTERN:** Following Tuesday's regular running session, the Packers heard Scout Wally Cruice's analysis of the Bears, (1-11), then adjourned in special session to elect center Don Bowman their

new player representative. Bowman succeeds linebacker Dave Robinson, who resigned. Bowman's first official function, aside from conducting the meeting, will be to represent the Packers at the National Football League Players' Association convention in Caracas, Venezuela, to be held late in February or early in March...A visitor to Packer headquarters yesterday was Ken Keuper, a blocking back and defensive halfback with the Pack from 1945 through 1948. Keuper, now consultant in office and industrial accident control, recently relocated in his native Waukesha following 15 years with the DuPont Corp. in Wilmington, Del. After touring the Packer facilities, Keuper was a guest of Tom Miller, Packer assistant general manager, at Tuesday's Mike & Pen Sports Club luncheon in the Beaumont Motor Inn, where he regaled M-P members with tales of bygone Packer-Bear battles.

BOOTH TRIES HARDER

DEC 10 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Booth Lusteg is a mild-mannered, former high school teacher who is seldom heard to raise his voice. But the heavy-footed easterner, the Packers' new placement specialist, is not a man easily turned aside. Just ask Pat Pepler, the Pack's personnel director, or his opposite number with any of a dozen other pro football teams. When Lusteg was cut by the Pittsburgh Steelers during the exhibition season this year, which the former University of Connecticut athlete admits was hardly a new experience, he didn't permit it to sway his confidence. Lusteg, who has a positive philosophy about such misfortunes, says, "Each time I've been cut, it's made me try harder to improve. It's actually been a beneficial thing to me. I don't think I would be as good a kicker as I am if it hadn't been for these disappointments." Booth, previously dropped by the Buffalo Bills and Miami Dolphins, thus reacted to his latest release by bombarding pro

THROUGH GAMES OF DECEMBER 7

PASSING

(120 or More Attempts)

	Att.	Comp.	Pct. Comp.	Yards Gained	TD Pass	Long	Int.	Pct. Avg. Yd. Int. Gained
1. Jurgensen, Washington	373	234	62.7	2729	21	88	14	3.8 7.32
2. Starr, Green Bay	148	92	62.2	1161	9	72	6	4.1 7.84
3. Gabriel, Los Angeles	362	197	54.4	2398	23	93	4	1.1 6.62
4. Tarkeaton, New York	352	189	53.7	2456	19	62	7	2.0 6.98
5. Brodie, San Francisco	333	186	55.9	2328	15	80	14	4.2 6.99
6. Nelson, Cleveland	293	158	53.9	2298	20	48	5	7.7 7.13
7. Kilmer, New Orleans	324	174	53.7	2274	18	52	14	4.3 7.02
8. Morton, Dallas	252	134	53.2	2125	18	67	15	6.0 8.43
Kapp, Minnesota	223	116	52.0	1644	18	83	10	4.5 7.37
10. Uniat, Baltimore	266	147	55.3	1889	11	51	15	5.6 7.10
11. Snead, Philadelphia	368	186	50.5	2728	19	80	21	5.7 7.41
12. Concannon, Chicago	125	75	60.0	704	4	38	5	4.0 5.63
13. Johnson, St. Louis	215	105	48.8	1543	11	84	11	5.1 7.18
14. Munson, Detroit	0	38	130	66	50.8	764	4	47 6 4.6 5.88
Horn, Green Bay	120	58	48.3	905	4	45	8	6.7 7.54
16. Hart, St. Louis	150	78	52.0	1016	6	60	12	8.0 6.77
17. Shiner, Pittsburgh	165	77	46.7	1057	5	53	8	4.8 6.41
18. Douglas, Chicago	135	63	46.7	747	5	48	6	4.4 5.53
19. Hanratty, Pittsburgh	126	52	41.3	716	8	41	13	10.3 5.68
20. Landry, Detroit	160	80	50.0	853	4	43	10	6.3 5.33

SCORING

	Tds.	PAT.	FG.	Pts.	No.	Avg.	Long
Cox, Minnesota	0	42	24	114	68	42.5	61
Gossett, Los Angeles	0	35	22	101	61	42.2	63
Dempsey, New Orleans	0	28	20	88	53	41.8	56
M. Clark, Dallas	0	38	130	66	23	41.5	55
Mann, Detroit	0	22	19	79	69	40.9	60
Baker, Philadelphia	0	30	15	75	57	40.7	56
Knight, Washington	0	32	14	74	34	40.0	58
Matte, Baltimore	12	0	0	72	53	39.7	53
Retzei, Dallas	12	0	0	72	62	39.6	59
Cockroft, Cleveland	0	40	10	70	61	39.3	60
Bakken, St. Louis	0	31	12	67	49	38.5	55
Collins, Cleveland	11	0	0	66	62	37.8	57
Walden, Pittsburgh	68	42.5	61				
Bragg, Washington	61	42.2	63				
Stavis, San Francisco	23	41.5	55				
Studstill, Los Angeles	69	40.9	60				
Lee, Minnesota	57	40.7	56				
Cordill, New Orleans	34	40.0	58				
Anderson, Green Bay	53	39.7	53				
Green, Chicago	62	39.6	59				
Bradley, Philadelphia	51	39.3	60				
Cockroft, Cleveland	49	38.5	55				
Hill, St. Louis	62	37.8	57				
Koy, New York	26	35.9	54				
Barney, Detroit	61	33.8	54				

RUSHING

	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs.
Sayers, Chicago	196	882	4.5	8
Hill, Dallas	174	828	4.8	7
Matte, Baltimore	210	811	3.9	10
Woodstick, Philadelphia	180	805	4.5	4
L. Brown, Washington	172	795	4.6	4
Kelly, Cleveland	168	706	4.2	7
Garrison, Dallas	145	690	4.8	1
Livingston, New Orleans	158	640	4.1	4
Osborn, Minnesota	167	595	3.6	7
L. Smith, Los Angeles	151	560	3.7	1
Baker, New Orleans	116	558	4.8	1
Butler, Atlanta	137	557	4.1	3

PASS RECEIVING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs.
Abramowicz, N. Orleans	63	866	13.7	7
Jefferson, Pittsburgh	60	940	15.7	7
Taylor, Washington	60	763	12.7	8
Jackson, Philadelphia	58	1062	18.3	8
D. Williams, St. Louis	52	671	12.9	7
Smith, Washington	49	644	13.1	9
Collins, Cleveland	47	717	15.3	11
Washington, San Fran.	47	641	13.6	3
Long, Washington	46	509	11.1	1
Cunningham, San Fran.	45	425	9.4	0
Snow, Los Angeles	44	673	15.3	5

PUNTING

	No.	Avg.	Long
Lee, Baltimore	48	44.9	66
Widby, Dallas	51	43.4	62

PUNT RETURNS

	No.	Avg.	Long	TDs.
Haymond, Los Angeles	30	13.1	52	0
Harris, Washington	13	12.1	86	0
Hayes, Dallas	15	11.5	50	0
Bradley, Philadelphia	23	7.4	37	0
West, Minnesota	32	7.2	55	0
R. Smith, Los Angeles	23	5.3	21	0
Dodd, New Orleans	12	5.1	16	0
Wehrli, St. Louis	13	5.0	25	0
Campbell, Pittsburgh	23	5.0	23	0

KICKOFF RETURNS

	No.	Avg.	Long	TDs.
Williams, Detroit	15	32.0	96	1
Duncan, Baltimore	15	31.9	92	1
Butler, Atlanta	13	31.2	61	0
Shy, New Orleans	14	30.8	67	0
Scott, Cleveland	21	29.0	55	0
Lane, St. Louis	12	27.7	69	0
Hampton, Green Bay	16	27.1	87	1
Jones, Minnesota	15	26.6	71	0
McCall, Pittsburgh	18	25.6	101	1
Harris, Washington	17	25.0	54	0
T. Williams, Green Bay	21	24.6	96	1
Sayers, Chicago	13	23.5	52	0

INTERCEPTIONS

	No.	Yds.	Long	TDs.
Bryant, Minnesota	8	97	56	0
Renfro, Dallas	7	93	41	0
Barney, Detroit	6	91	32	0
Howell, Cleveland	6	21	11	0

football clubs with letters, telephone calls and telegrams. "I sent out about 25 letters and about a dozen telegrams," Lusteg confides, adding, "I sent 'em to every club except those I'd been cut by...I have copies of all of them."... MORE EXPENSIVE METHOD: When these didn't bring prompt results, he accelerated his program via the telephone, obviously a more expensive modus operandi. I haven't gotten last month's phone bills yet," he said, "but I've spent \$150 on calls so far. I suppose the outstanding bills will amount to another \$30 or \$40." "I think the reason I've had so much trouble getting back into playing," said Booth, "is that I'd tell 'em how good I am and they'd say, 'How come you got cut?' 'I'd tell 'em, 'I'll come up for a tryout at my own expense,' and they'd say, 'Yeah, yeah, well maybe next year.' "The big thing, finally, was that I worked out in front of a friend of Joe Thomas, who is personnel director of the Dolphins, in Miami, where I've been living. It's pretty tough to brag about yourself, so I asked Thomas if I could use him as a reference. And he said I could. "I was kicking real well in practice - I was kicking 58 and 60-yard field goals," says the 5-foot-10, 187-pound New Englander. "Of course, the weather is warmer down there and the ball goes better. I also was kicking 70 and 72-yard kickoffs...I've been lifting weights since last January and it has improved my strength a great deal. I don't like to blow my horn, but I've really worked at it and I feel I've really improved. "The first time I wrote the Packers, I didn't hear anything. Then I sent a telegram and I still didn't hear anything... CALLED GEORGE WILSON: "So I called George Wilson, coach of the Miami Dolphins, and asked if he would do me a favor and call Coach Bengtson. He called Coach Phil and he told Wilson that the Packers had just signed a kicker - that was Rick Duncan. I got a letter from Pat Peppler about a week later, in which he said he would certainly consider me if they decided to make a change. I was happy that I'd heard so I called him to thank him. We were just going to hang up when he said, 'Wait a minute, Coach Phil is right here.' "Pat came back on the line shortly and said, 'He wants to know how long it will take you to get ready to

come up here for a look-see." Lusteg laughed as he recalled, "I said, 'Three minutes'...And that's about all it took." Thus far, Lusteg's Packer efforts have been largely confined to kickoffs, which have been generally impressive, although he did launch an ill-fated 47-yard field goal attempt in Cleveland last Sunday. Boyd Dowler, the Packers' new holder, took responsibility for that one, explaining he had bobbled the pass from center. "It didn't make too much difference anyway," Booth philosophically observed. "We needed touchdowns, not field goals."

BUTKUS BACK; WILL PLAY AGAINST GREEN BAY ON SUNDAY

DEC 10 (Chicago Tribune) - Dick Butkus returns to the Bear lineup Sunday, George Seals gets his first full shot at defense, and Ray Ogden draws a starting assignment at split end. These were the developments yesterday as Head Coach Jim Dooley and his men began preparations for what, strangely, looms as one of the rare meaningless Bear-Packer meetings in history. The Bears have met arch-rival Green Bay 101 times in previous regular season competition, and the storied series is famous for its crucial games with championships hanging in the balance. But this year it's different. Both the Bears and Packers have been eliminated from the title race, so pride and tradition become the principal incentives for both clubs... MISSED 49ER GAME: "We'll be playing hard in this one," Butkus said yesterday after announcing he "definitely" plans to return to the lineup after sitting out the San Francisco game with a bad knee. The big middle linebacker and defensive captain felt so good yesterday that he led the calisthenics in Wrigley field, and after the 45-minute workout said his leg was just fine. Butkus said he believes the 'Bears' motivation to beat the Packers is nearly as high as if the Chicago club were battling for a playoff berth. "You've got to remember how many tough games we've had with them in the past and how bad they made us look earlier this year," Butkus said, "We want to win these last two games [Detroit is the final Bear foe] so we'll have at least a couple of pleasant memories to tide us over the winter." Dooley, announcing that Seals probably will play full time at defensive tackle against the Packers, revealed that movies of the 49er contest showed Seals was the man who put Quarterback John Brodie out of action in the third quarter. "George had two men on him, but he penetrated for 10 yards and really nailed Brodie to the ground," the Bear coach said. Brodie is a questionable performer in next Sunday's 49er date at Minnesota because of a knee strain. Seals, who was impressive in two Bear goal line stands after being converted from offensive guard, said he didn't "really feel comfortable" in his new defensive spot. "There's so much to learn, and your reactions have to be different," Seals said. "I'm flattered the coaches think I can make the transition this quickly and I want to play. But I kind of feel like I left something unfinished at guard."...HELP FOR O'BRADOVICH: End Ed

O'Bradovich said the presence of Seals alongside him made his job easier at San Francisco. "There's a lot of strength there," said O'Bradovich. "And when George penetrates from the inside, it keeps the quarterback from floating up to the scrimmage line on a pass play and gives me a better shot at him." Ogden will be taking over at split end for Jerry Simmons, who suffered a broken left ankle against San Francisco. The other wide receiver is Dick Gordon, and Bob Wallace will continue at tight end. Jim Ferguson, center and linebacker, will be reactivated to fill Simmons' place on the roster. Tackle Randy Jackson will get another test at center, where he toiled for the last 1 ½ quarters Sunday. Gale Sayers, who appears to be a shoo-in for all-pro honors again this year despite the fact his longest run from scrimmage was for 28 yards [against the Rams], said he is not concerned with whether he gets 1,000 yards or not over the season. His current rushing total with two games to go is 882 yards. "My big goal this year was to come back from the knee," said Gale, who underwent surgery last November. "I feel I have accomplished this objective. I'm having the second best season of my pro career." Sayers' top campaign since he came up from Kansas five seasons ago was 1966, when his total offensive production was 2,440 yards. Of this figure, 1,231 came on 229 rushes, 447 from 34 pass receptions, 718 on 23 kickoff returns, and 44 from six punt returns. The Kansas Comet said he isn't even thinking about the various all-pro teams which will be announced later this month. "I don't think I'm a cinch at all," he said. "I'm just thinking about the Green Bay Packers. Defensive Tackle Dick Evey also wants a piece of the Packers "Don't get the idea that just because we're 1 and 11 we've lost all our pride," Evey declared. "Really, you'd be surprised at how good our morale is going into this game despite our poor record."

NFL STUDYING EFFECT OF COLD ON PLAYERS

DEC 11 (New York) - The National Football league has been gathering cold weather data on the effects of human beings' exposure to severe weather, it was announced today. However, Executive Director Jim Kensil said that pro football officials have set up no plans for the postponement or shifting of playoff games. But he added, "we're aware of the factors that could cause a postponement." The N.F.L. decided to collect the data because of the 1967 title game when the Packers beat Dallas in 13-below zero weather in Green Bay. There's also a possibility of severe weather this season since Minnesota will be host to Los Angeles in the Western conference title game in Bloomington, Minn., on Dec. 27. "The game will definitely be played in Minnesota but, of course, if the whole state is in a polar lock for a month, we'd obviously have to play it someplace else," he said.

WILD MAN BUTKUS DUE BACK SUNDAY DESPITE INJURIES; STARR POSSIBLE

DEC 11 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - "We were watching the Bears against the 49ers on television Saturday and when we saw that Dick Butkus wasn't playing," Bart Starr confided, accompanying his report with a wry chuckle, "we said. 'Bet they're holding him out to get him ready for us.'" Starr's semi-facetious observation, made as he prepared to enter a meeting of the Packer offense Wednesday, had been prompted by word that Butkus would be returning to combat in Sunday's Packer-Bear rematch at Chicago. That, of course, is hardly a matter of great cheer, particularly to a quarterback. Explosively anti-social, Butkus ranks - with the Pack's Ray Nitschke - as one of the two finest middle linebackers in National Football League history. Starr, who has had more than a nodding acquaintance with the brawling Bruin over the last five seasons, calls him "the greatest competitor I've ever seen." "We were watching him play against the Browns two weeks ago on film," Mr. Quarterback informed, "and he was limping around on one leg and making tackles all over the field...He's unreal." "He makes a total difference in their defense," said Starr, who is still uncertain at this point whether he will be exposed to Butkus' tender mercies in Sunday's Wrigley Field confrontation. "It's not the same without him."...JUST ONE PLAY: He didn't say so, but this was evident in that 49er match, in which the former University of Illinois athlete appeared for only one play. The Gold Diggers stacked up 360 yards, including 186 rushing, to rout the Monsters of the Midway, 42-21. The Bears are likely to be somewhat more tightfisted on the Sabbath, however, if Butkus has his way. And the 6-foot-3, 245-pound Chicagoan, who has led the Bruins in calisthenics the last two days to prove his point, insists he is ready to play. Although neither of the arch enemies has the customary championship incentive, he has promised, "We'll be playing hard in this one." This last was by way of announcing he feels the Bears' motivation to beat the Packers is virtually as high as if his team were fighting for a playoff berth. "You've got to remember how many tough games we've had with them in the past," he says, "and how bad they made us look earlier this year (a 17-0 opening loss to the Pack in Lambeau Field). We want to win these last two games (Detroit is the Bears' final opponent) so we'll have at least a couple of pleasant memories to tide us over the winter."...MAY PLAY: Although it remains a somewhat slender prospect as of now, Butkus and his fellow defenders may be required to cope with the analytical powers of Starr, who threw lightly in Wednesday's practice and took his turn under the center for the first time since suffering a shoulder separation in the Bays' 16-10 loss to the Lions Nov. 23. "It feels good to be running plays again," Bart noted with a bright smile. "I didn't throw too much, but at least it's a start. "I'm hopeful that I'll be able to do something Sunday. Coach Bengtson said just to take it easy this week and see how things go. He said we would discuss it later in the week and decide then." Starr, who now has sat out two games and thus is eligible for reactivation, added, "I would at least like to be active so I can help in some way. "That's why it was nice to be running plays again today - you at least feel like you're part of it. When you can't do much for so long, any little bit gets you excited." Bart smiled and appended, "I was holding for the kickers in practice today so, in case I'm activated, maybe I can talk the coaches into letting

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OFFENSE			
	Rushing	Passing	Total
Dallas	2005	2376	4381
San Francisco	1397	2725	4122
New Orleans	1438	2565	4003
Baltimore	1335	2574	3909
Philadelphia	1264	2572	3836
Washington	1340	2454	3794
Minnesota	1614	2122	3736
Cleveland	1488	2248	3736
St. Louis	1325	2402	3727
New York	1349	2334	3683
Los Angeles	1319	2360	3679
Atlanta	1798	1530	3328
Chicago	1864	1412	3276
Green Bay	1411	1764	3175
Pittsburgh	1311	1737	3048
Detroit	1450	1308	2758
DEFENSE			
	Rushing	Passing	Total
Minnesota	1016	1302	2318
Detroit	1126	1766	2892
Dallas	889	2320	3209
Chicago	1580	1688	3268
Los Angeles	1231	2094	3325
Green Bay	1764	1628	3392
New York	1752	1794	3546
San Francisco	1441	2266	3707
Pittsburgh	1526	2238	3764
Washington	1987	1820	3807
Cleveland	1798	2049	3847
Atlanta	1760	2156	3916
Baltimore	1205	2862	4067
St. Louis	1432	2873	4305
Philadelphia	1583	2742	4325
New Orleans	1618	2885	4503



(UPI Telephoto)

Head Coach Jim Dooley [right] of Bears conferring with Quarterback Virgil Carter yesterday during team workout in Wrigley field. Little-used Carter will start against Green Bay Sunday.

me do that."... **PACKER PATTERN:** Starr's strong-armed understudy, Don Horn, was listed among the NFL's individual top passers for the first time in his career this week. He is tied with Detroit's Bill Munson for 14th place with 58 completions in 120 attempts, a 48.3 percentage, for 905 yards and four touchdowns. Although he has been idle of late, Bart continues to hold second place with a glossy 62.2 percentage on a 92-of-148 record for 1,161 yards and nine TDs. Herb Adderley is locked in a seven-way tie for fifth place in interceptions with five and Dave Hampton is seventh in kickoff returns with a 27.1 average for 16 runbacks... Hampton, incidentally, is a new father. His spouse presented him with a daughter Tuesday... Dave's fellow halfback, Donny Anderson, has moved up to tenth in punting. He has averaged 39.7 yards for 53 kicks.

GORDON AND CARTER GOT TOGETHER WITHOUT TRICKS

DEC 11 (Chicago Tribune) - Last year Dick Gordon and Virgil Carter could never get together on the jobs of completing passes. Last week in San Francisco suddenly came a reversal of the situation and Carter found Gordon with 10 completions for the Bears. Why the turnabout? "There wasn't any great change," said Gordon, the flanker who has been alternately in and out of difficulty with the Bears' staff. "I was getting open and Virgil was hitting me. And there were several times when I was open and he didn't get the ball to me. Last year we just couldn't click. Yes, I did run more short patterns last Saturday. Those were the ones I caught the passes on mostly... **HE LIKED PLAYS:** "I thought Carter called a tremendous game," Gordon volunteered. "His play selection was very good. He kept the team moving. He's a smart quarterback. Of course, I thought Jack Concannon was doing a good job, too ..." Gordon says he has no idea what will happen to him after the season is over and he does not want to speculate. It is supposed that Gordon will be up for trade this winter... Bob Wallace, who has been working at tight end recently and

who also caught 10 passes last week from Carter, is listed only as a "possible" starter Sunday against Green Bay because of a sprained foot. Wallace was participating in parts of yesterday's workout in Wrigley field, tho... Ronnie Bull, the Bears' fullback who underwent knee surgery early in the season, had the cast removed recently and has been taking treatments at Wrigley field. Bull still is walking with the aid of crutches and is not able to bend his injured leg... Wallace's 10 catches last week finally enabled the Bears to put one of their own among the league's leading receivers for the first time this year. Wallace ranks 12th with 44 catches for 528 yards and five touchdowns. Dan Abramowicz of New Orleans leads with 63 catches for 866 yards and Roy Jefferson of Pittsburgh is second... Bart Starr is still on the inactive list for the Packers but could be activated against Chicago Sunday if the Green Bay coaches decide he has sufficiently recovered from his shoulder separation suffered in mid-season. The Packers say they will make a decision late in the week. There is little likelihood he will start, however... Philadelphia's Harold Jackson is only 5-foot-9 and weighs 173 pounds and last year was the Los Angeles Rams' 12th draft choice and spent his time on the Rams' taxi squad. This season, after being obtained by the Eagles in a trade, he has gained 1,000 yards receiving. The tiny receiver from Jackson State is the 33rd player in league history to gain 1,000 yards in one year receiving. Last year there were four - Jefferson, Paul Warfield of Cleveland, New York's Homer Jones, and Lance Rentzel of Dallas.

PACKER TICKETS CRUCIAL POINT IN DIVORCE CASE

DEC 12 (Milwaukee) - A couple getting a divorce in county court Tuesday reached agreement on a crucial point-ownership of football tickets. Robert L. Wilde, a Stoughton High School teacher, and his wife, Jeanne, a state office employe living in Madison, told Judge William Buenzli they agreed she should have the divorce. And they stipulated before trial on division of property - except for next year's Packer game tickets. Buenzli, lawyers for the Wildes, and the Packer ticket office worked out a plan for sharing the tickets. The agreement provides one will have the tickets for the first game, the other for the second game and continuing even use.

UW-GB MARCHING BAND GETS \$7,000 FROM PACKERS

DEC 12 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The University of Wisconsin - Green Bay has received a gift of \$7,000 from the Green Bay Packers to be used for its marching band, the UW Board of Regents announced today. The gift was presented through the University of Wisconsin Foundation, Madison, and was among the \$3,593,382.54 in gifts and grants accepted by the Regents at their meeting in Milwaukee.

REVIVED SAYERS CHALLENGES PACK

DEC 12 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Gale Sayers, coming off knee surgery late last season, began 1969 in modest, almost unobtrusive fashion. He was held to a mere 36 yards in 10 attempts, for example, in the Bears' opening 17-0 loss to the Packers in Lambeau Field. And, for several subsequent weeks, Gale could not be found among the National Football League's rushing leaders. Inevitably, pro football's pundits began to darkly observe that the Kansas Comet's knee would never be the same, that his glory days might well be over. Such assessments have undergone some slight revision in recent

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weeks, which have seen the Bruins' distance threat vault into the league rushing lead on the basis of 882 yards in 196 carries...STUDYING FILM: And Raymond Ernest Nitschke, who may be considered something of an expert on the subject, feels Sayers may be even more of a menace than he was before the injury. "He's still the same threat," says Nitschke, who has been studying Gale on film in preparation for Sunday's 102nd exchange with the Bears at Chicago's Wrigley Field. "In fact, he seems stronger straightaway - running straight ahead - than he was. He's not running the sweeps like he used to, but it's not because he can't. They apparently are just not running them as often. The big thing about him is that he's a game breaker - every time he's in that backfield. You have to be aware of his position at all times. You can't leave him alone for a minute."...NEED TEAM DEFENSE: "It has to be a team defense to stop him," the Pack's all-time middle linebacker appended. "No one or two guys are going to do it. Whenever we have stopped Sayers, it's been a team defense. As I said, he's no different than he's ever been - there's no way you can tell any difference in his running. He's in a class of his own. And he also has a fine offensive line in front of him - guys like Howard Mudd, Jim Cadile, Mike Pyle, Rufus Mayes and Randy Jackson." Although there will be no championship overtones to Sunday's skirmish, Nitschke admits he will not be lacking for incentive. A Chicago native, he said, "There's something about living here, and knowing what the game means to the Bear fan and especially what it means to the Packer fan, that gives it special importance. "It's really a fun game to play in," Nitschke said, exhibiting a faint smile as he looked ahead with obvious anticipation. "The Bears always give it their best ... and so do we."...PACKER PATTERN: Although GM-Coach Phil Bengtson continues to take the cautious approach, for obvious reasons, prospects that Bart Starr will be available for at least part-time duty Sunday brightened during Thursday's practice. "Bart was throwing real well today," Bengtson said. "His shoulder probably will get a little sore, though, because this is the most he has thrown since he suffered the separation. So we'll just have to wait and see how he is. As long as we don't have to do anything early, we might as well wait. We probably won't do anything about deciding on whether to activate him until Saturday or possibly even Sunday morning. If we can make a decision on it before that time, of course, we will."...The Packers, who conclude their major preparations for the Windy City imbroglio today, enplane for Chicago via United Airlines charter at noon Saturday...Although he has been relegated to an obscure corner of the bench of late, the Bears' Jack Concannon still ranks 12th among NFL passers with 75 completions in 125 attempts for an impressive 60.0 mark, 704 yards and four touchdowns...In an effort to shore up their defensive line, the Bears have recently been employing Dave Hale, a 6-foot-7 1/2, 260-pound rookie, at end. His coach, Abe Gibron, has bestowed upon him one of the more bizarre nicknames in the pro ranks. The mountainous Gibron calls him "Lurch."

PACK IS NOT BACK ... POOR OFFENSE IS CHIEF REASON

DEC 12 (Chicago Tribune) - "The Pack Is Back." That bumper sticker has gone the way of "Cub Power" and "H.H.H. for President." Its message has been lost. It is only a hollow echo of better times and optimistic days. The reasons for the Green Bay Packers' continued decline this season are not readily discernible. They have the same material with which they began the season when they were rated as a strong contender for the Central title in the National Football League. "Aside from Bart Starr's shoulder separation, we've had few injuries," pointed out a spokesman for the club. "We certainly can't use that as an excuse. Our offense has been the big problem for some reason.

We have tried a dozen different combinations of running backs. Many people felt we were strong at running back. You would have to say the offense just hasn't been very inspired." One of the most astounding statistics concerning the Packer offense is that it ranks second in the league in most turnovers - either fumbles or pass interceptions. Their total of 19 fumbles and 14 interceptions is surpassed only by the lowly Pittsburgh Steelers. Entering Sunday's meaningless game with the Bears, one of the few teams that has been more inept, Green Bay will be carrying a record of four losses in its last five games and a mark of having scored only 27 touchdowns in 12 contests, five of those scores by returns of interceptions or kicks...ABSENTEES LISTED: Obviously, this is not the Packer team of old. Gone, for instance, are such names as Thurston, Kramer, Skoronski, McGee, Bratkowski, and Chandler from the offense. Gone also is Vince Lombardi, who was credited with the rebuilding of the Packers. In his place is Phil Bengtson, the quiet defensive specialist who holds the jobs of head coach and general manager. Bengtson's position, despite wholesale retirements of key players, is in jeopardy. There are rumors that he will be relieved of his coaching duties after this season and left solely to be general manager. He has one year remaining on a two-year contract in both capacities. His defense has maintained much of its luster, having yielded 16 points or fewer in the five-game slide, except for last week, when the Cleveland Browns scored 20. Cornerback Herb Adderley and Safety Doug Hart are having outstanding years. The Packers pass rush has dumped the opposing quarterback in every game except the last. Bengtson has tried to compensate for the attrition on offense. The interior offensive line is composed of No. 1 draft choices from 1966 or later - Francis Peay, Bill Lueck, Bob Hyland, and Gale Gillingham...THE ATTACK SPUTTERS: Yet the Packer attack, with such running backs as Donny Anderson and Travis Williams (currently



Don Horn [13], Packer quarterback, handing off to Running Back Travis Williams [23] against Baltimore earlier this season. Horn is heir-apparent to aging and ailing Bart Starr.

the starters) plus Jim Grabowski, rookie star Dave Hampton, and veteran Elijah Pitts, has sputtered whether Starr or Don Horn has been at quarterback. If the Bears' defense, which has been as solid lately as good Swiss cheese, wraps up the Packers then those "Pack Is Back" stickers will be heaped on the same bonfire that is burning some silly signs that read "Bear Power."

ERRATIC TOES COULD KEY PACKERS-BEARS OUTCOME

DEC 13 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Just one short year ago, Mac Percival was the toast of Chicago. The Bears' towering placekicker exhibited exemplary radar, drilling home 25 of 36 field goal attempts to lead all National Football League booters. One of them, the Packer faithful grimly recall, was a 47-yard free kick effort that scuttled the Pack, 13-10, in the closing seconds of their first 1968 exchange with the Monsters of the Midway. Percival also had a perfect 25-for-25 record on extra points and lofted 18 of 64 kickoffs in the end zone, 24 others landing between the five and the goal line. As a result, return yardage against the Bears was the lowest in the league, an average of just 17.9. In addition, the rangy Texan emerged as the Bears' scoring leader and became only the third man in Bruin history to score over 100 points in a season. That achievement put him in an elite category with teammate Gale Sayers, who counted a record 132 in 1965, and ex-quarterback Johnny Lujack, who had 109 in 1950. But this is a different season and, the Bears are sad to relate, a different Percival. Mac, who gave a hint of what was to come when he missed five tries in one game, has made only six of 16 field goal attempts and has just 44 points to show for his efforts with only two games remaining, including Sunday's 102nd Packer-Bear duel in Chicago's Wrigley Field...RECENT FORM CHART: "Nobody seems to be able to figure out what's the matter with Mac," says Dan Desmond, the Bears' longtime publicity director. "Last year he looked like he was going to be one of the all-time greats. But he's sure been having his troubles this season." Be that as it may, Percival's currently erratic right foot – as well as the business toe of his opposite Packer number, Booth Lusteg – could be a major factor in Sunday's struggle, should it follow the recent form chart. Four of the last six games between the ancient enemies have been decided by one to three-point margins, including last year's finale on the same turf, claimed by the Packers, 28-27, with the aid of an interception by Ray Nitschke in the waning seconds.

BEARS STRIVE TO SALVAGE PRIDE AGAINST PACKERS

DEC 14 (Chicago Tribune) - For the 102d time since they first met in 1921, the Chicago Bears and Green Bay Packers will square off across the scrimmage line today in Wrigley field. Kickoff time is 1:06 p.m., and the usual capacity crowd of 46,000 will brave the icy blasts off Lake Michigan to see a game which has no significance in the championship races. The Bears go into the struggle sulking over a 1-11 record, their worst in history. Green Bay's once proud Packers, who dominated all of professional football for a decade, have tumbled to a 6-6 mark...BEARS HAVE EDGE: George Halas' men have on 54 regular season meetings with the Packers, who hold 41 victories in the series. There have been six ties. All the records and past performances traditionally go out the window when these two old foes collide, and the same thing should hold true today. The game may be meaningless, but it's still Bears vs. Packers, and as Dick Butkus said earlier in the week, "there's that little matter of pride." The Bears haven't had much to be proud about during this season of travail. They have beaten only the Pittsburgh Steelers, and today they will try to find a formula to reverse the 17 to 0 defeat at Green Bay in the season opener. Bart Starr and Jack Concannon were the rival quarterbacks in that game. Today it will be Don Horn for the Packers and Virgil Carter trying once again to convince the Bear coaches he deserves to be something more than a back-up man to Bobby Douglass. There is an outside chance that Starr, who has been on the reserve list with a shoulder separation, may be activated in time for today's game. But don't expect to see much of old No. 15. The Packers have a slight bit of incentive which is not available to the Bears. Green Bay must win its two remaining games to have any chance at third place money in the Western conference [both Baltimore and Detroit would have to lose their remaining contests]...MAY HAVE FORMULA: Carter will be making his second consecutive start at quarterback and against a team he handled, 13 to 10, at Green Bay a year ago. That was the third of his four-game winning streak. He completed only five of 14 passes for 51 yards, but beat the Packers on ball control, running 63 plays to Green Bay's 46. Coach Jim Dooley will continue to experiment with personnel. George Seals is listed to start at defensive tackle, Ray Ogden at wide receiver, and Mike Hull will make his second start in a row at fullback. Gale Sayers, the National Football league's leading rusher with 882 yards, will be shooting for the thousand-yard mark and all-pro honors, whether he admits it or not. He has a career average against the Packers of 4.9 yards off 135 carries for 664 yards and five touchdowns. Sayers' two closest pursuers, Dallas' Calvin Hill and Baltimore's Tom Matte, faced off yesterday but did not gain much in the race. Hill ran for 41 yards in 12 carries, increasing

PRO GRID STANDINGS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	O.P.
Minnesota	11	1	0	.917	366	116
Detroit	7	4	1	.636	211	185
Green Bay	6	6	0	.500	203	190
CHICAGO	1	11	0	.083	204	298

COASTAL DIVISION

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	O.P.
Los Angeles	11	1	0	.917	313	202
Baltimore	7	5	1	.583	266	261
Atlanta	4	8	0	.333	239	262
San Francisco	3	7	2	.300	256	296

EASTERN CONFERENCE

CENTURY DIVISION

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	O.P.
Cleveland	9	2	1	.818	310	252
St. Louis	4	7	1	.364	265	317
New York	4	8	0	.333	216	267
Pittsburgh	1	11	0	.083	177	356

CAPITOL DIVISION

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	O.P.
Dallas	10	2	1	.833	349	213
Washington	6	4	2	.600	280	285
Philadelphia	4	7	1	.364	263	334
New Orleans	4	8	0	.333	270	352

YESTERDAY'S GAME

Dallas, 27; Baltimore, 10.

GAMES TODAY

Green Bay at CHICAGO.
Cleveland at St. Louis.
Atlanta at Philadelphia.
Los Angeles at Detroit.
New Orleans at Washington.
San Francisco at Minnesota.
New York at Pittsburgh.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EASTERN DIVISION

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	O.P.
New York	9	4	0	.692	328	260
Houston	5	6	2	.455	251	256
Boston	4	9	0	.308	246	278
Buffalo	4	9	0	.308	224	314
Miami	3	9	1	.250	224	305

WESTERN DIVISION

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	O.P.
Oakland	12	1	1	.923	377	242
Kansas City	11	3	0	.784	359	177
San Diego	7	6	0	.538	243	270
Denver	4	8	1	.333	270	328
Cincinnati	4	8	1	.333	264	340

YESTERDAY'S GAME

Oakland, 10; Kansas City, 6.

TODAY'S GAMES

New York at Miami.
Boston at Houston.
Cincinnati at Denver.
Buffalo at San Diego.

his total to 869 yards in 186 carries and Matte gained 47 yards in seven carries to make his total 858 yards in 217 tries. Tom Woodeshick of the Eagles with 805 yards is the only other runner in the league with more than 800.

NOTES AND NOTIONS

DEC 14 (Appleton Post-Crescent) - The Packers and the Bears, oldest pro football rivals, and erstwhile NFL powerhouses (they rank first and second in all-time titles), meet today in a rather unusual atmosphere - neither one is in title contention, and, in fact, they rank third and fourth in a 4-team division. In most cases when they've met, at least one has been in the championship running. At the start of this season, both Green Bay and Chicago loomed as title contenders...for few, if any, observers foresaw the runaway Minnesota has staged. Since coaches receive a great deal of credit for good seasons, it is also natural that they be criticized when things aren't going so well. The Bears' Jim Dooley and the Packers Phil Bengtson are finding this to be the case. George Halas hasn't indicated Dooley's job is in danger, but he doesn't like to lose and the current 1-11 record can't be making Papa Bear too happy. Dooley has been accused of being indecisive...and the Bears, of course, have had some disgruntled quarterbacks on their hands and they were unable to convince George Seals to start the season on time. The Packers four losses in their last five games have inevitably spawned some speculation about Bengtson. The Chicago

RUSHING					
	Att.	Yds.	Ave.	Lng.	TD
Sayers, Bears	196	882	4.5	28	8
T. Williams, Pack	112	450	4.0	31	8
Douglass, Bears	48	363	7.5	39	2
Grabowski, Pack	73	261	3.6	22	1
Anderson, Pack	71	259	3.7	16	1
Hampton, Pack	62	236	3.8	20	3
Pitts, Pack	35	134	4.0	13	0

PASSING					
	Att.	Yds	Ave.	Int.	TD
Starr, Pack	148	92	1611	6	9
Concannon, Bears	125	75	70	4	5
Horn, Pack	120	58	905	8	4
Douglass, Bears	135	63	747	6	5
Carter, Bears	61	34	326	5	2

RECEIVING					
	No.	Yds.	Ave.	Lng.	TD
Wallace, Bears	44	515	11.8	45	5
Dale, Pack	36	680	18.8	48	4
Gordon, Bears	32	359	11.2	41	4
Dowler, Pack	24	362	15.1	45	2
T. Williams, Pack	22	185	8.4	31	1
Denney, Bears	19	181	9.5	29	1
Hampton, Pack	15	216	14.4	50	2
Fleming, Pack	15	180	12.0	23	1

Tribune, a few days ago, put it this way: "Bengtson's position, despite wholesale retirements of key players, is in jeopardy. There are rumors that he will be relieved of his coaching duties after this season and left solely to be general manager. He has one year remaining on a 2-year contract in both capacities." I rather doubt that any great pressure will be applied to Bengtson, because of his contract...But it's possible Phil may want to take a good hard look at himself after the season - similar to the soul-searching Vince Lombardi did after the 1968 Super Bowl game. Bengtson might ask himself whether, in two years, he's gotten as much out of the team as a head coach as he had hoped. Phil, of course, has the misfortune of being compared to Lombardi, even after 26 games as head coach, both in the matter of record and personality...You probably noticed the compliment Lombardi got from professional gambler Jimmy (The Greek) Snyder on the football segment of TV's "60 Minutes" the other night. Rarely is coaching considered in setting game odds, Snyder noted, but when Lombardi was with the Packers, he was worth an extra two points on the "board." Volatile Vince's image seems to be changing a bit - whether consciously or not. In Washington's recent crucial game against LA, the camera caught a couple of Lombardi smiles during the game and he showed no inclination to storm up and down the sidelines, even though his team was behind...Getting back to Packer problems, offense, of course, has been the big worry. The Bays have knowledgeable coaches teaching various phases of the offensive game, but one wonders if any of them has total coordinating authority. In five of Green Bay's six losses, the offense came close to complete failure in the touchdown department. The Baltimore contest was a sans-TD game, although two field goals were kicked. The Bay offensive scored in the final seconds to avert shutouts in the first Viking game and the Cleveland tilt. And, the Packers scored a TD in the final 15 seconds in the return Detroit game to balloon a lowly 3-point total. Additionally, the Bay TD in the second Viking contest came on an interception, which meant the offense was blanked...Amazingly enough, though the Bears have won only one of 12 games, they have outgained their combined opposition - 3,276 yards to 3,268. On the other hand, the Packers (with six wins) have been outgained by their foes, 3,392 to 3,175. The Packer defense, which has been highly permissive only thrice (LA and Pittsburgh scored 34 points and Cleveland got 20) has helped keep Green Bay's record respectable...The Packers and the Bears, of course, aren't the members of the older guard having trouble in the NFL. Expansion teams Minnesota and Dallas have accounted for half of the division titles. Only the Rams and the Browns, of the traditional old football powers, will compete in the the 8-team NFL and AFL playoffs. The Cowboys matured quickly and have taken a division title (first in the 8-team Eastern, then after the split, in the 4-team Capitol) four straight times. The Vikings have now done it twice in their division. Of course, expansion teams have done well in other sports. too. The Mets are baseball's champions, and the Milwaukee Bucks are running third in the 7-team Eastern sector of the NBA.

STARR'S RETURN TODAY PROBABLE

DEC 14 (Chicago-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Green Bay Packer General Manager-Coach Phil Bengtson said Saturday night that quarterback Bart Starr "will probably be activated for today's game against the Bears." He said however that Starr would not start. No decision had been made Saturday night on who would be deactivated if Starr is activated. The activation of Starr would make him available to hold for place kicker Booth Lusteg. This assignment has been filled by split end Boyd Dowler in Starr's absence.

VICTORY OVER BEARS CAN CINCH .500 SEASON FOR PACK

DEC 14 (Chicago-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Neither the Packers nor the Bears, both long since removed from contention, will have burning incentive riding with them in their 102nd rumble here this afternoon. Aside, that is, from the invariable desire, ignited in the early days of pro football's most venerable rivalry, to do each other in whenever they chance to meet. The Packers could negotiate one positive step, however, by dispatching the Bruins, already certain of emerging from a horrendous 1969 season with the worst record in their long and genepally successful history. A victory would assure the green and gold a .500 finish and, more importantly, a better record than was their lot in 1968 when they settled for a 6-7-1 mark and third place in the National Football League's Central Division. In fact, the 6-6 Packers could substantially improve upon last year's figures by winning this one (1 o'clock, WNFL, Channel 2) and their season finale against the St. Louis

Cardinals in Lambeau Field one week hence. Such a parlay would give them an 8-6 slate and, should the Rams and Bears (1-11) cooperate by handling the Detroit Lions in their last two appearances, would assure them of runnerup honors in the highly competitive Central sector. A victory today also would enable the Bays to edge closer to their longtime playmates, who still hold an imposing 54-41 bulge in their all-time rivalry. It likewise would extend their winning streak against the Monsters of the Midway, a modest skein which includes a 28-27 success in their last meeting here a year ago and a 17-0 triumph in their first 1969 exchange, to three games. The Packer offense, however, will have to be somewhat more productive than it has been of late if the Packers hope to turn the trick in what the oddsmakers have listed as a tossup. They have scored more than 10 points only once in their last five outings and that total, significantly, came in their lone victory during that span, a 10-10 win over the New York Giants. In those four other appearances, they fell to the Baltimore Colts, 14-6; the Minnesota Vikings, 9-7; the Lions, 16-10; and most recently, to the Cleveland Browns, 20-7. The task of accelerating point production presumably will fall to quarterback Don Horn, who engineered that one-point conquest of the Chicagoans here last December, although there is a possibility Bart Starr also will see at least token action. A decision on whether to activate Starr, who suffered a shoulder separation in the first quarter of the Lion rematch Nov. 23, was scheduled to be made this morning. GM-Coach Phil Bengtson indicated Horn again will be handing off to running backs Donny Anderson and Travis Williams, who are likely to be spelled by such as Dave Hampton and Jim Grabowski, not to mention rookie Perry Williams. As always, the emphasis will be on ball control, a program that will be greatly enhanced if Horn is able to throw to his three primary receivers, Boyd Dowler, Carroll Dale and Marv Fleming, with any degree of frequency. This trio was limited to a combined total of two receptions at Cleveland, where the Packers settled for a mere 119 yards passing and a net aggregate of 218. Although the Bears' defense has not been overly successful of late, giving rise to hopes of a profitable afternoon for the Pack, marauding Dick Butkus is expected to return from the casualty list today, a development which is certain to inspire his colleagues. The Bruins' resistance also will be augmented by the addition of 260-pound George Seals, the irascible former offensive guard who will be making his starting debut at left tackle. Since the Bears own the NFL's No. 2 rushing attack, the Monsters' offense also is likely to pose a bristling challenge for the Pack's defense, generally commendable during this somewhat traumatic '69 season. Gale Sayers is the league's leading ground gainer with 882 yards in 196 attempts and he has staunch support from Mike Hull, now running at fullback after an extended experiment as a receiver. The Packers also will have to contend with Virgil Carter, architect of the Bruins' 13-10 victory over our heroes a year ago, who has a penchant for scrambling. It will be the last Packer-Bear frolic for at least one member of the visiting cast, Defensive Capt. Willie Davis. And it also could be farewell to Wrigley Field for his fellow captain, Forrest Gregg, although he, unlike Davis, has made no retirement announcement.

Cinch .500?			
Probable Starting Lineups:			
OFFENSE			
GREEN BAY		CHICAGO	
Dowler	SE	Ogden	
Peay	LT	Jackson	
Lueck	LG	Mudd	
Bowman	C	Pyle	
Gillingham	RG	Cadile	
Gregg	RT	Mayer	
Fleming	TE	Wallace	
Horn	QB	Carter	
Anderson	RB	Sayers	
T. Williams	RB	Hull	
Dale	FL	Gordon	
DEFENSE			
Davis	LE	O'Bradovich	
Moore	LT	Seals	
Brown	RT	Holman	
Aldridge	RE	Evey	
Robinson	LLB	Buffone	
Nitschke	MLB	Butkus	
Caffey	RLB	Kuechenberg	
Adderley	LH	McRae	
Jeter	RH	Taylor	
Hart	LS	Youngblood	
Wood	RS	Daniels	
Packer - Bear Series			
Bears won 54, Packers 41, 6 ties.			
Points — Bears 1,648, Packers 1,449.			

Victory Over Bears Can Cinch .500 Season for Pack

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Bears Strive to Salvage Pride Against Packers