



Oakland Raiders 17, Green Bay Packers (1-3) 13
PRESEASON: Saturday August 28th 1971 (at Green Bay)



Pack Fights Back, But Bows to Raiders 17-13

GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(GREEN BAY) - Burdened by an early 17-0 deficit, largely the product of their own generosity, the Packers fell short with a stout second half comeback and dropped a 17-13 decision to the powerful Oakland Raiders in Lambeau Field Saturday night. Sabotaged by an end zone fumble and a critical roughing the kicker penalty which cost them two second quarter touchdowns, the Packers charged back with a pair of third quarter field goals by Dave Conway and added a touchdown in the final minute on a 41-yard collaboration between rookie quarterback Scott Hunter and fellow freshman Dave Davis to delight a capacity house of 56,263 fans. Earlier in the final quarter, the Packers lost another glittering opportunity when halfback Dave Hampton fumbled and the Raiders' Willie Brown recovered at the Oakland four-yard-line. Conway, who now is 3-3 as a Packer kicker, booted field goals of 39 and 38 yards. Until the closing seconds, it appeared that would be all the scoring the Packers would be able to muster. But Hunter found Davis in the open at the Oakland 15 and the Tennessee A. & I. speedball cruised into the end zone untouched with only seven seconds remaining. It was the Packers third defeat in four exhibition starts and their first loss over to an American Conference team.

MISADVENTURES

The Packers left for the intermission with a 17-0 deficit that was clearly more chargeable to Packer misadventures than Oakland artistry. They had not lost a fumble in their first three grapefruit league ventures but coughed up two in the first 30 minutes this time and one cost them the Raiders' first touchdown. Oakland's other second quarter TD also followed a Packer miscue, coming in the wake of a roughing the kicker penalty on Cleo Walker. The Raiders' first score negated a brilliant goal line stand by the Green Bay defense, which rose up to throttle the visitors after Carleton Oats recovered a Scott Hunter fumble at the Packer 21. Oakland managed to forge a fourth and goal situation at the one but the Packers Willie Wood and Jim Carter felled Marv Hubbard for no gain.

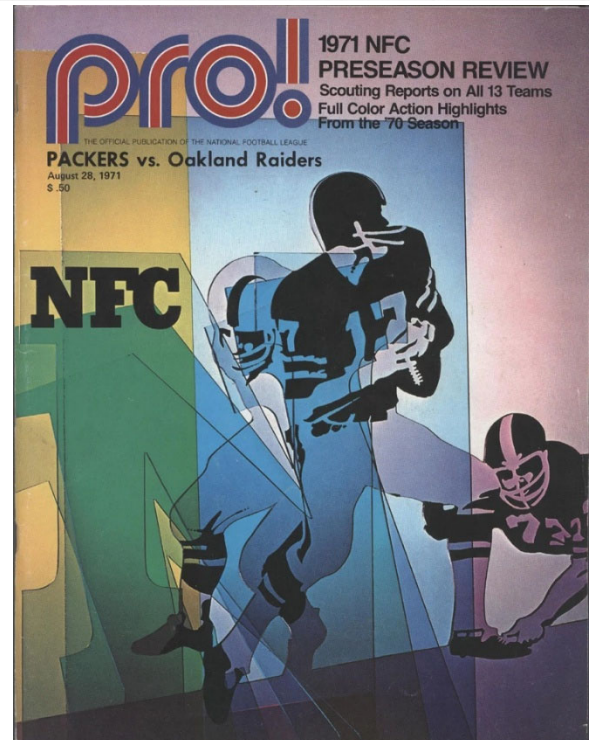
BROCKINGTON FUMBLED

On the very next play, however, rookie fullback John Brockington fumbled when hit in the end zone and linebacker Greg Slough recovered for the Raiders' first touchdown at 1:34 of the second period. Later in the quarter, Ken Ellis mounted the Pack's first threat by returning a Mike Eischeid punt 42 yards down the west sidelines to the Oakland 39. But Walker had run into Eischeid a split second after he delivered the ball, the play was recalled and the Packers were assessed a 5-yard penalty.

The Raiders took quick advantage of this gratuity. On third down, Daryle Lamonica wafted a pass to flanker Drew Buie up the middle. Richocheting off would be tacklers Tom Crutcher and Charley Hall, he veered his right and angled into the northeast corner of the end zone at 10:01 with the aid of a final block by fellow receiver Rod Sherman on defender Al Matthews at the five.

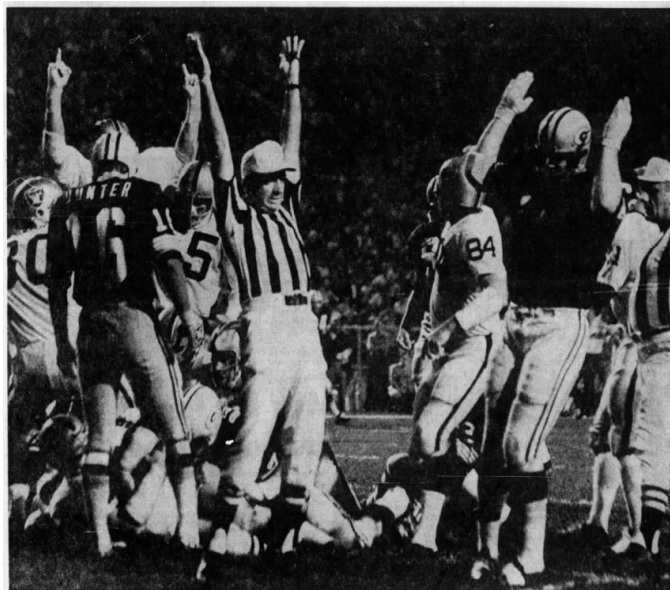
PAST MIDFIELD

The Packers made their only legitimate penetration past midfield following the kickoff when Zeke Bratkowski, making his first appearance of the evening, fired a 31-yard strike to John Spilis. Dave Hampton then improvised deftly to confound the enemy. Falling down on a slant to the left, he quickly got to his feet and, exhibiting admirable presence of mind, swept his



Pete Banaszak (40) cuts down the Green Bay Packers' Al Matthews (29) during the second quarter of Saturday night's game at Lambeau Field as Don Highsmith is chased from behind by a host of Green Bay defenders. (Post-Crescent Photo by Ed Deschler, Jr.)

right flank for 14 yards and a first down at the Oakland 35. Brockington dropped a Hunter pass in the open at the 18, however, and the rookie quarterback then was felled for a 10-yard loss, blunting the drive. The Raiders countered with another push of their own, culminated by a 32-yard field goal from the toe of Blanda, who earlier had missed a 33-yard effort in the first quarter. The Packers, triggered by some inspired running from Dave Hampton, made small but steady inroads on the Oakland lead in the third quarter with the aid of Conway's educated toe. Runs of 14 and 12 yards by Hampton and a 22-yard pass to Perry Williams provided the Pack with a glittering opportunity at the Oakland 10 early in the third quarter but the pestiferous Slough tipped a Hunter pass at the three. Tom Maxwell picked off the "rebound" and returned it to the 10. Doug Hart quickly got that one back, however, waylaying a Lamonica pass at the Oakland 39 and returning it to the 26. A muffed signal and a Hunter fumble stymied the drive and Conway came on to connect from the 39 with a boot that just eased over the bar at the 10:28 mark to finally put the Packers on the scoreboard. On the next exchange, a smartly executed screen left from Hunter to Hampton carried 32 yards to the Oakland 35 and set up another promising opportunity. But Brockington lost a yard and the drive floundered following two incomplete passes, after which Conway returned to hit from the 38, cutting the Raider lead to 17-6.



Scott Hunter (16) watches as Raiders recover John Brockington's fumble in the end zone for their first TD.

—AP Wirephoto

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GREEN BAY - 0 0 6 7 - 13

	<u>OAKLAND</u>	<u>GREEN BAY</u>
First downs	18	12
Rush-yards-TDs	44-157-0	26-48-0
Comp-Att-Yd-TD-INT	25-12-157-1-1	22-10-230-1-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-35	5-45
Net Passing Yards	118	185
Total yards	275	233
Fumbles-lost	1-0	6-3
Turnovers	1	4
Yards Penalized	6-67	3-30

SCORING

2nd – OAK – Greg Slough recovered John Brockington fumble in end zone (George Blanda kick) OAK 7-0

2nd – OAK – Drew Buie, 58-yard pass from Daryle Lamonica (Blanda kick) OAK 14-0

2nd – OAK – Blanda, 32-yard field goal OAK 17-0

3rd – GB – Dave Conway, 39-yard field goal OAK 17-3

3rd – GB – Conway, 38-yard field goal OAK 17-6

4th – GB – Dave Davis, 41-yard pass from Scott Hunter (Conway kick) OAK 17-13

RUSHING

GREEN BAY – Dave Hampton 9-49, Donny Anderson 4-14, Perry Williams 2-0, Virgil Robinson 1-0, John Brockington 7-(-2), Larry Krause 1-(-6), Scott Hunter 2-(-7)

OAKLAND – Don Highsmith 12-49, Marv Hubbard 14-40, Charlie Smith 7-38, Pete Banaszak 6-19, Clarence Davis 5-11

PASSING

GREEN BAY – Scott Hunter 20-9-199 1 TD 1 INT, Zeke Bratkowski 2-1-31

OAKLAND – Daryle Lamonica 13-4-99 1 TD 1 INT, Ken Stabler 12-8-58

RECEIVING

GREEN BAY – John Spilis 2-58, Rich McGeorge 2-39, John Brockington 2-35, Dave Hampton 2-35, Dave Davis 1-41 1 TD, Perry Williams 1-22

OAKLAND – Raymond Chester 3-26, Fred Biletnikoff 2-25, Don Highsmith 2-26, Drew Buie 1-58 1 TD, Warren Wells 1-13, Rod Sherman 1-11, Marv Hubbard 1-1, Pete Banaszak 1-(-3)

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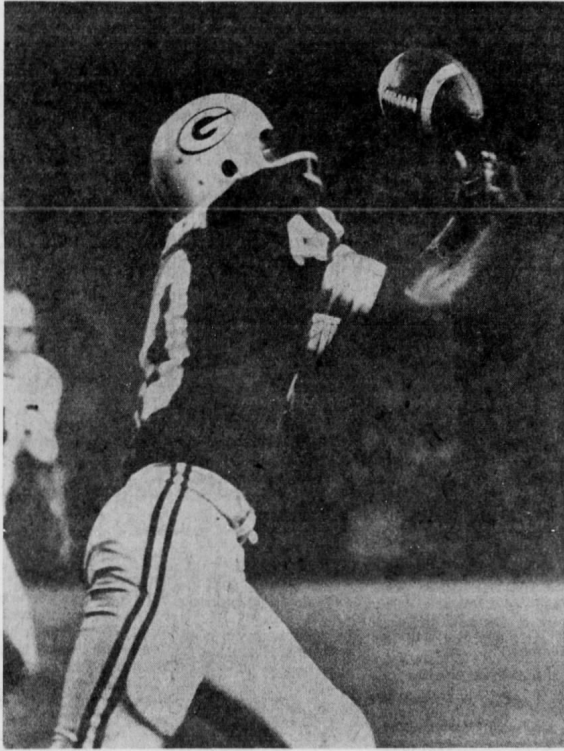
AUG 29 (Duluth News Tribune) - The Green Bay Packers invade Minnesota Viking territory today. Or, do they? When Coach Dan Devine and his Packers touch down at Duluth International Airport at around noon, it won't be the first time for the Green Bay squad. The Packers were here long before the Vikings. They trained in Grand Rapids for three years, from 1951

through 1953. And in 1952 and 1953, they played exhibition games in Duluth which actually brought a little financial security to a then-shaky franchise. Doubtless, the blossoming of Minnesota as a professional football Garden of Eden in 1961 with the founding of the Vikings has swayed the hearts of many. To some, the Packers may represent the weeds which only serve to deter the growth of that splendid garden. But to others, the arrival of the Packers today must stir the memories or even the staunchest of Viking followers who, before the 1960s, knew of only one team-Green Bay. Of course, memories of other professional football teams may linger in the hearts of many, too. The Philadelphia Eagles trained in Grand Rapids for two seasons in the days before the game threatened to supplant baseball as the nation's number one pastime. And, of course, there were the five years that the New York Giants used the then-called Superior Normal School for their training grounds. Remember? The late 40s and early 50s - when Superior's own Tuffy Leemans was winding up a career that merits something more than passing mention. When the Giants departed, the Packers arrived. Among their ranks in those days were such greats as Tony Canadeo...Fred Cone...Tobin Rote...Clayton Tonnemaker...Dick Wildung...Dick Afflis...Bobby Dillon...Carleton Elliott...Howie Ferguson...Dave Hanner... Bill Howton...Ace Loomis...John Martinkovic...Bob Mann...Floyd (Breezy) Reid...Clarence Self, and many others. Professional football in those days was just as tough, just as violent as it is today. But to play it was even more of a risk because teams in the National Football League didn't have the money which seems so abundant today. Franchise holders often wondered from day to day where their next dollar was coming from. A group headed by Duluthian Ole Haugsrud, a Viking director and one of the key forces in bringing the Vikings to Minnesota, tried its best to ease the Packers' financial burden in 1952 and again in 1953. "We created a sort of 'grapefruit league,'" Haugsrud recalls. "With Green Bay practicing in Grand Rapids, we came up with the idea for a 'Fish Bowl' game in which the Packers were split into two evenly-matched teams. We called one of the Packers and the other the Duluth Eskimos. Then we had fellows like Butch Larson, Red Grange, Bernie Bierman, etc., act as the coaches during the game. It really was quite an attraction. And at the same time, it helped the Packers out a little bit, too. We guaranteed them \$4,000. Right now, that wouldn't even pay the laundry bill. But it meant something in those days to be able to walk off with \$4,000. And you know what? After the 1953 game, our Fish Bowl committee even showed a profit of \$1,034. Isn't that something? Of course, we didn't come out ahead. We lost money when we took the Packers, and also the Giants, who were training in St. Peter at the time, to other bowl exhibitions. We lost money on such ventures as the Potato Bowl in Grand Forks, the Meat Bowl in Austin and the Iron Bowl in Hibbing." Financially speaking, those were not the most fruitful days in Green Bay football history. But struggling to get by was nothing new for the Packers. The world champions of 1966, 1967 and 1968 haven't always had their ups. They've had their downs, too. No other football team can claim 11 world championships, but not another has experienced the growing pains as have the Green Bay Packers, either. The original idea for a football team in Green Bay came out of a street corner conversation between the founder, Curly Lambeau, and a fellow named George Calhoun. It went something like this: "Why not get up a football team?" That was in 1919, and a few weeks later, in the dimly-lit offices of the Green Bay Press-Gazette, professional football in Green Bay was born. The name Packers was adopted because a Green Bay packing firm agreed to pay for the original jerseys. Where the Packers first played, there were no fences or stands. Fans simply walked or drove up to the sidelines to watch the games. Money was taken in by simply "passing the hat" and at times, when the team played in a rain or snowstorm, there was no money to be found. "I remember when we took the Eskimos down there for a game," Haugsrud recalled. "We got caught in a snowstorm. No one showed up at the game, so the Packers went around town to the businessmen and collected enough money so that we could return home." Public contribution has played a major role in the success of the Packers. On several occasions, all in the days of the pre-football craze, hundreds of persons purchased stock in a team which they were not sure would ever succeed. But from that park without stands and fences, the Packers eventually moved to City Stadium, which seated 6,000 people. Then came the great Don Hutson and an increased City Stadium capacity that reached 25,000. Then came a series of losing years under such fellows, and fine gentlemen, as Gene Ronzani, Vern Lewellen, Lisle Blackburn and Scooter McLean. In 1959, a fellow by the name of Vince Lombardi ("Vince Who?," a lot of people asked at the time) arrived on the scene and suddenly, everything changed. The Packers, under the late Lombardi, played in 10 championship games, losing but one. Now they play before a home stadium crowd which never is under capacity. If today, the Packers were opening the season at Lambeau Field, no less than 56,263 fans would be in the stands. The names of Paul Hornung, Jimmy Taylor, Bart Starr and others became household words, not only in the land of the Packers, but throughout the football world under Lombardi. His mission seemingly accomplished, Lombardi retired to the general manager's chair after the 1968 season and turned the coaching reins over to his top assistant, Phil Bengtson. But Bengtson wasn't able to instill the same magic into the Packers and during the past two seasons, Green Bay fortune took a dip again. Bengtson resigned at the end of last season. A few faces remain from those glory years, most notably that of quarterback Starr, who is injured and may miss the entire 1971 season. But in reality, this is a "new" Green Bay Packer team in a new era-the era of a new coach. Dan Devine of Proctor brings his Packers to Duluth today...Viking territory...How close to home can you get?

PACK PUTS DELISLE, LANE ON TAXI SQUAD

AUG 29 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packers reduced their quarterback contingent Saturday night, transferring Gary Lane to the taxi squad just prior to their exhibition against the Oakland Raiders. The move leaves veteran Zeke Bratkowski, rookie Scott Hunter and Sophomore Frank Patrick "active" at a position which ultimately may be trimmed to two. Rookie defensive tackle Jim Delisle also was taxed, paring the roster to 54, including 15 first year men and newcomer Dan Crooks. Crooks, a defensive back, was claimed on waivers from Atlanta. The taxi squad now numbers six, one short of the National Football League limit. The other members are convalescing quarterback Bart Starr, offensive lineman Randy Winkler,

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No Handle Here

Packers' Virgil Robinson drops Scott Hunter pass in first quarter

—Press-Gazette Photo by Russ Kriwanek

placekicker Tim Webster and defensive tackle Kevin Hunt, sidelined following knee surgery. The Packer roster must be reduced to 51, including college all-stars John Brockington and Charley Hall, by Tuesday, the next NFL cutdown date.

DIDN'T QUIT,' BIG THING IN LOSS TO OAKLAND, DEVINE SAYS

AUG 30 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - There may be no substitute for winning but there is something to be said for losing with dignity. In the long view it can be a moral victory, particularly for a team such as the Packers, now involved in an extensive rebuilding project. Coach Dan Devine said as much in the analysis of Saturday night's 17-13 exhibition loss to the Oakland Raiders in Lambeau Field, which saw the Pack rebound with strong vigor from an early 17-0 disadvantage. "The big, important thing," Devine said, "is that we didn't quit. I'm really happy about that. If we'd quit, it would have been all over. This way we have something to build on."...SECOND HALF REVIVAL: That second half revival had not come a minute too soon, the Packer leader intimated. "Next week, we've got to get down to playing just one unit," he said, shaking his head. "This is killing me. We've got to do it for my sake, if nothing else. It's nothing to do with pressure or anything like that. But that was the worst first half of football I have ever lived through in my life...Fortunately, the crowd was great. A college crowd would have booed us off the field. "I was pleased to see that the players didn't let it get to them. There was only a very little minor complaining going on in the dressing room between halves. But that's only because these guys wanted to win so bad...It's pretty easy to lie down on the job after going through a half like that. We almost gave them two touchdowns," he

pointed out. "You can't fumble backed up like we were, and give up the good punt return. When a guy commits a foul like that (Cleo Walker's roughing the kicker penalty in the second quarter), it's not only the yardage lost on the punt return by Ken Ellis, but the good plays that have gone down the drain. In a game that counts, you can't do those things. We can't outscore people. We're going to have to win 13-10 and 10-7. And, of course, Oakland has a good football team. You look up and down their line and they've got some real people - that offensive line, for one example, and their backs run hard. Don't kid yourself," Devine realistically noted, "that very easily could have been a 55-6 ball game. That's what these big score games are made out of. But the big thing about it, as far as a coach is concerned, is that we kept coming back. Instead of it being 45-6, you keep storming back. You settle for field goals but you keep coming back. And, really, I felt the momentum of the game was swinging our way. If it had been a few minutes longer, who knows? But they're going to get one drive on you in that second half, and they did. That's a sign of a good football team, a team that can make a long ball control drive. They go from 9:45 to 1:30 left without giving up the ball!" Devine could offer no pat explanation for the three lost fumbles, first of the grapefruit league season for the Packers, which contributed so heavily to their downfall. "Everything was causing them, you name it," he ironically observed. "The first one (a John Brockington fumble Oakland's Greg Slough recovered for a touchdown) was a foul up between the quarterback (Scott Hunter) and the running back. It was because of the crowd noise in that end zone, but that's no excuse. I'm sure Scott will never play that poorly again, as we did in the first half," Devine added. "But he hung in there, which I liked...He's a very coachable guy. He'll be all right. That Oakland defense is tough to pick apart, I'll tell you that. Scott learned something in this game, I might add. He learned that he can be cheered one week (in the Pack's 10-7 victory over Miami) and be booed the next." Veteran Zeke Bratkowski had been used only sparingly, he said, "because his back tightened up...But it should be better next week. The reason we let Hunter go all night was because we want to give him all the experience we can. We would have had Zeke in there earlier but I hate to substitute for a quarterback when he has had a bad series and," DD confided with a dry smile, "Scott had three in a row." The second half comeback was not the only source of cheer to Devine on a largely frustrating evening. He also was heartened by the running of Donny Anderson and the placekicking of new arrival Dave Conway. "Donny came to play in this one," Dan declared. "He ran the ball like he hasn't run it all season. He really took off on that one sweep early in the game. That was encouraging. Donny had a completely different look on his face than he's ever had before. So did John Brockington on that screen pass in the fourth quarter. As far as Virgil Robinson is concerned (the Pack's No. 2 draftee), we're going to wait another week before reaching any conclusions about him. He may be trying too hard." On the subject of Conway, who hit 39 and 38-yard field goals and now is a perfect 3-for-3 as a Packer, Devine said, "I'd say right now Dave is number one. "He doesn't kick them pretty," he smiled, "but they count three points...I thought for sure that he had missed the first one, but you can't tell from the sidelines." Conway has not been assured of a job, however, Devine said. He pointed out that former Baltimore Colt booter Lou Michaels, contacted prior to Conway's latest performance, had just checked into the Packer dressing room. "I've always felt that Michaels is a good kicker and he's had a lot of experience," he said, then added with a

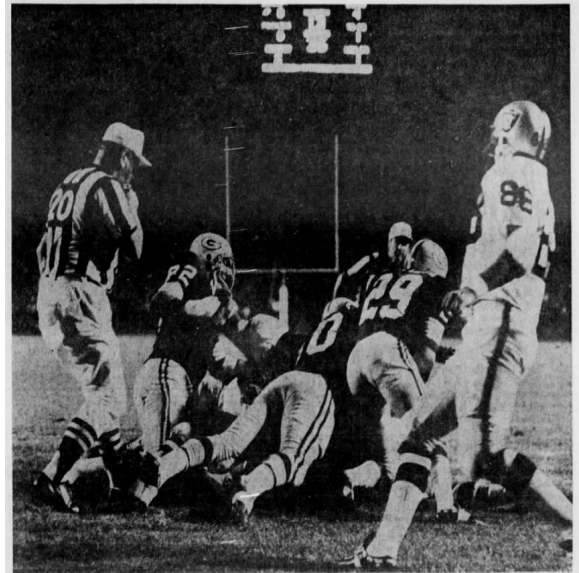
puckish grin, "I've always felt an expert is a guy from out of town." The jury, Devine indicated, also is still out on his team. "I don't see how you can honestly compare our personnel with Oakland's," he said in reply to a question. "We're not built up like they are. But that doesn't mean we're going to lose. We're going to be a good football team. We had to play in desperation to keep from being embarrassed by the Raiders. We were fighting for our lives...But when you make that many mistakes, that is inevitable. I'm glad we're playing Cincinnati next. Cincinnati is a good football team. If you play the good teams in pre-season, you're just more ready when the season starts." And that, of course, is what it's all about.

CONSIDER POSITIVE SIDE ... PACK DID COME BACK

AUG 30 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Look at it this way, maybe the first half of Saturday night's game and Jim Grabowski's 47-yard touchdown run and Travis Williams' 93-yard run were just accidents...Consider the positive side. The Pack DID come back strong in the second half and DID score a touchdown, its third in four games, even though it was a consolation gift...The young fellers are still playing, still making mistakes...fumbles, that interception on the goal line when the ball should not have been thrown at all, dropped passes...One gets the impression that Scott Hunter is throwing knuckle balls, considering the difficulties his catchers are having. But one knowledgeable pro football observer, whose opinion I respect though he wishes to remain anonymous, says the Packer receiving problem is simply a matter of concentration. He says he is seeing heads turning too fast instead of watching the ball all the way in...One thing about Hunter, though, is his fine poise under difficult situations and despite some banana-skinned fingers. And those screen passes Saturday night were right off the blackboard. Whoever was responsible for making them work so well...and Hunter's poised moves surely were at least partially responsible deserves a lot of credit. I have never seen a Packer screen work so well...Dave Conway kicks like a putter. He doesn't want to hit it too hard...just enough to put the ball in the hole or over the crossbar...The offense really blew a great effort by the defense down on the 1-yard line. The defenders got beat quite a few times in the first half, too, Saturday, but they always seem to do the job when they have to...The defense is going to be a good unit and it will be even better when Jim Carter becomes more experienced at the key middle linebacking position... Give Oakland some credit for a fine game, too. The Raiders are good. Their blocking had green shirts flopping like dominoes on some plays and their defense is holding opposing rushers to about two yards a carry...And that defensive alignment was something. There were times when the Raiders had nine and even 10 men strung out along the line of scrimmage, which doesn't leave many men playing deep...The Packers insisted during the game that Zeke Bratkowski wasn't hurt but don't you believe it...Putting Lane and DeLisle on the taxi team is a credit to their abilities. Now is the time to get the key players on that move list since waivers cannot be recalled on the last four cuts. Officially, however, that leaves the Packers with just two defensive tackles, though Roche, Smith, Houlton and others could play there.

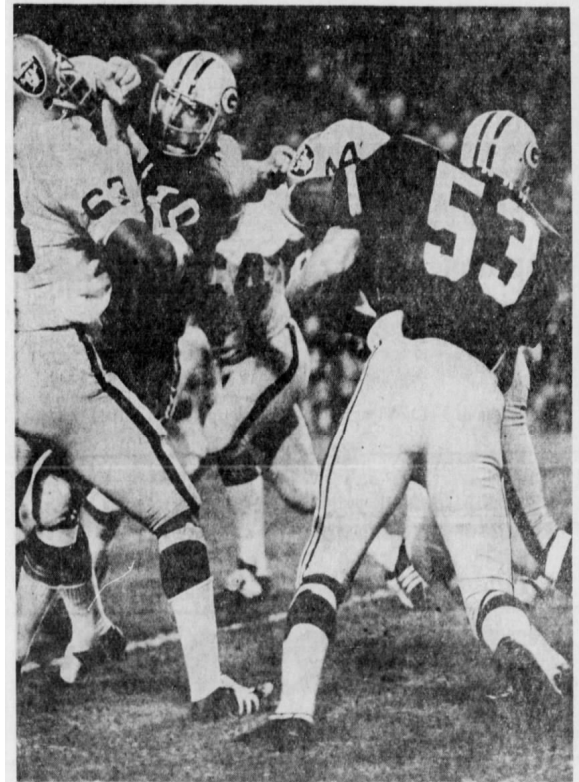
TEAM BEGINS TRAINING AT UMD TODAY - 1,000 WELCOME PACKERS TO DULUTH

AUG 30 (Duluth News Tribune) - Whether "The Pack Will Be Back" on top of the pro football world in 1971 became a secondary consideration Sunday for the legion of Green Bay Packers fans in the north country; for now, it's "The Pack Has Arrived." In Duluth, that is. General manager and coach Dan Devine, his staff and 58 players arrived in town about midday Sunday and today open four days of training at UMD's Griggs Field. A crowd approaching 1,000 fans, many of them youngsters wearing green and gold shirts - the Packer colors - and other football paraphernalia, swarmed onto the ramp at Duluth International Airport to greet the team when the big United Airlines charter jet carrying it from Green Bay droned to a halt. (See sports section for more pictures and stories). Civic and university officials conducted a brief welcoming ceremony for Devine, who grew up in Proctor and is a graduate of UMD, and then the Packers were shuttled by bus to their dormitory on the campus. Devine was appreciative of the outpouring, but at an airport press conference was quick to advise that his bringing the team to Duluth was not done out of sentiment and that its time at UMD was not to be construed as a vacation, or break, from the regimen of training for the approaching National Football League season. "I want this to be understood," he said. "We came here to work. We hope everybody will realize that this is simply an extension of the training program we



Packer Goal Line Stand Stops Raiders
Oakland's Marv Hubbard piled up inches short of a touchdown

—Jet Kravitz Photo



Block and Tackle — The Packers' Jim Carter (50) tries vainly to fight off the block of the Raiders' Gene Upshaw (63)

while fellow linebacker Fred Carr (53) dumps Oakland back Marv Hubbard (44).

(Press-Gazette Photo)

have started. I have a lot of friends here, but this is not a social visit. Coaching is a 17-hour-a-day proposition for myself and my staff. We will not have time for any extras. For the players, training camp means a 12 to 14-hour day and there can be no distractions." After a 30-minute review of the team's progress and its 17-13 loss to Oakland is a preseason game at Green Bay Saturday night, Devine hurried off to review the game film - "I'm not looking forward to it," he said. The players were given the afternoon off and many of them relaxed by playing golf. Devine showed them the Oakland game film after dinner Sunday and then there were meetings for the players. Today the on-the-field portion of the week begins. Packer kicking specialists report to Griggs Field at 9:30 a.m., with the whole squad reporting at 10 a.m. Practices are over at 11:30 a.m. Devine will adhere to this schedule daily through Thursday. There are no afternoon practices, this time being taken up with meetings and film review. Morning practice sessions at Griggs Field are open to the public without charge. Fans are advised to use the Woodland Avenue to St. Marie Street route to the field because Oakland Avenue between College and St. Marie streets is closed by construction work. Devine was asked if he had any personal feelings in bringing his team to his alma mater to train. "No, not at all," he said. "I have no personal feelings about it whatsoever. Dr. Darland and the people at the university have gone overboard to make us welcome. We appreciate that, but our coming here is based strictly on the availability of these facilities at this time and that this would be a good spot to train, considering the weather, etc., this time of year." Devine said the Packers played a very poor first half Saturday night against Oakland, falling behind 17-0 at that juncture, but that they came back strong in the second half. "The game had every aspect of a rout at the outset, and if we played the second half as we did the first, it would have wound up 34-0, or maybe 50-0. But we have an uncommon group of men. We turned things around in the third quarter and dominated play. We penetrated Oakland territory three times but came away with just two field goals. We scored a touchdown at the



—(Staff photos by Earl Johnson.)
YOUNGSTERS AWED AS PACKERS LEAVE THE PLANE
Willie Wood, left, waits to sign his name



RAY NITSCHKE IS POPULAR WITH AUTOGRAPH HUNTERS
Veteran Green Bay Packer linebacker is surrounded by fans at Duluth International Airport

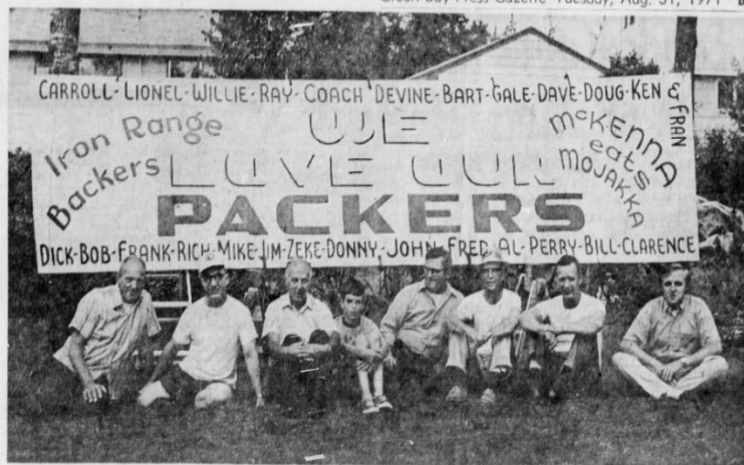
end of the game on a pass, but overall, I came away very pleased by the turnabout. At least I feel a lot better than I would have had it been 34-0." Devine said the Packers will continue to work on all phases of their game while here but noted quarterbacking and the kicking game would come under close scrutiny. Scott Hunter played most of the game Saturday at quarterback, with veteran Zake Bratkowski spelling the Alabama rookie for awhile. Said Devine: "Zeke could've played, and I thought of putting him in early in the game, while he was still warm. So I had him get ready, but Scott had a bad series, and I don't like to take a quarterback out after a bad series. But then he had another bad series, and it wasn't until later on in the game that I got Zeke in there." The Packer quarterback picture includes these two plus second-year pro Frank Patrick and Devine's former Missouri quarterback, Gary Lane, who is one of two men on the Packer taxi squad already. Injured Packer quarterback Bart Starr did not come to Duluth with the team, but will rejoin his teammates this afternoon. Devine explained that Starr has an appointment at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester today to have his surgically repaired shoulder examined. The Packer kicking derby includes a new face today. Longtime pro Lou Michaels, most recently with the Baltimore Colts a couple of seasons ago but out of football since, has joined the team. He will battle holdover Dale Livingston and rookie Dan Conway for the job. Livingston, Donny Anderson and rookie Ken Duncan are contesting for the Packer punting job. Conway kicked two field goals and Duncan handled the punting in the Oakland game.

PACK'S BUSINESS AS USUAL IN MIDST OF VIKE COUNTRY

AUG 31 (Duluth-Green Bay Press-Gazette) — It was just like a game day...The parking lot of Griggs Stadium, maroon and gold home of the University of Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs, was taxed to capacity in raw, windy weather strongly suggestive of a mid-October afternoon. An estimated 4,000 fans, most of them in jackets or sweaters, were in the stands and the vendors were doing a land office business. Coffee and popcorn were hot items and two-page programs, consisting only of a green and gold helmet on the cover and a numerical Packer roster inside, were selling briskly at 25 cents per copy...**SWARMED UNDER** The occasion? It was the Packers' first pre-Cincinnati practice, staged here Monday morning, and the response was striking, considering the locale is in the heart of what is presumed to be Minnesota Viking country. Coach Dan Devine, "a local boy who made good," was swarmed under by autograph hunters following the crisp, fast paced workouts and he patiently honored all requests while discovering Packer buffs abound in these northern precincts. Inevitably, he was asked how he had reacted to "the general atmosphere" at a press conference conducted to the whir of



RUSHING TO GREET PACKERS—Youngster, led by a boy with a football, scramble to meet the plane carrying the Green Bay Packers to Duluth. Willie Wood, left, was the first one off the plane which landed at Duluth International Airport. The Packers will work out mornings, through Thursday, at UMD.—(Staff photo.)



Minnesota Packer Backers—Transplants from Michigan and Wisconsin, now living near Duluth, Minn., put out this sign to welcome the Green Bay Packers to UMDuluth where the Packers are training this week. The sign was presented to UMD Athletic Director Ralph Romano.

television cameras in an unoccupied classroom...**GOOD WORKOUT:** Devine politely but firmly let it be known that it not only was business as usual but that all of his energies and attention are currently being directed to resuscitating the green and gold. "I like the general atmosphere," said DD, himself a UM-D grad (class of '48), "but a football coach is interested in what's going on on the field and that's about it, I guess. I think we had a good work out for a Monday morning," he added in purposeful fashion, "considering that most of these guys played most of the Oakland game Saturday night and traveled Sunday." He subsequently volunteered a partial explanation for the Packers' current 1-3 exhibition record, including Saturday night's 17-13 loss to Oakland, which has to be the source of private pain to a man who was one of the three most successful coaches in the college ranks before coming to Green Bay. "In all honesty, I think we've played more people, gone with more people who are liable to foul up," he said, "than any of the teams we've faced." That policy, Devine appended, will be changing abruptly. "We're going to play more specific units in these last two pre-season games," he said, "with the exception of quarterback, where everybody is going to get a chance...We still also have to see more of a couple of high draft choices." Thirty-nine-year-old Zeke Bratkowski will start at quarterback against the Bengals Saturday night, Devine announced, but declined to be more definite than that...**HUNTER IN RUNNING:** "I don't think I'm ready to say that he will be my starting quarterback during the regular season," he said in answer to a question. "But he'll start Saturday night." Also in the running, of course, are rookie Scott Hunter, the starter in the last two games, and second year man Frank Patrick, No. 2 signal caller early in training camp but demoted after unsuccessful appearances against the Bears and Steelers in the Pack's first two grapefruit league exercises. DD also revealed that newly acquired kicker Lou Michaels, the left-footed former Baltimore Colt, will make his Packer debut against Cincinnati. "He

was kicking better than the other guys (Dave Conway and Dale Livingston) in practice today," he observed...**PLAYED BEST GAME:** Since Jim Carter is a University of Minnesota alumnus and a former all-state high school hockey star, much interest was evinced in his Packer status and Carter's prospects of unseating 14-year veteran Ray Nitschke at middle linebacker. "Jim played by far his best game against Oakland," Devine said. "And Nitschke played well, too...I couldn't say at this point whether Jim will be starting opening day or not. As far as any shortcomings Carter may have, he is short on experience, of course. He was a running back at Minnesota, So he hasn't played that much linebacker. Up to Saturday night, his biggest shortcoming has been overrunning the play." On the subject of other youthful Packer talent, Devine noted, "We have three good young cornerbacks in Ken Ellis, Al Matthews and Charlie Hall. All three need to get a little tougher, but that will come. "That's why Willie Wood's so valuable in that secondary. Willie never makes a push or a lunge or a grab. That's probably why we have played Willie more than we had intended to thus far in the pre-season. We're in hopes some of his play will rub off on the younger people."...**SMARTER NEXT YEAR:** As expected, Devine was asked to compare what he has seen of coaching in the National Football League to his collegiate experience. "It's not what I expected but it's what I suspected," he quipped. "I expected more changes but I suspected there weren't... And the changes weren't in the areas I expected. "I'll be a much smarter coach next year - because I'll have two first round draft choices," Devine announced with an impish grin. "I didn't realize it - that personnel is such a big factor. You stand out there against a team like Oakland and if you don't have better people, it takes a miracle to win. You'd better have better people than the other guy." Yet, he later noted, "Because this really is a game of personnel, I was pleased with our second half against the Raiders. They had the ball five times in the third quarter and made only one first down...and they were playing their first line people and we were playing only some of ours. "I don't think many people dominated a half against Oakland like we did in the second half Saturday night." There also, inescapably, was a personal question. "What did they call this school when you were here, Dan, Duluth State Teachers or Duluth State?" he was asked. "Both, although it was Duluth State when I graduated," he said. "Last week before the Oakland game," Devine dryly added, "that was 25 years ago...This week that was 78 years ago. I aged 40 years

in that game. That was the longest hour I've put in in all my life."...PACKER PATTER: With a left-footed placekicker in camp, Devine announced Monday, "We're going to a new holder...I don't know who will hold for Michaels, but probably Charlie Hall or Donny Anderson." He grinned and added, "Donny's left - handed, anyway." Michaels ranks among the NFL's all-time top ten in scoring. He has accumulated 912 points (Don Hutson is the Packers career leader with 823) on 179 field goals in 325 attempts, a 55 per cent efficiency mark, and 367 of 382 conversion tries. Lou, who began his pro career with the Rams in 1958 as their No. 1 draft choice, is a brother of former Packer linebacker Walt Michaels. The latter is now defense coach of the New York Jets.

DULUTH FANS WELCOME PACK

AUG 31 (Duluth-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The Packers checked into their temporary training base here Sunday amid more than a little pomp and circumstance. City officials and an estimated 300 fans were in evidence when the Packers' United Airlines charter landed at Duluth International Airport shortly before 1 o'clock on a hot, humid afternoon. Highlight of the welcome ceremonies was presentation of a plaque to GM-Coach Dan Devine, a former resident of neighboring Proctor, Minn., and an obviously prominent alumnus of the University of Minnesota-Duluth. On hand to greet him and his athletes were Raymond W. Darland, UM-D provost, and President Richard Kohlbray and Executive Director Charles Westin of the Duluth Chamber of Commerce. Each Packer coach and player was presented with a green and gold stadium robe, product of a local manufacturer, during the airport festivities. Devine also held a press conference for a capacity house in a meeting room of the terminal following the ceremonies. The Packer leader, once a star quarterback at UM-D, emphasized that he was "trying not to think of this as a homecoming...I came here to work and be with the team."

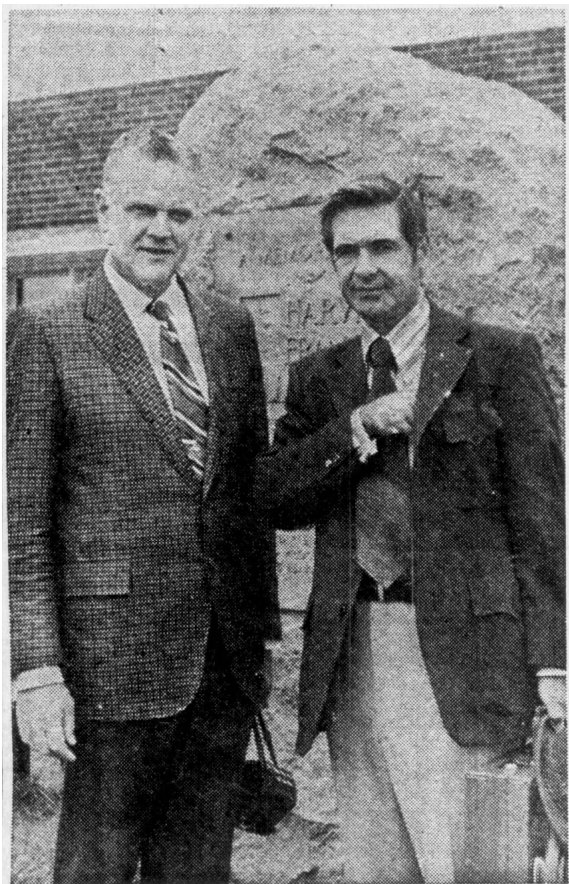
The Packers subsequently moved to the UM-D campus, sprawled over the hills of north Duluth, by chartered bus. They took up quarters in a new, red brick dormitory, being occupied for the first time, and will practice in adjacent Griggs Stadium daily through Thursday. Meals are being served in the UM-D cafeteria. Even a Duluth newspaper took ecstatic note of their arrival upon the scene, proclaiming "Welcome Packers!" in a two column headline on the front page of the Sunday News-Tribune. The accompanying story also featured a cutout, side view of a Packer helmet and there was a feature story on the sports page recalling the Pack's visit here in 1951 to play an intra squad game, as well as exhibition appearances here in 1952 and 1953. A new face was in the Packers' midst when they checked into their UM-D diggings. It belongs to veteran placekicker Lou Michaels, a 12-year veteran of service with the Baltimore Colts, Pittsburgh Steelers and Los Angeles Rams. One player, offensive tackle Francis Peay, did not make the trip. He entered St. Mary's Hospital in Green Bay Sunday afternoon to undergo tests for a kidney condition.

DON'T WANT TO GET FAT SAYS GREGG

SEPT 1 (Dallas) - After an incredible 15-year career with the Green Bay Packers, tackle and coach Forrest Gregg retired from professional football determined to stay physically fit. "I didn't want to get fat," he said. "It's not healthy and it's not comfortable." Gregg, a former Southern Methodist University player, began running three miles a day three times a week last April at a suburban Dallas high school track. Monday the Packers discovered that the 37-year-old retiree was still on their active list, and placed him on waivers. Head coach Tom Landry of the Dallas Cowboys, a longtime Gregg fan, spotted his name and called him. Landry says Gregg, who was all-National Football League eight seasons, including one year on the honor list at both guard and tackle, will play about half of Friday night's game against the Baltimore Colts. Gregg has agreed to a two-game commitment. "If I can't make a contribution to the team, I'll know it and I won't go on," he said. "Sure it was a surprise," Gregg said of the Cowboys' offer. "It was also a thrill. I got kind of excited. I've always had so much respect for the Cowboys, and I've really admired the things they do on offense. I couldn't resist trying to be a part of it. They're a great team, another reason I had to try." Gregg, standing 6 feet and weighing 245 pounds, was scheduled to retire from football three seasons ago but fellow coach Zeke Bratkowski got him to participate in a vigorous off-season running program. "The running kept me in the game those two years," Gregg said. "Else I never would have made it." He started in all the Packer games the last two seasons, stretching his team record to 187 straight games. When coach Dan Devine took over the Packers, Gregg came home. "We needed a little more experience on our backup people," Landry said, "and when Gregg became available, I called him. It's pretty much up to him whether he goes ahead and plays for us this year."

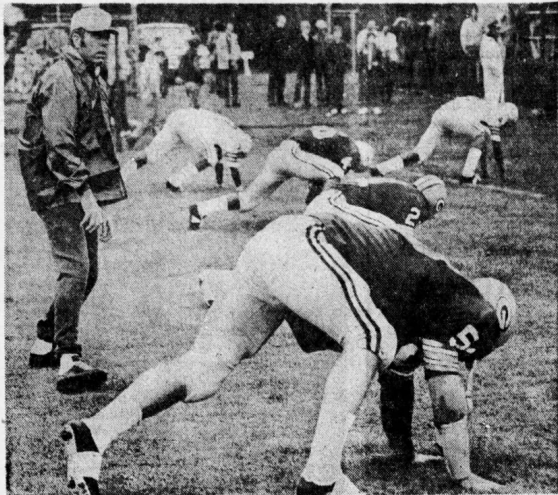
NO SURPRISES! PACK TRIMS ROSTER TO 48

SEPT 1 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Veteran wide receiver Mike Carter and rookie guard Win Headley were placed on the taxi squad and three rookies were waived Tuesday by the Green Bay Packers as they reduced their official NFL roster to the limit of 48. Rookies released were defensive backs Jerry Watson of Texas Tech and Dan Crooks of Wisconsin and



DEVINE WELCOMED — Green Bay Coach and General Manager Dan Devine, a Proctor, Minn. native, got a hardy welcome back to his home area Sunday, when he and his Packer football team arrived at the Duluth Airport. On hand to meet Devine, was Dr. Raymond Darland, UMD Provost, at left, shown with Devine. Darland and others were instrumental in bringing the Pack to the Duluth campus for a four-day practice session. (Evening Telegram Photo)

Starr Starts Training



BART STARR, left, wearing sweat clothes, began light workouts Tuesday with the Green Bay Packers at UMD. Starr, who received an encouraging report from doctors on his surgically-repaired right shoulder Monday at Rochester, is optimistic that he can play for the Packers later this season. His practice activity currently is restricted to light physical conditioning and jogging. The player in the foreground is former Minnesota Gophers captain Jim Carter, a Green Bay linebacker.—(Herald Sportsphoto by Earl Johnson.

Workouts



Coach Dan Devine Huddles With His Packers During Duluth Workout

wide receiver Mike Savoy of Black Hills State. Crooks, who had been picked up on waivers from Atlanta, failed to pass the physical. The Packers actually have 51 in camp but rookies John Brockington and Charles Hall do not count on the roster because they were with the All-Stars during the early part of camp and kicker Lou Michaels who hasn't officially been added to the roster. The Packers next cutdown date is Sept. 6 when they must reach 44. The final cutdown to 40 players must be made by Sept. 13. Carter was in his second year with the Packers. A 15th round draft choice from Sacramento State in 1970, Carter was active for three games last season and then spent the rest of the season on the taxi squad after suffering a knee injury. Headley, a 6-foot-3 guard from Wake Forest University, was the Packers 8th round choice in the past draft. He was a Sporting News All-American. With the addition of Headley and Carter to the taxi squad, the Packers now have eight players on that list but are allowed to carry only seven during the regular season. Until the final cutdown date however teams are allowed to carry as many as they want on the taxi squad. Others on the taxi squad are quarterbacks Bart Starr and Gary Lane, center Randy Winkler, kicker Tim Webster and defensive linemen Jim DeLisle and Kevin Hunt.

COULD MICHAELS BE ANSWER? SATURDAY TEST SET

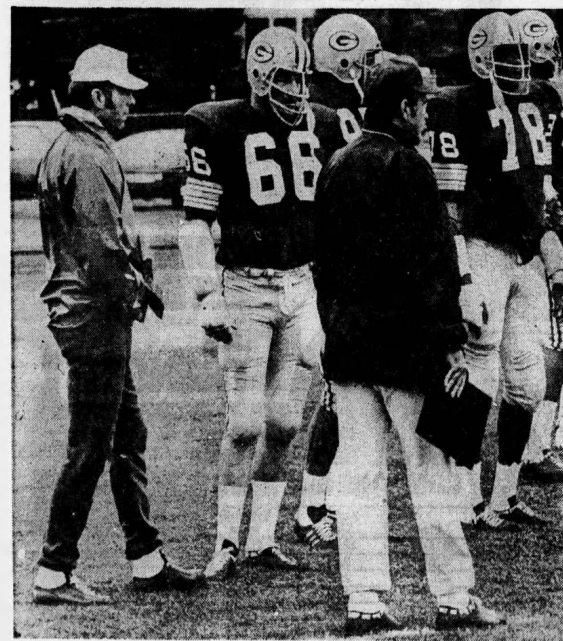
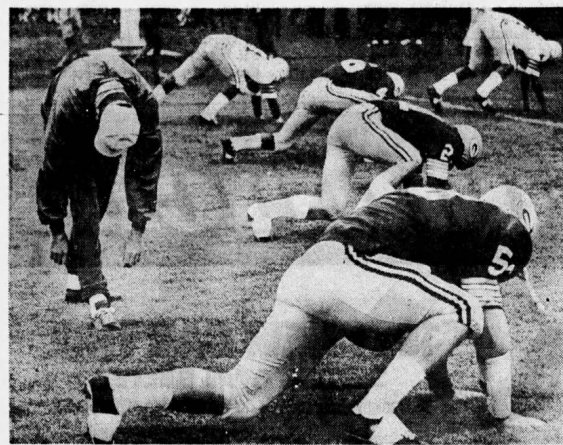
SEPT 1 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Could Lou Michaels, at long last, be the answer. Coach Dan Devine, taking the positive approach to the kicker enigma now in its fourth year, has announced he and his board of strategy will place "complete faith" in the placekicker they eventually settle upon for the 1971 season. Michaels, the newest entry in what has become a three-way race, has been away from it for a year after a dozen productive years for the Colts, Rams and Steelers, and consequently is a bit rusty. But, after only two days of practice in this northern post, there were strong indications of the kicking skill that has made him the fifth ranking scorer in pro football history...**CONSISTENT PERFORMANCE:** The bulky Pennsylvanian's consistent performance during a steady morning drizzle Tuesday took on some importance when Devine noting the time of decision is near, conceded that the day's workout had been "critical" for the kicking candidates. "At this point," he emphasized, "every day is critical although the game performances are even more so, of course." Less than three weeks remain to select the man who, it is hoped, will end a dilemma that has endured since Don Chandler retired following the 1967

season...**BETTER SHAPE:** Appraising what he had seen in the Minnesota gloom, Devine said, "It was about what I suspected it would be. It looked like Lou has been kicking for a while. That was the impression we had when we brought him here - that he would look better than these people (Dave Conway and Dale Livingston) and he has...The Colts, by the way, gave Lou a very good recommendation. "Lou recognizes he could be in better shape, but he is going to kick Saturday night in Cincinnati." Michaels, unable to find NFL employment last season after being set adrift in favor of rookie Jim O'Brien just before opening day, is making no predictions. But the swarthy, square cut Kentucky alumnus quite clearly is a man with a mission. Openly mystified over his dismissal by the Colts, he appears confident that opportunity - and practice - are all he needs. "I did some kicking at home (Kingston, Pa., where he owns a combined restaurant and bar), but I had to do it on my own," he said while relaxing on a bunk bed in a University of Minnesota-Duluth dormitory, temporary home of the Packers following Tuesday's workout...**WITHOUT HOLDER:** "I had to do it without a holder or a center. I tried to set the ball up on the turf and kick off the ground, just like I would be doing in practice or in a game. The timing, of course, is the main thing that I have to get back - the coordination between the holder and the kicker, that's what you have to get down." For him, the left-footed veteran pointed out, this is a special problem. "Donny Anderson thinks if he works at it for a few days, he can get it down pretty good and I do, too," Michaels said, "but you can't expect miracles. Everybody's righthanded in this world, so a lefthander comes along and screws it up. Some holders have said it was a little hard for them to adjust to. I had Ed Brown, Tom Tracy and Dick Hoak doing it for me when I first started kicking at Pittsburgh...**HAD THE KNACK:** "When I came to Baltimore, Bobby Boyd held for me and he really had the knack. He had real quick hands. In fact, I'd say that in six years, Bobby gave me only three bad holds. But," he ironically added, "one day Bobby got hurt and I missed an extra point against the Packers in our game in Baltimore in 1967 . because I never worked with any other holder. That taught me a lesson - never to hang with just one guy." Michaels, whose 912 career points put him only 60 behind fourth ranking Sam Baker among the NFL's all-time scoring leaders, insists he has not had a satisfactory explanation of his release by the Colts last

September. "They never told me anything," he said. "They just said they were going to go with the boy (O'Brien)...The strange part of it was that I had made four of five and he had made three and missed nine at the time they dropped me...MAKE-OR-BREAK: "In fact, I thought I was 'in' for another year and I was looking forward to a really great season... The only thing I asked him (Coach Don McCafferty) is why he didn't cut me after the second exhibition game instead of after the last one so I would have had a chance to try out with somebody else. I can see being cut here on the last day, if it should come to that, because it's more or less like being a rookie. It's more or less a make-or-break situation. I've been looking for the answer but I suppose they will say they made the right decision - they won the Super Bowl with the boy's field goal," the 6-foot-2, 252 - pound Michaels wryly observed. "I'm not saying anything about the boy, but I wish I could have come to camp like he did and have them say 'You're the kicker.' But that is now history and Michaels is somewhat more concerned with the future. "Coach Devine said he'd probably let me get in shape and see how things go," Lou confided. "The sooner I get a chance to kick, the better it will be, I feel. I'd like to be around if I can. It's fortunate that Dan gave me a chance to try again. This is what I appreciate. No individual can ask any more than that...I'd like to be a member of these Packers I like the coaches here and I like the players. But if I don't make it, I'll always know they at least gave me the chance."...PACKER PATTERN: Still on the subject of the kicking game, which has been one of his paramount concerns since training camp opened, Devine said rookie punter Ken Duncan will get "another shot" against Cincinnati. Duncan averaged 44 yards per kick in his debut against Oakland last week. Describing Duncan's performance as "somewhere between average and good, DD said, "He hung the ball up there a couple of times real well, but he doesn't hang it like Donny Anderson does. But he didn't have any bad kicks either. I don't know if we would keep anyone just as a punter," Devine added, "but we might be forced into it...There are so many possibilities, so many ways we can go in cutting down the roster. I do hate to keep a guy just as a second punter, though. Zeke Bratkowski probably could be the second man if he gets his back in shape. He used to punt for the Bears."...Although his coaching attire was soaked and it had been a dark, dismal day, Devine termed the morning session "a good practice...It certainly wasn't a wasted day." Despite the wind and rain, approximately 2,500 fans filtered into Griggs Stadium to view the exercises. It was the next to last chance for the area's Packer buffs because Devine has announced that the field's gates will be closed for Thursday's workout. "It's very difficult to practice anything for a game," he said, "with people that close to you."...The Packers worked extensively against both the Bengals' offense and defense. Devine described Cincinnati as "a ball control team...They throw the short pass real well and they run the ball real well. They just keep it on you. Defensively, they're a young, agile team. They have hardly anyone over 30 on their defensive unit." Rookie defensive backs sparkled against the Cincinnati offense picking off two "Virgil Carter" passes launched by his stand-in, Gary Lane...Bart Starr, in sweat clothes for the first time since undergoing his second shoulder operation Aug. 13, returned to semi-active duty by jogging. "It felt good to be running again," he happily reported. Devine later said, "I had a talk with Bart today and he thinks he will be able to play this year. He feels he's a little behind schedule but he feels he will be able to play later on."

BROCKINGTON SUPERSTAR?

SEPT 1 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Dan Devine, a man of deep personal loyalties, had a battle of major emotional proportions to resolve when he presided at his first Packer draft last January. Both Joe Moore, his own 1970 star at the University of Missouri, and Ohio State's heralded John Brockington were available to him in the first round. In light of the Packers' need for a big, fast running back, it was an obviously critical decision. Devine ultimately opted for Brockington but he admitted it had been an internal struggle. "I have a great respect for Joe," he said, "but I tried to sit back on this and not become emotionally involved...It was extremely difficult." Traumatic as that moment may have been for him, his decision is rapidly shaping up as a master stroke. Brockington put to an immediate test, made his presence felt with an explosive dispatch, capturing game rushing honors in his first pro start against the Pittsburgh Steelers. He then repeated the process in his second start against Miami, although he did not carry the ball in the second half. But it is the quality of his running, rather than the quantity, which continues to excite the Packer faithful as they seldom have been titillated in recent history...SEEN AS SUPERSTAR: Brockington, blessed with bristling 4.39 speed in the 40-yard dash, also has made an immediate impact upon his teammates, who see him as a future superstar. The most impressive testimonial comes from



Packer Braintrust, Beeftrust

STARR STAYED close to the Packer huddle during Thursday's workout, joining veteran middle linebacker Ray Nitschke (66), Coach Dan Devine and defensive end Bob Brown (78) on the Griggs Field turf as the team conducted its drills.



LET IT RAIN — Despite a steady drizzle and low temperatures, about 2,000 football fans filtered in and out of UMD's Griggs Field Tuesday morning to watch the Green Bay Packers run through their paces during the second of four days of training in Duluth. The crowd looked on as the National Football League team donned pads for the first time during their stay. (See sports section for other stories and photos.) — (Staff photo.)

elder Ray Nitschke, who has faced every great running back the NFL has had to offer in the last 14 seasons, among them Jimmy Brown, Gale Sayers and Leroy Kelly. "John is as hard a runner as I've seen come to Green Bay during my time with the Packers," says the Pack's all-time middle Linebacker. "He runs with the kind of abandon that Jim Taylor did. There's the same determined effort, the same recklessness. And he's not only a strong runner, he has great quickness. He has good body control and he seems to be a very durable player. He's just an outstanding young player. John has an excellent attitude, too. He goes into everything with a lot of vigor. "The big thing is that he's 225 pounds and can run with quickness and speed. He hits the hole quick, which is really important because in pro football, holes are only open for a short time. That's a tremendous asset, which all great running backs, like Sayers, Brown and Kelly, have. And Brockington is the same way. He has real quick feet. John has the potential to be another Kelly or Brown." Although he makes no predictions in his own behalf, Brockington feels he is progressing "pretty well" at this point. But, a perfectionist as well as an intense competitor, he is quick to pinpoint what he considers to be his deficiencies...**SCORNE**D THE PASS: "I should be a little farther along on running pass routes," says the muscular Brooklyn native, who last year established an all-time Ohio State record by rushing 1,041 yards in 240 attempts. "Sometimes I don't go down field far enough, and sometimes I don't go wide enough." The fact that OSU's Woody Hayes traditionally scorns the pass in favor of "three yards and a cloud of dust" has made the adjustment more difficult than it might otherwise have been, he conceded. "That's why it's something of a problem for me," said

Brockington, due to get his fourth straight starting assignment in the Packers' Saturday night invasion of Cincinnati for a pre-season date with Paul Brown's Bengals. "I did very little of that in college and here you have to discipline yourself to running five or seven yards on a pass pattern, and to read the linebacker. I never had to do that before." He is making a gleeful (and much more rapid) adjustment to another facet of the pro game which is new to him - running wide. "I like running outside," Brockington says, his eyes lighting up. "I maybe did that three times in my whole college career. And we're running a lot of traps, too. I didn't do much of that in college either. "If a trap breaks," he said with a fond, faraway look that suggested delightful visions of wide open spaces, "you can go a long way."

EXHIBITION GAMES OR TRYOUT CAMPS

SEPT 2 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - It was Friday night, 24 hours before the Packers were to play Oakland in an NFL exhibition game in Lambeau Field and this friend of mine, after a long pull on his beer, declared "I'm not bothering to go to this game." Knowing that he is a Packer fanatic, I found his firm statement somewhat startling. So he explained..."Why should I go to see a game at those prices when the coach doesn't really care if he wins or loses as long as he can try out a lot of players? And half the guys on that field won't be around when the games count anyway." I didn't argue with him. But he was quick to vocally extend his feelings anyway. "I don't blame Devine' for doing what he's doing. He's new and he has to see all the players and make up his mind. It's just that I don't care to pay that much to see him conduct a tryout camp." So my friend didn't go to the game. He had tickets...but he managed to rid himself of them. Thus, 56,263 fans presumably showed up anyway to watch what indeed has become a tryout camp. Around the NFL last weekend, somewhere in the neighborhood of 600,000 people showed up to watch the slightly embellished tryouts camps...just as they had for three weeks previous and just as they will this weekend and the following weekend. Despite this, there are more and more noises being made that sound like offshoots of my friend's words. And not all of them are coming from fans. Roman Gabriel recently complained about the length of the training season. Now listen to Mike Curtis: "The training season has gotten completely out of hand. It's a misnomer. I'd just like to get out of here. I don't want to get fired up now and peak too soon. All I want to do is execute and get the defenses down." Curtis thinks the exhibition season should be limited to four games. Anything more just adds to the chance for injuries and a lot of veterans now watching from the sidelines will agree with that. Frankly, there is little reason for more than three or four exhibition games except that the public generally will continue to buy them and therefore the pro crowd will continue to play them. Colleges have about three weeks to get ready for their first game. No reason the pros should need more than a couple weeks and a couple games. It costs a pro team about \$10,000 a week to conduct training camp, though it could be less than that if they didn't bring in so many bodies to act as fodder and if they would cut down their rosters faster, a process which could be instituted as long as all teams are under the same pressure to do so. On the other hand, when the Rams and Raiders clashed recently, they split \$300,000 profit from the gate alone. Packers President Dominic Olejniczak frankly admits that reducing the number of exhibition games would not vitally affect the corporation's financial success though the six games do help stuff the coffers. He also feels that the situation is similar for most NFL teams, though a few might be severely affected by fewer exhibitions. Bill Gildea, Washington Post columnist, put it beautifully in a recent dispatch. "What the professional football club owners have done during this seemingly interminable exhibition season is sell the public and sell it to an extent that it boggles the mind, an inferior product at regular season prices." Each weekend the public extends its record of gullibility. And the owners will continue to exploit it until the

Rookie Houlton Relieved, Anxious About Pro Survival

public backs off or the players demand a change. Either could happen, particularly the latter since the players' recent record in the gullibility department is creeping in the opposite direction from the fans. Meanwhile, the owners will continue to cash in...except on my friend.

ROOKIE HOULTON RELIEVED, ANXIOUS ABOUT PRO SURVIVAL

SEPT 2 (Duluth-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Accelerated interest in basic math, more specifically subtraction, was being evinced among the Packers' younger set here Wednesday while Coach Dan Devine prepared to move his road show to Cincinnati. It was piqued in large part by the release and/or cabbage of five players, four of them rookies, maneuvers which reduced the Pack's overall roster to 50 players - including 13 freshmen - as they checked out of their University of Minnesota Duluth training base this morning a day early and flew to the Ohio metropolis. Among the latter, of course, are recent College All-Stars John Brockington and Charley Hall, whose presence will not officially count until the next cutdown date, Tuesday, Sept. 6, when all National Football League teams may not number more than 44 athletes. Since Devine has forecast that "from six to 10 rookies" will make his first Packer squad, which must be pared to 40 by Sept. 13, more than a few of the yearlings are perspiring ever so slightly as the day of reckoning nears. Prominent in the ranks of the concerned and curious is Pat Houlton, the massive, barrel-chested Irishman who last season toiled with distinction in the defensive line for Coach Howie Kolstad's St. Norbert College Green Knights. Pat, who emitted an audible sigh of relief when he discovered his name was not among Tuesday's cuts, was quick to concede that the pressure of watchful waiting is mounting. "I'm anxious," he said simply, partially masking his concern with a big, boyish grin that rapidly overspread his broad, Hibernian features. "We're getting down to the nitty-gritty now. When the cuts keep increasing, you realize there are more and more good players who are getting cut...I just don't know," he said, his voice trailing off as he glanced down at the outdoor magazine he had been reading while relaxing on his bunk in a University of Minnesota-Duluth dormitory. "That's it, you don't know, from day to day," said roommate Win Headley, who, himself, had just been transferred from the active roster to the taxi squad. "You're here today and gone tomorrow." Nodding his head, Houlton flashed another smile and added, "I was just thinking, I've been here seven weeks. In college, I'd have had half my season in already. And we aren't even started yet. That's what makes it hard for rookies. In seven weeks, you get to know guys pretty well. You hate to see a guy go, you hate to see anybody go. There's somebody leaving all the time, it seems. Jerry Watson (rookie defensive back from Texas Tech) went today. We just said good-bye to him. Maybe," Pat chuckled, "I'll be going next and they'll have to be saying good-bye to me." Although he has received no specific encouragement about his Packer future, he takes solace in the interest the coaches have exhibited in his progress. "I figure as long as they keep on you in practice and keep correcting your mistakes that you're all right. When they don't pay any attention to you, you know you're in trouble...PACKER PATTERN: The present roster does not list placekicker Lou Michaels, now a member of the taxi squad, but it will by Saturday night, Devine assured. "Lou will be our kicker against Cincinnati," he said...The Packer headmaster said this morning's move to Cincinnati had been prompted by the desire to work out on the synthetic turf of Riverfront Stadium an extra day. The original itinerary had the Packers flying out of here Friday morning. "It was a difficult decision to make, to leave Duluth a day early," Devine said. "But, in view of the forecast of 60 per cent rain for tonight here and 40 per cent chance tomorrow, we felt we'd better get over to Cincinnati, because we have to practice Thursday. There is a baseball game there tomorrow night (Thursday) but the Cincinnati Reds have given us permission to use the field for practice in the afternoon." He said the Packers also will work out at Riverfront Friday afternoon for the last time in preparation for the Bengals...Pronouncing himself "very, very happy we came to Duluth," Devine said, "The facilities here at UM-D have been great, and we couldn't have been treated any better. If the situation ever develops in the future where we need a place to train, we would certainly consider coming back." Devine's name has been immortalized on the Duluth campus, where he once was a star quarterback. It can be found on a plaque in the huge trophy case which dominates the lobby of the physical education building. The plaque, entitled the Most Valuable Senior Athlete Award, lists all of the recipients dating back to its originaion in 1947. The second inscription reads, "Danny Devine, 1948."...Offensive tackle Francis Peay was expected to rejoin the team in Cincinnati this afternoon. Before leaving Duluth, Devine announced that tests conducted at St. Mary's Hospital in Green Bay, where Peay has been a patient, indicate that he has a kidney problem "but it is not serious...It is a narrowing at the opening of the bladder. "Francis was undergoing a complete medical checkup today and will be available to play Saturday night," Devine said...Wednesday's final session at U M-D, which finished in bright sunshine after two dreary days of wind and rain, lured 5,000 spectators to Griggs Stadium One youthful program vendor, 15-year-old Dave Haley, said he personally had sold approximately 1,500 programs at 25 cents per copy, during the Packers' three-day stay. In all, 2,900 of a 3,000 printing found buyers. As Devine left the practice field, one feminine fan called out, "They still love you in East Jordan, coach." Devine began his coaching career at East Jordan, Mich. High School in 1948, producing two undefeated teams before becoming an assistant to Clarence (Biggie) Munn at Michigan State.

DEVINE, PACKERS SAY FAREWELL TO DULUTH

SEPT 2 (Duluth News Tribune) - Coach Dan Devine, on behalf of the entire Green Bay Packer staff, bid a premature farewell to Duluthians Wednesday, praising and thanking the efforts of everyone involved for the "wonderful time we had

OFFENSE

Wide receivers - Carroll Dale, John Spills, *Dave Davis, *Jim Johnson.
Tackles - Francis Peay, Dick Himes, Bill Hayhoe, *Pat Houlton.
Guards - Gale Gillingham, Bill Lueck, Dave Bradley.
Centers - Ken Bowman, Cal Withrow, Cleo Walker, *Wimpy Winther.
Tight ends - John Hilton, Rich McGeorge, Leonard Garrett.
Quarterbacks - Zeke Bratkowski, *Scott Hunter, Frank Patrick.
Running backs - Donny Anderson, *John Brockington, Perry Williams, Dave Hampton, Larry Krause, Elijah Pitts, *Virgil Robinson.
Kickers - *Dave Conway, Dale Livingston, *Ken Duncan.

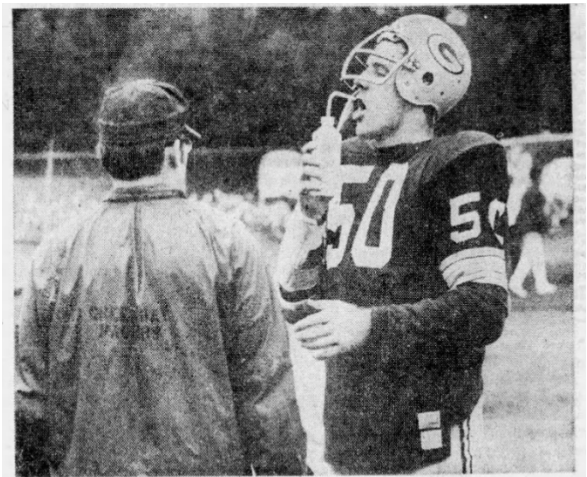
DEFENSE

Linemen - Clarence Williams, Lionel Aldridge, Mike McCoy, Bob Brown, Alden Roche, *Donnell Smith.
Linebackers - Dave Robinson, Jim Carter, Fred Carr, Ray Nitschke, John Bramlett, Tommy Joe Crutcher.
Backs - Willie Wood, Doug Hart, Ken Ellis, Al Matthews, *Charley Hall, Leon Harden, *George Fountain.
* Rookies.

here." Devine and the Packers are scheduled to leave Duluth today at 11 a.m., one day earlier than originally scheduled. He made the announcement following Wednesday's practice. "I want to emphasize that this decision in no way indicates any displeasure with the way we were treated," Devine said in a bold-face tone. "Everything here was just perfect." Devine said he made the decision to leave a day early to give the Packers an extra day of practice on the synthetic turf in Cincinnati. The Packers play the Bengals at River Front Stadium in Cincinnati Saturday night. "I understand there's a baseball game there tomorrow night (tonight)," he said, "but we've been given permission to practice there tomorrow afternoon (today). That, and the 60 per cent chance of rain in the forecast, was the basis for my decision. I just can't say enough about the facilities here. The food was excellent, the field was unbelievably great and the rest of the facilities were excellent." Devine said Griggs Field "is in fantastic shape, I'm surprised we didn't hurt it much. It's a much better field than the one at Missouri and it's as good as Lambeau Field. I want to publicly thank UMD, Duluth, Ralph (Romano, UMD athletic director) and Dr. (Raymond W.) Darland (UMD provost) for everything. I'm very happy we came here; everybody's been commenting on it. Duluth really went overboard, and we're appreciative." The Packers were scheduled for a closed-to-the-public practice today, but that was canceled when the revised traveling plans went into effect. With the sun shining for the first time since they arrived Sunday, over 5,000 people jammed their way into Griggs Field Wednesday. People were lined along the fence enclosing the field, sitting atop cars in the parking lot and climbing baseball backstops adjacent to the field to watch the Packers. Devine announced Wednesday at the press conference following the practice that three players have been cut from the squad and two more have been put on the taxi squad. Wide receiver Mike Savoy and defensive back Jerry Watson cleared waivers and were released and Dan Crooks, a defensive back, was waived when he did not pass the Packer physical. All are rookies. Mike Carter, a wide receiver, and rookie guard Win Headley from Wake Forest were placed on the taxi squad. Carter was active for three league games last year. The reduction trimmed the Packers roster to 48 players plus College All-Stars John Brockington and Charlie Hall, which is one below the NFL player limit at this stage of the season. However, veteran place kicker Lou Michaels, who was invited to camp last week, is expected to be activated before Saturday's exhibition game in Cincinnati. "If I have the chance," he said, "I'll give Duluth an excellent recommendation for any team that wants to train here." Devine has complained about the Packers' kicking game through four pre-season games, and he said he "wouldn't rule out any possibility" when asked if he'd consider luring Gino Cappelletti out of retirement. Devine pronounced his team in "fine physical condition" for Saturday's encounter with the Bengals, a team which is 4-0 in pre-season play. "They're a sound football team," the rookie coach and Proctor native analyzed. "I personally admire them. They're just a good team; they don't try to fool you, they just go out and beat you." As Devine closed the press conference, he individually thanked media people for their work and reiterated his praise for UMD and Duluth.

CARTER PREFERS PACKERS

SEPT 2 (Duluth News Tribune) — Jim Carter, the apparent successor to the legendary Ray Nitschke as the Green Bay Packers middle guard, began his athletic career as a Packer and he'd just as soon finish it that way. Carter, a native of St. Paul, was reared at South St. Paul High School, where the school's nickname is the "Packers." In fact, while schooling at South St. Paul, Carter made several visits to Duluth, but not on the gridiron. "We came here almost every year to play Duluth East," Carter recapped. "I played against the Maertz brothers and Benjie (Wolfe)." The South St. Paul game has been a tradition on the East hockey schedule, a tradition that is still maintained today. "I guess I was a pretty good player," Carter said of his prep hockey career. "I was an All-American, but I never really thought hockey was in my future. I played in the old Curling Club here, too, when I played for the University (Minnesota). In fact, I scored two goals against UMD in the very first game ever played at the new Arena. I think we beat them 6-2." Carter had a chance to sign a contract with the Chicago Black Hawks



JIM CARTER TAKES A BREAK DURING PRACTICE

before his decision to play professional football, "but I never really had much of a decision to make. I knew my place was in football." Does he ever regret his decision of bypassing hockey? "Not really," he shrugged. "I've thought about it - if I could have made it in the pros. I really think now that I could have, with all the expansion. I didn't before, but now I see guys going up who I played with and against who I didn't think would make it." Although Carter continued playing hockey under Coach Glen Sonmer, "I always placed football ahead of hockey" while attending the University of Minnesota. "I suppose if I had concentrated on hockey as much as I did on football," he said, almost questioning himself, "I could have been a pretty good player. But, like I say, I always knew football was for me." Carter was one of the premier fullbacks in the Big Ten during his time at Minnesota under Coach Murray Warmath. "Warmath is a very pro-type of coach," Carter compared. "He has everything organized - just like they do here (pros). College ball is different from pro football in that you can sometimes find some patsies. In the professionals, you know everybody's good. They all belong there. On college teams, many times you find a guy who has no business being there." Carter, who was named to the All-Big Ten's second team in 1969, holds two Gopher scoring records. He scored 56 points in the 1968 season for a record for most points against Big Ten teams. Most of those points came on a record nine touchdowns. The Packers drafted Carter on the third round of the 1969 draft. "I was happy with that," he said. "I knew they had a good setup in Green Bay and a good administration. And, living in Minneapolis, it was close to home. It would have been nice to play for the Vikings," he continued, "but I wouldn't say I'd rather play for them. I knew I had a better opportunity playing with Green Bay, and I've enjoyed it here." Ex-coach Phil Bengston and his

staff converted Carter into a defensive player immediately. I didn't mind the switch at all. I didn't think I was fast enough to be a running back, and that's a rough position to play," he said as he slumped in his chair and shook his head. "It's nice on defense - now I can hit people instead of being hit." Carter had no problems in making the transition and is satisfied with his progress and the amount of playing experience he's getting. Experience is the whole thing," he singled out. "That's why I think they're playing me as much as they are - they know I need the experience. I started 10 games last season when Robby (linebacker Dave Robinson) got hurt. This year they moved me to the middle." Now Carter is playing second fiddle to Ray Nitschke, the 14-year Packer veteran. "I'm very optimistic about my career," he beamed. "I'm not saying this is going to be Ray's last year, but he is getting older. And when you get older you're more susceptible to injury." Carter has started all four of Packers' pre-season games and speculators feel he may replace Nitschke this year. "I figure I'll start this week (at Cincinnati) and maybe the next game, but they'll put Ray back in after that," he said. "They haven't told me anything, but I'm sure Ray will be back in when the season opens. But I'm also sure they'll give me quite a bit of 'spot' duty, too." With Nitschke "coming to the end of the line, I'm optimistic. I hope to play professional football for at least 10 years." New head coach Dan Devine transferred Carter to the middle, where he has the added responsibilities of calling the defensive signals. "I have to read the formations and call the signals," he said, "and if there's an audible to be called, I call it. I've had a few problems so far, but that's why concentration and experience are such an important part of the game. Robby has been a big help. He's played for quite a while and he knows the formations better than I do. He's a great student of the game." The switchover in coaching this year hasn't created any problems with Carter or the Packers. "Of course, when you have this many men working together, there's always going to be personality conflicts," he said. "But everybody is convinced that



FAN TELLS EXPERIENCES — Howard Blindauer (left) "Number One Green Bay Packer Backer" talks with Jack Collins, Rotary secretary, of his travels as a Packer fan. — (News-Tribune sportshot.)

Coach Devine is the right man for the job. I know some players have questioned the abilities of some assistant coaches, but I don't have that problem." Carter tabbed the Packers offensive line as the key to the 1971-72 success in Green Bay. "I think we'll have a good year," he predicted. "Our offensive line will dictate what kind of year it will be. They haven't been playing as well as they should be. And, of course, our quarterback situation is questionable. Zeke (Bratkowski) is a helluva an athlete, though. The defense will be tough. I think we stand okay there." During the off-season last year, Carter worked in public relations for an automobile dealer. But he lives his life day-by-day. "I don't know what I'll be doing this off-season," he said. A bachelor, Carter is absorbing as much enjoyment out of his professional life as possible. "Being a professional football player has helped my social life," he smiled. "Especially in Green Bay. I don't plan on getting married for six or seven years." Football has been good to Jim Carter, so far, and so has Jim Carter been good to football.

'NUMBER ONE PACKER BACKER GOT LABEL FROM STARR'S FATHER

SEPT 2 (Duluth News Tribune) — Howard Blindauer, a Rotarian from Green Bay and the "Number One Packer Backer," told the Superior Rotary Club about his experiences as the professional football club's top fan at a meeting Wednesday in the Androy Hotel. Blindauer said he got the title from Bart Starr's father, Ben, who coined the name because of Blindauer's continuous following of the team. The Packers are practicing at UMD this week. He has been a fan since the Packers were first in Green Bay 53 years ago, Blindauer claimed. He said he started by standing by the sidelines, then quietly slipping away when it came time to pay. A few years

later he climbed over the fence and, he said, as soon as he could afford it, he bought a season ticket and has each year ever since. The roster fans receive at visits to practices at UMD is produced by Blindauer. He said he made the roster after being questioned by fans until he was too confused to answer. Blindauer said he has followed the Packers to every city they play in, but his favorite now is Baltimore. He said the reason is because when he was stranded there the Baltimore fans showed the Packer fans a good time. Blindauer told of his experiences with the late coach, Vince Lombardi, and described him as one of the most "spontaneous" men he has ever known. The fans have formed a club. They have adopted three children which they support from dues and fines for little offenses. Blindauer said he has just traveled from Arlington, Tex., to Duluth to watch the Packers. He said he enjoys traveling and this gives him a chance. He said he doesn't know the cost of the traveling. He said he does not keep track or he wouldn't do it. It is his hobby, he said.

PACKERS HOPE TO EVEN THE SCORE WITH VIRGIL

SEPT 3 (Cincinnati-Green Bay Press-Gazette) — Though fellow members of the National Football League, the Packers and Cincinnati Bengals are virtual strangers. Their paths have crossed only once since the legendary Paul Brown organized the Bengals in 1968 as an NFL expansion team. That was in a pre-season exchange at Milwaukee last September, which saw the Packers settle for a 10-10 tie in County Stadium. But the green and gold, who checked in here from Duluth, Minn., Thursday, will find one familiar face beneath an orange, black and white helmet when they rumble into Cincinnati's colorful and commodious new Riverfront Stadium for the first time in their history Saturday night. Messrs. Lionel Aldridge and Bob Brown, for two, will recognize the still boyish features of Virgil Carter poised immediately above jersey number 11 when

Cincinnati launches its baptismal offensive series. Should things develop like they did in their last meeting, it could be a doleful reunion for the Packers. That one occurred at Green Bay's Lambeau Field on a drab November afternoon in 1968 when Carter was a rookie quarterback and the superlative Gale Sayers was in his elusive prime...**SAYERS STAR:** Sayers was the star of the show, amassing 205 yards rushing, the most ever recorded against the Packers by an individual runner in one afternoon. But Carter parlayed Sayers' incredible talents with his own deft touch with the short pass and deserved to be credited with a major assist in the project. The Bears, in fact, began to look upon the former Brigham Young passer as the long sought answer to their perennial quarterback problem. He responded by leading them to two more victories in succession but then was abruptly supplanted by Jack Concannon after one losing performance. Ironically enough, Virgil popped off to the press, delivering a stock "play me or trade me" ultimatum, when he still found himself on an obscure corner of the Bruin bench as the Packers invaded Chicago for a rematch in mid December of 68...**LED SURGE:** The Bears subsequently obliged by dispatching him to Buffalo from whom he was acquired by Cincinnati just prior to the 1970 season as an insurance measure after an injury felled the gifted Greg Cook. Carter, to Brown's considerable delight, proved to be somewhat more than that. Taking over from Sam Wyche after the fourth game of the season, he ignited the surge which swept the Bengals to the Central Division championship of the American Football Conference. The wiry westerner led Cincinnati to a closing string of seven victories, emerging with 1,711 passing yards good for nine touchdowns. He also complemented those contributions by rushing for 262 yards in 36 attempts, a glossy 7.3 average. Films of his 1971 performances, key items in the Bengals' charge to a currently spotless 4-0 record, suggest Virgil has changed little. Or perhaps we should say Brown hasn't changed, because he calls the plays, and the old master likes to blend the short pass with a potent running game to maintain ball control...**VERY QUICK:** Packer safety Doug Hart, who like Aldridge and Brown has reason to remember that '68 misadventure with Virgil and the Bears, is impressed with what he has seen of Carter in the projection room. "Carter sets up very quickly and throws very quickly," he said. "And he has good speed to run with. He runs a lot of rollouts and sprint outs which are an aid to him because he isn't too tall. He's listed at 6-foot-1, but I don't believe he's that tall. "Virgil handles the quarterback function very well overall, mechanically. I say that because he doesn't call the plays, of course. Brown sends in every play. Their whole ball club also gives great second effort, which is a help to him, too. He throws an 8-yard pass and they wind up getting 25 on the play. What he does basically is mix short passes (Carter has completed 44 of 58 for 350 yards and a 75.9 percentage) with the running of a couple of fast backs, Fred Willis and Jesse Phillips...It's a very simple but very effective offense..."...**PACKER PATTERN:** The Packers, who left Duluth a day early because Coach Dan Devine wanted to get in an extra practice on Riverfront Stadium's artificial turf - and because there was a strong chance of rain in the Duluth forecast - were mildly disappointed on one score. Heavy rains and flash floods hit Cincinnati shortly before their arrival Thursday afternoon, leaving the stadium's AstroTurf more than slightly soggy for a 4 o'clock practice. Water regularly splattered underfoot as running backs made their cuts and receivers executed their patterns under leaden skies. Although some of his players expressed displeasure with the synthetic surface, Devine minimized the adjustment required in transferring from the grass of Lambeau Field and Milwaukee County Stadium. "For a couple of years when I was at the University of Missouri, we played teams on artificial turf," he said, "so I really don't get too concerned about the prospect. I don't have any feelings about it, actually. It's here, it's part of the new look, so you might as well get with it. There are different schools of thought on the subject. Some feel you have to practice on it before a game, and some feel you don't have to. But I prefer to practice on it, if only for psychological reasons. We're going to play on it a lot this year, so we might as well get used to it. I think I prefer grass, but I think I also can see the value of this artificial surface." Both Donny Anderson and Francis Peay, who rejoined the team here Thursday afternoon after undergoing tests in Green Bay for a kidney problem, were critical of the AstroTurf. "I don't like it at all," said Anderson. "You absorb the shock on this stuff. On turf, when you hit the ground, the shock of the concussion penetrates because there are openings in the soil. But when you land on this, there is no give." Peay volunteered, "I don't like it because you play on top of it, not in it, as in the case of grass. You take your stance as a lineman and your fingers are on top, too. It takes away all the feel." Veteran placekicker Lou Michaels, consistently successful in his first two practice appearances of the week, was clearly off key in the first Riverfront session, prompting Devine to observe, "I think he kicks better than that. He's probably been kicking too much. His leg is probably tired. I assume," Devine said with a sly smile, "his exhibition here today doesn't mean any more than do the performances of some of the others who have been kicking well in practice but not in a game." Michaels, who has piled up 912 points via kicking during a 12-year NFL career, is scheduled to make his Packer debut in Saturday night's game...Lou, incidentally, is wearing Forrest Gregg's old number, 75. On the subject of quarterback Zeke Bratkowski, who has been troubled with back spasms, Devine reported, "Zeke is not ready to play a full game as yet, but he should be able to play more than he has...As for Francis Peay, he will be able to play some, but I don't know how much." Cincinnati Reds stars Johnny Bench and Jim Merritt paused to chat with the Pack's Ray Nitschke while the latter was taking a practice "breather"...Nitschke explained that he has played golf with the pair in celebrity tournaments during recent years...Bench and Merritt had dropped into the stadium to pack for a road trip to California...Horst Muhlmann, Cincinnati's superb placekicker, owns a slightly remarkable 10-for-11 record in field goal attempts to date...Saturday night's kickoff is set for 7 o'clock, Wisconsin time. The broadcast will be carried by Press-Gazette radio station WNFL.

REMEMBER THE POWERFUL PACK?

SEPT 3 (Cincinnati Post) – The Green Bay Packers used to strike fear in the hearts of opposing football teams. Those were the glory years of Vince Lombardi when the Packers were National Football League champions in 1961, 1962, 1965, 1966 and 1967. Since then the Packer dynasty has crumbled, losing seasons have been the habit two of the last three years and now they're just another football team. Tomorrow night the once mighty Packers invade Riverfront Stadium to face the unbeaten Cincinnati Bengals, who will be gunning for their fifth straight preseason victory. The Bengals, remembering last

year's 10-10 tie at Milwaukee, aren't taking the game lightly, despite Green Bay's 1-3 record. "We're not expecting anything else other than a tough game," says Chuck Weber, the Bengals' defensive coordinator. "Of the games they've played so far, everyone has been a tough, physical game." Weber thinks the Packers are starting to jell under first-year coach Dan Devine, who took the Green Bay job after 13 highly successful years in the college ranks at Missouri. "They look like they're coming along real well," Weber says. "Every one of their ball games has been close." The Green Bay losses have been to Chicago, 2-0; Pittsburgh, 16-13, and Oakland last week, 17-13, after the Packers trailed 17-0 at halftime. The Green Bay win was a 10-7 triumph over Miami. Quarterback is the big problem facing the Packers this year and it's a major one. Bart Starr, the hero of the Packers championship days, appears to be lost for the season after undergoing surgery on his throwing arm. In his place the Packers have 39-year-old Zeke Bratkowski, who hasn't played in two years; rookie Scott Hunter, a sixth-round draft choice from Alabama, and a 6-7 converted tight end. Hunter has played most of the way the last two games, but Bratkowski will get the starting call against the Bengals. "I can remember the time Zeke would take over from Starr and do as good a job as Starr," says Bengal coach Paul Brown. "He's big and tall and has a lot of poise." The Packers have standout running backs in Donny Anderson, Dave Hampton and rookie John Brockington from Ohio State, their No. 1 draft choice. The receivers are 12-year veteran Carroll Dale and three-year man John Spilis at the wide spots and John Hilton, formerly with the Steelers, at tight end. "And," points out Weber, "they've got a veteran offensive line," adding that guard Gale Gillingham is one of the best in the business. Gillingham will be playing opposite Bengal rookie Arthur May tomorrow night, a tough assignment for a first-year man. May starts in place of injured Mike Reid. The Packers still have a typically strong defense, Carr and Dave led by linebackers Fred Robinson and safety Willie Wood. Placekicking has been another Packer problem in recent years since the departure of Paul Hornung, Don Chandler and Jerry Kramer. Dale Livingston, the ex-Bengal, handled the kicking chores last year, making 15 field goals in 28 attempts. This year he's in a battle with rookie Dave Conway and veteran Lou Michaels, who sat out last season after being cut by Baltimore. Michaels was recently signed by the Packers and will do part of the kicking tomorrow. Conway has made all three of his field goal tries since joining the Packers from Dallas. Livingston is two for seven.

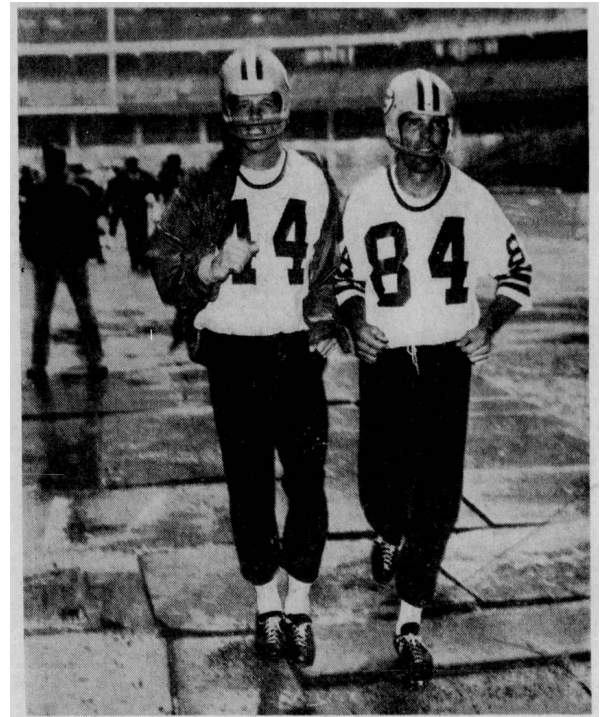


Photo by Robert Sifers
Green Bay Packer stars Donny Anderson and Carroll Dale (84) trot off the field after a Riverfront Stadium workout in the rain yesterday.

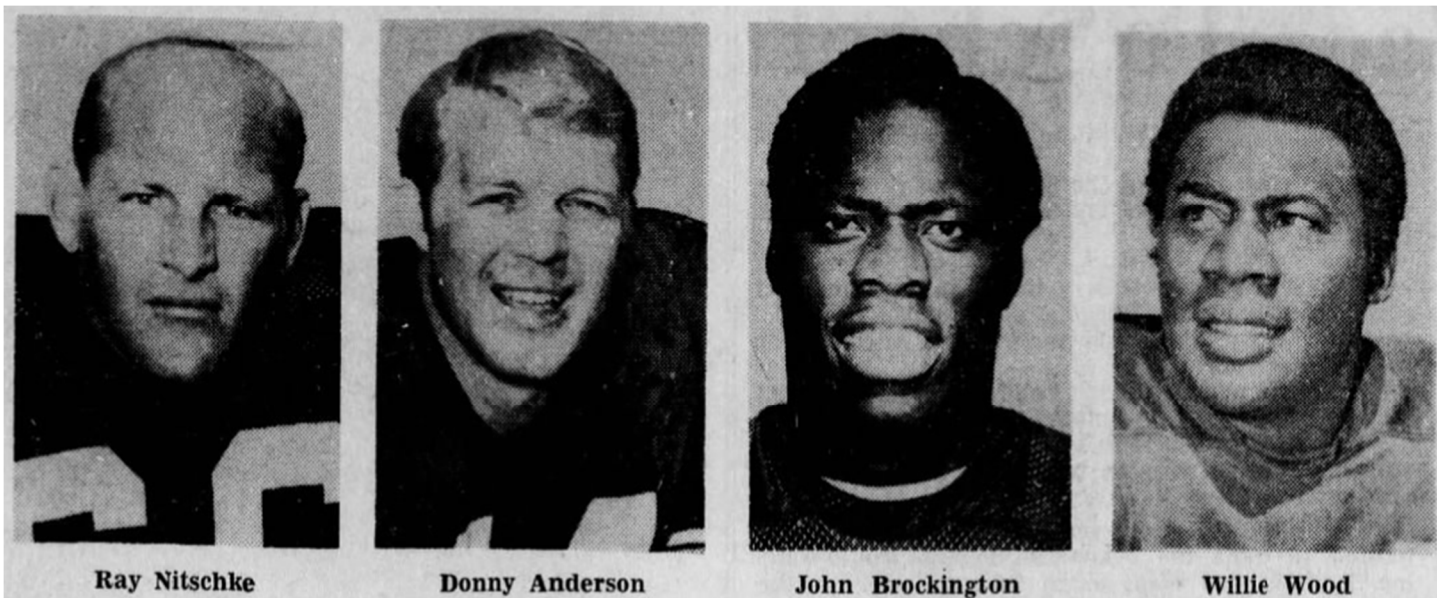
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BENGAL STATISTICS AMAZE PACKERS' NEW COACH

SEPT 4 (Cincinnati Post) - Dan Devine carries enough figures around in his head on the Bengals to qualify as one of the team's statisticians. And it's a cinch he's more than a little worried about sending his Green Bay Packers against the Bengals in tonight's 8:05 exhibition game at Riverfront Stadium. "The Bengals are a damn good football team," says Devine. "They're quick, loaded with talent, well disciplined and have fantastic statistics." Devine rattled off enough figures to show he's spent plenty of time studying the Bengal "stat" sheet. "They're 10 of 11 in field goals," Devine began, "have a 4.3 rushing average per carry, have thrown 99 passes with only one interception and (Virg) Carter has completed 44 of 58 passes. "Oh, yes," the new Packer coach added, "they have a 42.5 punting average." A check of the Bengal statistics showed Devine was right on every figure. "The most important statistic," he continued, "in the fourth quarter they've scored 34 points to the opposition's 14. In the second quarter it's 44-13. They've been outscored in the first and third quarters and outscored their opponents in the other two. That's an indication they're well conditioned." Devine dried himself with a towel after sending the Packers through a morning workout yesterday in a driving rain. "It was 72 and clear when we left Duluth (Minn.) Thursday," the Packer coach said, regretting the team had left for Cincinnati a day early. The Bengals will be shooting for their fifth straight victory tonight in a so-far perfect exhibition season. The Packers are 1-3. Quarterback and placekicking have been Green Bay's biggest problems as Devine, former coach at the University of Missouri, tries to rebuild the Packer fortunes. "I wouldn't call them problems," he says. "I call them areas of concern." Zeke Bratkowski, who turns 40 next month, gets the starting call at quarterback tonight although rookie Scott Hunter and 6-7 Frank Patrick have seen plenty of action so far. "I look at Zeke as No. 1," Devine said in sizing up the quarterback situation. Lou Michaels, the former Baltimore Colt kicker, has been signed by the Packers as a free agent. He's battling former Bengal Dale Livingston and rookie Dave Conway for the Packer placekicking job. "Michaels will start tonight," Devine said. "He'll handle the field goals and extra points. I don't know who will do the kickoffs." Livingston, known as Sweets to his teammates, is two for seven in the field goal department this season, including one from 49 yards. "I'll do my best," says Livingston. "That's all I can do. I'll just work as hard as I can and see what happens." The Bengals open with veteran Virg Carter at quarterback tonight. He'll be throwing to a pair of new wide receivers, rookie Ed Marshall and Tommie Smith, who will be making their initial starts.

VICTORY-STARVED PACKERS IN BENGALS' DEN TONIGHT

SEPT 4 (Cincinnati Enquirer) - The Bengals have their final home dress rehearsal at Riverfront Stadium tonight when they run up against one of the most famed - and once one of the most feared - teams in professional football, the Green Bay Packers. These are not the Vince Lombardi-led Packers of old, the Pack that cowed and dominated the National Football



League during most of the 1960s, but there are plenty who think they are not too far from regaining that status. Regardless, there are some famous players on this club, and as always, it seems, a famous defense. Those bright green jerseys and yellow helmets are still being worn by running backs like Donny Anderson, Elijah Pitts, and Perry Williams. Ken Bowman still anchors the offensive line at center, and Gale Gillingham holds onto a guard position. Carroll Dale is at a wide receiver position, and ancient Zeke Bratkowski is scheduled as the starting quarterback in the continuing absence of the injured Bart Starr. On defense you'll find middle linebacker Ray Nitschke, defensive linemen Bob Brown and Lionel Aldridge, and veteran safety Willie Wood still continue to hold starting jobs. But mixed in are a lot of veterans of the three and four-year variety, much like the Bengals, along with outstanding rookies like fullback John Brockington, the No. 1 draft choice from Ohio State; quarterback Scott Hunter from Alabama, defensive end Donell Smith from Southern U. and others. The Packers, who have been here for two days practicing on the AstroTurf at Riverfront Stadium, are big, mean and mighty unhappy with their 1-3 record. They'd like nothing better than to end the Bengals' string of four straight pre-season victories. The Packers also have a new coach. Dan Devine, one of the most respected men in college football during his long, successive tenure at Missouri, is the man all of Green Bay feels might be the "new" Lombardi. Devine has been careful and painstaking in his approach, unwilling to make changes for changes' sake. He retained, among others, Bob Schnelker, the original architect of Lombardi's offense as the Packers rose to fame. Schnelker now is listed as in charge of the passing game. So this is the way it looks as another sellout crowd of more than 55,000 gathers for the 8:05 p. m. kickoff. The Packers and Bengals played to a 10-10 tie in a pre-season clash at Milwaukee last year, their only previous meeting. But this year they have a more important date at Green Bay on October 3 in the regular season. The Bengals, as is no secret, are burdened with injuries. Out indefinitely is Chip Myers, who was Cincinnati's No. 1 receiver last year. He has two broken arms, suffered against St. Louis last week. Defensive tackle Mike Reid is definitely out with a knee injury, and Willie Lee Jones, who would normally replace Reid, still is sidelined with a torn eye. Also definitely out for this one with a variety of injuries are running back Paul Robinson, rookie guard Steve Lawson, backup tight end Bruce Coslet, and – of course – Greg Cook. Running back Ron Lamb returned to practice this week, but whether he or guard Guy Dennis, both with minor knee injuries, will play is undecided. Additionally, defensive end Nick Roman has been hobbling on a bruised heel. For these reasons, and also to aid in final judgment as they face the cutdown to 44 players on Monday, the Bengals will be using a variety of new faces. Rookies Irv Mallory and Ed Marshall are to see plenty of work as receivers, offensive tackle Vern Holland – another rookie – starts again, and still another – Fred Willis – goes for the injured Robinson at running back. Defensively, rookie Arthur May starts tackle, and the same is true for Neil Craig at cornerback. The Bengals, who to a man are striving to enter the regular season undefeated, ran through a short, final workout in a driving rain Friday at their Wilmington College camp. They break camp today. The weather bureau forecasts a 50% possibility of more rain today, which would be a "first" for the Bengals playing in bad weather in over a year.

PACKERS PREVIEW SEASON OPENER AT CINCINNATI TONIGHT

SEPT 4 (Cincinnati-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – It could be "Packer Preview" tonight...in more ways than one. Legendary Paul Brown's unbeaten Bengals, who provide the opposition on the close-cropped Astroturf of Riverfront Stadium (7 o'clock, WNFL, Channel 2), well may afford the faithful a glimpse of what Coach Dan Devine hopes his regrouping Packers will artistically resemble before the "official" 1971 season is far advanced. Ever forthright, he says of the fast maturing Bengals, "I admire the way they play...They're my idea of a good football team. They have a stout defense and, offensively, they tell you what they're going to do and then go ahead and do it. They don't try to fool you." Devine's starting format, with comebacking Zeke Bratkowski and Francis Peay returning to the lineup at quarterback and offensive left tackle, respectively, also could very well be the one which will deploy against the New York Giants in the Pack's National Football League premiere at Green Bay Sept. 19. The time of decision on a set lineup is now close at hand. Whatever the competitive case, it may be a long night for the combatants, due to perform before a full house of 55,000 customers in the Packers' first

Cincinnati appearance. A chance of thundershowers is forecast, which could make footing more than slightly uncertain on the Riverfront's spurious surface, already water-logged from two days of heavy rains. Bratkowski, used sparingly since suffering muscle spasms in his lower back immediately prior to kickoff in the Miami Dolphin exhibition two weeks ago, is expected to be excused for the evening at halftime, which suggests Scott Hunter will get another lengthy look in the final 30 minutes. Peay, who rejoined the squad only Thursday after undergoing tests for a minor kidney condition, has not started since the Packers' preseason opener against the Bears. Huge Bill Hayhoe (6-foot-8, 270 pounds) has drawn the duty in the interim. "We're going to start Francis mostly because we could get more playing time out of him that way," Devine explained. "He's a little out of shape right now so we feel if we start him and rest him, then bring him back in, we'll get more out of him." That wondrous rookie, John Brockington, is expected to draw his fourth straight starting assignment at fullback although Perry Williams is likely to see more combat than in the past because Cincinnati is his hometown. For some of Brockington's fellow freshmen, like punter Ken Duncan, wide receiver Jim Johnson, running back Virgil Robinson, defensive back George Fountain and offensive tackle Pat Houlton, the former St. Norbert College luminary, it could be a final appraisal. It also will be something of an acid test for venerable placekicker Lou Michaels, the left-footed ex-Baltimore Colt who is scheduled to draw any field goal and extra point duty, at least at the outset. How he fares could profoundly affect not only his future but that of either Dave Conway or Dale Livingston, the other current contenders. The Packers must reduce their roster, which now stands at 48, to 44 by 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon Green Bay time. This means that six players will have to be trimmed, since Brockington and fellow college All-Star Charley Hall do not count officially at this point. Four more, who will be on irrevocable waivers, will have to be pruned Sept. 13 to reach the NFL's regular season limit. Regardless of who ultimately survives, Devine indicated tonight's exercise should be a stout challenge for all Packers concerned (the Bengals are 4-0 going into action, the Pack is 1-3) particularly the defense, which has been highly effective thus far with a 10-point average yield per game. Spouting statistics with computer-like facility, he said, "The Bengals have won 11 of their last 12 games, including seven in a row to end the regular season last year, and they won their own division. Their only loss during those 12 games was to Baltimore (eventual world champion) in the division playoffs. "This year, they've made 10 of 11 field goal attempts (by Horst Muhlmann), they have a punter (Dave Lewis) who is averaging 42.5 yards per kick, they've thrown the ball 99 times (quarterbacks Virgil Carter and Ken Anderson) and had only one interception, and they have a 4.3 rushing average (largely through the efforts of Fred Willis and Essex Johnson). Their most impressive statistic is that they've outscored their opponents, 34 to 14, in the fourth quarter. In the second quarter, they've got a 44-13 edge. They've outscored their opponents in the second and fourth quarters and been outscored in the first and third, which indicates they're well conditioned. "They are impressive," Devine summed up, "in all the statistics that I think are important." DD, who has been experimenting liberally during the grapefruit league schedule, was not as certain about his own team's state of preparedness. "No, I don't think we're ready. But then, I never feel that we've covered everything for any game...Any time you go into a game feeling you have covered everything, you're complacent."...PACKER PATTERN: Severely limited by the weather, the Packers worked little more than 45 minutes in Friday morning's final tuneup, conducted in a downpour. Water stood in puddles on the field in some areas, causing mild concern for game time conditions. If it stops, we can squeegee it off," a member of the Riverfront Stadium ground crew said, "but if it doesn't there's nothing you can do. There's no place for it to go - there is asphalt beneath the AstroTurf." "This weather sure makes us appreciate Duluth," quipped Dave Robinson, who earlier in the week had been among those most vocal about rainy, overcast conditions in the Minnesota community, the Packers' training base from Sunday through Thursday...On a more serious note, Devine observed "This makes you see the value of artificial turf. There was no way we could have practiced in Green Bay today in this kind of weather - our field would have been a sea of mud. In fact, if you were on the road, nobody would let you on their field to practice if it was regular turf."... The Packers and the expansion Bengals, now just four years old, have met two common opponents in pre-season play. Our heroes shaded the Dolphins 10-7 for their only exhibition success and lost to Pittsburgh, 16-13, while Cincinnati dispatched them both, the Dolphins 27-10 and the Steelers 20-13. The Bengals' other victories have come over the Detroit Lions (31-24) and the St. Louis Cardinals (22-21), the latter with the aid of five Muhlmann field goals in six attempts...Currently headquartered at Stouffer's Inn here, the Packers are scheduled to enplane for Green Bay at 9:30 (Wisconsin time) Sunday morning and arrive at Austin Straubel Field at 10:45.

GREEN BAY OFFENSE		CINCINNATI	
Spills	WR	Crabtree	
Peay	LT	Wright	
Lueck	LG	Fest	
Bowman	C	B. Johnson	
Gillingham	RG	Matson	
Himes	RT	Holland	
Dale	WR	Thomas	
Hilton	TE	Trumpy	
Bratkowski	QB	V. Carter	
Anderson	RB	Willis	
Brockington	RB	Phillips	
DEFENSE			
C. Williams	LE	Berry	
McCoy	LT	May	
B. Brown	RT	Chomyszak	
Aldridge	RE	Carpenter	
Robinson	LLB	Beauchamp	
J. Carter	MLB	Bergey	
Carr	RLB	Avery	
Ellis	LCB	Parrish	
Matthewe	RCB	Riley	
Hart	LS	F. Smith	
Wood	RS	Dyer	

Packers Preview Season Opener at Cincinnati Tonight

SEPT 11 (The Sporting News) - VELLONE A MAN OF COURAGE: The image of Joe Kapp skidding into the gooey end zone to beat the Rams with a courageous comeback two years ago remains vivid. It was an inspirational performance and it kept the Vikings advancing toward the Super Bowl on a day they could have fallen. Perhaps the image of the guard who pulled and convoyed Kapp to that touchdown is less vivid. He was there in the pictures, but then the cameras focused on the ebullient Kapp. The guard was Jim Vellone - and he, too, possesses that kind of bravery all football players have. He didn't play with the flair, or have the machismo, of a Joe Kapp. Indeed, Vellone would have been delighted to play football this year without any legal kind of hassle which has become Kapp's annual game plan. But Vellone won't be able to make it. He is afflicted with Hodgkin's disease, a grave and sometimes fatal malady. Recently Vellone underwent surgery for removal of his spleen...

HIGH CURE RATE: "I'm going to lick it," said Vellone, who is a tough guy. "It's cancer in a form and it scares you, no question. But you've got to look at it optimistically. It has one of the highest cure rates of any form of cancer. It's just like a football game. You got to go on even if you've made a mistake. You can't look back. You've got to go on." There's nothing in the standard NFL players contract restricting Hodgkin's disease. You can't play out your option against it...DETROIT...Joe Schmidt has been a strict adherent of the one-quarterback system. But with two guys as equal as Greg Landry and Bill Munson, Schmidt now admits he might not be able to resist temptation. "Maybe during the course of the season we could play one guy one half and the other the next half," the coach said. "In my mind, Landry's still the No. 1 quarterback. But we could change at the half and come back with the same starter the next half. That's not a two-quarterback system." But it's not exactly a pure one-quarterback system, either. Schmidt has gotten angry at times at the press coverage dealing with the Lions' quarterback situation. He argues it could be disruptive to his club...GRABOWSKI DELIVERS...CHICAGO...When training camp opened, the Bears seemed deeper at running back than they'd been since the old days of George McAfee, Bill Osmanski, Norm Standlee, etc. But it hasn't developed that way and the deep area became acutely short very suddenly. Gale Sayers still is being recycled back into football gradually. Joe Moore showed a proclivity to fumble, then tore up an ankle. Ross Montgomery quit, as did Ralph Kurek. Ronnie Bull was traded. So the Bears finally signed hometown product Jim Grabowski, who had been sliced by the Packers as a physical risk. All Grabowski did in his Bear debut was run for 81 yards in 10 tries to pace a 20-19 victory over the Browns August 28. Meanwhile, Bears' veteran defensive captain, Bennie McCrae, a no-show due to a contract impasse, opted for a trade to join George Allen's rescue mission for the disgruntled in Washington...GREEN BAY...Scott Hunter does have some tradition going for him with the Packers. He was the Packers' sixth draft choice out of Alabama. Hunter's scouting reports hardly indicated he was a promising pro prospect...OPPORTUNITY FOR SCOTT: But then again the last quarterback the Packers drafted from Alabama was picked on the 17th round and he, too, did not report to Green Bay with outstanding references. His name was Bart Starr - and the irony is Starr's injuries could provide Hunter with a pro job this year. The Packers, while struggling with a quarterback problem, may have solved their long placekicking vacuum. Dave Conway, picked up from Dallas, did the game-winning job in his first test against Miami...MINNESOTA...Pete Rozelle has films to inspect Carl Eller's brutalizing of John Hadl, quarterback for the Chargers. Those who've witnessed the movie say Eller swung at Hadl and missed but then landed on Hadl's jaw with a right forearm. The play precipitated a donnybrook, one of a couple in the game. "It's the worst thing I've ever seen," said Harry Gilmer, who's been in football 35 years. Eller was ejected for his misdeed - and so were some others on both clubs during the aftermath. "Too bad about what happened," said the Vikings' laconic Bud Grant. "Up until that time, it was a good football game."

