

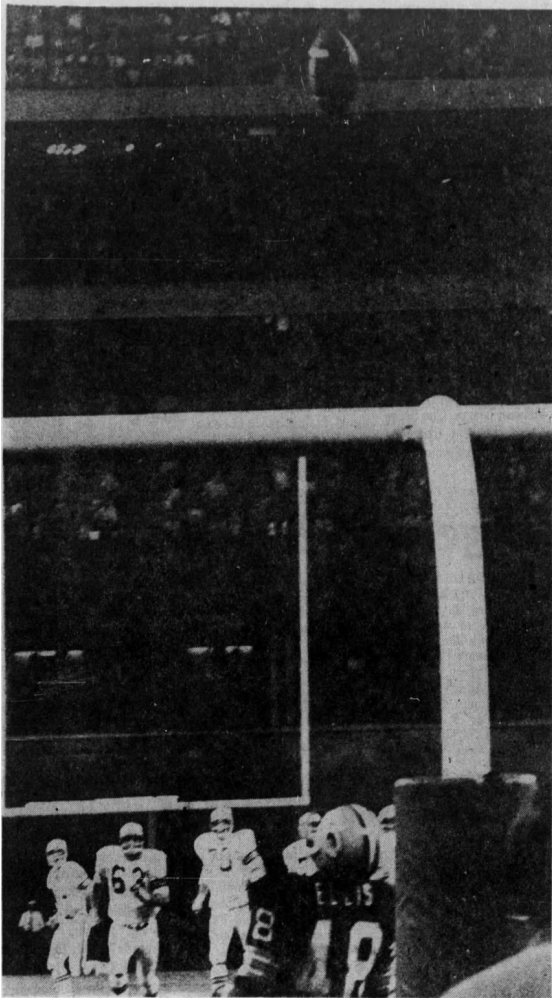


Cincinnati Bengals (5-0) 27, Green Bay Packers (1-4) 24
PRESEASON: Saturday September 4th 1971 (at Cincinnati)



Pack Improves, But Loses To Unbeaten Cincy 27-24

GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)



Packer Ken Ellis had hopes of receiving this 52-yard field goal by Horst Muhlmann, but it sailed through the uprights instead.
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(CINCINNATI) - The fast jelling Packers mounted their most explosive assault of the exhibition season here Saturday night but it wasn't quite enough to tame Cincinnati's unbeaten Bengals. With old pro Zeke Bratkowski passing for two touchdowns and Dave Hampton and Donny Anderson rushing for 99 and 83 yards respectively, the Green and Gold charged to a 24-17 lead in the third quarter, putting the Bengals' 4-0 record in serious jeopardy. Paul Brown's ambitious young athletes are committed to finishing their grapefruit league season with a perfect record, however, and they rebounded with a 43-yard field goal by the slightly incredible Horst Muhlmann and a fourth quarter touchdown by Fred Willis to pull out a 27-24 victory. Willis, the Bengals' bread-and-butter man all evening, bolted three yards over right guard at 6:27 of the final period to cap a 65-yard drive that sealed the decision and sent 55,477 Bengal Partisans happily on their way.

4TH PACKER LOSS

It was the fourth defeat in five pre-season ventures for the Packers, who deserved a better fate on a statistical basis. They outgained Cincinnati 360 to 318 overall, amassing a startling 279 yards rushing to 168 for the Bengals and running off 70 plays to Cincy's 52. The Bays had one major opportunity to overtake the Bengals in the closing minutes, when Scott Hunter fashioned a 39-yard drive that carried to the Cincinnati 46. But, after Hampton picked up a yard, two Hunter passes fell incomplete, the last a "bomb" that was just beyond the straining hands of Donny Anderson at the Bengal 20. The next was an awkward moment when, on fourth down, the Packers lined up for a field goal without either a kicker or holder with 1:30 remaining. Time out was hastily called and Dale Livingston, who has greater range than Dave Conway, author of a 27 yard success in the first quarter, was summoned to duty. His 52-yard effort was short and wide to the right, however, bouncing at the three-yard-line and into the end zone.

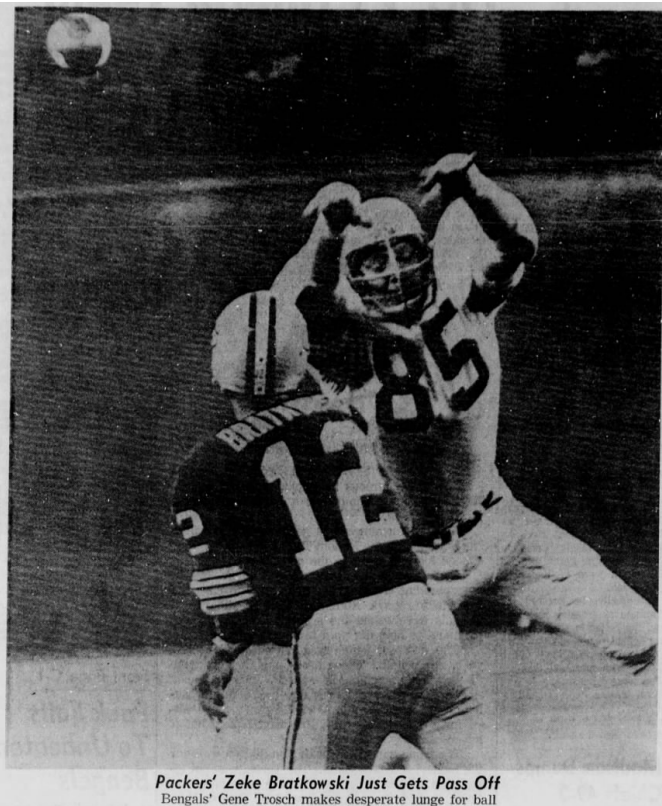
ONE MORE CHANCE

The Pack received one more brief chance with 39 seconds left but it ended in instant disaster when Ken Riley intercepted Hunter's pass at the Bengal

30. The long ball was spectacularly pre-eminent in the first half, which saw the Packers canter into the dressing room with a 17-10 lead and the knowledge they already had bettered their best one game point production along the exhibition trail. It was featured by the longest runs from scrimmage by both the Packers and Bengals this season, Donny Anderson gaining that honor for the Green and Gold with a 59-yard excursion in the first quarter. The Bengals' heavy-footed Horst Muhlmann launched the proceedings with a booming kickoff that soared over the heads of waiting safeties Larry Krause and Dave Hampton and beyond the end line of the end zone.

BRAT FELLED

Bratkowski subsequently was felled for a 10-yard loss by a safety blitz on third down, but rookie punter Ken Duncan pulled the Pack out of a potential hole by booming a 50-yard punt. Fellow freshman Leonard Garrett lent a hand by nailing Cincinnati receiver Lamar Parrish for a 14-yard loss at the Bengal 23. It failed to save the Packers from Muhlmann's talented



Packers' Zeke Bratkowski Just Gets Pass Off
Bengals' Gene Trosch makes desperate lunge for ball

toe, however. When Cincinnati's ensuing drive was stalled at the Packer 45, the soccer style booter returned to hammer home a 52-yarder for a 3-0 Bengal lead. Following another prodigious kickoff, Duncan produced additional heroics in the Packers' behalf. Badly rushed while back in punt formation because the Pack had only 10 men on the field, he set sail up the middle and rambled 32 yards before being stopped. It was, at that early point in the evening, the Packers' longest run from scrimmage of the season. It shortly resulted in a happy dividend, after Bratkowski had collaborated with tight end John Hilton on a 20-yard maneuver which moved the Pack to the Cincinnati 15.

CONWAY KICKS FG

When the Bengals felled the Brat for a 9-yard loss on third down, Dave Conway came on to toe a 27-yard bullseye – his fourth in as many Packer attempts - to forge a 3-3 tie. The Pack had little time to savor this development. The Bengals retaliated with an explosive, three-play, 73-yard drive to mount a 10-3 lead. The key maneuver was a 54-yard sortie by Fred Willis, who bounced off Al Matthews at the 50, veered to his left and appeared off to the races until Fred Carr caught up with him at the Packer 17. On the very next play, Essex Johnson swept outside Dave Robinson and cruised into the end zone, dragging safetyman Doug Hart for the final yard. Muhlmann added the extra point. The Packers rebounded with some fireworks of their own on their next possession, Anderson circling the Bengals' right flank and churning to the Cincinnati 21 with the aid of a block by Carroll Dale that brought him the last 10 yards.

CLIPPING PENALTY

A touchdown appeared in the making when Hampton bolted over right tackle to the 4 on the next play, but Hilton was called for clipping and the 15-yard assessment blunted the drive. Three plays later, the Packers came out empty-handed when Conway's 38-yard field goal attempt was wide to the right with 32 seconds remaining in the first period. On first down, however, McCoy recovered Dave Buchanan's fumble on the Cincinnati 20 and, seconds later, it was all even. Bratkowski lofted a pass into the hands of Hampton, alone at the 10, and he wheeled into the end zone untouched. Conway's PAT brought a 10-10 deadlock. Another Packer push, set up by a short 21-yard punt by the Bengals' Dave Lewis, came to naught minutes later. Hampton set the Packers in motion with a 35-yard ramble to the Cincinnati 18. But two plays later, Anderson fumbled and, following a wild scramble near the goal line, Al Beauchamp recovered for Cincinnati in the end zone for a touchback.

SCORING DRIVE

The next time the Green and Gold gained the leather, they fashioned a workmanlike, 81-yard scoring drive - an 18-play ball control march that consumed 8 minutes and 15 seconds. Key maneuvers included an 11-yard Bratkowski pass to Dale, a 13-yard scramble by the Brat and, still later, a 3-yard sneak for a first down by the 39-year-old quarterback on a fourth-and-inches situation at the Cincy 47. Rookie Scott Hunter, relieving Bratkowski when he had his bell rung while attempting to pass, took the Pack in, completing an 8-yard pass to Hampton and sneaking for a first down himself on another fourth-and-inches play. Hampton, swept right for the final six yards, despite a near collision with Hunter on the handoff, and the Packers led for the first time. Conway's PAT made it 17-10. The game's freewheeling pattern continued in the third quarter, which saw the Bengals come bristling out of the dressing room and charge to a tying touchdown in five plays. The big play was a 49-yard pass from rookie quarterback Ken Anderson to tight end Bob Trumpy, a burst which carried Cincy to the Packer 15. After Willis settled for a yard on first down, Anderson found Bruce Coslet in the right corner of the end zone for the score at 2:57. Coslet pulled in the ball one stride ahead of Doug Hart, streaking desperately across the end zone. Muhlmann's conversion made it 17-17. One exchange later, the Bengals' Anderson fumbled on a scramble right and Dave Robinson recovered at the Cincinnati 16. The Packers fashioned one first down with a pair of rushes by Hampton and an offside penalty on the Bengals before Bratkowski fired a scoring strike to Rich McGeorge, who ducked under cornerback Ken Riley at the goal line to pull in the ball. Conway converted padding the Packers' lead 24-17. Joe Johnson returned the following kickoff 52 yards to the Packer 41 before being flagged down. The Bengals were forced to recall Muhlmann on fourth down, however, and he again responded this time from 43 yards out, cutting the Packer lead to 24-20.

GREEN BAY - 3 14 7 0 - 24

CINCINNATI - 10 0 10 7 - 27

	GREEN BAY		CINCINNATI	
First downs	19		13	
Rush-yards-TDs	47-279-1		31-168-2	
Comp-Att-Yd-TD-INT	20-8-106-2-1		21-11-150-1-0	
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-24		0-0	

Net Passing Yards	82	150
Total yards	361	318
Fumbles-lost	1-1	2-2
Turnovers	2	2
Yards Penalized	4-35	4-23

SCORING

1st – CIN – Horst Muhlmann, 52-yard field goal CIN 3-0
 1st – GB – Dave Conway, 27-yard field goal TIED 3-3
 1st – CIN – Essex Johnson, 17-yard run (Muhlmann kick) CIN 10-3
 2nd – GB – Dave Hampton, 20-yard pass from Zeke Bratkowski (Conway kick) TIED 10-10
 2nd – GB – Hampton, 6-yard run (Conway kick) GB 17-10
 3rd – CIN – Bruce Coslet, 14-yard from Ken Anderson (Muhlmann kick) TIED 17-17
 3rd – GB – Rich McGeorge, 5-yard pass from Bratkowski (Conway kick) GB 24-17
 3rd – CIN – Muhlmann, 43-yard field goal GB 24-20
 4th – CIN – Fred Willis, 3-yard run (Muhlmann kick) CIN 27-24

RUSHING

GREEN BAY – Dave Hampton 19-99 1 TD, Donny Anderson 11-83, Ken Duncan 1-32, Zeke Bratkowski 3-28, John Brockington 9-24, Perry Williams 3-11, Scott Hunter 1-2
CINCINNATI – Fred Willis 13-85 1 TD, Essex Johnson 5-48 1 TD, Jess Phillips 6-19, Ken Anderson 4-8, Virgil Carter 1-7, Doug Dressler 1-1, Dave Buchanan 1-0

PASSING

GREEN BAY – Zeke Bratkowski 12-5-71 2 TD, Scott Hunter 8-3-35 1 INT
CINCINNATI – Virgil Carter 8-4-19, Ken Anderson 13-7-131 1 TD

RECEIVING

GREEN BAY – Rich McGeorge 5-55 1 TD, Dave Hampton 1-20 1 TD, John Hilton 1-20, Carroll Dale 1-11
CINCINNATI – Speedy Thomas 3-42, Ed Marshall 2-18, Bob Trumphy 1-49, Fred Willis 1-15, Bruce Coslet 1-14 1 TD, Eric Crabtree 1-11, Irvin Mallory 1-2, Essex Johnson 1-(-1)

LAST MINUTE DECISION NOT TO ACTIVATE LOU MICHAELS

SEPT 5 (Cincinnati-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The decision not to activate veteran placekicker Lou Michaels for Saturday night's game against Cincinnati was a "last minute" one, Packer Coach Dan Devine said. Devine had announced earlier in the week that Michaels, fifth ranking scorer in pro football history, would make his Packer debut here against the Bengals. "We're involved in some maneuvers that make it necessary for us to keep a spot open on the roster," Devine said in explanation. The Packer roster stood at 48 officially going into the game, or one below the current National Football League limit. It must be reduced to 44 by 3 p.m. Tuesday, however. That figure will have to include college all-stars John Brockington and Charley Hall, who presently do not count against the official total. In announcing his decision on Michaels, Devine said, "This probably will work out better for Lou, too, because I don't think he's quite ready. He's kicked a tremendous amount since he joined us Monday and I think his leg is just blah right now." Michaels, who was out of football last season after being released by Baltimore just before the Colts' first league game, kicked well early in the week but had an off key day in Thursday's practice, his final pre-game workout.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN EMERGE FROM ANONYMITY AT CINC

SEPT 7 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The offensive lineman, customarily lost in the explosive shuffle when a ball carrier is unleashed via his efforts, lives in virtual anonymity. Since there is no statistical yardstick to measure his contributions, he gets little week-to-week recognition in the public prints. But he does have his moments, although most of them are internal side from private accolades of his coaches and fellow players. Several of the former came for residents of the Packers front wall during Saturday night's 27-24 loss to the Bengals in Cincinnati's Riverfront Stadium, Co-Captain Gale Gillingham admitted. "When you're lying on the ground and you look up to see somebody 50 yards up field, like Donny Anderson was in this one, it makes you feel good," Gillingham said while relaxing during the Packers post-game buffet. Anderson, who emerged with 83 yards in just 11 carries, had cantered 59 yards to record the Pack's longest run from scrimmage of the exhibition season. It was the key maneuver as the green and gold rushed for a total of 279 yards, their most imposing in many a moon, including 99 by the gifted Dave Hampton. Gillingham had a practical explanation of this figure, which nearly tripled the unbeaten Bengals' average rushing yield in four previous preseason outings. "We just worked harder on sweeps (Anderson's long sortie came on a sweep) and traps," he said. The all-pro guard indicated he had not been overly surprised. "I felt right along," he said, "that we have a fine offensive line." Explaining "I think the whole team was dedicated to concentrating more," Hampton termed the blocking "just fantastic." Quarterback Zeke Bratkowski, who fired two touchdown passes in the losing cause, found the performance of the men up front a cause for confidence. "Naturally, you don't like to lose," he said, "but there are many reasons for optimism...I think we're gaining a tremendous amount of momentum for the regular season. Each week we get sharper and sharper." Discussing his own state of preparedness, Zeke confided "I'd like to think I'm getting ready. I don't know how much more I would have played if I hadn't hurt my back. With only one preseason game left, it just has to be enough time." Rich McGeorge, a fellow member of the attacking unit, was not entirely pleased with his efforts, although he had been the game's leading receiver with five catches for 55 yards and one touchdown. "I just count the ones I miss," he said soberly. "I missed one there in the third quarter that I felt stopped a drive." Saturday's most

Flu's Fury Puts Cap on Packers' Week of Frustration

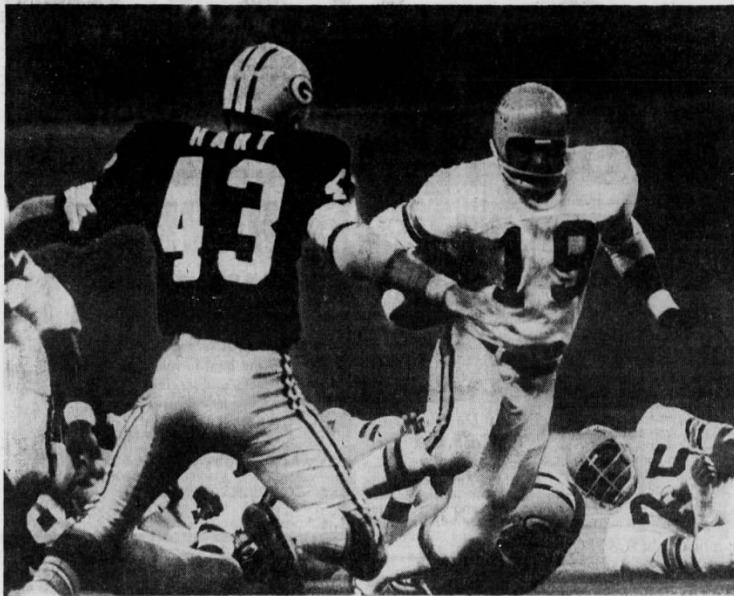
notable errors, of course, occurred when the Packers found themselves a man short on the punting team and when they lined up for a 52-yard field goal without either a holder or a kicker as only 1:50 remained and the Pack trailed 27-24. Fortuitously, rookie punter Ken Duncan not only avoided disaster but salvaged a first down in the first instance with a 32-yard run. It was not, however, what he should have been doing, Duncan later pointed out ruefully. "When I came out on the field, I saw we didn't have a fullback in there and I should have called time out. I guess that was just my rookie inexperience speaking for itself. "As it turned out, I had to run," said the former University of Tulsa athlete, who averaged a dazzling 48.1 yards for six punts to keep the Packers in contention against heavy-footed placement artist Horst Muhlmann. Rookie John Brockington recently substituted for Jim Carter at fullback on the punting unit, took full responsibility. "I just goofed," he said. "When we didn't get the first down, I ran to the sidelines. Suddenly I knew I had blown the whole thing. Luckily, there was no disaster." Cal Withrow, the center on the late, ill-fated field goal attempt, reported, "I didn't know what to think when I saw it. I looked back, didn't see anybody, and said, 'What the hell going on here?'" Anderson said, "It probably was my fault. I knew we were inside the 50 (at Cincinnati's 45), but I had just run a fly pattern so I was way down field. And I didn't hear anybody yelling at me when I came off the field." Livingston said the eleventh hour summons had come as a surprise. "The coach said before the game that he was going to kick Dave Conway, so I thought I was just going to sit out." A time-out was necessitated while Livingston, who began his pro career in Cincinnati, donned a kicking shoe and more than few of the fans chuckled derisively. "Everything has to be right on a kick of that distance," Dale asserted. "The ball was set with the laces toward me. I'm sure Donny will tell you that, too."

ALL HANDS REPORT

SEPT 7 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The Green Bay Packers, the bulk of them recovering from food poisoning, reported for practice this morning. Mike McCoy, Dale Livingston and Charlie Hall, who had been hospitalized were on hand but did not participate in heavy workouts.

FLU'S FURY PUTS CAP ON PACKERS' WEEK OF FRUSTRATION

SEPT 7 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Despite a 102-plus fever, Dan Devine was able to muster a smile. "I thought when I spilled that cup of water on myself when our plane landed here Sunday that it was a fitting climax to the kind of a week we'd had," he said with whimsical irony from behind the desk in his Lombardi Avenue office Monday noon. After spending a long and sleepless night struggling with intestinal problems, the Packer coach had discovered that roughly three-quarters of his squad was affected with the same malady and three players had been hospitalized for treatment. "I think Dr. Brusky (Dr. E. S. Brusky, a Packer team physician) suspects food poisoning," Devine said. "But there again, Gilly (Gale Gillingham) and Bill Lueck had their sieges with it before the game Saturday...CALLS OFF PRACTICE: "I guess what we should call it is intestinal flu which Dr. Brusky suspects was caused by food poisoning. Because of the dysentery, it dehydrates you. That's why I called off practice today." As he had ironically indicated, this was only the latest in a series of misadventures which have plagued the Packers since they left here Aug. 29 to open a temporary training base at Duluth, Minn. Two of their three Duluth practices were hampered by morning long rains, Then, when they moved to Cincinnati a day early in hopes of more favorable weather and an additional opportunity to work on the synthetic turf of Riverfront Stadium, their Friday workout was all but inundated by an Ohio downpour. "That bus ride from the Cincinnati airport to downtown Thursday made you fear for your life, too," Devine pointed out. Its suspension apparently "gone," the bus swayed from side to side down the road - bringing shouts of alarm from many of the players - until reducing the speed to a mere 35 miles per hour brought the vehicle somewhat under control. There was no need for the Packer leader to mention Saturday night's 27-24 loss to the Bengals, an unhappy climax to their first Cincinnati visit. "It's nobody's fault," he said, "but that is the worst trip I've ever been on." Mike McCoy, Dale Livingston and Charley Hall were the players hospitalized as the result of Monday's "epidemic." A number of others also were confined to bed at home...'ISOLATE MYSELF': Those who were able checked in at Packer headquarters late Monday morning to view films of the Cincinnati contest. Some of these, apparently unaffected, adjourned from the projection room to don sweat clothes and jog. In preparation for Friday night's pre-season finale in Buffalo, the latter including Jim Carter, Rich McGeorge and Larry Krause. Devine, meanwhile, said, "I'm going to isolate myself this afternoon (most of his fellow coaches had escaped the flu) - and look at Buffalo film. My temperature is going up to 102.5 right now," he reported, then added with an ironic smile, "I'm afraid I'm going to live, I'm not as concerned about myself as I am about the other people."...IRREGULAR HOURS: "In my own case, I thought at first it was irregular hours and not having gotten enough sleep on the trip. I first realized what widespread effect there was early this morning when I began to get phone calls from the players." Saturday night's game, his after-the-film analysis suggested, had fit poetically into the Pack's week of trial. Two plays which profoundly affected the outcome had gone against his athletes, he noted in a question-answer review. One of these was a clipping penalty charged to tight end John Hilton after halfback Dave Hampton had darted to the Cincinnati 4-yard-line late in the first quarter. Devine, who had been critical of the official's call at that point, explained, "Whenever I see anything wrong, I'm going to question it. That's the way I am...DON'T BLAME PLAYERS: "This sort of thing was the only thing which I ever was at odds over with Wayne Duke when he was commissioner of the Big Eight Conference and I was at Missouri...I didn't believe in blaming a player for somebody else's mistake. I did say on my TV show Sunday though, that I made more mistakes during the game than the officials did." Following the penalty, the Packers came out empty-handed. After two incomplete passes, Dave Conway was just wide to the right with a field goal attempt from the 38-yard line. The football fates also frowned upon our heroes early in the second quarter when the Bengals recovered Donny Anderson's fumble in the Cincinnati end zone, Devine conceded. "The films show we had a good shot at



Essex Johnson Hits Paydirt From 17 Yards Out

... Packer defender Dave Hart (No. 43) can't stop Bengal touchdown in first quarter. Cincinnati's Ernie Wright (No. 75) is on ground at right.

it," he said. "John Spilis and Lamar Parrish went for it but neither one of them got it. It squirted away and they came up with it in the end zone. "One of these days," he promised, we're going to come up with a free ball. And one of these days we're going to get a big scoring play from our defense. We've had some big plays from our defense already, but I'm talking about running back an interception for a touchdown, or picking up a fumble and going all the way, that sort of thing." On the subject of the fourth quarter contretemps which saw the Packers line up for a potentially game-tying field goal without benefit of a kicker or holder, Devine said, "It was an inexcusable mistake that won't happen again...There were too many people milling around." Dale Livingston, ultimately pressed into service after a hastily called time-out, was short and wide with a 52-yard effort - a distance from which Cincinnati's Horst Muhlmann earlier had connected with awesome ease. "Never have I seen one player dominate a game like that," said Devine in tribute to the German import, who hit two field goals in as many attempts and lofted six slightly stratospheric kickoffs so deep that Packer safeties emerged without a yard of return. "I sense a coming together on this team and I'm

enthusiastic about it," DD said, "but this game pointed out to me the value of having a kicker. Give us their field goal kicking and kickoffs and give them ours," he said, "and it's no contest. Devine said there is "a possibility" of an early move to remedy the kicking situation. "We're going to have to find our own guy," he declared. The Packer strategist is in the process of paring seven players from his roster to reach the current NFL limit of 44. He will await the expiration of 24-hour waivers, however, before announcing the names Wednesday. Although it is customary to dwell upon the negative in defeat, the Packer headmaster also found some highly positive items. "Alden Roche played very well," he said. Roche, the former Bronco acquired in the Don Horn trade with Denver, held forth at both defensive tackle and defensive end. "The offense also looked the best it has in the exhibition season by a good margin," Devine observed. "We came off the ball better, which is heartening." The green and gold forward wall "came off the ball" so well, in fact, that the Packers amassed 279 yards rushing, which has to rank among the premier performances in the NFL's grapefruit league this season. "We've played five games and haven't been out of any of them (the four losses have come by a total of 12 points)," Devine pointed out. "In fact, we still have a chance to win the one in Cincinnati in the final minutes. We were just a first down from field goal position...Not that I like to tie. But the way I look at it, it isn't a loss."

BENGALS DON'T SOUND TOUGH...BUT ARE

SEPT 7 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The Cincinnati Bengals don't sound like a championship football team. I mean, run down their roster, listen to the names: Carter, Riley, Thomas, Essen Johnson, Durko, Phillips, Willis, Avery, Beauchamp, Bergey, Berry, Marshall...even Trumpy. So where are the Olsons, Sayers, Browns, Ottos, Brodies...the people of which championships are made? Even Horst Muhlmann doesn't come out sounding like Stenerud or Cox...But those Bengals play a lot of football, tough football, artistic football. They generally conceded to be the favorites in their own division. All of this has to be a credit to Paul Brown, whose own legendary status is returning to the fore after being pushed to the background by the rise of Vince Lombardi...Against this non-star studded aggregation, the Pack came up with a good performance even though the inconsistency of other games still plagued it. The blocking at times was great...and at other times something less than that. Ditto the tackling...When's the last time the Pack sacked the quarterback? The backs seemed to block well against the Bengals...Don't blame DD entirely for the lack of a fullback on the punt or the lineup minus a kicker and holder for the field goal. It looks like an unorganized mess but it is presumed the players know their assignments without having to be reminded in every situation...Muhlmann must be Cincy's favorite import from West Germany. Packer publicist Chuck Lane had a classic line about him. Noting that Horst didn't bother running downfield after his kickoffs, Lane pointed out, "He just stands there and admires them". With Virg Carter and rookie find Ken Anderson on the roster and former rookie-of-the-year Greg Cook trying to recuperate from injuries to challenge them, Cincinnati looks like a prime target for quarterback trade talk...Devine's complaints about the officiating...in an exhibition game yet...indicate to me that winning is becoming considerably more important right now than it was several games ago...Saturday's game gave one the feeling that this could be a pattern for the season...just a step away from success. After all, the Pack has now lost four exhibitions by a total of 12 points (a field goal per)...Maybe that should read just a year away from success...

PACKERS TAXI PITTS, RELEASE LIVINGSTON

SEPT 8 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The Packers reduced their active roster to the current legal limit of 44 today but enlarged their taxi squad to a bulging 13, six more than they will be allowed to carry into the regular season a week from Sunday. Veteran place kicker Dale Livingston and rookie tackle Pat Houlton of St. Norbert, a free agent, were released outright. Veteran running back Elijah Pitts, veteran center Cal Withrow, veteran defensive back Leon Harden and rookie punter Ken Duncan were waived and added to the taxi team. In addition, kicker Lou Michaels remains on the taxi squad

Packers Taxi Pitts, Release Livingston

and guard Randy Winkler, who was quietly added to the roster for the Bengal game, was dropped back to taxi status. The final cut to 40 active players and seven move list (taxi squad) players will be made next Monday. It is important to note, however, that considerable shuffling could take place at that time because the final four players put on waivers cannot be recalled. If, however, they clear waivers, they can be resigned to a taxi contract. Livingston's departure leaves the

Packers with just Dave Conway as a place kicker. And with the cabbage of Duncan, who averaged over 48 yards per punt against Cincinnati, Donny Anderson is the lone punter. Withrow's reassignment to the taxi team puts rookie Wimpy Winther in the back up center spot behind Ken Bowman. Conway and Winther are two of 11 rookies still on the active roster. The others are quarterback Scott Hunter, running backs John Brockington and Virgil Robinson, wide receivers Dave Davis and Jim Johnson, right end Leonard Garrett, defensive end Donnell Smith and defensive backs Charlie Hall and George Fountain.

PACKER MINDS ON BILLS, CUTS

SEPT 8 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – For more than a few Packers, it was a day of divided concerns. Many, sapped by food poisoning and accompanying dysentery, still were weak and wan as they repaired to the practice field late Tuesday morning. Some also were keenly conscious that it could be their final day in training camp as zero hour on another squad cut neared. And all were aware that just two days remained to ready for their final pre-season venture against the vastly improved Bills in Buffalo Friday night...**FAIRLY GOOD PRACTICE:** Coach Dan Devine, forced to call off Monday's scheduled practice after he and three-quarters of his players were stricken with intestinal problems, later reported, "I feel pretty good but we've still got some players who don't. Under the circumstances, however, I thought we had a fairly good practice...There's a certain amount of weakness, as might be expected." Devine attributed a muscle pull incurred by running back Dave Hampton during the workout to after effects of the epidemic. "When you're dehydrated, you're more susceptible to muscle pulls," he said. "But, by tomorrow, we should be pretty well over this thing."...**CRABMEAT COCKTAIL:** Dr. E. S. Brusky, a Packer team physician, said it was believed that the food poisoning had been caused by crabmeat cocktail served to the team on their air charter en route home from Cincinnati Sunday. "I felt right from the start that it must have been the cause," he said Tuesday, "and I talked to a doctor representing United Airlines today and he said he was of the same opinion." The contrasting experience of various players lent weight to their conclusion. For example, defensive back Charley Hall ate two of the crabmeat cocktails and he had to be withheld from Tuesday's practice. "He got it worse than the others," Devine explained. Placekicker Dale Livingston, who had only the crabmeat, was hospitalized for hydration, along with Hall and defensive tackle Mike McCoy, who also ate the cocktail along with the balance of the meal...**ESCAPE MALADY:** Linebacker Jim Carter and flanker Carroll Dale, among others, did not and escaped the malady. The same was true of the airliner's crew, whose meals included shrimp cocktail because there was not enough crabmeat to go around. "I still feel lousy," Hall reported following Tuesday's practice. McCoy took part in most of the squad's drills but admitted, "I'm still pretty weak. In fact, I wish I could go home right now and go to bed." Livingston, who went through his customary placekicking chores, later flapped the waist band of his slacks, loose around the middle, and said, "Look at this...I lost five or six pounds since Sunday."...**ACHE ALL OVER:** Another victim, quarterback Zeke Bratkowski, said, "I feel better today than I did yesterday but I still feel like somebody has been beating me with a rubber hose. I ache all over." Linebacker John (Bull) Bramlett, confined to his bed Monday, was ashen and confided, "I'm not good at all yet." Devine revealed that "a Food and Drug Administration man is coming in this afternoon to look into this, but I guess it's just routine." Results of FDA tests were expected today. With temperatures in the humid 80s, Devine cancelled the customary practice-ending sprints out of compassion for his athletes but later announced, "We're going to have a long, hard practice tomorrow, particularly because of conditioning, although also because of preparation for Buffalo. What happens with something like this is that you lose your conditioning."...**SAVE 47 BEST:** On a subject of great current interest, the trimming of the roster, Devine said, "All I can say is what I told the squad this morning, that we're trying to save the 47 best people." The reference, of course, was to a figure which includes the seven members of the taxi squad - the present NFL limit - as well as the final, 40-man regular roster. "I don't mean to make light of anyone's future," Devine added, "because I know they are concerned."... **PACKER PATTERN:** Despite Cincinnati's 27 points Saturday night in a three-point victory over the Packers, the green and gold still rank second defensively in the National Grapefruit League. They have given up only 69 points in five games, just three more than the defending Central Division champion Vikings. Their imminent opponents, the Bills, lead the Eastern Division of the American Football Conference with a 3-2 record, including a surprising 31-17 victory over Detroit's Lions last time out...The Packers, Devine noted, "are behind schedule in a short week." They enplane for Buffalo following Thursday morning's practice, with return scheduled immediately following Friday night's game.

ELIJAH REVISITED

SEPT 8 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Elijah Pitts, a cherubic Arkansan with a ready smile, is known for his sunny disposition. But the pride of Philander Smith was uncommonly solemn throughout the 1970 National Football League season. It was a long and traumatic one for Pitts, dealt to the Chicago Bears by the Packers in a three-player package for the draft rights to Notre Dame colossus Mike McCoy just prior to the January grab bag. Later waived by the Bears, he caught on briefly with the Los Angeles Rams, then found himself with New Orleans before the Saints released him in the waning weeks when new coach J. D. Roberts launched a youth movement. "I promised myself it would never happen to me," said the all-purpose halfback, who then was a nine-year veteran. "All of a sudden, I was in the middle of it. It happened so fast, I couldn't react." Last June, the football fates dealt Elijah a new hand. Incoming coach Dan Devine signed him as a free agent and

The Pack

OFFENSE

Wide receivers — Carroll Dale, John Spills, Dave Davis, Jim Johnson.

Tackles — Francis Peay, Dick Himes, Bill Hayhoe.

Guards — Gale Gillingham, Bill Lueck, Dave Bradley.

Centers — Ken Bowman, Wimpy Winther.

Tight ends — John Hilton, Rich McGeorge, Leonard Garrett.

Quarterbacks — Zeke Bratkowski, Scott Hunter, Frank Patrick.

Running backs — Dave Hampton, Donny Anderson, John Brockington, Perry Williams, Larry Krause, Virgil Robinson.

Kicker — Dave Conway.

DEFENSE

Linemen — Lionel Aldridge, Clarence Williams, Mike McCoy, Bob Brown, Alden Roche, Donnell Smith.

Linebackers — Dave Robinson, Jim Carter, Fred Carr, Ray Nitschke, John Bramlett, Tommy Joe Crutcher, Cleo Walker.

Halfbacks — Willie Wood, Ken Ellis, Doug Harl, Alvin Matthews, Charlie Hall, Alvin Randolph.

Doug Hart

Defensive Halfback — U. Tex. at Arlington
Height 6-1, Weight 190
Born in Handley, Texas,
June 3, 1939

8th year in pro ball . . . Signed by St. Louis as free agent for 1963 season . . . Picked up on waivers by Packers during pre-season . . . Played on taxi squad 1963 and made squad in 1964 . . . Started at right corner in 1965 . . . Selected on the All-Texas college team of 1962 . . . Pre-Law student . . . Scored on fumble recovery and run against Vikings in 1965 . . . Started at corner and safety in 3 games in '68 . . . 76 yd. TD Int. vs. Eagles in '70 . . . Excellent speed . . . Vice president of Arctic Cat Snowmobiles . . . Co-hosts Pack-erama TV program with Bart Starr during season. Residence: Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Pitts has been his old effervescent self ever since, even though he knows his Packer future is not yet assured...LIKE A DREAM: "I'm sure happy to be back in Green Bay," he says with fervor. "It's like a dream...I watched the guys play on TV last season and I couldn't see them playing without me. I was in the green and gold for so long, it was difficult to look at myself in another uniform...First of all, I never liked the Bear organization. Then, after playing against them and hating them all those years, they suddenly were my teammates." A new assignment has greatly enhanced Pitts' present pleasure. He now is known as Captain Pitts, if you please, a promotion which suggests a certain amount of security. Impressed with Elijah's dedication as well as his all-around talents, Devine has appointed the 32-year-old campaigner captain of the Packers special teams. "Elijah has worked hard and he adds a lot to the team - he's good for morale," the Packer headmaster says in explanation. "He's pretty well taken over all of the specialty teams - the punting team, kickoff team and punt return team - except for the field goal team. I originally named him captain of two of them and he just took over the rest. He's accepted responsibility very well."...TAKES CERTAIN PRIDE: Eli, as he is known to many of his teammates, admits, "I know veterans don't particularly like to work on the teams. But it has to be done and I don't mind it. In fact, I think you take a certain pride in doing whatever you do, even if it's just going down on the teams...And they can kill you, if you don't do a good job. If The Man thinks enough of you to feel you can do the job, you want to do it," he said simply. "Of course, every year I've played, even when I started, I've been on teams...You've got to be proud if The Man makes you a captain even if playing on the special teams isn't the most popular job on the squad." Pitts, a two-touchdown hero in the Packers' 35-10 victory over Kansas City in the first Super Bowl, chuckled and appended, "I get teased about it, but it doesn't bother me." Returning to his original subject, Elijah volunteered, "The big thing about Green Bay that is different is that I like to think that the management is much fairer than it is in other places...It's a family situation in Green Bay. After getting to know Coach Devine in a short time, he seems like a fair man...And you can't ask any more than that," Pitts laughed and added. "He's also very observing. You never know what he's thinking."

PACKERS PLEASE WIAA WITH NO LIVE TV

SEPT 8 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) — The Packers-Buffalo game will not be televised Friday night. And the WIAA is grateful. Indeed John Roberts, executive director of the WIAA, wrote the following to Packers GM Dan Devine: "The recent news release indicating that the Sept. 11 football game between Green Bay and Buffalo will not be televised in Wisconsin is most appreciated by the three hundred or more high schools that will be playing high school games that evening. On behalf of our member schools, the Packer organization is to be complimented for its willingness to recognize the Friday night football played by the high schools in the state of Wisconsin. Thanks again and good luck to your Packers." In return, Devine wrote to Roberts: "Thank you very much for your letter regarding our game in Buffalo. We truly recognize the importance of high school football and how tremendous it is for everyone involved. It has to be one of the finest projects our young people can get involved in and the Packers will always make every attempt to cooperate with your fine organization and the high schools." The decision by the Packers not to permit a live telecast of the game Friday night indicates a spirit of cooperation that deserves commendation, certainly not condemnation though there is bound to be disappointment registered in some areas. It was the Packers decision, though the NFL has an overall policy to discourage such telecasts. In fact, the NFL has an agreement not to allow network television of Friday night games beginning with the second Friday in September. But local televising of games on that day or after

remains optional. In Wisconsin's case, the network agreement came one week too late since the high schools generally began action last weekend in conflict with a pro game telecast. In many areas, though, high school football will not get under way until this Friday, the second Friday in September. There are two other pro exhibition Friday night and NFL officials reported Tuesday that to their knowledge neither of the other two games will be televised live either.

MANPOWER SHUFFLE PLEASING TO DEVINE

SEPT 9 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) — "Operation Numbers Game," climaxed by the Packers' acquisition of veteran safety Al Randolph, has been pronounced a solid success by Coach Dan Devine. "In our opinion," he said with satisfaction in the wake of Wednesday's multiple manpower maneuvers, "we have been able to save our best 47 people." The reference, obviously, was to the figure which the Packers will formally reach one week from today - three days prior to their National Football League inaugural against the New York Giants in Lambeau Field. STAGE DEFTLY SET: That is hardly a fait accompli at this point. Devine and his board of personnel strategy, headed by Pat Pepler, will have to execute more than a few additional moves in the interim. But the stage has been deftly set. As things now stand, four players must be trimmed from the regular roster, presently at 44, by Monday afternoon to comply with the NFL's regular season limit. And five others

will have to be released from the taxi squad (or regular roster) by Thursday to reach the league's seven-man move list maximum. Those first four, it might be added, are on irrevocable waivers. To accommodate Randolph, secured from the San Francisco 49ers, the Packers waived rookie defensive back George Fountain, a Devine disciple at the University of Missouri a year ago...**HARDEN LEAVES:** Earlier in the day, they had reduced to 44 by placing veterans Elijah Pitts, Leon Harden and Cal Withrow and rookie Ken Duncan on the taxi squad and releasing veteran Dale Livingston and rookie Pat Houlton outright. Harden, a member of the taxi squad in 1969 who was on the active roster last season, later decided he did not care to taxi for a second time and left the squad. It was suggested, however, that it is possible he will return...**OPTIONS OPEN:** In explaining his satisfaction with the cutdown, Devine pointed out, "We now have 12 players on the cab squad, but there are some active now who could be released next week. Which, of course, is a way of saving your best 47 people. A number of options remain open to us because we can still bring back some of these people we taxied today. These merely were the moves

which were most practical for us to make at this time." In this connection, Devine said, "The only possibility of an addition for Friday night's game in Buffalo would be Lou Michaels." The veteran placekicker, presently on cab status, was scheduled to make his Packer debut in Cincinnati last Saturday night but it subsequently was deferred. At this point, the green and gold have only one kicker on the active roster, ex-Cowboy Dave Conway. With Duncan's transfer to the taxi squad, they also are down to one punter, Donny Anderson...**AREA OF CONCERN:** "You hesitate net kicking a guy like Duncan, who had a 48.1 average against Cincinnati," Devine admitted, "but this is the best move for us at this time. Naturally, you're reluctant to not use a guy like that." On the subject of Randolph, the Packer major domo said, "This has been an area of concern to us and we think Randolph's ability and experience will give us some strength there." A five-year veteran, the former University of Iowa athlete was expected to accompany the Packers to Buffalo. Randolph, a third round draft choice of the 49ers in 1966, is 6-foot-2 and weighs 195 pounds. Now 27, he has 10 interceptions to his credit and also owns a 49er record, set in 1966 when he intercepted a Chicago Bear pass and ran it back 94 yards for a touchdown. The 49ers employed Randolph at both free and strong safety and he also was considered a leader on the Gold Diggers' special teams...**10 ROOKIES REMAIN:** Other additions are possible between now and next week's league opener, Devine indicated. "It is possible we will bring in a free agent kicker," he said. "Some teams have been letting their second kickers go in cutting down." At the moment, the 44-man roster numbers 34 veterans and 10 rookies, the latter being quarterback Scott Hunter, running backs Jehn Brockington and Virgil Robinson, wide receivers Dave Davis and Jim Johnson, tight end Leonard Garrett, defensive end Dennell Smith, defensive back Charlie Hall, center Wimpy Winther and kicker Conway. The heaviest concentrations, in terms of needs and numbers, are at linebacker, running back and tight end, which suggests these are areas most likely to feel the pinch in next Monday's final cuts...**PACKER PATTERN:** Devine termed his squad, on the recovery from food poisoning incurred on the return flight from Cincinnati Sunday, "definitely in better health" following Wednesday's wet workout. "I think everybody's fairly normal now," said DD, himself one of the prime victims of apparently tainted crabmeat cocktail served to the team. "I think Charlie Hall and John Bramlett now are the ones who most obviously got cut down by the thing." The Packers launched the practice in a light rain and finished in a steady drizzle. Devine remained after the formal session had been completed to study placekickers Dave Conway, Lou Michaels and Tim Webster as they performed for cameraman Al Trembl. Earlier, Webster impressed with his distance efforts in pre-practice kicking. A rookie, he is a member of the taxi squad, however, and does not figure in the Packers' present placekicking plans. Devine, looking immediately ahead to the business in Buffalo, noted, "I saw the film of the Bills' 31-17 victory over Detroit last Saturday and it was 17-17 at one point. Then Buffalo just erupted. The defense took the ball away and the offense scored...That's a pretty good combination."

FORMER PACKER AIDE, EX-BEAR TRAFTON DEAD

SEPT 9 (Los Angeles) - National Football League Hall of Famer George E. Trafton, one of the most colorful stars of the legendary Chicago Bears in the Roaring Twenties and early '30s, as well as an assistant Packer coach in 1944, is dead at age 74. Trafton, who played center on both offense and defense, died in a convalescent hospital Sunday. There will be a funeral mass Monday at Holy Cross cemetery. The big, jovial Trafton underwent hip surgery several months ago. He traced the trouble to an injury sustained during his years, 1921-33, with the Bears. But in an interview in May with The Associated Press he would never pinpoint the date or occasion. His career paralleled that of his old teammate and coach, George Halas, dating back to the old Decatur Staleys which became the keystone of the National Football League, the Chicago Bears. Trafton is credited with initiating the one-hand snapback of the ball to the quarterback, plus other innovations which today might be a headache to game officials as well the rival troops. Trafton came west when the Cleveland Rams moved to Los Angeles. He was an assistant coach by then, positions he also at times had with the Green Bay Packers and, for a brief spell, the Winnipeg team in Canada. Trafton had several ring fights, as well as many unscheduled saloon matches. Two were memorable. The first was a five-round encounter in Chicago with an old Chicago White Sox first baseman, Art "The Great" Shires. The second was a one-round knockout in Kansas City to Primo Carnera. George was declared this winner after five blundering rounds over Shires. It was a big thing in Chicago. Of the Carnera thing, one that came in the

Gale Gillingham

Offensive Guard—Minnesota
Height 6-3, Weight 265
Born in Madison, Wis., Feb.
3, 1944

6th year in pro ball . . . Regular first round choice of Packers for 1966 . . . Played full-back and tackle at Minnesota . . . 5.9 speed in 50 . . . High school discus champion . . .

All-State football . . . Played in East-West Shrine game, Senior Bowl, Coaches All-American Game and was selected to play in All-Star game . . . Education Major . . . Started final two games of 1966 season against Colts and Rams and all pre-season and League games since '67 . . . Switched from left to right guard in 1969 . . . Second team All-Pro in 1968 . . . NEA All-Pro in 1969 and 1970 and 1971 Pro Bowl member . . . Unanimous All-Pro 1970 . . . Received first annual Forrest Gregg Outstanding Offensive Lineman Award from Wis. Pro Football Writers in 1970. Residence: Little Falls, Minn.

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PACKER BOARD OF STRATEGY—Three quarterbacks and the head coach go over game plans for the Green Bay Packers. From left are ailing Bart Starr, Gary Lane, a reserve squad QB; Head Coach Dan Devine and Zeke Bratkowski, who'll see most of the action tonight against the Bills in War Memorial Stadium.

Willie Wood

Defensive Safety — Southern California

California

Height 5-10, Weight 190

Born in Washington, D.C.,

Dec. 23, 1936

12th year in pro ball . . .

Wrote to Packers for tryout .

. . . Signed as free agent . . .

Quarterback at USC and defensive halfback . . . Sociology

Major . . . Surest tackler on

squad . . . Led NFL in punt

returns in 1961, second in 1962

and 1963 . . . Led NFL in inter-

ceptions in 1962 with 9 . . .

NEA All-Pro 1963, AP, NEA

and UPI All-Pro 1964, 1965,

1966 and 1967 . . . Sporting

News All-Pro 1967 . . . Played

in 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968,

1969, 1970 and 1971 Pro Bowl

Games . . . Led Packers in

punt returns in 1965, 1967 and

1970 . . . Broke open Super

Bowl game in 1966 with 50

yard pass interception . . .

Led Packers in interceptions

in '70 with 7 . . . Member of

President's Council on Youth

Fitness . . . Received Unitas

Award from South Point QB

Club in 1971. Residence:

Washington, D.C.

long buildup of Primo toward the championship, Trafton was less than loquacious. "I walked out, I got hit, I went down," said Trafton recently, dismissing the subject with typical Trafton aplomb.

THERE'S TINGLE OF EXCITEMENT IN AIR AS FABLED PACKERS INVADE STADIUM

SEPT 10 (Buffalo News) — If the Buffalo Bills defeat the Green Bay Packers in War Memorial Stadium this evening it will be the most successful exhibition season in the team's history. It would be victory No. 4. No Buffalo team ever won more than three in a summer. A crowd of more than 40,000 is expected for the 8 PM kickoff (WBEN). The Packers are still a magnetic name, even though people like Paul Hornung, Jimmy Taylor, Willie Davis, Ron Kramer, Jerry Kramer, Forrest Gregg, Herb Adderley and Bob Jeter are now in other places or even other pursuits...While the name of the team may have glamor, the won-lost record of the last couple of years has not. The individual to be reckoned with in Green Bay now is Dan Devine, a middle-aged man with a deceptively gentle appearance who left one of the most attractive coaching jobs college, the University of Missouri, to answer the challenge of revitalizing the Packers. The changes he has wrought in his first summer are not radical ones. He's made a few trades and replaced some familiar names. But starting soon, he has plans he intends to see implemented. "We gave up more points than anyone in our division last year," he points out. "And we kind of scored fewer. I would hope that we can bring about some changes in that." To stop that kind of defensive generosity, Devine has installed five second-year players in the starting lineup. The

offensive team has fewer changes, but two notable ones are rookie fullback John Brockington and tight end Rich McGeorge, a pro sophomore...Packer watchers say Devine ran the sternest training camp in the team's history at St. Norbert's College this summer. "They haven't seen anything yet," he demurs. "Things will be far tougher next summer." Devine, who had 15 winning seasons in 16 years as head coach at Missouri and Arizona State, is not totally committed to youth. Jim Carter has moved ahead of Ray Nitschke, the all-time star middle linebacker, but Nitschke will play about a half tonight to get him ready for the season..."I don't think Ray realizes how high he ranks in our plans for this year," says the coach. Since the Detroit Lions are ranked with the Minnesota Vikings as the toughest teams in Green Bay's tough division, the Central Division of the National Conference, the Bills should provide a fair barometer for the Packers. Buffalo defeated Detroit, 31-17, last Saturday in Detroit. Dennis Shaw, of whom Lion Coach Joe Schmidt paid this left-handed compliment: "We made him look like a 25-year-old Johnny Unitas," will test the Packers' young defense with passes to Marlin Briscoe and Haven Moses again. Missing will be versatility provided by J. D. Hill's fantastic speed as a wide receiver. Buffalo's No. 1 rookie underwent surgery to correct ligament damage in his left knee Thursday afternoon in Buffalo General Hospital. He'll be out for at least 8 weeks. This will be the second week of auditions for two new right defensive ends, Wes Grant and Cal Snowden. They'll be joined by another aspirant Bob Hews, claimed on waivers from Kansas City Wednesday.

PREGAME ANALYSIS: MENTAL SPARK NECESSARY TO WIN AGAINST PACKERS (BY HARVEY JOHNSON, HEAD COACH, BUFFALO BILLS)

SEPT 10 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - I'd like to say with all confidence that we're ready for the Green Bay Packers. I don't mean physically, I mean mentally. Last week before we played the Detroit Lions I knew we were ready. I guess you might say the players gave off certain vibrations. This week I haven't felt it. I know some of the boys are tight since we pick our 40-man roster after this game. And I'm not saying that our practices were bad. Actually, considering the short week, they've been pretty fair. But I still haven't seen that mental spark...But it better be there when we go against the Packers - or we're in for a rough evening and an unhappy ending to a preseason that has been productive to this point. I know the Packers haven't had much luck so far in their preseason games. But I also know that they've got the type of offense that ripped us to shreds in Atlanta a couple of weeks ago. They're a good execution club with a strong running attack. They like to run those sweeps, traps, and reverses. They've got a big back duo in Donny Anderson and John Brockington that's rough on the famed Packer sweep. And Dave Hampton is one of those scooters who can break the long run for you...I suppose the player they miss the most is Bart

Starr, who was a much underrated quarterback during Green Bay's glory years. Starr's greatest attribute was that he could pick apart the other team's weakness. While Zeke Bratkowski may not be in Starr's class, he's a tough-to-beat competitor. And with the system the Packers employ, they don't rely upon the long passing game. That's not to say that Bratkowski can't crank up and throw long - because he can. But he prefers the control attack based on the theory that the other team can't score if you've got the ball...Defensively, Green Bay has a good pass rush with the front four of Clarence Williams, Bob Brown, Mike McCoy, and Lionel Aldridge. And in outside linebackers Dave Robinson and Fred Carr they have two players capable of going deep with backs coming out on pass patterns. I'm anticipating a tough game.

DEVINE STILL HAS HUMOR, BROWN BAGS IT TO BUFFALO

SEPT 10 (Buffalo-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Despite the trauma of recent days, Dan Devine hasn't lost his sense of humor. The Packer coach was carrying a brown paper bag, containing two peanut butter and jelly sandwiches prepared for him by his wife, Jo, as he boarded the Packers' Buffalo-bound United Airlines charter Thursday afternoon. Devine then proceeded to walk up the aisle, while munching on a sandwich, to the vocal delight of his players. Devine and roughly three-quarters of his players had been stricken with food poisoning following their return from Cincinnati last Sunday, a development which has been attributed to crab meat served during the flight.

PACK RELEASES ROOKIE HEADLEY

SEPT 10 (Buffalo-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Green Bay Packers today released rookie guard Win Headley of Wake Forest University. Headley had been on the taxi squad and with his release the taxi roster is reduced to 11, four above the league limit of seven, which must be reached by next Thursday.

BILLS LAST TUNE-UP FOR PACK

SEPT 10 (Buffalo-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Traditionally defense has been the key to National Football League success. Almost annually, the team which has yielded the fewest points has emerged with the championship and all the attendant benefits. Packer defenders, presently a strong second in the NFL's grapefruit league statistically, should get a valid insight into their 1971 potential in ancient War Memorial Stadium here tonight...OUT FRONT: On the basis of recent performance, they could hardly find a more taxing test than Buffalo's Bills will provide in the final exhibition exercise for both teams (7 o'clock, WNFL). A crowd of 40,000 (the capacity is 46,000) is expected. Although cellar dwellers a year ago, Buffalo currently is out front in the pre-season standings of the American Football Conference's Eastern Division with a 3-2 record, including a 31-17 conquest of the highly regarded Detroit Lions last time out. The Packers, in contrast, are 1-4. The Bills have acquired their present eminence largely by dint of an explosive offense, directed by their flamboyant sophomore quarterback Dennis Shaw, who passed for 234 yards in frisking the Lions. Buffalo's attack also features the running of fabled O. J. Simpson and the long ball receiving of Marlin Briscoe and Haven Moses, as well as O. J., who has averaged one touchdown for every 10 times he has carried the ball or caught a pass. They promise to make life more than mildly interesting for the Packer defense, which has permitted five opponents only 69 points and just eight touchdowns. Only the Minnesota Vikings, reigning Central Division champions and notoriously tightfisted, have done better with a yield of 66 in the same number of appearances...POTENT WEAPONS: One of the Bills' most potent weapons, wide receiver J. D. Hill, will be among the missing. Buffalo's No. 1 choice in last January's draft, he is sidelined with five broken vertebrae and a knee injury - after catching five passes for 155 yards and three touchdowns in the Bills' first four games. Coach Dan Devine indicated there could be a change in the Packers starting defensive format. "It is possible Alden Roche will start in the front four," he said. Roche, acquired from Denver in the Don Horn trade early this year, was a standout in last week's 27-24 loss to the Cincinnati Bengals. Devine also revealed "there is a possibility" that Dave Hampton, who rushed for 99 yards and scored two touchdowns against Cincinnati, will start in place of Donny Anderson at running back. "That may not be determined until game time," he said, adding in explanation. "I'm quite inclined to reward a good performance with a starting assignment"...BRAT TO START: Still conjectural at this point is the status of placekicker Lou Michaels. The former Baltimore Colt presently is on the taxi squad but Devine said there is a chance he will be activated before game time. If not, the placekicking assignment will fall to rookie Dave Conway, who has had four successes in five field goal attempts to date. For the second week in a row, Zeke Bratkowski will be the starting quarterback and, Devine said, "He is likely to go a long way" in a final tuneup for the Packers' NFL opener against the Giants Sept. 19. The latest addition to the roster, safety Al Randolph, will be in uniform but is likely to see little if any action. He was acquired from the 49ers in a Wednesday trade for a future draft choice.

OFFENSE			
GREEN BAY		BUFFALO	
Spilis	WR	Moses	
Peay	LT	Kindig	
Lueck	LG	Reilly	
Bowman	C	Marchlewski	
Gillingham	RG	O'Donnell	
Himes	RT	Costa	
Hilton	TE	White	
Dale	WR	Briscoe	
Bratkowski	QB	Shaw	
Hampton	RB	Simpson	
Brockington	FB	Patrick	
DEFENSE			
Roche	L	Cowlings	
McCoy	LT	Dunaway	
Brown	RT	Tatarek	
Aldridge	RE	Snowden	
D. Robinson	LLB	Guidry	
J. Carter	MLB	Chandler	
Carr	RLB	Stratton	
Ellis	LCB	James	
Matthews	RCB	Wyatt	
Hart	LS	J. Pitts	
Wood	RS	Allen	

Bills Last Tune-Up for Pack