
Green Bay Packers (0-3-1) 0, Milwaukee Badgers (1-1-2) 0 (Tie) Sunday October 22nd 1922 (at Milwaukee)

BAYS FIGHT WAY TO 0-0 TIE WITH MILWAUKEE PROS

*Famous Cream City Eleven
Fortunate to Escape Loss;
Green Bay Displays Class*

GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(MILWAUKEE) - Fighting like the Packers of old, Green Bay's pro footballers chased the jinx which has been following them all season and Sunday afternoon at Athletic park, the scrappy team from upstate spilled the dope by holding the Milwaukee aggregation of All Americans to a 0 and 0 score in one of the greatest exhibitions of pigskin sport ever staged in this city. Not only did Green Bay hold Milwaukee to a tie but aside from the last part of the third quarter and the first three minutes of the final period, they completely outplayed the Plunkett-McGuirk combination of moleskin celebrities.

BIG CROWD AT GAME

Some six thousand spectators wandered their way into Otto Borchert's playground, the home field of the Milwaukee Brewers. Aside from some 650 loyal rooters from the Bay, every other onlooker expected to see the Milwaukee machine bury the visitors in defeat. When Green Bay came on the field, their rooters let loose with cheers of defiance. The Milwaukeeans gave the Bays a sympathetic hand. It seemed as if the lambs were being led to slaughter. Racine had beat Green Bay and Milwaukee gave Racine a 20 to 0 trimming last Sunday. But sometimes the dope goes astray and it did yesterday.

BATTLED EVERY MINUTE

Instead of being overawed by their All-American opponents, the Bays let loose with a fight which has made them famous in past years. They blocked, tackled and smeared with a vengeance. Heavy blue-sweatered players were in their fighting to the limit. And how they did battle. Right from the first kickoff, they got the jump on their "sure win" opponents. The Milwaukee fans couldn't understand it when their favorites were dumped for loss after loss or when their supposed-to-be brick wall line was punctured for a gain or two. However, the football followers who knew the game sized up the situation pretty quick. "The Bays have found themselves" remarked a scribe for a Milwaukee paper before the first quarter was ended. "Take it from me, Milwaukee will be lucky to get better than a tie," he added. His dope ran true.

BAYS DIDN'T CRACK

Green Bay didn't crack under the strain. They kept on fighting harder than ever. Even when Lambeau their captain and forward passing star was helped off the field pretty badly banged up, the Bays carried on and the way they kept battering, threw many a scare down the backs of the Milwaukee followers who had wagered three or four to one on the result of the invaders from up state. The visitors blocked viciously. Duffy, the Milwaukee captain, was the first victim of their smashes. He was carried off the gridiron with a badly injured leg. Green Bay was playing hard but clean.

MILWAUKEEANS OUTPLAYED

The Milwaukee players appeared somewhat fozzled long before the first half ended. The famous eastern stars, nearly all of whom had received All American recognition, were being battered back towards their own goal. Robeson of Rutgers fame met his match in Wheeler, a hometown boy from the Bay. Cub Buck was turning in the mighty Alexander. Pierotti, rated one of the greatest centers in the game, was being outplayed by Wally Niemann, 180 pounder, who won his spurs at Michigan. Earps, Green Bay's giant right tackle, was boring through with regularity while Howard, Gardner and Nadolny, the other Bay scrimmage line forwards, were playing like they never did before. Twice during the first half did Green Bay attempt goals from the field, both of which failed, however. The Milwaukee team simply could not get their offensive in action and not once during the opening quarters was the home team within the Bays' danger zone. Purdy began shooting forward passes with little effect as Robeson and Garrett were being dumped hardly before they got started. When halftime was called the call was about in midfield and the Bays appeared to have the home team much up a tree.

BAYS BACK STARRED

The Green Bay backfielders were playing brilliantly. Mills shone on the defensive while Regnier and Lambeau picked their holes consistently. Glick, who replaced Lambeau, showed plenty of class. Mathys, the former Indiana quarterback, ran his team carefully and had it over Purdy like a tent so far as generalship was concerned. Mathys ran back punts for many a gain. Buck, the Bay footsmith, was outdistancing Pierotti at least 20 yards on an exchange and the Green Bay ends were down on the kicks like a flash. During this half nearly all the play was in Milwaukee's territory.

MILWAUKEE'S HOPES RISE

Milwaukee's hopes rose when the teams trotted out on the field for the second half. Fritz Pollard, rated by Walter Camp as one of the greatest backfielders in the history of football, took his position with the Brewers. After an exchange of kicks, Pollard began his savage attack against the Bay line. But he wasn't finding the going any too pleasant. The visitor's players were smearing him aplenty when they got hold of him. However, Pollard's presence was felt and Milwaukee nosed its way down into the Bay danger zone for the first time in the game. With the pigskin on Green Bay's 15 yard line, Pollard cut around and received the pill on a forward pass from Doane. It was an eight yard gain. Another and it was first down goal to go for Milwaukee. The Bay rooters, game to the finish, shrieked "it can't be done - hold 'em Bays." And hold 'em they did.

DUMPED IN HIS TRACKS

Pollard was dumped in his tracks. Doane lost two yards and Pollard once more bumped up against a brick wall. Pollard stepped back for a dropkick. On the snap of the ball, Earps fought his way through and blocked the kick. It was a wild scramble for the ball but Cullen recovered for Milwaukee on the Bays' 10 yard line. Once again it was goal to go for Milwaukee but the fighting Bays were not beat by any means. Three rushes netted but a scant yard. Then Pollard, staking all on a forward, hurled the pigskin across the goal line. Niemann, the Bay center, intercepted the pass and smashed his way to the 10 yard line before he was downed.

PUNTS OUT OF DANGER

Standing behind his own goal line, Buck punted 40 yards to Pollard who came back 12 yards before he was stopped. A first down put the pill pretty close to the Bay goal line again when time was called for the quarter. After the teams has changed goal lines, Doane got six yards and it was fourth down a yard to go with the oval on the Bay 4 yard line. Doane tried again but Niemann cleared the giant Pierotti and dumped the Milwaukee fullback for a loss. This was the turning point of the game. Green Bay got the ball on downs and once more Buck punted out of danger. Milwaukee couldn't gain on the 25 yard line and Purdy tried the onside kick. Not a Milwaukee man was eligible to cover the ball as it passed the scrimmage line as the Bay forward smeared completely. The pigskin rolled back of the goal line and Green Bay scrimmaged on the 20 yard line. It was on the sidekick play that Howard smashed Pollard so hard that the negro star was forced to retire from the combat.

GLICK'S GREAT RUN

Instead of punting again, the Bays swung into action and on the first play, Eddie Glick got around end for longest run of the game. He ran about 45 yards. The Bay halfback shook off a half dozen tacklers en route and his interference knocked down man after man. The Bay stands went wild with job. The gloom was knee deep in the Milwaukee section. Three rushes netted another first down. Glick was going fast and the other backfielders were not to be denied either. The Bay advance was cut short on Milwaukee's 25 yard line when Poettiger squeezed a forward pass. A thrust around end proved costly for Milwaukee. Hayes dumped Seacholtz like a ton of brick and the Bays recovered the ball. Gardella, who took Mills' place at fullback, was in the midst of every play. There was only minutes to play and Captain Lambeau despite his severe injury insisted on going back in the game. A penalty set the invaders back 15 yards but three rushes got this back and then some more. With the oval on Milwaukee's 25 yard mark, Lambeau stepped back to the forty yard line to try a dropkick. You could hear a pin drop all over the park. The Bay line held with grim determination. Niemann sailed the ball back true to the Green Bay captain. He got his kick off nicely. The oval cleared the mass of tangled players with plenty to spare. The ball headed straight for the uprights but a gust of win caught it. The oval turned over listlessly in the air

Every Man Plays Real Football; Team Works Like Machine; Glick Gets Long Run in Fourth Quarter.

THE LINE-UP

| Green Bay (0) | (0) Milwaukee |
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| Wheeler l. e. | l. e. Garrett |
| Buck l. t. | l. t. Webb |
| Nadolny l. g. | l. g. Fallon |
| Nieman c. | c. Pierotti |
| Gardner r. g. | r. g. Dufft |
| Earps r. t. | r. t. Alexander |
| Howard r. e. | r. e. Robeson |
| Mathys q. b. | q. b. Purdy |
| Regnier l. h. b. | l. h. b. Poettiger |
| Lambeau r. h. b. | r. h. b. Seacholtz |
| Mills f. b. | f. b. Doane |

Score by periods:

Green Bay 0 0 0 0—0

Milwaukee 0 0 0 0—0

Referee, McCoy, Dayton; Umpire, Williams, Milwaukee; Head Linesman, Coffeen, Green Bay; Timers, Sixty, Milwaukee, Abrams, Green Bay; linesman Krueger, Green Bay, and Jonas, Milwaukee; Time of periods, 12½ minutes.

Substitutions: Green Bay: Hayes for Wheeler; Davis for Nadolny; Gardella for Mills, Mills for Gardella, Glick for Lambeau, Lambeau for Mills; Pollard for Poettiger; Meese for Dufft; Poettiger for Pollard; Mooney for Garrett; Tomlin for Webb; Cullen for Alexander; Bigbee for Robeson.

Sunday's Results

Green Bay 0, Milwaukee 0

Bears 7, Buffalo 0

Toledo 7, Racine 0

Cardinals 3, Marines 0

Rock Island 26, Rochester 0

and missed the post by less than a foot. It was a tough break. Milwaukee scrimmaged on the 20 yard line but after a half dozen plays the timer's whistle chirped, ending the game and the Bay rooters simply went wild with joy.

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| GREEN BAY | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 0 |
| MILWAUKEE | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 0 |

Crack Professional Teams Play at Ball Park; Stars Galore in Visitors' Squad

ROCK ISLAND AND GREEN BAY CLASH HERE ON SUNDAY

OCT 24 (Rock Island) - The Rock Island Independents, about 25 strong, will hop off here early on Friday for Green Bay, where on Sunday Flannagan's squad is scheduled to meet the fighting Green Bay eleven in a NFL game. The Independents are rather fearsome over Sunday's game. Conzelman and all the rest of the players well remember the brilliant fight Green Bay put up against Rock Island here earlier in the season, when only a brilliant play by Novack prevented the Badger eleven from winning the game...CONZELMAN LAUDS BAYS: According to Captain Conzelman, the Bays are the best forward passing combination in professional football. Practice this week will be confined mainly to a defense aimed to check Lambeau's aerial attack. Despite the defeat by the Chicago Bears, Rock Island looms up as a contender for national football honors. For three years, the Bear squad, which played formerly under the name of the Decatur Staleys, have had the jinx on the Independents. The Bears only nosed out a 7 to 0 win over Rochester while last Sunday the Independents took a fall out of the Easterners 26 to 0...SHOW PLENTY OF CLASS: The Independents have showed gobs of class this season. In the opening game, Moline was turned back 25 to 0. Then Rock Island upset Green Bay 19 to 14, but the following week lost to the Bears. Evansville was walloped by a lopsided score and last Sunday Rochester was taken into camp 26 to 0. Included in the Rock Island lineup are some of the greatest professional football players in the country. Voss, Detroit, All American, and Clago, Detroit, play the ends. Slater, Iowa, All American, and Dave Healy, Dartmouth, are the tackles while Keefe, Notre Dame, and Jones, Notre Dame, All American, hold down the guard berths. Kohls of Nebraska is the center...HAVE CLASSY BACKS: Conzelman, Washington, is the quarterback and captain; Johnson of Morningside and Dave Usher of Michigan hold down the halfback jobs while Lauer of Detroit plays fullback. In the reserve list there is Casteel, Kalamazoo, quarter; Lyle, Minnesota, tackle; Kraehe, Washington, guard, and Gavin, Buffalo, fullback.

CAL'S COMMENTS

OCT 24 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Rock Island Independents are beginning to loom up as one of the best aggregations of professional footballers in the country. Aside from the lone defeat at the hands of the Chicago Bears Flannagan's team has won all its game this season. The Independents play in Green Bay on Sunday and, if the Bay eleven can take them into camp, it will put Lambeau's squad up in the front of pro football, despite the early season reversals. Rock Island last Sunday beat Rochester, 26 to 0, while the best the Bears could do against the Kodak City team was a 7 to 0 victory. Two weeks ago, the Islanders defeated Evansville something like 52 to 0.

GREEN BAY EXPECTS TO GET REVENGE ON ROCK ISLAND IN FOOTBALL GAME HERE SUNDAY

OCT 25 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - "Beat Rock Island". That's the battle cry of the Bay footballers who have resumed their practice drills for the football game which will be staged Sunday afternoon at the ball park. Three weeks ago, the Bays bowed to the Islanders by the score of 19 to 14 in one of the greatest exhibitions of pigskin chasing ever pulled off in the Tri Cities. Tough breaks in the last few minutes of play robbed the Bays of a victory after they had launched the gamest kind of comeback in the final quarter...CHANCE FOR REVENGE: And the Bay players haven't forgot this game. Sunday will be their chance for revenge and every mother's son of 'em will be in there fighting just as hard, if not harder as in the great battle at Milwaukee last Sunday when they spilled the dope against the great Milwaukee team. The Bay squad staged a spirited workout at the park this morning and every player looked in fighting shape. Captain Lambeau has not recovered from injuries received in the Milwaukee game but the Bay leader is expected to be in shape by Sunday...DEVELOP VARIED ATTACK: Green Bay will cut loose with a varied attack against Rock Island. The Independents are not keen for the fancy stuff and they are much more at home when the opposing team plays straight football. The Bays will have a surprise or two up their sleeves and they confidently expect to run the Islanders ragged from the first whistle. The Bay squad realizes the strength of the Islanders but with an even break of luck, the visiting team, which is ranked as one of the best in the pro football world, may get the surprise of their lives in the Sabbath day conflict. The ball park will be jammed Sunday. That is a foregone conclusion. The Green Bay fans are showing their loyalty to the team and the game at Milwaukee last Sunday served as a tonic to their wavering hopes. Hundreds of football followers from out of town will be here for the game, which is scheduled to start promptly at 2:30. The management is being

flooded with requests for seat reservations. Reserved seat tickets for Sunday's game are on sale at the Congress, Beaumont hotel, Schweger's drug store, and Bosse's News depot.

CAL'S COMMENTS

OCT 25 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Rock Island is the best supported professional football team in the middle west. At least that is what Manager Flannagan claims and he has the evidence to back up his statement. The Independents don't have to worry about such a little thing as the almighty dollar. The Rock Island merchants consider the team an asset to the city and every fall they cut loose the purse strings and tell Flannagan to spare no expense to put a winner on the field. The Islanders have their own practice field, they are housed together in a "two family" apartment and their own chef prepares all the meals for the pigskin stars. No wonder Rock Island keeps on the football map in big letters.

Moore of Chicago Named to Referee Rock Island Green Bay Game, Sunday

MOORE OF CHICAGO NAMES TO REFEREE ROCK ISLAND GREEN BAY GAME SUNDAY

OCT 26 (Columbus) - Nine NFL games will be played on Sunday, according to the schedule given out by President Joe Carr of the professional circuit. Two undefeated teams, the Bears and Canton Bulldogs, will clash Sunday at Chicago. Buffalo-Dayton fray is another important contest and there is much interest in the Rock Island-Green Bay affair. The Green Bay eleven by its wonderful game against Milwaukee last Sunday looms again as one of the best teams in the country and if they succeed in downing Rock Island, they will again be ranked high up. Percy Moore of Chicago has been named to referee the argument at Green Bay.

WOODIN JOINS BAYS

OCT 26 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Whitey Woodin who played on the line at Marquette during the last three years has cast his lot with Green Bay, Woodin was with Racine during the forepart of the season but asked for a change of pasture. Woodin reported for practice Wednesday and will be used as an extra lineman. The Bays went through another stiff drill this morning and, with the exception of Captain Lambeau, every man on the squad is in the pink of condition. There is a fighting spirit evidenced in the Bay eleven which bids trouble for Rock Island in Sunday's game here at the ball park. The demand for seats continues heavy and every indication points to a big crowd. The kickoff Sunday afternoon is at 2:30 sharp.

ROCK ISLAND INDEPENDENTS WILL STOP IN DE PERE

OCT 27 (Rock Island) - A big crowd of fans gave the Rock Island Independents an enthusiastic sendoff when they left here this noon for Chicago on the first leg of their journey to Green Bay, Wis., where on Sunday they meet Green Bay in a NFL game. The Islanders will be gone two weeks. Following the game at Green Bay, they will go to Manitowoc and practice during the week for the November 5 contest at Milwaukee. The Rock Island team will stay at De Pere, Wis., over Saturday and Sunday. This city is located only a few miles from Green Bay. The Independents are scheduled to reach De Pere Saturday morning at 9:25.

GREEN BAY'S OPPONENTS IN SUNDAY'S FOOTBALL FRACAS ARRIVE SATURDAY MORNING

OCT 27 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The stage is all set for Sunday's football game at the league grounds which will bring together the Rock Island Independents and the fighting Green Bay eleven in a NFL contest. The kickoff is scheduled promptly at 2:30. Percy Moore of Chicago is the referee. The Bays will be in there fighting on "all eleven". The team is in its best shape of the season with the exception of Captain Lambeau, who is still nursing an injured back. However, when the whistle blows there is a good chance that the Green Bay leader will be at his usual post in the backfield...GOOD WEEK OF PRACTICE: Green Bay has had a splendid week of practice. Morning workouts have been the daily rule and every players has been in there going at top speed. There will be a blackboard talk tonight at the Continuation school and Sunday morning the squad will have a final signal drill. When the Bays step out on the field Sunday afternoon, it will be the best aggregation of footballers that Green Bay has ever had on the gridiron. The game is attracting no end of interest. The town has gone football crazy and, unless all signs fail, a record breaking crowd will jam the park Sunday afternoon. The reserved seats

Whitey Woodin, Former Marquette Star, Added to Bays' Line Up; Demand for Seats Continues Heavy.

Sunday's Games.

Rock Island at Green Bay.
Rochester at Racine.
Hammond at Milwaukee.
Columbus at Chicago (Cardinals).
Canton at Chicago (Bears.)
Akron at Toledo.
Marion at Evansville.
Louisville at Cleveland.
Buffalo at Dayton.

are selling like hot cakes and several of the places about town are now disposing of their second block of seats...HUNDREDS ARE COMING: However, the interest is not alone to the Bay. Many applications for seats from out of town have been received from the management. Manitowoc and De Pere are sending big delegations of football fans. Door county reports about 300 coming to the game. Escanaba has asked for two dozen seats and the same story holds true for every other city and town in Northeastern Wisconsin. Arrangements have been made to handle the crowd in good shape. A big force of ushers will be on the job. Tickets will be on sale downtown until 10 o'clock Sunday morning. The gates at the park will be opened about 1:15.

Greatest Game of Football Season Will be Staged at Ball Park; Kick Off, 2:30

ROCK ISLAND AND GREEN BAY CLASH HERE ON SUNDAY

OCT 28 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Some six thousand spectators are expected to jam the league ballpark here on Sunday to witness the NFL game between the Rock Island Independents and the Green Bay Packers, two of the leading professional elevens in the country. As a result of the Packers' brilliant play against the Milwaukee All Americans last Sunday, odds on the game have slanted back to even money and there are many who think that the Badger State champions will step into the race for national pro honors by taking the Islanders into camp. Earlier this season, Rock Island beat Green Bay, 19 to 14, an intercepted forward pass by the brilliant Novak blocking a Green Bay victory in the last minute of play. Aside from the win over Green Bay, the Islanders have defeated Moline, Evansville and Rochester. They lost to the Chicago Bears 10 to 6. The Rochester team only lost to the Bears, 7 to 0, while Rock Island triumphed over the New Yorkers, 26 to 0...6 FORMER ALL AMERICANS: Six former All American stars will positively appear with the Rock Island team. They are Voss and Lauer of Detroit, Duke Slater, the giant negro tackle from Iowa, Healy, of Dartmouth, and Jones and Keefe of Notre Dame. Arrangements have been made to handle a record breaking crowd. An army of ushers will handle the reserve and box seat sections. The entrance gates will be opened at 1:15. The game is scheduled to start promptly at 2:30. Regulation quarters of 15 minute duration will be played.

CAL'S COMMENTS

OCT 28 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Professional football is making rapid strides throughout the country this year and the game is being handled clean as a whip. Spectators who attend Sunday's game in Green Bay will have the opportunity of seeing some of the greatest players who ever donned the moleskins in action on the gridiron. The mixup between Cub Buck, All American tackles at Wisconsin, for the Bays and Duke Slater, All American tackle at Iowa, last year for the Independents will be worth the price of admission alone.

MANITOWOC COMING HERE 200 STRONG FOR GAME SUNDAY

OCT 28 (Manitowoc) - About two hundred Manitowoc football fans will attend the Rock Island-Green Bay game at Green Bay on Sunday. Rock Island will come to Manitowoc after Sunday's contest and practice here all week for the fray with the Milwaukee Badgers at the Cream City on November 5. Manager Flanagan's team trained here last year the week before the game at the Bay and they made a lot of friends. Manitowoc is showing much interest in football this fall and the result of the pro game are watched with much interest.

FLANAGAN EXPECTS STILL BATTLE BUT THINKS HE'LL WIN

OCT 28 (De Pere) - The Rock Island football team about 25 strong, headed by Manager Walter Flanagan and Captain Jimmy Conzelman, arrived this morning at 9:10 over the Northwestern road. Quite a sprinkling of De Pere football

| Line Up of Teams | |
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| The teams will line up as follows: | |
| ROCK ISLAND | GREEN BAY |
| Left End | |
| Voss, Detroit, 210 | Wheeler, Ripon, 180 |
| Left Tackle | |
| Healy, Dart., 190 | Buck, Wis., 245 |
| Left Guard | |
| Keefe, N. D., 195 | Nadolny, N. D., 230 |
| Center | |
| Kolls, St. L., 205 | Niemann, Mich., 180 |
| Right Guard | |
| Jones, N. D., 195 | Gardner, Wis., 208 |
| Right Tackle | |
| Slater, Iowa, 215 | Earps, Mon., 210 |
| Right End | |
| Clago, Detroit, 190 | Howard, Ind., 210 |
| Quarter Back | |
| Conzelman, Wa., 174 | Mathys, Ind., 160 |
| Left Half Back | |
| John, Mo'side, 186 | Regnier, Min., 170 |
| Right Half Back | |
| Usher, Mich., 192 | Lambeau, N. D., 185 |
| Full Back | |
| Lauer, Detroit, 184 | Mills, Penn. S., 175 |
| Reserves | |
| Rock Island: Lyle, Minnesota, 202, tackle; Sasteel, Kalamazoo, 175, quarter back; Brindley, Drake, 180, half back; Gavin, Buffalo, 195, full back. | |
| Green Bay: Hayes, Notre Dame, 165, end; Woodin, Marquette, 205, tackle; Davis, Marquette, 185, guard; Cronin, Marquette, 165, half back; Glick, Marquette, 165, half back; Gardella, Holy Cross, 185, full back. | |
| Referee, Percy Moore, Chicago. | |

enthusiasts gave the Islanders a warm reception. The Rock Island squad looked big and husky as they trooped up to the hotel. The players appeared in good spirits and morale of the team is reported above the average. As usual the numbers of the Islanders' squad kept mum and left the talking to Manager Flanagan and Captain Jimmy Conzelman. In discussing Sunday's game, Flanagan, the Rock Island manager, said: "We are looking for a hard game but expect to win. We'll breathe a bit easier if the report is true that Lambeau is injured and will only play part of the game. However, we have learned by this time to take these "bear stories" with a pinch of salt. You know it was Lambeau's brilliant forward passing which gave us an awful scare in that game at home several weeks ago." Jimmy Conzelman gave the Bays a bit of praise: "I think the Green Bay team is one of the best in the pro league. Their aerial attack can't be surpassed. Of course, I think we are going to cop but every one of our players realize that we have a battle on our hands. Since the game at Rock Island, we have built up a stronger forward pass defense and I am sure Green Bay is not going to get away with as many long gains. Our club is in good shape and ready for a finish fight." De Pere is making the Islanders feel at home, like last year, and when Sunday's game starts here there will be about 600 fans from here in the park at Green Bay.

MILWAUKEE BADGERS

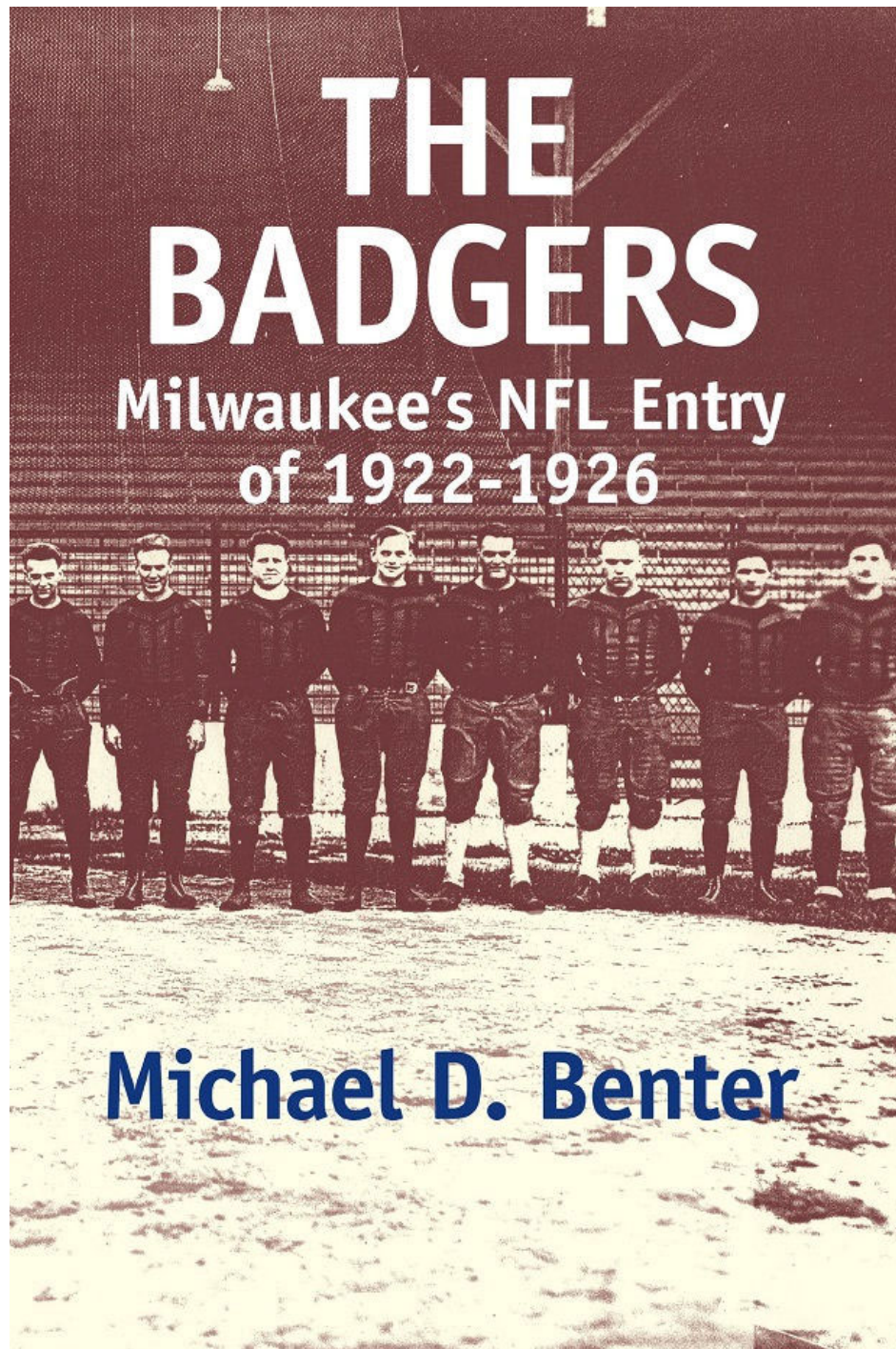
The Milwaukee Badgers were a professional American football team, based in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, that played in the National Football League from 1922 to 1926. The team played its home games at Athletic Park, later known as Borchert Field, on Milwaukee's north side. The team was notable for having a large number of African-American players for the time. After the team folded following the 1926 season (largely due to being left broke because of a \$500 fine by the NFL for using four high-school players in a 1925 game against the Chicago Cardinals, a game arranged after the Badgers had disbanded for the season), many of its members played for the independent semi-pro Milwaukee Eagles. A few of the players from this team went on to play for the NFL's Pittsburgh Pirates in 1933. This has led some to mistakenly believe that either the Badgers or Eagles became the Steelers. The Milwaukee market is now claimed by the Green Bay Packers, who played three or four regular season games there from 1933–94, including the 1939 NFL Championship Game and a 1967 playoff game. The Packers still reserve two games a season for their old Milwaukee season ticket holders, and have their flagship radio station there as well...

Origins - The Milwaukee Badgers were founded by two Chicago sporting promoters, Joe Plunkett and Ambrose McGuirk. The pair saw the city as a great prospect for a professional football club. In order to create a team that could compete immediately in the early National Football League, the men scoured the East Coast college ranks, signing multiple All-Americans in hopes of building a team of all-stars that could rival the Green Bay Packers for state supremacy. The team's first major signing was Fritz Pollard, who had been a player-coach the previous year for the Akron Pros. Pollard was also the first black man to coach whites in American professional sports. Two other African-Americans played for the Badgers in 1922, Paul Robeson and Duke Slater...



Two other African-Americans played for the Badgers in 1922, Paul Robeson and Duke Slater...**First years** - The Badgers played their first home game on October 15, 1922, in which they defeated the Racine Legion 20-0 in front of 6,000 fans at Athletic Park. However injuries and team disunity caught up with the Badgers, as they finished the season with just two wins, four defeats and three ties, resulting in 11th place in the standings. The next season, the Badgers fielded an all-white team, ending their brief experiment with integration. However the 1923 season would be the high point in the franchise's short history, as they placed third in the league with a 7-2-3 record. However both of the Badgers' losses that season came to the Packers, who keep them a distant second in popularity among Wisconsin's professional football fans. Even worse the Badgers struggled to even outdraw local semi-professional and factory teams. Games between those squads could draw as many as 9,000 spectators, while the Badgers rarely attracted around 4,500. In 1924, the Badgers went 5-8, before losing all six of their games in 1925 and being outscored 191-7. Meanwhile, Milwaukee citizens held so little interest in the club, that the team played just one home game. However while interest in Badgers dwindled at home, several interested parties within the Chicago Cardinals began to take notice of them...**1925 high school players scandal** - In 1925, the Chicago Cardinals were in need of two easy wins to help keep up with the Pottsville Maroons and stay in the hunt of the 1925 NFL Championship. As a result, the Cardinals had planned two extra games were scheduled against the Badgers and Hammond Pros, who were both losing teams in that season. The Pros and the Badgers were both NFL teams, but had ended their season. The Badgers, owned by Ambrose McGuirk, agreed to a game against the Cardinals. However, McGuirk lived in Chicago, and had a tough time putting a team together to play the Cardinals. So Art Folz, a substitute quarterback for the Cardinals, convinced four players from Chicago's Englewood High School into joining the Badgers for the game under assumed names, thereby ensuring that the Cardinals' opponent was not a pro caliber club. The high schoolers were reported to be William Thompson, Jack Daniels, Charles Richardson and J. Snyder. However NFL President Joseph Carr later learned that high school players had been used in an NFL game. He then stated that the 59-0 Cardinals win would be stricken from the record. However, the league had never got around to removing it. The game is still a part of the NFL records. Cardinals' owner Chris O'Brien was also fined \$1,000 by Carr for allowing his team play the game. Meanwhile, McGuirk was ordered to sell his Milwaukee franchise within 90 days. Folz, for his role, was barred from football for life. However, by 1926, Carr toned down his punishment for each party

involved in the scandal. Folz's lifetime ban was lifted, probably to prevent him from going the first American Football League, however he chose not to return to pro football. The \$1,000 fine against O'Brien was rescinded, probably since the amount would have put the Cardinals out of business. McGuirk though had already sold his Badgers franchise to Johnny Bryan, a fullback with the Chicago Bears. The Englewood players were also forgiven, and two of them, William Thompson and Charles Richardson, earned high school all-star recognition at the end of the season. Folz reportedly told the high schoolers that the game was a "practice game" and would in no part affect their amateur status. This game would also be used to state that the Pottsville Maroons should have won the 1925 NFL Championship...**Decline** - Bryan took an aggressive approach to rebuilding the team, even ditching the club's familiar orange sweaters for bright red. While a 2-2 start gave the team hope, but they dropped the last five games of the season and folded the following summer due to a lack of money. In ten games against the rival Packers, the Badgers were winless, managing only a scoreless tie in their first meeting. (SOURCE: Wikipedia)



The Badgers: Milwaukee's NFL entry of 1922-1926 (Amazon - <https://www.amazon.com/Badgers-Milwaukees-NFL-entry-1922-1926/dp/1937943070>)

WILL LEAD ROCK ISLAND TEAM AGAINST GREEN BAY SUNDAY



JIMMY CONZELMAN.
Quarterback.

Jimmy is 24 years old. He played two years at Washington university St. Louis and was All Missouri quarterback. He was a member of the famous Great Lakes of 1918-19. He joined the Decatur Staleys in 1920 and made the touchdown which beat Rock Island in first game.

In 1921, Conzelman joined the Independents and he is the team field leader. Conzelman is a dangerous man in the open field. He is a drop kicker extraordinary and is rated one of the best captains in the professional football world.

TRIO OF ROCK ISLAND FOOTBALL STARS WHO WILL FACE BAYS HERE ON SUNDAY



"TILLIE" VOSS.
End.

ROCK ISLAND, ILL.—Every man on the Rock Island football team is a pigskin warrior of no little class but there are a trio of pigskin chasers who stand out very prominently.

"Tillie" Voss is considered one of the best end men in the country.



FRED "DUKE" SLATER.
Tackle.

Several critics placed him on All-Americans team while at Detroit University. Voss is playing his second year of "pro" football. Last season he was with the Detroit and Buffalo teams.

"Duke" Slater is one of the biggest attractions in professional football. Last year, Walter Camp picked him as a tackle on the All-American team. He was the mainstay of the Iowa line for three years and during his college experience never met a man who outplayed him. The colored giant is showing gobs of class for the Independents and his line play has featured nearly every game this season.



JERRY JOHNSON.
Halfback.

Jerry Johnson is one of those hating backfielders who never knows when to quit. Johnson is a product of Morningside college and he added to his laurels as a footballer by playing with the Municipal Pier team in 1918. Johnson has been in the pro game for several years and is as good as they make 'em.

THREE OF ROCK ISLAND'S SMASHING BACKS SLATED FOR ACTION AGAINST BAYS SUNDAY



LANE BRIDGEFORD.
Halfback.

ROCK ISLAND, ILL.—Manager Flanagan's Rock Island Independents are considered one of the greatest scoring machines in the professional football world and much credit is due to Lauer, Bridgeford, and Gavin, a trio of smashing backfielders who have gained many a yard for the Green and White this season.

Rock Island makes use of two full-



HAROLD "DUTCH" LAUER.
Halfback.

backs. Gavin, a Buffalo product, and Dutch Lauer, who gained fame at Detroit "U" are two corking good line smashers. Both of these plungers tip the beam at about 190 and they are fast for big men. Gavin is a "Bear" on outside of tackle plays while Lauer is one of those all around stars who is good at everything. It was Lauer who ripped the Giant bear line to smith-



PAT "BUCK" GAVIN.
Fullback.

ens in the game played here several weeks ago.

Bridgeford is the fighting aggressive type of a halfback who carries enough beef to reach the strongest defense. He is a Knox college graduate and this is his second year with Rock Island. Bridgeford is a scrapper from the word go and he is up and at 'em every minute.

TRIO OF ALL AMERICAN FOOTBALLERS WILL FACE BAYS HERE SUNDAY WITH ROCK ISLAND



WALTER CLAGO,
End.



JERRY JONES,
Guard.



ED HEALEY,
Tackle.

ROCK ISLAND, ILL.—Included in the group of players who will represent Rock Island on Sunday in a game against Green Bay are a trio of former All Americans, Healey, Clago and Jones.

In Healey and Jones, the Islanders have a pair of line men who, in their college days were given national recog-

nition by Walter Camp. Healey is a product of Dartmouth where for three years, he was a rip roaring scrimmager while Jones put himself on the football map at Notre Dame and later with the Great Lakes team. Jones also saw service with the Hammond and Staley elevens before joining Rock Island. Both these linemen tip the beam at about 200 pounds and for big

fellows, they are blessed with an unusual amount of speed.

In 1920 Clago, along with Dutch Lauer and Tillie Voss, was a star on the Detroit "T" team. Many football critics put him on their All American selections. He is a ten second man and gifted with super ability to handle the forward pass. On the defense, he has been likened to a stone wall.

THREE MORE OF ROCK ISLAND'S PIGSKIN WARRIORS WHO FACE BAYS HERE SUNDAY



EDDIE USHER,
Halfback.



EMMETT KEEFE
Guard



LOUIE KOLLS,
Center.

ROCK ISLAND, ILL.—In Louie Kohls, Dave Usher, and Emmett Keefe, Rock Island has a trio of footballers who can hold their own with the best of 'em. Kohls is the only "home town" boy on the Independent squad. He has been playing "pro" for a number of years. This is his second season with the Islanders and he has been one of the mainstays of the line.

Emmett Keefe is well known in the football world. He gained fame at Notre Dame, and added to his pigskin glory as a member of the Great Lakes team in 1918. Keefe plays a whale of a game at guard and possesses a "football sense" which enables him to solve plays. Early this fall Green Bay was after Keefe but he decided to stick with Rock Island.

Dave Usher is playing his first season of professional football. In 1921, he was one of Coach Yost's stars at Michigan and was chosen on several All Western teams. Usher is a brilliant open field runner and can smash the line like a fullback. The former Wolverine is generally on the receiving end of Jimmy Conzelman's forward passes.