



Minnesota Vikings (7-2) 3, Green Bay Packers (3-5-1) 0
Monday November 15th 1971 (at Minnesota)



Vikes Shade Haunted Packers 3-0

GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(MINNESOTA) - The huge scoreboard clock flashed down to zero and the press box announcer gratefully jested, "We want to thank all of you Viking fans who went to church this morning." That was the kind of day it had been for the National Football Conference's reigning Central Division champions here Sunday afternoon, explosive courtesy of the resurging Packers. Except, alas, for one small detail...the score. A deeply disappointed Dan Devine, who had just seen a statistical sweep dissolve into a 3-0 defeat, could not fault his team's performance, far and away its best of the season.

DOMINATED FIGURES

Neither could his coaching opposite, the Vikings' Bud Grant. "I don't think we could play any better," Devine said simply, aware that his team had not only dominated the figures but dealt the Vikings the kind of physical punishment they have been accustomed to giving out en route to three successive division titles. "Dave Hanner, Bob Schnelker and Red Cochran, who have been on the coaching staff for a long time, said it was the best effort they've ever seen...That makes losing even more bitter." Grant, the winners' low key leader, had just watched the enemy rush through and around his awesome Purple Gang for 245 yards, due in no small measure to the bull-like bursts of rookie fullback John Brockington, while closing down the Viking attack with a mere 87 yards overall. "The Packers played as sound a football game against us as anybody has in the last three years," he said.

NO BRASS RING

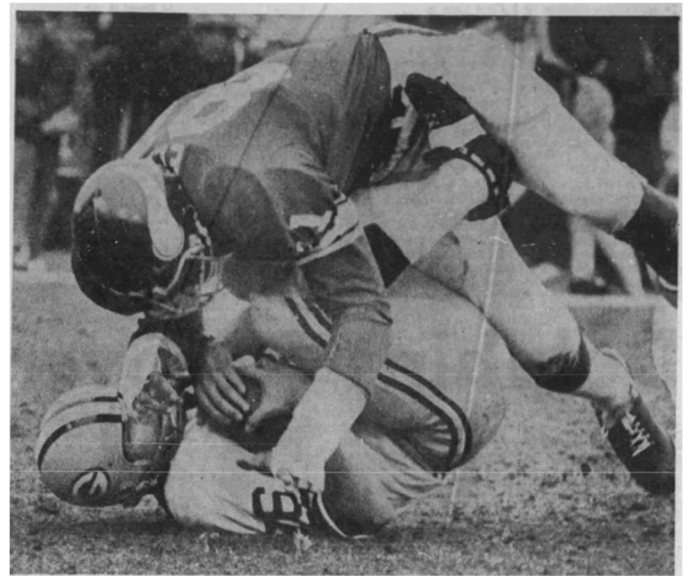
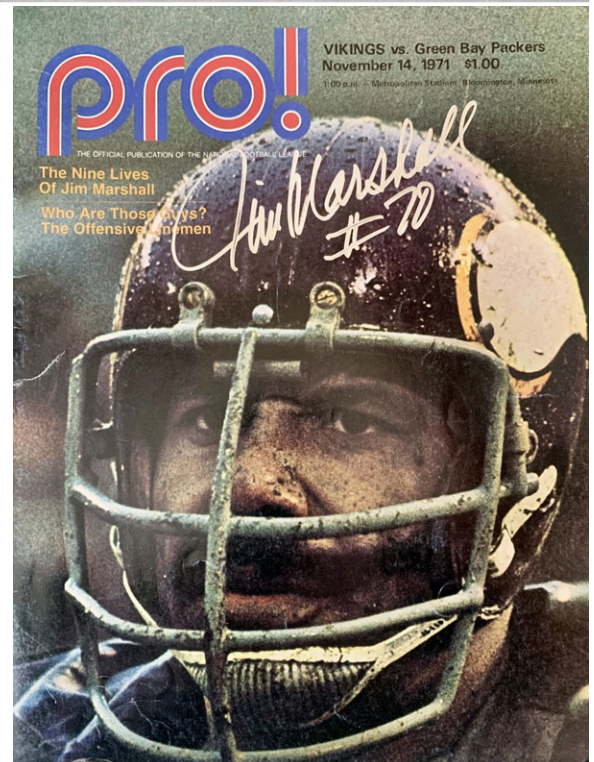
Yet, despite the Packers' artistry and devastating, 149-yard production from Brockington, one salient and inescapable fact remained...there was no brass ring for the green and gold, largely because of Minnesota's "big play" defense and a rookie quarterback's itchy trigger finger. With the score 0-0, second-and-eight at the Viking 10 and eight minutes remaining, Scott Hunter had elected to go for the touchdown, rather than a "sure" field goal, and was rudely overruled by Minnesota strong safety Charlie West, who intercepted and cantered to midfield before being jolted out of bounds. This disconcerting turnabout shortly bloomed into a pair of Viking first downs and a decisive 25-yard field goal by Minnesota's Mr. Automatic, Fred Cox. It also made a spectator out of Hunter, relieved by old pro Zeke Bratkowski, for the balance of the afternoon, although Devine would only say, "There was some reason for it, but I don't want to say at this time."

'ON HIS OWN'

Devine did reveal that the former Alabama star "was on his own at the time of the interception...But, of course, he was on his own quite a bit throughout the ball game." There also was little question that Hunter's call had been in conflict with prevailing strategy. "On the sidelines, I had just been saying for about five minutes that a field goal would win the game," Devine said. "Everybody knew my feelings." Hunter, a trifle subdued, was typically candid. "I got greedy," he said. "I wanted seven instead of three. We were trying to play for three but I just got greedy. Actually, Rich McGeorge ran a good route on the play and he was open by five steps, but I think I threw it a little late...I saw West but I thought I had it over his head."

CREDITS ELEMENTS

"If he had gotten on Rich instantly, I'd have thrown the ball out 'of bounds and played for the field goal." McGeorge credited the elements with a Viking assist on the play. "I saw the ball all the way," he said. "It just hung there - the wind held it up."



Carl Eller introduces Scott Hunter to the Metropolitan Stadium turf.

—AP Wirephotos

Point Parade



Packers 0 0 0 0-0
Vikings 0 0 0 3-3
Vikings 3, Packers 0

Cox kicked 25-yard field goal on eighth play after West intercepted a Hunter pass on the goal line and returned it to the 50-yard line. 10:58 elapsed in fourth quarter.

NFL Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Miami	7	1	1	.875	221	103
Baltimore	7	2	0	.778	207	85
New England	3	6	0	.444	150	228
New York Jets	3	6	0	.333	113	189
Buffalo	0	9	0	.000	127	288

Central Division

Cleveland	4	5	0	.444	149	185
Pittsburgh	4	5	0	.444	181	192
Cincinnati	2	7	0	.222	164	165
Houston	1	7	1	.125	116	215

Western Division

Oakland	6	1	2	.857	248	155
Kansas City	6	2	1	.750	189	126
San Diego	3	5	0	.375	150	179
Denver	2	6	1	.250	135	168

NATIONAL CONFERENCE Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Washington	6	2	1	.750	182	113
Dallas	6	3	0	.667	240	165
New York Giants	4	5	0	.444	159	215
St. Louis	3	5	0	.375	135	149
Philadelphia	2	6	1	.250	88	207

Central Division

Minnesota	7	2	0	.778	128	72
Chicago	6	3	0	.667	156	150
Detroit	5	3	1	.625	224	179
Green Bay	3	5	1	.375	179	188

Western Division

San Francisco	6	3	0	.667	198	122
Los Angeles	5	3	1	.625	183	146
Atlanta	4	4	1	.500	188	175
New Orleans	3	4	2	.429	162	213

Sunday's Results

Baltimore 14, New York Jets 13
New England 38, Buffalo 33
Cincinnati 24, Denver 10
Kansas City 13, Cleveland 7
Miami 24, Pittsburgh 21
Minnesota 3, Green Bay 0
Los Angeles 21, Detroit 13
New Orleans 26, San Francisco 20
New York Giants 21, Atlanta 17
Dallas 20, Philadelphia 7
Chicago 16, Washington 15
Oakland 41, Houston 21

Monday's Game

St. Louis at San Diego, 9 p.m., national television

Sunday's Games

All times EST

Dallas at Washington, 1 p.m.
Denver at Kansas City, 2 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 2 p.m.
Houston at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Miami at Baltimore, 2 p.m.
Minnesota at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
New England at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
New York Giants at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
New York Jets at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at St. Louis, 2 p.m.
San Diego at Oakland, 4 p.m.
San Francisco at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 22

Green Bay at Atlanta, 9 p.m., national television

The way West saw it, "There was no way McGeorge could have caught the ball. I was behind him when Hunter threw and I stepped in front of him to intercept." That was the fifth glittering opportunity of the afternoon to go awry for the Packers, who went scoreless for the first time since being blanked by the Detroit Lions in their 1970 season finale. The first evaporated when Lou Michaels was wide to the left - with or without "assistance" - on a 23-yard first quarter field goal attempt set up by Clarence Williams' recovery of a Clint Jones fumble at the Viking 22.

NOT IN ACCORD

Viking linebacker Carl (Otto) Gersbach was officially credited with partially blocking Michaels' kick and even described his heroics in detail. But the Packers 36-year-old specialist was not in accord. "Nobody touched it," Lou declared. "This kick went the same identical way that the one I missed in Chicago a week ago did. They said there, too, that somebody deflected it, but nobody did...If you don't make that kind, you don't belong in the league."

MOST FRUSTRATING

In her version, Gersbach said, "I got my three outside fingers on the ball. It appeared to lose its spin and drift off to the left...I was able to get in to block through a little 'hole in the center of the line." That was only a hint of the misfires to come, a collection which caused Devine to note, "I've been through a lot of frustrating experiences in my 23 years of coaching but this has to rival the most frustrating ones." In the second quarter, the Packers came away empty-handed after an 82-yard push - easily the longest drive of the afternoon - twice was blunted at the Minnesota one-yard-line. "It was my decision to go for it there on fourth down," Devine said. "I also called the play (a wedge inside by Donny Anderson, who also had been stopped on third down). "I thought we ought to run the same play we had on the previous play," the Packer coach said, explaining, "It's very difficult to run laterally against them. You have to run where you think you can make the yards...I think the film will show we did block Alan Page on that play."

FIXING TO DIVE

Anderson, whose 68-yard performance complemented Brockington's explosive sorties, wasn't sure of the details. "I can't honestly say what happened...I really don't know," he said. "All I know is that one of the linebackers stopped me on fourth down...On third down, I tried to dive over and I think he stuck me as I was fixing to dive over." Grant credited John Ward, a 260-pound sophomore tackle, and veteran Wally Hilgenberg with saving a touchdown. "Wally on second and fourth downs and Ward on third down were able to make the big plays for us," he said. Ward had replaced Hilgenberg after the second down, Grant explained, and Hilgenberg was sent back in following third down to replace safety Paul Krause.

EXPECTED TO SCORE

Krause qualified for a Viking hero's badge on the Packers' next frustration, which followed almost immediately because the Green Bay defense throttled Minnesota at the one and quickly forced a punt. The veteran free safety all but filched the ball from Anderson's hands at the three-yard-line, thus recording the 50th interception of his career. "There was little chance Anderson could have made the catch," he said. "I was just hoping he wouldn't knock the ball out of my hands." Anderson saw it a little differently. "That was so close," he said. "As I saw the ball coming, I thought I was going to score, although I didn't see Krause. It was so close he knocked me down when he intercepted the ball." Andy also was the principal figure in a third quarter misadventure, a second down fumble at the Viking 10 which Krause recovered, acquiring the ball by way of a ricochet after end Jim Marshall had dislodged it from the Golden Palomino's grasp. "On that play, I'm supposed to block the end," McGeorge explained, "but I don't have an angle. I have to hit him and hope. He just blew the gap on Donny and stripped him of the ball."

OFF WEST'S FOOT

Anderson glumly explained, "I was going straight up the middle and I didn't see anybody, except Krause up head...I think somebody kicked the ball after I fumbled." Krause corroborated Donny's assessment, reporting, "The ball took a funny bounce after striking Charlie West's foot." Morose over the miscue, Anderson said, "I'm the type of individual who feels I let the team down when I cause some problem like that...I feel it's my job to hold onto the football." His remarkable running mate, who now has amassed 402 yards

in his last three games and obviously enhanced his "rookie of the year" chances in the losing process, also was a picture of dejection. "Those 149 yards don't help us get closer to the division title," Brockington said sadly. "We had to win the rest of our games to have a chance...Now we're pretty well out of it. This is the most frustrating day of all, and we've had quite a few to play as hard as we did and come out with nothing...God must not dig somebody on this team."

GREEN BAY - 0 0 0 0 - 0
MINNESOTA - 0 0 0 3 - 3

	GREEN BAY	MINNESOTA
First downs	15	5
Rush-yards-TDs	54-245-0	31-66-0
Comp-Att-Yd-TD-INT	11-6-65-0-3	11-5-42-0-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-9	3-21
Net Passing Yards	56	21
Total yards	301	87
Fumbles-lost	2-1	3-1
Turnovers	4	1
Yards Penalized	1-15	4-15

SCORING

4th - MIN - Fred Cox, 25-yard field goal MINN 3-0

RUSHING

GREEN BAY - John Brockington 23-149, Donny Anderson 21-68, Dave Hampton 8-25, Scott Hunter 2-3

MINNESOTA - Dave Osborn 15-45, Clint Jones 5-10, Gary Cuzzo 5-7, Jim Lindsey 3-4, Oscar Reed 3-0

PASSING

GREEN BAY - Scott Hunter 8-5-61 2 INT, Zeke Bratkowski 3-1-4 1 INT

MINNESOTA - Gary Cuzzo 11-5-42

RECEIVING

GREEN BAY - Carroll Dale 2-26, Donny Anderson 2-22, John Spilis 1-13, Rich McGeorge 1-4

MINNESOTA - Bob Grim 2-25, Jim Lindsey 2-5, Dave Osborn 1-12

Line Coming of Age: Ken



Staff Photo by John Croft

Fred Cox kicked from the 25-yard line, with Paul Krause holding, for the Vikings' 3-0 victory over Green Bay.

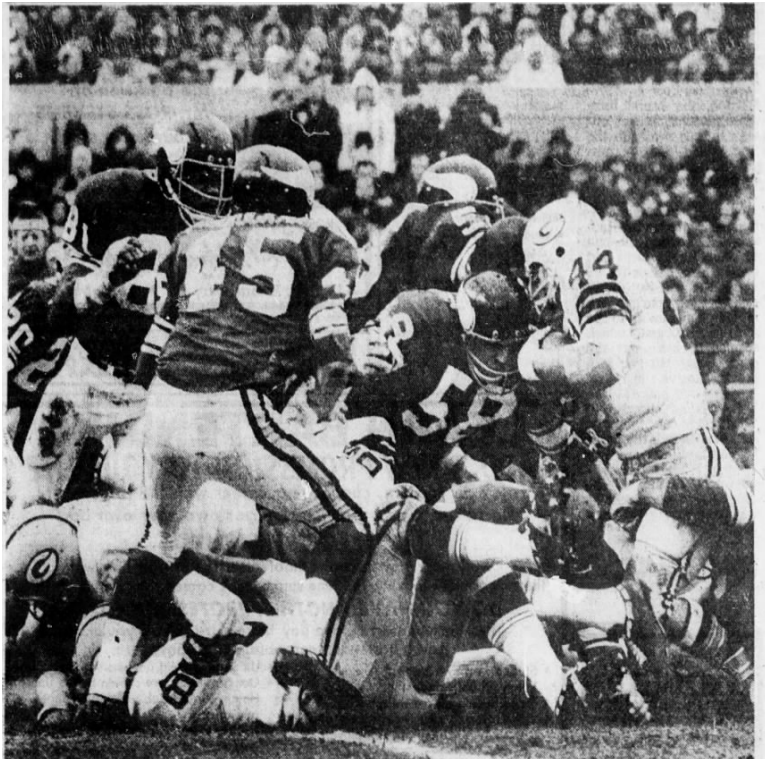
LINE COMING OF AGE: KEN

NOV 15 (Bloomington, MN-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - To Dan Devine, the awesome likes of Page, Eller, Marshall and Larsen comprise "the greatest front four in history." And the first two, at least, are genuine folk heroes in this "land of sky blue waters," where the 10-year-old Vikings have long since matured into a National Football League power. There thus were more than a few raised eyebrows here Sunday afternoon when the Packers' offensive line, oft unfairly maligned just

a year ago, rolled up a massive 245 yards rushing against the Purple Gang in a losing (3-0) cause. But Ken Bowman, a series of angry red gashes running jaggedly across his battered forehead and a cut over the bridge of his nose, professed no great surprise at this turn of events. "I've said all along – in fact, I've said it for several years, that we have a good offensive line," said the indestructible center, chagrined over the shutout but heartened by the show of ground power. "I think we're coming of age. We're more of a cohesive unit now. We're coming off the ball, and when you do that, you're going to hit somebody. And, with a back like John Brockington, he's going to find a hole. People aren't going to drag him down with an arm or a half-hearted tackle. You have to stick him and stick him good. If you don't give him a good, solid hit, he'll run through an arm tackle. And, if you stick your head in the way," Bowman noted with a sardonic smile, "he just might take it off...He has to be feared by anybody who plans to defense us, which is another plus. He's a good, hardnosed kid. I'm just glad we've got him - he has made a lot of difference to our offense." Noting the paucity of points in relation to the mass of yardage, Bowman said, "I'm surprised we didn't score today, since we didn't have any trouble in the past. When we've got down to the 10-yard-line, it's been a foregone conclusion that we were going to go in for seven. We've only been stopped once down there all season until today." "But," he conceded, "they're a heckuva unit, too." Although the Packers doubled their rushing output (120 yards) in a 24-13 loss to the Vikes Oct. 17, Bowman said, "We didn't do anything different than we did the first time...We just blocked and ran. They did things a little differently, however. They seemed to be more conservative, judging from the pictures we've seen and the scouting reports we've had. They played much more 4-3 than they have against other teams - they didn't use as many stunts. They played us pretty straight 4-3." On a personal basis, Bowman found the enemy somewhat less than "conservative," although he shrugged off the new damage to his chronically battle-scarred brow. "I got it primarily against George Seals last week in Chicago," he said. "I cut easy anyway. They stitched it up after the Chicago game, took out the stitches Wednesday and it looked real good yesterday. "But about the third play today," he wryly confided, "it was split right across again. I think it was their middle linebacker, Gersbach, who did it. He seemed bound and determined he was going to open it up." That, however, appeared to be the least of Bowman's concerns. "I'm very frustrated right now," he said. "We get inside the 10-yard line three times and come out with no points...But I am encouraged for the future by our running against the best front four in the game."

TAKE BROCK OUT, REST DEFENSE: GRANT

NOV 15 (Bloomington, MN-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Bud Grant, who normally keeps his own counsel, had some free, tongue-in-cheek advice for the Packers' Dan Devine. After watching John Brockington stack up 149 yards against his Vikings here Sunday afternoon in a losing 3-0 cause, he said, "I think Coach Devine ought to take Brockington out once in a while, instead of alternating Donny Anderson and Dave Hampton, to give the defense a rest." In a more serious vein, Grant said, "Brockington is as fine a runner as I've seen. He makes many of his own yards by bouncing off people and by accelerating with those quick bursts he has. "Actually, Anderson had a good day, too, despite the fumble. He always plays well and gives a good effort, but, for some reason, he seems to have the roof cave in on him whenever we play the Packers." Asked if he



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The Vikings' gang tackling engulfed Green Bay runner Donny Anderson (44) to stop the Packers a yard short of the goal line in the second quarter. Linebacker Wally

Hilgenberg (58) made the original hit, but he got help from Carl Gersbach (56), Ed Sharockman (45) and Carl Eller (81).



Staff Photo by Earl Seubert

John Brockington (42), Green Bay running back, veered through a hole to pick up some of his 149 yards rushing

against the Vikings. Paul Krause (22) and Carl Gersbach (56) closed the hole after a short gain.

ever had seen a game where one of his teams had won after being roundly outplayed (the Packers outgained the Vikings 301 yards to 87), Grant admitted, "No, I haven't. But while I was coaching in Canada I was the loser in a

similar game. I was coaching at Winnipeg and we were playing Edmonton. We had outplayed them by a big margin but we were leading by only 3 to 1 with 25 seconds to play. They recovered a fumble on our 24, kicked a field goal and won 4-3." Devine, on his part, had a few pointed comments for Viking fans. "I couldn't believe what was going on here when I came Saturday," he said incredulously. "They were talking about the Vikings' troubles. Troubles?...They have every ticket sold, they've probably got the best coach in the league, certainly one of the very best. They probably have the best front four of all-time, they've got the best football player in the league (Alan Page). They've got three fine linebackers, a fine secondary, two experienced quarterbacks, three outstanding wide receivers and Dave Osborn. If I had to start building a team today, I would probably start with Osborn in my backfield. The Vikings also have lost only six games in the last three years and they're leading the league right now...I'd like to have their problems." John Brockington: "We know we're a good football team we've proven that. If we'd just get some doggone breaks, we'd start winning."...Donny Anderson: "It was a great effort by the offensive line - they did a tremendous job. I really mean it...I think the big thing is that we played together as a team. The defense played so well. But we just didn't take it in. I don't know what you can say."...Carroll Dale: "It's hard to believe, losing this one. I can't remember being around a game like this before. We had control of it...But this is where we're going to have to mature - we're going to have to rise above our disappointments."

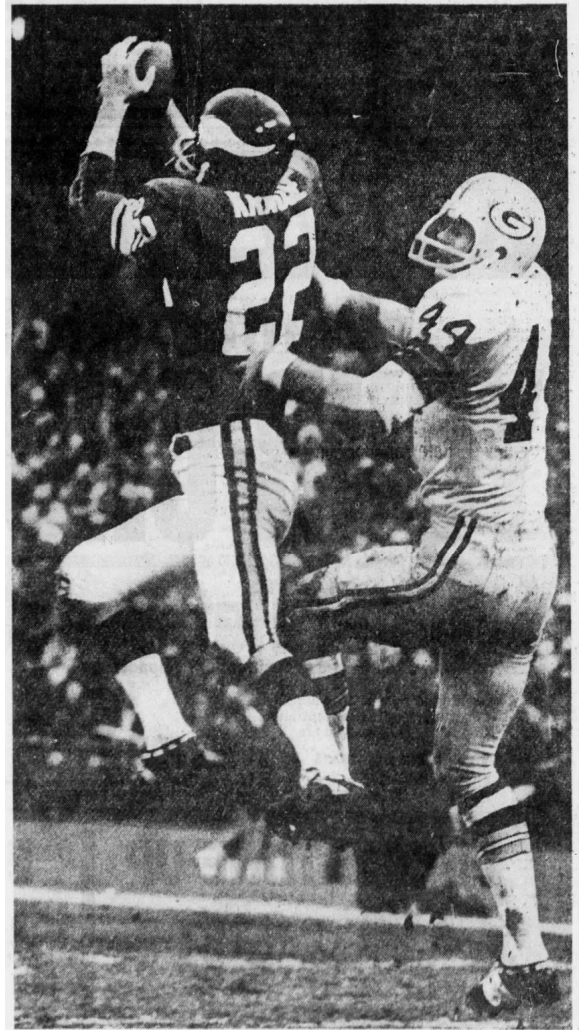
KRAUSE: 'DUTY OF DEFENSE TO WIN'

NOV 15 (Minneapolis Star-Tribune) - Paul Krause, who made a key interception and recovered an important fumble Sunday in the Vikings 3-0 victory over Green Bay, believes that it is the duty of the defense to win football games. "We are a defensive football team," said the former Iowa star. "It's up to the defense to make the big plays. We talk about it all the time in our defensive huddle just like we did today before Charlie West made the clutch interception which made it possible for Fred Cox to kick the winning field goal. We talk a lot back there. And I told Charlie

before Hunter threw the ball that we had to intercept the ball if he threw it." Packer coach Dan Devine blamed "backyard football" for the fact that the Packers didn't score in the fourth quarter when they had the ball deep in Viking territory in a 0-0 contest. "We had guys improvising; we weren't playing disciplined football," said Devine. While Devine wouldn't blame Hunter publicly, the rookie quarterback from Alabama took the blame. "I got greedy," said Hunter. "I should have been satisfied to get three points, but I went for the touchdown." West said he read the play well and had a chance for the interception. "If I hadn't slipped," said West, "I might have had only the Green Bay quarterback to beat and could have gone all the way: But by the time I had my: footing the quarterback had a guard with him. I couldn't get by both of them." Another standout was linebacker Wally Hilgenberg, who made tackles to stop Green Bay twice on the one- yard line. "I was on the sidelines on second down and John Ward was in for me on our goal-line defense," said Hilgenberg. "On third down, I went in to play free safety for Krause, Ward moved to Marshall's "end position, and' Marshall went to linebacker. I didn't do anything special. I just tried to meet him (Donny Anderson) in the hole." Devine, a native of Proctor, Minn., was surprised by the complaining he heard about the Minnesota offense before the game and also was shocked by the booing of the Vikings offensive team. "This team has won three straight Central Division championships and lost about two games a year for the past three seasons," said Devine. "Coach Bud Grant must be one of the best, going by his record. They have the best defense in football and Alan Page may go down as the best individual in the game before he is through. If I had a chance to select some of the best players in the league, one I'd take for sure is Dave Osborn. The Vikings are in first place. The sell out the tickets for every game. What do the fans want? I'd certainly like to have some of the Vikings problems."

JUDY EXPRESSES CHARACTER

NOV 15 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The move to Green Bay took Judy Winkler completely by surprise, but both she and her husband, Packer reserve guard Randy Winkler, are delighted by it. This is the first season in three years that Randy has played professional football. Formerly a member of the Atlanta Falcons, Randy was serving in the U.S. Naval Reserves and was called to active duty after the 1968 season. He was stationed at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., where he acted as offensive line coach for Navy. Judy worked in the administration office at the academy during his tour of duty. Randy had been at this year's Falcon training camp only a week, when he was put on waivers and picked up by the Packers. He arrived here Aug. 1. Judy drove to Green Bay from Maryland in the middle of September, and leaving the car for Randy,



Staff Photo by Earl Seubert

Paul Krause (22), Minnesota's free safety, intercepted this pass from Green Bay's Scott Hunter, intended for Donny Anderson (44) and returned it 31 yards.

flew back to Maryland to pack for the move. Although most of the Winkler's furniture is in storage, Judy did bring a few of their things, including a favorite rocking chair and her grandmother's trousseau trunk, which according to Judy provides extra storage space in their small apartment. "The trunk is sort of beat up," she comments, "but I don't want to change it. It has a lot of character." The Packer guard had very little time to find an apartment for them, but with their combined efforts, they have converted the small apartment into a cozy home. "Even if we are going to live somewhere for only a short time, I still like to make it a home,"...JUDY REFLECTS. Randy built a stereo cabinet, which Judy painted a bright orange and added cheery curtains. The cabinet, along with bright occasional tables, add a splash of color to the homey living room. He also built and upholstered a frame for their water bed, another acquisition for their seasonal home. "It took a while to get used to sleeping on it, but it's very comfortable - once you get situated." Because of house rules, the Winklers' male beagle, Nicky, had to be placed in a kennel in De Pere, much to Judy's dismay. "He has always kept me company when Randy is away." They visit him at the kennel and take him for an occasional run in the nearby woods. The Winklers both attended Tarleton State, Stephenville, Tex., a small school in the Texas A and M University system. Randy holds a B.S. degree in biology and physical education and hopes to go to graduate school. Judy majored in political science and would like to complete her education and obtain her degree. Although she has considered a teaching career, she would like to teach on the college level. She doesn't feel it is the type of subject suited for high school. "I've always liked politics," she states, "and would really like to work on a political campaign, just for the practical experience." Judy always enjoyed football, but really became interested while in college. Randy helped her gain a better understanding of the game and now she really becomes involved, even just watching games on television. Moving around is nothing new to Judy. The daughter

of a retired Air Force colonel, her family moved frequently during her father's service career. Originally from a small town in south central Georgia, her parents now live in Atlanta. Randy and Judy are planning to return to Atlanta at the end of this season. Texas born, Randy was raised on a ranch in a very small community, The Grove, population, 88. It is located about 130 miles from Dallas. He enjoys country living and has thought of buying a country home and raising cattle. Cooking for her 6-foot-4 Packer husband is no problem, says Judy. "He is used to fried foods, his favorite being chicken, fried steak and gravy. I like to try new things, but Randy is easy to please." One of her newest ventures is preparing roast duck. Randy enjoys hunting, so Judy is learning to cook the wild ducks and pheasants filling their freezer. On Halloween, her birthday, with some instructions from one of the Packers, she made her first attempt at cooking wild game. "I really went gung-ho cooking the duck, throwing on wine and mushrooms. Then I waited for everybody else to taste it before I did." Judy's outside interests vary from sewing and reading for relaxation to physical fitness classes at the YMCA. "I'm not a fitness nut or anything, but I like to stay in good physical condition. I guess I'm influenced because Randy's position demands that he stay physically fit." The attractive Georgian took an interest in sewing while they were living in Maryland. "I needed clothes for work and sewing is a great way to expand your wardrobe inexpensively. I found I really enjoyed it and found it very relaxing. The only trouble is my lack of patience. I can't wait to finish the outfit so I can wear it and I hate to make mistakes." Judy is a member of the Literary Guild and is slowly building their library. While in Green Bay, Judy is hoping to do some volunteer work at one of the hospitals. A winter with snow will not be a new experience for the Winklers. They were acclimated to Midwest weather during Randy's stint with the Detroit Lions in 1967. The couple enjoys ice skating and would like to try snowmobiling. Skiing, another sport they are interested in, will have to wait until Randy no longer plays football. "There's too much chance for injury," Judy comments. Although the Winklers have done a lot of moving during their five years of marriage, Judy feels it has been an enriching experience meeting many people. Randy and Judy are enjoying their stay in Green Bay. "The city is so clean and fresh and not congested. The people here are friendly, much like at home. Maybe next year we'll live here year 'round."

PACK'S HUSTLE BIGGEST CONSOLATION FOR DEVINE

NOV 16 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - It had been a long, restless night for Dan Devine, one fraught with instant and continuous replays, followed by hours of painful projection room reruns. But, resolutely putting those poignant moments behind him, the Packer generalissimo took the long view Monday afternoon while assessing the current state of the Packers. "When I came here I was hoping we could develop an attitude where nobody outhustled us," he said. "And we've



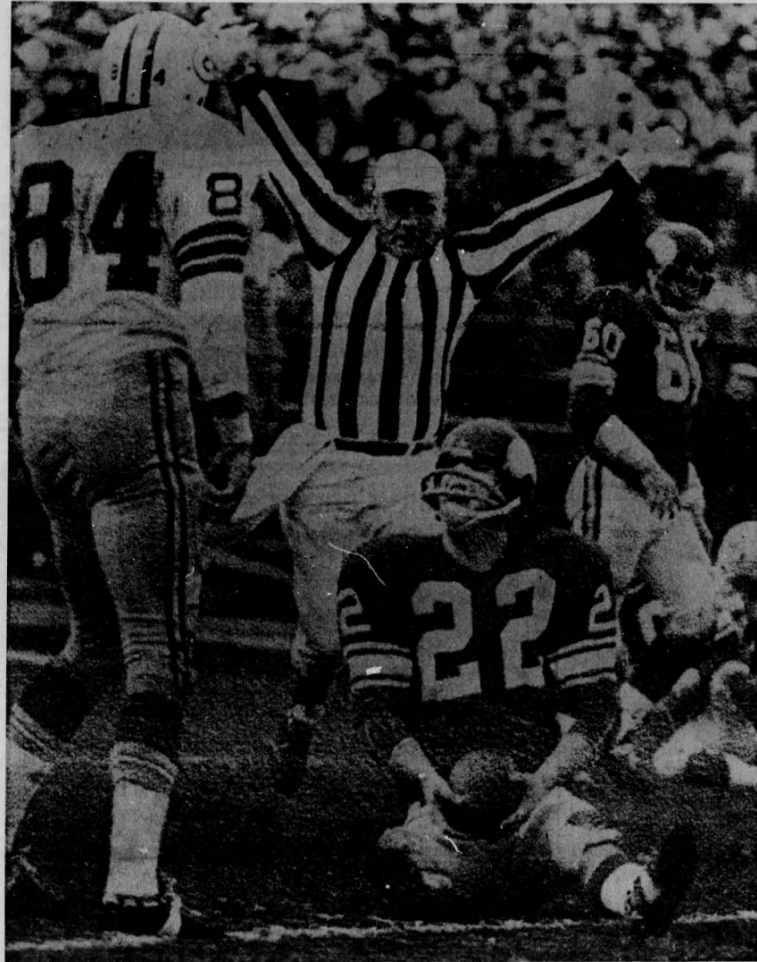
Packer Wife Enjoys Working in the Kitchen
Judy Winkler tries her hand at preparing roast pheasant

—Press-Gazette Photo

Pack's Hustle Biggest Consolation for Devine



Minnesota's Paul Krause (22) fields this fumble by the Green Bay Packers' Donny Anderson (44) in the second half of Sunday's game. Charlie West (40) is shown hitting Anderson. (AP Wirephoto)



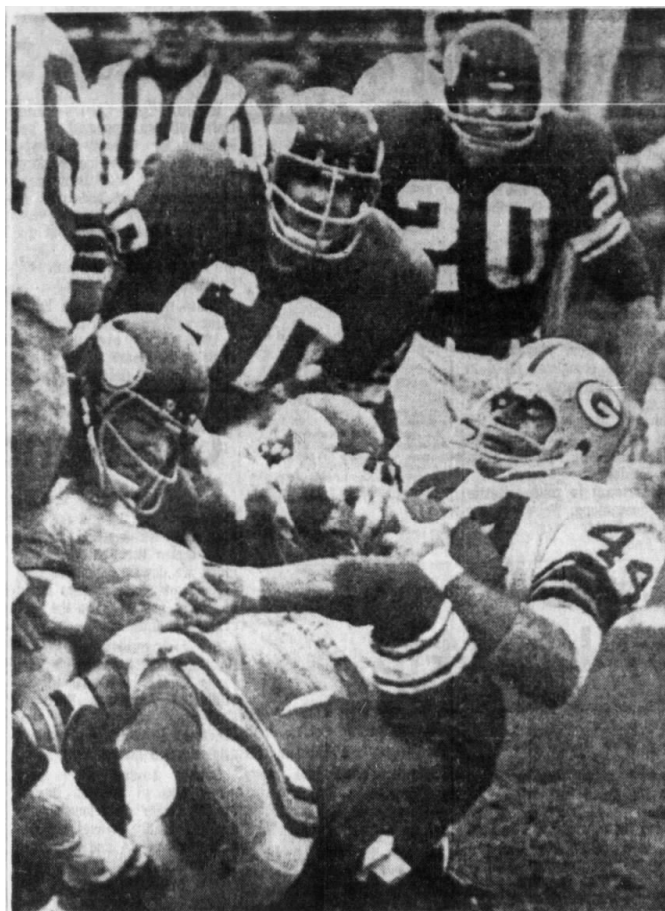
Content Paul Krause

Viking defensive back sits in satisfaction after recovering Donny Anderson fumble while Carroll Dale hovers nearby

accomplished that way ahead of what I expected. Outhustling your opponent is not winning," he quickly conceded with a smile, "but you've got to start somewhere."...**HELD DOWN:** Underscoring the import of this relatively recent development, Devine said, "I think we've held our own the last three weeks...When you swing through the circuit, Detroit, Chicago and Minnesota, and play them as tough as we have, it has to be somewhat encouraging. In order to have championship aspirations, you have to do well against the teams in your division. And, in all the games within our division, we have been fairly close even in our first game against the Vikings...I suppose we are even closer than the record indicates," he said, appending with a sardonic grin, "whatever that means." Devine was quick to note, however, that "close" is not good enough. "As a coach, I can't quite buy that," he said. "But putting on my other hat as general manager, I can appreciate there has been improvement..."**NOT QUITTING:** "On the other hand, as a coach I have to be happy because our mistakes are not of a guy quitting. It's throwing an interception or fumbling. I don't think anybody we've played felt we were a patsy. We were not very far away from winning that ball game Sunday, you know, and I think it proved to our players they can be close to most people with a superhuman effort. Not every week, but most of the time." And a monumental effort, he observed, it had been. "There was just an electricity around the team before the game," Devine said. "You're so supercharged you're either going to play like hell or lay an egg. We have to come out of it with a positive attitude. The point is we can play as well as we did against a team like Minnesota that has lost only six games in three years in a must game for them - in their own ballpark...When you're that close, you're not far away..."**THREE POINTS SUFFICIENT:** "You have to give Minnesota credit, of course...And it takes years for your team to believe that you can win a game 3 to 0...That doesn't come over night." Devine said he himself had decided that three points would be sufficient to win "at the start of the fourth quarter." The Vikings, unhappily, documented his theory when Charlie West intercepted Scott Hunter at the goal line and returned to midfield, thereby setting up the winning field goal. The Packer coach didn't say so but that play could have been academie had his athletes scored when he elected to go for it at the Minnesota one-yard-line in the second quarter. Devine said he had had some second thoughts about that frustrating series in the wake of his Monday morning film review. "On my TV show Sunday night, I credited the Vikings with great plays down there," he said. "But after looking at the film more closely, I still do give them credit for great plays but, if we executed properly, we score on second down, third down and fourth down..."**WELL THOUGHT OUT:** "On the last two plays, from the one, we had Alan Page in the end zone. Plays like that are well thought out. We knew what

defense they play. We have a guy who just blocks the ground on fourth down. If he had blocked properly, we would have scored. When you run at Page and you get him wedged two yards into the end zone, if somebody else executes for you, you score." Commenting on the decision to employ Donny Anderson rather than rookie fullback John Brockington on those two fateful thrusts, Devine said, "It's not who's carrying the ball that's important. It wouldn't have made any difference who was carrying it if we had executed properly. You've got to attack the weakness of the defense. You've also got to consider

the relative experience of a seven-year man carrying the ball instead of a rookie...It's not as important who carries the ball as how you get the job done...DO SAME THING: "If I had to do it over again, I might add, I would do the same thing. As far as that type of situation is concerned, your best goal line offense is a back like Dave Osborn of the Vikings, who will run over certain people. You can look at years of films and see where some back dragged two or three tacklers with him into the end zone...Jim Taylor met a few folks in his time. "I still give Minnesota credit but we have to do that to win. We stopped Los Angeles with less distance than that to go on four downs but when we get down there, we're supposed to score. "You have to shore up that situation by practicing goal line offense or juggling personnel. That's about all you can do at this stage...You have to say in all fairness, though, that we've probably been the best team in the league about getting in when we get down there until this game."...POOREST PLAY: That meaningful misfire' was followed by what Devine described "as the poorest play of the game, from our standpoint. That was their punt out of the end zone, which probably was their best play. "Our attempt at blocking it was poor, our getting back to block for the receiver was poor and the return was poor. We should have blocked the punt or rushed him into a poor kick. The punter (Bob Lee) did a great job when they needed it. This again showed the value of special teams. That, by the way, is part of your decision to go for it at the one-yard-line, the fact that they would be punting into the wind. You gamble that your defense can hold them, which they did. You've got a chance to block it, or at worst, that they will get a short kick into the wind and you'll get a good runback. We should have been setting up shop on their 40 following the kick, as it was, and we wind up setting up shop on our own 48. We lost 12 yards on the runback...MORE EMPHASIS: That prompted him to add, "We're going to concentrate on that – all our special teams - in training camp next summer. There will be



Green Bay's Donny Anderson (44) Bryant (20) in the first half of their is driven back on this attempt to vault National Football League game Sunday. The Vikings won, 3-0. (AP Wirephoto)
 ers Jim Marshall, on ground, Wally Hilgenberg, Roy Winston (60) and Bobby

more of an emphasis on it. If a guy is really good on special teams, he's going to stand a better chance of staying here than just a backup guy." Touching upon another critical failure, Devine mused, "You don't know, if we had made the first field goal attempt in the first quarter, how Minnesota would have played. "It looks, from the film, like the field goal was deflected. I didn't think so at the time and Lou Michaels didn't think so either, but I guess it was. There was penetration and it looked like the kick might have been a little slow. That is just another lesson in the benefits of practice. Wednesday we put on our pads specifically for field goal protection practice. Bob Brown, who is far and away our best protector, didn't put on the pads because of a knee injury and didn't take part...STRIPPED BALL: "And, though I'm not trying to put any blame on Bob," Devine said, exhibiting an ironic smile, "That's where the penetration was. He didn't line up close enough to the line of scrimmage." Commenting on Donny Anderson's third quarter fumble, Devine said, "I'm pretty sure Jim Marshall stripped him of the ball. Again, Marshall should have been blocked. Maybe our guy isn't good enough to block Marshall but to win you have to figure he is...You can't blame Donny for that one – he never did see Marshall." "As far as the first interception is concerned, the ball should never have been thrown down there. We covered that all week. The second thing, the pass receiver ran a pattern that Scott didn't expect. Yet, the play was a good one, if he had thrown to John Spilis. It would have been a squareout and if he was covered, Hunter could have thrown it out of bounds and we could have kicked a field goal. "But here's a rookie...John Brodie of the 49ers had two picked off down there by the Vikings last week. And how long has he been in the league?...It's easy to be critical."

THE PACK IS VERY CLOSE TO BEING BACK

NOV 16 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Remember that shudder that rippled through Packerland a bit over three weeks ago? That was just after Los Angeles had dealt the Pack a 30-13 blow that left the fans reeling harder than the players. And their equilibrium didn't improve any when a peek ahead revealed that the next three weeks would bring the Packers into combat with the Detroit Lions, the Chicago Bears and the Minnesota Vikings...the heart and soul of the Black and Blue Division. There was a sigh of relief after the 14-14 tie with the Lions. And a yelp of delight after the 17-14 conquest of the Bears. Then came the Vikings...But no matter what your feelings about Sunday's bruising clash in Gopherland, the fact is the Packers came out of that hazardous undertaking with a 1-1-1 record. And three weeks ago we would have been happy to settle for that. But Sunday's game left us all weak with what-might-have-been frustration. So now players and fans alike face the future wondering what effect that massive piece of misfortune will bring as we again peer ahead to the rest of the schedule. Will the Packers suffer a letdown, born and nurtured by the terrible thwarting at the hands of the Vikes? Or will the Packers shake off the score in the knowledge that they handled the Vikes offensively and defensively, like no team has

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in several years? Will the fans, fed by the banquet of second guesses made available to them, swarm together in disgust at the spoiled scoring opportunities? Or will the fans find encouragement in the overwhelming statistics that cloaked the Packers in a bright future during this still rebuilding season? Though comments on all aspects of these questions have drifted my way since the final gun Sunday afternoon, I feel the mainstream is likely to wind toward the positive side of the questions. In fact, I think Atlanta better be very wary of these Packers come Monday night. Moreover, I feel the Pack is on the verge of a dash that could produce a really happy ending to the season. I suspect the Pack is very close to being Back. However, I won't go so far as to say the Packers played a great game Sunday. Despite the statistics, they did not play an overall great game. No effort deserves that platitude when it winds up wasted because of five bungled scoring opportunities. Yet, the defense may indeed deserve it. No matter what the Minnesota fans think of their favorite's attack, the pure talent on that Viking offensive platoon dictates that it is not as weak as many suspect. Credit the Packer defense for a GREAT effort. The offense came up with a fine try. The line continues to impress. As does Brock and his running mates. For that matter, Scott Hunter is only a bit of experience and a chunk of discipline away from being just as impressive. Frankly, I couldn't even argue with his ill-fated pass call late in the game, except that his coach obviously didn't want it called. But how many times have you seen Bart Starr...conservative Bart Starr...come up with a similar play under similar circumstances and make it work? No, it wasn't the call so much as the execution that was faulty. But the real bug in the Packer machinery at this stage remains the special teams. You can't afford to miss field goals from inside the 30. You can't always rely on your defense to save you after giving up 46 yards on a kickoff return. You can't run backward after receiving punts. Also, you have to make the big play...and prevent the big play.

Champions do both...as the Vikes did Sunday. The Packers will, too...soon.

NOTES AND NOTIONS

NOV 16 (Appleton Post-Crescent) - Maybe we Packerlanders shouldn't be too surprised about the course that the 1971 NFL season has taken. After all, in the Bays' very first appearance under Coach Dan Devine, they lost a 2-0 decision to Chicago in the Midwest Shrine game as QB Frank Patrick stepped out of the end zone. (What are the odds against such an occurrence?...Perhaps 1,000 to 1). Then came the error-filled regular - season inaugural, which the Packers lost, 42-40, to the Giants. (How often does a team score 40 points and lose? ... Well, it had never happened before in Packer history). And, in the same game, Devine suffered a broken leg while minding his own business on the sidelines. (The odds against this, too, must be astronomical). Everything that's happened since seems to have fit the same destiny-prescribed mold. Maybe it's too simple, and too fatalistic, to attribute these narrow defeats to fate. Yet, one wonders if this might not be the answer, Even Bud Grant, Viking coach, was thinking along these lines after his team had eked out a weird 3-0 win over Green Bay Sunday. "Maybe it's written somewhere that you're supposed to win...or you're supposed to lose," Grant observed. "This one was written for us to win." It's certain that of all the tough ones the Packers have dropped this year, last Sunday's loss was the bitterest to swallow. Seldom, if ever, has a team that took such a physical and statistical walloping as the Vikings suffered Sunday been able to prevail on the scoreboard. The person who coined the expression, "I'd rather be lucky than good" must have been thinking of a team like Minnesota. The Vikings have used breaks - which can come in any one of a dozen forms - to pave the way for four or five of their seven wins this season...At least two plays clearly showed the ball is bouncing right for the Vikings and keeps the "When you're hot, you're hot" theme going. When Donny Anderson fumbled at about the 5-yard line, the ball obediently bounced ahead of him and he just followed it up and maintained possession...Of course, the "luck" explanation goes only so far. Certainly, no one can deny that the Vikings' defensive unit is good. It's no secret either, that the Vikes force many of their breaks, even as the Packers of Vince Lombardi once did. The Vike defense was pushed from pillar to post Sunday, but once the Bays got inside the Minnesota 20, progress ranged from slow to impossible. The patient, calculating Vike defense waits for the opposition to make a crucial mistake - and nine times out of 10, the opponents oblige...For the more pragmatic fans - those who don't buy the "destiny" or "luck" bit - one would have to explain the Packer near misses in terms of inability to make the "big play" - both offensively and defensively. This failure could well prove the thing that will keep the Packers out of the playoffs this year and could well be the principal difference between the current club and the Lombardi-era units. Either the ability or the confidence to make the big play is still lacking. No team should ever come away empty-handed after they've knocked on the door five times - as the Packers did Sunday (driving to the 1-, 8-, 10-, 16- and 21-yard lines in Vike territory)...Frustration is the keynote of the moment, but if one allows himself a glance into the Packer future - the viewing is pretty good. The Packers, in the last three weeks, have proven, beyond all doubt, that they're competitive in the rugged NFC Central Division. Against Detroit, Chicago and

Minnesota, the Bays are 1-1-1 for the 3-week span - and came mighty close to a 3-0 sweep. The Packer defense, in shutting the door on Minnesota, except for a 32-yard "drive" to field goal position, looked strong again. Admittedly, the Vikings' offense is far from what one would expect from a division leader...and yet, holding any NFL team to 87 yards (as the Bays did Sunday) is an achievement. That defensive realignment of three weeks ago seems to have done the trick. The Packers have allowed their last three foes an average of only 10.4 points per game - strictly a championship pace...The Packer offense, meanwhile, continues to run roughshod - at least until it hits the enemy 10-yard line. Any time you can chalk up 245 ground yards against the power-packed Vike defense - as the Bays did - it's quite a day's work. As far as Packer strategy on Sunday's critical plays is concerned, one could debate, or second-guess, it all week - and not accomplish a thing...Generally speaking, though, Scott Hunter must learn to pass on the "unexpected" down and must learn to shy away from the crowd that sometimes gathers around his prime receiver and find the secondary target. We got blitzed in six NFL games over the weekend, plummeting the accuracy rate to 57.9 per cent (8 wrong. 11 right). For the season, the log reads 246-101-17, for 70.8 per cent...Since the schedule is now down to the NFL games, plus the Wisconsin finale, we'll take a crack at figuring the outcomes right now Perhaps earlier guesses will mean a change of luck ...Packers over Falcons, Dolphins over Colts, Chiefs over Broncos, Bengals over Oilers. Browns over Patriots, Bills over Jets, Raiders over Chargers, Cowboys over Redskins, Bears over Lions, Vikings over Saints, Cards over Eagles, 49ers over Rams. Steelers over Giants. ...and Wisconsin over Minnesota.

DOWN PERIOD OVER, PACK'S SPIRITS UP

NOV 17 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Where, the faithful have been anxiously inquiring, do the Packers go from here? "Here" being a 3-5-1 record which reflects only the faintest playoff hopes, despite some recent heroics. Would you believe onward and upward? This, somewhat surprisingly, was the prevailing atmosphere as the Packers returned to the practice field Tuesday on a dark, misty day hardly calculated to lift the spirits. If there was any haunting psychic residue from that 3-0 body blow in Minnesota, it was not readily apparent in the crisp, purposeful way they went about their exertions. There was no suggestion of a letdown which many Packer buffs have feared would follow a bristling, all-out effort that had won their open admiration...CHEWING OUT: In fact, Coach Dan Devine was moved to comment with evident satisfaction, "There's a lot of zip out here this morning." He was particularly heartened by this show of purpose, he indicated, "because I gave them a pretty good chewing out in our film session this morning. We were very negative because, at times, we didn't need a great play but just a good play to score. But we have to be positive now. When you can go into Minnesota and play them off their feet like we did, you've got to be doing something good." Lionel Aldridge, a standout in a return to starting status at right defensive end, struck much the same theme. "You feel badly because we lost but it has to be encouraging to know we can play that well," he said. "We lost, but we feel like we won...That tells you something about our team. Although," he added dryly, "you spend a little more time talking to yourself than you would if you had won...STRETCH RUN: "I don't think the effect of that loss will be as noticeable as the public might think. We know what we have to do, and I don't anticipate any kind of a letdown. If anything it should be encouraging to us. For one thing, we've never beaten the Vikings physically that bad before. Regardless of what the outcome has been, I can't remember a game where we outplayed them prior to Sunday." Attempting to assess the effect upon the enemy, Aldridge said, "The only kind of reading you could get was by looking at their bench. They looked like they had lost the game." Peering into the future, the nine-year veteran envisioned a strong stretch run. "I think we've got a good chance to go the rest of the way unbeaten," he said. "Look at the way we've played the last three games (against Detroit and Chicago, in addition to Minnesota). I see no reason why we can't win those last five - which would give us a good season (8-5-1)." Although his performance in that 3-0 unhappiness had been praised, the former Utah State athlete noted with an eloquent shrug of the shoulders, "That all doesn't mean very much when you lose the game. I don't think you can look for any stars in your lineup. You can't go around feeling good about your play...You can be encouraged, but you still lost the ball game."...NO DROPOF: Like Aldridge, offensive tackle Francis Peay anticipates no artistic dropoff in the weeks ahead, even though championship incentive has all but disappeared. "That was assured when they started putting numbers on those jerseys about 50 years ago," he said. "A ball player's pride just takes over. Take my case, for example, and I'm sure everybody feels the same way. When number 71 is on the field, there is no way I'm going to let down on my blocking

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

PASSING

(Alphabetically Arranged—Minimum of 90 Attempts)
(Statistics Do Not Include Game of November 15)

	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yards	TD.	Int.	Pct.	Avg.	Yd.
				Gained	Pass	Long			Gained
Arrington, Philadelphia	111	52	46.8	555	2	65	5	4.5	5.00
Beathard, St. Louis	112	51	45.5	847	5	64	7	6.3	7.56
Berry, Atlanta	114	70	61.4	1169	8	66	10	8.8	10.25
Brodie, San Francisco	263	137	52.1	1716	12	71	17	6.5	6.52
Cuozzo, Minnesota	153	71	46.4	821	6	52	6	3.9	5.37
Douglass, Chicago	113	57	50.4	737	4	58	5	4.4	6.52
Gabriel, Los Angeles	217	115	53.0	1431	9	68	5	2.3	6.59
Hargett, New Orleans	121	58	47.9	800	5	49	3	2.5	6.61
Hart, St. Louis	92	45	48.9	610	4	51	4	4.3	6.63
Hunter, Green Bay	115	52	45.2	827	5	56	14	12.2	7.19
Kilmer, Washington	211	113	53.6	1470	8	71	9	4.3	6.97
Landry, Detroit	182	82	50.5	1564	13	76	7	3.8	8.59
Liske, Philadelphia	151	73	48.3	981	3	34	13	8.6	6.50
Manning, New Orleans	124	55	44.4	780	5	63	8	6.5	6.29
Morton, Dallas	131	72	55.0	1026	6	76	7	5.3	7.83
Nix, Chicago	96	37	38.5	539	5	41	7	2.3	5.61
Staubbach, Dallas	131	77	58.8	1008	6	41	3	2.3	7.69
Tarkenton, New York	252	149	59.1	1724	8	81	10	4.0	6.84

SCORING

	Tds.	PAT.	FG.	Pts.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long
Knight, Washington	0	17	21	80	46	1902	41.3	57
Gossett, San Francisco	0	20	17	71	40	1621	40.5	58
Mann, Detroit	0	24	14	66	28	1135	40.5	53
Ray, Los Angeles	0	21	12	57	29	1155	39.8	58
Cox, Minnesota	0	12	14	54	46	1828	39.7	55
Clark, Dallas	0	25	9	52				
Bell, Atlanta	0	20	10	50				
Percival, Chicago	0	16	10	46				
Bakken, St. Louis	0	15	10	45				
Michaels, Green Bay	0	16	8	40				

PASS RECEIVING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Tds.
Gordon, Chicago	34	469	13.8	4
Walicki, San Francisco	34	465	13.7	4
Tucker, New York	34	373	11.0	2
G. Washington, San Fran.	32	575	18.0	3
Farmer, Chicago	32	482	15.1	4
Garrison, Dallas	32	272	8.5	1
Grim, Minnesota	30	506	16.9	5
Jefferson, Washington	30	435	14.5	1
Rentzel, Los Angeles	28	369	13.2	3
Ellison, Los Angeles	27	231	8.6	0

RUSHING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Tds.
Brockington, Green Bay	137	751	5.5	2
Owens, Detroit	160	724	4.5	4
Brown, Washington	151	629	4.2	1
Ellison, Los Angeles	133	593	4.5	2
Anderson, Green Bay	137	551	4.0	4
Taylor, Detroit	129	534	4.1	2
Willard, San Francisco	147	531	3.6	3
V. Washington, S. Fran.	106	521	4.9	1
Haraway, Washington	110	471	4.3	2
Butler, Atlanta	136	467	3.4	1

PUNTING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long
Widby, Dallas	36	1594	44.3	59
H. Weaver, Detroit	28	1214	43.4	63
Fagan, New Orleans	48	2062	43.0	64
McNeill, Philadelphia	54	2284	42.3	59
Stodstill, Los Angeles	45	1862	41.4	60

KICKOFF RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	Tds.
Blanchard, New York	46	1902	41.3	57	
Bragg, Washington	40	1621	40.5	58	
McCann, San Francisco	28	1135	40.5	53	
Anderson, Green Bay	29	1155	39.8	58	
Green, Chicago	46	1828	39.7	55	

PUNT RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	Tds.
Jessie, Detroit	12	32.9	102	2	
Nelson, Philadelphia	9	31.8	51	0	
Hampton, Green Bay	25	31.2	80	0	
Thompson, New York	25	29.4	93	1	
Harris, Dallas	22	29.0	77	0	
Jones, Minnesota	9	28.9	47	0	
T. Williams, Los Angeles	12	28.5	73	0	
V. Washington, San Fran.	20	28.0	74	0	
Belton, Atlanta	17	27.3	58	0	
Smith, Chicago	19	27.0	41	0	

INTERCEPTIONS

	No.	Yds.	Long	Tds.
Barney, Detroit	11	10.5	38	0
Vactor, Washington	19	9.3	30	0
Duncan, Washington	17	8.5	19	0
Willingham, St. Louis	10	8.4	19	0
B. Taylor, San Francisco	25	6.9	38	0
Dodd, New Orleans	11	6.9	14	0
Bradley, Philadelphia	17	6.7	33	0
Smith, Chicago	16	6.3	43	0
Harris, Dallas	11	6.0	20	0
Belton, Atlanta	20	5.5	19	0
Ellis, Green Bay	15	5.5	30	0
West, Minnesota	13	5.5	12	0

Seven men tied with 4 each.

assignments. And I'm sure the coaches will prepare us the same way for next Monday night's game with Atlanta as they have for our previous nine games. Defeat might rise, I have to admit that. We could even lose all five games - but because of circumstances which develop in the games, not because of a letdown on our part...JURY OF PEERS: "You have to remember that five games is a long time - long enough for a guy to ruin his career. And, of all the professionals I have known, nobody I've ever known has done that. Football players form a jury of their peers, you know. Guys in Atlanta and guys in Minnesota are watching films this week and evaluating my performance against the Vikings. And this happens every week, so there is no way I'm going to let down. If somebody in Atlanta said, 'Francis Peay is a lousy offensive tackle,' there's a 99 per cent chance I'd never hear about it and a 100 per cent chance I'd never get a chance to defend myself. Consequently, the only way I can defend myself is to play all out all the time...You fight a war of pride."...PACKER PATTERN: Devine announced following Tuesday's workout that he is planning to "look at" a revamped front four of Alden Roche and Aldridge at ends and Mike McCoy and Bob Brown at tackles in practice this week. "It's not a demotion for Clarence Williams (who has been the starter at left end since the season opened)," Devine said. "I just want to look at this combination."...McCoy, who missed the Minnesota game because of a knee injury, has been listed as probable for the Atlanta invasion...Defensive back Doug Hart apparently has found a new-old home at right cornerback in the last two weeks but he was not inclined to celebrate after viewing the Viking film. "When you lose, you only see the mistakes you make, not the things you did right," he said, appending with a dry chuckle, "I think Coach Hanner has a way of running the projector slower when you lose. Your mistakes seem to be up there for five minutes."...Lou Michaels was still replaying the first quarter field goal which the film showed had been deflected by Minnesota middle linebacker Carl Gersbach, contrary to Lou's on-the-scene impression. Michaels, who had been convinced the ball was not touched, insisted, "I should have forced it through there anyway - I should have kicked it hard."...That fabulous freshman, John Brockington, has vaulted into the National Football League rushing lead on the wings of his 149-yard eruption against the Vikings. He need average only 50 yards per game the rest of the way to crash the 1,000-Yard Club. Brockington has tacked up 751 yards in 137 attempts, a plush 5.5 average, to displace the Detroit Lions' Steve Owens, who is now third. The Miami Dolphins' Larry Csonka is runnerup to Brockington with 681 in 129 carries. Brock's running mate; Donny Anderson, is fifth in the National Football Conference with 551 yards in 137 attempts.

HIMES LEAVES SHADOW

NOV 17 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Dick Himes, slowly but surely forging an NFL name for himself, no longer toils in the shadow of legendary Forrest Gregg. That, it would seem, should be a great comfort to the Packers' young offensive tackle, a quiet unassuming athlete. It is not easy to live with a legend. Surprisingly enough, Himes says, "I wish Forrest were still here. Everything I know and can do is because of him. Everything I know about pass blocking I learned from Forrest by watching him. He's probably one of the best offensive tackles that ever played the game and he was generous with his advice. He always tried to help me. Like last year, when we split the duty. If I were starting a game, He'd tell me little things he'd used on the guy opposite him that had worked before...I'd just as soon see him around as a coach or back-up player."...COMPARISON INEVITABLE: Comparison to Gregg, inevitable because No. 75 was a perennial all-pro during a 14 year career with the Packers is of minimal concern to the former Ohio State luminary. "That's one of the least of my worries," he says. Adding with a wry smile, "The only thing I worry about this year is defensive ends - Carl Eller, Claude Humphrey, Willie Holman, Deacon Jones. There are a few good ones over there on that side." Himes understatedly noted. "The stronger people are usually on the defensive left because most teams run to their right." Although the walking soul of modesty, Himes conceded he now is a better performer than he was a year ago. "This is the best year I've had since back in high school," he confesses. "I think one of the big reasons is because I'm playing with good people - Gillie (Gale Gillingham), Bill Lueck, Ken Bowman, Francis Peay. It's a strong unit and when you are with good people you have to play good or you don't fit in." Rolli Dotsch, his immediate coaching superior, is new to the Packer staff this season, but he is impressed with Himes' play. "He's doing a fine job," says Dotsch. "He's a hustler who is always giving great effort...HANDLED ELLER: "He handled Carl Eller well Sunday despite having two bad ankles, I might add. One of them was so bad we had to take him out of the wedge on kick-off returns." Himes, a third round draft choice in 1968, advances a logical explanation for the Packers explosive rushing success this season. And more specifically for their massive 245 yard production in Sunday's traumatic 3-0 loss to the Vikings. "Most great defensive lines are trained primarily to rush the passer and once you start running on them they have problems. In both games, we took it to the Vikings. I thought we could run on them from the beginning, although I am surprised that we got that many yards. In the four years I've been here, I might add, I think this is the most ready I've ever seen our team for a game. You couldn't tell it during the week, but Saturday morning you could start sensing it and Sunday morning you knew everybody wanted to win. The way I look at it, we gave them two games this year. We gave them the first one at home and we certainly gave them the second one Sunday." Despite the unhappy impact of that latest defeat, which leaves the Packers with a 3-5-1 record and a purely mathematical chance of a Central Division title, Himes is convinced there will be no dropoff in performance. "The attitude on this team has been good all season, even when we lost three in a row a few weeks back. I don't think we're going to quit now. I think everybody wants to finish strong."

FALCONS NOT RULED OUT: BART ALMOST READY?

NOV 17 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - There have been recurring rumors that Bart Starr, sidelined since undergoing shoulder surgery in late July, will return to active duty when the Packers invade Atlanta next Monday night. But Coach Dan Devine indicated Tuesday that such a development is unlikely. "I don't think Bart will play against the Falcons," he said, "although I don't know that for certain." Asked if Starr might be worked into the regular practice routine this week, Devine replied, "We're just going to have to wait and see." Meanwhile, Mr. Quarterback threw to moving receivers for the first time in a special, 20-

minute post-practice session under Devine's searching scrutiny. Working behind center Wimpy Winther, Starr passed to wide receiver Dave Davis and Sam Dickerson and tight end Leonard Garrett. His throwing previously had been confined almost exclusively to a leisurely game of catch with Trainer Domenic Gentile along the sidelines. "It was great to throw to a moving target again," Starr said later. "But it was just short and easy, of course. The arm is coming along fine...As far as when I'll be able to play is concerned, I hope I can be ready in a short time. I'm hopeful of continuing to progress and to start working with the team...But I can't set a time."

PACKER CHOICE: FALCONS REMEMBER BROCKINGTON NAME

NOV 17 (Atlanta Journal) - When the Atlanta Falcons sat down at the drafting table last winter, they decided to go for a running back. The big three quarterbacks were gone. So was wide receiver J. D. Hill. So, they looked at running backs. A couple of names popped up. One was Joe Profit of Northeast Louisiana. The other was John Brockington of Ohio State. To make a long story short, the Falcons took Profit over Brockington. Right now, Profit is out with a torn-up knee. Brockington is on a tear, too - through the rest of the National Football League. Brockington leads his new team, the Green Bay Packers, against the Falcons next Monday night under the lights in Atlanta Stadium. He's just a rookie, but he is the man the Falcons must stop. He is merely the No. 1 rusher in the NFC now with some 751 yards in 137 carries. In his last three games alone, he has accounted for 402 yards in 69 attempts. "You just can't tackle him one on one," says veteran Ed O'Bradovich of the Chicago Bears. "You have to gang tackle him. He's that strong." The funny thing is the Packers almost didn't take him No. 1 either. The Pack, of course, has a new coach this year, Dan Devine. When it came time to pick, Devine had a choice between Brockington and a runner who had played for him at Missouri, Joe Moore. Rumor has it one of the big reasons he didn't take Moore was because Moore had played for him at Missouri and he didn't want to offend his assistants who preferred Brockington. So, the Pack took him. They haven't regretted a thing. The presence of Brockington has taken a lot of pressure off Donnie Anderson in the Packer offense. Anderson just about summed up the Green Bay offense last year. This year, combined with Brockington, the Packers have the most potent 1-2 running punch in the game. Anderson has gained 551 yards. All of that has to bode ill for the Falcons, for the Falcons are having trouble with the rush again. Last week, the Falcons allowed the New York Giants to rush for 172 yards despite the fact the Giants were without their starting running backs.

PLAYED FOR UW, PACKERS: SMITH TAKES OVER AS DENVER COACH

NOV 18 (Denver) - Jerry Smith, 41-year-old offensive line coach of the Denver Broncos who became head coach Wednesday, said he "welcomes pressure" but admitted he was "flabbergasted" when asked to take over the reins from Lou Saban. Smith, in his first year as a Bronco coach, succeeded Saban as field commander in a move that stunned players and other members of Denver's National Football League organization. Saban will remain as general manager but stressed that Smith will be in complete charge of the team for the remaining five games of the season. He indicated management will decide on a permanent coach at the end of the season, but said he was certain Smith would be in the running for that post. Smith served under Saban as defensive line and linebacker coach of the Boston Patriots in 1960 and 1961. He then rejoined Saban at Buffalo in the same capacities in 1962 and remained there until 1968. A collegiate star at Wisconsin and a guard with San Francisco and Green Bay in the NFL in the '50s, Smith spent the last two seasons on the coaching staff of the New Orleans Saints. He planned no personnel changes, but said Whitey Dovell, who had been coaching the tight ends and special teams, would take over his duties as offensive line coach. "I'm proud Lou selected me," Smith said. "He's a big man, a man who fascinates me by the job he has done. We have a tremendous organization and I don't think we are far away from a .500 season." The Broncos are currently 2-6-1 and had a 20-423 mark during Saban's 412 years at the helm. Saban coached the Bills to AFL championships in 1964 and 1965 but never produced a winning season at Denver.

BIG SEASON OH SO CLOSE, SAYS DUTCH

NOV 18 (Atlanta Constitution) - Norm Van Brocklin poured himself a cup of coffee and flopped on the carpet of the Atlanta Falcon clubhouse anteroom. He had just sent the Falcons through a brisk but brief Wednesday practice to begin preparations for next Monday night's nationally televised game with Green Bay. After the regular ritual, he stayed on the field spending extra time in instructing Cleo Walker to snap long for punts. The regular snapper, John Matlock, is sidelined with a severe ankle sprain. Now the Dutchman was talking about the Falcons' 4-4-1 record and the frown of the fates. "We're that close," he said with fingers several inches apart, "from having a real winning season. Only that much or that close." How close? "As close as a pass play we had open for a touchdown on the Giants Sunday," he said. "Ken Burrow (the receiver) was 20 yards in the clear when Bob Berry set up to pass. Unfortunately, the Giants had a stunt on and we didn't pick it up and Berry never got the pass off. This play occurred right before the Giants made that last drive, a nickel and dime

NFL Team Statistics

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

TEAM OFFENSE

Team	Yds.	Rush.	Pass.
San Diego	3153	1609	2084
Miami	3028	1704	1324
Pittsburgh	2747	1099	1648
Oakland	2741	1446	1295
Baltimore	2716	1455	1261
Denver	2643	1346	1252
Cincinnati	2605	1353	1252
Kansas City	2559	1173	1386
Cleveland	2312	840	1372
New England	2169	1081	1088
Houston	2160	616	1544
Buffalo	2131	849	1282
N.Y. Jets	1859	1111	748

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	Yds.	Rush.	Pass.
Baltimore	1620	617	1003
Kansas City	2270	706	1564
Denver	2332	1168	1164
Oakland	2426	1067	1359
Miami	2440	1139	1301
Cincinnati	2483	1143	1340
Houston	2562	1197	1365
Pittsburgh	2693	848	1845
Cleveland	2769	1550	1219
New England	2783	1232	1551
San Diego	2787	1509	1278
N. Y. Jets	2827	1505	1322
Buffalo	3246	1745	1501

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

TEAM OFFENSE

Team	Yds.	Rush.	Pass.
Dallas	3275	1369	1906
Detroit	3044	1666	1378
San Francisco	2995	1316	1679
Los Angeles	2771	1443	1328
Washington	2686	1239	1447
Atlanta	2674	1200	1474
Green Bay	2634	1568	1066
N. Y. Giants	2592	1024	1568
St. Louis	2531	958	1573
Chicago	2398	988	1410
New Orleans	2347	1077	1270
Minnesota	1981	894	1087
Philadelphia	1937	608	1329

TEAM DEFENSE

Team	Yds.	Rush.	Pass.
Minnesota	2165	1081	1084
Washington	2169	888	1281
San Francisco	2246	1059	1187
Dallas	2312	711	1601
Atlanta	2422	1245	1177
Los Angeles	2462	1126	1336
Green Bay	2552	1044	1508
Detroit	2633	1182	1451
St. Louis	2751	1185	1566
N. Y. Giants	2872	1300	1572
New Orleans	2885	1451	1434
Chicago	2950	1320	1630
Philadelphia	3031	1474	1557

Starr Gets Medical Okay, Resumes Full Scale Drills



ZEKE BRATKOWSKI



SCOTT HUNTER

series that we did not stop. They just nicked and dined us to death." Van Brocklin also pointed to another long pass that just out of the reach of Burrow, who had beaten his man. and a pass thrown on the wrong side of fullback Art Malone. "We're that close," he said. "We were that close from winning the game, but the fact is that the Giants won it. The better you get, the more you make things happen." An assist by New Orleans which beat San Francisco, left the Falcons only 112 games out of the West Division lead and this week the 49ers (6-3) tangle with second-place, Los Angeles (5-3-1) in an elimination of divisional giants. Van Brocklin was asked which team he would prefer to win that one. "I have no preference," he said. "It's as I told the team this week: We've got to tend to our own knitting, play our own games and forget about all other teams in the league. We should be single-minded in our approach." And now Van Brocklin is telling the Falcons that they should be single-minded about the Packers. I don't have to tell anyone that the Packers are tough," he said. "They rushed for more than 200 yards on that great Minnesota defense and moved the ball all afternoon. The only

place they didn't move the ball was over the goal line. Not only are they a tough running team, but they have a fine young quarterback in Scott Hunter, the Alabama boy. They've put in some play action to help him take the heat off the running game. And when they need him, they use Zeke Bratkowski in a George Blanda type backup role."

STARR GETS MEDICAL OKAY, RESUMES FULL SCALE DRILLS

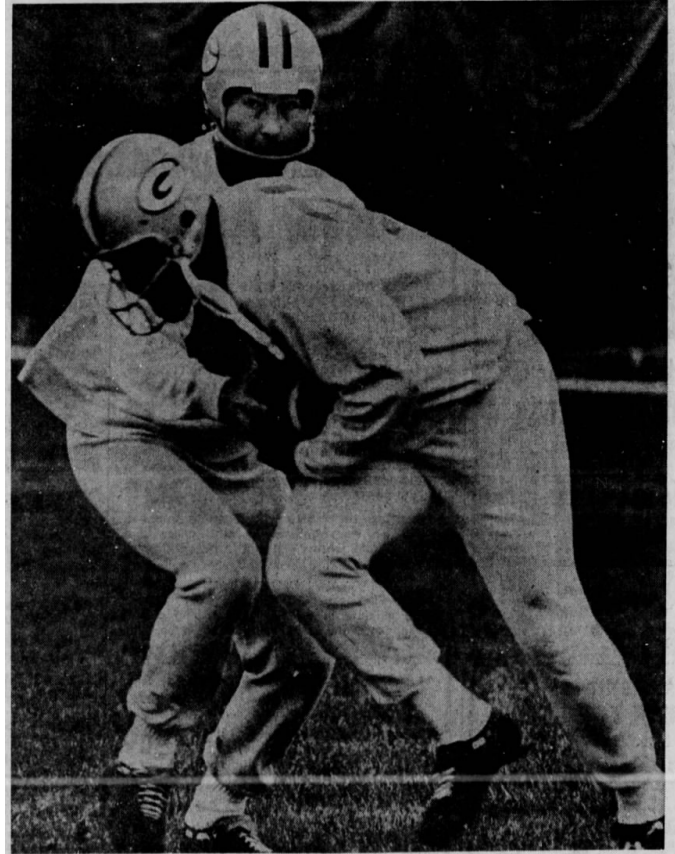
NOV 18 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Bart Starr today was given the medical green light, injecting a new element into the Packer quarterback picture. It well could give Coach Dan Devine, already pondering a decision between Zeke Bratkowski and Scott Hunter for next Monday night's starting assignment in Atlanta, a third choice. Devine announced late this morning that Starr, who underwent shoulder surgery twice during training camp, has been granted permission "from a Mayo Clinic surgeon to proceed with full scale workouts." "The Mayo surgeon examined Starr's right shoulder at Rochester, Minn., last weekend and submitted the encouraging report in a letter to Dr. Eugene Brusky, Packer team physician. In his letter, the surgeon noted Starr has a full range of motion with good muscle power and that there should be no more danger injuring his shoulder now than prior to surgery," Devine continued. The surgeon further stated that if Starr can throw well enough to be of use to the Packers, he saw no reason to postpone the veteran's resumption of play until next year, Devine said. Obviously pleased with the news, Devine said, "all of us are extremely happy to have received this report. It will be up to us now to determine when Bart will be ready to play in a game but we will be consulting constantly with our team physicians, Dr. Brusky and Dr. James Nellen." Meanwhile, Bratkowski abruptly returned to starting consideration as an apparent byproduct of last Sunday's 3-0 loss to the Vikings. In recent weeks, Hunter has been an almost automatic starter but Devine said Wednesday that he is deferring a decision for the present. "All I can say is that we will have an announcement near the end of the week," he said after Wednesday's practice, staged in unexpectedly balmy temperatures. "I don't know right now."...**NEED FOR RESTRAINT:** The Packer coach insisted that, should he opt for The Brat, it should not be construed as a disciplinary move. "I'm evaluating it on the basis of who we feel we can win the game with," he said. In the strictest sense, this undoubtedly is true. But, in a philosophic sense, such a maneuver very well could be calculated to impress upon the freshman field general the need for restraint. Devine himself may have suggested this when he said, during his post-game press conference at Minnesota, "On that first interception in the second quarter, we had a little backyard football...We had a little improvising. This is in the area of discipline - I wouldn't call it a disciplined play."...**HUNTER A-GO-GO:** Significantly, Devine also noted at that point, "You have to believe you can win a game 3 to 0 before you can do it." This presumably was a reference to the fourth quarter interception which deprived the Packers of a field goal opportunity with the score 0-0. Bratkowski replaced Hunter on the next series. It may or may not be an indication of DD's ultimate selection but Bratkowski was running with the first unit in Wednesday's workout while Hunter toiled with the second. The rookie quarterback also alternated with Frank Patrick on the "go-go team," the unit that portrays the upcoming opponent's offense, although Devine said "that is not necessarily significant."...**STARR IN PICTURE:** Terms of the Bratkowski trade with the Vikings, which reportedly will govern the quality of the draft choice the Packers will be required to deliver in January, will not figure in his decision, Devine also assured. "I'd be interested to know just what they are," he said, which could be an indication the matter has not been resolved, "but it's not going to affect the decision." Hunter, meanwhile, was being somewhat reserved in his comments, although he did say, "I really don't think what happened Sunday is going to hurt my confidence...I looked at the film and I didn't play, too bad except for a few moments of indecision there."...**PACKER PATTERN:** Devine said it is "quite likely" that he will start a revised front four of Alden Roche, Mike McCoy, Bob Brown and Lionel Aldridge against Atlanta, with Roche replacing Clarence Williams. "'McCoy," he noted, "appears to be physically sound now. "Roche," the Packer headmaster observed, "has been our best defensive lineman the last two or three weeks." Asked how he felt his team is reacting to recent adversity, Devine said, "I think they're reacting extremely well ... But I didn't meet these people until July 15 and that's a short time to know people...That's hardly basic training. I'd be better able to answer that question at this time next year. I honestly think, though, that they have played up to their potential in the last three weeks as well as any team in the league."...As might be expected, he discounted any suggestion Atlanta might be less formidable than the

Vikings, Rams, Lions and Bears, the Pack's most recent foes. "Atlanta's a damn good football team," he said. "If they hadn't lost to New York on an improvised play in the last minute Sunday, they'd be 5-3-1 and right in their division race. Their outstanding features are running and blocking. Their backs really block - that Art Malone is something...They've moved the ball on everybody..."...Speaking of rushing, the Packer's now own the league's top tandem in John Brockington and Donny Anderson. They have amassed 1,302 yards between them, 43 more than gained by Detroit's Steve Owens and Altie Taylor.

STARR 'LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING HIT AGAIN'

NOV 19 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - It has been nearly a year since Bart Starr last was clasped to a defensive lineman's burly bosom. It thus would be understandable if the 16-year veteran, medically cleared for combat Thursday, awaited initial contact with a degree of trepidation. Nothing, it develops, could be further from the truth. A smiling Starr, once again at peace with the world after a long lonely layoff, confided, "I'm kind of looking forward to getting hit again...I really am." He was thinking in terms of a friendly lick, of course, it was ventured. "I don't even care if it's an unfriendly lick," Bart rejoined, chuckling...GET DOOR OPEN: What would his answer be if Coach Dan Devine asked if he could be ready for Atlanta Monday night? Mr. Quarterback smiled again and said, "It would be 'yes.'" He admitted, however, that such an affirmative would be based "mostly on eagerness to get in there" than certainty that he is technically ready to play. "I'm just anxious to be more of an integral part of the club. I've been sitting on the outside looking in for a long time. I hope to get the door open pretty soon." Devine, although pronouncing himself "very pleased" over the clearance Starr had received from the Mayo Clinic surgeon who operated on the 37-year-old Alabamian's right shoulder last summer, said, "I still doubt whether Bart will play Monday night...LIKES PRO RULE: "If he could go, though, there is a chance he could be activated. The New Orleans game a week from Sunday would be the most logical possibility but let's not rule out Atlanta. "I like the rule where you have until an hour before the game to declare yourself about a player," Devine added. "In some ways, pro rules are designed to protect the players a little more than college rules. The more I'm around this pro game, the more I'm impressed with it. As far as getting ready to play is concerned, Bart now has got to work with the go-go team, [the team that portrays the opponent's offense, to get a little bit of a rush. Then he has to get in there with our offense because we're using a lot of stuff he's never run before. We're running a lot of 'I' stuff we didn't have in our offense earlier in the year...SPOT ROLE: "If he's going to play, he's going to have to step in there and take practice time away from somebody else. That, of course, is part of the decision as to whether he plays. It's pretty hard to get work for more than two quarterbacks in practice. I think the next two days will have a lot to say about it...As far as starting is concerned, I wasn't thinking about Bart in that capacity at this point. For this week, I was thinking of it more as a spot role." If Starr should be activated Monday, Devine indicated sophomore quarterback Frank Patrick would be moved to the taxi squad. Starr, asserting his celebrated arm "felt good" after throwing to longtime target Carroll Dale during Thursday's practice, said his main concern now is "to just reach a tempo...That's what it mostly is. I'm trying to throw with a little more exactness each day...NO QB DECISION: "This is the first time I've thrown without some discomfort since the San Diego game early last season. I hurt my shoulder in that game and it bothered me the rest of the year. It got progressively worse." He has no concern, he added, about giving the shoulder an all-out test. "It feels fine," Starr assured. "Domenic (trainer Domenic Gentile) has said he has seen the strength come back in the arm and grow appreciably almost daily." Devine, meanwhile, said he still had not decided between rookie Scott Hunter and 40-year-old Zeke Bratkowski for the starting assignment Monday night - although he might have tipped his hand ever so slightly by the sheerest chance. "I think Bob Berry of the Falcons has the highest percentage of completions in the league," he said. "I think he also has the second highest percentage of interceptions - but he's way down in second place." A twinkle in the eye, he said "The leader (Hunter) will be meeting the runnerup Monday night." Reminded what this last suggested, Devine facetiously amended, "The leader will be meeting him sometime during the game." Then, sobering, the Packer leader added, "I'm not playing games. I really honestly don't know right now who will be starting. I don't think it hurts us not to announce the starter, anyway. Minnesota never knows, from week to week, between Gary Cuzzo and Norm Snead. Or the Bears between Bobby Douglass and Kent Nix. Or Atlanta, for that matter, between Berry and Dick Shiner. I don't think it makes that much difference."...PACKER PATTERN: Some of the faithful may not be sold on the play of sophomore defensive tackle Mike McCoy but Devine let it be known that he has no reservations about the former Notre Dame star's Packer future. "He's

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Bart Starr in Full Workout Thursday

going to be a fixture in Green Bay, I can tell you that," Devine said. "I can't guarantee you he'll be a super star, but he'll play. You've got to remember he's very inexperienced and most of his problems have been due to inexperience. He's a fine athlete and just a great person. I think Mike has worked so hard to get himself in shape that, if it's possible to overtrain, he probably overtrained. But," DD hastened to add, "he's the only case I can think of."...Commenting on the revamped front four, which will have Alden Roche at Clarence Williams' left stand Monday night, Devine said, "Right at this time, it appears to be our strongest combination, with Aldridge at right end and McCoy and Bob Brown at the tackles. But if it doesn't prove out, we can always move Clarence back in there. "It's good to have Roche get that experience at both positions (he filled in for McCoy at tackle last week), anyway. Roche is really something - he's quick and they never know when we're going to move him in from end to tackle."

FORMER NITSCHKE COACHES ELIOT, PUPPLIS TO HONOR RAY

NOV 19 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Ray Nitschke's college coach, Ray Eliot, and his high school coach, Andy Puplis, have accepted invitations to participate in the "Ray Nitschke Day" festivities prior to the Packers' final home game against Chicago Sunday, Dec. 12. "I would have been disappointed if I hadn't been asked to take part," Eliot, who coached the Packer middle linebacker at the University of Illinois, said in confirming his appearance. Puplis, a former Notre Dame halfback, coached Nitschke at Proviso East High School in Maywood, Ill. Nitschke, now in his 14th Packer season, has asked that all proceeds of "We Love Ray" buttons and bumper stickers now being sold be used to provide scholarships in his name for needy and deserving college students.

SCOUTING BY DRAPERY

NOV 19 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - It was mid-July and the Atlanta Falcons were poised to launch 1971 exertions at their new training camp site, the Furman University campus, under a broiling South Carolina sun. Physical examinations were in progress when the telephone rang in the Falcons' temporary office. Identifying himself as the owner of a Greenville drapery company, the caller said, "I have an employe whose son is a pretty good football player." A Falcon spokesman listened politely but explained, "Anyone trying out would have to have been on our training camp roster as the result of personal contact or scouting reports." Frank Wall, Atlanta club president and chief scout Tom Braatz, the former Marquette star, happened to overhear the conversation and Wall said, "As long as he's a local boy and this is our first time here, maybe we ought to do some PR and give the kid a tryout. We could at least time him." Falcon publicity director Jan Van Duser, the authority for the foregoing, reports, "When they put the watch on him, they find out he's not only fast but has great moves...It turns out that he's Willie Belton and Braatz recognized the name. He recalled that he had it on a scouting report." It also turns out that one Willie Belton, whose acquaintance the Packers will make in Atlanta Monday night, now ranks among the leading kickoff returners in the National Football Conference with a 27.3 average for 17 returns, which has to rank as one of the more intriguing Horatio Alger tales in recent NFL annals. "A little checking disclosed that Willie had spent a year at Maryland State, then went off to the Marines for three years," Van Duser said, "While in service, he played with the Quantico Marines. He had just gotten out around the time we opened camp and was looking for a job. "Willie kept surviving cuts as each cutdown date arrived. He kept waiting for the axe to fall but it never did - he's still here. They really like him down here, the fans particularly because he's a walk-on free agent and he's an exciting type of runner. He has quick feet. Willie has a lot to learn but he also has a lot of ability. In addition to being our leading kickoff return, he also is our top punt returner and our fourth leading rusher. He's carried the ball 36 times for 149 yards and one touchdown. "Willie is the kind of a guy who doesn't like to fair catch a punt. He runs 'em all back...And he's going to bust loose one of these days because he's a very fast, shifty guy. It isn't often," Van Duser quipped, "we get a drapery company to do our scouting."

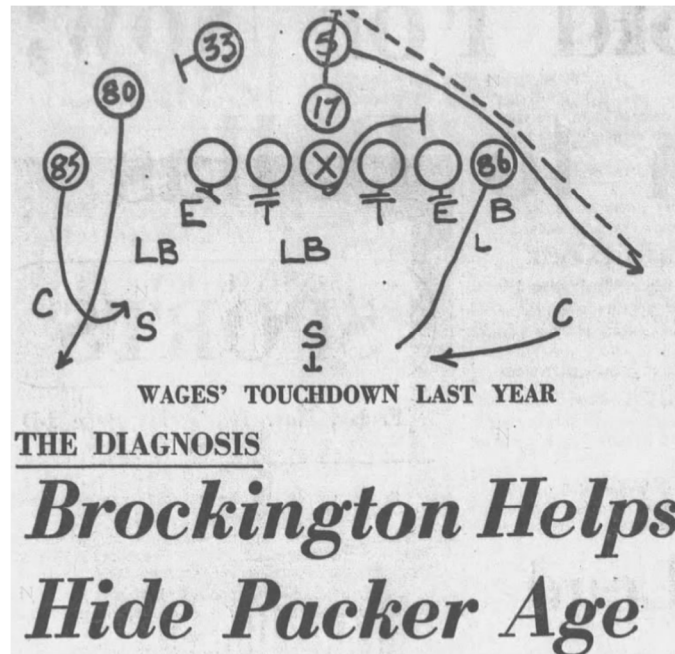
LANDRY NO. 1 IN PASSING; BROCKINGTON TOP RUSHER

NOV 19 (New York) - Quarterback Greg Landry of Detroit has taken over as the National Conference's leading passer and rookie John Brockington of Green Bay has become its top rusher, according to statistics released Thursday by the National Football League. Landry, third a week ago, completed 15 of 25 passes for 199 yards in a losing effort last Sunday, dropping last week's leader, Roger Staubach of Dallas, into second. And Brockington rumbled for 149 yards on 23 carries in the Packers' loss to Minnesota, increasing his total yardage to 751, 27 ahead of last week's front-runner, Steve Owens of the Lions. Chicago's Dick Gordon is tied with Ted Kwalick of San Francisco and Bob Tucker of the New York Giants for the most receptions in the NFC at 34 apiece but the Bears' wide receiver retained his position as the NFC's No.1 pass catcher by virtue of his 469 yards gained to Kwalick's 465 and Tucker's 373. In the American Conference, all three leaders remained there with Miami's Bob Griese the top passer, teammate Larry Csonka the premier runner and Billy Parks of San Diego heading the receivers. Kicker Garo Yepremian of the Dolphins remained the league's top scorer with 83 points, three ahead of Washington's Curt Knight. Kansas City's Jerrel Wilson is the No.1 punter with a 48.1-yard average. Ike Hill of Buffalo. Is the leading punt returner with a 13.7 average. Ron Jessie of Detroit heads all kickoff return specialists with a 32.8 average and the interception lead is shared by Charlie Stukes of Baltimore and Bill Bradley of Philadelphia with seven apiece.

THE DIAGNOSIS: BROCKINGTON HELPS HIDE PACKER AGE

NOV 19 (Atlanta Constitution) - To wrap up the Auburn-Georgia game I must congratulate both teams. The Tigers put points on the board with their much publicized passing game and the Bulldogs put points on the board with their running game. The difference in the two teams was the kicking game. Auburn had good field position many times and herein lies the tale of two cities, for this year anyway. Both teams had class, never panicked, kept their cool and delivered, as promised, a wonderful game. When Sullivan wins the Heisman award, he should give Beasley and Schmalz an arm and leg each. There will be no let-up for the middle of the Falcon defensive line when they meet the Packers! The reason for this is John Brockington, number one draft choice and the one who is responsible for waivers being asked on one of the Gold Dust Twins, Jim Grabowski. The Packers have been hard pressed to win this year what with age taking its toll. Also Bart Starr

has been out for the year, Dan Devine, rookie head coach, suffered a broken leg early in the season and they've had a sporadic offense with a rookie quarterback, Scott Hunter. As an example of how the pendulum swings, it was just a few years ago that Green Bay was riding high. They had personnel to spare, top draft choices, and invincible Vince. Today they have to get back to working as a team and not individuals. Red Cochran, backfield coach, seems to have the backfield in high gear and going great. Now the rest of the team needs to follow their lead. Press releases from the Falcons keep reminding us that Jim Mitchell is the best strong end in football. I have been convinced of this for a long time and would like to see his talents being used to greater advantage. We Hecker coaches worked on the wrong things when we were coaching the Falcons. Nowadays, all the players try to take the blame when they lose and when we lost, none of the players would take the blame. They gave it all to us. When I had the defense, we didn't let any team control the ball on us for eight and one half minutes. We let them score quickly. The Falcons scored on the Packers' man coverage last year on a play to Harmon Wages (see diagram). However, the Falcons lost the game on a last play touchdown pass deep in the middle of the Falcons' zone to Carroll Dale.



That Falcon safety is no longer here. If the Falcons throw to Mitchell they will win; if they don't, it will be a nothing to nothing tie. Redskins lose to Cowboys, Chiefs over Broncos, Bears over Detroit, Bengals over Oilers, Dolphins over Colts, Vikes over Saints, Patriots over Browns, Steelers over Giants, Jets over Bills (ten straight losses), Eagles over Cardinals, Raiders subdue Chargers, and Rams over 49'ers.

BROOKLYNITE BROCKINGTON LEADS NFL RUSHERS: SUBWAY FOOTBALL'S ESTEEM GOES UP

NOV 20 (Atlanta Constitution) – The pro basketball world is loaded with playground products. Tough, big city kids who thought asphalt and cement were what the world was made of until they went off to college in places like Kansas and North Carolina and Indiana. But pro football hasn't exactly been a refuge for city kids. A high proportion of your NFL stars come from America's towns - places like Greenwood, Wisc., and Conway, Ark., and Athens, Ga. Places with open fields. If John Brockington is any indication of what can be found on playgrounds, then the scouts had better start riding the subways. Brockington, the Green Bay Packers 225-pound rookie running back from Ohio State, grew up in Brooklyn, N. Y., which is no garden spot. So far, this Brooklyn dodger isn't the most talked-about rookie in the league. That distinction is a toss-up between a couple of quarterbacks - Archie Manning of New Orleans and Jim Plunkett of New England. But Brockington's statistics certainly make him the most successful rookie in the game. He comes to Atlanta Monday night as the National Conference's and the NFL's leading rusher with 751 yards on 137 rushes for an average of 5.5 yards per carry. An interesting sidelight to Brockington is that he was involved in one of the shrewdest trades in pro sports history. Last year, Green Bay traded quarterback Don Horn to Denver for defensive end Alden Roche and the Broncos' first-round draft position. When the draft took place, the Packers jumped on Brockington. Today, Brockington is pro football's top runner, and Roche is a starter on a Packer defense that has given up one touchdown rushing - and it was set up by a fumble inside the Packer 10 yard line. And where is Horn? Plugging away at Denver (2-6-1) with passing statistics that leave him ranked No. 13 among American Conference passers. Furthermore, if the Packers had not traded Horn, they probably wouldn't have drafted quarterback Scott Hunter, the Alabama rookie who is starting in the absence of injured Bart Starr. Brockington and Hunter (who comes from one of those small towns, Pritchard, Ala.) are examples of a new and younger breed of Packer. Wasn't long ago that football fans started calling the Packers "old" and "over the hill." But the Pack is old no more. Sure, Willie Wood and Carroll Dale (both 12 year veterans) are still starters, and Starr (16 years) will be the quarterback when and if he heals up. But Green Bay is loading up with youngsters such as Brockington, Hunter, defensive tackle Mike McCoy, linebacker Fred Carr, cornerback Ken Ellis, and others. Speaking of statistical leaders, Ellis, a 23-year-old native of Woodbine, Ga., who played college ball at Southern University in Baton Rouge, La., is No. 2 in interceptions in the National Conference with six. The Packers have a youth movement underway, and it just may pay off with another string of championships one of these days.

FALCONS GROWN UP: DEVINE

NOV 29 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Atlanta Falcons, Dan Devine is convinced, have attained full blown maturity. And he is doing his utmost to impress this point upon the Packers as they prime for Monday night's nationally televised exchange in Atlanta, where the Falcons are now in their sixth NFL semester and rapidly shedding the expansion label. The Packer coach is concerned that his athletes might not accord them proper respect after coming off successive rumbles with the Detroit Lions, Chicago Bears and Minnesota Vikings, all of whom rank well up among the National Football League's more anti-social types. "Atlanta is a much tougher team physically than it was a year ago," Devine warned between bites of lunch in his dressing room office Friday. "They just do everything better - they tackle with greater authority on defense and they block like heck on offense...BLOCKING DUDE: "It makes your mouth water when you see a back like Art Malone. He's a blocking dude. He's blocked some of the best people in the league. In fact, the Falcons have played some of the best people



Special Photos

Gallery of Packers: Linebacker Fred Carr (53), QB Scott Hunter (16) and Running Back John Brockington (42)

BROOKLYNITE BROCKINGTON LEADS NFL RUSHERS

Subway Football's Esteem Goes Up

in the league." Dipping into his briefcase, DD pulled out a statistical sheet to document his point. "They beat San Francisco to open the season, tied Los Angeles in their second game, then lost to Detroit, 38 to 41. They then lost to the Cardinals and Rams. In the last four games, they've beaten the Saints, Browns and Bengals in a row before losing to the Giants on an improvised play by Fran Tarkenton in the last minute last weekend."...WINDOW DRESSING: Capsuling the significance of these developments, Devine said, "Dutch (Falcon Coach Norm Van Brocklin) has been around long enough to know what it takes to win - you have to stick your nose in there...Sticking your nose in there, men, that's what it's all about. Everything else is a bonus and window dressing. "You can't stick your nose in there with Sadie Hawkins, of course. You have to have people. And you have to have the incentive to stick your nose in there. But, if you take a look at all the successful coaches in the league, you will see that they all have tough, hardnosed teams. "Take Miami and Baltimore, for example. They're both tough. And Minnesota is tough physically. All of the good teams are tough physically." His own Packers are rapidly developing the same emphatic approach, the forthright Devine noted in commenting on the dramatic improvement evinced by the defense in the last three weeks...HITTING PEOPLE: "We're starting to hit folks and fly around," he said. "We've become much more of a hardnosed team. There are some weaknesses in our defensive unit, of course, but we're hitting people." Devine attributed the turnabout to "backing off after the LA game (a 30-13 defeat and the only "flat" performance the Packers have given) and deciding we were going to have to play to the peak of our ability to keep from being embarrassed." Returning to the subject of the Falcons, he observed, "It's kind of funny. Here's Van Brocklin, one of the greatest passers in history as a player, and yet his team would rather stick the ball at you than pass. And he's drafted and traded for people who can do that. I'm sure they'll throw against us, of course, but the way they've played this year shows that they would rather run the ball."...PACKER PATTERN: Bart Starr, cleared to resume full scale workouts only 24 hours earlier, returned to duty Friday under an assumed number. Starr, making his first appearance in teamwork since undergoing shoulder surgery in late July, impersonated Atlanta's No. 17, quarterback Bob Berry, with the Pack's "go-go" team. After watching Mr. Quarter-back throw from a host of rollout and sprintout patterns, Devine said, "I thought Bart looked good." But he added, "I still doubt that we would activate him for Monday night's game, but I wouldn't say definitely."...In reply to a related question, Devine said, "I really don't feel it would affect Scott Hunter's development if Bart were to start the last two or three games of the season. Scott has had a lot of playing time and he has started a lot of big ball games. 'Seeing first hand how an older, established guy runs the club wouldn't hurt him any...The team may not be that far away from championship caliber and you never know what a little experience at that position might mean next year even. The other side of the coin is that, should Bart start the last couple of games, it would tell him just how far he has come back physically...If he makes a complete recovery, I feel he has a number of years left in him. And the way quarterbacks get hurt

in this league, you never can have too many." Devine still weighing the starting assignment for Monday night, said "I'll probably announce the starting quarterback tomorrow. I honestly don't know who it will be. Both Scott and Zeke Bratkowski are going to play...It's not that big a thing as far as beating Atlanta is concerned. I'm not thinking of alternating them but if Zeke started, Scott would play and if Scott started, Zeke would also play. "As far as Bart is concerned, whenever he is activated, I would bring him in a little at a time...Then your decision would have to go back to who could win the ball game – who could do the best job. That is never an easy decision to make, but it has to be made."...Devine, who already has announced that Alden Roche will replace Clarence Williams at left end and Mike McCoy will return to left tackle on defense, said that halfback Dave Hampton "is going to see more action this week. He has been playing pretty good and he probably hasn't been playing enough. There also is a possibility Al Matthews will see more work, just exactly where I'm not sure."...The Falcons have lost starting right guard Malcolm Snider for Monday night's contest with viral meningitis, contracted from his son. He will be replaced by Dick Enderle, who started at left guard last Sunday, with Andy Mauer moving in at the left side. Van Brocklin also announced that Berry, who relieved started Dick Shiner in the second half at New York last Sunday will open at quarterback.

PACKERS TO SEE BERRY AT QB, VAN ON SIGNALS

NOV 21 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The starting lineup for Atlanta's Falcons will read, in part "QB...Bob Berry." But that listing may be somewhat misleading for the Packers in the Georgia metropolis, site of their nationally televised match with the Falcons Monday night. The Atlanta plays, in all probability, will be issued from the fertile and daring mind of Norm Van Brocklin, the Falcons' hell-for-leather coach. This season, the flamboyant Dutchman has adopted one of Paul Brown's favorite tactics - calling all of the plays himself by way of a messenger system...WON 3 OF 4: A man who customarily keeps his own counsel, Van Brocklin hasn't yet declared himself in regard to Monday night's match, but it assumed he will continue the practice, an entirely logical assumption since the Falcons have won three of their last four starts with this modus operandi. This is an ironic development, considering there never has been more of a free thinker and independent spirit than the former Los Angeles Ram and Philadelphia Eagles quarterback was in his playing days. The Dutchman, a 1971 addition to the Pro Football Hall of Fame, never was overly fond of instructions from the bench. In fact, he was something akin to a coach on the field. The story goes that, during the Eagles' drive to the 1960 NFL title (accomplished at the Packers' expense in the championship playoff), the Eagles five times trailed at halftime during a nine-game winning streak they rode to the Eastern Division crown...TAKE PRESSURE OFF: Van Brocklin reportedly would go to the blackboard in the dressing room to show his teammates just what they were doing wrong, and then take the field to bring the Eagles from behind to victory. "Nobody ever played quarterback like Van Brocklin played it for the Eagles in 1960," says Alex Karras. All of which indicates the kind of challenge the Packers are likely to be facing in Atlanta Stadium Monday night – by proxy. Although Van Brocklin is not one to give reasons for his decisions, he from time to time has said he has decided to call the plays "because I want to take the pressure off the quarterback...If a guy hasn't played in a while, it's hard for him to make the play decisions as well and as fast as he should." The Dutchman, who gave the same kind of assistance to Randy Johnson during his first two seasons as Falcon coach (1968-69), called the plays for both starter Dick Shiner and Bob Berry in last Sunday's 21-17 loss to the Giants. Unlike Brown, who employs his guard as messengers, Van Brocklin alternates fullbacks Art Malone and Harmon Wages and halfbacks Jim (Cannonball) Butler and Willie Belton. Berry, scheduled to start Monday night, called his own plays when a regular last season but he has been injured most of 1971 and only returned to action in the third quarter of the Giant game after missing 3 ½ games with a torn hamstring muscle. With or without Van Brocklin's help, he figures to be formidable. Berry, highly adept at the rollout and sprint out maneuvers which put a heavy burden upon the defense, has been the most precise passer in the league to date. He owns a glossy 61.4 percentage, based upon 70 completions in 114 attempts for 1,169 yards and eight touchdowns...DEVINE EXPERIMENTED: Packer Coach Dan Devine experimented with calling the shots for rookie Scott Hunter earlier this month but discarded the idea after one game, a 14-14 tie with the Lions in a driving Milwaukee County Stadium rain. "It forces you to concentrate exclusively upon the offense," he said over the weekend in explaining his decision to abandon the practice. "Plus the fact I just don't believe in it. The quarterback stands up over the center and he's in a better position to make a good judgment. He sees the defensive back doing a little something on a pattern, for example, and he sees a linebacker doing something...He has a better view of things than you do on the sidelines."...PACKER PATTERN: In addition to leading the National Football League in rushing (751 yards in 137 attempts) the Pack's John Brockington also owns the best per-carry average, aside from Detroit quarter back Greg Laundry. And Landry, who is averaging 6.6 yards to Brockington's 5.5, has run only 52 times. Essex Johnson of the Cincinnati Bengals also sports a 5.5 average but he has carried on just 71 occasions...Speaking of Brockington, Atlanta sportswriters have been chiding Van Brocklin in the press this week for drafting running back Joe Profit number one last January when he had a chance to select the Packers' prize rookie. They have taken delight in reprinting a comment he made at the time of the draft. "Brockington's a big, strong back," he reportedly said, "but we drafted Profit because we need a guy who can pop."...The Falcons' rookie placekicker, Bill Bell, has one of the NFC's better field goal conversion records. Presently tied with the Cardinals' Jim Bakken for seventh place in scoring with 50 points, he has connected on 10 of 15 attempts.

STARR TO DON NO. 15 AGAIN MONDAY

NOV 21 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Bart Starr is expected to be wearing his familiar No. 15 when the Packers trot into Atlanta Stadium Monday night for their pre-game warmup. Coach Dan Devine announced Saturday, "Unless something should happen between now and game time, we will activate Bart and move Frank Patrick to the taxi squad." Devine also

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revealed there is "a possibility we will start Dave Hampton at running back with John Brockington." Hampton would replace Donny Anderson, who has started the Packers' first nine games. The Packer coach indicated Starr, who has been sidelined since undergoing shoulder surgery in late July, would not start if activated. "But, if he is, it means he could play against Atlanta," he said. Starr was given medical clearance Thursday to resume full scale workouts and has quarterbacked the "go-go team," the unit which portrays the opponent's offense, the last two days. If he should see action against the Falcons, it would be the 16-year veteran's first competitive appearance since last Dec. 20 when he started the Packers' 1970 finale against the Lions in Detroit. Although Starr's status is all but decided, Devine said he still did not know whether veteran Zeke Bratkowski or rookie Scott Hunter will be his starting quarterback Monday night. "I will announce that decision after Sunday morning's practice," he said. "As I said earlier in the week, I really don't think it hurts the team any not to know who will be starting at quarterback." Commenting on Hampton's possible replacement of Anderson, Devine said, "I'm reluctant not to start a guy who has had two great games against Atlanta in the last couple of years (101 yards in a 38-17 victory in 1968 and 114 in a 28-10 win in 1969), plus Donny's had a good week of practice, but we need to get Hampton into the game more...We just feel Hampton hasn't been getting enough playing time. "It also would be an attempt to get a little more blocking in the backfield. And it would take some of the burden off Donny, who also does our punting."

CARROLL DALE-HIS COMMITMENT IS TO CHRISTIANITY

NOV 21 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The scene has been repeated so often that it takes on the mystique of ritual. A quarterback hunches over the center's haunches, draws the ball back, feints, fakes a handoff to a running back churning toward the line. He masks the ball with his hip. retreats, watches the patterns ebb and flow downfield. Huge men strain. shoving, pushing, grasping in the sort of elemental struggle which was old when man learned to walk upright. On the flanks, divorced from the battle momentarily by distance, Carroll Dale fights his own war. He heads straight downfield, veers momentarily to the inside, then cuts back to the sideline, looks up. If things have gone right - if the timing has been precise, if the line has held. the quarterback has done his job, and Dale has avoided the menacing elbows and shoulders of linebackers and secondary men – the ball will be there waiting for him. If things have gone precisely the way they should, Dale will take the ball in stride, running easily with a deceptive, smooth, rolling gait which covers ground faster than observers realize. He will then have the advantage of speed, of knowing where he is headed. A touchdown should result. If things have gone amiss, though, then Dale may have to circle back for the elusive ball. turn his back to a defender zeroing in on him and spring upward, unprotected, for the ball. It is an exciting way to make a living - one filled with alternating moments of glory and the sudden numbness of being sandwiched by a pair of tacklers. That's the visible Carroll Dale – at wide receiver, from Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Number 84, but there is another side. too. That is a quiet side, of personal discipline and determination. It is the side which Dale - soft spoken, droll, lithe and lean, with the look of good old country boy who made good - knows is the most important. If you want to please Carroll Dale you can tell him he is a good football player. If you want to turn him tongue tied, you tell him he is a Christian. That's what his son, Barry, who is 10, did the other night at the Dales' seasonal home on John Street. There had been talk

of being a Christian and what the word meant, what the commitment meant. Then Dale asked daughter Vicki, who is 12, and Barry just what a Christian is. "You," the boy said simply, and had his father blushing with the answer. Talk of Christianity, of commitment comes hard to most people, because it is a subject too seldom discussed. There is a shifting of eyes, a shuffling of feet, a changing of subject when it comes up. But the talk in the Dale home is open. honest and unabashed. Christianity is part of the life, as much as zig-outs and posts. Brush blocks and the bump and run. When Dale speaks it is with the soft, rolling sounds of the southern hill country where he was born. The words stretch out a bit. the pace

RUSHING

	Att.	Yds.	Ave.	Lg	TD
Brock., Pack	137	751	5.5	52	2
Anderson, Pack	137	551	4.0	29	4
Butler, Falcons	136	467	3.4	15	1
Malone, Falcons	79	299	3.8	19	1
Hampton, Pack	48	224	4.9	41	2
Wages, Falcons	40	165	4.1	12	1
Belton, Falcons	36	149	4.1	9	1

PASSING

	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD	Int.
Berry, Falcons	114	70	1169	8	10
Shiner, Falc	57	30	463	5	5
Brat., Pack	34	17	196	3	3
Hunter, Pack	115	52	827	5	14

RECEIVERS

	No.	Yds.	Ave.	Lg	TD
Dale, Pack	21	370	17.6	56	3
Mitchell, Falc	21	405	19.3	43	4
Anderson, Pack	17	194	11.4	39	0
McGeorge, Pack	16	279	17.4	50	3
Burrow, Falcons	15	389	25.9	66	5
Chesson, Falcons	15	142	9.5	17	0
Spilis, Pack	11	246	22.4	39	1
Wages, Falcons	11	215	19.5	47	1
Butler, Falcons	11	133	12.1	27	2

INTERCEPTIONS

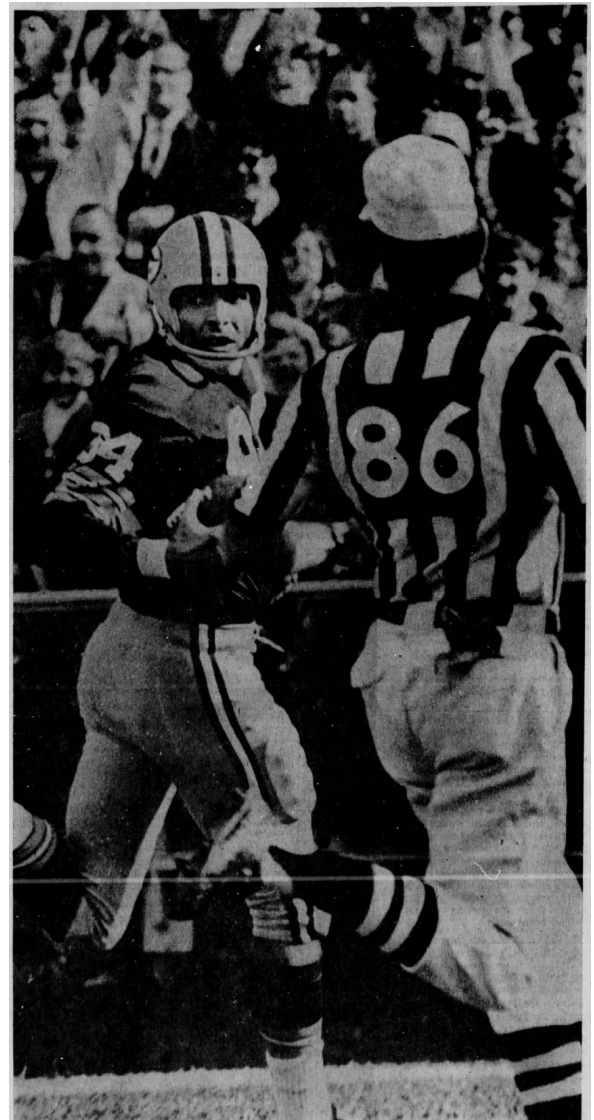
	No.	Yds.	Ave.	Lg	TD
Ellis, Pack	6	10	1.7	5	0
Reaves, Falcons	5	12	2.4	10	0
Robinson, Pack	3	44	14.7	23	0
Hayes, Falcons	3	27	9.0	27	0



Autograph hounds

Dale obliges with his signature for some young admirers

slows, mellows, drawls along. There is another thing which honesty forces mention of, and that is the matter of hair. Carroll Dale's hair is here today, where it was mainly gone yesterday. Yes, the man admits, he wears a rug. When he gets dressed up, he puts on his tie and his hair. What is it like for a practicing Christian in the pit of National Football League action. Not bad, says Carroll Dale. "In fact, it is a lot easier than it was back in high school or college. There is more respect here for you as a person. "The hardest part of it all is losing, is in not winning the championship...it is easy to be a Christian when things go smooth. But it's tough when things are 3-5-1." But there is a perspective in Dale about the game he played as a boy and works at as a man. "Last year, when we lost that game to Detroit 40-0, I was in shock. I went to practice and there was a note that I had a registered letter at the post office. It was from a man I had met, along with his three kids. He wanted me to autograph some pictures for the kids. He also told me in the letter that his wife had just died. I could have kicked myself for thinking of that ball game." There is perspective, too, in the needling he takes from his children. "The kids ask me what I want to be when I grow up. I'm over 30, I'm still running, still playing and it's still fun and especially it's a challenge," Dale said. The challenge is in improvement. he explains, in trying to do his job a little bit better each week. And much of that challenge is psychological. "About 75 per cent of coaching is psychological and emotional, and it comes down to believing you can do the job. You have to get 40 guys going after the same goal. For the player. it becomes playing without fear of failure. Winning is the obvious goal. You play to win, not to make the team, or to hold down a starting job." Dale started his football training early, but he recalls a setback when he was six. That was the year he traded a football for a used, red fire truck. But he was soon back to football of a sort, throwing a Carnation milk can to develop his arm and coordination. He played eighth grade baseball, basketball and junior varsity football as a single-wing tackle in Wise, Va., where he was born. He played end in high school, then went to VPI. During his college days he married Pat Strength, the girl he had met at an all-state youth meeting in high school. They were married in 1957. Carroll left VPI in 1960, lacking graduation credits but getting his degree in 1964. He was signed by the Los Angeles Rams and broke in big - snaring five passes in his first league game. He played with the Rams until 1965 when Vince Lombardi traded for him and brought Dale to Green Bay. "We had five losing seasons, and it was just awful. If I could have picked the team I wanted to be traded to. The town I wanted to come to, it would have been Green Bay," Dale explains. What followed is history. 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P.G. photo by Ruth Kneerick

Carroll Dale looks back for the pursuers he lost
The Packers do not resort to the bomb regularly, but when they do, Carroll Dale is usually there

Carroll Dale looks back for the pursuers he lost. The town I wanted to come to, it would have been Green Bay," Dale explains. What followed is history. Dale's first three years here the Packers won world titles. And the Dales came to regard Green Bay as their home for half the year, alternating between the John Street house which they rent and their home in Bristol, Tenn. Pat Dale has been asked a hundred times what it is like to be married to a football player, and she still says she doesn't know. "Football has always been there. I feel I'm involved in it. Carroll gets tense before a game, and on Friday and Saturday we have to tell the kids to cool it sometimes. "And the kids have to make some sacrifices. We have to move every year. Sometimes it can be embarrassing for the kids, when their father is a Packer. Sometimes I felt I had lost my own identity, but I don't resent it anymore. The reactions you get from people you meet are varied, you get all sorts. Some people set the fellows on pedestals, and figure that because he is a Packer is more special than the man next door," she says. "But kids can shoot you down pretty fast," Carroll pointed out. "There was a little boy in the neighborhood, about three years old, and he came up one day and said 'You're Carroll Dale of the Packers. And I said I was and he said 'So what.'" In Green Bay everyone knows the ball players, Pat noted. "The badgering comes when you lose a football game. After a 40-0 game, even the fans feel low." Carroll added. The Dales' split living schedule has produced no visible casualties among their children. Vicki is at Washington Junior High School and Barry attends Eisenhower. "The biggest disruption has been in piano lessons rather than in school things," Pat explained. When he is not advancing the work of the Lord, and the Packers. Carroll takes it upon himself to keep the area's bird population in control. Monday, or the day after a game, is hunting day. But hunting is no casual stroll through the woods. It is a high speed, day long endurance test which leaves the hunter tired out, and also washed free of most of the frustrations and bumps of the last football game. "Hunting here isn't bad, but it isn't the test of endurance it is down home. You walk the hollers down there for six hours and you know you've been someplace," he said. It is noted in a chronological listing of Carroll Dale's life that in January 1951 he became a Christian. It was a formal declaration, and one which Dale has been striving to fulfill ever since. "That's what Christianity is to me," he explained, "a striving to follow the example that Christ left on earth. It becomes the personal

relationship of self to Christ. Christ is a door, and we enter through Him to God." The Dale home life includes Bible stories, family devotions - "There's a great need for that in the American home," Dale says quietly. "But growth is the real thing. We try to apply what we hear at church. This is the perseverance that is called for in the reasonable effort the scriptures ask of each man." The persevering was the hardest in high school, Dale recalls. "I don't know if kids are crueller then, or it hurts more to be put down at that level. But it is hard, when the gang is going to do something, not to go along if you don't approve." "The older you get - in college and pro ball there is more respect for a man's feelings." The religious aspect looms large for Dale for other reasons, too. "Many times people set goals, but the goals are too narrow. There is more to life than playing, or even winning. There can still be a void. That's where the religious aspect comes in. Some people have criticized football because they feel it is dehumanizing. They talk about grown men having to be in their rooms for bed check. This sort of thing is no problem for the Christian. He wants to help his team, he'll be there without having to be told. It is only the immature player who is dehumanized." A Christian commitment has many manifestations, Dale points out. "I don't feel like I can judge others or castigate them. I try to talk about the church, to be a listener, a witness. If you are a Christian you have a genuine concern for others." One avenue for this has been the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, an alliance of college and pro players who meet with young athletes and other youth and attempt to talk to them about Christianity. Another road is the large number of personal appearances which Dale makes for church groups. He ventured out one recent evening to speak to the congregation at Ascension Lutheran Church on the touchy subject of giving. It was pledge night, and Dale stood up at a rostrum and talked about why it was important to give, to become a part of the Lord's work. The church leaders were hoping that parishioners might consider a 10 per cent donation figure. Dale pointed out that in his case 10 per cent was a minimum, and that as the pay checks got larger over the years it became more difficult to hand over the Lord's share. He went on to explain what Christianity meant to him, how he tried to live his commitment. He spoke of what love had meant to the Packers under Vince Lombardi, of how stewardship comes out of love. Off to the side a pair of young children got restless and began making noise. An adult or two moved to quiet them. "Those kids aren't bothering me," Carroll said. "I've got three at home, I'm used to that." All men have a God, Dale pointed out, and their God is what they think about most. A man's duty is to evaluate, to see where his priorities ought to be. Above all, he reminded, was the idea of striving. "There are times when it is tough to be a Christian," he reminded. "Times like when you are 3-5-1."



Big money game at the Dale home
Barry, left, joins Carroll, Pat, Valarie and Vickie in a Monopoly session

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PACKERS-FALCONS:JUST ANOTHER GRUDGE MATCH

NOV 21 (Atlanta Constitution) - The world of grudge matches never seems to end for Norm Van Brocklin, the head coach of the Atlanta Falcons. Last week, it was the New York Giants with two old quarterbacks of his. Twice a year he must meet his old club, the Rams. Just after digesting a Thanksgiving turkey, he must go up and play the team he nurtured from football birth, the Vikings. Monday night he must face another old foe, the Green Bay Packers The once-proud Pack and the Falcons square off in Atlanta Stadium at 9 Monday night. There is a bit of tradition here, too. When Van Brocklin was at Minnesota, the public didn't really expect that much in the winning column from him until he spoiled them with an 8-5-1 record in 1964. But, the public did want one thing: A win or two over the cocky world champion Packers from the neighboring state of Wisconsin. The Dutchman obliged. His arrogant band of Vikings gave the Pack more trouble than anyone in the game. They won a couple and gave Vince Lombardi fits in the others. But, Green Bay got some revenge last year. Last year, the Packers were down as they have been since Lombardi left. Bart Starr was hurt and the old-timers were limping along on memories. The Falcons were even leading in the Van Brocklin tradition late in the game, 24-20. Just about then, reserve quarterback Don Horn lofted a desperation pass in the direction of Carroll Dale. Dale pulled it in and went the rest of an 89-yard pass play. It meant defeat and the turnaround point of the Falcon season. The Falcons were never quite the same after that game. The thing that makes it different this year, though, is neither team is quite the same as it has been. The Falcons are winged with a bunch of injuries. Tommy Nobis and Tom McCauley, of course, are long gone. Mal Snider, the stellar guard, is sick. The Falcons have a quarterback, Bob Berry, trying to get his sea legs after three weeks as a sideline landlubber because of injury. But, the Packers will still be the newest commodity on the patchwork Stadium turf Monday. There is a new coach, Dan Devine. There is a youth movement. There is, however, a bit of that old Packer toughness about the youngsters. Devine is a rather strange commodity among pro football coaches. For one thing, he is out of the college ranks, from Missouri. For another, he never played the pro game. For another, he is a quiet, scholarly type. Devine took a gamble when he came to the Packers. He was firmly entrenched at Missouri, where he was one of the game's most successful coaches. He had a lifetime pass there, but he took the challenge of the pros just the same. He gambled and lost most of the early season, but has come on strong as of late. His club has beaten Chicago, tied Detroit and lost to Minnesota by a



The shooting iron

Carroll oils a shotgun as daughter Valerie Lynn and son Barry watch



Speaking duty

Carroll explains his stewardship at a church gathering



Professional advice

Daughter Vickie gets help from Carroll, his wife Pat

mere field goal in a game it dominated. "You are not," says one long-time follower of Devine, "going to keep him down for long. When it comes to knowing the game and getting people to execute it, no one is in his league." Devine, too, had some doubts in the beginning. He declared Bob Jeter, an all-pro choice, was not up to snuff. He said Jim Grabowski "probably cannot make our team this year." He was right Jeter is gone and Grabowski, a one-time \$400,000 bonus baby, could not make the team. Devine did some rash things. He waived Grabowski, for one thing. He benched Ray Nitschke for another. He shifted a fine safety, Doug Hart, to a corner for another. This week, he will reinstate veteran Lionel Aldridge at one end and move the rugged Bob Brown to left end. So, times are a'changing in Green Bay, what with Devine and the new-look Packers, 3-5-1 now for the season. Only one thing hasn't changed. The Pack will be out for Van Brocklin, just as they were last year and those years in Minnesota.

BUT QB NOT READY: STARR BOOSTS DAN DEVINE

NOV 22 (Atlanta Constitution) - Dan Devine stands in the shadows of no one. He's a man, and a coach, apart. "And," Bart Starr insists, "it's not fair in many respects to compare him with Coach (Vince) Lombardi. Both can, without question I think, stand on their own merits. Yet, in many ways, their approach and dedication to the game and their tireless quest for excellence are very similar." Starr, a man for whom the word class was surely meant as a synonym, was speaking from his home in Green Bay, Wisc. In just a few minutes he would be boarding a jet for Atlanta. The Packers have a Monday night date with the Falcons, although the 37-year-old quarterback doesn't expect to play. "My (right) arm seems to be coming along quite well," he said, "but I honestly have no idea when I'll be ready to play again. All the inactivity, this year and last, has been awfully tough. I'd really like to be playing." Starr, who so brilliantly quarterbacked the Packers during the halcyon years of the 1960s when Green Bay was indeed "Tittletown, U.S.A.," hasn't played at all in 1971. In fact, he's seen duty in only 16 quarters the past two seasons. Consequently, in July, he underwent one scheduled and one unscheduled operations (a bicep-tendon transplant) at Mayo Clinic. "I don't like to talk about my injuries," the one-time Alabama star said softly, "and, quite honestly, I'm tired of reading about it too. Everybody who plays in the NFL has injuries." Few, however, are subjected to the pain Starr has experienced. "I feel, most definitely, it has all been worth it," he says. "The arm was so weak following the operations, it was almost like having to start all over from scratch. In fact, I had to learn to throw all over again. "It was a slow, hard push and I honestly don't know how many hours I put into the exercise program the Packers set up for me. I do know the total was considerable, though. "Some people have asked," he acknowledged, "why I don't just rest my arm and wait until next year to try and play again. Give it more time to heal and get stronger. "Well, I don't know how much I could play. But from the leadership point, I feel maybe I can be more of an asset on the sidelines than up in the press box. "And, too," he continued, "I just wanted very much to be a part of this team. "I have been very impressed

Pro Grid Standings

By The Associated Press
NFL
AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	PTS.OP
Miami	8	1	1	.889	238 117
Baltimore	7	3	0	.700	221 102
New England	4	6	0	.400	157 255
New York Jets	4	6	0	.400	133 206
Buffalo	0	10	0	.000	134 308

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	PTS.OP
Cleveland	5	5	0	.500	156 212
Pittsburgh	5	5	0	.500	198 205
Cincinnati	3	7	0	.300	192 178
Houston	1	8	1	.111	129 243

Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	PTS.OP
Oakland	7	1	2	.875	282 188
Kansas City	7	2	1	.778	217 136
San Diego	4	6	0	.400	203 230
Denver	2	7	1	.222	145 196

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	PTS.OP
Dallas	7	3	0	.700	253 165
Washington	6	3	1	.667	182 126
New York Giants	4	6	0	.400	172 232
Philadelphia	3	6	1	.333	125 227
St. Louis	3	7	0	.300	172 206

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	PTS.OP
Minnesota	8	2	0	.800	151 82
Detroit	6	3	1	.667	252 182
Chicago	6	4	0	.600	159 178
Green Bay	3	5	1	.375	179 188

Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	PTS.OP
Los Angeles	6	3	1	.667	200 152
San Francisco	6	4	0	.600	204 139
Atlanta	4	4	1	.500	188 175
New Orleans	3	5	2	.375	172 236

Sunday's Results

Miami 17, Baltimore 14
Kansas City 28, Denver 10
Cincinnati 28, Houston 13
Cleveland 27, New England 7
New York Jets 20, Buffalo 7
Oakland 34, San Diego 33
Dallas 13, Washington 0
Detroit 28, Chicago 3
Minnesota 23, New Orleans 10
Philadelphia 37, St. Louis 20
Los Angeles 17, San Francisco 6
Pittsburgh 17, New York Giants 13
Monday's Game
Green Bay at Atlanta, 9 p.m., national
Television



BART STARR
Learned to Throw Again

with Coach Devine ever since he came here. And the more I am around him, the more I respect him. "He is a remarkable coach and has, in spite of some personal adversities, done a remarkable job this season. Despite his broken leg (sustained in the Pack's opening game of the season), he has worked tirelessly molding and shaping our team for the future. "From a physical standpoint just look at what a job he has done. It's outstanding. "Despite all our injuries and everything else that has happened, he has kept us in every game. And he's done it, largely, by his inspiration and dedication. "Yes sir, he's quite a man."

FALCONS BATTLE PACKERS TONIGHT

NOV 22 (Atlanta Constitution) - Only 1:30 remained when Don Horn retreated to his five-yard line and pitched the ball upfield as far as he could throw it. The spiraling football landed in the arms of Carroll Dale who was going north and met Ken Reaves going south. Yet Reaves leaped and almost tipped the football. Dale went 89 yards for a touchdown. This one play resulted in Green Bay's 27-24 decision over the Atlanta Falcons on the frozen Packer turf last year. In most quarters, Reaves was blamed for the breakdown in the Falcon defense. The reasoning was simple: He was closest Falcon to Dale. In reality, safety Mike Freeman, no longer with the club, was the culprit. He took the tight end fake and was out of position. Reaves tried desperately to cover for him and almost did. It was just another chapter in the Falcons' head-butting history against teams from the Black and Blue or Central Division of the National Football League. And it was another loss. In 20 games against the Central since 1966, their year of inception, the Falcons have won five. Oddly enough, they hold an advantage over the bully of the area, Minnesota, having won three against two defeats. They are 2-3 with the Chicago Bears. Now, that brings the chart up to Detroit and Green Bay. As of this moment, the Birds haven't scratched against either. Earlier this year they lost their fifth straight to the Lions. Green Bay holds an identical edge in its series with the Falcons, thanks to the safety taking the tight end fake. Don't look now, but them thar strangers from the Black and Blue country are in town again, flexing their muscles, giving off menacing looks and preparing for another shootdown at the Atlanta Stadium corral. This one won't be at high noon. It won't be at happy hour. They're going to slug this one out under the lights, both stadium and national TV, beginning at 9 o'clock. The TV marshals have dispatched Ol' Howard, Dandy Don and Fancy Frank to Our Town to analyze and report on the battle. The last time they came to town, fire outside the stadium clouded the action against the Miami Dolphins, which was a blessing. For this rematch, the Falcons return Bob Berry at quarterback. He has Art Malone and Jim (Cannonball) Butler for ammunition against the tough Packer defense, headed by line backer Fred Carr and linemen Mike McCoy and Bob Brown. Young Dick Enderle, standing in for ailing Mal Snider, draws the assignment of blocking on McCoy. The Packer strategy is elementary: Quarterback Scott Hunter takes the football and hands off to either rookie John Brockington, the leading rusher in the NFC, or Donny Anderson. Then he watches them run. When he gets the itch and Coach Dan Devine says okay, ex-Alabama QB Hunter throws the football. Nothing fancy there, just fundamental football. That's the way both teams play it...run and hit, hit and run. The Falcons hope to improve their 4-4-1 record. Ditto for Green Bay and its 3-5-1.

It's mauling Monday at Atlanta Stadium.

PACKERS FACE 'BEST' OFFENSE OF SEASON

NOV 22 (Atlanta-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - If Dan Devine were not the soul of candor and integrity, the puckish Packer leader might be suspected of being in the Atlanta Falcons' employ. Devine, sounding not unlike an Atlanta PR aide, makes an impressive case for Norm Van Brocklin's hirelings, who obstruct the Packers' path in Atlanta Stadium tonight (8 o'clock, WNFL, Channel 11). The Bays have just come off consecutive confrontations with the Lions, Bears and Vikings, a somewhat brutal parlay that followed an unhappy experience with the Rams...MAY BE BEST: Yet, in appraising tonight's

nationally televised match, Devine asserts without so much as a twinkle, "This may be the best all-around team we've played. "I know it's the best offensive team we've played. Defensively, they look like they're giving you something, but they're not. They look vulnerable to the pass, but they really aren't. "I hope our players know, and I believe that they do, what we're getting into...The last four games, three of which they've won, the Falcons have really played fine football." Surprisingly, for a man with his passion for details, DD made no reference to the law of averages. It obviously rides with the Falcons, who have yet to win in five meetings with the Packers, although they came perilously close a year ago when our heroes charged from behind to win in the waning minutes on an 89-yard Don Horn-to-Carroll Dale bomb...INCENTIVE EDGE: Whatever else may be true, the edge in incentive unquestionably lies with the enemy. The Falcons, just 112 games to the rear of San Francisco, are still very much alive in the NFL's Western Division race despite a modest 4-4-1 record. The Packers, in contrast, have all but mathematically eliminated from Central Division contention. They trail the Vikings by 312 games with

only five to play. The green and gold, however, have privately indicated they are committed to finishing on the upswing, both as a matter of pride and to provide impetus for a fast getaway in 1972. Although he apparently had some reservations earlier in the week, Devine has announced he will entrust tonight's starting quarterback assignment to Scott Hunter, author of a critical (and presumably ill-advised) interception in the fourth quarter of last Sunday's 3-0 loss to the Vikings...READY RESERVE: Venerable Zeke Bratkowski will be joined in ready reserve by recent convalescent Bart Starr, who has returned to the active roster for the first time since last season's finale in Detroit. Devine has ruled out any chance that the 16-year veteran will draw the starting assignment, although he said, "Chances are, Bart will play...but Hunter will start."...ROCHE AT END: Although Hunter will be making his ninth consecutive start, there will be at least one change - and possibly two - in the Pack's starting format. Alden Roche will replace Clarence Williams at left defensive end, with Mike McCoy returning to the left tackle post he vacated two weeks ago because of a knee injury. Devine also announced that Dave Hampton very well could be opening at running back, replacing Donny Anderson, with the explanation that Hampton needs more work and the Golden Palomino less because of his punting responsibilities. The Packer coach indicated Hampton's presence also would improve the blocking, likely to be under heavy pressure from Atlanta's Claude Humphrey and John Zook, rated one of the finest defensive end tandems in the NFL....ROOKIE PHENOM: Needless to say, Humphrey and Zook, et al, will be keeping a vigilant eye on the Pack's rookie phenom, John Brockington, who has rushed for more than 100 yards the last three weeks en route to capturing the NFL's individual lead. Roche's transfer to the flank is expected to improve the pass rush, which could be a critical factor. Bob Berry, the Falcons' starting quarterback, is an adept rollout artist and presents an elusive target. Jim Mitchell, one of the NFL's premier tight ends, has been Berry's favorite receiver with 21 catches for 405 yards and four touchdowns. But he also has gone frequently to rookie Ken Burrow, a long ball threat whose 15 receptions have produced five touchdowns. Basically, however, the Falcons are a running team. Jim (Cannonball) Butler, the former Steeler, ranks among the NFC's top rushers with 467 yards in 136 attempts and sophomore Art Malone, a crunching blocker, has contributed 299 in 79 tries.

OFFENSE			
GREEN BAY		ATLANTA	
Spilis	WR	Burrow	
Peay	LT	Sandeman	
Lueck	LG	Maurer	
Bowman	C	Van Note	
Gillingham	RG	Enderle	
Himes	RT	Kunz	
McGeorge	TE	Mitchell	
Dale	WR	Chesson	
Hunter	QB	Berry	
Hampton	RB	Butler	
Brockington	RB	Malone	
DEFENSE			
Roche	LE	Humphrey	
McCoy	LT	Small	
Brown	RT	Condren	
Aldridge	RE	Zook	
Robinson	LLB	Acks	
J. Carter	MLB	Hansen	
Carr	RLB	Brezina	
Ellis	LCB	Reaves	
Hart	RCB	Hayes	
Randolph	LS	Mallory	
Wood	RS	Brown	
Packer - Falcon Series			
Packers lead series, 5-0. Points —			
Packers 172, Falcons 44.			

Packers Face 'Best' Offense of Season

Packer Statistics

RESULTS

PACKERS	OPP.	ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	TOTAL
40 N.Y. Giants at G.B. (56,263)	42	24	68	44	43	179
34 Denver at MKE (47,957)	13	38	51	48	51	188
20 Cinn. at G.B. (56,263)	17					
28 Lions at Detroit (54,418)	31					
13 Minn at G.B. (56,263)	24					
13 Rams at L.A. (75,351)	30					
14 Lions at MKE (47,961)	14					
17 Bears at Chicago (55,049)	14					
0 Vikings at Minn. (49,784)	3					

FALCONS AT ATLANTA

TEAM STATISTICS

138	FIRST DOWNS	143				
78	by RUSHING	58				
56	by PASSING	75				
4	by PENALTY	10				
2633	TOTAL NET YARDS	2552				
506	Total Plays	536				
5.2	Ave Gain Per Off Play	4.8				
56.2	Ave No. Plays	59.6				
1568	NET YARDS RUSHING	1044				
345	No. Plays Rushing	292				
4.5	Ave Gain Per Rush	3.6				
1066	NET YARDS PASSING	1508				
1125	Gross Yds. Passing	1609				
157/72	Attempts/Comp.	232/123				
45.9	Pct. Comp.	53.0				
9	TD Passing	18				
18	Had Intercepted	15				
6/59	Tackled/Yds. Lost	12/101				
7.2	Ave Gain Per Att.	6.9				
15.6	Ave Gain Per Comp.	13.1				
35/1371	PUNTS/YDS	41/1598				
39.2	PUNT AVE.	39.0				
0	Had blocked	0				
22/108	PUNT RETURNS/YDS	16/110				
4.9	Ave Gain Per Ret.	6.9				
4	Fair Catch	5				
36/990	KICKOFF RETURNS/YDS	35/904				
27.5	Ave Per Return	25.8				
15/189	INTERCEPTED BY/YDS	18/317				
17/12	FUMBLES/LOST	20/10				
179	TOTAL POINTS	188				
22	Touchdowns	23				
12	TD Rushing	1				
9	TD Passing	18				
1	Others	4				
15/8	FIELD GOAL ATT/MADE	16/7				
38/375	PENALTIES/YDS	37/310				

FIELD GOALS	MADE	ATTS.	BLK.	LONG
Michaels	8	14	1	44
Conway	0	1	0	0

DIST.	UNDER	21-	31-	41-	OVER
	20	30	40	50	50
Michaels	3/3	2/5	2/4	1/2	0/0
Conway	0/0	0/0	0/1	0/0	0/0

PUNT RETURNS	NO.	YDS.	AVE.	LONG	P.C.	TDS
Ellis	14	80	5.7	30	0	0
Wood	4	21	5.2	9	2	0
Pitts	3	7	2.3	5	2	0
Randolph	1	0	0	0	0	0

PASSING	ATT.	COMP.	YDS.	PCT.	TKD/YDS	TD.	LONG	INT.
Hunter	115	52	827	45.2	5/47	5	56t	14
Bratkowski	34	17	196	50.0	1/12	3	50	3
Patrick	5	1	39	20.0	0/0	0	39	1
Anderson	3	2	9	66.7	0/0	1	5	0

SCORES BY QUARTERS	ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	TOTAL
G.B.	24	68	44	43	179
OPP.	38	51	48	51	188

SCORING	TDR	TDP	FGS	PAT.	PTS
Michaels	0	0	8/14	16/17	40
Anderson	4	0	0	0	24
McGeorge	0	3	0	0	18
Hampton	2	1	0	0	18
Hunter	3	0	0	0	18
Brockington	2	1	0	0	18
Dale	0	3	0	0	18
Ellis	1	0	0	0	6
Bratkowski	1	0	0	0	6
Spilis	0	1	0	0	6
Conway	0	0	0	5	5
Hart	0	0	0	0	2

RUSHING	NO.	YDS	AVE	LONG	TDR
Brockington	137	751	5.5	52t	2
Anderson	137	551	4.0	29	4
Hampton	48	224	4.9	41	2
Hunter	17	41	2.4	16	2
P.Williams	2	1	.5	3	0
Bratkowski	1	1	1.0	1	1
Krause	3	-6	-2.0	2	0

RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	AVE	LONG	TD.
Dale	21	370	17.6	56t	3
Anderson	17	194	11.4	39	0
McGeorge	16	279	17.4	50	3
Spilis	11	246	22.4	39	1
Brockington	5	11	2.5	9	1
Hampton	2	25	12.5	19t	0

K.O. RET.	NO.	YDS	AVE	LONG	TD.
Hampton	25	780	31.2	80	0
Krause	2	52	26.0	29	0
Ellis	1	22	22.0	22	0
P.Williams	2	41	20.5	20	0
Carter	1	5	5.0	5	0
Pitts	1	22	22.0	22	0

INTERCEP.	NO.	YDS	AVE	LONG	TD.
Ellis	6	10	1.7	5	0
Robinson	3	44	14.7	23	0
Hart	2	73	36.5	69	0
Randolph	1	34	34.0	34	0
Matthews	1	20	20.0	20	0
Wood	1	8	8.0	8	0
Nitschke	1	0	0	0	0

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No.	Name	Pos.
10	Patrick, Frank	QB
12	Bratkowski, Zeke	QB
16	Hunter, Scott	QB
21	Hall, Charles	CB
22	Pitts, Elijah	RB
24	Wood, Willie	DB
25	Hampton, Dave	RB
27	Randolph, Al	DB
29	Matthews, Al	DB
31	Williams, Perry	RB
42	Brockington, John	RB
43	Hart, Doug	DB
44	Anderson, Don	RB-P
47	Davis, Dave	WR
48	Ellis, Ken	CB
50	Carter, Jim	LB
53	Carr, Fred	LB
54	Winther, Wimpy	C
56	Crutcher, Tom Joe	LB
57	Bowman, Ken	C
58	Withrow, Cal	C
62	Lueck, Bill	G
63	Winkler, Randy	G
66	Nitschke, Ray	LB
68	Gillingham, Gale	G
71	Peay, Francis	T
72	Himes, Dick	T
75	Michaels, Lou	K
76	McCoy, Mike	DT
77	Hayhoe, Bill	T
78	Brown, Bob	DT
79	DeLisle, Jim	DT
81	McGeorge, Rich	TE
82	Aldridge, Lionel	DE
83	Williams, Clarence	DE
84	Dale, Carroll	WR
85	Spills, John	WR
87	Roche, Alden	DT-DE
88	Garrett, Leonard	TE
89	Robinson, Dave	LB

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52	Acks, Ron	LB
37	Bell, Bill	PK
28	Belton, Willie	RB
17	Berry, Bob	QB
62	Bramlett, John	QB
50	Brezina, Greg	LB
34	Brown, Ray	S
82	Burrow, Ken	WR
33	Butler, Jim	RB
45	Campbell, Sonny	RB
81	Chesson, Wes	WR
88	Condren, Glen	DT
84	Donohue, Mike	TE
63	Enderle, Dick	G
58	Hansen, Don	LB
27	Hayes, Tom	CB
87	Humphrey, Claude	DE
46	Jarvis, Ray	WR
75	Kunz, George	T
72	Lens, Greg	DT
69	Lewis, Mike	DE
26	Lothridge, Billy	P
22	Mallory, John	S
25	Malone, Art	RB
53	Matlock, John	C
64	Maurer, Andy	G
55	Miller, Jim	G
86	Mitchell, Jim	TE
36	Reaves, Ken	CB
47	Redmond, Rudy	S
61	Sandeman, Bill	T
30	Shears, Larry	CB
11	Shiner, Dick	QB
66	Small, John	DT
67	Snider, Malcolm	G
80	Snyder, Todd	WR
57	Van Note, Jeff	C
5	Wages, Harmon	RB
51	Walker, Cleo	LB
71	Zook, John	DE

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