



San Francisco 49ers (3-9) 30, Green Bay Packers (3-9) 14  
Sunday December 10th 1950 (at San Francisco)

**Rote, Grimes Work 96-Yard  
TD Play; Tony Breaks Mark**

# 49'ers Defeat Packers, 30 to 14

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## Playoffs To Decide Conference Titles

### GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(SAN FRANCISCO) - Taking advantage of fumbles, interceptions and an impotent running attack, the San Francisco Forty Niners defeated the Green Bay Packers, 30 to 14, in the final 1950 NFL game for both teams here Sunday afternoon. Though the field was muddy from a week of rain, the game was played under a bright sun before 20,797 fans. The defeat put the Packers into a tie with the 49ers for next to last place in the league's National conference with three victories and nine losses each. Southpaw quarterback Frank Albert led the 49ers as they avenged last month's 25-21 loss on a snowswept field in Green Bay. The Californians scored a touchdown and a field goal in the first period to take the league, pushed over two more tallies in the second and scored once more in the final period. Tony Canadeo came out of the game as the Packers' all-time ground gaining champion, making 35 yards - all that the Packers gained on the ground - to give him a total of 3,875. He snapped Clarke Hinkle's mark of 3,860. The 35-yard blast, more than 20 coming on the last two plays of the game, ranked Canadeo as the league's No. 2 all-time ground gainer. The Packers made only 43 yards on the ground but lost eight, reducing the figure to 35. The Packers took a short-lived advantage early on a brilliant touchdown pass from quarterback Tobin Rote to halfback Billy Grimes, who ran 96 yards. The Packers also counted in the third period on a pass from Rote to Steve Pritko in the end zone... The first touchdown was the most thrilling of the game. The



Packers were backed up against their own goal and Rote's toss was out in the right flat as the team has spread out to give Grimes several blockers. All executed their assignment perfectly and Grimes, cutting back through the middle, darted down the field to outspeed all would-be tacklers. San Francisco came right back with Albert mixing up his plays to work the ball 63 yards. Halfback John Styzkalski ran the last seven yards. A little later, Gordon Soltau booted a 21-yard field goal to give the 49ers a 10-7 margin. The winners counted in the following period by recovering a Packer fumble. Pritko caught Rote's pass but bobbled it, and Sam Cathcart recovered the ball in midair. From the 10, Albert threw to fullback Joe Perry. Bob Summerhays of the Packers tried to bat the ball, but deflected it into Perry's hands on the goal line.

### COUNT JUST BEFORE HALF

The 49ers counted again just before the half when Perry smashed through the line and ran 77 yards to give the 49ers a 24-7 margin. Green Bay scored in the third quarter after Summerhays recovered a fumble on the Frisco 49-yard line. Rote completed three passes and wound up by tossing the payoff to Pritko. The 49ers wound up the scoring in the final period after putting the ball into play on the Packers' 22 through an interception pass. Albert tossed to halfback Fred Gehrke in the end zone...Although outclassed both statistically and on the scoreboard, the Packers were in the game until the final gun. Intercepted passes and fumbles recovered by the opposition were costly. Green Bay's quarterbacks, Rote and Paul Christman, were rushed hard and often had to get off passes in to big a hurry. Penalties also hit the Packers in crucial moments. They halted drives just when Green Bay's offense was clicking. Fullback Canadeo's 20-yard gain, which would have been a first down to continue a drive, was nullified by a holding penalty. The visitors looked great when they sprung Grimes loose early in the opening period on the 96-yard touchdown run. The spread formation caught the 49ers napping. Green Bay threatened midway in the second period after Joe Spencer had recovered a 49er fumble on his own 45. The Packers got down to San Francisco's 17, through the aid of a 15-yard penalty and an 11-yard pass from Christman to Al Baldwin but Christman lose 11 on another pass attempt. Ted Fritsch tried a field goal from the 36-yard line but the ball went wide...The Packers made two scoring rallies in the third period, and capitalized on the second one. Bob Summerhays recovered a fumble by 49er end Alex Loyd to set the stage for the tallies. It gave the visitors the ball on San Francisco's 49. Rote threw a tremendous pass to Bob Mann, and the fleet end got behind the defenders to make a nifty catch. It put the ball nine yards from scoring turf. Rote then hit Pritko for five yards and Grimes made one yard to the 3. On the next play, three receivers were waiting at different spots in the end zone. Rote picked out Pritko and the Packers were still in contention with the count 24-14 against them. Previously, Green Bay had taken the ball from its own 31, after a 20-yard kickoff return by Canadeo, to the San Francisco 25. Passes accounted for all but one yard of the advance. Rote first tossed one yard to Baldwin, then 11 to Pritko and 20 more to Baldwin. Rote made one yard through the line, then connected with Baldwin for 11 yards to the 25. The rally failed when Rote's next pass was intercepted by Bob Livingston in the end zone and returned to the 49er 14. San Francisco held game control almost throughout the last period. The Packers staved off one 49er threat when Rebel Steiner intercepted a pass on his own 9. Late in the contest, Chuck Drulis charged in to partly block Albert's punt, giving the Packers the ball on their own 46. They lost the ball on downs on their own 31 to where they had been set back by a 15-yard penalty...With less than a minute, the Packers were still trying. They had time to run off two plays. Canadeo made 10 yards to his own 38, then smashed through for 14 more into San Francisco territory as the game ended. The only man who bothered Albert on his pass patterns was Dan Orlich, defensive end, who bowled in repeatedly. He threw the elusive 49er for a couple of losses. The Packers were the victims of a big break which went to the advantage of the locals starting the second period. The 49ers had intercepted a pass which Pritko fumbled on his own 37. After getting down to the 10-yard marker, Albert threw a

Finale						SAN FRANCISCO	
<b>NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE</b>						Ends—Soltau, Shoener, Lloyd, Beals, Bruce, Nix.	
						Tackles—Campora, Quilter, Mathews, Collins, Normellini.	
<b>National Conference</b>						Guards—Evans, Grgich, Banducci, Dow.	
	W	L	Pct.	PS	OP	Centers—Johnson, Wishmann.	
Los Angeles	9	3	.750	465	309	Backs—Albert, Powers, Cason, Livingston, Cathcart, Gehrke, Stryzkaliski, Wagner, Garlin, Standlee, Perry, Sitko, Lillywhite.	
Chicago Bears	9	3	.750	279	207	<b>Score by Quarters</b>	
New York Yanks	7	5	.583	366	367	Green Bay	7 0 7 0—14
Detroit	6	6	.500	321	285	San Francisco	10 14 0 6—30
<b>GREEN BAY</b>	3	9	.250	244	406	<b>The Scoring</b>	
San Francisco	3	9	.250	213	300	Green Bay: Touchdowns — Grimes, Pritko. Conversions—Fritsch 2.	
Baltimore	1	11	.083	213	462	San Francisco: Touchdowns — Perry 2, Stryzkaliski, Gehrke. Conversions—Soltau 3. Field goal—Soltau.	
<b>American Conference</b>						<b>Team Statistics</b>	
	W	L	Pct.	PS	OP	Green Bay 49ers	
Cleveland	10	2	.833	310	144	First downs	14 21
New York Giants	10	2	.833	268	150	By rushing	2 12
Philadelphia	6	6	.500	254	141	By passing	10 9
Pittsburgh	6	6	.500	180	192	By penalties	2 0
Chicago Cards	5	7	.417	233	287	Yards gained rushing	35 225
Washington	3	9	.250	232	326	Yards gained passes	285 190
<b>Sunday's Results</b>						Passes attempted	37 34
SAN FRANCISCO 30, GR. BAY 14.						Passes completed	19 17
New York Yanks 51, Baltimore 14.						Passes intercepted by	3 3
Pittsburgh 28, Chicago Cardinals 7.						Yards interceptions return	32 36
Cleveland 45, Washington 21.						Punts number	2 5
Chicago Bears 6, Detroit 3.						Punt average	34.5 32
New York Giants 9, Philadelphia 7.						Kickoffs returned by	5 3
<b>The Lineups</b>						Yard Kickoffs returned	41 43
<b>PACKERS</b>						Yards punts returned	123 67
Ends — Baldwin, Orlich, Steiner, Mann, Wimberly, Cook, Pritko.						Fumbles	5 5
Tackles — Wildung, Ecker, Spencer, McGeary.						Fumbles lost	3 2
Guards—Burris, Drulis, Manley, Di Piero, Szafaryn.						Penalties	5 10
Centers—Neal, Tonnemaker, Schuette.						Yard lost penalties	37 94
Backs—Rote, Christmas, Reid, Dreyer, Girard, Grimes, Coutre, Forte, Wizebicki, Canadeo, Cloud, Summerhays, Fritsch.							

touchdown pass to Joe Perry. But it was deflected slightly by Summerhays and popped into Perry's hands for the score. That made the count 17-7 in favor of San Francisco. If the pass had failed, the Packers would have still been in the running.

**GREEN BAY - 7 0 7 0 - 14**  
**SAN FRANCISCO - 10 14 0 6 - 30**

	<u>GREEN BAY</u>	<u>SAN FRANCISCO</u>
First Downs	14	19
Rushing-Yards-TD	15-31-0	35-223-2
Att-Comp-Yd-TD-Int	38-20-291-2-2	33-17-197-2-1
Sacked-Yards	0-0	0-0
Net Passing Yards	291	197
Total Yards	322	420
Fumbles-lost	6-4	5-2
Yards penalized	5-35	10-90

**SCORING**

1ST - GB - Billy Grimes, 96-yard pass from Tobin Rote (Paul Christman kick) GREEN BAY 7-0  
 1ST - SF - Strzykalski, 7-yard run (Gordie Soltau kick) TIED 7-7  
 1ST - SF - Soltau, 21-yard field goal SAN FRANCISCO 10-7  
 2ND - SF - Joe Perry, 10-yard pass from Frankie Albert (Soltau kick) SAN FRANCISCO 17-7  
 2ND - SF - Perry, 78-yard run (Jack Nix pass from Albert) SAN FRANCISCO 24-7  
 3RD - GB - Steve Pritko, 3-yard pass from Rote (Ted Fritsch kick) SAN FRAN 24-14  
 4TH - SF - Fred Gehrke, 4-yard pass from Albert (Kick failed) SAN FRANCISCO 30-14

**RUSHING**

**GREEN BAY** - Tony Canadeo 8-30, Billy Grimes 3-1, Tobin Rote 3-0, Larry Coutre 1-0  
**SAN FRANCISCO** - Joe Perry 9-135 1 TD, Johnny Strzykalski 11-50 1 TD, Emil Sitko 2-17, Frankie Albert 4-13, Jim Cason 4-6, Norm Standlee 4-3, Verl Lillywhite 1-(-1)

**PASSING**

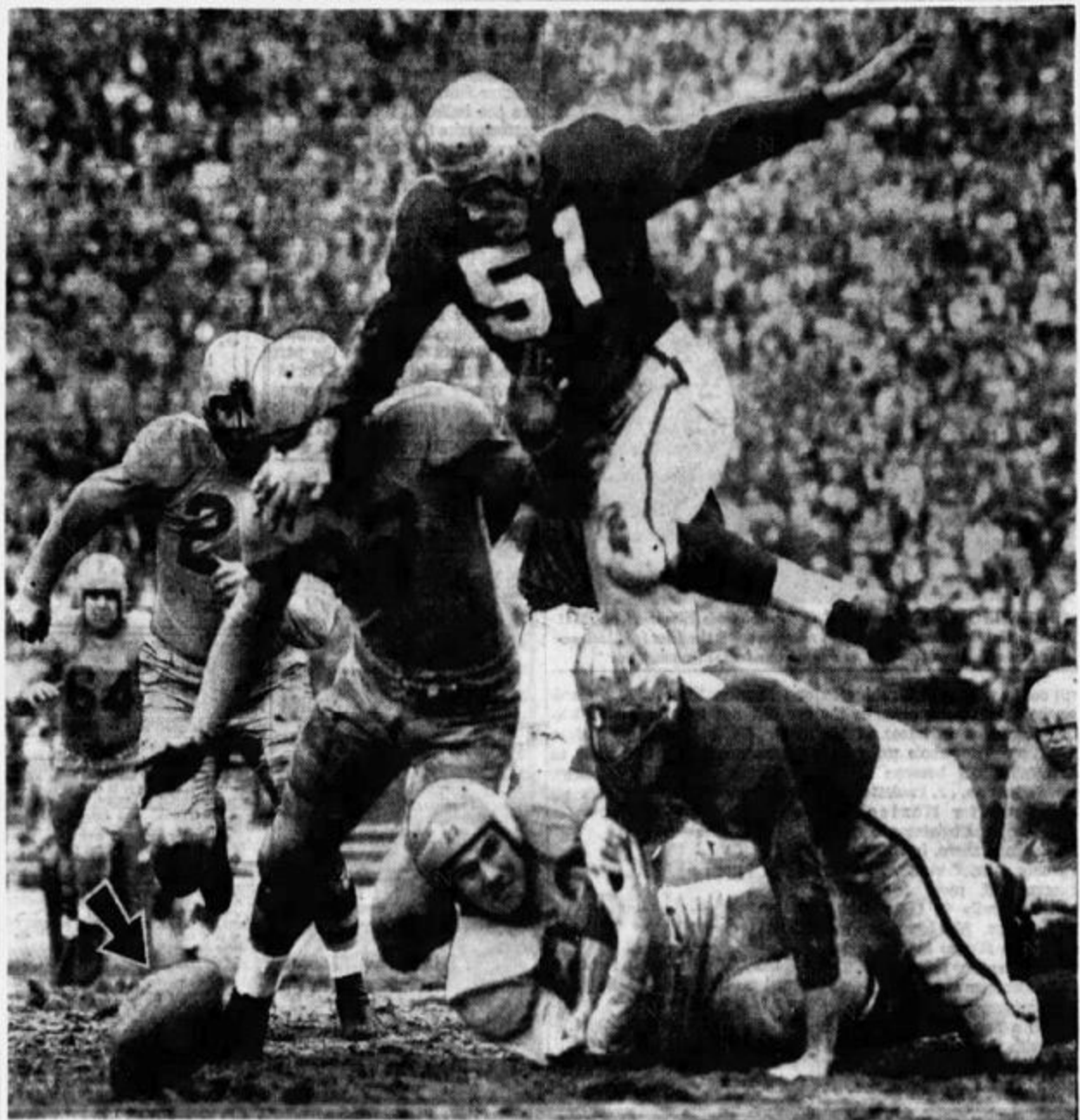
**GREEN BAY** - Tobin Rote 23-15-256 2 TD 2 INT, Paul Christman 14-4-21, Bob Forte 1-1-14  
**SAN FRANCISCO** - Frankie Albert 33-17-197 2 TD 1 INT

**RECEIVING**

**GREEN BAY** - Steve Pritko 6-39 1 TD, Bob Mann 4-73, Al Baldwin 4-43, Billy Grimes 2-98 1 TD, Larry Coutre 1-16, Willie Manley 1-14, Jack Cloud 1-6, Breezy Reid 1-2  
**SAN FRANCISCO** - Jim Cason 4-56, Alyn Beals 4-35, Joe Perry 3-20 1 TD, Alex Loyd 2-34, Fred Gehrke 2-17 1 TD, Gordie Soltau 1-28, Johnny Strzykalski 1-7



Sam Cathcart, San Francisco halfback, picks up four yards after grabbing a Green Bay Packer fumble in the second quarter of the teams' final 1950 National Football league game in 'Frisco Sunday. Packer players are Len Szafaryn (51), Leon Manley (90) and Paul Burris (33). Leading interference for Cathcart is Jim Powers (62), Forty Niner quarterback. (AP Photo)



**FUMBLE SCRAMBLE**—Green Bay Packer Halfback Billy Grimes thought the porkhide was greased as he attempted to pick up a 49er kickoff following a field goal in the first quarter yesterday at Kezar Stadium. Grimes fumbled the ball three times and finally lost it. Veri Lillywhite, 49er, shown on hands and knees in the right fore-

ground, tried to recover, but after a scramble it was Jim Powers who got it on the Packer 37 yard line. Grimes is on the ground next to Lillywhite, while diving over the top in an effort to get the ball is 49er Gordon Soltau, No. 51. Packer Carl Schuette, No. 17, is also making a try for the ball. The 49ers closed their season with a 30-14 victory.

—S. F. Examiner Photo by Matt Southard.



**HIS DAY** — Norm "Big Chief" Standlee, San Francisco 49er fullback for the entire history of that team, is shown during pre-game ceremonies yesterday when he was presented with an automobile and numer-

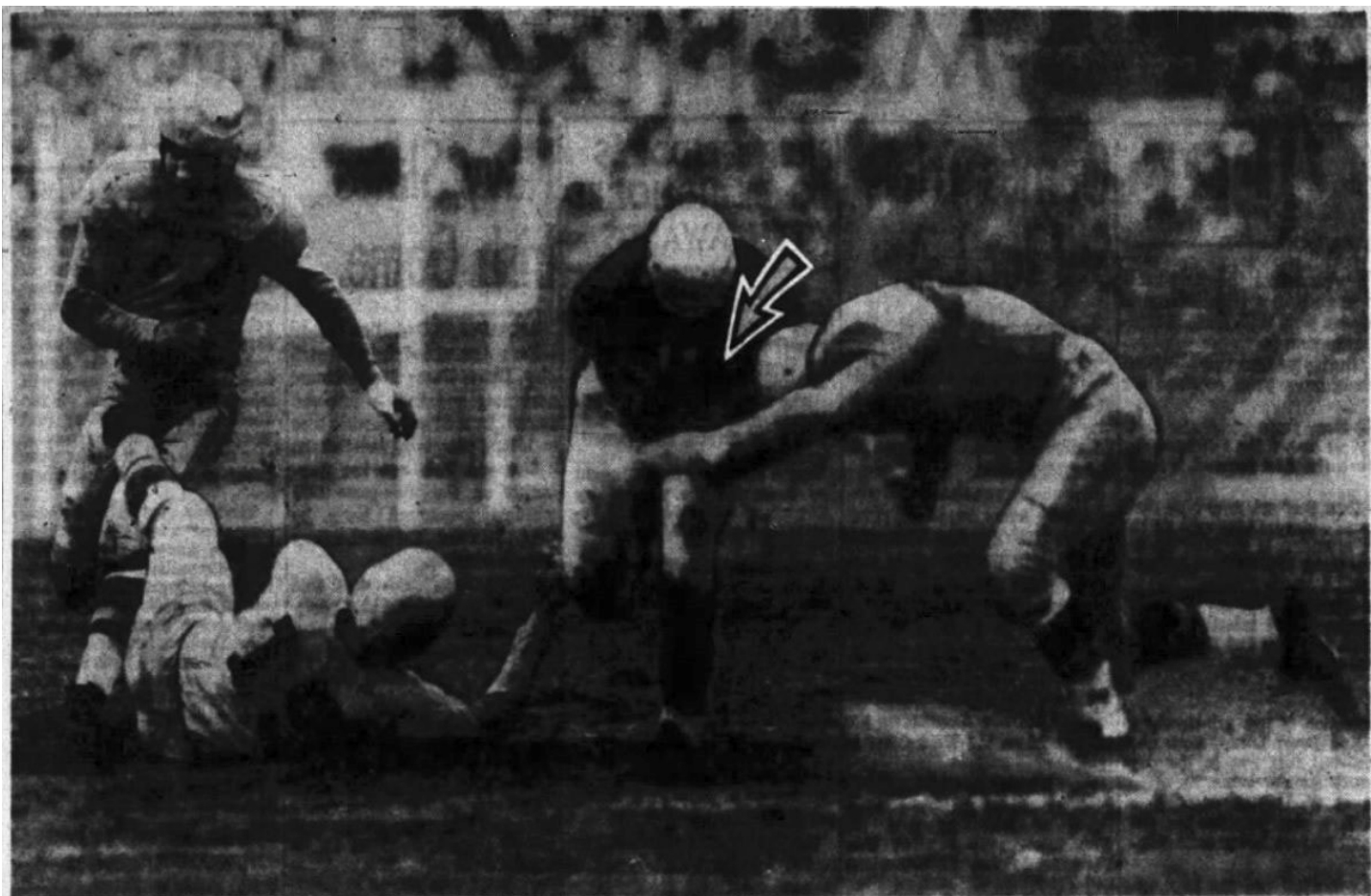


ous other gifts by fans and friends. Listening to Standlee are little daughter Shirley and his wife, Cleo. They were mighty proud as their "Big Chief" led the 49ers to a 30-14 victory over Green Bay Packers.

—S. F. Examiner Photo by Matt Southard.



#74 Joe Perry gains yardage against Packers #74 Rebel Steiner and #35 Clayton Tonnemaker



Halfback Johnny Strykalaki plunges over from seven yards out to score the 49ers first touchdown in yesterday's game against the Green Bay Packers at Kassar Stadium. Packers in the picture are Fullback Bob Sum-

merhays (77-left) and End Al Baldwin (19-on ground). The S.F. eleven got off to a 24-7 halftime lead and coasted to a 30-14 victory, its third in 12 league games this year. A crowd of 20,797 watched game.—Tribune photo.