



Green Bay Packers (2-4) 20, Buffalo Bills 14
PRESEASON: Friday September 10th 1971 (at Buffalo)



Packers Drop Bills 20-14 in Last Pre-Season Tilt

GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(BUFFALO) - The time, Dan Devine was quick to admit, had come. It had been possible to accept four defeats among five exhibition ventures in the process of "finding out" about the 1971 Packers, difficult as they may have been to ingest. But victory, with their National Football League opener just a week away, was a virtual necessity in Friday night's pre-season finale in antiquated War Memorial Stadium. Devine termed the 20-14 decision, achieved with a bristling second half turnabout, "very important...It was the first time we needed a victory this year."

RECOVER FROM ILLNESS

"We needed it as a springboard for our league opener next week and just because we've had so many darned things happen to us in the last few weeks." One of the aforementioned "things" was a near - epidemic of food poisoning, experienced following last weekend's invasion of Cincinnati, which left the Packers a trifle the worse for wear going into action. For his young team, which had suffered those four previous defeats by a total of just 12 points, Friday night's triumph had been the best kind of success. Not only was it highly opportune but it had come out of deep adversity. With sophomore quarterback Dennis Shaw finding the range with alarming frequency, the early momentum had swung to the supercharged Bills, bent upon winning before 37,301 fans in order to forge the best grapefruit league record in their history. Shaw fired a 12-yard scoring pass to Haven Moses in the left corner of the end zone, a maneuver which had left Packer cornerback Al Matthews somewhat at sea, then rebounded from a 35-yard field goal by the Pack's Dave Conway with an 88-yard punt runback by rookie speedball Tim Beamer to mount a 14-3 lead midway through the second quarter.

HOLDING COSTS TOUCHDOWN

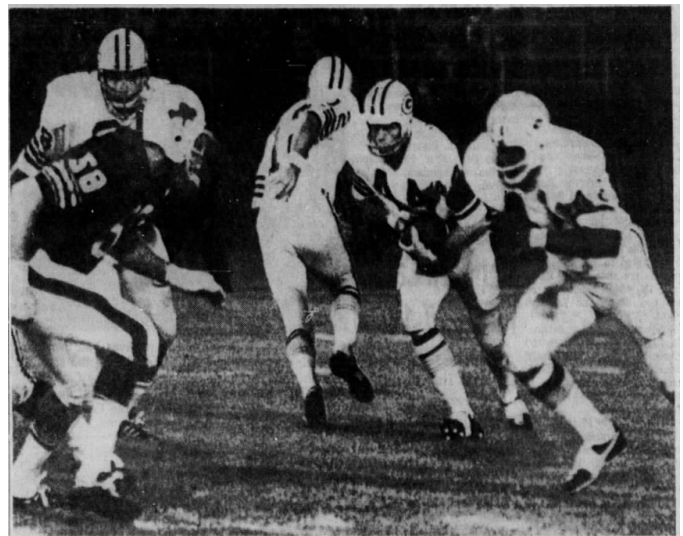
A holding penalty which cost the green and gold a touchdown, registered by way of a 25-yard Zeke Bratkowski pass to John Spilis, also did little to lift Packer spirits. Yet, despite these misfortunes, the second half belonged to them - exclusively. And it made Devine something of a prophet. "I honestly felt at halftime that we had begun to control the game," he said. "It was just a matter of putting points on the board. "We actually came to life in the second quarter. This was a two and a half quarter rally, rather than just a second half rally." Whatever the case, the Packers had all the better of it over those last 30 minutes, a tribute to their clearly superior conditioning. With freshman Scott Hunter at the throttle and Dave Hampton running with awesome abandon, they charged 67 yards to score in just six plays, then repeated the process on their next possession, another six-play push which covered 68 yards.

HAMPTON SETS PACE

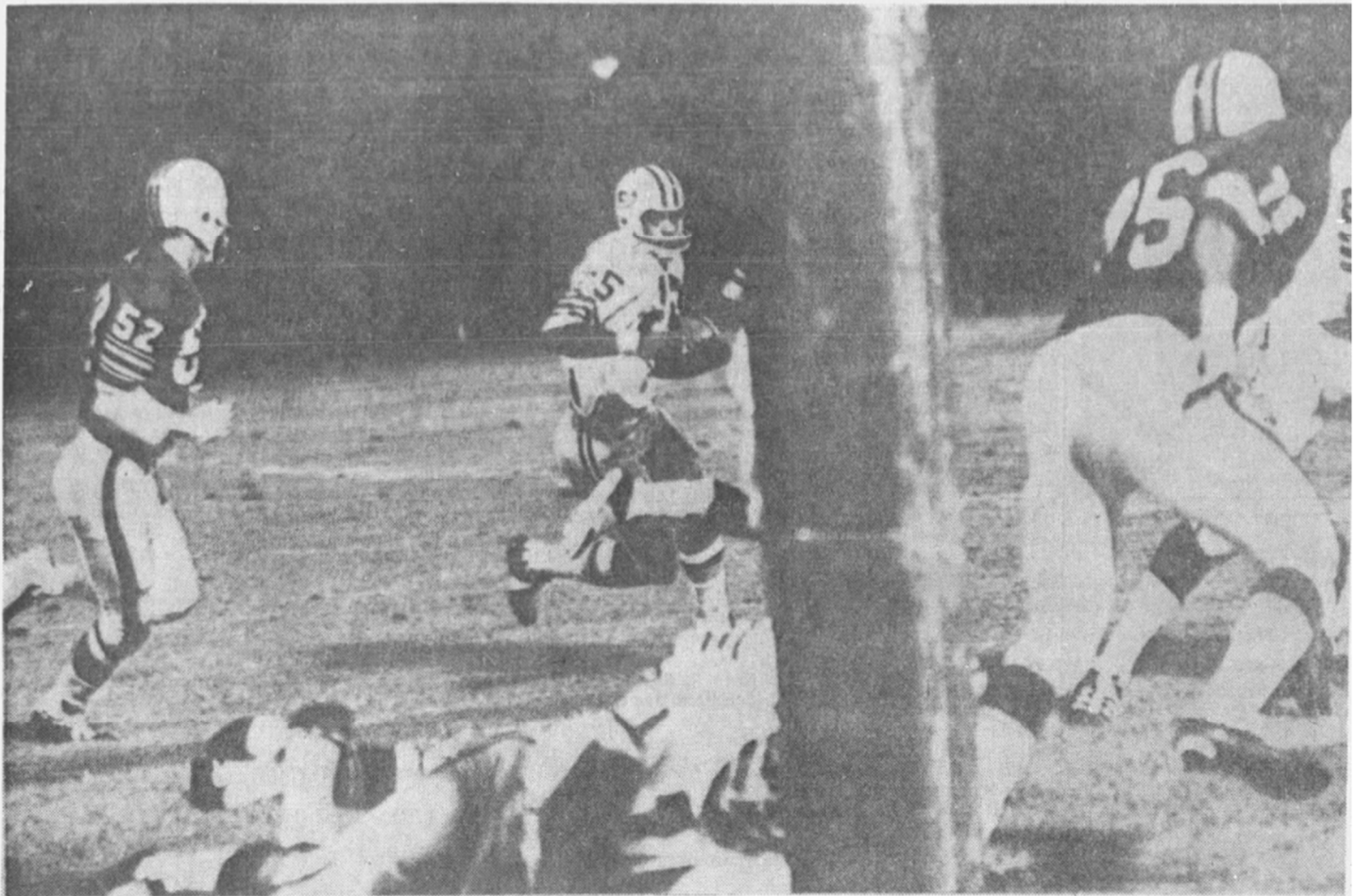
Fittingly, it was Hampton who administered the coup de grace in each case. The cat-quick Wyoming alumnus, who flirted with the 100-yard plateau for the second time in as many weeks, flared wide to the left from six yards out and squeezed inside the red flag to cap the first drive just before being bombed out of bounds by a Buffalo defender. On the second, with which he sent the Packers out front for the first time, Hampton varied the formula ever so slightly. Finding the sweep covered, he cut back inside and bolted into the end zone behind a block by tackle Dick Himes at 1:27 of the fourth quarter. Hunter's fine hand was evident on both drives, his major contribution on the first being a 39-yard pitch to tight end John Hilton down the south sidelines, a collaboration which put the Pack in delightful position at the Bills' 8-yard-line. The freshman field general also unloaded a "bomb" on the go-ahead score, lofting a 31-yard strike to Carroll Dale down the other side.

BECOMES CONSECUTIVE

It was the second long ball of the night for Dale, who had run under a 48-yard pitch from Bratkowski in the second quarter, deftly called in a third-and-1 situation against a pulled-in defense immediately prior to the ill-fated Spilis touchdown. Thereafter, however, Hunter was the soul of conservatism. Reacquiring the ball with 12:02 remaining in the game, he set the Packers off on a ball control march - consisting of 11 consecutive rushes - that consumed 9 minutes and 40 seconds before Conway climaxed the scoring with his second field goal of the night, this one a 33-yard effort. The defense, meanwhile, was closing down the Buffalo attack with such authority that the Bills had to settle for a mere 37 yards over the



Donny Anderson of the Green Bay Packers takes the handoff from quarterback Zeke Bratkowski during Friday night's National Football League game against the Buffalo Bills. Coming through the Packers line is Mike Stratton (58). The Packers rallied in the fourth quarter to post a 20-14 triumph.



DAVE HAMPTON (25) of Green Bay is shown scoring the touchdown which put the Packers ahead of Buffalo for good Friday night at Buf-

falo's War Memorial Stadium. Hampton ran four yards for this score, after turning in a six-yard touchdown run earlier in the second half. All

told, Hampton rushed 21 times for 98 yards as the Packers ended preseason play with a 20-14 victory. (AP Wirephoto)

last two periods, including a net of just six passing. In fact, Buffalo emerged with only 169 yards net overall, a far cry from the 400-plus it amassed in a 31-17 conquest of the Detroit Lions just one week earlier.

SIMPSON HELD TO 22

This was due in no small measure to an almost total negation of the celebrated O. J. Simpson, led by his old Notre Dame tormentor, Mike McCoy. The ex-USC star had a net of just 22 yards to show for his efforts in 12 attempts - and 14 of those came on a third quarter screen pass. Jim Harris, who replaced Shaw at quarterback in the second half, was sacked three times for 26 yards and completed only four of 11 passes for a gross 32 yards under heavy pressure. Aside from Shaw's first quarter TD pass, the defense had only one awkward moment - that scoring runback of a Donny Anderson punt by the mercurial Beamer.

SCORES DOWN SIDELINES

"We had an inside force on, assuming a middle return," Devine said. "But they had a picket line set up which is something you only see in college. He caught the ball in ideal position, and we couldn't break through the picket line. Your only chance against someone as fast as he is to engulf him immediately. Once he gets to the outside with his 9.2 speed, and you've got guys like Tommy Crutcher and Bull Bramlett with 14.2 speed chasing him, it's all over."

GREEN BAY - 3 0 7 10 - 20

BUFFALO - 7 7 0 0 - 14

	<u>GREEN BAY</u>	<u>BUFFALO</u>
First downs	17	12
Rush-yards-TDs	49-190-2	21-69-0
Comp-Att-Yd-TD-INT	15-8-147-0-1	23-9-126-1-3
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	3-26
Net Passing Yards	147	100
Total yards	337	169
Fumbles-lost	1-0	0-0
Turnovers	1	3
Yards Penalized	7-89	6-72

SCORING

1st - BUF - Haven Moses, 12-yard pass from Dennis Shaw (Grant Guthrie kick) BUF 7-0

1st – GB – Dave Conway, 35-yard field goal BUF 7-3
2nd – BUF – Tim Beamer, 88-yard punt return (Guthrie kick) BUF 14-3
3rd – GB – Dave Hampton, 6-yard run (Conway kick) BUF 14-10
4th – GB – Dave Hampton, 4-yard run (Conway kick) GB 17-14
4th – GB – Conway, 33-yard field goal GB 20-14

RUSHING

GREEN BAY – Dave Hampton 21-98 2 TD, John Brockington 9-36, Perry Williams 9-25, Donny Anderson 3-14, Zeke Bratkowski 1-10, Scott Hunter 3-6, Larry Krause 3-1

BUFFALO – Wayne Patrick 7-32, O.J. Simpson 12-22, Dennis Shaw 1-13, Greg Jones 1-2

PASSING

GREEN BAY – Zeke Bratkowski 9-5-61 1 INT, Scott Hunter 6-3-86

BUFFALO – Dennis Shaw 12-5-94 1 TD 1 TD 2 INT, James Harris 11-4-32 1 INT

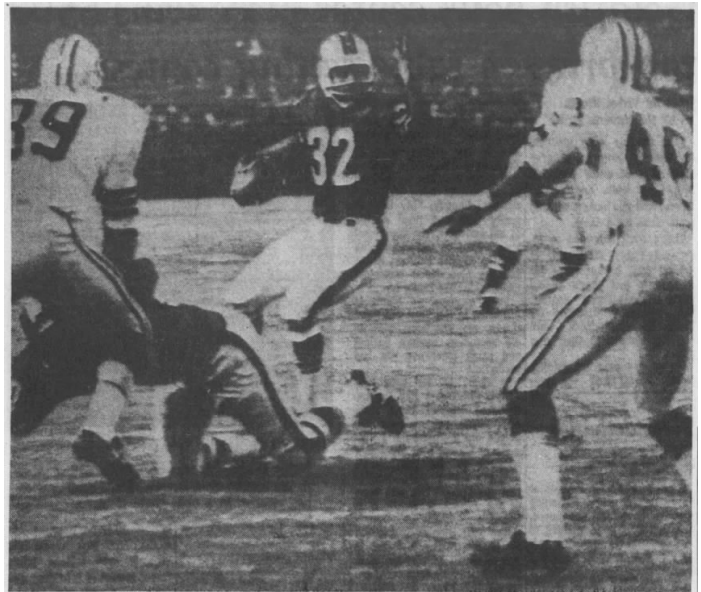
RECEIVING

GREEN BAY – Carroll Dale 2-79, John Spilis 2-32, John Hilton 1-39, Donny Anderson 1-3, John Brockington 1-2, Dave Hampton 1-(-8)

BUFFALO – Haven Moses 4-54 1 TD, O.J. Simpson 2-12, Marlin Briscoe 1-46, Jan White 1-9, Wayne Patrick 1-5

ZEKE'S EXPERIENCE GETS DEVINE'S VOTE

SEPT 11 (Buffalo-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - "If I had to say right now, I'd be leaning toward Zeke Bratkowski because of his experience." Dan Devine's comment, delivered in the Packers' sauna-like dressing room beneath the stands of War Memorial Stadium, had come in answer to a question which dominated a post-game press conference Friday night: Had rookie Scott Hunter's second half performance, in which he led the Packers from a 14-3 deficit to a 20-14 victory over the Buffalo Bills, won him the starting assignment in next week's season opener against the New York Giants? "Scott shows good leadership qualities," Devine told a Buffalo scribe who had issued the poser. "He's a fine young man and a good prospect. And I personally like the guy..." LEANS TOWARD ZEKE: "But I'd like to discuss that subject with my staff before making a decision...I don't feel right now is the time to answer that question. I don't think this is the time to talk about it. But if I had my say right now, I'd be leaning toward Zeke because of his experience. "We just played better the second half," Devine pointed out. "We didn't play well the first half - we didn't play well on defense, we didn't cover punts well, we didn't tackle well. And we didn't play well on offense. You can't blame Zeke because we were called for pass interference in the second quarter on a scoring play...Zeke took us on a heck of a drive just before that play, probably our best drive of the night...It wasn't his fault. I also remember he hit Carroll Dale with a pass on a crucial third down play." Bratkowski, author of a 5-for-9 passing record during his stint, admitted, "We didn't get any points on the board in the first half, but we were doing some good things." Hunter, appraising his own performance, felt he had been overly cautious during the fourth quarter. "I should have thrown a couple of play-action passes during that drive before Dave Conway's field goal," he said. "I'm not that conservative, but everything was going good. Our guys in the line were knocking 'em out of there, so I stayed on the ground. I wasn't thinking positive, I was thinking negative," Hunter added. "But that's part of learning..." PRAISES NITSCHKE: On another subject, Ray Nitschke's first starting assignment of the pre-season as middle linebacker, Devine explained, "Ray Nitschke has done two things - he's worked hard and kept his mouth shut...And there's no better way to get popular with me." Commenting on the 98-yard rushing performance of Dave Hampton, the Pack's leading ground gained for the second straight week, the Packer leader noted, "Dave has been playing well...He has a lot of speed and quickness - but he also had a lot of good blocking." Hampton unknowingly corroborated DD's appraisal later, asserting, "I thought the blocking was just fantastic, for the second week in a row...A running back couldn't ask for better." Again a two-touchdown contributor (he also scored a pair in last week's 27-24 loss to Cincinnati), Hampton reported, "I just got my feet inside the flag before I went out of bounds on the first one. I'm glad the official was right on top of the play so he could see it. The second touchdown was the same play. I was going to take it to the outside again but they got there pretty quick so I sort of cut back against the grain and I just made it in. His fellow running back, Donny Anderson, was favoring a gimpy right leg which kept him out of action most of the evening. "I strained ligaments against Oakland and reinjured it tonight," he said. "You never know about knees. It may be great tomorrow and it may be a little stiff...The coaches didn't want me to play, just in case." Strong safety Doug Hart credited his two interceptions, each of which spared the Pack likely embarrassment, to opportunity. "We were in a blitz on the first one," he said, "and the quarterback had to rush the throw. It wasn't very well thrown and gave me a chance to get to it. On



CHANGING FIELD

O. J. Simpson of the Buffalo Bills stops and prepares to reverse directions after seeing his way blocked by Green Bay defenders Dave Robinson (89) and Ken Ellis (48) during Friday night's National Football League game won by the Packers. (AP Wirephoto)

the second one, I had an opportunity to play so that I could help Al Matthews on the coverage and I guess the quarterback wasn't expecting me to be there," he said, chuckling. "Actually, we were playing good football right along, but they were really high, playing with a lot of enthusiasm. They also got a couple of breaks and then that long punt return. But we hung in there, didn't make any mistakes and things began to come our way."

DICKERSON JOINS PACK FLANKER CORPS

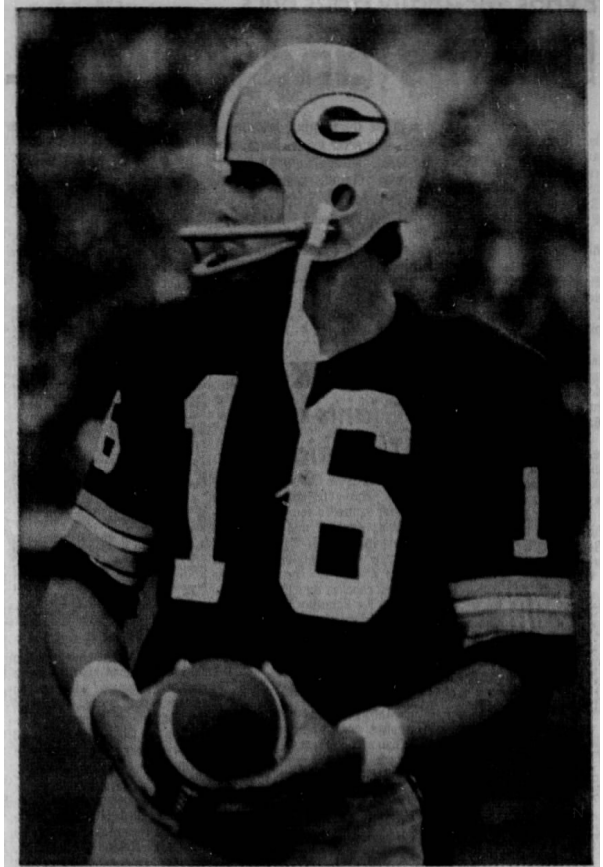
SEPT 11 (Buffalo-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packers padded their wide receiver corps - and continued their 11th hour numbers game - by claiming former USC star Sam Dickerson on waivers only hours before Friday night's 20-14 victory over the Buffalo Bills. Center-linebacker Cleo Walker, a second year man, was released to make room for him. Dickerson, who is 6-foot-2 and 195 pounds, was a third round draft choice of the San Francisco 49ers in last January's draft. He had been a starter, along with Bills' rookie Bob Chandler, at USC in both 1969 and '70. He joins rookies Dave Davis and Jim Johnson, one of whom is likely to be trimmed in Monday's final cut, in contention for wide receiver employment behind Carroll Dale. The Packers must reduce their 44-man roster to 40 by Monday afternoon. All of the last four players released will be on irrevocable waivers, although any one of them could be re-signed if they should be unclaimed by the time waivers expire. The taxi squad, presently at 11, also must be cut to seven by Thursday. Walker, listed at linebacker in recent weeks although he also has been used at center in long snap situations, apparently sealed his fate when he incurred a roughing the kicker penalty in the Oakland game in Green Bay Aug. 28, nullifying a 39-yard punt return by Ken Ellis. The Raiders scored three plays later enroute to a 17-13 victory...Defensive end Clarence Williams, who had to be helped from the field in the third quarter, reported himself fully recovered after the game. "I just got hit in the head," he said.

BILLS-PACKERS NOTES: RESEEDING OF STADIUM TURF PROVIDES A SPRINGY SURFACE

SEPT 11 (Buffalo News) - The War Memorial Stadium turf was lush and springy. It cost the city \$11,600 to lay the Merion blue grass sod, according to Stadium & Auditorium Director Joe Figliola. "The turf looked good in May, before a fungus killed the grass. So we had to resod it entirely, and then we added some rye seeding." Figliola was speaking after the Buffalo Bills' 20-14 exhibition loss to the Green Bay Packers, the former National Football League champions...All light sockets except two in stadium arcs are brand new...Tim Beamer's 88-yard punt return was the play of the night. "I thought I could go all the way when Donny Anderson's kick went so high and far," said Beamer. Beamer got a key block from Jackie Allen as he motored from the right side of the field to the left, then got another block from Al Cowlings who wiped out Anderson on the Green Bay 45. Tim used his blockers beautifully. "He'll break a lot more touchdowns like this if they kick to him," predicted Bills' Coach Harvey Johnson. But Packers squibbed their kickoffs and kicked short after Beamer's thriller..."We respected Beamer and Al Wyatt but the reason we switched was that we haven't been kicking off well." said Green Bay Coach Dan Devine. Neither did Grant Guthrie. The Bills' kicker failed to reach the end zone...The Jamestown High band of more than 130 marchers put on the pre-game and halftime show and earned the plaudits.

PACKERS PROVE THEY CAN COME FROM BEHIND AND WIN

SEPT 12 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packers proved something to themselves in the highly humid confines of Buffalo's shabby War Memorial Stadium Friday night. And there is the suspicion it could have a salutary effect upon their fortunes during the 1971 season, now just one week off. The green and gold established they are capable of doing what almost every successful football team must do on critical occasion...come from behind to win. Coach Dan Devine found this development the most gratifying aspect of the Packers 20-14 victory over the Bills, who only a week earlier had embarrassed Detroit's formidable Lions, 31-17. "I kind of knew that we had the guys who weren't going to quit," he said during a break from a personnel meeting with his coaches late Saturday afternoon. "I always felt they'd hang in there...But I think possibly they needed to prove it to themselves..."**'FELT' CONFIDENCE:** "I think they felt I had confidence in them, but it's kind of nice to be able to be confident in yourselves...As everyone knows, they have had a frustrating time of it this whole pre-season." DD was hardly overstating the case. Going into Friday night's contest, the Packers had lost four of their first five pre-season exercises by the niggardly total of 12 points...**TIME TO GO:** "And, of course, there is nothing more satisfying than a come-from-behind win," Devine said. He then added whimsically, "That is the kind of teams I seem to have - the kind that's always coming from behind to win. I think somebody's trying to punish me," Devine jested. "One of my best teams at Missouri was behind at one time or another in seven of the nine games we won...It's just more fun to be ahead." That was a luxury the Packers did not enjoy until the second minute of the fourth quarter at Buffalo when that devastating dervish, Dave Hampton, bolted into the end zone to erect a 16-14 Green Bay lead. Rookie placekicker Dave Conway shortly added the extra point and later his second field goal of the evening to pad the eventual margin. Despite the satisfaction that victory



Rookie Quarterback Scott Hunter, at Buffalo Friday, is slated to see action who sparked the Packers' second-half comeback in the final exhibition game against the Giants in Green Bay.



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engendered, and what it appears to bode for the future, Devine still admits to certain reservations about his team as he looks to next Sunday's National Football League opener against the New York Giants in Lambeau Field. "I feel we definitely have some real areas of concern and areas where I certainly would like to be a lot stronger," he said. "But it's time to go, so we have to go with what we've got."...CLAIM DICKERSON: He is heartened, however, by the knowledge this is "a fairly young squad...It may not be too grammatical, but the future's ahead for this team...With two first round choices coming in next year's draft, I certainly feel we can improve ourselves in areas where we're weak now." One of these, he has said ever since he inspected the troops for the first time at Arlington, Tex., in April, is an overall lack of speed. Devine attempted to add some of that commodity over the weekend when he claimed wide receiver Sam Dickerson, a former USC standout, on waivers from the San Francisco 49ers. "Dickerson has great speed," he said. "He can run forever." Another "area of concern" obviously has been diminished by Conway's exemplary radar (he now has hit on six of seven field goal attempts, a fancy figure in any company). His kickoffs still lack authority, however, and this has to give Devine pause. Long kickoff returns caused his athletes more than a few awkward moments during pre-season campaigning. "Certainly Dave's field goals enhanced his status in my eyes," the Packer generalissimo said. "But I've always had somebody who could put the ball in the end zone with some degree of consistency. That's what I'm looking for ultimately."...RESORT TO SQUIBS: After two short kickoffs, Devine resorted to the "squib" method at Buffalo - to ward off further long sorties by Bills speedsters Tim Beamer and Alvin Wyatt - with a modicum of success. "On one of them, it worked just like it came off the drawing board," Dan chuckled. "The receiver picked it up, dropped it, picked it up and dropped it again before he finally got possession of it." Devine had visions of a Packer breakaway on the game's opening kickoff, he confided. "It took a real fast guy to get Dave Hampton on the angle on that one. Just a fraction more and he would have been away. It's the best kickoff return we've had this year." Hampton, who also rushed for 98 yards to claim ground gaining honors for the second week in a row, returned Grant Guthrie's boot 42 yards to the Green Bay 49 before being felled - by Guthrie himself, the last man in view. Devine described Beamer's 88-yard punt return for a second quarter touchdown as "very poor coverage and a good run," after viewing that misadventure on film. "It wasn't great blocking," he said, "but poor coverage and a good run. Part of the

coverage problem, of course, is that you're covering with guys who can never catch people with the speed they've got, once they get into the open."...STARTS TO TURN: Although he felt a first quarter interference penalty on Ken Ellis was "a chintzy call," Devine said he had no quarrel with an offensive pass interference levy on tight end Rich McGeorge, which nullified a second quarter scoring strike from Zeke Bratkowski to John Spilis. "I think I would have called it, if I'd been officiating," he said. "There was no intention on Rich's part, but it was interference. It was more like a pick, but it was an unintentional one ...He was just running his pattern and bumped into a guy." His review of the film did nothing to change Devine's immediate post-game analysis of the contest's ebb and flow. "That game turned around in the second quarter, a little bit," he said. "It wasn't visible on the scoreboard (which then read 14-3, Buffalo) but it was turning around...The defense started to come to life in the first part of the second quarter, and we started to dominate the game. In the second half, we started to play well all over."

PACKERS FACING FINAL TRIMMING JOB BEFORE OPENER

SEPT 13 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The preliminaries are over...and the New York Giants loom immediately ahead. But Coach Dan Devine and his brain trust, (Dave Hanner, Red Cochran, Bob Schnelker, Rollie Dotsch, Don Doll and Burt Gustafson) still must make an imposing number of decisions about the 1971 Packers between now and next Sunday's National Football League baptismal with the Giants in Lambeau Field. The first of these, of course, came today in the cutting of four players to reach the NFL's regular season of limit. And disposition must be made of four more by Thursday in order to reduce the taxi squad from its present complement of 11 to the in-season limit of seven...NOT ONLY CONCERN: But mere numbers, important as they are, are not the coaching staff's only concern at this critical point. Several other highly pertinent matters remain to be resolved...like:

- Who will start at quarterback, the comebacking veteran, Zeke Bratkowski, or the surprising rookie, Scott Hunter?
- Who will open at left halfback, incumbent Donny Anderson or the recently dazzling Dave Hampton?
- Who will be the No. 1 tight end, sterling sophomore Rich McGeorge or veteran John Hilton?
- Who will draw the placekicking assignment, Dave Conway or old pro Lou Michaels?

- And, finally, what will be Bart Starr's 1971 status?

Chances are Bratkowski will be under the center on the Packers' opening offensive series Sunday afternoon, although Devine has openly evinced admiration for Hunter's assets and potential...**DISCUSS SITUATION:** When the question was put to him immediately following the Packers' victory over Buffalo Friday night, which saw Hunter key the green and gold from a 14-3 deficit to a 20-14 victory, Devine indicated he was inclined to favor The Brat because of his edge in experience. He added, however, that he wanted to discuss the situation with his staff before reaching a decision, which suggests he considers it a matter requiring some deliberation. A verdict in the Anderson-Hampton issue also remains to be reached, at least publicly. "It's still open," was Devine's most recent word on the subject, while noting, "Hampton did start the other night, though." The Packers' leading ground gainer in the pre-season, Hampton amassed 98 yards in the Buffalo victory, following a 99-yard performance against Cincinnati a week earlier...**LONGEST RUN:** Anderson re-injured a knee against the Bills and was used sparingly as a result, but he rushed for 83 yards in the Cincinnati match, his production including a 59-yard sortie which ranks as the longest run from scrimmage by a Packer this season. The tight end situation ranks among the more pleasant problems confronting the Pack's board of strategy. In addition to McGeorge and Hilton there is freshman Leonard Garrett, a highly physical performer who is invariably to be found around the ball while toiling on the special teams, a valuable asset. Although Devine has given no official indication of how he and his staff are leaning, the feeling here is that McGeorge will emerge with the starting nod. A first round choice a year ago, he has all the physical and mental tools to be one of the game's greats...**INSIDE TRACK:** On the basis of recent developments, rookie Dave Conway appears to have the inside track on the placekicking assignment, and understandably so. He has connected on six of seven field goal attempts, the best pre-season performance by a Packer booter within recent memory, since being acquired from the Cowboys. His kickoffs have left distance and altitude to be desired, however, which suggests there is an outside chance venerable Lou Michaels could be activated, particularly if he is impressive in practice this week. Devine also has indicated there is a possibility he will claim a kicker from another club when final cuts of the Packers' NFL rivals are made known. In the case of Starr, currently recuperating from two shoulder operations, a decision on his 1971 future must be reached by Thursday because he presently is a member of the taxi squad and, as a consequence, figures in the overall numbers picture...**LOST FOR SEASON:** Basically, Devine and his staff must decide whether to continue Mr. Quarterback in his present status or place him on the injured reserve. If it should be the latter, Starr would be lost to the team for the season. In other words, the coaches must decide whether to take a chance on Starr's availability later in the season or to fill his present taxi squad niche with another player who would be available immediately in the event of injury to a member of the regular roster. A similar decision likewise must be made in the case of rookie defensive lineman Kevin Hunt, who also has been cabbed following knee surgery. Other members of the taxi squad at this point are defensive tackle Jim DeLisle, running back Elijah Pitts, wide receiver Mike Carter, center Cal Withrow, quarterback Gary Lane, placekicker Tim Webster, guard Randy Winkle, punter Ken Duncan and Michaels...**PACKER PATTERN:** The Packers, most of whom enjoyed a two-day respite following Friday night's Buffalo triumph, returned to the practice field this morning to begin zeroing in on the Giants. Those who did not play in Buffalo had only one day of vacation. They were required to report to Devine for a special session on the South Oneida Street practice field Sunday afternoon...Rookie defensive back Charlie Hall lost 12 pounds as the result of last week's bout with food poisoning, incurred on the Packers' return trip from Cincinnati. "My weight dropped from 190 to 178," he said, adding with a chuckle, "Even my underwear doesn't fit now."...Fellow defender Al Matthews had a simple and forthright explanation for Dennis Shaw's scoring pass to Haven Moses in the first quarter of Friday night's game at Buffalo. "I got beat," Al said with a faintly sheepish smile. "In the Detroit game, the Bills scored on a slant-in in the same situation, so I played it for a slant and they broke it the other way."

FINAL 40 SUPPORTS DEVINE'S LONG RANGE THEME

SEPT 14 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – When Dan Devine assembled the Packers for the first time at Arlington, Tex., last April, he clarified one point with deft dispatch. A twinkle in the eye, he said "I think I'm probably the only one around here with a five year contract." In the wake of last Friday night's successful pre-season finale against the Buffalo Bills, Devine also observed, "I may not be particularly grammatical, but the future's ahead for this team...I consider it to be fairly young." **LONG RANGE THEME:** The makeup of his "final" 40-man roster, a figure he reached Monday afternoon in accordance with

Fred Carr

**Linebacker — Univ. of Tex.
at El Paso
Height 6-5, Weight 235
Born in Phoenix, Ariz., Aug.
19, 1946**

4th year . . . Packers first number 1 draft choice for 1968 . . . Selected in New Orleans place as part of Taylor deal . . . Rated top college prospect for 1968 . . . Runs 40 in 4.6 in gear, 100 in 10.2 . . . Sporting News and NEA All-American at UTEP . . . Played in Sun and Senior Bowl Games . . . Has the potential to play anywhere but his best position is at linebacker . . . Intercepted Cowboy aerial in first play as a pro . . . Named outstanding rookie of 1968 by Wis. Pro Football Writers . . . Played some defensive end in 1969 . . . Started at linebacker for first time in 1970 . . . Selected to play in Pro Ball and Named Most Valuable Player. Residence: Phoenix, Ariz.

Larry Krause

**Running Back — St. Norbert
Height 6-0, Weight 208
Born in Greenwood, Wis.,
April 22, 1948**

2nd year in pro ball . . . seventeenth round draft choice of Packers for 1970 . . . 4.9 in 40 . . . holds school records for rushing yardage . . . senior year rushed 251 times for 1,325 yards and a 5.3 average and caught 18 passes for 216 yards and 1 TD . . . aggressive, good leader . . . good hands and fine football ability . . . plays special teams especially well . . . returned opening kickoff of 1970 game vs. Steelers 100 yds. for TD. . . Ranked number 3 in NFC in kickoff returns in 1970 . . . teaches in off-season. Residence: Green Bay, Wis.

Zeke Bratkowski

Quarterback — Georgia
Height 6-3, Weight 200
Born in Danville, Ill., Oct. 20, 1931

14th year in pro ball . . . Fifth with Packers . . . Real Estate Insurance Major . . . Chicago Bears number two draft choice in 1953 . . . In rookie campaign completed 67 of 130 passes for 1,087 yds. and 8 TDs and punted 39 times for a 41 yard ave. . . . Spent 1955 and 1956 in Air Force . . . In 5 seasons with Bears he completed 263 of 537 passes for 3,639 yds., 24 TDs and 58 interceptions . . . Quarterbacked Rams in 1961, 1962, and half of '63 season . . . Completed 279 of 530 for 3,551 yds., 20 TDs and 35 interceptions . . . Traded to Packers for last 7

games of 1963 where he backs up Bart Starr . . . Zeke has quarterbacked Packers to victory over Colts twice, Vikings once in 1965; led club to victories over Colts, Bears and Rams in 1966 and victories over Falcons, Lions and 49'ers in 4 games when Starr injured . . . Put on waivers by Packers in 1969 and claimed by Vikings . . . Became Packer offensive backfield coach in 1969 and 1970 . . . Pack traded draft choice to Minn. in 1971 to return Zeke to active roster . . . Aerobic running devotee . . . runs up to 6 miles per day . . . Has worked out with team last two years running opposition's offensive vs. Packer defense. Residence: Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Tommy Crutcher

Linebacker — TCU
Height 6-3, Weight 235
Born in McKinney, Tex., Aug. 10, 1941

Rejoins the Packers after a three year absence . . . Packers gave a draft choice to the Los Angeles Rams for Crutcher, who joined the Rams prior to the 1970 season in a trade with the New York Giants . . . He spent the entire year as a member of the taxi squad . . . Originally he was drafted third by the Packers in 1964 and spent four seasons as a reserve behind Lee Roy Caffey and Dave Robinson . . . Prior to the 1968 season, Crutcher and tackle Steve Wright were traded to New York in exchange for tackle Francis Peay, the Giants' No. 1 draft choice in 1966 . . . Crutcher was a starter for the Giants

on the left side in 1968 and moved to the right side in 1969 . . . He suffered a knee injury in the final game that year against Cleveland and underwent off-season surgery prior to being traded to the Rams . . . A fullback at TCU, where he was a starter as a freshman and gained 1,583 yards on 362 carries in his career . . . A bachelor, he owns a 1,000 acre farm in the Rio Grande Valley.

Speed of Deer

"He has to have the speed of a deer, the hitting power of a tank, and the mind of a computer." — Washington assistant coach Charley Winner's description of a cornerback.

National Football League rules after some hectic, last minute maneuvering, eloquently reflects this long range theme. Despite the presence of such greybeards as Zeke Bratkowski (39) and Ray Nitschke and Willie Wood (34), nearly two-thirds of Devine's initial Packer squad (26, to be exact) fit neatly into what is customarily described as a youth movement. All of them are in from their first to fourth seasons in professional football and of these, 18 are first and second year men. Of the remaining eight, five are in their third seasons and three are in their fourth. Five more, including such key performers as Gale Gillingham, Donny Anderson and Francis Peay, are only in their sixth seasons and all but one of these, 31-year-old Bob Brown, is under 30...HILTON WAIVED: Most notable casualty of Devine's emphasis on the future was seven-year veteran John Hilton, who was waived in Monday's final cutdown. It was an obvious endorsement of sophomore Rich McGeorge, who will inherit Hilton's starting assignment at tight end, and rookie Leonard (Graveyard) Garrett, a lowly 15th round choice from New Mexico Highlands in last January's draft. Released with Hilton were linebackers John (Bull) Bramlett, the New England Patriot's Most Valuable Player a year ago; Virgil Robinson, the Pack's No. 2 choice in this year's draft; and Jim Johnson, a wide receiver chosen in the seventh round...LACKED SIZE: In the case of Bramlett, acquired in an August trade that sent Rich Moore to the Patriots, a lack of size apparently was a determining factor. Bramlett, is a scant 6-foot-and 220 pounds, compared to the 6-foot-3 and 230-pound dimensions of Tommy Joe Crutcher, who remains at linebacker along with four returnees - Dave Robinson, Fred Carr, Jim Carter and Ray Nitschke. Crutcher, previously a Packer from 1964 through 1967, was re-acquired by way of an August trade with the Los Angeles Rams. Robinson, who was accorded ample opportunity to prove himself, was clearly the greatest disappointment of this year's rookie crop. He was tried at both cornerback and running back and found wanting in each instance - seriously so because pro football teams are not inclined to drop a No. 2 choice lightly in these days when they land only one of each 26 players in the draft. Although the roster is down to legal size, it could change slightly between now and Sunday's season opener against the Giants in Lambeau Field - when the taxi squad is reduced from 11 to seven, a figure which must be reached by Thursday. Devine, weighing the situation following Monday's practice, said, "Possibly as many as three will be brought up" during those maneuvers. He declined to name names, for obvious reasons, but one

of them is likely to be veteran halfback Elijah Pitts. Both Dave Hampton, the starter in last weekend's 20-14 victory over Buffalo, and Donny Anderson currently are limping at this point...AVERAGE 26.8: It very well could be that punter Ken Duncan also will be activated. Author of a 48.1 average in his last appearance against Cincinnati 10 days ago, he has continued to punt with authority in practice and recently has attracted attention with his kickoffs, a department in which the Packers have been somewhat deficient. The other change could occur at center, where Cal Withrow has an edge in experience over rookie Wimpy Winther, having spent the 1970 season with the San Diego Chargers. At the moment, despite the inclusion of six in the over-30 bracket, the team's average age is only 26.8 years. Nineteen of the 40 are under 25, with Charlie Hall, Donnell Smith and Sam Dickerson, the recently acquired wide receiver, the youngest at 22. The breakdown by years of experience:

First: John Brockington, Dave Conway, Dave Davis, Sam Dickerson, Leonard Garrett, Charlie Hall, Scott Hunter, Donnell Smith, Richard (Wimpy) Winther.

Second: Rich McGeorge, Frank Patrick, Larry Krause, Alden Roche, Jim Carter, Ken Ellis, Al Matthews, Mike McCoy, Clarence Williams.

Third: Bill Hayhoe, Dave Bradley, John Spilis, Dave Hampton, Perry Williams.

Fourth: Dick Himes, Fred Carr, Bill Lueck.

Sixth: Bob Brown, Donny Anderson, Francis Peay, Al Randolph, Gale Gillingham.

Seventh: Tommy Joe Crutcher.

Eighth: Doug Hart, Ken Bowman.

Ninth: Lionel Aldridge, Dave Robinson.

Twelfth - Willie Wood, Carroll Dale.

Fourteenth: Ray Nitschke, Zeke Bratkowski.

Of the nine rookies who survived, three were drafted in the first three rounds - Brockington (first) and Hall and Dickerson (third, Dickerson by San Francisco). Winther was a fourth round pick of the New Orleans Saints, Smith a fifth, Hunter sixth,

Davis seventh and Garrett 15th. Conway, out of football the last two years, originally was drafted by San Diego in 1967 and released after four pre-season games.

NO MORE TRADES LIKELY: DAN

SEPT 14 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) — Devine indicated there is little likelihood of any trades in the near future..."We had one on the wire this morning, in fact they called me out of the movies to discuss it," he said, "but it didn't materialize ... I don't think any others are likely at this point." Three new faces were evident during Monday's practice. In addition to Dickerson, claimed on waivers from the 49ers over the weekend, there were punter-placekicker Jeff White, late of the Kansas City Chiefs, and defensive back Jaul Johnson, a 1970 Washington Redskin draftee who played in Canada last year. Both are free agents merely here for a "look" at this point...White, a soccer-style placekicker, is a Texas-El Paso product while Johnson played at Penn State. Devine described the practice as "a little harder workout" than we normally will have on a Monday...We had the grass drill, an extensive agility drill and the sprints. "The reason we had the sprints was because of what I would term a lack of communication. I announced on the way home from Buffalo that we would have practice Sunday afternoon for those who had not played in the game. So some of the guys who played a little bit didn't come out Sunday. What I meant was that the first 22 were excused. It wasn't a punishment," he said with just the trace of a smile, "just a matter that they needed the conditioning." On the subject of his starting quarterback against the Giants, Devine said, "I think we're kind of announcing Zeke Bratkowski...I could change at the last minute, however." The starting role at fullback "is still up for grabs between John Brockington and Perry Williams," he added, "but I'd list Jim Carter as the starter at middle linebacker." The identity of the Pack's placekicking specialist "will be settled within the next day or two," Devine said. Veteran Lou Michaels presumably is still in the running here, although rookie Conway has an impressive six-for-seven field goal record. Devine also did not rule out the possibility of bringing in someone else. Commenting on his first look at Dickerson, he said, "I thought Sam looked good for his first day on the field...He's got to be one of our 40 now, or there was no point in bringing him in." Donny Anderson wasn't the only casualty in the final pre-season exercise against the Buffalo Bills. Coach Devine confirmed Monday that linebacker Dave Robinson suffered a broken bone in his right wrist, although he emphasized it will not keep the 30-year-old veteran out of Sunday afternoon's National Football League opener with the New York Giants. Anderson, who missed Monday's workout because of National Guard duty, reinjured his right knee in the Buffalo game and was used only to punt in the second half.

COOKBOOK OFFERS PACKER FAVORITES

SEPT 15 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Packer wives are kitchen quarterbacks. They call the signals for breakfast, lunch and dinner, and tasty signals they are, too, according to "Packer Wives Cookbook," which is just off the press. The collection of Packer favorite recipes was written by Mrs. Reuben Badtke, Forestville, well-known free-lance writer. Some of the Packer wives will kickoff the publication at an autograph party at the H. C. Prange main store book department from noon until 3 p.m. Saturday. Mrs. Donny Anderson and Mrs. Ken Ellis will be among the signers. Mrs. Badtke has purchased the NFL franchise so is able to present her book in the traditional green and gold. The "Packer Wives Cookbook" has more than recipes. It also serves as an introduction to the players and their families. Recipes run from Ray Nitschke's favorite silver torte to the frog legs which are a "must" at Bob Brown's table. Dave Hanner's favorite is a marinated shish kabob and Jane's recipe for this entree is included, as is Jo Devine's easy nut bread. She has also contributed a "Preacher's Casserole." Mrs. A. P. Peppler has two favorites, a cheese cake and, for carefree fall entertaining, a chicken casserole that can be prepared the night before. Mrs. Lionel Aldridge likes to bake and shares recipes for cinnamon rolls and raisin-filled cookies. A meringue-topped lemon pie with a graham cracker crust comes from Mrs. Rich McGeorge. She also bakes an unusual orange slice cake and this recipe, too, is included. These are but a few of the entries in "Packer Wives Cookbook." The author, who has won many blue ribbons in baking and canning at the Door County Fair, has had ample experience in choosing and editing recipes. She wrote a semi-weekly recipe column in the Door County Advocate, and this winter will have another book out containing several hundred recipes from the column. Frances also served as superintendent of the women's building at the Door County Fair for 10 years. She has won several baking contests, including a first in the Door County Dairy Month bake-off, and appeared on television in the district baking contest. Mrs. Badtke is chairman of the book committee of the Door County Historical Society and is editor of "The Peninsula," an annual publication of historical interest. She is a member of the Green Bay Writers Club and has won many awards from the Wisconsin Press Women, for whom she edited a monthly bulletin for several years. She also served the group as state secretary. Frances is publicity chairman for the Door County

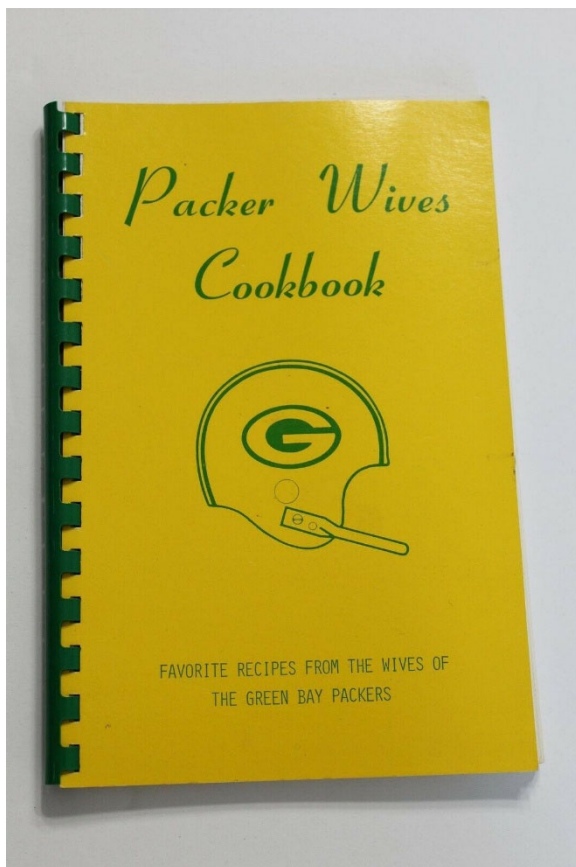
Dave Robinson

Outside Linebacker — Penn State

Height 6-3, Weight 245

Born in Mt. Holly, N.J., May 3, 1941

9th year in pro ball . . . Packers first round draft choice for 1963 . . . Played guard, tackle and end at Penn State . . . Civil Engineering Major . . . Played in Hula Bowl, Gator Bowl, All-American Game and All-Star Game . . . Named to All-American team by AP, UPI, NEA, Look, Time and Post magazines . . . Moved into starting linebacker position after Nitschke's injury in 1963 Thanksgiving game . . . Started in 1964 but knee injury hobbled him . . . Started again in 1965 and 1966 . . . Sporting News All-Pro team 1966 . . . Author of many big plays in title years . . . Picked off Cuzzo pass and raced 87 yards to set up go ahead field goal in 1965 vs. Colts . . . Played in 1967, 1968 and 1970 Pro-Bowl Games . . . Most Valuable lineman in Pro Bowl 1968 . . . 5 interceptions for 60 yards in '66 and recovered fumble to ice Western Division Crown against Baltimore . . . Pressured Dallas QB into throwing interception in NFL Title game in final goal line stand . . . All-Pro AP, UPI and NEA 1967 . . . Voted outstanding defensive player in 1969 by Wis. Pro Football Writers . . . Suffered Achilles injury in 4th game of 1970 season . . . Works for Schlitz Brewing Company. Residence: Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



Hospital Auxiliary and writes a weekly column on auxiliary activities. Mrs. Badtke collects more than recipes. Covered dishes in the shapes of animals and milk pitchers in the shape of cows are her favorites, as are her antiques. She has traveled extensively in Mexico and Canada and combines her hobby of photography with travel to present travelogs throughout the area. Her husband is a dairy farmer.

PACKER TRADE GAME BETTER THAN IT LOOKS?

SEPT 15 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The shock was still wearing off some Packer fanatics Tuesday. John Hilton cut. Virgil Robinson cut. John Bramlett cut. Why, many of those same fanatics were still adjusting to the departure of Don Horn and Travis Williams and Jim Grabowski and Bob Jeter and Jack Clancy. The discussions, of course, centered around the fact that the Packers seem to have become overly generous of late. After all, they had traded John Rowser for Hilton and now Hilton has departed with no compensation. No trade. Not even a few waiver dollars. They had traded Williams to the Rams for a No. 2 draft choice, which turned out to be Robinson. Now Robinson is gone without anything to show for him except the experience. The deal turns out to be Travis Williams for zilch. They had traded Rich Moore, who while not the epitome of a pro lineman, offense or defense, had been good enough to play regularly for a couple years, for Bramlett and now Bramlett is gone, leaving nothing to show for Moore (though Rich has been waived injured by the Patriots). Ditto for Grabo and Clancy while Jeter brought a draft choice. The Horn deal at least brought Alden Roche and a shot at John Brockington which would not have been available without the deal. However, let's look at the picture from another angle. With the advancement of Rich McGeorge to No. 1 tight end, Hilton not only became expendable but a problem. A proud competitor, Hilton is not one to accept a reserve role with quiet dignity. Indeed, his reputation for being

something of a problem child spurred his departure from Pittsburgh in the first place and it is still with him despite his apparent adjustment in Packer silks. He had been put on waivers earlier and cleared them. Nobody was interested. There are indications that there were reasons beyond simple ability on the playing field that spawned the Travis Williams trade, just as there were in the case of Horn. Therefore, the deal for a second round draft pick was a good one. Unfortunately, Robinson didn't pan out as expected...and this is not the only time a high draftee didn't turn out to be much of a bargain. Moore, despite his mechanical ability, never, seemed to have the heart of a footballer and his Achilles heel injury made him all the more questionable. I suspect the Packers did about as well as could be expected in obtaining Bramlett for him. This is not to say that all of these people are washed up. Indeed, it would be strange if some team didn't pick some of them up as free agents...as the Bears did with Grabowski, taking a chance on his injured knee, when none of the 26 teams put in a claim for him...or as the Cowboys did with Forrest Gregg when none of the 26 teams put in a claim for him. Possibly, one or more could still wind up in a Green and Gold taxi. Strange things happen in the mysterious world of waivers, reserve lists, injured reserves, retirements, etc. Just ask Tommy Crutcher.

MYSTERY STILL SURROUNDS THE PACKER KICKING GAME

SEPT 15 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Despite Dave Conway's recent proficiency, an air of mystery still surrounds the Packer kicking game. This is traceable in part to the uncertain physical status of the blond Texan, who presently is troubled with a strained muscle in his kicking leg, and in part to Coach Dan Devine's continuing search for an athlete who can kick off into the end zone with regularity. Primarily because of the former, Devine is not sure who will be putting foot to ball in Sunday's National Football League inaugural against the New York Giants in Lambeau Field. This point was underscored during Tuesday's practice, which saw old pro Lou Michaels and rookie Tim Webster kick extensively against a rush while Conway rested his aching leg. Both of them currently are members of the taxi squad...DEPENDS ON CONWAY: "At this time, I don't know who will kick Sunday," Devine later informed. "I don't like to kick a guy who hasn't kicked in practice all week. I suppose it depends on Conway's condition. I don't know what it is at the moment. But if a guy can't kick on Tuesday ..." He didn't finish the sentence, but the inference was obvious. This prompted him to add, "Actually, Michaels kicked the ball pretty well today. He kicked it better than he has in a long time." Webster, a free agent from the University of Arkansas who has been impressive in practice during recent weeks, also is under consideration, Devine indicated. "I wouldn't rule out anybody," he said, explaining, "Webster is our best kickoff man...You might less rather gamble on a kickoff than on a field goal attempt...LOOKING FOR HORST: "Unless," he added with a sardonic smile, "Horst Muhlmann shows up...And I don't think he's going to." On a more serious vein, Devine admitted the kicking game continues to be "a big area of concern, and there's not a heck of a lot you can do. We have guys coming and going (ex-Cardinal and ex-Saint kicker George Jakowenko was added to the taxi squad only Tuesday morning), but it seems kind of late to be doing this sort of thing. "Yet Horst Muhlmann was waived through the league two years ago by Kansas City and he was cabbied for a year. That's what makes you leary

Mystery Still Surrounds The Packer Kicking Game

of not looking at a guy. By the same token, it's hard to judge a kicker in a short time. But if somebody comes in and kicks off into the end zone consistently, you'd have to take a second look."...**ONE BLOCKED:** Both Michaels and Webster missed one and had one kick blocked in 15 attempts ranging up to 42 yards during Tuesday's practice-ending session, Charlie Hall registering the block against the left-footed Michaels, Tommy Joe Crutcher the one against Webster. Michaels, fifth-leading scorer in NFL history with 912 kicking points to his credit in a 12-year career, later pronounced himself "ready to start kicking in a ball game." "Donny Anderson's getting better at holding for me all the time, too," he said. The 35-year-old Pennsylvanian was quick to note, however, "I leave it up to the coaching staff. Whatever they want to do is fine with me. It's their decision. I'm sure whatever decision they make will be the right one..."**REMARKABLE JOB:** "The boy, Conway, is doing a remarkable job with six out of seven field goals," Michaels further observed. "You can't take it away from any kicker who is doing that well. I just hope he's not hurt so bad he can't continue kicking like that." He admitted, however, "It would be nice to be part of this ball club. It's a great bunch of guys and I've enjoyed the two weeks that I've been here. But if I could be activated, that would be better yet. I just hope," said Lou, cut by the Colts prior to the first game of the 1970 season, "that I can hang on without hurting anybody's feelings. I went through that last year and it's not a very good feeling." Webster, a quiet, All-American boy type, is more sanguine about his prospects than he was a month ago, when he was transferred to the taxi squad...**GOOD CHANCE:** "I feel I have a good chance," he said. "I'm gaining more confidence in myself every practice. That's what you have to have in kicking because it's so much mental. That's why you need to kick well. I'm just going to keep hanging tough...I'll get my chance." Meanwhile, Conway was insisting, "My leg is all right - I'll be ready to kick tomorrow. I just wanted to stay off it a couple of days...It hurt me something terrible during the ball game at Buffalo last Friday night. I'm confident I can do the job here," he added. "I don't feel I have too bad a record." Conway also is sure he will be equal to the kickoff assignment, which has been his only shortcoming to date. "If I can put it down on the five or six-yard line the way my leg was last week, I'm sure I can kick into the end zone when it's well," he said. "I was doing it in practice last week until I strained that muscle when I hit a kickoff off stride Thursday. Sometimes I try to put too much into it and I hit the ball awkwardly. That's what happened to me this time."...**PACKER PATTERN:** Devine said he hoped to have the Packers' taxi squad, which now numbers 14, down to legal size by the end of the day. Seven players must be released to reach the regular season limit, which becomes effective Thursday. Some of the seven who remain could be changing places with others now on the regular roster, Devine indicated. In this connection, he reported there is "a good chance" that punter Ken Duncan will be activated for Sunday's game. Duncan also is a kickoff specialist and wide receiver. Devine indicated it is less likely that running back Elijah Pitts will be brought up because Dave Hampton and Donny Anderson, who had been limping, "are in pretty good shape now." Presently, the taxi squad includes wide receiver Mike Carter, center Cal Withrow, quarterbacks Bart Starr and Gary Lane, guard Randy Winkler, defensive back Paul Johnson, kickers Michaels, Jeff White, George Jakowenko, Webster and Duncan, defensive linemen Jim DeLisle and Kevin Hunt, and Pitts...Hunt, who recently underwent knee surgery, presumably will be placed on injured reserve, which means he will be out for the season. Under 1971 rules governing the taxi squad (or move list), each NFL team will be permitted 12 moves, compared to 10 a year ago. They also provide that once moved to this seven-man list after the season begins, a player may remain there for seven weeks without further action. At the end of that period, however, he must be activated or continued on the taxi squad for another 2 to 7 weeks, which would cost the team a move in either case. This, of course, assumes there would be no other disposition of said player, such as a trade or an outright release...Any player on the taxi squad after the final cutdown Thursday may remain there without "cost" to the team. This means that Starr, for pertinent example, could continue in his present status indefinitely while recuperating from shoulder injury and no moves would be charged. Any player assigned to the move list during the regular season must remain there for two games or 16 days, whichever comes first, as was the case a year ago.

McGEORGE ON THE WAY
 SEPT 15 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Bolting downfield like a runaway buffalo, Rich McGeorge charged into the open, welcomed a Zeke Bratkowski pass with adhesive enthusiasm and was en route to a touchdown. It was only a practice "play," executed in preparation for last week's pre-season finale against Buffalo, but it drew instant admiration from Packer elder statesman Willie Wood. "That guy is going to make them forget about all the other tight ends we've seen," said the Pack's knowledgeable defensive captain, who had an excellent view of the maneuver from the sidelines during a brief break from secondary duty. Willie then proceeded to document his prediction. "He's as big as a house, he can run like a deer and he has hands like glue," said Wood with fervor. It was an impressive testimonial, considering the breadth of the 34-year-old veteran's experience and his eminence among the National Football League's free safeties. The five-time all-pro has seen all of the great tight ends of the last decade at close hand, chief among them John Mackey and Mike Ditka, the latter frequently during his heyday with the Chicago Bears...**TREMENDOUS SPEED:** In his first five years as a Packer, Willie also toiled almost daily against Ron Kramer, rated by many the best ever at the position off his explosive performance during

Al Matthews

Defensive Back—Texas A&I

Height 6-0, Weight 190

Born in Austin, Texas, Nov.

7, 1947

2nd year in pro ball . . . second round draft choice for 1970 . . . 4.7 speed in 40; 9.8 in 100 . . . good hitter, courageous, good reaction to ball . . . excellent character . . . good citizen, clean-cut and intelligent . . . extremely quick and fast . . . quick feet . . . good athlete . . . can play both corner and safety . . . second team Little All-American and first team All-Lone Star conference . . . played offense first two collegiate seasons and was used to return punts and kickoffs . . . Vice president of Student Body senior year . . . Health and P.E. major . . . Missed most of 1970 training camp while with College All-Stars . . . Started last game of '70 season vs. Lions at right corner . . . In Army Reserve prior to 1971 season. Residence: Austin, Tex.

Rich McGeorge

Tight End — Elon College
Height 6-4, Weight 235
Born in Roanoke, Va., Sept.
14, 1948

2nd year in pro ball . . . Packers second number one draft choice in 1970 . . . 4.9 speed in 40. Top rated tight end in CEPO Scouting Combine . . . plays basketball and golf . . . great hands and excellent blocker . . . catches ball well in traffic and runs well after catch . . . breaks tackles . . . captain of college team and

good leader . . . a student of the game . . . aggressive . . . honors: NAIA All-American, AP Small College All-American, lineman of the year Carolina Conference . . . played on South squad in North-South Game . . . caught 224 passes for 3486 yds. and 31 TDs in 4 years at Elon . . . Caught 2 passes rookie year, both 16 yds. and both TDs . . . Expected to challenge for starting position in 1971. Residence: Roanoke, Va.

the green and gold's 1961 and '62 title drives under the late Vince Lombardi. Dan Devine and his coaching staff, although a trifle more restrained in their assessment for obvious reasons, likewise have been collectively impressed with Richard's awesome assets, which have won him the starting assignment over departed John Hilton in Sunday's NFL opener against the New York Giants. Significantly, his biggest booster is the man who knows him best, passing game coach Bob Schnelker. "Rich has size, tremendous speed, ability and agility, great hands and he is physically tough," says the lanky ex-Giant, who is well aware that tight end has been a problem position for the Packers ever since Kramer played out his option and moved on to Detroit just prior to the 1965 season. Schnelker, in fact, is in no small measure responsible for McGeorge's presence in Green Bay. Rich, then performing for little Elon College in North Carolina, first came to the

Packers' attention in the fall of 1969 through talent scout Lou Anderson. After seeing him in action, Anderson submitted a glowing report to Personnel Director Pat Peppler but suggested he get another opinion. Peppler accordingly relayed Anderson's dossier to Schnelker, who then personally scouted McGeorge and came away with a similarly lofty appraisal. He subsequently was drafted in the first round, even though such luminaries as Steve Zabel and Jim Mandich were available, a decision which looks better with each passing week...**COULDN'T BLOCK:** The 6-foot-4, 235-pound Virginian had only, one problem when he checked into Packer training camp a year ago, but it was one of some concern for a tight end...he couldn't block. Only, however, because he had never been required to at Elon, where he caught the incredible total of 224 passes during four varsity seasons. This deficiency apparently has been overcome, in spades, judging by his performance in last Friday night's 20-14 victory over Buffalo in the Packers' pre-season finale. On one play, a 19-yard sweep by Dave Hampton, McGeorge maintained contact with the Bills' strong side linebacker for 10 yards, then cut him down with a crunching block. There is an indication too, that the 23-year-old sophomore also is a money player. He caught only two passes as a rookie, both for touchdowns. And he is a perfectionist, an attribute which is indispensable to excellence. He was the Packers' leading receiver against Cincinnati two weeks ago with five receptions for 55 yards, but he remembered the one he had failed to catch. "I only count the ones I miss," he said.

LEAKING LAMBEAU TO DRIP NO MORE

SEPT 16 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) — Packer fans in Sections 9, 11, 27 and 29 at Lambeau Field Sunday, might notice some strange material over some of the cement during the Pack-Giant football game. Parts of these sections will be covered with a membrane of Scotchlad, a synthetic rubber-like product which is part of a preventative program to effectively waterproof the stadium. The 13 years of exposure has resulted in a movement in the structure by natural expansion and contraction. This movement is caused by moisture seeping into the weathered structure and then freezing and melting. A three-step waterproofing program began this fall with the remaining part of the process coming in 1972 and 1973. The work will be done by the contracting firm of Western Waterproofing Company, Inc. of St. Louis through their Minneapolis office. A similar program has just been completed at the Notre Dame Stadium.

PACK HAS CHANGED IN JUST ONE YEAR

SEPT 16 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) — A man who is both precise and purposeful, Dan Devine has proceeded with admirable deliberation and restraint in revamping the Packers, a somewhat inartistic 6-8 in the National Football League's Central Division a year ago. Yet, though he has said from the outset he is not embarked upon a crash program, the 1971 Packers will have a decidedly different look in Sunday's season opener against the New York Giants at Lambeau Field than they did on the same sod a year ago at this point. Six members of the probable starting lineup were not in evidence when the green and gold debuted against Detroit's anti-social Lions last September with stunning, 40-0 consequences...**INVOLUNTARY CHANGE:** One change, admittedly, has been involuntary. Bart Starr, only Wednesday listed as one of the seven who will remain on the taxi squad, was not available to him because of recent shoulder surgery. But the other moves are entirely of DD's own making. In addition to the re-acquired Zeke Bratkowski at quarterback, they will find rookie John Brockington opening at fullback and sophomore Rich McGeorge at tight end in place of Jim Grabowski and John Hilton, respectively both of whom have been released. Defensively, Jim Carter will be a prowl at middle linebacker, where Ray Nitschke has held forth since supplanting Tom Bettis in 1960, towering Clarence (Clancy) Williams on duty at left end and Alvin Matthews at right cornerback, Bob Jeter's former station. Devine also has presided at one relocation in the front four. It finds Bob Brown at right tackle instead of left end, where he opened the 1970 season, and Mike McCoy, rapidly developing into a devastating performer, at left tackle where the departed Rich Moore crouched a year ago. There is the possibility of a seventh change, which could involve Dave Hampton starting ahead of Donny Anderson at running back, but Devine indicated he is leaning toward the Golden Palomino. "We'll probably start Donny," he said following Wednesday's lengthy workout, conducted under benevolently sunny skies. "I think Hampton would have to beat him out more than he has to get the starting assignment...Donny played very well in both games he got hurt in, you know (against Oakland and Buffalo)...He looked particularly good against Oakland before he got hurt. At fullback, I think we'll go with Brockington. Perry Williams has been playing well, though...I admire Perry's attitude." Devine is less certain about the identity of his placekicker, which continues to be a matter of concern, largely because incumbent Dave Conway is suffering from a pulled hamstring in his kicking leg and has yet to demonstrate under game conditions that he can kick off into the end zone...**NEED PUNTER:** "We may not have this thing decided until tomorrow," the Packer leader said. With Wednesday's

release of recent candidates Jeff White and George Jakowenko, the situation has narrowed to Conway and taxi squad tenants Lou Michaels and Tim Webster. The decision here will affect another area of the kicking game, Devine noted. "If Conway can't kick field goals, we'd have to activate Ken Duncan as our second punter...We'll go with Donny Anderson as number one. Duncan actually is our second best punter, but if Conway is available, he'll be our number two punter going into the game. Forty people are forty people...THREE HOUR MEETING: The taxi squad had to be reduced from 11 to seven by 3 p.m. today and the moves all revolved around the "kicking thing." "We had a three hour personnel meeting just on that subject," Devine said. "Seven coaches times three hours, that's 21 hours we could have spent on beating the Giants." The decision to retain Starr on the taxi squad has been interpreted as a vote of confidence in Mr. Quarterback's 1971 future. Starr, who has just completed the first month of convalescence from a second shoulder operation, is convinced he will be able to perform before the season has run its course. At the moment, his physical activities are confined to jogging around the perimeter of the practice field and mild rehabilitative exercises with the shoulder in the training room...PACKER PATTERN: Lou Michaels, gradually rounding into shape, was kicking off into the end zone consistently during Wednesday's practice, which saw Gary Lane portray Giant quarterback Fran Tarkenton for the benefit of the Packer defense...Dave Robinson, who suffered a broken bone in his right wrist in last Friday's game, is wearing a cast encased in foam rubber for practice purposes. Under NFL rules, it will have to be inspected and approved by game officials Sunday before he will be permitted to play...Devine took linebacker Fred Carr aside at one point for a special session on tackling technique. With Randy Winkler lined up to block Carr's path, Devine held forth at "quarterback," simulating the snap from center with ball in hand. Once having cleared Winkler, Carr then zeroed in to embrace the portable tackling dummy in the approved manner.

NEW YORKERS VERY PUZZLED BY 0-6 MARK

SEPT 16 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The New York Giants' 0-6 record in National Football League pre-season play has been described as "very puzzling." The author of the appraisal is Don Smith, veteran public relations director of the Giants, who delivered it Wednesday following his arrival in Titledown to brief Packerland on the green and gold's opposition in their National Football League bow at Lambeau Field Sunday afternoon. "Maybe we're not as good as our 9-5 record of last year would suggest," Smith conceded, "but we're not that bad." Attempting to assess the causes, he reported that quarterback Fran Tarkenton has voluntarily assumed a substantial portion of the responsibility...HITS 43 PER CENT: "He said the other day, 'When you don't move the ball, you have to blame the quarterback, so I guess I'll have to take the blame.' And Fran has not had a good pre-season. He has only a 43 per cent completion record at this point, compared to a lifetime of 54 per cent." The Giants scored just 58 points during the exhibition campaign, only 10 in their last two starts, 30-7 and 20-3 losses to the Cleveland Browns and Pittsburgh Steelers, respectively. "The offensive line has been bad," Smith noted, "and we haven't had Ron Johnson, who was our total offense last year and gained over 1,000 yards rushing, because of an injury. Webster (Coach Alex) also did a lot of experimenting with the offensive line."...FRAN WALKS OUT: Smith added, "It's been a funny camp. First Tarkenton walked out over a salary dispute. Then Dick Shiner walked out and demanded to be traded. Then we traded Dick Buzin, our regular right tackle last year, to the Rams for Joe Taffoni and Taffoni retired, so we wind up with nothing in that exchange. Basically, we just haven't been able to generate any offense...The defense, on the other hand, has come along. It hasn't played that badly." One encouraging development, Smith reported, has been the play of ex-Packer Junior Coffey, who apparently has beaten out Tucker Frederickson at running back. "Junior had a torn Achilles tendon, which kept him out all of last season and they brought him along slowly this year," he said, "but he has been a standout in our last two games. In fact, although he played only two games, he was our leading ground gainer in the pre-season."...OUTSTANDING BACKS: As might be expected, however, Packer Coach Dan Devine is disinclined to accept the Giants' winless pre-season record at face value. "It's true that they didn't win an exhibition game," he conceded, "but they haven't played Spider Lockhart (a starting safety) and they haven't played a lot of people. As far as personnel is concerned, they have four outstanding backs in Tucker Frederickson, Junior Coffey, Bobby Duhon and Rocky Thompson. And I saw Fran Tarkenton butcher St. Louis last year. At that time, I might add, I thought St. Louis was the best defensive team I'd ever seen in the NFL. They had a string of something like five shutouts going. Defensively, they also have some good people. Jim Files, even though he is only in his second year, may be the best middle linebacker in the league...ODD ALIGNMENT: "Tactically, they've done everything in the exhibition season - they've played a 4-3 defense, a 4-3 overshifted and a 4-3 undershifted, a 4-4 and a 5-1...and what I call an eagle defense. It's exactly the same alignment I used at Missouri for 13 years. It's an odd alignment. They blitz Files a lot, and

Donny Anderson

Running Back—Texas Tech

Height 6-3, Weight 210

Born in Borger, Texas, May 16, 1943

6th year in pro ball . . .
 Drafted first as future in 1964
 . . . Consensus All-American
 for two years . . . Sporting
 News Co-Player of the Year
 1965 . . . In 30 games rushed
 526 times for 2280 yds., caught
 105 passes for 1327 yds. and 12
 TDs, punted 149 times for 38.2
 yd. ave., returned 56 kickoffs
 for 1309 yds., scored 28 TDs
 for career total of 168 points .
 . . All-SWC three years . . .
 SWC Back of the Year 1964
 and 1965 . . . Outstanding
 player of 1965 Gator and Hula
 Bowl games . . . Physical
 Education Major . . . Used
 mainly on kickoff and punt re-
 turn teams in 1966 . . . Broke
 into starting lineup midway
 through 1967 season . . .
 Scored 4 TDs in first starting
 assignment against Cleveland
 in 1967. Packers leading rush-
 er in 1968 and 1970 . . . played
 in 1969 Pro Bowl Game . . .
 Voted Most Valuable Packer
 Back by Wis. Pro Football
 Writers in 1968 . . . An MVP
 on offense in 1970 . . . Missed
 early part of 1969 season with
 broken ribs . . . Had best day
 of career vs. Falcons in 1969
 rushing 18 times for 114 yards
 and 1 TD . . . NFC's fourth
 leading rusher in 1970. Resi-
 dence: Dallas, Texas.

Ray Nitschke

Middle Linebacker—Illinois
Height 6-3, Weight 240
Born in Elmwood Park, Ill.,
Dec. 29, 1934

14th year in pro ball . . .
 Packers third round draft
 choice in 1957 . . . Played full-
 back at Illinois, carrying 79
 times for a 6.5 yard ave. . . .
 Physical Education Major . . .
 Missed several games in 1961
 due to military service . . .
 Voted MVP of Championship
 game of 1962 in Yankee Sta-
 dium against Giants . . .
 Broke arm against Lions on
 Thanksgiving Day 1963 . . .
 AP and UPI All-Pro 1964, UPI
 All-Pro 1965 and AP, UPI,
 and NEA All-Pro 1966 . . . 2
 interceptions for 44 yards in
 1966 . . . 1 interception for 20
 yd. TD vs. Lions in 1967 . . .
 Credited with 9 tackles
 against Oakland in AFL-NFL
 Title Game in 1968 . . . Voted
 most outstanding linebacker
 for 1967 by NFL players . . . 2
 interceptions in 1968, including
 game saving theft against
 Bears in season finale . . .
 Named to the NFL's All 50
 Year Team as the outstanding
 linebacker. Residence: Green
 Bay, Wisconsin.

he's a very fine blitzer. As I said, Lockhart hasn't played but we expect to see the safety blitz, too." Devine admitted the New York defense could profit from the advice of former Packer offensive line coach Ray Wietecha, who scouted the Bays for the Giants in their last two exhibition appearances.

TARKENTON VENTURES, INC.

SEPT 17 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – In pursuit of the almighty dollar, now firmly established as the national pastime, it is possible to overlook a fundamental point. Particularly for the "diversified" professional athlete, who finds himself involved in assorted off-the-field enterprises, all of which require at least minimal amounts of his time and energy. With such concerns vying for his attention, it is easy for said performer to forget the fact it was his athletic talents, and the vigorous exercise thereof, that made it all possible. There are those who have made this assessment in the case of Francis Asbury Tarkenton, who will be presiding over the New York Giants' offense in Lambeau Field Sunday afternoon. Francis, it may be remembered, walked out of the Giants' training camp immediately prior to their pre-season opener and following an obviously unsatisfactory financial discussion with club owner Wellington Mara. As far as can be determined, the primary issue was not salary but a \$500,000, no-interest loan Tarkenton was seeking in behalf of his commercial projects. . . . SPREAD HIMSELF THIN: The suggestion, at the time, was that Francis had spread himself a trifle thin. This is not hard to understand, in the wake of a report on Tarkenton's corporate involvement by Don Smith, the Giants' eternally dapper publicity director. "Fran has become a wealthy man, thanks to pro football," he says. "He has amalgamated his business interests in a holding company, Tarkenton Ventures, Inc., which employs over 30 people, including an attorney, Tom Joiner, to whom Fran reportedly pays more than \$40,000 a year. "Fran also has investments that include a 50-unit apartment house and 5 acres of land near Atlanta. Tarkenton Ventures, Inc., involves two franchises, one of them a chain of fast-food restaurants called, appropriately, 'Scrambler's Eating Village.' "The second and by far the more important financial commitment is Learning Foundations International, which has been described by one of its founders as '...a tutorial program of individually prescribed instructions which is electronically presented.' Tarkenton's group already has invested over half a million in this concept." . . . EFFICIENCY GOES DOWN: Although Francis returned to camp after a one-week absence, Smith admits Tarkenton's brief sabbatical "hurt the team, there's no question about it." How much is not readily measured, but the Giants went 0-6 in exhibitions - after forging a 9-5 record in 1970 competition and coming within titillating range of a division championship for the first time since 1962. Judging from his pre-season performance, it also did not have a particularly salutary effect upon Francis, who emerged

with a mere 43 per cent passing efficiency record, compared to a career mark of 54.2 which ranks him a lofty fifth in the NFL's all-time figures. Despite his obvious interest in matters financial, Tarkenton is quick to insist they are forgotten when he sets cleat upon the football field. "You talk money before training camp opens," he said, "but once they blow that whistle, money has no place in a pro's mind. The motivating force then is the desire to be an accomplished athlete who does his job well." This, the Packers strongly suspect, is the Fran Tarkenton they will be seeing Sunday afternoon.

TWO KICKERS AGAINST GIANTS?

SEPT 17 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Dan Devine, whose puckish sense of humor is seldom far below the surface, removed his coaching cap and emitted a dry chuckle. "All I did," he said, "is confuse the issue this morning." The typically candid observation had come only minutes after the conclusion of Thursday's Packer practice, climaxed by a kickoff coverage session under DD's ever watchful eye. "There is no doubt but what we've got some people who kick better kickoffs and others who kick better field goals," he said. "Now we just have to make a decision," Devine said, having witnessed the best efforts of aspirants Dave Conway, Lou Michaels and Tim Webster. "And we have to make it within the next hour or so because the taxi squad cutdown deadline is 3 o'clock our time. . . . 90-MINUTE MEETING: "It has to be based on something, of course, and I don't think it should be based on just Sunday's opener against the Giants. Whoever we get, though, I'll have a lot of faith in him." Ninety minutes later Devine emerged from a personnel meeting with his coaching staff to announce that the Packers would go into National Football League action with a necessary but unaccustomed luxury...two placekicking specialists. "Dave Conway will kick the extra points and field goals but Lou Michaels probably will do the kickoffs," he said. "That (activation of Michaels), probably will be one of the moves we will make for Sunday's game." Conway, an ex-Dallas Cowboy, has been commendably consistent from short to medium range, connecting on six of seven field goal attempts ranging up to 39 yards, and seven-for-seven in conversion attempts. But his kickoffs generally have been short of the mark. . . . REACHING END ZONE: Michaels, returning to football after a one-year layoff, in contrast has been reaching the end zone with regularity in practice this week. The kicking decision, Devine explained, had been the key to reducing the taxi squad to the regular season limit. Since Conway also has been considered the No. 2 punter, his status obviously was highly pertinent, affecting that of punter Ken Duncan as well as fellow placekickers Webster and Michaels. Once this matter was resolved, Webster was cut from the taxi squad along with quarterback Gary Lane. Kevin Hunt, who recently underwent knee surgery, was placed on injured reserve, meaning he will be out for the season. Then center Wimpy Winther, who had been

on the active roster, was placed on waivers, leaving the active roster at 39 and the taxi squad one over the normal complement at eight. This numerical imbalance, Personnel Director Pat Peppler explained, was no cause for alarm since it doesn't make any difference how many you have active and how many taxied as long as you control only 47 players. He didn't say so, but it is likely to be a very temporary condition since Cal Withrow is expected to be activated before Sunday as a backup man for center Kenny Bowman. There may be other moves before then, as well. In fact, there may be another cut since indications this morning were that Winther had not been claimed by any other team and that the Packers hoped to find taxi room for him. Withrow's fellow taxi squad tenants at this point are defensive tackle Jim DeLisle, running back Elijah Pitts, wide receiver Mike Carter, guard Randy Winkler, Duncan, Michaels and quarterback Bart Starr. Rookie wide receiver Sam Dickerson, newest addition to the roster, is the most likely candidate to be taxied when Michaels is activated. Asked if the placekicking decision indicated Conway and Michaels are likely to continue sharing the assignment on a permanent basis, Devine replied, "That's the way it sits right now." On another cutdown matter, the retention of three quarterbacks on the active roster (Zeke Bratkowski, Scott Hunter and Frank Patrick), he said, "With Zeke's physical condition, we have to carry three quarterbacks. He's 39-years-old, you know, plus he hurt his back warming up for a game a few weeks ago...So we really have to carry three quarterbacks." In this connection, Devine said Bratkowski definitely will start against the Giants. Earlier in the week, he had indicated there was a possibility Hunter would draw the assignment. Obviously somewhat more relaxed after the day's manifold maneuvers had been completed, "Devine admitted, "I'm happy it's all over...and I think we have utilized the personnel rules to our best advantage. At least, I feel that we have. We feel these are our best 47 players." He chuckled and appended, "For a guy new to the league, I guess we've utilized just about every avenue that could have been used. And we've spent a lot of hours on personnel that I hope we won't have to do in the future."...PACKER PATTERN: Devine has been impressed with the practice performance of newcomer Al Randolph, the veteran safetyman acquired in last week's trade with the 49ers. "I haven't seen him in a game, of course, but I like him," he said Thursday. "I like everything he does." Randolph, a six-year performer, will back up starters Willie Wood and Doug Hart. Devine, convinced his team is in fine psychological fettle as well as optimum physical condition, described the day's practice as "a good workout, but it was not as long as some of the others...That was my design." This last was a reference to the fact he wants his team to be fresh for the opener...The Giants, beginning their third season under former star halfback Alex Webster, are scheduled to arrive at Austin Straubel Field at approximately 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. They will headquarter at the Hotel Northland...New York will feature a familiar face up front. It belongs to ex-Packer Bob Hyland, who will be running at left guard. Hyland, who started all 14 games at center for the Bears last year, was acquired by the Giants from the Bears earlier in the week. The Packers traded him to the Bears in January of 1970, along with LeeRoy Caffey and Elijah Pitts, for the draft rights of Mike McCoy.

DEVINE NOT 'SNOWED' BY TALK OF GIANT INJURIES

SEPT 18 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - "The team that limps into town rides out with the champagne." The author of this intriguing pronouncement is Dan Devine, who was prompted to wax philosophical by a recitation of the New York Giants' physical woes in a Friday morning newspaper. "This may be my first league game," said DD, who makes his official National Football League coaching debut in Sunday's opener at Lambeau Field, "but all this malarkey about the Giants being hurt isn't snowing me any. We've got some injuries ourselves but we just haven't mentioned them," he further volunteered immediately following the day's exertions. "Donny Anderson and Dave Hampton are limping - in fact, I'll bet they are hurt worse than the Giants' Junior Coffey and Tucker Frederickson - and we didn't practice with John Brockington at all today because he has a sore leg. I expect he'll play with a sore leg," he pointedly observed, "just like I expect their guys will play with whatever they have. We also have one linebacker with a broken bone in his right wrist (Dave Robinson) and another with a pulled muscle (Jim Carter). In other words, two of our three starting linebackers are hurt...TARKENTON TO PLAY: "And as far as Fran Tarkenton's not having played well in the pre-season is concerned, I'm sure the Fran Tarkenton we'll see here Sunday afternoon isn't the guy we've been seeing on film. The last time I saw Tarkenton, he was quarterback for the University of Georgia and he beat my Missouri team in the Orange Bowl following the 1959 season. "In that game, he rolled outside the containment and threw to a back who had been

Bob Brown

Defensive End — Arkansas A.M. & N.

Height 6-7, Weight 265

Born in Bonita, La., Feb. 23, 1940

6th year in pro ball . . . Free agent who played 1964 and 1965 seasons with Wheeling Ironment of Continental League . . . Played 8 games for Toronto in Canadian League in 1965 . . . Had tryouts with 49ers in 1964 and '65, lasting until last cuts . . . Started first game against Lions in 1966 for Packers . . . Broke both arm and leg during 1968 season and missed 8 entire League games. Started or played in most of remaining 6 games at both tackle and end . . . Played defensive end in 1969 and returned to defensive tackle in 1970 . . . Excels on short yardage situations. Residence: W. Memphis, Ark.

Dave Hampton

Running Back — Wyoming

Height 6-0, Weight 210

Born in Ann Arbor, Mich., May 7, 1947

3rd Year in pro ball . . . drafted ninth from Wyoming where he was All-WAC selection senior year . . . 4.7 speed in 40 in gear . . . average 5.5 yds. per carry senior year and 4.8 overall . . . teamed with AFL Rookie of Year Jim Kiick . . . Packers second ground gainer in 1969 pre-season and 3rd in regular season . . . rated best conditioned athlete on squad in 1969 . . . Voted by Wis. Pro Football Writers as Most Valuable Rookie in 1969 . . . Sidelined for 8 weeks with abdominal abcess in 1970 . . . Collapsed on sidelines after returning game winning kickoff 101 yards against Vikings . . . Returned and started last 3 games of season. Residence: Milwaukee, Wis.

Scott Hunter

Quarterback
6-2, 205

University of Alabama

Very accurate passer who has operated under pro type system as starter since sophomore year . . . good strong pro arm . . . picture passer . . . played in Senior Bowl. Born: 11-19-47 (present age 23) Pritchard, Alabama.

Dave Davis

Wide Receiver
6-0, 175

Tennessee A & I

4.6 speed in gear in 40 . . . good athlete despite frail look . . . excellent baseball player . . . good pattern runner with quickness and fine moves . . . good quickness . . . jumps well. Born: 7-5-48 (present age 22) Alcoa, Tennessee.

knocked down. He found him in the end zone for the winning touchdown. "He's been a great quarterback in the NFL, too, and a starter for a long time. On the other hand, we're playing a guy who hasn't played in two years (Zeke Bratkowski) and a sixth round draft choice (Scott Hunter) at quarterback." Having pondered this comparison briefly, Devine asserted, "We're the team people should be feeling sorry for. They had a 9-5 record last year and a heckuva football team. The team that limps into town rides out with the champagne," he added. "I'd rather limp into town, if I had a choice... You get people who give you optimum performances."...**PACKER PATTERN:** Devine announced that placekicker Lou Michaels and center Cal Withrow will be activated for Sunday's game. With 39 presently on the active roster, one below normal strength, this will necessitate only one deactivation, he said, adding that wide receiver Sam Dickerson will be taxed to reach the 40-man limit. The left-footed Michaels, who will be trying his toe in a game for the first time in behalf of the Packers, will handle the kickoff assignment, Devine said. Rookie Dave Conway will kick any extra point or field goal attempts... Huge Bill Hayhoe, currently understudying Francis Peay and Dick Himes at tackle, remained after practice to toil at center under the supervision of assistant coach Don Doll. "We're working Bill as a third center," Devine noted... Placekicker Tim Webster and center Richard (Wimpy) Winther continued to practice with the team, although placed on waivers Thursday. "Both of them basically are still members of the squad," Devine explained. "We don't know if they've even been claimed. And, under the rules, they don't have to leave until Monday. We never send anyone home, anyway, until the waiver period has ended... It's just a normal procedure." It is assumed either one, or both, eventually may be added to the taxi squad if they go unclaimed... Although more than a few eyebrows were raised when the Packers dipped into the college ranks to hire Devine as head coach and general manager, the new issue of "Pro Football Annual" suggests the biggest surprise had to be that he wasn't lured into the NFL earlier. "Devine attracted pro scouts as far back as 1957, an incredible year in which three separate players in his Arizona State backfield finished in the top seven scorers in the nation (Mulgado 1st, Burton 2nd, Belland 7th)," PFA observed. "In that same undefeated season, Devine found himself facing a fired-up COP (now Pacific) team which had tied Red Sanders' UCLA Bruins the week before. In just five days, Devine completely re-worked his multiple offense to use a balanced line and

unbalanced left (he had used only unbalanced right until then), with change-ups in the backfield formations that bordered on the kaleidoscopic. The offense executed as if it had never run anything else. By halftime the game was a rout, with Arizona State leading in yardage gained, at that point, by a margin over 300. The final score was 41 to 0."

DEVINE NOT DIVINE ERA BEGINS

SEPT 18 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The countdown is nearing zero. The Devine Era will be launched Sunday. Now get that straight. It's the Devine Era... not the Divine Era. That's important. The man's name is Devine and all the bumper sticker insinuations to the contrary, he is merely a man. Nevertheless he is the man to whom thousands of us have entrusted our hopes. He is the maharajah, the major domo, the high priest. But he is merely Devine not Divine. His job is not an enviable one for any mortal. He must make the Packers winners. In words it's that simple. Indeed, however, it is complex enough to challenge even one of Divine rather than Devine origins. But Daniel John Devine has not only accepted the challenge he is attacking it with vigor and with tactics that have caused a few eyebrows to lift among Packer Backers who presumed themselves knowledgeable. All through the preliminaries which have included multi-personnel maneuvers and multi-experiments Daniel John Devine has declared that only what happens Sept. 19 and thereafter counts. Tomorrow is Sept. 19. Tomorrow it begins counting. And though it may be trite it's rather exciting to witness the beginning of a new era. After all in the 52 past years of Packer football there have been only six coaching eras. It's a proud past filled with golden moments some glittering some tarnished... but always rich with tradition. It's that tradition along with a coat of optimism for the future and pockets full of plain pressure that Dan Devine will don Sunday.

GIANTS PLACE TWO ON ROSTER

SEPT 18 (New York) - The New York Giants activated wide receiver Don Herrmann and offensive lineman Steve Alexakos Friday for Sunday's National Football League opener at Green Bay. Herrmann, a starter last year, has been out with a broken collarbone. Alexakos was picked up during the exhibition season as a free agent. To make room for the two additions, the Giants put quarterback Ed Baker on the move list and placed rookie wide receiver Coleman Zeno on their taxi squad.

SCOUTING REPORTS: GIANTS VS. PACKERS

SEPT 19 (New York Daily News) - Oddly, Giants scouts report that this Packer team, in many respects, is more conservative than the old Vince Lombardi powerhouses. It's not nearly as good, of course, but under Dan Devine, the Packers lean heavily on muscle, ball control and no-gimmick defenses. In fact, says The Scout, the Packers are so conservative, they're stereotyped in many of their assignments. It is this straight-laced style that offers the Giants with an opportunity for victory, provided they shed the shoddy training habits. The Giants won nine games last year with the new-look-every-Sunday, with multi-offense, men-in-motion, and spring-the-unexpected. They'll need that opportunism this afternoon. Defensively, the Packers have their weaknesses. Ray Nitschke, at middle linebacker, for example, isn't the old man eater any more. His sub, Jim Carter, is tough, but erratic. Their cornerbacks, Ken Ellis and Al Matthews, are second-year men. Dave Robinson, the

left linebacker, missed last season because of a ruptured Achilles heel. Facing a pair of experienced safeties like Willie Wood and Doug Hart, the Giants should have a better chance of throwing short to their wide receivers and isolating their backs on linebackers. This might not prove too tough if the Giants could muster a running game. But their line is makeshift and their runners have hardly looked like Ron Johnson. On offense, the Packers have good running backs, though starting fullback John Brockington is susceptible to normal rookie mistakes. Zeke Brathkowski, 39 and returning from a two-year layoff, probably will start at QB because of his experience...**KEY MATCHUPS:** Cornerback Bennie McRae, who missed the training season, vs. Packer receivers Carroll Dale and John Spilis; Willie Wood, the master interceptor, vs. Fran Tarkenton; Fran Peay, ex-Giant, vs. Fred Dryer; Jerry Shay vs. Gale Gillingham, All-Pro guard; Charlie Harper, just shifted to offensive right tackle, vs. DE Clarence Williams, Bob Hyland, just shifted to guard, vs. DT Bob Brown.

FUZZY SEES NEW TITLE ERA DEVELOPING

SEPT 19 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – On one of my frequent visits to the Packer training camp, a friend commented, "You know, Fuzzy, winners or losers, watching the Pack workout thrills the daylights out of me every time I come out here – and I've seen them all, Lambeau to Devine. I sometimes wonder what it is?" I had to admit to my friend that whatever it was, it got me too. I've spent the last three years enjoying the fruits of being a Green Bay Packer fan. The sheer experience of following, cheering, living and dying with the Pack as a fan has become one of the great things in my life. I worried when I retired as a Packer in 1968 that the love and fascination of the Pack's Golden 60s would be greatly missed. This concern never materialized. The rewards of the 60s have grown considerably and will continue as the present Packers tackle the 70s. Reflecting on my friend's observation, I look back at the other great eras in Green Bay's history - the 30s, the 40s. I can see another great era in formation. The reason - tradition. By far, the main reason the Green Bay Packers will have great teams again is the rich tradition that has been built through the years. The team has won and the team has lost. It will do both again. It will get another championship. The Pack is on the brink of another winning cycle for a number of substantial reasons. The retooling job is nearly completed. Coach Dan Devine has exhibited an amazing ability in pulling together the ingredients for a successful 1971 and ensuing seasons. Students of football who have watched the progress of this 1971 training period quickly admit that the start of a new era is in the making. Let me tell you why I am excited about the Green Bay Packers today. In my opinion, (and I admit to partiality, having been an offensive guard) during the past eight weeks there has been a tremendous improvement in the offensive line. My ex-teammates Paul Hornung and Jimmy Taylor will vouch for the importance of a good blocking line. It is obvious to me that the Packers have done the job up front since the start of training camp. In addition to age and experience, Green Bay has always added five or six rookies to the squad, providing the enthusiasm and youth which is an important part of winning football. This year we have a large number of rookies, all of whom are some of the best new players to wear the Packer colors in years. These players will be a most valuable source of this youth and enthusiasm. Although thin in depth, the defensive line has shown great improvement, especially with the excellent mix of experience and the development of the younger lineman. The kicking game is a problem. However, the special teams are typical of the aggressive Packer units of previous years. Perhaps the most exciting positions in the Packer lineup are the offensive and defensive backfields. Both units, including the linebackers, are among the finest in the NFL. The word around the league describing these Packer strengths is "extraordinary." Packer fans are prone to worry about the quarterbacking. We fail to see that. In addition to the presence of the winningest quarterback of all time on the sidelines, we have an old and wise pro on the field along with a most exciting rookie working into the slot. The Packers' passing game (receivers included) plus this on-the-field direction is among the best in the league. I would like also to remind my friends who are Packer fans that we have a genuine success oriented man leading the way. Coach Devine and his staff can swing with any other staff in the NFL. Their dedication and talent has been obvious throughout the training season. So let's face it - with all these things going for us, plus that great tradition, (more championships than any other team) we have a great shot at No. 1 again.

CAN THE PACK COME BACK, DAN DEVINE?

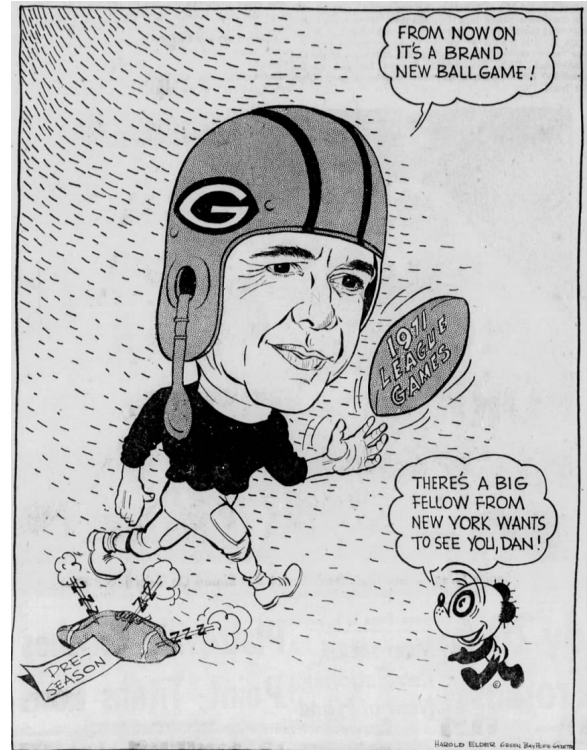
SEPT 19 (Chicago Tribune) - It has been four years since Vince Lombardi, who took the Green Bay Packers to the promised land, stepped down as their prophet. The champions of the 1960s have fallen on bad times. Last year Green Bay was an ordinary football team. Six victories and eight defeats meant the end of Phil Bengtson. Now it's Dan Devine's turn to face

John Brockington

Running Back
6-1, 225
Ohio State

Top rated fullback in the nation according to CEPO scouting combine. The big, durable back the Packers have been seeking . . . runs 40 in 4.5 seconds . . . explosive start . . . high school All-American . . . consensus All-American . . . has developed into first rate blocker . . . good pass receiver . . . characterized by scouts as "very aggressive with sav-

age determination" . . . fine character . . . married with one child . . . has played in two Rose Bowls and Hula Bowl . . . All Big Ten . . . Sporting News, Football News, UPI All-American . . . NEA second team All-American . . . Time Magazine All-American . . . returned 3 kick-offs sophomore year for 17.6 yard average . . . set Ohio State record for yards gained senior year with 104.1. Born: 9-7-48 (present age 22) Brooklyn, New York.





Jim Dooley



Dan Devine

The 'Black and Blue' Division

"... It seems that whether the Bears are excellent or awful, they appear destined for a third-place finish."

"Now it's Dan Devine's turn to face victory-conditioned Green Bay fans."

"The Lions are now one of the powers in the NFL—one of the six best teams in the world."

"Why are the Vikings better? Coaching, organization, experience, and a flair for picking up the odd bargain."



Bud Grant



Joe Schmidt

victory-conditioned Green Bay fans. His material is not over-powering, so the customers will not require miracles right away. Some will be willing to wait...until next year. Devine is an intense, introverted coach who gave Missouri 12 consecutive winning seasons and four bowl game victories. His college record in 16 years as head coach [120 victories, 40 defeats and 8 ties] compares favorably with Lombardi's achievements [141-39-4] at Green Bay. Last year Devine was sitting pretty as king of Missouri. He had everything a coach could ask for—in addition to being football coach and athletic director, he was a full professor in the college of education. Now Devine, 46, has stepped up to National Football League competition with the same authority that Lombardi had as head coach and general manager. Devine readily admits that his way of running the Packers will be compared to Lombardi's way. "For a while," he says. Yet, he feels that following the legendary Lombardi does not add to the pressure. "I don't want the fans or the players to forget Vince Lombardi," he said. "What he did here is a plus for us."...Devine has no illusions of miracles. He fully realizes that he may have to weather a poor year or two to get things rolling again. "I don't want to completely rebuild." He said. "But if I have to, I'll take that approach. This team lacks overall depth and quickness and there is the quarterback problem." The quarterback problem is one of the classic kind. Since Valentine's Day, Bart Starr, 37, worked daily to rehabilitate his fragile arm. On the second day of training camp, Starr's arm gave out and he had to undergo surgery. He may have played his last game. This meant that Zeke Bratkowski, who will be 40 years old in October, and who had spent the last two years on the sideline as an assistant coach, moved up to No. 1 quarterback. Bratkowski actually was forced into exile a couple years ago when the Packers tried to sneak him thru on waivers. The Minnesota Vikings upset these plans and claimed him. To get Bratkowski back on the active roster, the Packers paid dearly giving up a second round draft choice. Bratkowski says that George Blanda, the 44-year-old sensation of the Oakland Raiders, is the guy who prompted him to consider a comeback. "Last year when we played Oakland," Zeke recalled, "Blanda asked me, 'Why the hell don't you play?' I didn't really mind coaching until the day of the game and then it bothered me I couldn't play. We had some injuries and I'd see situations during a game where I felt I could have helped. But I couldn't. I went around and asked the coaches if they felt I could play. They did. I felt I could. I know my arm's in good shape and I'm physically able. It's just a matter of being mentally ready and I don't see any problem. I think the two years I spent coaching should help me tremendously as a player. I'm going to be well prepared." He had better be. After Bratkowski - help!...The No. 1 backup man is rookie Scott Hunter of Alabama. Behind Hunter is Frank Patrick member him? He is the 6-7 Nebraska stork who was drafted last year as a tight end. Patrick's game experience consists of two quarters of ducking Bear blitzes in a 35-17 loss to Chicago last December. Behind Patrick is Gary Lane, who last played in Canada. "There are only a handful of available people and we would have to destroy our defense to get one," Devine says when asked about getting another quarterback. "I think our defense is great. I don't want to destroy it. I'm not on a crash program. I didn't leave maybe the best coaching job in America to come here and build a one year team. We've got to be sound all over. Frankly, I'm more concerned about other areas." The offensive line lost another illustrious name by retirement-Forrest Gregg. Center Ken Bowman, injury-plagued for three years, is suspect. Mark his shoulders fragile. Dick Himes, beginning his fourth season, steps up to fill Gregg's shoes. Gale Gillingham is the big man in the offensive line, which also includes Guard Bill Lueck and Tackle Francis Peay. They are starting their third year of working as a unit. Green Bay is rich in runners. Devine hopes to start Donny Anderson, coming off his best pro season [853 yards rushing], with John Brockington, the 6-1, 225-pound Ohio State fullback who was the Packers No. 1 draft choice. Brockington will be the most closely watched train on the Green Bay track. But the hottest running prospect is Dave Hampton, who was sidelined eight weeks last season with an abdominal abscess. Carroll Dale, 33, is not the fastest receiver in the league but he picks up steps on defensive backs with know-how. He kept the Packers in business last year with 49 receptions, his most productive season in 11 years....John Spilis is the other wide receiver and he will have to show something in his third pro season or depart. Rich McGeorge, who was a first round draft choice in 1970, is expected to start at tight end. On defense, the Packers can pressure the passers and stop the sweep most of the time, but a green secondary remains flammable on the deep patterns. Lionel Aldridge is the senior member of the front four which has young Mike McCoy and Clarence Williams and Bob Brown, the six-year vet who is coming off his best season. The core of the defense is Devine's linebacking crew. Back is Dave Robinson, nicely healed from Achilles surgery. Back, too, is Fred Carr, rangier and wilder than ever. And pushing Ray Nitschke is Jim Carter, the team's toughest guy. Ken Ellis did an adequate job of stepping in where Herb Adderley stepped out last year. Now Al Matthews, a second year man, has filled in for Bob Jeter on the right corner. Devine may have lowered morale when he let Jeter go. But the coach said, "I can't

lead with my heart." At safeties are Doug Hart and the incomparable Willie Wood. The Lombardi era is over. Dan Devine is only beginning. You can never really judge an ending by a beginning.

GOOD LUCK, 1971 PACKERS

SEPT 19 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – After an exhibition season with both highs and lows, the Green Bay Packers launch their 53rd season this afternoon against the New York Giants in Lambeau Field. The 56,000-plus Packer fans attending the game in person and hundreds of thousands of others who will be following the game on television and radio have spent the pre-league season analyzing, evaluating, criticizing and prognosticating with a fervor which has become the stamp of Packer fans since that day long ago - in 1919 - when the team began its glittering history in pro football. One of the big questions this year is: Can the new Packer regime, under the direction of Head Coach-General Manager Dan Devine, turn the Packers around from average success in the last three seasons to the dominance they enjoyed during most of the other seasons of the decade, including the three league championships in succession and in the first two Super Bowls? The answer cannot be known with certainty, of course. But there are many positive signs that Coach Devine is providing know-how, leadership and inspiration which can lead the Packers on the way back to the top. It may be asking too much for Devine to turn everything around in his first season. But we believe that he has shown in his eminently successful coaching career in college and in his desire and mode of operation since he's been here that he will leave nothing undone to fashion a winning football team. We know that all Packer fans will continue their undivided support which has been so instrumental in the team's storied success in the more than half century which has brought 11 championships to Green Bay. We join millions of Packer fans in wishing Coach Devine and the Packers success in this new season.

MOMENT AT HAND: DEVINE DEBUTS AGAINST GIANTS

SEPT 19 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – "If you are looking for a word for me," Dan Devine has said, "I'll save you the trouble. I'm what you would call a 'fuss-budget.' The little things bother me more than the big ones." Months of his meticulous attention to detail, intermixed with liberal injections of hope and humor, have become history since he volunteered this pithy self-description. The moment of revelation is now at hand. An indication of whether the Packers are truly "Devine," as a profusion of bumper stickers has proclaimed in gleaming green and gold during recent months, will be divulged on the impeccably manicured turf of Lambeau Field this afternoon. Devine, recruited from the University of Missouri campus last January to set about resuscitating the Packers, will submit his team and talents to official National Football League competition for the first time against the New York Giants (1 o'clock, WNEL)...**SEEK SURVIVAL:** A realist who is mindful of last year's 6-8 record, he has said from the outset, "I just hope we can somehow survive this season." But DD, the seventh head coach in Green Bay's 53-year history, also has assured, "My teams always have owned the fourth quarter and so will the Packers." Practically, more than a few questions remain to be answered following 1970's plunge to Central Division depths and a modest 2-4 record in exhibition play this season. But an air of confidence pervades Packerland. The faithful, 56,263 of whom will tax the stadium's capacity, are convinced Devine not only will lead their favorite sons out of the NFL wilderness, but with much greater dispatch than the vast majority of pro football pundits suspect...**TAKES POSITIVE OUTLOOK:** They like his positive approach, recently delineated when he semi-facetiously declared, "My pet play is where the guy in the striped shirt goes like this." Devine simultaneously flashed the official, hands-upraised touchdown signal to illustrate his point. The Giants, a surprising 0-6 in pre-season play, are not the Minnesota Vikings, it's true. But, off their substantial 9-5 record of 1970, the quality of their opposition should establish whether the Packer buffs' burgeoning optimism is warranted. Since the Green Bay defense permitted only 76 points in six exhibitions (nine others resulted from offensive errors), there is an indication the Packers will be able to keep the enemy from scoring with inordinate facility...**OFFENSE HOLDS KEY:** The key to their 1971 future thus would appear to lie on offense, where they will be a "new" quarterback (Zeke Bratkowski) and new starters at tight end (Rich McGeorge) and fullback (rookie John Brockington) in a unit which a year ago finished last in the NFL's Central Division. Bratkowski, returned to combat after two years on the Packer coaching staff, is confident he is ready to assume the quarterbacking burden in the absence of Bart Starr, now recovering from shoulder surgery. "I don't think the time I was out was wasted," he says. "I was throwing against our defense in practice every day during that time and studying the movies, as well as listening to what the offensive coaches were thinking. I feel that it has helped me." Immediately behind him is rookie Scott Hunter, a highly pleasant pre-season surprise, who will be called upon if Bratkowski's occasionally refractory back should send up distress signals...**ADDED SPEED:** Although inexperience could be a temporary handicap to Brockington, the former Ohio State workhorse adds badly needed speed and quickness to the Packer attack. A 4.4 sprinter in the 40-yard dash, he provides breakaway potential that has been lacking in the past. Fortuitously, the running game overall has been imposing in recent weeks. With Donny Anderson

Carroll Dale

Wide Receiver — Virginia Tech

Height 6-2, Weight 200

Born in Wise, Va., on April 24, 1938

12th year in pro ball . . . Drafted in eighth round by Rams in 1960 . . . Look All-American team and NEA Player of the Year in Southern Conference in 1959 . . . Education Major . . . Came to Packers from Rams prior to '65 season for linebacker Dan Currie . . . In 1966 caught 37 for 23.7 yard ave. and 7 TDs . . . Per catch average second highest in League . . . Caught 47 yard TD pass vs. Browns in '65 Title game and 51 yard TD bomb against Dallas in '66 . . . 4 catches for 59 yards against Kansas City and 4 for 43 vs. Oakland in AFL-NFL Title games . . . Most productive year in 1968 with 42 catches for 818 yards and 8 TDs . . . Packers leading scorer in 1968 with 48 points . . . Named to West Pro Bowl Team 1969, 70 and 71 . . . Packers leading receiver in 1969 and 1971 . . . Best day Dec. 12, 1969 vs. Cards when he caught 9 for 195 yds. and 2 TDs . . . Caught winning TD in 1970 Pro Bowl game . . . FCA member . . . Leading active NFC receiver in per catch average . . . Avid outdoorsman and hunter . . . Endorses Super-Touch hand lotion. Residence: Bristol, Tennessee.

Probable Starting Lineups:			
OFFENSE			
NEW YORK		GREEN BAY	
McNeil	WR	Spilis	
Young	LT	Peay	
Hyland	LG	Lueck	
Larson	C	Bowman	
Van Horn	RG	Gillingham	
Harper	RT	Himes	
Tucker	TE	McGeorge	
Herrmann	WR	Dale	
Tarkenton	QB	Bratkowski	
Duhon	RB	Anderson	
Coffey	RB	Brockington	
DEFENSE			
Lurtsema	LE	C. Williams	
Shay	LT	McCoy	
Kanicki	RT	Brown	
Dryer	RE	Aldridge	
Heck	LLB	Robinson	
Files	MLB	J. Carter	
Douglas	RLB	Carr	
McRae	LCB	Ellis	
W. Williams	RCB	Matthews	
Eaton	LS	Hart	
Lockhart	RS	Wood	
Packer-Giant Series			
Packers won 19 Giants 15, 2 tied. Points			
— Packers 537, Giants 480.			

and Dave Hampton parlaying their considerable talents with those of Brockington, the Packers rushed for 279 yards against Cincinnati Sept. 4 and for 169 more against Buffalo a week ago behind a veteran line led by all-pro guard Gale Gillingham. There also should be greater striking power at tight end where McGeorge, a talented second year performer, has supplanted six-year veteran John Hilton. An accomplished blocker and receiver, he has all-pro potential...KICKING A PROBLEM: A less definitive answer has been found to the perennial placekicking problem. Today, rookie Dave Conway and 12-year veteran Lou Michaels, most recently a Baltimore Colt, will share the assignment. Conway will attempt any extra points or field goals while Michaels will handle the kickoff assignment. The defense could be handicapped in its pursuit of the Giants' frequently footloose Fran Tarkenton by an injury to Jim Carter, who has been scheduled to start at middle linebacker. He pulled a muscle in a kickoff coverage drill Thursday, but is expected to play. If the injury is more incapacitating than anticipated, 14-year veteran Ray Nitschke will replace Carter...ROBBIE HAMPERED: Left linebacker Dave Robinson also will be hampered by a broken bone in his right wrist, which has been fitted with a cast encased in foam rubber. If available, Carter will be one of five second year starters in the Packer defense, the others being left and Clarence Williams, left tackle Mike McCoy and cornerbacks Ken Ellis and Al Matthews, the latter the successor to departed Bob Jeter.

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Packers' Final Exhibition Stix

GREEN BAY PACKERS 1971 PRE-SEASON STATISTICS FINAL SIX GAME STATISTICS (2-4-0)

RESULTS		SCORES BY QUARTERS					
PACKERS	OPP.	G.B.	One	Two	Three	Four	Total
0 Bears at Mil. (47,248)	2	13	13	27	20	20	80
13 Stealers at G.B. (56,263)	16	OPP.	17	37	15	14	83
10 Dolphins at Mil. (47,286)	7						
13 Raiders at G.B. (56,263)	17						
24 Bengals at Cinn. (55,477)	27	SCORING	TDR	TDP	FGS	PAT.	PTS
20 Bills at Buffalo (37,301)	14	Conway	0	0	6	7/7	25
		Hampton	3	1	0	0	24
		Livingston*	0	0	2	1/1	7
		Hilton	0	1	0	0	6
		Anderson	1	0	0	0	6
		Davis	0	1	0	0	6
		McGeorge	0	1	0	0	6
TEAM STATISTICS							
84 FIRST DOWNS	78						
41 by RUSHING	33						
39 by PASSING	37						
4 by PENALTY	8						
1581 TOTAL NET YARDS	1343						
364 Total Plays	353						
4.3 Ave Gain Per Off Play	3.8	RUSHING	NO.	YDS	AVE	LONG	TD.
60.7 Ave No. Plays	58.8	Hampton	68	301	4.4	55	3
754 NET YARDS RUSHING	636	Brockington	57	193	3.4	18	0
240 No. Plays Rushing	191	Anderson	38	184	4.8	59	1
3.2 Ave Gain Per Rush	3.3	Williams	33	85	2.6	9	0
727 NET YARDS PASSING	607	Hunter	6	1	-1.2	3	0
860 Gross Yds. Passing	770	Bratkowski	4	38	9.5	13	0
131/57 Attempts/Comp.	145/65	Patrick	4	13	3.3	6	0
43.5 Pct. Comp.	44.9	Krause	4	-5	-1.3	5	0
4 TD. Passing	5	Pitts	2	4	2.0	2	0
5 Had Intercepted	9	Duncan	1	32	32.0	32	0
15/139 Tackled/Yds. Lost	17/163	Robinson	1	0	0	0	0
6.6 Ave Gain Per Att.	5.3						
15.1 Ave Gain Per Comp.	11.8	RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	AVE	LONG	TD.
35/1522 PUNTS/YDS	38/1634	McGeorge	10	132	13.2	22	1
43.5 PUNT AVE.	43.0	Hampton	10	109	10.9	32	1
0 Had blocked	0	Spilis	9	174	19.3	44	0
22/135 PUNT RETURNS/YDS	23/178	Hilton	6	73	12.2	39	1
6.1 Ave Gain Per Ret.	7.7	Dale	5	141	28.2	48	0
6 Fair Catch	5	Anderson	5	42	8.4	12	0
12/277 KICKOFF RETURNS/YDS	19/524	Brockington	4	45	11.3	27	0
23.1 Ave Per Return	27.6	Davis	3	76	25.3	41	1
9/46 INTERCEPTED BY/YDS	5/30	Williams	2	30	15.0	22	0
12/5 FUMBLES/LOST	11/7	Johnson	1	16	16.0	16	0
80 TOTAL POINTS	83	Garrett	1	13	13.0	13	0
8 Touchdowns	10	Pitts	1	9	9.0	9	0
4 Rushing	3						
4 Passing	5	K.O.RET.	NO.	YDS	AVE	LONG	TD.
0 Others	2	Hampton	5	120	24.0	42	0
16/8 FIELD GOAL ATT/MADE	6/4	Krause	5	117	23.4	31	0
FIELD GOALS		V. Robinson	1	23	23.0	23	0
MADE	ATTS.	J. Carter	1	17	17.0	17	0
Conway	6	7	0	39			
Livingston*	2	8	1	49			
Kremser*	0	1	0	0			
DIST.		INTERCEP.	NO.	YDS	AVE	LONG	TD.
UNDER	21-	Hart	4	36	9.0	19	0
31-	41-	Wood	2	4	2.0	0	0
OVER	50	Ellis	2	1	.5	1	0
Conway	0/0	2/2	4/5	0/0	0/0		
Livingston*	0/0	1/2	0/1	1/3	0/1		
Kremser*	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/1	0/0		
		PUNTS	NO.	YDS	AVE.	LONG	
		Anderson	23	969	42.1	52	
		Duncan	12	553	46.1	55	
PUNT RETURNS							
NO.	YDS.	AVE.	LONG	F.C.	TD.		
Ellis	10	58	5.8	15	1	0	
Pitts	6	47	7.8	17	5	0	
Wood	2	17	8.5	17	0	0	
Davis	2	7	3.5	5	0	0	
Hall	1	6	6.0	6	0	0	
V. Robinson	1	0	0	0	0	0	
PASSING		ATT.	COMP.	YDS.	PCT.	TDK/YDS.	TD.
Hunter	62	30	517	48.4	7/50	2	44
Bratkowski	41	20	277	48.8	3/24	2	48
Patrick	28	7	66	25.0	5/49	0	14

* No longer with team.



Greg Landry, Operating Behind A Stout Line, Could Make the Detroit Lions Kings of the NFC Central Jungle in 1971.

A Razor-Thin Edge to Lions—Green

A RAZOR-THIN EDGE TO LIONS-GREEN

SEPT 18 (The Sporting News) - It was with his flair for theatrics that Pete Rozelle, the peerless matchmaker, arranged his schedule for the first episode of the Monday night TV series. Minnesota vs. Detroit... It is theatrical because this is the pivotal game in the NFC Central Division for the entire season. Indeed, these could be the two most powerful teams in the entire conglomerate of pro football locked in a struggle for the same divisional title. Regardless of which team wins this first game and assumes command of the race so early, both winner and loser should ultimately qualify for the Super Bowl playoffs. Both did last year-the Vikings as divisional winners for the third straight year at 12-2 and the Lions as the best second-place club at 10-4. They were eliminated in the first playoff round and now each comes back stronger than before. The Vikings and Lions - or should it be the Lions first and then the Vikings? - again will dominate this harshly physical division where the late-season games are settled on frozen fields. The Chicago Bears, 6-8 last year and on the rise slowly, have the best offensive and defensive individuals in the division, but these two men - Gale Sayers and the incomparable, demoniac Dick Butkus - are damaged by old knee wounds which may not have completely healed. A loss of either would retard the new growth of the Bears...DEVINE HAS PROBLEMS: There is only pathos at Green Bay, where a 6-8 record last year caused the dismissal of Phil Bengtson. Dan Devine, a successful collegiate coach at Missouri, inherited a chaotic situation which immediately worsened. Devine is confronted with a rookie year minus the legendary Bart Starr. Starr, once the nonpareil of quarterbacks, has undergone two operations and can only help with spiritual guidance. So again in the Central it will be Minnesota and Detroit in season-long combat - with the opening-game loser in pursuit. In Detroit, the conversation has been Super Bowl this, and Super Bowl that. Perhaps all this talk has been somewhat premature. But then when the two rivals are compared position by position, player by player, the Lions rate the razor-thin edge. This paper advantage is promptly neutralized by the Vikings' devastating pass rush. "Some teams are willing to bet it all every time they get the ball," said Coach Bud Grant in explaining Minnesota's proven philosophy. "They feel they have to get something on the board. We might take the ball and punch it out to the 35- 'or 38-yard line and then put it down into the other end and tell the defense to get it back. And by doing that, we might be accomplishing our goal...FOES TOOK CHANCES: "I guess a lot of teams had bigger yardage and bigger averages per play than we did. But a lot of teams got the bigger average by gambling - by taking chances. In a given situation, we might be looking for a first down and possession. They might be looking for 40 yards on one play and a chance to get back into the game. One thing about the big averages: They don't

show all of the fumbles and interceptions and the other mistakes that go along with them." The Lions are a more fluid team, much younger and daring on offense, a bit tattered on defense. But despite a disillusioning preseason, the Lions are a good team, a hungry team with the burning desire to overhaul the Vikings. For three years as they became better and better, the Lions had it proved to them that they were not yet as good as the Vikings. Minnesota has won six straight meetings with Detroit heading into Rozelle's carefully planned first Monday game. "I ache to beat them," said Mike Lucci, the Lions' self-designated morale keeper and excellent middle linebacker. All the Lions, ache. Detroit is a team created from wreckage. A five-year plan to build the Lions into winners has produced faster-than-anticipated results. This is the fifth year of the five-year plan. Joe Schmidt was hired in 1967 to handle this team which had been so fraught with guerrilla warfare and internal friction that dissension was its best-known characteristic. Schmidt had only a year's coaching experience as an assistant. He was himself an ex-teammate of many of the mutineers he inherited. Now, in 1971, Schmidt is second in head-coaching tenure in the entire NFC, on the job longer than anybody but Dallas' Tom Landry. "A great deal has been accomplished by this team," Schmidt said. "Do you realize this club won 19 games in the past two years? Take a look at Philadelphia, Washington, Pittsburgh, Chicago. Five years ago, we were all down as pretty bad teams. Those four others are still pretty much down and we've been to the playoffs."...LIONS BUCK UP ATTACK: But while Detroit was winning its 19 in two years, Bud Grant's Vikings were winning 24. Grant talks of bigger yardage, higher averages, the offensive statistics. He mentions no other team by name. But Detroit realistically fits. For a generation, the Lions were defense-oriented. The defense was polarized from the offense. Schmidt eliminated this schism. Last year, the Lions scored 41 touchdowns, most in the club's history. They had the second-ranked productive offense in the NFC, mostly because of their running. Still, the Vikings beat them twice, leaving the Lions in utter heartbreak the second time. But the following week, with young Greg Landry in control at quarterback, the Lions started a sequence in which they had to play four divisional leaders in four weeks. The Lions won them all, then a fifth straight and reached the playoffs, anyway, with a courageous comeback. So now they talk Super Bowl while the less-demonstrative Vikings of the ice-crusted Grant watch, perhaps with confident amusement. "I know everybody I talked to mentions Super Bowl," said Schmidt with candor. "I have to say we have a chance. We're a contender, but we have to be realistic. There could be injuries and other factors. Last year, a guy kicked a 63-yard field goal against us at New Orleans. I don't think that'll ever happen again. But other things we don't expect could happen."...VIKING DEFENSE TOUGH: Defensive statistics are the kind that impress Grant the most. The Vikings were No. 1 in defense last year in the NFC. But Detroit was No. 2 defensively. So again defense cannot be used as a yardstick for conclusively judging the northern rivals. Defense, of course, is the most important aspect of pro football. And the pass rush is the most important aspect of defense. The Lions are not in the same universe as the Vikings when it comes to rushing the passer. That is what will decide the Central Division this year - and maybe every year. The Purple Gang of Carl Eller, Alan Page, Gary Larsen and Jim Marshall cannot be matched. Because of them, the linebackers- Lonnie Warwick, Roy Winston and Wally Hilgenberg-and the defensive backs-Charlie West, Karl Kassulke, Paul Krause and Ed Sharockman - can play a cautious zone defense. There is so much pressure on the passer the Vikings don't blitz very much. Detroit blitzes often and varies its defense from play to play. The pass rush was the Lions' neediest improvement area in training camp - And it is better, but not overpowering. "We got to the passer only 23 times last year," said Schmidt. "So it has to get better." Minnesota got to the passer 49 times, in graphic contrast. If there is one pivotal player of the 160 in the NFC, it would be ancient, sometimes creaking Alex Karras. Now 36, Karras returns embittered by his immobile 1970 season. His knee was so bad he performed on one leg - and the Lions' pass rush was insignificant. Now Karras is much better and very determined. "Two years ago, before I hurt my knee, I was playing the best football of my life," he said. "How can I lose it all so fast? I can't and my knee is feeling the best it ever has." With Karras providing inside pressure, the Lions' line of Larry Hand, Jim Mitchell, Jerry Rush and himself will be considerably more efficient...THREE TOP LINEBACKERS: In the other defensive sections, the Lions' manpower is more talented overall than Minnesota's. But the Lions' defenders have to do much more. The linebacking is excellent with Lucci, Wayne Walker and Paul Naumoff, currently injured and a likely absentee against Minnesota. Lem Barney seems to be back in All-Pro form at cornerback - and the rest of the secondary - interception champ Dick Lebeau, Tom Vaughn and Mike Weger - is capable. Much has been made of Joe Kapp's defection and how it damaged Minnesota last year. Gary Cuozzo was not as inspirational and the Vikings were not quite as potent on offense as their '69 Super Bowl year. But now the Vikings have added veteran Norm Snead from Philadelphia. He is regarded as a Joe Kapp who can pass. They've also obtained Al Denson, from Denver, one of the AFC's better receivers. The Vikings already had Gene Washington on the outside. Minnesota will be able to score lots of touchdowns this year with the field position provided by the defense. "To beat the Vikings, you have to have a flawless game that day," said Schmidt. "The defensive line can ram the ball down your throat. Now with Snead and Cuozzo, they can pass the ball. Snead will be a

NFC Central

Chicago Bears

Sept. 19-PITTSBURGH	1:00
Sept. 26-at Minnesota	1:00
Oct. 3-at Los Angeles	1:00
Oct. 10-NEW ORLEANS	1:00
Oct. 17-at San Francisco	1:00
Oct. 24-at Detroit	1:00
Oct. 31-DALLAS	1:00
Nov. 7-GREEN BAY	1:00
Nov. 14-WASHINGTON	1:00
Nov. 21-DETROIT	1:00
Nov. 29-at Miami	9:00
Dec. 5-at Denver	2:00
Dec. 12-at Green Bay	1:00
Dec. 19-MINNESOTA	1:00

Detroit Lions

Sept. 20-MINNESOTA (EST)	8:00
Sept. 26-at New England	1:00
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Nov. 14-LOS ANGELES	1:00
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Nov. 25-KANSAS CITY	12:00
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Dec. 11-at Minnesota	12:00
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Oct. 31-at New York Giants	1:00
Nov. 7-SAN FRANCISCO	3:00
Nov. 14-GREEN BAY	1:00
Nov. 21-at New Orleans	1:00
Nov. 28-ATLANTA	1:00
Dec. 5-at San Diego	1:00
Dec. 11-DETROIT	12:00
Dec. 19-at Chicago	1:00

different person with a winning team."...SNEAD RATED NO. 1 QB: Grant has been coy about naming Snead ahead of Cuozzo - but everybody knows Snead will be the season's starter. The Lions, too, have something of a dual quarterback situation. Schmidt is inclined toward young Landry over veteran Bill Munson, who lost his job last year. Landry has been hurt some in the preseason and has not been sharp. Munson has been more successful. But Schmidt feels when the games count, Landry tends to generate more offense. With Landry playing, the Lions have only one 30-year-old, guard Chuck Walton, on offense. The unit averages 26 years of age. The Lions' strength has been running with Mel Farr, Altie Taylor and Steve Owens. Minnesota's only other outstanding edge is in wide receiving. Washington and Denson do the job much better than Detroit's Earl McCullouch and Larry Walton. But the Lions shorten this receiving edge with Charlie Sanders, the finest tight end in football. Minnesota's running is more conservative than Detroit's. But with Dave Osborn and Clinton Jones alternating with Bill Brown and Oscar Reed, it is effective. The kicking is just about even. Fred Cox has won two straight scoring titles with Minnesota, but Errol Mann is just about as accurate for Detroit. While the Lions point directly for Minnesota in the opener, Grant refuses to concede that it is a game of unequalled magnitude. "No matter how we come out against Detroit," he said, "it's always the next week that's the key game." Dropping through the huge gap to the Central's second division, the Bears strive for .500. Jack Concannon now knows he is established as quarterback and he should perform with confidence. Gordon, sulking because of contract problems, provides the Bears with a second weapon to go with Sayers, if Sayers can go. He insists he will be all right. Indeed, Coach Jim Dooley has talked of another 1,000-yard season for Sayers...BUTKUS ROUGH ON RIVALS: There is less worry with Butkus, exemplar of the entire black-and-blue Central Division. He is ferociously physical and abuses his opponents. The Bears' defensive strength is in the linebacking - with Butkus, Lee Roy Caffey and Doug Buffone. The decline and fall of the Packers continues into Devine's new regime. With Starr out for the year - and perhaps forever - the quarterbacking responsibility falls to Zeke Bratkowski. Zeke is 39, two years older than Starr and, for the past two years (as an assistant coach) he has not thrown a football. The Packers will have the running, if the line can open any holes at all. Donny Anderson has arrived and John Brockington could be the best of this year's rookie runners. Carroll Dale is a superb receiver. Defense and kicking are apparent weak points at Green Bay. Ray Nitschke is carrying age and Dave Robinson is trying to regain stardom after bursting an Achilles' tendon. Devine picked an awful time to try his hand at pro ball.



Jim Dooley
1970 Record—6 wins, 8 losses, 0 ties. Pts.—256.
O. P.—281.

CHICAGO BEARS

Coach: **JIM DOOLEY** (fourth year)

PASSING: Now that the Bears realize the worth of Dick Gordon, it can be explosive. He's the pass-receiving champ and Jack Concannon can hit him.

RUNNING: Depends strictly on whether Gale Sayers can come back. With a weak line, he won't get the holes he's used to.

DEFENSE: Again, depends strictly on how well Dick Butkus recovers from knee surgery. It can be gruesome for opponents.

KICKING: Fair, with Mac Percival usually reliable on field goals and Bobby Joe Green one of the better punters.

SUMMATION: A lot of doubts and a lot of unhappy players, but a team on a gradual ascent in the toughest division in the pros.



Dan Devine
1970 Record—6 wins, 8 losses, 0 ties. Pts.—196.
O. P.—293.

GREEN BAY PACKERS

Coach: **DAN DEVINE** (first year)

PASSING: How well will the aging Zeke Bratkowski do? Only one better-than-average receiver in Carroll Dale.

RUNNING: Super with Donny Anderson finally arrived. The Packers also have a top rookie in John Brockington.

DEFENSE: In a steep decline. The old rush is gone, Ray Nitschke has aged some and Dave Robinson had an Achilles tear last year. Defense definitely is not a strong point.

KICKING: The competition goes on at placekicker and Anderson punts high, but not long.

SUMMATION: A rude professional introduction for Dan Devine. Troubles everywhere. The old Pack is dead.

DETROIT LIONS

Coach: **JOE SCHMIDT** (fifth year)

PASSING: Though Greg Landry and Bill Munson are very accurate, the passing game needs bolstering. The line blocks with assurance, but the wide receiving corps is unspectacular.

RUNNING: Close to tops in potency in the NFC with swift, light backs in Mel Farr and Altie Taylor. Steve Owens provides spot power.

DEFENSE: Pass rush needs improvement and Alex Karras is the key. Good interception group, strong against the run.

KICKING: Errol Mann has a range of 50 yards and more and has a high percentage of accuracy.

SUMMATION: Seems to outshade the Vikings in most categories, but cannot match in the pass rush. Should make the playoffs.



Joe Schmidt
1970 Record—10 wins, 4 losses, 0 ties. Pts.—347.
O. P.—202.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

Coach: **BUD GRANT** (fifth year)

PASSING: Two excellent passers in Norm Snead and Gary Cuozzo and fine outside receiving in Gene Washington, Al Denson and John Henderson.

RUNNING: Dave Osborn is one of the best and Clint Jones is ready to star. Bill Brown and Oscar Reed are capable.

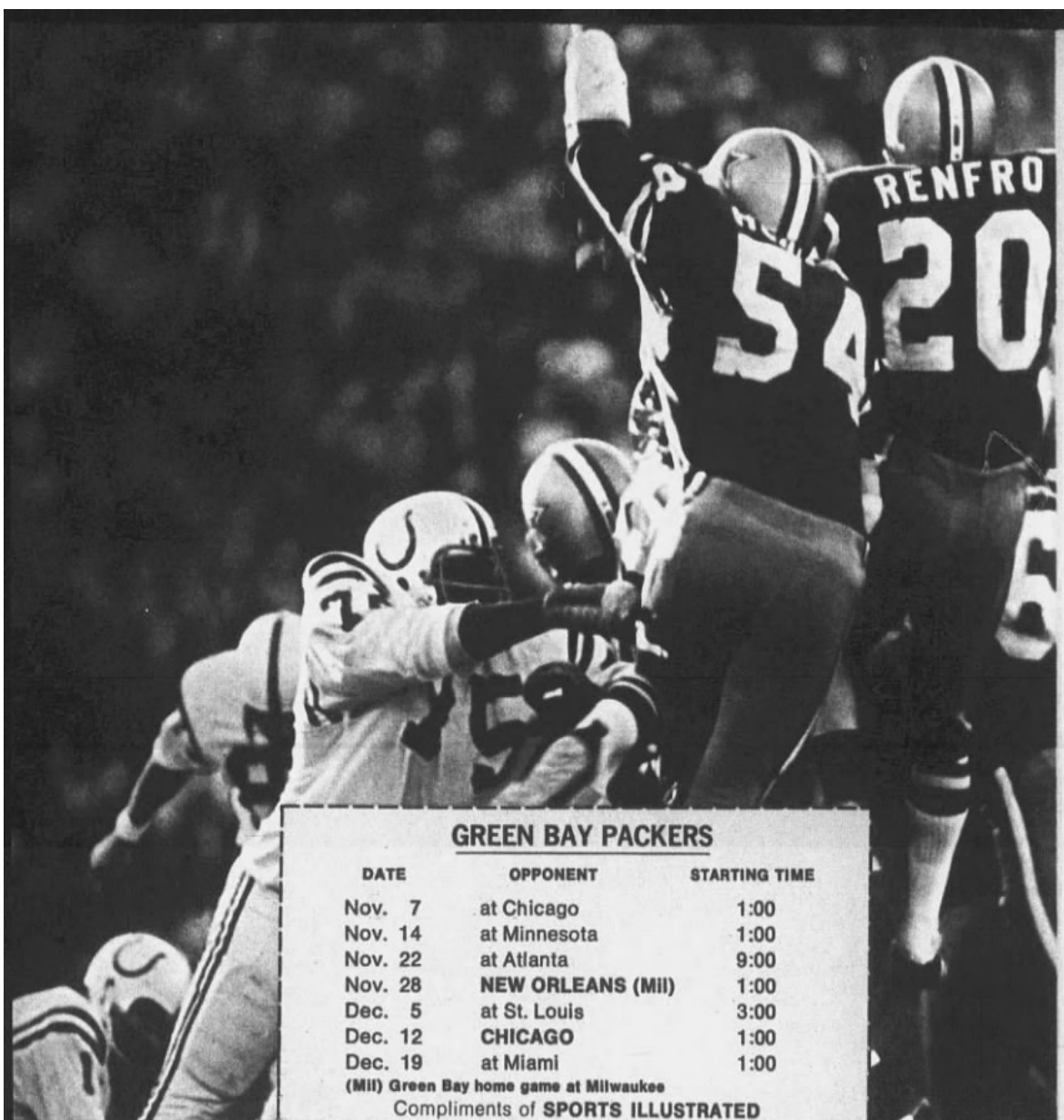
DEFENSE: With the Purple Gang up front, led by Carl Eller and Alan Page, they're the best in the NFC. The Vikings don't blitz much.

KICKING: Close to best with two-year scoring champion Fred Cox capitalizing on defense-provided field position and Bob Lee is punting well.

SUMMATION: Defense controls the game and the Vikes have the strongest defense. Could win fourth straight divisional title because of it.



Bud Grant
1970 Record—12 wins, 2 losses, 0 ties. Pts.—335.
O. P.—143.



GREEN BAY PACKERS

DATE	OPPONENT	STARTING TIME
Nov. 7	at Chicago	1:00
Nov. 14	at Minnesota	1:00
Nov. 22	at Atlanta	9:00
Nov. 28	NEW ORLEANS (MII)	1:00
Dec. 5	at St. Louis	3:00
Dec. 12	CHICAGO	1:00
Dec. 19	at Miami	1:00

(MII) Green Bay home game at Milwaukee

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PACKERS COULD SURPRISE IN 1971

SEPT 19 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - "I've been reading where all those sports magazines are picking us to finish last in our division," Alden Roche said, softly measuring his words. "They're making a big mistake...We're going to surprise a lot of cats." It was early in the July heat of training camp when the former Denver Bronco, acquired in last January's Don Horn trade, made his forecast. Some of the more cynical might have been inclined to dismiss it as a newcomer's bravado - or the typical first flush of enthusiasm. But the awesome Roche, rapidly becoming a menace to enemy quarterbacks, has evinced no disposition to change his midsummer opinion, despite the Packers' losing record in pre-season campaigning. And a growing number of his teammates have independently volunteered similar predictions, usually with the observation, "We're just that far from being a really good football team right now." Mere inches, of course, are indicated...WAVE OF OPTIMISM: To balance this wave of optimism, there are the sobering facts of 1970, which saw the green and gold emerge with a modest 6-8 record. The Packers scored fewer points, and gave up more, than any of their Central Division rivals, the Minnesota Vikings, Detroit Lions and Chicago Bears. New Coach Dan Devine, not one to sweep such embarrassing items under the rug, has taken realistic note of these in analyzing the task at hand. He also has often said his team lacks the overall quickness to be a consistent winner. Devine, too, lost starting quarterback Bart Starr via shoulder surgery in the early days of training camp and, at this point, still has not been able to find an established kicker, the lack of which has cost the Packers dearly over the last three years...IMPOSING NEGATIVES: Yet, despite these imposing negatives, there appears to be a solid basis for the surge of new hope that has risen in the breasts of Packer and Packerphile alike in recent weeks. Most substantial of these is Devine's positive and purposeful leadership. Although he is fresh from the college ranks, a fact which might not appear calculated to inspire confidence in a 10-year pro football veteran, he has made a profound impression upon old pro and rookie alike. Just how profound is succinctly described by freshman defensive back Charlie Hall. "There's always a lot of noise at our team meetings - until Coach Devine walks in," he says. "Then it's like somebody turned a switch...instant silence."...MIXED INHERITANCE: There are a few, Devine is convinced, who have not yet been won over. Of these, he says, "I'll know who they are by the time this season is over and they won't be with the Packers next year." But most members of his first NFL team obviously believe in him and his approach, and that is a great part of the battle. Admittedly, his is a mixed inheritance in terms of personnel, problems and pluses. But, through added experience, judicious trades and sheer hard work, long a Devine trademark en route to national success at the University of Missouri, these 1971 Packers should be largely improved. The degree is dependent, to a large extent upon both their early season and physical fortunes. A fast getaway could be of immeasurable aid to a team which would benefit greatly from the confidence it would bring. And freedom from injuries, relatively speaking, is usually to be found in the analysis of a winner...DRAMATIC UPLIFT: All other things being equal, the ingredients of progress are there. The most dramatic uplift could come on offense, the Packers' Achilles heel a year ago, despite the loss of Starr. When Mr. Quarterback developed acute shoulder problems a year ago, then Coach Phil Bengtson had no adequate replacement. Horn was sidelined with knee surgery and rookie Frank Patrick was woefully short on experience. The opposition quickly discovered that both Starr's range and accuracy had been impaired by the shoulder injury and took full advantage. They shallowed their defenses and zeroed in on Donny Anderson, then the Packers' only running threat. The combined results were disastrous...BURDEN ON DEFENSE: As an inevitable by-product, the offense was unable to control the ball, putting a heavy burden on what had been a highly effective defense until that late season siege. That handicap should not be a quarterback problem this season, although advancing age and inexperience are legitimate concerns. The youthful 39-year-old, Zeke Bratkowski, has returned from a two-year sabbatical on the coaching staff, an apparent jewel has been found in sixth round draftee Scott Hunter. Regardless of who is under the center, and Devine says he considers Bratkowski to be No. 1, the enemy will have to respect his throwing arm. Both are capable of firing the ball 60 yards without perceptible strain...PRIZE ROOKIE: And now Anderson, who amassed 851 yards last year, has an explosive running mate in prize rookie John Brockington, not to mention a breathtaking challenger in Dave Hampton, out most of the 1970 season following abdominal surgery. Brockington, blessed with the kind of quickness that has made Leroy Kelly and Gale Sayers great, is hailed as a future superstar. Even Devine, understandably conservative in his appraisals, predicts, "With his speed, John is going to break some long ones for us this season. The law of averages will be with him." There also is good depth at running back, with Larry Krause, the NFC's No. 3 kickoff returner a year ago, Perry Williams and veteran returnee Elijah Pitts available...DEPTH CONCERN: Another plus is the fact that the offensive line's starters - tackles Francis Peay and Dick Himes, guards Bill Lueck and Gale Gillingham and center Ken Bowman - have another year of playing as a unit behind them. Depth, however, is an obvious concern. Bill Hayhoe, the giant from USC,

Ken Ellis

Cornerback—Southern Univ.
Height 5-10, Weight 190
Born in Woodbine, Ga.,
Sept. 27, 1947

2nd year in pro ball . . . Packers fourth round draft choice in 1970 . . . played flanker in college as well as halfback on offense . . . led nation in punt returns in 1968 . . . great acceleration . . . 4.5 speed in 40 . . . played in Senior Bowl . . . sure tackler . . . Started all games in 1970 at left corner as rookie and led Packers in kickoff returns . . . Second leading punt returner . . . All-Pro potential. Residence: Baton Rouge, La.

Dick Himes

Offensive Tackle — Ohio State
Height 6-4, Weight 245
Born in Canton, Ohio, May 25, 1946

4th year . . . Packers second number 3 round choice for 1968 . . . Played offense Senior year only, yet was selected to play in East-West Shrine Game . . . Named to All-Big Ten Team . . . Good drive blocker and excellent on pass protection . . . Excellent attitude and hustle . . . Played majority of last 3 games of 1969 . . . and started at right tackle in 1970. Residence: Green Bay, Wis.



Coach Devine Gives Orders

Devine's Biography History of Winners

It belongs to Alvin Matthews, like Carter a second year performer, who has supplanted the departed Bob Jeter. Devine is confident Matthews will be equal to the NFL task. The balance of the outfield, led by Captain Willie Wood, is back intact. Devine calls Wood, a 34-year-old veteran in his 12th season, "a source of inspiration to me." An intelligent, respected leader, he also has been described by one pro football pundit as "the guy who wrote the book on playing free safety." A "hitter" of surprising impact for one of his dimensions, Wood has not lost his yen for contact. "How do you account," Devine marvels, "for the fact that Willie Wood, at 34, makes more hits than our younger people?"...**CONFIDENCE BUILDING:** The other returnees are strong safety Doug Hart, who for the last two years has registered the longest scoring runback with an interception in the NFL, and sophomore Ken Ellis, successor to the celebrated Herb Adderley a year ago and an athlete of high promise. Behind them are an impressive rookie, Charlie Hall, and a recently acquired veteran, ex-49er Al Randolph. There you have them, the 1971 Packers...Are they legitimate contenders?

DEVINE'S BIOGRAPHY HISTORY OF WINNERS

SEPT 19 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Make no mistake about it, the Green Bay Packers are in strong hands. Dan Devine, a strict disciplinarian with 23 years of successful coaching experience, has been summoned to return the Green Bay Packers to the heights and with him comes a no-nonsense approach to the game - an approach that has made him the nation's third most winning collegiate football coach. He left the security of the University of Missouri (tenure as full professor, athletic director and head coach; an institution at 46, after 13 great years at Missouri) in order to accept the responsibility and challenge of a pro team which has been described as a yardstick against whom all others are measured. His style is sincere, straight forward and direct. His football teams will be a reflection of the man. Born December 23, 1924 in Augusta, Wisconsin (near Chippewa Falls in West Central Wisconsin) to a family of 6 boys and 3 girls, Devine grew up in Proctor, Minnesota, a suburb of Duluth. Devine graduated from Proctor High in 1942 and attended the University of Minnesota at Duluth where he captained the basketball and football teams, played baseball and was Senior Class president and president of the Student Body. In addition to his leadership and awards and honors, Devine also received the Alumni Award as Outstanding Senior Athlete. After a 2 1/2 year interruption by service in the Army Air Corps, Devine graduated with a B.A. in Social Studies in 1948 entered high school coaching at East Jordan, Michigan. Then, after two highly successful years, he was hired as freshman coach and later backfield coach at Michigan State University under "Biggie" Munn and Duffy Daugherty. While coaching at MSU, Devine also earned his masters degree in Guidance and Counseling in 1952. Devine's first head coaching opportunity occurred in 1955 when he was named to coach the Arizona State Sun Devils. His three year record there was a highly impressive 27-3-1 (1955-57) and his 1957 team was the first unbeaten and nationally ranked team in ASU history. In 1958 opportunity again knocked, this time at the University of Missouri. Frank Broyles had left Missouri, feeling that the Tigers could not be competitive under such rigorous scholastic standards, but Devine accepted the challenge and one year later had the Tigers in the Orange Bowl. In his 13 years at Missouri, Devine became a legend, establishing a 93-37-7 regular season record and a 4-2-0 bowl record. Until Devine's 1961 Orange Bowl victory, the University of Missouri had never won

who is now in his third season, is the only experienced performer available up front. Conversely, there is both depth and talent at tight end, where incumbent John Hilton is being challenged by the gifted sophomore, Rich McGeorge, and an impressive rookie, Leonard (Graveyard) Garrett. Veterans Carroll Dale, respected throughout the league, and John Spilis are set at wide receiver, with rookie Dave Davis the No. 1 reserve...**FAMILIAR QUESTION:** The key question, of course, is a familiar one. Who will succeed the departed Dale Livingston as the Packers' placekicker and what can be expected of him? At the moment, the issue lies between rookie Dave Conway and the widely traveled Lou Michaels. Whoever survives, the kicking game should improve. Conway has exhibited surprising accuracy, if not great range, and Michaels has kicked in competition for 12 years, which suggests pressure isn't likely to affect him. Despite a drop in experience at two positions, middle linebacker and right cornerback, the defense could be comparable in quality to those tightfisted which brought the Packers overall league leadership during the '60s...**ESTABLISHED VETERANS:** The front four, anchored by veterans Lionel Aldridge and Bob Brown, should be improved merely because massive Mike McCoy and Clarence Williams now have a year of NFL experience to their credit. The acquisition of Roche, who can play either end or tackle, also is a major plus, and there is a strong possibility he will become a starter. Both outside linebackers, Dave Robinson and Fred Carr, are established veterans, although Robinson, a former all-pro, is attempting a comeback from a torn Achilles tendon. In the middle, the Packer brain trust apparently has decided to go with youth, in the form of sophomore Jim Carter, over 14-year veteran Ray Nitschke. The assumption is that he will offset the inevitable mistakes of inexperience with aggressiveness and that his promotion at this point will be in the long range interest of the green and gold...**SUPPLANTS JETER:** There also is a new face in the secondary.

a post-season bowl game, but under him they captured one Orange Bowl (1961), one Bluebonnet (1963), one Sugar (1966) and one Gator Bowl (1969) trophy. Other post-season coaching assignments were; an assistant Rose Bowl coach (1953), East-West Shrine Game coach (assistant 1961 and head coach 1962), Hula Bowl (1969), Coaches All-American Bowl (1970) and the Salad (1955) and Copper Bowl (1957). Dan Devine married the former Joanne Brookhart in 1947 and they have seven children: Jennifer and Mary Jo (Mrs. Andrew Carver), Diana, Danny, Sarah, Melissa and Jill.

DESPITE RECORD, PROGRESS PLEASES OLE

SEPT 19 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Green Bay Packers' record during the exhibition season is not likely to send many folks into cartwheeling fits of delight. Nevertheless, Dominic Olejniczak, Packer Corp. president and one of those with a direct hand in hiring Dan Devine as general manager and coach of the team, says he is personally "well pleased and satisfied" with the selection. This is interesting if only from the standpoint that the Packers have been acclaimed as courageous and, conversely, accused of desperation in hiring a coach and general manager out of the college ranks. Words have run rampant in the national press over the wisdom of the move and the similar one in Los Angeles, where the Rams came under the professorial guidance of ex-UCLA coach Tommy Prothro. In examining the situation almost seven months after Devine was enticed away from the University of Missouri, Olejniczak pointed out that he was "fully aware and conscious of the problems a new man has in starting out the year." The Packer president pointed out, "So many of his problems this year will be resolved after he is here for one year...just knowing the personnel and the needs on the field and in the office better." Olejniczak admitted that, in the beginning, there were deep reservations about delving into the college game for a man to succeed Phil Bengtson. There were four obvious sources for the Executive Committee to explore: the Packer assistants under Bengtson, other head pro coaches, professional assistant coaches and college coaches...NO INSIGHTS: While Olejniczak would not offer any insights into the elimination procedures employed by his committee, it is known that candidates from all four categories were heard from. And even a fifth came to light when some high school coaches turned up among the "more than 30" applications filed with the Packer office. Whatever the criteria for whittling down the list of possibilities, college names soon came to the forefront, including Frank Kush of Arizona State, Joe Paterno of Penn State and Devine. Though the Packers have never publicly acknowledged it, all three of these were interviewed and there is good reason to believe Notre Dame's Ara Parseghian was contacted but turned down the opportunity even for an interview...EARLY INTEREST: Kush and Paterno expressed an early interest in the Packer job but nothing was heard from Devine, though the Packers apparently received an inkling from somewhere that the Missourian might be receptive to a phone call about the position...and as it turned out he was despite having declared a short time prior to that that he planned to stay at Missouri ad infinitum. The final decision was, as Olejniczak put it, "very difficult." But Devine had one thing going for him that the others did not. He was a highly successful athletic director at Missouri in addition to being hailed as one of the finer coaches in the nation. In a day when college athletic departments are swimming in red ink, Devine had kept Missouri proudly in the black while continuing to improve the school's program and facilities...GM-COACH IDEAL: Kush and Paterno also had great football credentials but were lacking in administrative experience. According to Olejniczak, however, this was a secondary consideration. "We have always felt that one man serving in the two capacities of coach and general manager is ideal but football must be No. 1." Ole said. In considering Devine, Olejniczak said that the committee "carefully went over his entire life and found that it was all football and all successful." In the interview, Olejniczak said the committee was impressed by Devine's "outright sincerity" and was "satisfied that he knew football and pleasantly surprised to learn how much he knew of pro football." It was the personal interview that erased what remaining reservations the committee had about hiring a college coach to run the Packers.

GRID MAGAZINES PICK PACK 3RD

SEPT 19 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Green Bay Packers will leave the NFC's scarred Central Division battleground no worse than fourth, no better than second, and probably third - at least that's what a dozen randomly selected magazine pollsters say. None of the wags give the Pack a shot at first in their division, much less a chance at anything beyond. "The Pack Will Be Back, but 1971 will not see the return of joy to Wisconsin's football faithful," says Harry Klaff in Pro Football magazine. "Rebuilding a dynasty is a slow process. It is a chore which will not be completed for at least another two years. In fact, if things go poorly for rookie Coach Devine, the Packers could well hit rock bottom."...BEFORE OPERATIONS: Klaff's placement of the Pack? Third, behind both Minnesota and Detroit, in that order. Pro Football Report tabs the Pack second, the only magazine to do so, but the presses were running before Bart Starr's operations. "If there is to be a comeback, it will happen this year," the unbylined story says. Kick-Off magazine plunges the Packers to fourth place, but

Alden Roche

Defensive End — Southern
Height 6-4, Weight 255
Born in Gretna, La., April
9, 1945

2nd year in NFL . . . Denver
Bronco's number 2 round
draft choice for 1969 . . .
Came to Packers in Don Horn
trade (plus Denver's position
in first round of 1971 draft) .
. . . Southern University out-
standing defensive player in
1969 . . . Captained college
team . . . All SWAC . . . Scho-
lastic All-American and Hon.
Mention Little All-American .
. . . Electronic Major . . . Army
veteran . . . Top alternate in
Denver's defensive line in
1970, playing behind all-Pro
Rich Jackson . . . Can also
play defensive tackle . . .
Weight lifting advocate. Resi-
dence: Denver, Col.

Charley Hall

Defensive Cornerback
6-1, 195

University of Pittsburgh

Good hard nosed cornerback
prospect with great attitude
who can play bump and run .
. . . aggressive . . . good hitter
and sure tackler . . . 4.6 speed
in 40, 9.9 in 100 . . . 3 sport
athlete in high school . . .
good competitor . . . leader . .
. . . economics major . . . played
in Blue-Grey game and Hula
Bowl. Born: 3-31-48 (present
age 22) in Somers Point, N. J.

its NFC reporter, Bill Guthrie of the New Haven Journal-Courier, who is also president of the Pro Football Writers of America, mentions that it may be the New York Jets against the New York Giants in the Super Bowl. Guthrie notes, "The 'Pack is Back' stickers probably will be sold again in Green Bay this year, but there could be a hidden meaning. The Pack is expected to be far back in the pack."...THIRD PLACE HOME: Third place would appear to be the Packers' Central Division home for the 1971-72 season, if the mag tags are correct. Surprisingly, the 12 magazines averaged out, have the Lions and the Vikings deadlocked for first. Chicago is a solid fourth place pick, placing third just once when they replace the Pack. As Chris Schenkel says in his SportsScene magazine, "The Packers have too many question marks, though not as many as the Chicago Bears bring into the season." Vito Stellino of Pro Football Sports All-Stars, dryly reports, "Green Bay and Chicago have the misfortune of being in the tough 'black and blue' Central Division. They were 5-3 outside the division last year, but they split with each other and were 0-4 against Minnesota and Detroit for 6-8 overall marks. They're likely to have the same fate this time around."...TIGER COUNTRY: "Too old and yet too young, the Packers will feel the cold this year, as will Dan Devine," claims Lew Fishman in Pro Football's 1971 Guidebook. Ken Rappaport, in Pro Football's 1971 Yearbook, cries, "Successful college coach Dan Devine has replaced Phil Bengtson as field boss and maybe, just maybe, he'll wish he'd stayed at Missouri." Game Plan magazine agrees. "Devine may wish he'd stayed in Tiger Country before this season is history. Even with help from what remains of the great Packer past, they won't be able to do it." And so the stories go. The Packers of 1971, even with Devine, are not the Packers of 1965, '66 or '67. But they cling to the nostalgic past, and more often than not, so do the writers. Murray Olderman, in True's Football Forecast, takes what may be the new approach: "Apathy has come to Green Bay, a realization that the Packers are merely mortal, that they win some, and lose more, which has happened two of the last three years. Their confidence has been shaken."