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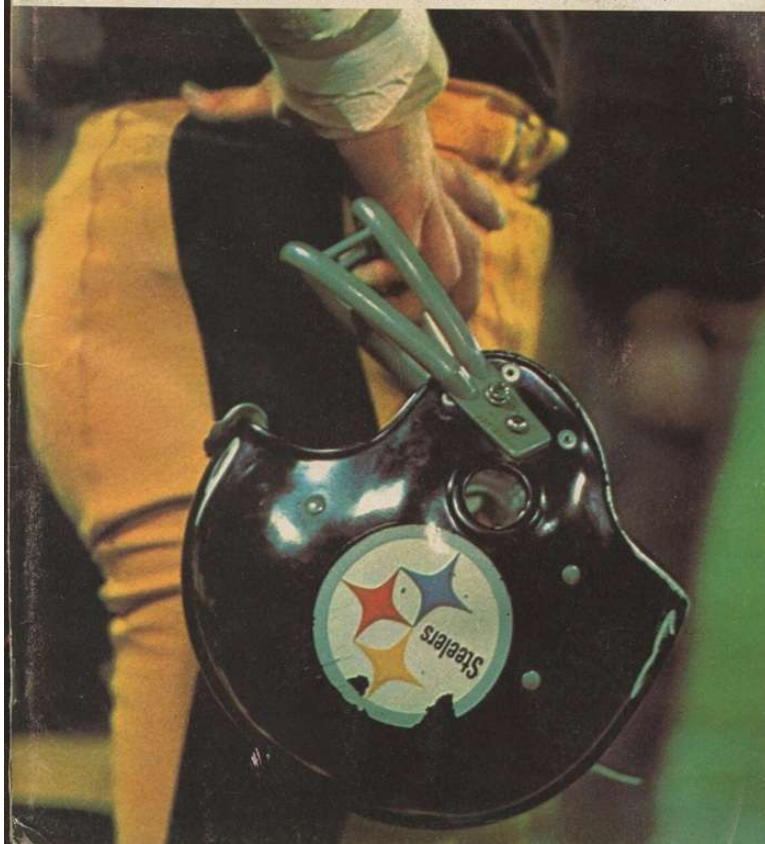
Green Bay Packers (2-2) 21, Pittsburgh Steelers (1-3) 17
Saturday August 31st 1968 (at Milwaukee)



Packers Shade Steelers, 21 to 17, in Rain, Mud

PACKERS vs. STEELERS

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GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(MILWAUKEE) – Playing long ball with devastating precision when it pleased them, the Packers outlasted the surprisingly dogged Pittsburgh Steelers 21-17, in a rain-soaked struggle here Saturday night. The incomparable battery of Bart Starr and Carroll Dale collaborated to mount a 14-10 halftime lead and super sub, Zeke Bratkowski, teamed with Bob Long to trigger the deciding touchdown in the third quarter as the Packers evened their preseason record at 2-2. Starr, who earlier had brought the Packers within range on a 50-yard toss to Dale, hit the fleet flanker with a 16-yard pitch in the first quarter to mount a 7-3 Green Bay Lead. Mr. Quarterback subsequently hurled another home run to Dale in the second quarter, this maneuver covering 57 yards as the 29-year-old veteran sprinted to paydirt unmolested with defender Lou Harris in pursuit. Shortly after a spectacular thunderstorm hit in the third quarter, drenching a capacity house of 47,265 customers and creating a lake in the field's substantial infield portion, Bratkowski hit Long with a 50-yard "bomb" and he eluded two Steeler defenders for four more to the 36 before being felled. Three plays later, defender Bob Wade was charged with interference in the end zone and Donny Anderson stormed over right guard for what proved to be the winning points. The Steelers had erected an early 3-0 lead with a 31-yard Bill Shockley field goal and later regained the advantage shortly before the first period ended when linebacker John Campbell intercepted a Starr pass, deflected by Lloyd Voss, and staggered three yards into the end zone.

Trailing 21-10, the Steelers slogged 80 yards in a now driving rain for a final consolation touchdown in the closing minutes.

STEELERS TAKE LEAD

Aided by a facemask penalty on the first play, the Steelers drove to a 3-0 lead with the opening kickoff, but the Packers shortly had those points back, with interest. Staying on the ground most of the way, the Pennsylvanians hammered out four consecutive first downs, Dick Hoak and Bill Asbury leading the charge. Hoak, however, was caught from behind at the Packer 24 by Ray Nitschke on a four-yard, third down sweep right one yard short of a first down and the Steelers settled for a 31-yard field goal by Bill Shockley. The Packers wiped out that deficit with dispatch, sweeping 76 yards in nine plays to mount a 7-3 bulge. The major maneuver was a 50-yard pitch from Starr to Dale, who had a two-step lead on Pittsburgh defender Lou Harris down the west sidelines and reached the Steeler 26 before being run down. Shortly faced with a fourth-and-one situation at the 16, Starr elected to go for it and sent Andy over right guard for 3 yards. Anderson next was held to two yards and Starr was thrown for a 5-yard loss attempting to pass, but on third down, Starr found Dale to the left of the goalposts for the touchdown at 10:18.

PUT IN HOLE

Harris almost tipped the ball from Dale's arms, but the veteran pulled it into his chest as he forged into the end zone. Jerry Kramer added the extra point. The Packers had little time to luxuriate in the lead, however. Forced to punt after one first down, the Steelers' Bobby Walden put the champions in a hole with a boot that rolled dead at the Green Bay 2. Two plays later, ex-Packer Lloyd Voss deflected a Starr pass from the end zone and Pittsburgh linebacker John Campbell intercepted it as he fell to the ground at the 3. Unmolested, he got up and lumbered into the end zone with only 51 seconds left in the quarter. Shockley's conversion gave the invaders a 10-7 edge.

The Packers had little time to recoup that one in the first quarter, but they rectified the matter with admirable haste as the second period opened. With first down at the Green Bay 43, Starr arched a "bomb" to Dale, who had again victimized Harris. A solid stride in front of the Steeler defender, Dale cantered into the end zone untouched with only 1:18 gone. Kramer converted and the Packers once again had a four-point margin, 14-10. The visitors countered with another push of their own, this time marching to the Packer 30 before a near interception by Bob Jeter of a third down pass short circuited the drive. Shockley's field goal attempt was wide to the left at 7:34.

STEELERS MENACE

Jeter shortly intercepted another Nix pass at the Packer 44 but the home forces were unable to take advantage of the opportunity. The Steelers again menaced in the closing minutes of the period, after Harris returned an Anderson punt 39 to the Packer 30, but Doug Hart intercepted in the end zone to stymie the threat. The Packers were unable to move with the second half kickoff, but they were considerably more successful the next time they acquired the leather. As the skies began to open Bratkowski launched a strike to Bob Long, who pulled it in on the 40 and out-maneuvered defender Bob Wade until run out of bounds at the Pittsburgh 36.

COSTLY INTERFERENCE

Three plays later, Wade was charged with interference on Long in the end zone, giving the Packers first down at the 1. Anderson slashed over right guard for the touchdown on the next play. The Steelers, with Hoak and Asbury leading the way, stormed to the Packer 30 as the rain began to fall in torrents. With fourth and one, rookie Fred Carr recovered a Nix fumble at the Packer 28 to end the threat. The Packers were presented with a glittering opportunity when Woodson fumbled an Anderson punt at the 25 early in the fourth quarter and Phil Vandersea recovered. But the champions were unable to capitalize. Travis Williams was held to 5 yards in three thrusts and a Jerry Kramer from the 27 was low at 2:53. Apparently heartened by this development, the Steelers slogged 80 yards in 12 plays to score, chopping the Pack's lead to a tenuous 21-17. Major items were a 22-yard Nix pass to John Foruria and a 14-yard strike to Hoak, who was hurled out of bounds at the Packer one by Carr. Hoak bolted over center for the TD on the next play at 8:08 and Shockley converted. The Packers retaliated with a threat of their own, charging to the Pittsburgh 39 with the aid of a 22-yard screen pass from Bratkowski to Chuck Mercein, but the drive foundered there and Anderson punted into the end zone. One exchange later, the Packers ran out the clock.



Donny Anderson breaks a flying tackle attempt of LB Ray May (59)

PITTSBURGH	-	10	0	0	7	-	17
GREEN BAY	-	7	7	7	0	-	21

	<u>PITTSBURGH</u>	<u>GREEN BAY</u>
First downs	17	11
Rushing Yards	38-173-1	31-95-1
Passing Yards	25-12-108-0-0	16-9-214-2-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-10	2-12
Total Yards	271	297
Fumbles lost	3-2	2-0
Yards penalized	3-55	4-61

SCORING

1st - PIT - Bill Shockley, 31-yard field goal PITTSBURGH 3-0
 1st - GB - Carroll Dale, 16-yard pass from Bart Starr (Jerry Kramer kick) GREEN BAY 7-3
 1st - PIT - John Campbell, 3-yard interception return (Shockley kick) PITTSBURGH 10-7
 2nd - GB - Dale, 57-yard pass from Starr (Kramer kick) GREEN BAY 14-10
 3rd - GB - Donny Anderson, 1-yard run (Kramer kick) GREEN BAY 21-10
 4th - PIT - Dick Hoak, 1-yard run (Shockley kick) GREEN BAY 21-17

RUSHING

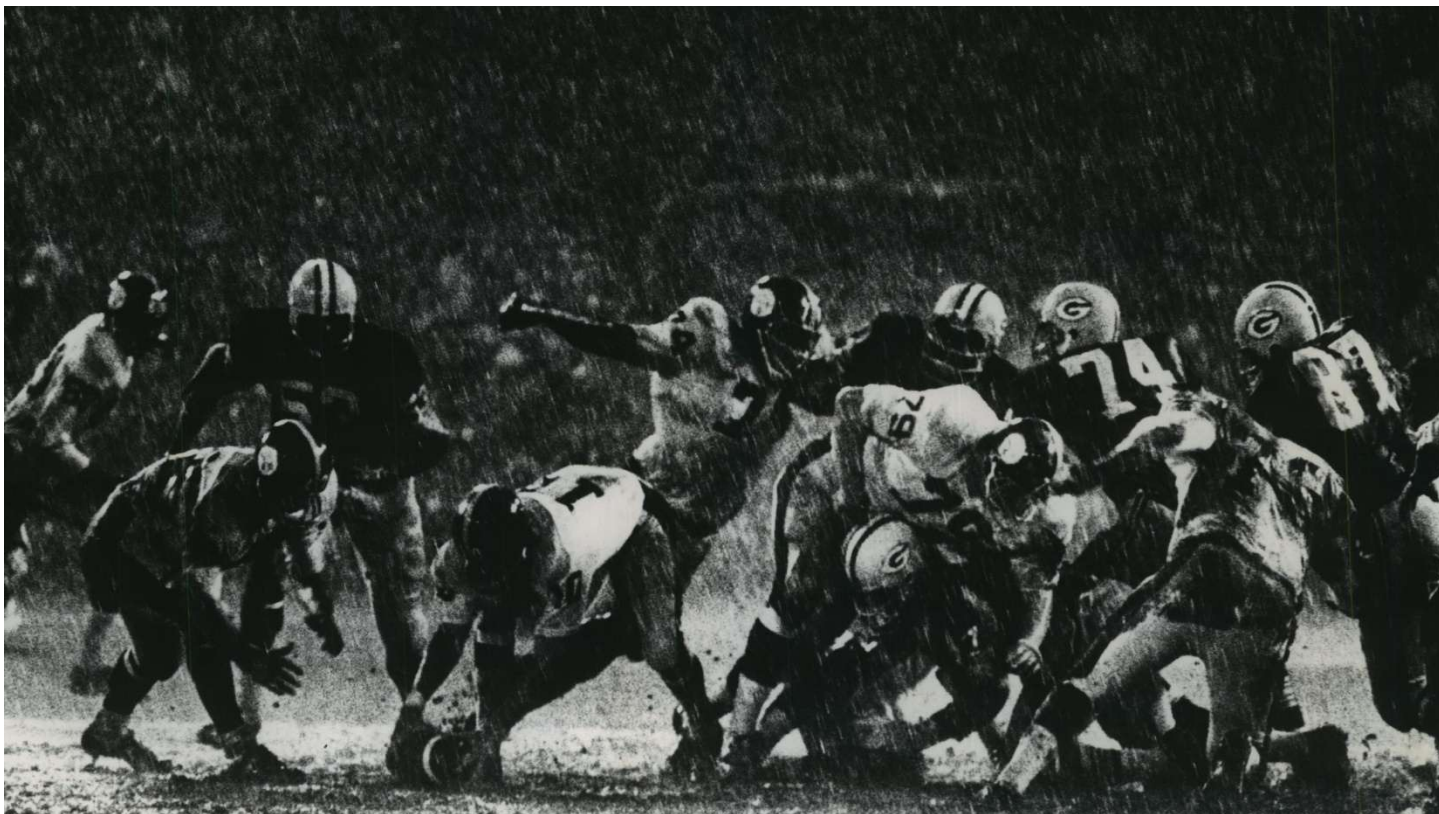
GREEN BAY - Travis Williams 10-40, Donny Anderson 10-25 1 TD, Jim Grabowski 5-17, Chuck Mercein 5-13, Bart Starr 1-0
PITTSBURGH - Dick Hoak 16-82 1 TD, Willie Asbury 12-70, Rocky Bleier 7-16, Byron McCane 2-6, Kent Nix 1-(-1)

PASSING

GREEN BAY - Bart Starr 6-4-130 2 TD 1 INT, Zeke Bratkowski 10-5-84
PITTSBURGH - Kent Nix 25-12-108

RECEIVING

GREEN BAY - Carroll Dale 3-123 1 TD, Chuck Mercein 2-26, Bob Long 1-54, Boyd Dowler 1-7, Dave Dunaway 1-6, Donny Anderson 1-(-2)



The Green Bay Packers and Pittsburgh Steelers battle it out in the rain at County Stadium on Aug. 31, 1968. Milwaukee Journal and Sentinel photographer Heinz Kluetmeier won second place for the photo, titled "American Gladiators," in the sports category in the national Pictures of the Year competition. The photo was published several times, including in the March 2, 1969, Milwaukee Journal. Milwaukee Journal

PITTSBURGH – Dick Hoak 3-24, Marshall Cropper 2-23, John Hilton 2-9, Jon Henderson 1-23, Dick Compton 1-5, John Foruria 1-11, Byron McCane 1-2, Willie Asbury 1-0

AUSTIN STILL LIGHTHEARTED, DESPITE BUMPS

SEPT 1 (Milwaukee-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Youthful Bill Austin has had his troubles of late, but he hasn't lost his sense of humor. Austin, whose Pittsburgh Steelers have been plagued by an injury epidemic and last week bowed to the infant Cincinnati Bengals (19-13), was in surprisingly effervescent form prior to Saturday night's pre-season struggle with the Packers in County Stadium. Lifting a red end line flag from its niche in the ground checking the stadium turf, he waved it, then cracked, "I suppose I should be waving a white one." Then, walking over to shake hands with Packer aide Bob Schnelker, Austin appended with a wry smile, "I don't know how we can play you tonight with all of those stars." "All of our bodies," he added, "are hurt." Six Steelers, including starting halfback Don Shy, sat out the contest... Asked about Rocky Bleler's chances with the Pennsylvanians, Austin said, "He should make the ball club." "He doesn't have a lot of speed. He's a Dick Hoak type, except he's faster than Hoak. But he's bigger than he was at Notre Dame (202) and had a good football training there. The former Appleton Xavier luminary, drafted 16th by the Steelers, went into action as their leading ground gainer... With an 80-per cent chance of rain forecast, the stadium crew kept the infield (skin) portion of the field covered with a tarpaulin Friday night and throughout Saturday until little more than an hour before game time. "If the infield had been uncovered and we would have rain today," one of the workers observed, "this would have been muck."

NEW NFL RULE ALLOWS 'TAXI SQUAD' OF 13 PLAYERS

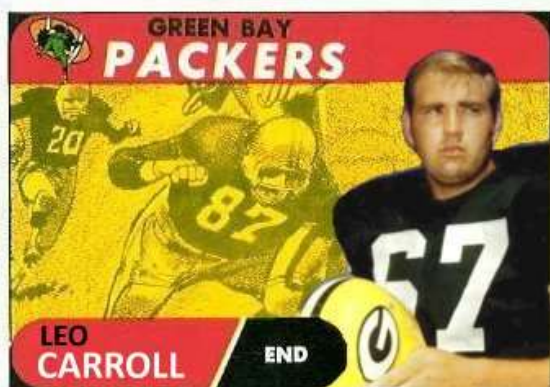
SEPT 1 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The taxi squad, once a shadowy, semi-secret group because it was not officially sanctioned, has been formally recognized and defined, at long last, for the 1968 season. It is one of two major changes of which Packer General Manager Vince Lombardi, was a coauthor, effected in NFL rules governing waivers, cutdown dates, the inactive list and player limits. The other permits each team to make a specific number of roster changes (six) to replace injured personnel during the course of the new season. Under the new taxi squad provision, a team may carry up to 13 players under contract, in addition to the regular season roster of 40. "Those 13 may be under contract," Packer Personnel Director Pat Peppler explains in an analysis of the changes, "for this year or any year. But, in every case, the player must be under contract for the following year, in this case 1969. "This rule more or less limits or defines the cab squad, which was never done before," he pointed out. "It's an adequate limit for most teams." "This figure includes anybody waived as injured, but it would not include somebody put on reserve, like our Don Horn, who is in service. It also includes anyone you may have under contract to a minor league club. Any one, any number or all 13 could be, in fact, under contract to a minor league

club. "Once your 40 is established, you can remove one of them without waiving or offering him to any other club or putting him on the inactive list. But it costs you one move," Peppler added...SIX MORE ALLOWED: "You probably would move somebody up from the future list (Cab Squad) to replace him, of course, and the league says you can bring up six inactive players during the year." "The one you remove is automatically on the inactive list for four weeks, whether he is able to play before then or not. At the end of those four weeks, you can activate him, but you then would have to trade somebody, or waive somebody or put somebody on reserve to make room for him on the active roster. "You may declare him inactive for four more weeks, but then you lose another move. In other words, you have six moves, and they can be used up on two or three players, for example. "The main advantage of this rules is that you are in no jeopardy of losing the man you deactivate. Previously, if you waived a man as

injured, it not only kept him out four weeks but you also made him subject to claiming. If the injury was serious long enough to keep him out for the season or most of it, you would put him on injured reserve. Then you could not reactivate him for the rest of the year, except by asking waivers on him first. And he would have to clear waivers. Under the new rule, if you should happen to go beyond the six moves, you would have two basic choices. You almost have to either put him on injured reserve or count him as one of the active players and play with 39." "You don't want to waive him as injured," Peppler explained, "because if he's a good football player, some other club may say, 'We don't care about this year, we'll pick him up for next year,' and then you've had it." Summing up, he observed, "This rule is simpler and fairer than the one we had in the past, but it limits the number of thing you can do. Previously, when you waived a player as injured, you might have made seven or more moves. This way, you have your six moves and you're all done. In the past, your moves might have been a little shakier, but you had a lot more of them." The cutdown regulations remain largely unchanged. The Packers, and all their NFL brethren, must reduce their rosters to 43 by Monday and to a final 40 by Monday, Sept. 9, six days before the league openers...HELPS WEAK TEAMS: As was the case a year ago, waivers may not be recalled on the last five players waived. "This applies, regardless of whether they have been previously waived or not," Peppler said. "Normally, a man can be waived once and then recalled. A team which claims one of these last five also may not withdraw its claim. This rule reduces the flexibility and is designed to help weaker teams. It makes it harder to maneuver around. It used to be, if a team was cutting from 46 to 43, they'd waive 12 or 15 players. You can't claim everybody, so the idea was that everybody they got through was fine. The ones they didn't they would recall. It also used to be, I might add, that you couldn't include a waiver-injured in the cutdown. Now, from 49 down the rest of the season, anybody injured is no recall and no withdrawal, which is a big departure. If you waive a player injured, you take a big chance somebody is going to pick him up. If you do, you can't recall him and they can't withdraw him. That works in conjunction with the new rule on active and inactive players." At the moment, the Packers roster numbers 47, which means that four of the present complement must be released by Monday.



Dust from baseball diamond at County Stadium flew to help create a smokescreen for Jim Butler, The Pittsburgh back charged for yardage against the Packers Saturday night before he was brought to earth by Green Bay's Douglas Goodwin (35). —AP Wirephoto



PACK LINE INJURIES PROMPT LONG FOR LEO CARROLL TRADE

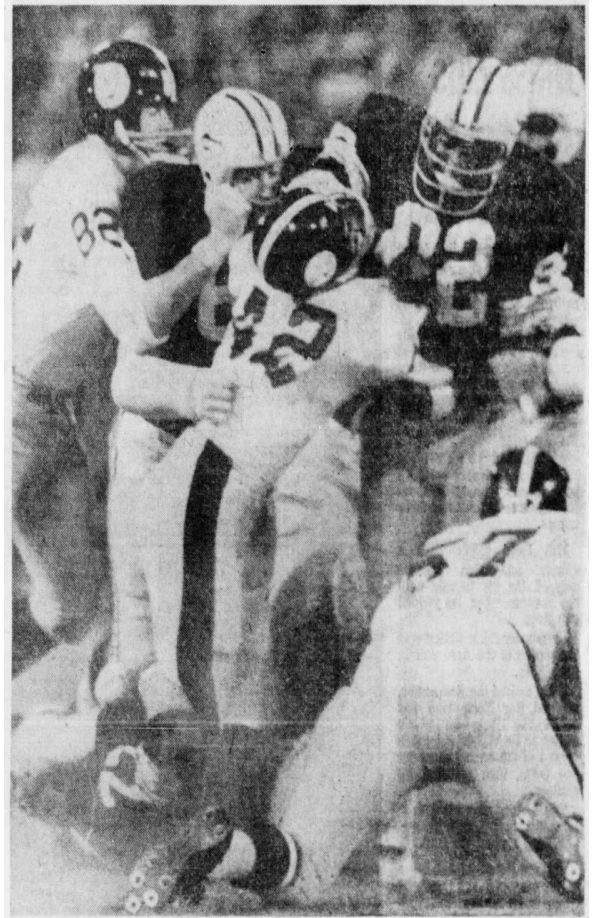
SEPT 3 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - A back injury is unpredictable, at best. A knee injury, inevitably subject to recurrence, is no less so. And recovery from a broken arm is, necessarily, a long process. These are the considerations which triggered the Packers' latest venture into the trade mart, a Monday transaction which sent flanker Bob Long and running back Doug Goodwin to the Atlanta Falcons for defensive lineman Leo Carroll. Appraising the deal, Coach Phil Bengtson admitted, "It's a gamble, an uncertainty. But he's a player with a good football background and has good size and speed. We're always looking for that type." One of the three tallest players in the NFL at 6-7, the 250-pound Carroll was the Falcons' first selection in pro football's first common draft a year ago. He was chosen in the second round, the Falcons having dealt their first round choice

to San Francisco in a trade. The exchange was prompted, Bengtson said, because injuries have hampered or sidelined three defensive line veterans - Henry Jordan, Jim Weatherwax and Bob Brown. Although he has played the last two games after sitting out two weeks, Jordan still has back problems. Weatherwax is recovering from a knee injury suffered in the closing minutes of the Packers' 10-7 loss to the Bears at Milwaukee Aug. 19, but his return to active status is not certain with the league opener less than two weeks away. Brown has been out since July 27, when his right arm was fractured in a goal line scrimmage. Although he expects to have the cast removed shortly, his return to action also is not certain at this point. Carroll is no stranger to injury himself, having sat out the 1967 season because of a knee hurt incurred in training camp. He has, however, been examined by Packer team physicians and declared to be sound. "He's not in real good shape," Bengtson reported, "but he's physically fit to go to work." Highly rated as a pass rusher as a collegian at San Diego State, where he was teammate of Packer quarterback Don Horn, Carroll presumably will understudy Capt. Willie Davis and Lionel

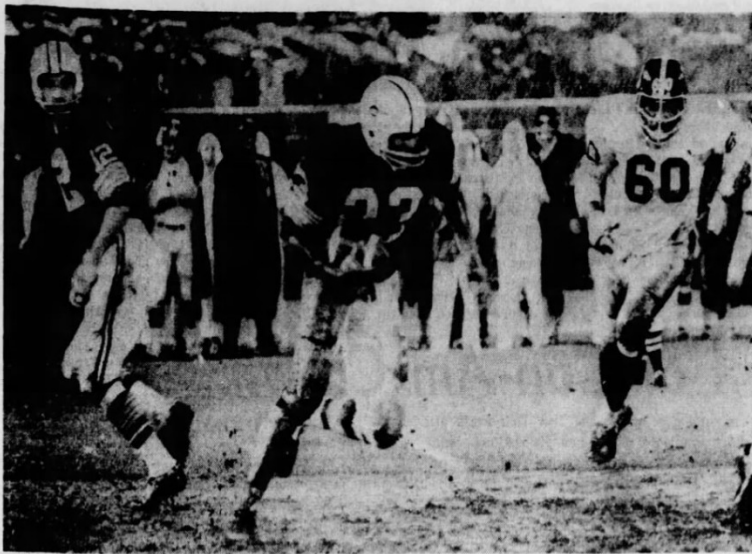
Aldridge at defensive end. A three-sports star at Alhambra, Calif., High, he began his collegiate career at Glendale (Calif.) Junior College, then spent a year at Tulsa before transferring to San Diego State. The 24-year-old giant climaxed his senior year by playing in the East-West, Coaches All-America and College All-Star games. In the latter, of course, he was a member of the Star team which fell to the Packers, 27-0, a year ago. After sitting out his rookie season with the Falcons a year ago, Carroll returned to Atlanta this season but later left the club, reportedly over a salary disagreement. At this point, he is listed as inactive with the Packers, leaving the roster temporarily at 44 following the departure of Long and Goodwin. Another player presumably is in waiver transit, however, because the champions had to be down to 43, under NFL rules, by Monday night. The trade was not effected without some soul searching, Bengtson admitted. "We hated to let Long go," he said. "But something would have to happen to our starting wide receivers (Boyd Dowler and Carroll Dale) for him to play. I'm sure he is capable of playing regularly with Atlanta." The mercurial flanker, a five-year veteran, had his best season in 1965 when he caught 13 passes for 304 yards and four touchdowns. A fourth round draft choice in '64, Long annually flashed high promise but was plagued by injuries the last two years, missing the first eight games in 1966 following knee surgery and the first two in '67 after undergoing a second operation on the same knee. A Green Bay resident and businessman, Long operates pizza restaurants here and in three other Fox River Valley cities, Appleton, Fond du Lac and Oshkosh. The trade, although something of a shock, was not entirely unexpected, his wife, Ginnie, said today. "We thought about the possibility," she said. "I think we thought a lot about it because of the injuries he's had. But we thought he still had a lot of speed, even though he may not be as fast as he once was. I think the biggest thing about it is the fact that he started here. The Packers are just like a fraternity and you form some deep attachments. He still has idols here, in fact. It really hurt his feelings to leave. Just the same, he's anxious to play, which he should have a chance to do in Atlanta. Bob left in a kind of a hurry," she added. "A lot of people were coming over to say how sorry they were that he was leaving. I think all of the goodbyes were too much for him. He said he had to get away and left late last night." Goodwin could be traded, Bengtson said, because the world champions are well supplied with running backs, including Ben Wilson, still recovering from knee surgery. Able-bodied veterans available are Donny Anderson, Elijah Pitts, Travis Williams, Jim Grabowski and Chuck Mercein. The roster presently includes 35 veterans and 9 rookies - flanker Dave Dunaway, tackle Dick Himes, guard Bill Lueck and quarterback Bill Stevens on offense and end Francis Winkler, tackles Leon C. Crenshaw and Dick Cash, linebacker Fred Carr and cornerback Gordon Rule on defense.

PACK LACKED 'OLD ZIP,' SAYS BENGTON

SEPT 3 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - As the Packers' chartered bus rumbled homeward from Milwaukee Sunday afternoon, Phil Bengtson paused to reflect upon the world champions' soggy success at Pittsburgh's expense the night before. Their 21-17 victory in the rain and mire of County Stadium had not been an artistic triumph, he candidly observed. "we weren't as sharp as we were against Dallas (a 31-27 victim a week earlier)," said the Packer chieftain, who since has turned his attention to Saturday night's final preseason engagement with the Browns in Cleveland. "We didn't have the old zip." Bengtson was not overly pleased, he admitted, with the Steelers' ability to move the ball on the ground. The Pennsylvanians, with Dick Hoak and Bill Asbury leading the charge, has amassed the imposing total of 173 yards rushing. He was surprised, then, at this development?...LAUDS PITT OFFENSE: "I sure was," Bengtson replied. "But they've got a good offensive line. They've come a long way. Even last year, I remember Bill Austin (Steeler coach) felt it had improved considerably." "There wasn't as much aggressive play," he noted in this connection, "as characterizes our team when it is looking good." Although the Packers recently have come to be known more as a passing than running team, Bengtson felt the second half downpour had not affected them any more than it had the Steelers. "At the peak of it," he noted, "nobody could do anything." Bengtson admitted he had been "a bit concerned about injuries because of the field conditions."...PENALTIES COSTLY: The attack as a whole, he said, had left something to be desired. "We didn't break many big ones and we had a lot of penalties that were costly and kept us from sustaining a drive," he pointed out. "We also had a bad break on that punt which set up their first touchdown. If the grass hadn't been so lush down there, the ball probably would have rolled into the end zone instead of rolling dead at the one-yard line." Two plays later, ex-Packer Lloyd Voss deflected a Bart Starr pass and Pittsburgh linebacker John Campbell intercepted at the three-yard line, from where he lurched across the Packer goal...FACE MASK VIOLATION: "Earlier, it looked like we were off to a good start," Bengtson said. "We had good coverage and good tackling on the opening kickoff, and we held them down deep (at the 10-yard-line) on the runback. "Then we get a 15-yard penalty for a face mask violation, and that set them off." The Packers' lanky field leader took some satisfaction, however, in the team's progress toward an overall pre-season objective. "We've sure accomplished what we set out to do in one area," he said. "We've



AN ARM IN THE FACE is all Steeler Halfback Dick Hook (42) got on this play against the Green Bay Packers last night in Milwaukee. The arm belongs to Packer End Lionel Aldridge, who gets help from Lee Roy Caffee (60). Steelers in on play are End John Hilton (82) and Guard Sam Davis (57). Packers won, 21-17.



Just Running in Rain—Packer Travis Williams sloshes through rain and mud after taking handoff from Zeke Bratkowski Saturday night. Pittsburgh's

Jerry Mazzanti (60) helped the weather in limiting Williams' advance in the Milwaukee County Stadium game. (AP Wirephoto)

given as many people a chance to play as long as possible." "We may have sacrificed a little team development, some cohesiveness and general coordination," he conceded, "but we have two more weeks to take care of that."...PACKER PATTERN: Operating from new, temporary headquarters at the Midway Motel, the Packers regrouped today on the field for the first time since Saturday night's victory. The champions, who moved out of St. Norbert College as students arrived, were given Sunday and Monday off, although required to check in at 6 o'clock last night for the evening meal, followed by a meeting...The Packers will be opposing the Browns in the grapefruit league's annual late, late show - the nightcap of the annual double-header which customarily lures a capacity crowd of more than 82,000 fans to Cleveland's huge Municipal Stadium...For the second straight game, Travis Williams emerged as the Pack's leading rusher. He totaled 40 yards in 10 tries against the Steelers, following a 77-yard performance in Dallas a week earlier...Bart Starr fashioned a spectacular 32.5-yard per completion average against the Steelers, hitting

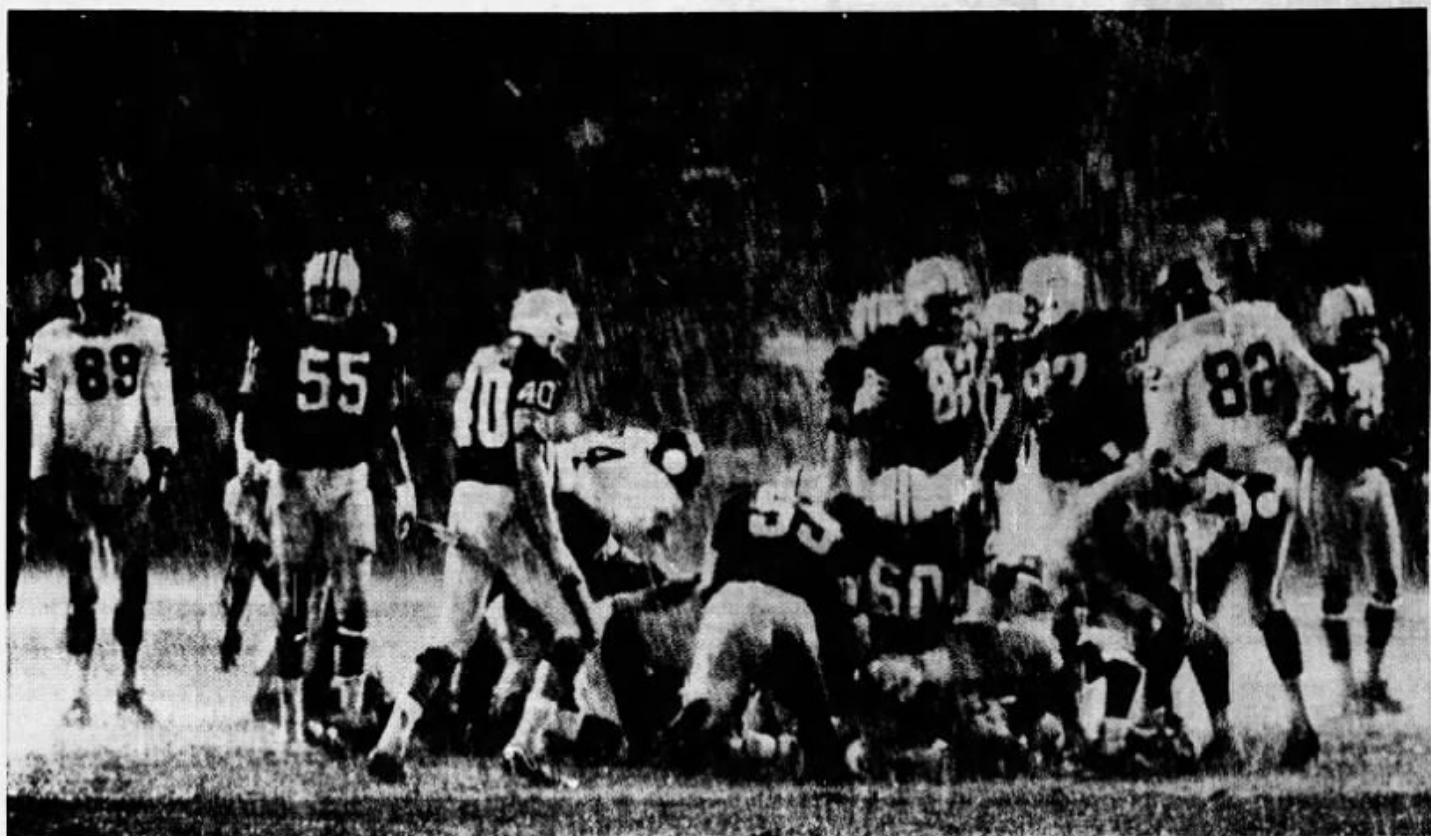
on 4 of 6 attempts for 130 yards. Zeke Bratkowski also was on target completing 5 of 10 for 84 yards.

SENSIBLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ROOKIE, DALE SAYS OF TDS

SEPT 3 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Dry once again, and at his leisure, Carroll Dale permitted himself a wide smile. "A Pittsburgh writer said to me in the dressing room, 'You had some fun with a couple of rookies, didn't you?' " the Packers gifted flanker recounted. "'Woodson's (Marv) not a rookie,' I told him. Woodson and the rookie, Lou Harris, were playing opposite each other at the corners." Dale, relaxing during the Packers' post-game buffet at Milwaukee's Hotel Pfister, had been the recipient of two first half touchdown passes from Bart Starr. In the process, he had averaged a slightly fantastic 41 yards on three catches in approximately one quarter of work during a rain-drenched 21-17 conquest of the Steelers. But, being prudent and of a charitable nature, he is not one to downgrade the enemy...MAKES SENSE: "It's a tough position to play," he said sympathetically. "But when you do have a rookie there, it makes sense to throw that way." Describing his first TD reception, which involved a juggling act, the wiry VPI alumnus explained, "The ball was a little bit low and I bobbled it. I didn't catch it clean." "I hit it once and I hit it again. About the third time," he added dryly, "I got it. Harris tried to strip me of the ball, but he missed. "The second touchdown was a perfectly thrown ball by Bart," Carroll further observed. "The first pass I caught (it set up TD No. 1) was the first one like that I've caught, I think, in nine years," he appended. "When you look back and the ball crosses you, it's hard to catch. I missed one like that in Baltimore in 1965 when I had Len Lyles beat down the left side...GOOD PRACTICE: "The tendency is not to extend your arms enough. The tendency is to give up ... It's good practice." Fellow flanker Bob Long, dealt to the Atlanta Falcons less than 48 hours later, admitted he was "real happy" about his 54-yard reception, which triggered the Packers' winning touchdown. "My dad has been pretty sick," he explained, "and I knew he'd be listening to the game back home in Pittsburgh...WANTED IT BADLY: "I felt like I could get loose on that one," Long confided. "But Woodson's pretty quick himself. I came across from the other side and made a move inside. Then I went outside. He turned his back, but I think he had the angle on me, because he ran me out of room after a few yards. That second one in the end zone (interference was charged against the Steelers' Bob Wade, setting up a one-yard touchdown plunge by Donny Anderson), I wanted pretty badly. I felt like I had it." How had Wade interfered? Long laughed and replied, "He just smothered me." Doug Hart, whose end zone interception had quashed a Pittsburgh threat in the final minute of the first half, confessed, "When I came down, I was happy to see I was over the line. I didn't want it to be on the 1-yard line." "I think anybody could have intercepted it," Hart chuckled. "He threw it right to me...HAPPY AT CORNER: "I'm happy to be playing the corner (after a stint at free safety in behalf of Willie Wood at Dallas a week earlier) because I'm more familiar with it," he continued, "but I have to be ready to play anywhere." Another member of the defense, Henry Jordan, advanced an explanation for the Steelers rushing success (173 yards). "They had a few unusual counts," he reported. "It took us the first quarter to get used to it. The quarterback would say 'hut,' then there was a pause before they moved. Usually, a team will go on the sound. They also had wider splits in the line than we expected. It took us a while to get used to it." "That's training camp," he added...LEG CRAMPS: Chuck Mercein, whose 22-yard ramble with a Zeke Bratkowski screen pass in the muddy fourth quarter was one of the Pack's long gainers, wryly informed, "When I was running with that one, my pants felt so heavy I thought I was going to have leg cramps." Surprisingly enough, Jerry Kramer indicated the weather had not been a factor in his miss of a 27-yard field goal attempt, also in the final period. "I had a lot of room for excuses," he smiled, "but it wasn't the rain or the mud. The snap was good, the hold was good. Everything was good but the kicker. He looked up."

PACKERS GENERATE EXCITEMENT

SEPT 3 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The Green Bay Packers are an exciting football team. Who ever said they weren't? Nobody...but then not many ever said they were, except that they generated excitement simply by winning. Remember when Vince Lombardi's teams were accused of being successful but stodgy? Everybody agreed that success was all that really counted but nevertheless many a line was written or uttered about the Ohio State offense Lombardi seemed to prefer. And there were bushels of boos when Lombardi refused



The Green Bay Packers and Pittsburgh Steelers Took Early Showers Saturday Night at Milwaukee County Stadium When Rains Made the Playing Field a Nightmare in Mud
—State Journal Photo by Ira Block

to okay a fourth-and-one gamble. And Bart Starr's critics accused him of lacking imagination...**DROWNED OUT THOUGHTS:** But the exhibition games played thus far this season should have all but drowned all those thoughts. If any one intangible quality has emerged from the five games, it is excitement. Saturday night's soaker was a continuing example of this. There was, first of all, the fourth down gamble early in the contest. This was not the first time Coach Phil Bengtson was willing to take a chance of this sort. Then there were the bombs launched by Bart Starr and Zeke Bratkowski. Starr has long been known as the best "short passer" in the game but this year he has been throwing more long ones...bombs, if you please...than ever before. And with receivers like Carroll Dale, Boyd Dowler and Donny Anderson available, it can be a spectacular play. Along with that, Starr has certainly shed the "conservative" label. We have always had some doubt as to the justice of that label anyway but his kayo punch against the Cowboys last year, the pitching from the end zone he has attempted this year (even though it backfired Saturday night), his bombing and his increased use of the pass must have erased that conservative tag...**WAVE OF EXPECTANCY:** Then there are Anderson and Travis Williams. Any time they get their hands on the ball a wave of expectancy sweeps across the audience. And there is the tendency of the Packers to play the "routine" games with just about enough push to get them by and then come up high for the real key games. This trend became obvious already last year and is pretty well verified in Jerry Kramer's new book. Judging by the exhibition results to date...including Dallas...this has not changed. Win or lose this year, the Packers appear to have the ingredients of an "exciting" team. We may have to call them The Thrillables...The victories over Dallas and Pittsburgh have removed some of the second guessing of Bengtson but there seems to be one continuing topic of discussion...the waiving of soccer kicker, Fernando Souza. Outstanding in practice, Souza apparently buckled a bit under game conditions but the living room coaches feel "he should have been given more time to get used to American football. They especially feel that way when Packer kickoffs continue to avoid entering the end zone like it was quarantined.

CARROLL PONDER'S IRONIC ANNIVERSARY VS. BROWNS

SEPT 4 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Skyscraping Leo Carroll is hoping to mark an ironic anniversary Saturday night. Carroll, who came to the Packers in Monday's Bob Long-Doug Goodwin trade with the Atlanta Falcons, volunteered this intelligence following Tuesday's practice...**HONOR TO BE HERE:** "If I get into this game against Cleveland and I'm in on the kickoff, it'll be kind of funny," he said, smiling faintly. "That is when I got hurt last season - on the kickoff in our pre-season game against Cleveland."...**ANY PROBLEMS NOW?:** The former San Diego State athlete damaged the inside cartilage on his right knee in that one, an injury which required surgery and shelved him for the balance of the season. "I had played against Green Bay in the All-Star game, and against New York and Miami before I got hurt in Cleveland," Carroll reported. The towering California shook his head and replied, "My knee is real good." Happy, understandably, to be with the world champions, Carroll said, "It's a great honor to be here...I hope that I will be some help to the team."...**PRACTICE BOTH SIDES:** Exclusively a defensive end throughout his career, he expects to continue in that role here. "The coaches told me I would practice at both sides (behind Willie Davis and Lionel Aldridge)," he said. At 250 now, which he considers his ideal playing weight, Leo explained, "I could carry 260 - I have a big frame. But I'd rather play at 250. I feel more agile at that weight." Blessed with good speed for

his size, Carroll reported, "Before I hurt my knee, I ran a 4.9 in the 40-yard dash. I was clocked at 5.1 during the season last year while I was working on my leg."...**HORN'S ROOMMATE:** Leo, who played basketball and ran the hurdles in track as a prep in addition to starring in football, and Packer quarterback Don Horn were roommates at San Diego State. "I'd like to see Don (currently in the Army)," Carroll said. "We're real close friends...I hear he's getting married in February. I had a lot of respect for him as a quarterback when we played together." Carroll, who said he had left the Falcons about "two and a half or three weeks ago," indicated that differences over salary had not been a factor...**PERSONAL PROBLEMS:** "I had some personal problems," he confided. "But not with the coach. Norb Hecker is a real good coach. I respect him." "I think I've got them straightened out now," the 24-year-old Alhambra, Calif., native added. It is, then, full speed ahead? "I sure hope so," was the devout reply. "I've played football all my life and it's a real great opportunity just to be a part of the Green Bay team."

BUCKY POPE WITH PACK FOR TRYOUT

SEPT 4 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Their wide receiver corps reduced to four following the departure of Bob Long, the Packers Tuesday took steps to provide possible insurance. Bucky Pope, the former Los Angeles Ram and Atlanta Falcon flanker, joined the world champions for a tryout, Coach Phil Bengtson reported. Pope, 6-foot-5 and 205 pounds, was hampered by a knee injury with Atlanta last season but managed to catch eight passes for 152 yards and 2 touchdowns. Recently released by the Falcons, the 27-year-old Catawba College product was a rookie sensation with the Rams in 1964. An eighth draft choice, he caught 10 touchdown passes to tie for NFL individual honors and averaged 31.4 yards for 25 receptions, believed to be a Ram record. In two collegiate seasons, the Catawba Claw caught 66 passes for 1,197 yards. As a senior in 1963, he scored nine touchdowns and caught four two-point conversions to lead the Carolina Conference in scoring with 62 points. As Pope arrived, the Packers lost rookie defensive tackle Dick Cash of Northeast Missouri to the Falcons via the waiver route. His departure reduces the official roster to 43 players. Three more must be released by Monday to reach the NFL regular season limit...**PACKER PATTERN:** Reflecting upon Saturday night's muddy match with the Pittsburgh Steelers, tight end Phil Vandersea noted, "That infield in County Stadium was like running through wet cement." He laughed and added, "I ran the wrong pattern on the one I did have in that area, anyway. They had a screwed up defense and I didn't recognize it"...Ron Kostelnik's spouse presented the veteran defensive tackle with a daughter Tuesday...The Packers launched preparations for Saturday night's invasion of Cleveland with a morning meeting, followed by a brisk, 90-minutes workout..

BROWN, ADVERSITY VIE AGAIN

SEPT 4 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Robert Eddie Brown, a 27-year-old colossus of deceptively gentle nature, has found the football fates nothing if not capricious. But the Packers' soft-spoken Arkansan, a reluctant spectator for the last five weeks with a broken arm, is not permitting them to warp his outlook. Accustomed to overcoming adversity - he twice was released by the San Francisco 49ers before making the NFL grade with the Packers in 1966 - Bob is fully aware an injury is hardly an asset in the battle to retain a regular berth with the world champions. "It's been a struggle for me," admits Brown, who also has luxuriated in the prosperity of winning NFL title game and Super Bowl payoffs the last two years. "But you can't just throw up your hands and say this is the end of the world. You've got to hang in there and make the best of it..."**AN AGGRESSIVE PLAYER:** "I take the game seriously," Bob, a model of dedication and desire, added. "I go all out all the time-I'm an aggressive player. I can't stop my aggressive play worrying about injuries. The same thing will apply when I come back. I can't stop my aggressive play worrying about reinjuring my arm." The 6-foot-5, 260-pound defensive lineman is optimistic about an early return to combat. "I expect to get the cast off sometime this week, according to what the doctor tells me," he said. "It feels real good. I've been doing some Exer-genie work with it and it hasn't bothered me. In fact, it looks like it's ready now, the way it feels." Brown, who has been on a daily exercise program and weight-lifting during his enforced vacation, appended with the trace of a smile, "I guess I'll be just about the strongest left-armed man around." "I'm in pretty good shape-I've gotten up to 600 pounds on the weight machine with the leg push since I started the program."...**10 TRIPS UP STEPS:** Although he also has been doing some running on a regular basis, Bob noted, "It will take a little while to get my wind back like it was. I usually do about 10 short trips up the Lambeau Field steps three days a week and I work on the weights real hard at least three days a week. I've been on the weights five weeks," he continued. "I started out real low and gradually built up. I love the program. If you start out and keep at it, you can see the progress." Since Brown already had been recognized as one of the game's more muscular citizens there are those who insist he can inhale a luckless quarterback in one herculean gulp - his next intelligence will be of little comfort to Packer rivals. "I'm stronger in my shoulders than I was before, he says, "and I know I'm stronger in my left arm..."**LIKE WORKING FOR NOTHING:** "I think I've done tremendously well under the conditions," he continued. "It's tough to come out to practice every day and say, 'I've got six more weeks of sitting on the sidelines.' "It's like working for nothing. Although you actually are working for something You're working toward a goal." He is buoyed at the moment by the conviction these fretful days soon will be behind him. "I don't think it'll take too long to rehabilitate this arm and get it in good condition, once the cast is off," he said. "I think I can come back and play in a short time. I very definitely hope to be ready for the opener (against the Philadelphia Eagles in Lambeau Field Sept. 15)."

GROZA ERA ENDS? COCKROFT TO KICK AGAINST PACKERS

SEPT 5 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – There may come a time in Cleveland Saturday night when the radio play-by-play announcer intones, "Frank Ryan will hold and Don Cockroft will attempt a field goal from the..." Don Cockroft?? The name falls strangely upon the ear after 20 years of Lou Groza, the paunchy perennial who has been the Cleveland Browns' placement specialist since they were founded in 1946, save for one season of temporary retirement. But his era may be nearing an end. Coach Blanton Collier has announced that Groza's apparent successor will kick any extra point and field goal attempts that may arise in Saturday night's exchange with the Packers...**ALSO DOES PUNTING:** "This game," Publicity Director Nate Wallack reported via long distance, "will tell the tale. If Don does



Lou Groza

Don Cockroft

well against the Packers, he will be our placekicker during the regular season. Lou is 44 years old and we have to get ready to replace him." Cockroft, an Adams State product who was on Cleveland's taxi squad last year, also does the punting, Wallack informed. "He has about a 41 or 42-yard average for our four pre-season games to date."...OTHER NEW FACES: His will not be the only new face in the Ohioans' format. Charley Harraway, a powerfully built (6-foot-3 and 215) third year running back from San Jose State, will be operating at left half in place of the injured Ernie Green and John Demarie, a sophomore lineman from LSU, at guard as successor to the departed John Wooten on offense. Green has been shelved since injuring a knee in the Browns' grapefruit inaugural against the Los Angeles Rams and Wooten was cut (and subsequently signed by Washington) after a racial incident with defensive back Ross Fichtner. Fichtner now is with the New Orleans Saints. "There have been quite a few more changes in the defense," Wallack said, "although some of them involve old faces at new positions. Against the Packers, Jack Gregory, a second year man from Delta State, will be at left end and Bob Matheson at middle linebacker. Matheson replaces Dale Lindsey, who has been moved to right linebacker...DAVIS ON CORNER: "Ben Davis, who was the league's

leading punt returner last year, is the right corner man. He replaces Mike Howell, who has been shifted to Fichtner's free safety position. Collier doesn't feel we've jelled yet," the veteran publicist reported. "We've only had one good game. We didn't play well in our last two games, although we did beat Buffalo." The Browns lost to the Rams, 23-21, on a safety in the final minute of their opener, then rebounded to subdue the 49ers, 31-17, before running afoul of the Saints, 40-27. Last time out, they came from behind to decision Buffalo's Bills, 22-12. "Our ground game has been excellent," Wallack said, "but our passing has been spotty...No, there's nothing wrong with Ryan. He's just been a little off. Defensively, we've done quite well. We held LA without a first down for the first 36 minutes of our game."...PACKER PATTERN: As per custom, Saturday night's doubleheader - the Detroit Lions and New York Jets meet in the first game - is a sellout. "We've been sold out for 10 days," Wallack said. This means that somewhere between 83,000 and 84,000 fans will bulge Cleveland's huge Municipal Stadium ... The Packers took official note of the Browns for the first time Wednesday when the defense deployed against the Cleveland offense, with Zeke Bratkowski and Bill Stevens portraying Ryan at quarterback. Ben Wilson, on the injured list since arriving in camp July 15, donned pads for the first time and reported, "It went pretty well. I'm pretty much encouraged." Wilson, who has been troubled by complications following knee surgery, was quick to add, "Of course, I didn't really test it. I took part in the passing drill and ran some simple patterns, but I didn't cut on it. I expect to do that tomorrow, and that will be the big test. I did hit the blocking dummy a couple of times and that felt okay, surprisingly enough. But I'm a long way from doing anything. Anything, however, is an improvement over what I've been doing" ... The Packers will leave for Cleveland via United Airlines charter at 12:30 Friday and headquarter at the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel. They will return to Green Bay immediately following the game.

SAINTS MAY DROP TAYLOR

SEPT 6 (New Orleans) - The Times-Picayune in a dispatch from Shreveport, said today it had learned "that there is a definite possibility that (Jim) Taylor is in danger of not surviving Monday's final cuts" by the New Orleans Saints. The NFL club acquired Taylor, the once-favored Green Bay fullback, after the ex-Louisiana State star played out his option with the Packers in 1966. At Green Bay, Taylor rushed for more than 1,000 yards for five consecutive seasons, a league record. He was the leading rusher for New Orleans last year with 390 yards for the expansion club. The Times-Picayune also said Taylor had been relegated to the Saints special team for tonight's exhibition clash at Shreveport with the Minnesota Vikings. Work on the kickoff and punt return teams is usually performed by players seeking to win berths on a team.

EMBARRASSED PACK DEFENSE SEEKS 'RECOVERY' VS. BROWNS

SEPT 6 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packer defense, a prideful platoon, is a little embarrassed at the moment. Capt. Willie Davis, Henry Jordan, et al, are unhappily aware the Pittsburgh Steelers amassed 173 yards rushing at their expense in muddy Milwaukee County Stadium last weekend. As a result, they hope to regain their self esteem Saturday night in Cleveland, where the World Champions engage the Browns in the nightcap of the grapefruit league's annual extravaganza, the now traditional pre-season doubleheader. Not, however, because they hold the Ohioans' attack cheaply. To the contrary, they have deep respect for the Browns' offense, engineered by that illustrious egghead, Frank Ryan...FANCY FIGURE: They are particularly wary of the Cleveland running game, which has averaged roughly 180 yards per game - a fancy figure in any competition - en route to a 2-2 record. But, Davis explains, he and his fellow defenders feel they have found the answer to their Pittsburgh problem. "Any time you give that many yards on the ground," Willie observed following Thursday's practice, "you have immediate hope of improvement. And, after looking at films of the Steeler game, we know why. For example, one time you will make a certain play and another time you will not and miss a tackle...SO MUCH ATTITUDE: "We're just not doing the things we do best. Immediately you have something to work on. We hope to correct that in Cleveland Saturday night." "This game," he soberly appended, "is so much attitude. You feel you're going to get back to the old way of doing it. You feel, with just a little effort, you can get back to doing it the way you know you can." "Checking the Browns, however, is not likely to be a simple task, Davis indicated. "After watching them on film against the New Orleans Saints, they look like the same old Cleveland ball club," Dr. Feel Good



Grid Greats Pour In for Doubleheader

said. "They've got LeRoy Kelly and a new fellow, Charley Harraway, running at the other back...GOOD PULLING GUARDS: "They always have had real good pulling guards – they always pull out well and lead the way. And, of course, they have an outstanding outside runner in Kelly. Although the Browns' rushing attack has been impressive, a club spokesman has called their passing game "spotty," it was noted. "They looked okay both ways to me," Willie said. "Of course, the passing game comes a little slower than other phases. But they certainly have the receivers in Warfield (Paul) and Collins (Gary). They can hit you with the home run, the long gainer." "They looked like the same old Cleveland ball club," he dryly concluded. "I didn't notice any real difference."...PACKER PATTERN: Kelly, as might be expected, is the Browns' leading rusher. LeRoy, the NFL's reigning rushing king, has accumulated 323 yards in 67 attempts, a 4.8 average...Running mate Harraway has forged a glittering 6.6 average on 250 yards in 38 tries. The mercurial Warfield leads the receivers with nine catches for 233 yards, a plush 25.9 average, and 3 touchdowns. His favorite passer, Frank Ryan, owns a modest 41.7 percentage on 25 completions in 60 attempts for 412 yards...Packer fullback Ben Wilson, making daily progress in his bid to shake a knee problem, "carried the ball" for the first time in Thursday's offensive drill and was happy with the results. "I cut on it a little bit (for the first time)," he beamed, "and I'm very pleased." Wilson has been in training camp since it opened July 15 but inactive until this week...The Packers wrapped up their Cleveland preparations this morning, then boarded a United Airlines charter at 12:30 for the Ohio metropolis.

GRID GREATS POUR IN FOR DOUBLEHEADER

SEPT 6 (Cleveland Press) - Some 170 players and 26 coaches gathered in Cleveland today to complete preparations and rest up for tomorrow night's seventh annual pro football doubleheader blast at the Stadium. The matchups of the Detroit Lions vs. the New York Jets in the 6:30 p.m. opener and the Green Bay Packers vs. the Browns in the nightcap means some of the biggest "name" athletes in the business are on hand for the gaudy windup to the 1968 pre-season schedule. Bart Starr, Willie Davis, Boyd Dowler, Henry Jordan, Donny Anderson, Herb Adderley and the other Packers who have become household names in winning three straight league titles and the only two Super Bowl games played. Joe Namath, Emerson Boozer, Matt Snell, Don Maynard and George Sauer of the Jets; Mel Farr, Gail Cogdill, Dick LeBeau, Wayne Walker, Lem Barney and fleet rookie and sensation Earl McCullouch of the Lions, along with a lengthy list of Browns' heroes. There still are 43 players on the official Cleveland roster, plus injured Ernie Green, and most of them will have at least some supporters among the approximately 83,000 fans who will fill the seats and occupy the standing areas for this biggest bargain in pro football. A portion of the proceeds goes to The Press Helping Hand Fund, which has been enriched by \$100,000 over the years by these events. Least well known of the four head coaches guiding the clubs is Phil Bengtson, who fell heir to pro football's most successful team when Vince Lombardi retired last winter. Bengtson is 55 and began coaching under Don Faurot at Missouri in 1935 after gaining All-America honors as a tackle on Bernie Bierman's teams at Minnesota. He bypassed a promising career as a pro player to go directly into coaching and reached pro circles in that capacity with the San Francisco 49ers in 1951. Bengtson joined the Packers in 1959 when Lombardi began putting together the powerhouse that has dominated the NFL for most of the last eight years. No introductions are necessary for the other coaches - Detroit's Joe Schmidt, longtime linebacking standout with the Lions; New York's Weeb Ewbank, former Browns assistant who led Baltimore to consecutive NFL titles in 1958 and 1959; and, of course, the Browns' Blanton Collier, one of the league's most successful coaches since succeeding Paul Brown five years ago. The two games provide final tuneups for the start of championship play next weekend. The Browns open at New Orleans, the Packers at home against Philadelphia, the Lions at Dallas and the Jets at Kansas City in an American Football League game. Chief interest tomorrow night, of course, will center on the Browns' performance. The club has encountered some passing and defensive problems the last two weeks against supposedly weaker clubs after starting out well at Los Angeles and San Francisco. Cleveland should play well on pride alone after the humiliation suffered in last November's 55-7 shellacking by the Packers at Milwaukee. The Browns have undergone numerous changes since then, mostly on defense where Jack Gregory will open at left end, Bob Matheson at middle linebacker, Dale Lindsey at right linebacker, Ben Davis at right cornerback and Mike Howell at free safety.

SAINTS' TAYLOR REFUSES TO PLAY

SEPT 7 (New Orleans) - Jimmy Taylor, one of the most feared runners in professional football at one time, refused to play an exhibition game Friday night, adding fuel to reports he is ready to retire from the New Orleans Saints. General Manager Vic Schwenck said Taylor's

decision not to play against the Minnesota Vikings left him open to a "possible fine." Taylor, a long time standout with the Green Bay Packers, had been assigned to the Saints special teams for kickoffs and punts for the Minnesota exhibition game in Shreveport.

BROWNS SEEKING REVENGE AGAINST PACKERS TONIGHT

SEPT 7 (Cleveland-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The Packers won't soon forget their last encounter with the Cleveland Browns. Neither, perhaps unfortunately, will the Browns, who confront the world champions in the finale of tonight's doubleheader at Municipal Stadium (8:30, WNFL). That was in Milwaukee last Nov. 12, when the Packers "got well" in spectacular fashion with a 55-7 rout of the Ohioans. Rebounding from a loss to Baltimore, which cost them the services of Elijah Pitts and Jim Grabowski, they rode a pair of all-the-way kickoff runbacks by Travis Williams to a record-tying 35-point eruption in the first quarter that left their guests stunned and hors de combat... 'HOPE PLAYERS REMEMBER': It was the most resounding defeat in the Browns' generally proud 22-year history and, it is safe to assume, the memory will serve as a special spur to Coach Blanton Collier's athletes in tonight's match, last pre-season venture for both teams. Collier hinted as much at the Cleveland club's luncheon here Friday. "I hope the players will remember what happened to them in Milwaukee last November," he said. The Packer-Brown exchange will be preceded by the Detroit Lions' appearance against the New York Jets, who will be relying on the celebrated arm of their flamboyant field general, Joe Namath, to sabotage Detroit's customarily tightfisted defense... BOTH 2-2 VS. PROS: Coach Phil Bengtson's invaders and their hosts head into combat with a mutual objective. Both 2-2 at this point against professional opposition, they will be striving to finish above .500 and gain momentum for the imminent championship grind. They have had some similar experiences along the pre-season trail. Both lost their first efforts against an NFL foe and, poetically enough, both in the final minute of play. The Packers were shaded by the Giants, 15-14, on Fran Tarkenton's touchdown pass to Joe Morrison, while the Rams scuttled the Browns, 23-21. Following those misadventures, the Packers fell victim to the burgeoning Bears, 10-7, but Cleveland rebounded to whip the 49ers, 31-17... CLICKED AT DALLAS: The Pack found the combination a week later, outgunning the potent Cowboys in Dallas, 31-27, and followed with a 21-17 triumph over the Pittsburgh Steelers at Milwaukee County Stadium. Cleveland, meanwhile, ran afoul of the New Orleans Saints, 40-27, before coming back to decision the Buffalo Bills, 22-12. The Packers will be in search of their third straight victory over the Browns in this now traditional showdown. Losers by 20-17 in their first appearance in 1964, they scored a 30-14 victory in 1965 and a 30-21 decision last year. With opening day just a week off, Bengtson has indicated he will play his regulars most of the way to hone them for their NFL inaugural against Philadelphia in Lambeau Field Sept. 15. He also has announced he will lead with the same veteran format which opened the Pittsburgh exercise. This means that Bart Starr will start at quarterback and Donny Anderson and Jim Grabowski at fullback. Starr's primary targets will be Boyd Dowler and Carroll Dale. The Browns will counter with some imposing weapons of their own, not the least of them one of pro football's most explosive running attacks. Led by LeRoy Kelly and Charley Harraway, Cleveland has amassed the impressive total of 729 rushing yards... NEW KICKER FOR BROWNS: To complement this substantial threat, the Ohioans have quarterback Frank Ryan, one of the NFL's more competent long ball artists, and two "home run" receivers, split end Paul Warfield and flanker Gary Collins. The Browns' kicking game presumably will be in new hands. Don Cockroft, up from last year's taxi squad, is scheduled to do both the punting and placekicking, except for kickoffs. In the past, these chores have been assumed by Gary Collins and the venerable Lou Groza... PACKER PATTERN: Tonight's crowd may exceed the all-time doubleheader record of 84,236 set in 1967... Joe Namath's favorite Jet target is George Sauer, son of a former Packer halfback of the same name. Sauer was the AFL's leading receiver last season ... Like the Packers and Browns, the Lions and Jets go into action with 2-2 marks.



MUST BE FUNNY—Green Bay quarterback Bart Starr (right) laughs at remark made by Packers' fullback Jim Grabowski as club arrives yesterday.

Plain Dealer photo (William G. Vorpe)

84,000 TO WATCH BROWNS, PACKERS

SEPT 7 (Cleveland Plain Dealer) – The Browns have a library of game films which they peruse frequently. In fact, they looked at one yesterday that was taken from the "horror movie" section. It was labeled "Browns vs. Green Bay Packers, Nov. 12, 1967." The site was Milwaukee and the game one that Cleveland won't soon forget. A young fellow named Travis Williams ran two kickoffs back for touchdowns. The Browns were out of the game almost before it started. Final score was 55-7 and before a national television audience, too. Green Bay went on to win another NFL and Super Bowl crown. The humiliated Browns put the pieces together well enough to win the Century Division title but the roof caved in again against Dallas and Los Angeles. Now the Packers are being faced again tonight at A crowd of some 84,000 will jam every inch of space, including the standing room, if the weatherman is right. He is predicting clear skies and a low in the upper 40s. Blanton Collier mentioned that meeting in Milwaukee yesterday as he talked about the 1968 season and introduced his squad before a full house at the annual kickoff the Stadium in the feature of the seventh annual doubleheader. The Detroit

The Lineups

OFFENSE

GREEN BAY		CLEVELAND	
Dowler	SE	Warfield	
Skoronski	LT	Schafraath	
Gillingham	LR	Demarie	
Bowman	C	Hoaglin	
Kramer	RG	Hickerson	
Gregg	RT	Taffoni	
Fleming	TE	Morin	
Starr	QB	Ryan	
Anderson	LH	Harraway	
Dale	FL	Collins	
Grabowski	FB	Kelly	

DEFENSE

Davis	LE	Gregory	
Kostelnik	LT	Johnson	
Jordan	RT	Kanicki	
Aldridge	RE	Glass	
Robinson	LLB	Houston	
Nitschke	MLB	Matheson	
Caffey	RLB	Lin	
Adderley	LH	Barnes	
Jefer	RH	Davis	
T. Brown	LS	Kellermann	
Wood	RS	Howell	

Lions of the NFL meet Joe Namath and the New York Jets of the American Football League in the 6:30 p.m. opener. Blanton Collier mentioned that meeting in Milwaukee yesterday as he talked about the 1968 season and introduced his squad before a full house at the annual kickoff luncheon sponsored by the Cleveland Advertising and Touchdown Clubs at Hotel Pick Carter. "If you don't feel well, it's not a good movie to look at," the coach declared. "A lot of things happened that are unexplainable. That game certainly was no indication of the relative strength of the two teams. I believe we have a squad capable of playing football against anyone. We have our pride and that defeat hurt. This is an exhibition game tomorrow, but we still want to win." Both coaches are expected to go for the most part with their regulars in this final pre-season tuneup. New men will be worked in, however, during the latter stages most likely. The Browns definitely will be without Ernie Green as the fullback still is on the injured reserve and most likely will miss the regular season opener a week from tomorrow in New Orleans. Charley Harraway, third year man from San Jose State, gets the call to team with Leroy Kelly at the running backs. Monte Clark isn't likely to see action either as he has a strained knee. So the nominee for right offensive tackle is Joe Taffoni, second year man from Tennessee Martin. Completing the opening backfield will be Frank Ryan at quarterback and Gary Collins at flanker. Paul Warfield will be the split end. The Packers are in good shape as far as front line players go. Danny Anderson and Jim Grabowski will get the call at the running backs with Bart Starr calling the plays and Carroll Dale at flanker. Dale has had a great exhibition season with 18 catches for 435 yards and a 24.2 average. With the exception

of the Dallas game in which the Packers gave up 27 points but won, the defense has been tough. Former Browns Henry Jordan and Willie Davis still lead the defensive line. The Packers have won three and lost two - counting the opening victory over the College All Stars, while Cleveland takes a 2-2 mark into the game. Both the Jets and Lions are 2-2 in pre-season play and come to Cleveland with teams which have defensive prowess.

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