

**Chicago Cardinals (10-1) 42, Green Bay Packers (3-9) 7  
Sunday December 5th 1948 (at Chicago)**

# *Packers Close Out 'Worst' Season in History With 42-7 Loss to Cardinals*

## GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(CHICAGO) - The Green Bay Packers' 1948 misery is over – ended mercifully by the pistol-packing official here Sunday afternoon. By pulling the trigger, Mr. James (Umpire) Beirsdorfer closed out 720 minutes of Packer action in the NFL, 90 percent of it representing the worst season in 30 years of Packer lore. The final score this time? The opponent? It was 42-7 and the victors were the Chicago Cardinals, defending NFL champs, who next Sunday battle the Bears for the Western division title. That trigger marked the end of the Packers' seventh straight defeat. It permitted the guy who does such things to post 3-9-0 behind the Packers in the 1948 standings. He might record, too, that it was the first time the Packers ever finished out of the first division and only the second time the Packers finished below .500. If you're still with us, the Packers – since the immortal Don Hutson retired after the 1945 season – have a three-year record of 15 victories, 19 defeats and one tie – definitely not Green Bayish. Sunday's game was typical. The Packer offense just wasn't there and the defense hung on fairly well until the Cardinals exploded for 21 points in the final quarter. The score was 7-up as the first heat ended, 14-7 at the intermission and 21-7 going into the stretch frame.

### **ONE SUSTAINED TO DRIVE**

The weather wasn't exactly conducive to offense, although that big 42 on the scoreboard represented nothing else but points. It rained hard the first 10 minutes; it turned dark with no rain for a spell; finally the sun blossomed forth; and still later a bitter cold win lashed out of the northwest. The turf was slippery. The whole business was rather surprising, although the spectators got a lot of thrills. The Cardinals made only one sustained touchdown drive all afternoon, for instance. Three fumbles and three high school punts of 19, 26 and 30 yards set up their six touchdowns. The Packers got their TD after a fumble – Larry Craig picking up a loose ball and running 33 yards to the Cardinal 17 in the second heat. Walt Schlinkman punched it over from the two yard line six plays later. The Pack never got close the rest of the game. Most disturbing was the Packer offense – especially in the air. The Bays completed one pass – they tried 15 – all afternoon and that went for 10 yards from Perry Moss to Ralph Earhart with three minutes left in the game. Two other passes were ruled complete on interference although it goes down in the books as yards lost by penalty. Despite the wet ball, the Cardinals tried 18 and completed seven – six by Paul Christman for 87 yards, including a 61-yard touchdown strike to Mal Kutner in the fourth quarter. The Packers had a pretty healthy player on the soil - young Mr. Schlinkman, who chalked up 69 yards in 15 tries - one for 17 yards, the



# CARDINALS VS. PACKERS

**COMISKEY PARK**

**Sunday, December 5th, 1948**

1:30 P. M.

*Official Program*

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longest chase of the day by either team. Tony Canadeo was the only other consistent gainer - 29 yards. In all, the Bays made 132 yards on the ground in nine attempts. The Cardinal flashes - Pat Harder, Elmer Angsman and Charley Trippi - gathered 185 of the Cards' 283 yards by rushing. Incidentally, three-fourths of the Cards' rushing yardage was made over the right side of the Packers' line and through the middle.

### BEAR FANS CHEER PACK

The Packers made two of their seven first downs in the last half - one on a penalty and the other on the Moss-Earhart pass. The Packers were well backed in the stands. There were 500 fans down from Green Bay and a mess of the customers were Bear maniacs pulling for the Packers. But the entire collection let loose a cheer in the fourth quarter when tiny Earhart grabbed a Mallouf punt on the Packer 24 and raced to the Cardinal 49. It was 27 yards of the most amazing running we've seen in years. The kid didn't have a speck of blocking and the place was loaded with Cardinals. Yet he weaved, leaped over red shirts and sidestepped almost into the clear. To top off the afternoon, quarterback Jack Jacobs and Card end Sam Goldman exchanged fists in the game. Jacobs went back to punt and Goldman came in with elbows flying. Both were banished. In kicking six extra points, Harder fractured two records. He now has boosted 75 in a row to snap the mark of 72 held by the Bears' Jack Manders from 1933 to 1937. For a single season, Harder has an even 50 - six more than the record previously held by Ray McLean of the Bears in 1947. The bloody details follow:

### FUMBLE SETS UP TD

A thick drizzle fell as Ventan Yablonski kicked off to Schlinkman who received on the 15 and slithered to the 41 - a good break for the Packers. But old lady luck scowled on the first play when Irv Comp and Ted Fritsch fouled up a handoff, with Hamilton Nichols recovering on the Packer 41. The Cards had a 7-0 lead in four plays, with Mallouf passing to Kutner in the end zone from 12 yards out. Jerry Davis set up the score with a 25-yard run around left end. The Packers reeled off a first down when Blackburn interfered with Ted Cook on an 11-yard pass from Jack Jacobs, but the Packers were forced to punt. In the short space of a minute the rain stopped, the sun blossomed forth and the Packer fortunes changed. After Corny Clatt recovered Canadeo's fumble on the Packer 43, Craig grabbed Mallouf's fumble and raced 32 yards to the Cardinal 17 where Bill Blackburn and Buster Ramsey knocked him out of bounds.

### 55 YARDS IN FIRST HALF

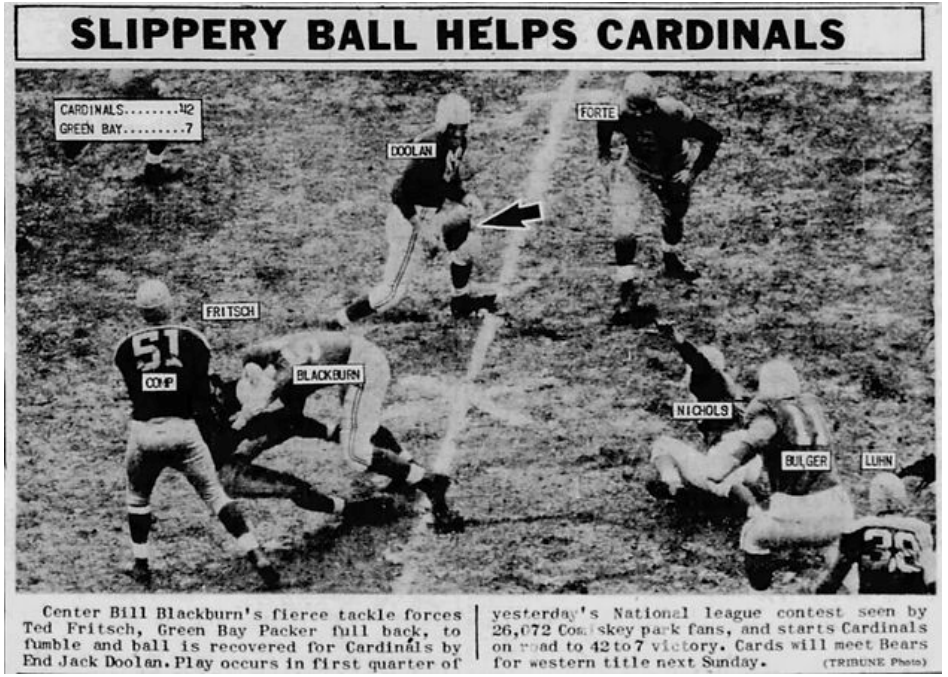
Schlinkman, who counted 55 yards in the first half alone, ran for four and Canadeo made it a first down on the Card four. Schlinkman was in motion on his next try but the next time, running from the nine, gained eight yards to the one. Canadeo lost a yard but Schlinkman rammed it over and Fritsch kicked the extra point to tie the game. A 23-yard punt by Jacobs touched off the Cardinals' 56-yard touchdown march. Trippi, Harder and Angsman turned in short gains and Christman completed a six-yard pass to Trippi for the yardage. Christman scored from the two-yard line on a quarterback sneak on fourth down. A 14-yard run by Earhart helped the Packers into Cardinal territory so Fritsch stepped back on the 45 and missed a field goal. Another bad punt by Jacobs, this one for 14 yards, started the Cards on another TD drive with two minutes left in the half. Thirty yards on Christman passes to Kutner and Dewell moved the ball to the 19, but the Packers stiffened and Harder missed a field goal from the 31. With 28 seconds left, Schlinkman ran 15 yards and Jug Girard incompleting two passes from the short punt formation.

### ANOTHER WEAK KICK

Fritsch booted the second half kickoff into the end zone and the Cardinals started rushing. With short but explosive bursts by Trippi, Harder and Angsman, they blasted to the Packer 24 where two important tackles by Jay Rhodemyre forced a field

1948 Finis						
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE						
<b>Western Division</b>						
	W	L	T	Pct	PS	OP
Chicago Cards	10	1	0	.909	371	205
Chicago Bears	10	1	0	.909	354	127
Los Angeles	5	3	1	.500	296	255
GREEN BAY	3	9	0	.250	154	290
(Final)						
Detroit	2	9	0	.182	179	362
<b>Eastern Division</b>						
	W	L	T	Pct	PS	OP
Philadelphia	8	2	1	.800	331	135
Washington	6	5	0	.545	263	266
New York	4	7	0	.364	276	360
Pittsburgh	4	7	0	.364	186	212
Boston (Final)	3	9	0	.250	174	372
<b>Sunday's Results</b>						
CHI. CARDS 42, GREEN BAY 7.						
Chicago Bears 42, Detroit 14.						
Los Angeles 41, Washington 13.						
Pittsburgh 38, New York 28.						
Boston 37, Philadelphia 14.						
<b>Next Sunday's Games</b>						
Chicago Cardinals at Chicago Bears.						
Washington at New York.						
Detroit at Philadelphia.						
Pittsburgh at Los Angeles.						
<b>The Lineups:</b>						
<b>GREEN BAY</b>						
Ends—Luhn, Craig, Wells, Wilson, Girard, Cook.						
Tackles — Wildung, Lipscomb, Bell, Odson, Kekeris, Deeks, Ray.						
Guards — Vogds, Tassos, Olsonoski, Neal, Davis.						
Centers — Rhodemyre, Baxter, Flowers.						
Backs — Jacobs, Canadeo, Forte, Fritsch, Schlinkman, Cody, Earhart, Smith, Girard, Provo, Moss, Comp.						
<b>CARDINALS</b>						
Ends—Dewell, Dove, Doolan, Goldman, Kutner, Ravensburg.						
Tackles — Bulger, Mimny, Szot, Coomer, Loepfe.						
Guards—Ramsay, Colhouer, Nichols, Apolskis, Arms, Badaczewski, Andris.						
Centers—Blackburn, Banonis, Campbell.						
Backs—Christman, Trippi, Angsman, Harder, Hanlon, Mallouf, Cochran, Davis, Yablonski, Schwall, Eikenburg, Clatt, Goldberg.						
<b>Score By Periods</b>						
Green Bay	7	0	0	0	7	
Cardinals	7	7	7	21	42	
<b>The Scoring</b>						
Packers—Touchdown — Schlinkman. Point after touchdown—Fritsch. Cardinals—Touchdowns — Mallouf, Christman, Harder Kutner 2, Schwall. Points after touchdowns—Harder 6.						
<b>The Officials</b>						
Referee — Bill Downes. Umpire — James Biersdorfer. Field Judge—Bob Austin. Head Linesman—Dan Tehan. Back Judge—Bill McHugh.						
<b>Team Statistics</b>						
	G. B. Cards					
First downs rushing	6	19				
First downs passing	1	5				
First downs by penalty	2	1				
Total first downs	9	25				
Yards gained rushing (net)	122	283				
Yards gained passing	10	99				
Yards gained laterals (net)	0	0				
Total yards gained (net)	132	382				
Forward passes attempted	15	18				
Passes completed	1	7				
Passes intercepted by	1	1				
Yards inter. returned by	34	17				
Yards lost attempted passes	28	15				
Punts (number)	8	6				
Average distance	33.6	43.3				
Punts returned by	4	1				
Yards punts returned by	58	7				
Kickoffs returned by (No.)	6	1				
Yards kickoffs returned by	104	35				
Penalties (number)	7	6				
Yards penalized	35	50				
Fumbles	5	1				
Opp. fumbles recovered	1	4				

goal attempt but Yablonski missed from the 38. Another weak kick by Jacobs, this for only 26 yards, touched off a Cardinal touchdown and the Packers' final downfall. The Cardinals, with Trippi, Harder and Angsman making hash out of the right side of the Packer line, bolted 56 yards to a TD, with Harder going over from the one-foot line on third down. An exchange of punts moved the game into the fourth quarter and another touchdown. It came on the Cards' first play of the last frame. Christman and Kutner combined on a 61-yard TD play, Kutner taking the ball between Canadeo and Cook on the 25 and outracing both to the goal line. That made it 28-7. With everything looked back, Girard intercepted Eikenberg's pass on the Packers 26 and returned to the Cardinal 40. Blackburn interfered with Girard on a pass from Jacobs and the Bays had a first down on the Card 32. Two plays lost 10 yards and Schlinkman gained six before Fritsch missed a field goal from the 45.



Center Bill Blackburn's fierce tackle forces Ted Fritsch, Green Bay Packer full back, to fumble and ball is recovered for Cardinals by End Jack Doolan. Play occurs in first quarter of yesterday's National League contest seen by 26,072 Comiskey park fans, and starts Cardinals on road to 42 to 7 victory. Cards will meet Bears for western title next Sunday. (TRIBUNE Photo)

**SCHWALL GOES UP THE MIDDLE**

Earhart then took Mallouf's punt on the Packer 24 and returned 27 yards to the Cardinal 49 in a spectacular return without interference. After Smith gained nine yards, Moss fumbled and Colhauer recovered, ran to the 25 and lateraled to Blackburn who was downed by Nolan Luhn on the 16. Mallouf edged over from the two and Harder's conversion was good, 35-7. The Packers tried again but this time Cochran intercepted Jacobs' pass on the 32 and returned to the 15. The Packers stiffened and took the ball on downs, but they gave it right back when Smith fumbled on the 13. Schwall took it over on third down with an 18-yard run up the middle for the last TD. With two minutes left, the Packers finally completed their first pas, Moss to Earhart, for 10 yards to the Packer 48. But Moss couldn't find Luhn and Earhart so Jacobs punted to the Card 26. Jacobs and Sam Goldman exchanged punches and both were tossed out. Just before the final gun, Davis ran 29 yards to the Packer 46 and Dick Wildung tossed Eikenberg for a 14-yard loss.

<b>GREEN BAY</b>	-	7	0	0	0	-	7
<b>CHI CARDINALS</b>	-	7	7	7	21	-	42

**SCORING**

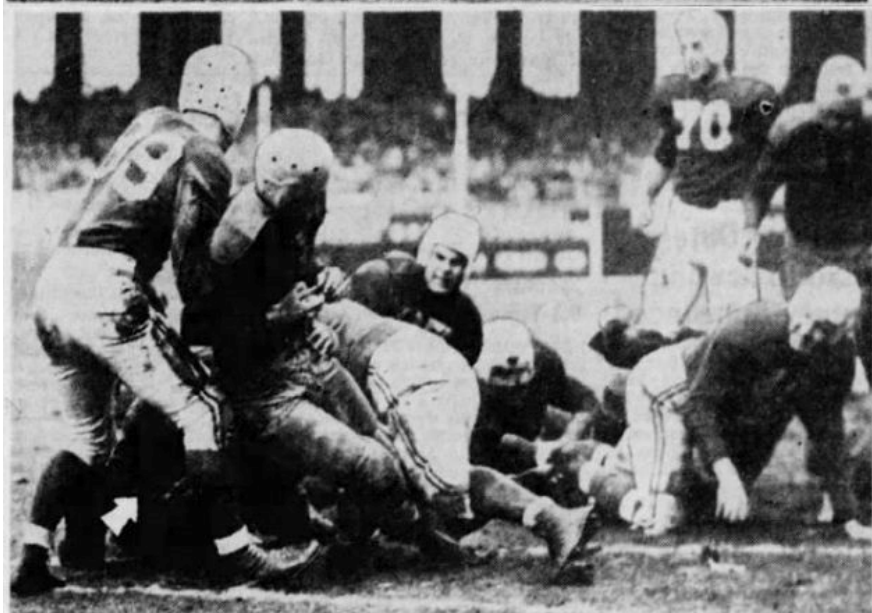
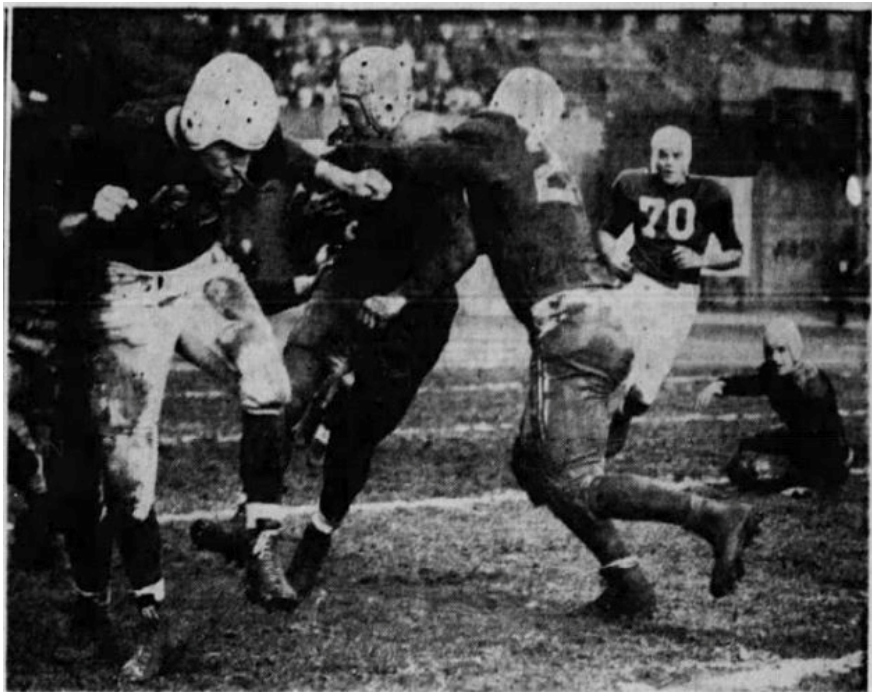
- 1ST - CHI - Mal Kutner, 12-yd pass from Ray Mallouf (Pat Harder kick) CHICAGO CARDINALS 7-0
- 1ST - GB - Walt Schlinkman, 2-yard run (Ted Fritsch kick) TIED 7-7
- 2ND - CHI - Paul Christman, 1-yard run (Harder kick) CHICAGO CARDINALS 14-7
- 3RD - CHI - Harder, 2-yard run (Harder kick) CHICAGO CARDINALS 21-7
- 4TH - CHI - Kutner, 61-yard pass from Christman (Harder kick) CHICAGO CARDINALS 28-7
- 4TH - CHI - Mallouf, 2-yard run (Harder kick) CHICAGO CARDINALS 35-7
- 4TH - CHI - Vic Schwall, 18-yard run (Harder kick) CHICAGO CARDINALS 42-7

**'What They Need Is a Little Better Passing'—Conzelman**

**'WHAT THEY NEED IS A LITTLE PASSING' - CONZELMAN**

DEC 5 (Green Bay) - "They (the Packers) played us a hell of a ball game for the first half," jubilant Jimmy Conzelman admitted in a corner of the Chicago Cardinals' crowded dressing room at Comiskey park Sunday afternoon. Surveying his athletes with a paternal gleam as they trooped into the showers, the Cardinal chieftain observed, "If they'd have got a little break there in the first half, the game might have been a lot closer, and it easily could have been 14-14 at the half." "But you see," Jimmy explained, "we are making first downs - lucky for us. As a consequence, we kept the ball most of the third

quarter when you had the wind with you. And that always hurts. They're still a good ball club, and they played a good ball game," according to Conzelman. "All they need is a few additions and they'd go places."..."ONE OF THOSE THINGS": Lighting a cigarette, he said, "What they need..," then hesitated. He deliberated for a moment, then came out with, "I don't like to say anything but, if the Packers got a little better passing, they'd be a much better ball club." "They're something like we were in the middle of the season," the genial Conzelman compared. "We didn't have anybody at that time who could hit the broad side of a barn." (This is hard to believe, with fellows like Paul Christman and Ray Mallouf around, but that's what the can said.) We couldn't figure it out, either. Guess it was just one of those things." "Another thing that helped us today - it's the first time in five games that we've been up for anybody," Jimmy claimed. "The last four games we've been playing the game physically, but without any emotions. Today, we started a little slow, and then caught fire - with the aid of a couple of breaks," he hastily added. Did he expect to have such an easy time? "Oh, no, and it wasn't for that first half, remember that. They played us a tough a ball game as we've had all season in the first half - make no mistake about that. I expected it to be just as tough as it was in the first half."...**MORALE FOR NEXT WEEK:** As for the Cardinals themselves, they'd almost forgotten what had just happened within five minutes after they had left the field. In fact, an unidentified Redbird already was building morale for next week, "One next week, boys, one next week. This is the one we've been waiting for." On the outside chance that you're in doubt, he was referring to next Sunday's pro game of the year between the Cardinals and Bears at Wrigley field. How did Conzelman feel about the approaching return engagement with the "Monsters of the Midway"? "Well, I personally feel that the team that doesn't get



The Packers' final touchdown of the 1948 season is shown in the process of manufacture in the two pictures above. At the top, Halfback Tony Canadeo (with ball) picks up nine yards to the Cardinal four-yard line in the first quarter before being brought down by Guard Garrard Ramsey of the Cards. Others are Back John Cochrane Jr. (24) and End Sam Goldman (70) of the Cards and Bob Forte (8) of the Packers. Below, Fullback Walt Schlinkman (with ball—arrow between Marshall Goldberg's legs 99) scores from the two-yard line a moment later. Forte is blocking out Goldberg to allow Schlinkman clear passage. Others are End Bob Dove (42) and Goldman. Cards won, 42-7.

the real bad breaks and whose passer is on, will win," he asserted with some degree of confidence...Although there was a modicum of depression in the Packer dressing room - a number of them professed to believe Saturday night and just before the contest that they had a good chance to win - but for the most part the Bays seemed glad the most disastrous season in Packer history was at an end. But for Coach Curly Lambeau, it was a crushing finish to a three-month nightmare - and well it might have been for the defeat marked the first time in his 30 years of coaching that one of his teams has finished in the second division. Temporarily beaten and baffled by the mysterious ails which have plagued the Packers all season long, Lambeau said wearily, "All I can is I have nothing to say nothing to say but plenty to do."...Despite the havoc he wreaks in playing with complete abandon, the Cardinals' Pat Harder apparently forgets to "hate", even before a game has ended. In the first quarter, he and Irv Comp were involved in an horrendous collision, Comp stopping Harder after a sizable gain. Irv was hurt on the play and forced to leave the game. About midway in the second quarter, Harder was coming off the field near the Packer bench. He slackened his pace to yell, "Irv, Irv, how are yuh?" When assured by the Packer quarterback that



This one play represented the sum total of the Green Bay Packers' scoring against the Cardinals in Chicago Sunday. Walt Schlinkman went over for a touchdown in the first quarter to tie the score at 7-7, but after that the Cards roared to a 42-7 victory. Corwin Clatt, Card back, is coming in from the left;

Ventan Yablonski of the Cards is shown standing behind Schlinkman, and Dick Wildung, Packer tackle, is on his knees at Schlinkman's right after having helped open a hole in the Chicago line. The defeat gave the Packers a record of three victories and nine defeats in league play. —Journal Staff

he was "o.k.", Harder proceeded to the Cardinal bench...The wind toyed with many a fedora during the course of the afternoon and Lambeau's grey felt was no exception. It blew out on the field in the fourth period and might have been accidentally trampled in the mud but Back Judge Robert C. Austin, former St. Ambrose athlete, retrieved it for the Packer coach and brought it over to him before play was allowed to continue...Admittedly the ball players were forced to slog through the mud for 60 minutes but WTMJ sportscaster Bob Heiss had no picnic of it either. Heiss, whose Packer broadcasts are carried over the Press-Gazette's WJPG and WJPG-FM, was exposed to the elements all the way. His temporary broadcasting "booth" was located in the upper deck along the third base line - but right out in the open with the rain beating down on his head...Add There's One at

Every Game Dept.: Probably the most rabid booster the Cardinals had was a pint-sized gentleman of middle age, weighted down by a Charlie Chaplin mustache. Each time the Cardinals threatened, the self-appointed cheerleader fell to his haunches and pleased with Paul Christman, Cardinal quarters, "C'mon, Paul, TD..." "C'mon, Paul, TD." When the Cards were repeatedly in scoring position in the third and fourth periods, his little spiel became nothing short of a chant...The defending champions also had an ardent delegation in the upper deck of the left field stands. The partisans in that area had depended a banner from their railing which read, "Buckle down Cardinals an' we'll love you all."...Almost invariably there's a scramble for the ball after an extra point boot, but after the issue is decided, the fans - the victor and the also-rans - settle back to enjoy the game. Not so with one successful snatcher. He caught the ball after Harder's second extra point - which at that time left the Cardinal placement artist one short of tying the league record - and immediately headed for an exit, apparently to "cache" the pigskin...Packer quarterback Jack Jacobs and Charley Trippi, Chicago's brilliant halfback, did a reverse "piggy back" act near the end of the first quarter. Jacobs jumped astride Trippi - who was making an end run - from the front, wrapping his legs around Charley's hips and his arms around his neck. The method was unorthodox but effective - Jack stopped the Italian whirlwind after a two-yard "ride"...Jacobs also was involved in another action - but it wasn't calculated to amuse anybody. He took an elbow in the face from Sam Goldman, Cardinal end, in the final two minutes and lost his temper. He and Goldman exchanged "compliments", and were about to trade blows when the officials hurried over to mediate. They managed to cool the would-be contestants down and banished both from the game...Dusk came early to Comiskey park Sunday. The Park's powerful lights normally used to brighten an otherwise drab White Sox games, were turned on at 3:35 with 11 minutes remaining in the final quarter...The Cardinals nearly worked an extemporaneous double lateral with a touchdown in the fourth quarter. Jake Colhouer, Cardinal guard, scooped up a Packer fumble on his own 39 and rambled to the Green Bay 40 where he was waylaid by Tony Canadeo. At the moment he was hit, Colhouer lateraled to big Bill Blackburn, and after being partially stopped by Canadeo, who made a desperate try, he rolled to the 16 where he was tripped up by Perry Moss. Even then, Blackburn wasn't through. He was about to lateral to another Cardinal when Nolan Luhn came up and put him down for keeps.

#### TEMPERS FLARE

DEC 5 (Chicago) - Like most recent Cardinal-Packer games, Sunday's at Comiskey park produced a flare of tempers and late in the game both Jack Jacobs and Sam Goldman were ejected by the referee.

#### HARDER MISSED NEW RECORD BY MUFFED KICK LAST SEASON

DEC 6 (Chicago) - The Chicago Cardinals announced Monday that a review of the record showed that fullback Marlin (Pat) Harder missed an attempted point after touchdown against the Chicago Bears a year ago and thus did not set a new National league record for consecutive successful conversions in the Green Bay game here Sunday. Earlier the Cardinals had said that Harder had kicked 75 straight points, breaking the record of 72 piled up by Jack Manders of the Chicago Bears from 1933 through the third game of 1937. Joe Labrum, publicity director of the league, contended that Harder missed one point after touchdown in the final game against the Bears last year. A review of the records by the Cardinals showed Labrum correct. Harder, however, has converted on 50 straight attempts this season to set a new league record for most conversions in one year. The previous mark of 44 was set by Ray McLean of the Bears in 1947.