



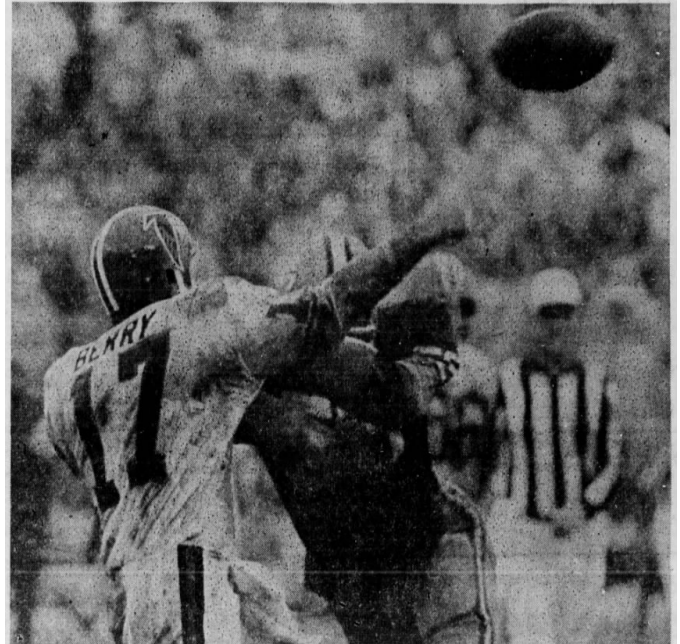
Atlanta Falcons (4-2) 10, Green Bay Packers (4-2) 9
Sunday October 22nd 1972 (at Milwaukee)



QB Crack Breaks Pack's Back

GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(MILWAUKEE) - The name of the game, presumably, is "Get the Quarterback." Or is it? Pictorial evidence suggests Fred Carr legitimately achieved that objective in rainswept County Stadium Sunday afternoon, for which he and the Packers were rewarded with a 15-yard roughing the passer penalty. It not only voided an opportune interception by Al Matthews, which had apparently presented the Pack with favorable field position, but gave Atlanta a first down at the Green Bay 15. Four plays later, Bill Bell converted that second chance into a 24-yard field goal and an eventual 10-9 verdict spiking the Packers' three-game winning streak and toppling them into a first place tie with the Detroit Lions in the NFC's Central Division race. History may record that victory eluded the Packers because rookie Chester Marcol was off target on a 39-yard field goal attempt with 1:56 remaining but Coach Dan Devine will be a hard sell on that point. "The roughing the passer call on the interception won the ball game for them," he declared. "If you want a key play, that was it." Among other things, that damaging development enabled the Falcons to continue a drive that consumed 9 minutes and 16 seconds of the third quarter, in which the Packers had possession for just six plays. Devine, hardly on amiable terms with the men in stripes at that point, added, "All I got out of the officials all afternoon was, 'We're not going to argue with you during the game.'" "Actually, I've never argued with an official in my life. When I know I'm right, I state my case, but I never argue. And whenever I've said anything about officiating in this league, I've been right. The films have supported me. I'm batting 1.000 for 1.000. It doesn't do me any good on Wednesday when somebody says he made a mistake during the previous Sunday's game, Devine sardonically observed, obviously referring to the erroneous "fumble" call which precipitated a 20-14 loss to Oakland Sept. 24. "I've got a bunch of coaches and players who are working and playing their guts out to win a championship and I'm at a loss what to do about it. It's not fair to the coaches and it's not fair to the players." Carr, subdued over that roughing assessment, morosely insisted, "He (Falcon quarterback Bob Berry) was just unloading the ball when I hit him. It wasn't a late hit or anything like that." A Press-Gazette photo of the controversial play appears to support Carr's version. It indicates his contact caused the pass to veer off course, suggesting the hit had to have come at the point of release. Linebacker Jim Carter, attempting to pinpoint motivation for the ball, said, "Did Freddie hit Berry high? If you hit a quarterback high, you'll get a penalty. They protect quarterbacks. You're not supposed to hit them in the head." Devine's chagrin with the officiating was traceable in part to a decision on a Green Bay timeout bid as the first half ended, at which point the Packers were on the Atlanta 13 and obviously in field goal position. "The clock ran down. I guess," he said, but it was obvious he was not entirely convinced. "Carroll, who was one of our captains at that point, came right off the ball and signaled timeout. That's all I saw. There were three seconds left on the clock. I have no way of knowing whether the official missed it or not," he said. "But you develop peripheral vision and I could see out of the corner of my eye as Carroll jumped up that there were three seconds left. When I mentioned that to the officials, they just told me the half was over, that's all." Dale, meanwhile, was inclined to be philosophical. "I was trying to call timeout," he said, "but I could see how the clock could run out under the circumstances. It takes the referee so much time to get his arms up to signal a timeout." Devine



Fred Carr 'Roughs' Bob Berry

Press-Gazette Photo by Ken Behrend

'Protecting the Passer...'

The rule for "Running Into Passer" according to the National Football League Digest of Rules reads:

"The Rules Committee is definitely committed to the policy of protecting the passer. A passer who is standing still or fading backwards, is

obviously out of the play after ball has left his hand or hands, and is to be protected until pass ends, or until he starts to move into a distinctly defensive position. Referee must determine whether opponent had a reasonable chance to stop his momentum during an attempt to block or

bat pass, or to tackle passer while he was still in possession."

The penalty for an infraction of this rule is a loss of 15 yards from the previous spot of the ball, and disqualification of the violator when it is flagrant.



refused to fault Marcol, who earlier in the afternoon had connected from five yards deeper than his final effort pointing out." The kid kicked three out of four." He also dismissed the possible effect of an interruption provided by the two-minute warning, which came while the Packers were poised over the ball just prior to Marcol's kick. "The two-minute thing is part of the game, just like the weather," he said. Devine did admit, "It could have come at a more opportune time." The Falcons' volatile Norm Van Brocklin attached considerable significance to that development, however. "The best thing that happened on that field goal was the two-minute warning," the exuberant Dutchman said. "That gave Marcol some extra time to think." Chester, meanwhile, insisted it had not been a factor. "That didn't bother me," said the long ball specialist, who now has hit on 13 of 21 field goal attempts. Marcol also declined to blame the field conditions, something less than ideal following a day-long rain which made the going treacherous for all concerned, particularly in the muddy, infield portion. "I can't complain about the footing," said Marcol. "I don't think the weather was any factor. It didn't bother me on the first three field goals that I made. Why should it have bothered me on that last one. Besides, I just missed it. I did have to pace off the distance carefully before I kicked it," he admitted, "because by that time you couldn't see the hash marks. As far as the rush is concerned, I never see any pressure. A kicker can't do that - he has to keep his head down. I didn't know the ball was off target when I kicked it. It just tailed away a little bit, but the wind wasn't any factor. For some reason, I didn't kick it square. There's nothing I could put my finger on. Actually, I thought I had a chance to make it, even after it did seem to be tailing off, because my ball comes back quite often from right to left." Marcol's job could have been made easier. Devine conceded while explaining the Packers' tactical approach after acquiring possession just prior to that final field goal attempt on Clarence Williams' recovery of an Art Malone fumble at the Atlanta 36. "Naturally, you're thinking field goal in that situation because a field goal will win, but not exclusively," he said. "We were trying to move the ball, but we did a very poor job of moving it. The plays we called there had nothing to do with setting up the field goal. The coaches were thinking of making yardage." Devine tacitly admitted these matters might have been academic had the Packers been able to contain the clutch situations. "Atlanta was very good on third downs," he said, an understatement painfully documented by the Falcons' 11-for-19 record in this category, although two of their conversions came by penalty. The Packers, in contrast, were a mere 4-for-11. The key maneuver in the Falcons' third down magic, the pass against the grain, had been a spur of the moment addition to the Atlanta modus operandi, Berry said. "That pass wasn't in the game plan," he said, "but we went to it because of the field conditions and the fact that the Packer defense was cutting off our run. I decided I had to throw short across the field to get us moving." Devine also pointed to other items which contributed to the invaders' cause. "Our two fumbles (one by John Brockington at the Atlanta 32-yard-line, after a first down) were a key factor, too," he said. "In fact, there were a lot of them. The penalties were so much a part of this game. I even hate to talk about them. "But I don't want to dilute Atlanta's fine play. They only fumbled once today, in that weather. Last week, they fumbled five times. "Which just goes to show," he said dryly, "you can't trust them to do that every week."

ATLANTA	-	0	7	3	0	-	10
GREEN BAY	-	6	3	0	0	-	9



Raincoats and umbrellas kept early birds at least partially dry to enjoy the traditional pre-game picnics (tailgate) at the stadium. Bob Tensfeldt of Jefferson, broiling steaks to go with the trimmings prepared for his party.

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	<u>ATLANTA</u>	<u>GREEN BAY</u>
First downs	19	10
Rush-yards-TDs	45-107-1	29-112-0
Comp-Att-Yd-TD-INT	25-14-143-0-0	15-6-108-0-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-6	1-5
Net Passing Yards	137	103
Total yards	244	215
Fumbles-lost	3-1	2-2
Turnovers	1	2
Yards Penalized	4-39	4-46

SCORING

1st – GB – Chester Marcol, 44-yard field goal GB 3-0
 1st – GB – Marcol, 32-yard field goal GB 6-0
 1st – GB – Marcol, 35-yard field goal GB 9-0
 2nd - ATL – Art Malone, 1-yard run (Bill Bell kick) GB 9-7
 3rd – ATL – Bell, 24-yard field goal ATL 10-9

RUSHING

GREEN BAY – John Brockington 21-88, MacArthur Lane 7-18, Scott Hunter 1-6
ATLANTA – Dave Hampton 30-93, Art Malone 12-16 1 TD, Bob Berry 2-1, Bill Bell 1-(-3)

PASSING

GREEN BAY - Scott Hunter 15-6-108
ATLANTA – Bob Berry 25-14-143

RECEIVING

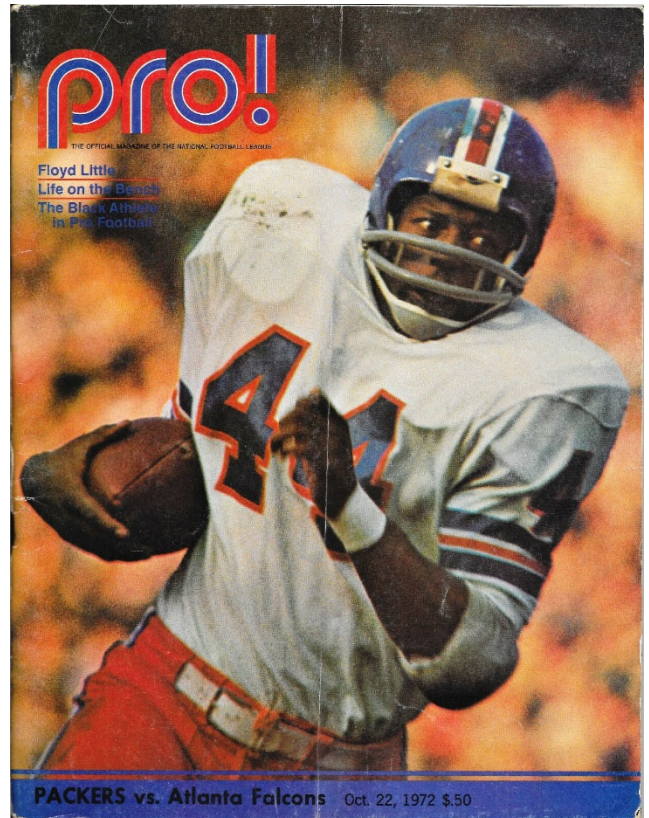
GREEN BAY – Carroll Dale 2-60, MacArthur Lane 2-18, Len Garrett 1-21, John Brockington 1-9
ATLANTA – Art Malone 6-29, Jim Mitchell 4-61, Ken Burrow 3-46, Dave Hampton 1-7

FEELS GREAT: HAMPTON

OCT 23 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Dave Hampton was all smiles as he emerged from the shower room in the Atlanta dressing room in County Stadium here Sunday afternoon. "It really feels great," he said of the Falcons' win over the Green Bay Packers, "I had really been looking forward to it." Hampton, who had been traded by the Packers to Atlanta for Malcolm Snider just prior to the start of the season, lugged the ball 30 times and gained 93 yards. He also caught one pass for seven yards. Asked if he had been trying extra hard not to fumble, an act that he had been accused of doing too often while with the Packers, he stated, "The only time I was concerned about holding onto the ball was in the closing seconds when we needed to keep ball control. I never considered myself a fumbler or a second string back when I was in Green Bay." Informed that he had gained 93 yards and had carried the ball 30 times, Hampton said, "Somebody said Coach Devine said I wasn't durable enough. I think he might revise that now." Hampton was quick to point out though that he held no bitterness toward the Packers. "I don't think I got a chance there but there are no sour grapes. I am happy where I 'am now." he said. In getting back to the game, Hampton said, "It was very tough out there with the weather but our defense did just a fantastic job and kept giving the offense the ball. We wanted to get outside on the Packers and our offensive line did a good job of leading the way. That is my type of running." Quarterback Bob Berry also had high praise for the Falcon line and the protection it provided him with as he hit on 14 of 25 passes for 143 yards. "Our line has been doing a good job all year. They did a hell of a job out there, you have to give them credit." Berry said. About the constant rain, Berry noted, "It was tough out there. The biggest problem I had was keeping my hands dry. I had a couple of passes get away." Running back Art Malone, who scored the game's only touchdown on his second crack from the 1-yard line late in the first half, felt he had the TD on his first attempt. "I thought I was in the first time. I didn't understand them not calling it. We just ran the same play the second time and this time I made sure. Hampton led the play and got the block. Usually I lead the play for him but this time we switched and he led." Malone said.

HAMPTON HAD LAST LAUGH SUNDAY

OCT 23 (Milwaukee-Atlanta Constitution) – This is the tale of two NFL players. Dave Hampton, a running back and kickoff returner, was traded to the Atlanta Falcons for guard Malcolm Snider. Both went under the microscope here Sunday



afternoon in a confrontation at County Stadium. The Falcons won, 10-9. So Hampton, who rushed for 93 yards and evened out his yardage at a 100 with one pass reception had to be adjudged the winner. But Snider played well, as he always does.

"If you ask me if this game gave me any special satisfaction, I'd have to say yes," Hampton said in the post-game clubhouse. "I knew I could run in this league, and I asked for a chance at Green Bay. Dan Devine did not give me the chance, but Norm Van Brocklin did at Atlanta and for that I am thankful. I am happy about the way things turned out and hope to continue to progress and help the Falcons. Yes, it was nice playing today. Satisfying." Hampton said he took some ribbing from his ex-teammates. "They kept telling me to slow down," he said with a slight smile. "They're good guys. I've got a lot of friends on the Packer team." Snider, in the Packer clubhouse, lauded his former teammates. "They played well," he said. "I went against Glen Condren mostly today and he did a good job. He's a fine tackle, steady and alert. We just plugged away at each other. Glen didn't say anything. He never does. Hell, I was in a hospital room for five days with him last year and he didn't say a word. Oh, I guess he did say hello. But he's a fine football player." Packer coach Dan Devine, an intense man, was even more so after the game. He did not approve of the officiating and he said so. The one play that upset him was a roughing-the-passer call on linebacker Fred Carr that led to the winning Bill Bell field goal. Earlier in the season Oakland beat the Packers on a controversial interception return. "It kills you when you think that two plays keep you from having a 6-0 record," he said. "I don't know what Carr did. In fact, the officials gave us another number, 83, on the call. I'll say this. After reviewing the movies, I have been 1,000 per cent right. It's pretty hard to tell somebody that on Wednesday. I don't want to take anything away from the Falcons. They're a good football team and did well under adverse conditions." Van Brocklin was elated at the Milwaukee success. "That field was no place for boys," he said. "It was a good, tough ball game and I thought our defense did another fine job of keeping a team out of the end zone."

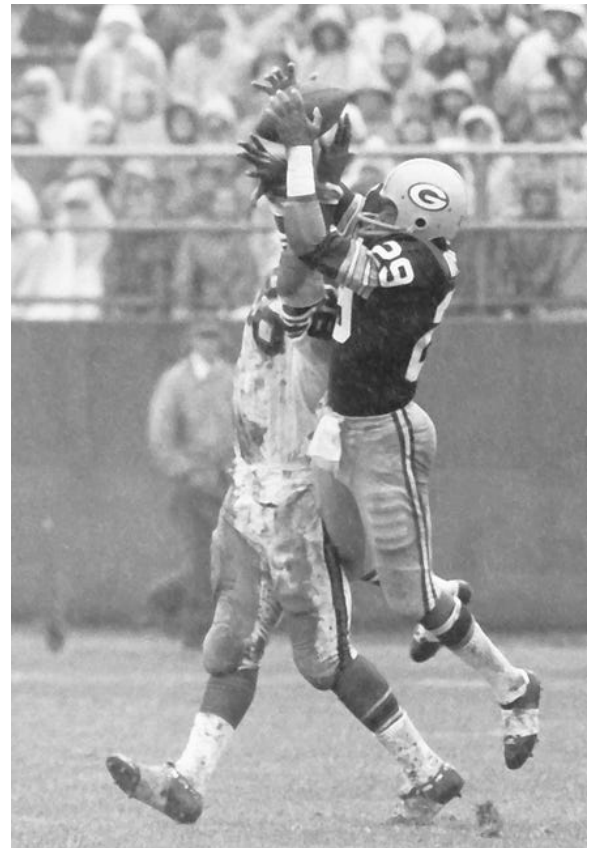
CARTER SEES FIRST, NOT THIRD, DOWN AS KEY

OCT 23 (Milwaukee-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Dabs of mud streaked Jim Carter's face, even infringing upon his luxuriant, reddish-brown moustache. It also was 'caked upon his green and gold game jersey, which he still wore even though the Atlanta Falcons' 10-9 decision of the Packers already had been history for better than a half hour. Grimacing as though the memory brought him pain, he was discussing the Falcons' surprising success with third down plays for the benefit of the press corps. Only Carter saw this development in a somewhat different light. "Everybody talks about third downs, but first downs are mighty important, too," the Packers' freewheeling middle linebacker said. "Sometimes the Falcons were getting big yardage on first down today. What I'm saying is that if we can get a good play on first down, we've got a pretty good chance of stopping them. But if you come up on third-and-3 and third-and-4, it's kind of tough to stop 'em. If you get a team in a third-and-9 situation, it usually means you've held them on first down. Actually, I think our secondary played as well today as it ever has, despite the interference penalties we had called on us." Carter said, then explained his point. "Some days, the officials let things go like happened today in some of those situations, and sometimes they don't. But you can't take that aggressive play away from a secondary. I don't know what the reason was," he said, jesting, "the rain might have made the whistles a little wet." Part of the Packers' problem, he said, had stemmed from the depredations of ex-teammate Dave Hampton, who emerged as the day's leading ground gainer with 93 yards in 30 carries. "It's tough to stop Hamp," Carter declared. "He's just a good back. It's tough to wrap him up. But it wasn't anything we didn't expect. We felt all week they would come running at us. So we played a lot of odd defenses with a man over the center and me either strong or weak. I don't know what it was that made their running game so effective, whether the pursuit wasn't good enough, of the force, or what." Carter was sure of one point, however. "We should have won it," he said, unhappily shaking his head. "It was tough to lose."

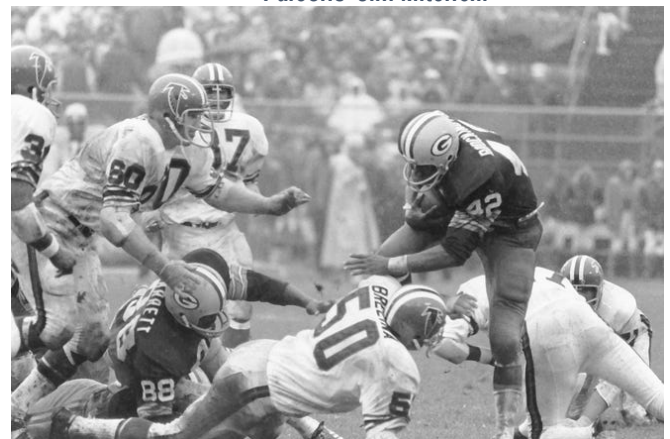
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QUICK QUOTES: INFELD MUD MADE FOR TOUGH PASSING

OCT 23 (Milwaukee-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Quick Packer-Falcon quotes: Scott Hunter: "It was tough throwing off the infield portion of the field because there was a mud film on the ball each time it was snapped. But, throwing off the grass



NOT QUITE: Al Matthews (29) makes his grab for a pass in the second quarter, but it's broken up by the Falcons' Jim Mitchell.



John Brockington in action (Source: Green Bay Press-Gazette)



Mal Snider (67), Dick Himes (72), Cal Withrow (58) and Bill Hayhoe (77) stand in the rain (Source: Green Bay Press-Gazette)

there."...Norm Van Brocklin: "It was a great game. A real fine battle for men only."...Van Brocklin: "Green Bay has a mighty fine offense and two great running backs but our defense did a great job. They kept them out of the end zone all day."...Dale, regarding the long pass on the last play of the first half: "It was a great call. They expected a square out to stop the clock. It almost worked."

ZIP ZAPPED TED'S SNAP

OCT 23 (Milwaukee-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Ted Fritsch Jr., former Green Bay Premontre and St. Norbert College star playing his first game as a pro in front of the home fans, admitted to a bad snap on the Falcons' field goal attempt in the first period. The ball sailed over holder Pat Sullivan's head and right to kicker Bill Bell, who had to run with it and was dropped for a three-yard loss on the Packer 29. "The ball wasn't wet or anything. I just blew it. I put too much zip on the ball but we were lucky enough that it didn't cost us the game," Fritsch said. Fritsch was also called on a clipping penalty on a kickoff return which forced Atlanta back to the 14 from where the Falcons marched to their touchdown. But Fritsch's coach, Norm Van Brocklin, had high praise for the center. "I am mighty glad to have that Fritsch boy. He is going to be a mighty fine football player," Van Brocklin said. Fritsch, who is the son of former Packer fullback Ted Fritsch Sr., said it felt strange playing against the Packers but, added, "It still was great and a great game to win. If you can't play for them it's great to play against them." Although his parents and many of his friends were on hand to see him, he said he wasn't tense. "Once you get out there you hardly hear the crowd and you just forget about it. I don't think I was any more tense for this game than any other."

TICK, TOCK...TIME RAN OUT ON JERRY'S CLOCK

OCT 23 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - At least nobody can accuse Jerry Mortell of being a homer. If that's any consolation. It may seem strange that a mild-mannered soft-spoken Green Bay insurance executive figured prominently in Sunday's Packer-Falcon game here but it is possible that Mortell's trigger finger played as big a part in the final score as did Chester's Marcol's trigger toe...and, of course, a bundle of other factors that enter a one point decision. Jerry, you see, is the official timer. He sits in the press box and controls the scoreboard clock, which is official in the National Football League. And that makes him an NFL official, though minus the striped shirt. He pushes the button that turns the clock on and off at the signal of the referee or some other striped-shirt official. So, with that understood, we now flash back to the final moments of the first half in County Stadium. The Falcons have just scored a touchdown and are kicking off. There are 16 seconds on the clock. They begin ticking away when Jon Staggers catches the ball at his 24. The clock is stopped when Staggers barges out of bounds at the Packer 49. Now there are eight seconds showing on the clock. And they begin clicking off when Scott Hunter accepts the snap from center. Hunter

portion, it was okay. Those conditions today were a great argument for artificial turf."...Mike McCoy (on causing Art Malone's fourth quarter fumble): "We were in an odd defense on the play and I was right over the center's nose. I saw Malone was going around end so I moved down the line to my left. He was running low with the ball cradled in both arms in front of him, so I knew I had to get down low to stop him. I got under him and drove a shoulder into his gut. I don't know what happened after that but somebody told me the ball popped loose right after I hit him."...Rollie Dotsch: "That Bob Berry is a real competitive little guy. He got hit pretty hard a few times but he hung in there and he really fired that ball into the seam."...Scott Hunter (on his third quarter fumble): "I thought I might break with it on that sneak - I had a real good hole - so I shifted the ball from my stomach to under my right arm. Somebody hit my arm and I lost the ball."...Carroll Dale: "The big thing we've got to do is rebound and get ready for next week against the Vikings. The defense held the Falcons to 10 points, and that's all you can ask. And Chester Marcol made three of four field goal attempts, and that's all you can ask. I've been around here a long time and I remember in '65, '66 and '67, when we won championships, we had big slumps, but we bounced back to win a championship. Right now, we're still on top, if we want to fight to stay



Ted Fritsch Jr. and ex-Packer Pop

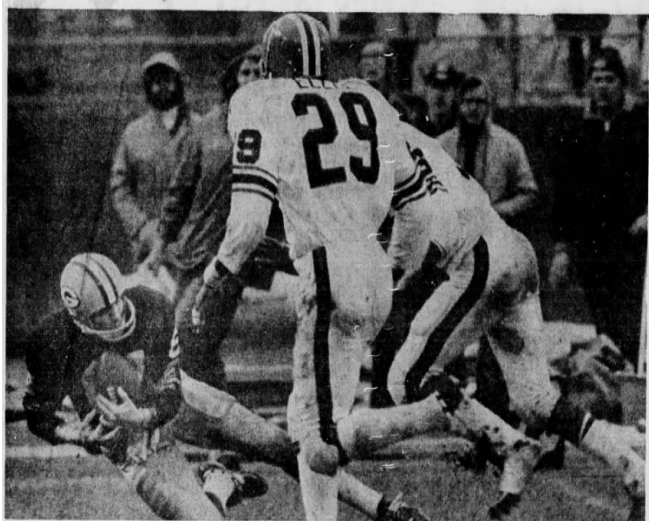
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fades and rainbows a deep pass toward Carroll Dale, who is behind the secondary. But Dale must slow down and turn back to catch the ball and he slips down at the Atlanta 13. That is the vital moment. As he hits the ground and is tagged by a Falcon, he flips over and signals timeout to the official on the play, obviously hoping to salvage a field goal try. "I couldn't tell if there was any time left," Dale said later while recounting the incident. And he added that eight seconds certainly could have elapsed before the play was completed and the official actually reacted to his request. But Dan Devine, watching the play from an angle that let him, with the help of what he called peripheral vision, see Dale, the official and the auxiliary scoreboard at the north end of the stadium, said there clearly were four seconds, blinking to three, when Dale asked to the timeout. And Devine, moments later, pressed his case with the referee, to no avail, of course. Meanwhile, however, at the launching point of the pass, Scott Hunter was doing more than merely watching. "As soon as the pass was completed and Carroll hit the ground, I turned and called time out," he said. And the official, right with Hunter, signaled time out. It is important to note here that only the team captain or captains can call time out. But at the two minute warning, Devine had informed the referee that he was appointing Dale, Hunter and alternate wide receiver Dave Davis captain. One of the Packer players, who asked not to be identified because they had been told not to say anything about the clock thing, admitted he was in perfect position to see both Hunter's signal, the official's signal and the big scoreboard on the south end of the stadium. "There were still two seconds left," he said. My own observation corroborates that. I was watching the official with Hunter and as soon as he waved timeout, I flicked my eyes to the scoreboard and saw the 2 dissolving into 1. The point is, however, that Jerry Mortell must push that button or flip that switch or whatever he does to stop the clock. Devine spoke of the official with Dale. But Mortell said he was watching the official with Hunter and reported: "I saw Hunter call time out but I had to wait until the official called it. I had expected the timeout call and as soon as I saw the official's hand go up. I hit the button. When I looked at the scoreboard, it said zero." Mortell, who managed a grin while telling about it at halftime (well before he could know just how big a moment that was to be), said, "Even my family isn't talking to me now." But he added that his assistant on the sideline, Jack Walters, had agreed that time had run out and George Rennix of the NFL office, sitting right behind him, had immediately volunteered. "Good call." And so it was not necessarily the fault of any official on the field...and it would be equally unfair to fault Mortell. Frankly, Jerry has always impressed me in conversation with his sense of fairness and the seriousness he recognizes in his position. The thing is, when you are speaking in terms of one or two seconds or maybe less than that, there are such factors as human reactions and even electrical impulses that might cut that precious time by fractions. And, as fouled up as the County Stadium scoreboard was on the scores of other games Sunday, who's to know what might have happened.



Desperation Play — Carroll Dale gets set to snag a pass from Packer Quarterback Scott

Hunter with time running out in the first half. Now see photo below...



Frustration — The pass to Carroll Dale is complete, as Clarence Ellis (29) sees him falling

on the sodden turf. But there was no time remaining on the official clock.

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NO EMBARRASSMENT FOR EX-FALCON MAL SNIDER

OCT 23 (Milwaukee-Atlanta Journal) - Mal Snider looked glum as he pulled on a bright green blazer in the locker room of the Green Bay Packers here Sunday afternoon. He could have at least been satisfied with the way he had played in the mud of County Stadium, even though he and Green Bay had lost a tough 10-9 decision to the Atlanta Falcons. Snider had performed well at the right guard of the Pack offensive line, just as he has performed well there all year long. But, Mal Snider used to be an Atlanta Falcon, and he wanted to beat his old teammates. He wanted to beat them badly and that is what hurt. "God, I wanted that one bad," Snider said. "I still have a lot of friends on that club and you don't ever want to be embarrassed in front of your friends." Actually, he wasn't embarrassed in the least. He was squared off against an old friend, Glen Condren, most of the day. He may have just wound up on the long end of that particular duel. "I don't know about that," said the articulate Snider, who came in the trade for Dave Hampton. "All I know is I wanted to play well...and win." As it is turning out that trade between the Falcons and the Pack for Hampton and Snider is fast becoming one of the best trades in the league. Hampton is one of the top rushers in the league, especially after the 93 yards he got here Sunday. Snider has stepped right in at right guard. In fact, Packer coach Dan Devine calls him his best offensive lineman. "It probably is working well," said Snider. "Hampton seems to be doing a helluva job for Atlanta. I just hope I'm doing well here." He is. His old mates are well aware of that. But, it brought up one other question: what was the reaction of his old mates when he played across from them for the first time? Did they say anything? "Naw," said Snider, "But then Glen doesn't say much in the first place."...FALCON NOTES - The Falcons again got out of a game without any injuries and that extends yet another record

By the Associated Press NFL American Conference						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Miami	6	0	0	1.000	145	87
New York Jets	4	2	0	.667	187	144
Buffalo	2	4	0	.333	128	144
New England	2	4	0	.333	82	186
Baltimore	1	5	0	.167	94	122
Central						
Cincinnati	4	2	0	.667	108	85
Pittsburgh	4	2	0	.667	139	89
Cleveland	3	3	0	.500	94	114
Houston	1	5	0	.167	80	165
West						
Oakland	3	2	1	.600	150	111
Kansas City	3	3	0	.500	142	112
San Diego	2	3	1	.417	10	143
Denver	2	4	0	.333	128	166
National Conference						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Washington	5	1	0	.833	142	78
Dallas	4	2	0	.667	122	73
New York Giants	4	3	0	.667	152	12
St. Louis	2	4	0	.333	82	129
Philadelphia	1	5	0	.167	59	158
Central						
Green Bay	4	2	0	.667	109	93
Detroit	4	2	0	.667	161	141
Minnesota	2	3	0	.400	109	89
Chicago	1	3	1	.300	92	108
West						
Los Angeles	4	1	1	.750	130	80
Atlanta	4	2	0	.667	142	94
San Francisco	2	3	1	.417	135	106
New Orleans	0	5	1	.091	88	17
Sunday's Results						
New York Jets 24, Baltimore 20						
Miami 24, Buffalo 23						
Cleveland 23, Houston 17						
Denver 30, Oakland 23						
Pittsburgh 33, New England 3						
Atlanta 10, Green Bay 9						
Washington 24, Dallas 20						
New Orleans 20, San Francisco 20, tie						
New York Giants 27, St. Louis 21						
Los Angeles 15, Cincinnati 12						
Philadelphia 21, Kansas City 20						
Detroit 34, San Diego 20						
Monday's Game						
Minnesota at Chicago, 9 p.m., EDT, national television						

for the club. They have lost John Small for the year, but no one else has had anything seriously wrong. There was one roster change when the Falcons took the field here. Willie Germany, the defensive back who fumbled a week ago on a kickoff, is gone from the squad and on the move list. He was replaced on the roster by offensive guard Jim Miller...Falcon quarterback Bob Berry didn't hurt his standing among league quarterbacks Sunday. He was 14 of 25 for the day for 143 yards. Going into the game, he ranked second in the league...Wes Chesson missed two passes in the first half and was benched for the second half in favor of Todd Snyder...Art Malone caught six passes to regain the team receiving lead. He has 20 now for the year...Jim Mitchell also had his biggest day of the season, grabbing four Berry passes...The Falcon defense has been outstanding in the last two games. In fact, the defense has not really given up a touchdown in eight quarters now. The two New Orleans scores were really against the offense.

PACKER COACHES 2ND GUESSING

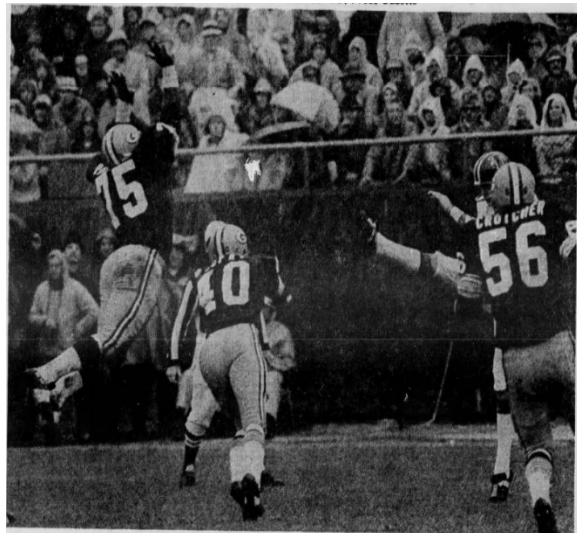
OCT 24 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) — As always, the filmed record documented come "live" impressions, clarified some and refuted others. But the evidence revealed by the impartial eye of the camera, unblinking and dispassionate, was not Dan Devine's only concern during Monday's painful post-mortem. There also had been some personal and staff-wide soul searching in the bleak hours following the 10-9 loss to the Atlanta Falcons in Milwaukee County Stadium Sunday, he assured. Admittedly, it had been the kind of game which lent itself to that sort of treatment only too well. And not merely because of some questionable officiating, which had played a major role in the outcome. There also had been several plays of the "so near and yet so far" variety which might well have swung the balance. "The coaches feel bad and I feel bad about this one because you feel there should have been something we could have done," Devine said during a candid, full scale analysis of Sunday's proceedings. "We did have some guys who were tired, just for example. It could be the bay's fault, and it could be ours. Coming off a Monday night game, I also admit we could have done with a better field. It's an awfully short time to get ready and the Falcons did do some things differently than we expected. When you lose one like that, the biggest second guessers of the coaches are the coaches themselves," Devine emphasized. "It's easy to blame this or blame that, or blame the officials. But we just have to find a way to win with the

players we have and with whatever the game conditions might be. That's part of the game. I don't want to single out one guy, or one situation and lay it all on that. There were so many things. For example, we partially blocked one of their punts early in the game, the one that went for 11 yards. We had a 'block it' call on and if we get it blocked good, the ball is bouncing back there into the end zone and we get seven points instead of the three we come up with." Citing another "might have been," Devine pointed out, "On the opening kickoff of the second half, they fumbled and the ball is laying there for quite a while. You've got to have some people down there to come up with the ball. As I said, there were so many things that happened before Chester Marcol missed that kick in the final two minutes. Frankly, I think Chester did a heckuva job, making thrice out of four under the conditions." Devine dismissed a critical roughing the passer penalty on Fred Carr, which nullified an Al Matthews interception, as "a judgment call. I had no question about it at the time. Two plays I did have a question about were the interference call on Matthews and the ruling the clock had run out at the end of the first half before Carroll Dale called time out. I wasn't in position to see the interference call on Willie Buchanon or the one on Carr, but the Matthews thing happened right in front of me. It was just a good, aggressive play on Al's part. When you get two interference calls and a roughing the passer call on your defense, it takes away your aggressiveness. But those were judgment calls. The clock thing was a mechanical thing and, to be very honest with you about add, the referee comes over to you during the two-minute warning for the specific purpose of finding out who your captains are going to be during that time so you can avoid that sort of thing. "The referee has two ways of getting that information to the other officials. He can either call all of them together and tell them about it or, tell one of the other officials and have him relay it down the line. My complaint is Carroll called time out and the official closest to him (line judge Bruce Alford) is looking away from him, up field." Although the Falcons had mounted a substantial edge in ball control, running off 71 plays to the Packers' 45, Devine did not see that as the key to Atlanta's victory. "I'm a great believer in ball control," he said. "In fact, I would rather control the ball in a game than do anything else. But the way they were throwing the ball, we were going to come up with an interception. The thing we should have done is avoided penalties in the second half. I don't think anybody would even have scored but for those, talk about their controlling the ball in the second half, but all they got was a field goal. We lost the ball game because of the roughing the passer penalty when we intercepted the ball, which set up their field goal. If we had avoided that, I think we would have won. By the same token, we should have moved the ball on them better: The defense still forced a fumble when we needed it. Then it's the offense's job, and the kicking game's job if the offense bogs down, to put points on the board." Asked why the Packers had not thrown more to their running backs, Devine replied, "We didn't throw to them very much because of the Atlanta defense. Our wide receivers were open quite a bit, however, and we couldn't get the ball to them. I also think they threw the ball long as much as we did. Bob Berry had excellent control of the football, not that Scott Hunter didn't. I think, I might add, that in Bart Starr's latest book, he has listed Berry as one of the two finest quarterbacks playing

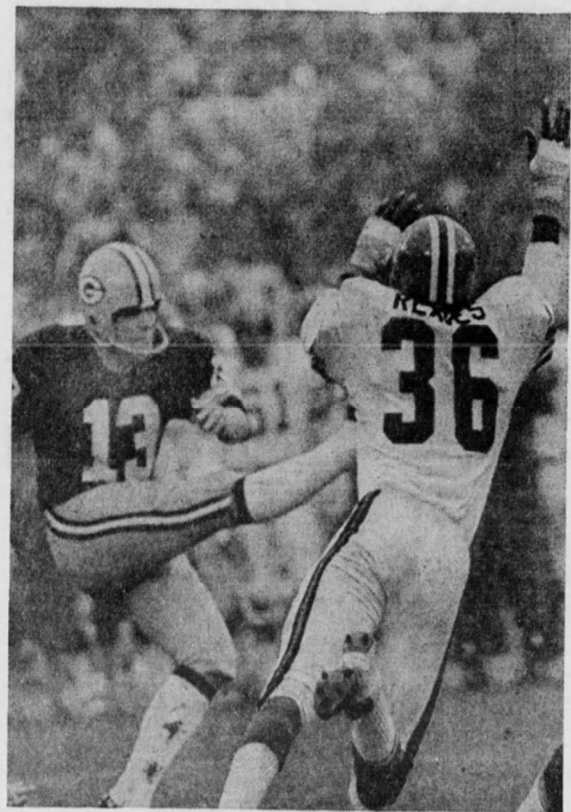
right now. And he did do a fine job against us. As far as our staying on the ground just prior to our last field goal attempt is concerned, the last time we had thrown the ball before that, it should have been a fumble on our part. We had more trouble throwing the ball than Berry did. I'm not quite sure why, I think it might be partly a matter of experience, I don't know. The plays we ran in that series were not into the middle, even if it might have looked that way. Two were outside dives. One was a trap we hadn't run all day and we thought we would be able to pop one. Touching upon Atlanta's unusual success on third down plays, Devine admitted, "It was a very instrumental part of the game. But how you evaluate it depends on what projection room you're in. If you're in Atlanta, it was great play. If you're in Green Bay, it was not very good defense." Lack of a strong pass rush contributed measurably to the Falcons' effectiveness, he said. "We didn't have much pressure on Berry. I don't think there's any weather excuse for it because they did put pressure on Hunter. I don't want to be critical of our team, because I think we played extremely well under the conditions, but to say we couldn't put pressure on their passer because of game conditions is not right because they did put pressure on ours. The pass rush was most obvious, of course, because you never saw anybody on Berry. But the backer coverage wasn't real good, either. And, as far as the secondary is concerned, our defensive backs became support conscious because we weren't stopping the sweep very well. I would be less than honest if I said I wasn't disappointed with the pass rush, but to blame it all on the rush wouldn't be right either."

NOTES AND NOTIONS

OCT 24 (Appleton Post-Crescent) - A 1-point loss is never easy to take...But Sunday's 10-9 Packer defeat wasn't quite as bitter as it might have been. The reasons? First, despite several controversial decisions experienced by Green Bay earlier, the Packers received a golden, unlooked for opportunity to erase it all in the final 4 minutes. They came up with an Atlanta fumble on the Falcon 35...and thus had the chance to score a "Detroit-game-type" win via a touchdown, or a "Chicago Bear-game-type" win on a Chester Marcol field goal. This time, the Pack failed...But then, a team that specializes in garrison finishes can't succeed every week. Additionally, some of the sting was taken out of the Packer loss by Minnesota's setback last night. Even though the Vikings will invade Green Bay with greater-than-ever determination, it's more comforting for Packer fans to see a 2-4 Minnesota record instead of a 3-3. No Packer fan worth his salt would chastise Marcol for missing that crucial 39-yard kick. After all, connecting on three out of four on treacherous turf - as Chet did - was a great achievement in itself. I was, however, disappointed at the Packers inability to move the ball closer for Marcol's try. Sticking to straight-ahead, easy-to defense rushes for all three downs prior to the kick, the Packers seemed content to retain the field position they had - feeling Marcol was a cinch because he had already made three. The Bays could have been a little less cautious - with a Brockington sweep, for example - and still not put the ball in the air. All of this doesn't excuse the game's shoddy officiating - if there was any (and it appeared that there was). The most questionable decision, of course, was on Fred Carr's roughing-the-passer penalty which nullified Al Matthews' interception - which, in turn, would have prevented the Falcons' go-ahead field goal. This is a rarely invoked penalty...and it appeared that Carr's momentum on the pass rush was such that he couldn't avoid contact with Bob Berry. The other costly "break," involving officials, came just before the half when it seemed as if the clock wasn't stopped quickly enough to give the Bays a final second or two to try for a short field goal. Ordinarily, it doesn't take 8 seconds to complete a pass play. A chance for comparison came several hours later during the televised Ram-Bengal game. The Rams threw a pass with 9 seconds remaining and were charged only 6 seconds for the completion. Thus, they had 3 seconds left to kick the winning field goal...It's becoming more obvious that officials' judgments and decisions are playing too big a role in deciding the outcome of games. It seems that too much is being left to chance when victory rides on a matter of seconds on the clock or a matter of inches on the turf. Last weekend, in the NFL, for instance, there were three 1-point decision, a pair of 3-point verdicts



SHORT PUNT: There were bright spots on a gloomy day for Green Bay Packer players and fans in Milwaukee. Here, in the first quarter, Dave Pureifory (75) leaps up to partially deflect a punt by John James of the Atlanta Falcons. Other Packers are Dave Kopay (40) and Tommy Joe Crutcher (56). It led to the Packers' first field goal.



CHET COLLECT; It was 5:24 in the first quarter, following the deflected punt above, when Chester Marcol put the Packers ahead, 3-0. Ken Reaves (36) made a futile blocking attempt.

and a tie. Only two of the 13 contests were decided by more than seven points. Why not give the officials an extra tool - the instant replay video technique - to use in making critical calls. It might not be a panacea but there'll be less chance of injustice...The preceding has been no attempt downgrade the Falcons' performance. Most observers of the NFL scene knew the Falcons would be tough Sunday, and they certainly were. Two years ago, we warned, in this corner, that the Falcons had graduated from the "patsy" class. They currently have their best team yet and have as good a chance to reaching the playoffs as any other NFC team. The Falcons controlled the ball far better than the Packers in the final 38 to 40 minutes, and their ability to convert on 11 of 19 third-down plays on the mushy field was exceptional...It seems as though the necessity of "getting off to a good start" has been overdone by writers and coaches. Certainly, the Packers 9-0 lead on an "off" field seemed fairly secure. But they couldn't hold it. On the other hand, Green Bay trailed the Lions, 17-0, and were able to pull it out. In the same way, Dallas led the Redskins, 13-0, Sunday but was unable to stay ahead...and St. Louis opened a 21-7 gap on the Giants but it was to no avail...Then, of course, there was the LA-Cincinnati contest in which the Rams' 12-0 lead was erased to produce an apparent tie game. But, the Rams - who must have been pre-destined to win it - survived three Horst Muhlmann field goal tries (from chip-shot distance) and put together two unexpected runs, a pass and a penalty to set the stage for David Ray's field goal.

VIKING LOSS NOT PLUS FOR PACK: DAN

OCT 25 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Bears' sabotage of the Vikings was a plus for the Packers right? Not necessarily, said Dan Devine, a notorious conservative. "Only if you count Chicago out of the Central Division race," the Packer coach insisted Tuesday, "and I'm not willing to do that." Needless to say, he is extending the same courtesy to the Vikings, who invade Lambeau Field Sunday afternoon burdened by a surprising 2-4 record in the wake of Monday night's 13-10 stunner in Soldier Field. The latter leaves the Purple Gang two games to the rear of the Packers and Lions, who share Central Division preeminence with 4-2 records, and the Bears 1 1/2 lengths back with 2-3-1. The reigning Central Division champions, Devine implied, could easily be a mere half game out of first place with only slightly improved artistry on the part of placekicker Fred Cox. "Cox makes two easy kicks - one against St. Louis and one against Chicago - and the Vikings' season is completely turned around," he said, appending, "There are a lot of things about a record that are deceiving. Plus there is no guarantee that Cox is going to miss two field goals against us. For that matter. Sunday would have been a good time for Bill Bell to miss one for the Falcons. "This, of course, also points up the good job of kicking Chester Marcol has been doing for us. Particularly when you think of Horst Muhlmann, who missed three short field goals in Cincinnati's 15-12 loss to the Rams last Sunday." Steadfastly declining to read imminent deterioration into the Vikings' present record. Devine said. "There again you get a distorted picture from looking at the standings. Since Denver almost beat them two weeks ago, people have been saying the Vikings are not what they used to be. But Denver made almost 400 yards passing in beating Oakland last week. Denver's a good ball club and John Ralston has done a good job with it. There again you just take those two point blank field goals out of their season and it's the same old Minnesota - winning in the last minute. Just like last year. We dominated them more in our game at Bloomington than Chicago Monday night, but we lost because we didn't have the patience Chicago did." The Vikings won that one, 3-0. after intercepting a Scott Hunter pass in the fourth quarter. "Out here in the first game against them, we fumbled on our own 42 and on the 8. And then we threw an interception. We gave them the ball four or five times inside the 50 and lost (24-13)." Impressed by the quality of violence the Vikings and Bears displayed in Chicago, Devine interpreted that exhibition as a sign of things to come. "There were some bells rung in that game," he said. "That was a physical ball game. And I'm expecting more of the same here Sunday afternoon. The Bears, by the way. have a lot of talent and they're utilizing it. Any time you have four great linebackers on a club, like they have, if you have any shortcomings it makes up for a lot of them. I thought Chicago exercised a great deal of patience - they almost completely ignored the forward pass." The Vikings, in contrast, had not shown perceptible restraint, it was noted. "That's what happens when you don't have the ball." Devine said. pointing out. "To think the Vikings only had possession for something like nine plays in the first half." Like Devine, his players were cautious in assessing the impact of the Vikings' latest misstep. "The situation remains the same as far as I'm concerned." Carroll Dale said. "It still all boils down to the idea that we've got to do it ourselves. We have to play our best game offensively and defensively Sunday. If we win, I'll admit we could be getting some help from Dallas against Detroit Monday night. But, regardless, you have to play your own game and not worry about what anybody else does. I think we all realize it's going to take a super effort because we know they're going to be playing loose and coming hard. So we have to do the same...If anything, that fourth loss is going to give them added incentive." Center Ken Bowman, like Dale a holdover from the Packers last title teams of 1965-66-67. was equally emphatic. All this garbage about being tied for the lead six games into the season doesn't mean a thing," he declared. "The thing to do is play 'em one at a time and not look ahead. It's who's sitting up there after 14 games that's important."...PACKER PATTERN: Devine excused the Packers from practice Tuesday, but not by design. "It wasn't a matter of giving them a rest," said DD, who had his athletes run laps around the perimeter of Lambeau Field instead. "It was strictly a matter of the practice fields being too wet. You don't need to get back on a muddy field when you played on one Sunday. I went out this morning and checked them and decided it would have been just like County Stadium was. We would have been slipping and sliding around. I'm hoping we get a break in the weather. If we do, we should be all right tomorrow. And I hope we can get the stadium dried out. Maybe we can cover it then later in the week."

Minnesota	7	0	3	0-10
Chicago	0	10	0	3-13
Min-Gilliam 44	pass	from Tarkenton		
(Cox kick)				
Chi-FG Percival 21				
Chi-Harrison 4	pass	from Douglass		
(Percival kick)				
Min-FG Cox 21				
Chi-FG Percival 20				
A-55,701				

	Vikings	Bears
First downs	12	17
Rushes-yards	19-51	53-195
Passing yards	231	46
Return yards	72	55
Passes	25-17-1	6-4-1
Punts	2-38	2-47
Fumbles-lost	3-3	4-3
Penalties-yards	2-20	0-0

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS	
RUSHING—Minnesota, Brown 8-23,	
Tarkenton 3-18, Chicago, Harrison 31-103,	
Douglass 11-66, Pinder 11-26.	
RECEIVING—Minnesota, Gilliam 3-85,	
Reed 2-42, Beasley 4-35, Henderson 2-33,	
Chicago, Turner 2-35.	
PASSING—Minnesota, Tarkenton	
17-25-1, 244 yards; Chicago, Douglass 3-5-1,	
33.	

Asked again about the likelihood of installing artificial turf, Devine rejoined, "A lot depends on what happens in the action the players' association has pending against it. I know a number of our players would like to see it. I think they particularly would like to see it in Milwaukee." Devine also made these other comments:

- "I looked at the film of our game with the Falcons again this morning and if I were to select one play as the most important, it would be the opening kickoff in the second half. Tommy Joe Crutcher made a great hit and knocked the ball loose. It laid there for ever waiting for somebody to pick it up. You would think Willie Belton would have slid after he got hit, but he didn't, and he was able to pick it up before he got there. The ball was sitting right there on the 28 and everything that happened on that drive, including the roughing the passer penalty which set up their winning field goal, never would have happened.
- "That shows we need more speed and desire on the special! teams and more desire to get the ball - we had the opportunities. We've made improvement, but we still have a ways to go. We're getting more aggressive but we're not as aggressive as we're going to be some day. When you lose a guy like Larry Krause, you wonder who you can afford to put on that team. I'm slowly changing my philosophy toward giving your special teams coach full authority to pick whomever he wants. In other words, if he wants Jim Hill, Willie Buchanon and MacArthur Lane or Jim Carter, let him have 'em. I haven't gotten to that point but I'm slowly moving in that direction. The kind of thing I'm talking about is that punt we partially blocked Sunday. Another half inch of Dave Pureifory's hand on the ball and it probably would have gone back into the end zone for a touchdown. Of course, if it had carried back beyond the end line, it would only have been a safety. We're making progress, though. We've got people worrying."

VIKES GET WORD FROM BUD GRANT

OCT 25 (Minneapolis) - The injury-riddled Minnesota Vikings have gotten the message from Coach Bud Grant. Now, they will try to carry it out Sunday against the Green Bay Packers in Green Bay. We've been asked about our position in the standings," said Grant. "We can forget about that for a while. Playoffs, the standings are past us for now. Maybe they'll come up later. We hope so. But right now our only concern is Green Bay and playing a heck of a football game. "They'll be waiting for us." Green Bay is tied with Detroit for the Central Division lead in the National Conference with 4-2 records. The Vikings, after losing to Chicago 13-10 Monday night and losing two key regulars with injuries, are 2-4 and sit in last place of the division they have won the previous four seasons. A determination was to be made today if middle linebacker Lonnie Warwick, out most of last season after surgery to his right knee, would go on the operating table to repair a "major" injury to his left knee. Running back Clint Jones was ordered into surgery for a fractured radial bone in his right arm. Both players are out for an indefinite period. There are more injuries. Outside linebackers Roy Winston, strained arch and torn muscle in the crook of an arm, and Wally Hilgenberg, bruised back, also are hurt. Winston is listed as possible, Hilgenberg probable. Running back Dave Osborn has been bothered by a sore knee. "We are concerned about our injuries," said Grant. Jeff Siemon, a rookie from Stanford, plugged up Warwick's middle linebacking position impressively against the Bears. Rookie running back Ed Marinaro came in for Jones, and caught three passes for 36 yards. The Vikings already had lost strong safety Karl Kassulke for three to five weeks with a broken bone in his right leg. Charlie West moved from the corner to safety. and Nate Wright came in at corner and intercepted a pass against the Bears. The Vikings seethed after the Chicago game, decided when Ed White was penalized as being an illegal receiver downfield on an apparent five-yard touchdown pass from Fran Tarkenton to John Beasley. After an incomplete pass, Fred Cox missed a field goal attempt that would have given the Vikings at least a tie. Grant said he would not comment on the play other than to say if he did criticize the officiating it could cost him up to \$5,000 in fines issued from the NFL office. White said that he saw Tarkenton throw the ball to Beasley, and went into the end zone to congratulate him. The Vikings also were upset that the flag wasn't dropped until the extra point team was already on the field. It was also pointed out that one of the primary receivers on the play. John Gilliam, was tripped in the end zone.

GILLIE'S SURGERY 'VERY' SUCCESSFUL'

OCT 25 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Knee surgery performed on the Packers Gale Gillingham Tuesday has been officially described as "very successful." "The doctors tell me Gillie's operation was very successful Coach Dan Devine reported. "They are optimistic about his regaining full mobility " The surgery was required to repair ligament damage the All-Pro guard suffered while playing defensive tackle against the Oakland Raiders here Sept. 24. "At least it's good news on Gillie," said Devine, who estimated the 28-year-old veteran will be hospitalized for approximately a week. "We also had good news on Rich McGeorge's surgery, too. He should make a complete recovery, too. This means they will be back with us, although not this year." McGeorge underwent knee surgery last month for an injury also suffered in the Oakland game.

DEDE DEVINE SCORES POINTS WITH ACTION, INDEPENDENT THINKING

OCT 25 (Minocqua) - Diane "Dede" Devine is a heretic in the football-frantic family of Dan Devine, coach and general manager of the Green Bay Packers. "To me, it seems really stupid for these guys to go out on the football field and try to kill each other," the coach's independently minded daughter said. "An awful lot of money is going into organized sports that could be put to better use, such as assisting Indians to become better educated so that they can manage their own affairs," she said. Much of the cash afloat in professional sports, the dark-haired coed said, could benefit the needy. She said she is "looking into what type of use is made of money accumulated from player fines. I am sure we could put that money to good use in community projects."...PREFERS CLASSROOM: The civically attuned fifth-columnist said she doesn't begrudge her father's pride in his work, but prefers to spend as much time in a classroom as the family spends on gridiron activity. Dede, 22, is a University of Wisconsin-Green Bay student who, as a volunteer in an antipoverty program, tutors students from the Lac du Flambeau Indian Reservation at a school in Minocqua. "I've always been a fairly independent person, even to the point of having honest philosophical differences with my parents, whom I dearly love," she said. Her

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desire for independent recognition has some trouble escaping the shadow of a sports figure who originally gained coaching fame at the University of Missouri. "I especially resent being introduced or referred to as Dan Devine's daughter," she said. Dede, whose brother plays football at Milton College, said some aspects of the family passion rate praise. "Dad feels the sport gives fans something they can identify with, and provides a release from the daily tensions of life," she said. "My father would much rather have a fan taking his aggressions out on the quarterback, rather than his wife or family."...**'DIGS' TEAMWORK:** Her father, she said, takes professional pride in using teamwork to merge young men of varying social backgrounds. "I dig that view of the game," she said. Like all good subversives, she is clever enough to use establishment facilities to achieve some personal goals, even if she has to find them in dad's equipment locker. "I am sure we can get some of the old Packer equipment for the kids to use in Lac du Flambeau," she said, "and perhaps we can also get some used typewriters and books to use in the community center." Miss Devine, one of seven Devine youngsters, went to work a few weeks ago as a tutor at Lakeland High School. "I came to Lac du Flambeau to make available whatever common knowledge I have with the Indian students and their parents," she said. "I didn't come with any ready-made solutions." She arrived on the field, however, with an impressive playing record. She has worked in a day-care center in Columbia, Mo., a Green Bay nursery school, a Green Bay home for girls and a Madison home for the mentally handicapped. She said social service dates to her childhood, "when I was always bringing strays home." "Whenever the opportunity arises to be of assistance with people, I usually jump at the chance," she said. "I'm going to use my \$170-a-month salary on community projects," she said. "I want to buy some materials to open up the old Lac du Flambeau community center as a library meeting place for kids who might not want to talk to me on a formal basis at school," she said.

PERSONALITY PARADE (MALCOLM SNIDER)

OCT 25 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Soggy Sunday in Milwaukee County Stadium was a day of deep-frustration for every member of the Packer cast, which saw the undisputed Central Division lead slither through their grasp in a dreary welter of rain and mud. But it was particularly traumatic for Malcolm Snider, the talented young guard acquired in a trade which sent Dave Hampton of Atlanta just prior to the start of the season. To Snider, a dedicated athlete who has quickly become a Packer in the fullest sense of the term, that 10-9 loss to the Falcons was a little short of tragic. "I had a lot of friends on the Falcons," he explained in somewhat somber reflection. "and you always want to beat your friends. That's the way it is. But maybe more important than

that to me was that it was such a big game for us. We needed those three - Detroit. Atlanta and Minnesota which is coming up Sunday. That means that next week we just have to be sure to get that one against the Vikings. It's even more important now than it was before. They're all important as far as that's concerned. It's obvious," he ironically noted. "that there's not an easy one on our schedule. That's the first thing I noticed when I came here from Atlanta. Whoever was making out the schedule didn't have Green Bay in mind. Snider's play drew tributes from his former teammates but he found them small comfort. "I remember Don Hansen saying he thought I had played a good ball game as we walked off the field," Malcolm reported "Frankly, though, I was too upset to pay much attention to what any of the others said. If they had kicked the stuffings out of us, it would have been different. But we were in it for so long and had so many chances to win that it was particularly disappointing to lose." Snider, a versatile type who can play every position in the offensive line, feels he is now adjusted to a new football life, unexpected as the change may have been. "I have no regrets over being traded," he said, "except I had a lot of friends in Atlanta. But I'm enjoying playing football here and I hope I'm doing a good job for the Packers. It's always difficult to leave your friends but that's part of the game, too. I was sort of surprised to be traded," he said, "although I hadn't started a game during the pre-season. It was kind of a weird situation. I had started at guard for the previous three seasons but I guess they were thinking of starting me at tackle. I played a lot better tackle my second year and I guess they figured I would make a better tackle than a guard, so I was trying to work in there as a starter at the time of the trade." Currently holding at the injured Gale Gillingham's old station, Snider is quite content. "Right now, I really like playing guard," he said, "and I think I'm doing a reasonable job. I think overall. I've done okay. I'm not a guard the caliber of Gillie but I'm working toward being that good. There are a lot of skills you have to have as a guard and you have to develop them all so you can do them consistently well. Sometimes on a sweep. For example, I don't do as well as I should. As far

as Sunday's game is concerned, I got beat once on pass protection and Glen Condren (Atlanta's defensive left tackle) made Scott Hunter rush the throw on the play." The Packers and Falcons, he has concluded, "are quite similar teams. Both have good defenses and good running games. Our running game has kind of sputtered here in the last two weeks, but potentially it's a great running game. With those two backs (John Brockington and MacArthur Lane), there's no reason why it shouldn't be. Both are young, aggressive football teams and there's no question both could go a long way this season. But I'm just hoping this one can. My interest in Atlanta is gone."

VIKES STILL STRONG, BUT PRONE TO ERROR

OCT 26 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The Viking faithful, accustomed to division championships and playoff appearances, are mystified. Having envisioned nothing less than a Super Bowl success this year with the return of Fran Tarkenton to the land of sky blue waters, they find the Purple Gang's present 2-4 record something less than palatable. It's like a morgue up there in the Twin Cities," Minnesota publicity director Sherm Pinkham told the Mike & Pen Sports Club Wednesday. "They're asking, 'What's the matter with the Vikings?'" "And I tell them, as I'm telling you, I can't give you the answer." Whereupon Pinkham proceeded to do just that. "We're still a good team and we're going to win some games, I'm sure of that. Essentially, our problem has been that we are making mistakes, which is not our style, and our defense has not been playing as well as it has in recent years. In the past, we've set back and waited for the other team to make mistakes. Now it has been reversed. Our opponents are sitting back and we're fouling things up for ourselves. And the ball is bouncing the wrong way." Illustrating the defensive turnabout by Bud Grant's previously impenetrable marauders, Pinkham reported, "Last year, we gave up only 139 points all year and allowed only 14 touchdowns, including only two by rushing, which set some kind of modern record. This year, we've given up 102 points in our first six games, compared to 49 at this stage a year ago. And, if you check our score by quarters, we've given up 13 in the first quarter, 23 in the second, 12 in the third and an amazing 54 in the fourth. "We've lost one game with only 1:38 remaining to play, one with 1:18 left and, basically, we lost the Chicago game Monday night in the last seven seconds. We've lost four games by a total of 10 points. I think we've gone into the fourth quarter leading in every one of those games and then blown 'em." Conceding that field goal failures by the usually reliable Fred Cox have been prominent in Minnesota's 2-4 record, Pinkham said, "Fred takes it hard. After we lost that one to St. Louis in the final seconds, he was the first one dressed and out of the clubhouse. But Grant and others have pointed out he certainly is not solely responsible. A lot of other things have happened, like dropped passes and fumbles, that have been just as costly." Injuries he said, have complicated matters for the Vikings. "We started the season healthier than we've ever been. But first Karl Kassulke broke his leg and since then it's been one thing after another. Last Monday night, we lost Lonnie Warwick, our middle linebacker. He probably will have to have surgery and be out for the season. Clint Jones also has a broken arm suffered in that game. He underwent surgery and will be out indefinitely. Wally Hilgenberg came out of that one with a bruised back and Roy Winston, our other starting linebacker, received a strained arch and a torn muscle in that area, although both are probable for Sunday's game against the Packers. Jeff Siemon, our No. 1 draft choice from Stanford, will start in place of Warwick. He is the first rookie to play for Bud Grant since Alan Page became a starter in the fourth game of his first season." Pinkham discounted injuries as a factor in the off key performance of the Four Norsemen - Page, Carl Eller, Gary Larsen and Jim Marshall - who have been credited with only six quarterback sacks in as many games. Last year this same quartet registered 27 traps, an average of just a shade under two per game. "Page had a pulled muscle earlier but he's had a good rest," the Viking advance man said. "Eller had a knee injury but he's made a complete recovery, too." Pinkham also insisted there is no validity to rumors that Tarkenton's return has created dissension on the team. "All Tarkenton does is move our ball club and bring us back to win," he declared. "In Denver, for example, he takes us right back after they score in the last minute to take lead and we win the game. And after St. Louis scores with 1:38 left, he brings us right back to Cardinal 19 with three seconds left to give Fred Cox a chance to kick a field goal. But Cox's kick hit an upright and we lost. We've been averaging more than 300 yards per game, which is pretty good, considering what we had been doing offensively last year. It's the defense that has been our problem. The other teams are scoring on us now and that's not Fran's fault. That's why we're particularly worried about the Packers, with runners like John Brockington and MacArthur Lane. The good runners have been having big days against us. Floyd Little ran for 105 yards, Jim Harrison for 105, Larry Csonka for 66, Steves Owens for 53 and Larry Brown for 105. It's true that we 'thought in the beginning of the year that Tarkenton would take us to the Super Bowl. We felt with our defense, which gave up only 139 points last year and 143 the year before, that Tarkenton would give us at least one more touchdown per game and we would be in excellent shape. And he's given us the touchdowns." Although there are those who are of the opinion that the footloose field general has not changed drastically, Pinkham said, "Francis is not a scrambler any more. We use a lot of play action and a rolling picket designed especially for him. He has great ability to spot that second and third receiver. We have scored three touchdowns so far when he spotted a third receiver." Aware some pro football pundits already have written off the Vikings as title contenders, Pinkham assured, "We certainly haven't written ourselves off. We won the division one year (1968) with an 8-6 record. And the way this league is going, anything can happen. We still have two games to play with Green Bay and one each with Chicago and Detroit..." PACKER PATTERN: Middle linebacker Jim Carter was missing Wednesday as the Packers returned to the practice field, too wet to be used Tuesday, to begin their pre-Viking exertions. Although he walked without a limp and has been officially listed as probable, Carter was held out because of a knee strain suffered in Sunday's 10-9 loss to Atlanta... Defensive back Al Randolph, who began the season with the Packers is now a member of the Viking taxi squad and Coach Bud Grant has indicated there is a good chance he will be activated for Sunday's game... Paul Krause, the Vikes' free safety, goes into action as the sixth ranking interceptor in league history with 56 thefts. and teammate Jim Marshall, iron man of the Iron Gang, will be making his 166th consecutive start for Minnesota... Indications are the Packers will get a good look at Ed Marinaro, the Vikings' highly publicized rookie running back, with Clint Jones now on the shelf.

HOLDING IGNORED IN NFL PUSH

OCT 26 (Minneapolis Tribune) - National Football League teams are on the march with little hindrance by officials calling holding penalties. There have been just three holding penalties assessed in Viking football games so far this season - two against Minnesota at Detroit, one against Miami here. Minnesota's opponents have marched more than half the field 10 times to touchdowns or field goals. Four times they have gone 70 yards or more to score. Here is the significance: The strategy of opposing teams, and what apparently is official NFL policy (or maybe the policy of NFL officials) in calling fewer holding penalties have worked against the defensive theories of Viking Coach Bud Grant. The result could be a major factor in the Vikings 2-4 won-lost record. Grant compiled a 35-7 record during the last three regular seasons by utilizing a defense that gave up short yardage and protected against long-gaining plays. He long has contended that sustained scoring marches seldom pan out. "There will be a breakdown somewhere," Grant has said, "some sort of offensive mistake - a fumble, a big loss on a passing attempt, an interception, or a costly penalty." But what if the other team doesn't pass as much (cutting down losses by the quarterback and interceptions)? And what if officials don't call holding, once the most common 15-yard infraction whistled against the offense? That is what has happened in Viking games. In six games this season Viking opponents have rushed 199 times while attempting 147 passes. That is an average of 33 rushes and 24 passes per game - a difference of nine. During 1971, the average was 22 rushes and 21 passing attempts per game by Viking opponents - a difference of one. The NFL office says there are no statistics available on how many holding penalties have been called throughout the league this year or last year. But there is general agreement there were more infractions called in 1971. For example, Chicago Bear Coach Abe Giron complained a week ago that Detroit had no penalties of any sort called against it during a game against the Bears. No penalties were called against the Bears when they defeated the Vikings 13-10 Monday night. In addition to running more and being nailed for holding less, Viking opposition is holding onto the ball better. Last year, opponents averaged 2 1/2 fumbles per game, losing possession more than once a game. In six games this year there have been 10 fumbles by opponents - only four recovered by Minnesota. The story of sacking enemy quarterbacks already has been told - 27 last season and six so far in 1972. But if the other guy doesn't pass, how do you sack him? The results, with fewer offensive breakdowns by opponents, are self-evident. Viking opponents in the past were able to run against the Vikings - up to a point. Mistakes often stopped them before they could score. This year, the marches have resulted in scores even in late minutes of games under pressure, when mistakes are normal. However, it is not just an isolated case effecting the Vikings. There is more running throughout the league and more long marches (although no records are kept on the latter). In 1971 there were 11,776 rushes and 9,412 passes by NFL teams - an average of 6.7 more rushes than passes. This year there has been an average of 10.6 more rushes than passes (5,235 to 3,762). What about the Viking offense? The Vikings have managed 10 sustained drives of 50 yards or more to score, plus two long ones for missed field goals. However, they have done it largely with passing - netting 986 air yards to 801 rushing. The Vikings are 17th in the NFL with 133.5 yards per game in rushing. Viking scoring is up from 17.5 points per game last year to 19.8.

JONES GETS SURGERY, WARWICK DOESN'T

OCT 27 (Minneapolis Star-Tribune) - Dr. Don Lannin, Minnesota Viking team physician, Thursday decided not to operate on injured Viking linebacker Lonnie Warwick. A cast was put on Warwick's knee with the hope that he won't need surgery for the second straight year. However, halfback Clinton Jones had surgery Thursday on the elbow he injured in the Chicago Bear game; and both were declared "out indefinitely." Both are expected to be placed on the "move" list, or the reserve list, so that the Vikings can activate two other players. Linebackers Roy Winston and Wally Hilgenberg, also injured in Monday's 13-10 loss at Chicago, rejoined practice yesterday and are expected to be ready for Sunday's Green Bay game.

GILLINGHAM: WON'T PLAY ON DEFENSE ANYMORE

OCT 27 (Green Bay-Minneapolis Star-Tribune) - Gale Gillingham, six-year regular at offensive guard for the Green Bay Packers, said Thursday that his switch to defensive tackle is over for good. Gillingham was resting in St. Mary's Hospital here after surgery earlier in the week to repair ligaments in his right knee. He will not play again this year and said: "If I play another year, I definitely will be at guard." He stressed that he intends to keep playing provided that his knee recovers fully. "I won't come back if it doesn't recover completely," he said. "I've seen a few guys come back when they shouldn't have." Gillingham, a Little Falls, Minn., resident and one-time standout at the University of Minnesota, was the Packers No. 1 draft choice in 1966. He earned a starting position at guard the last two games that year. He started every game from then until this season and was all-pro and a Pro Bowl player the last three years. This year coach Dan Devine moved him to defense. "I didn't want to play defense and I told them so, but they were having trouble with defensive linemen, and then Mike McCoy broke his foot so I moved over. I wouldn't mind playing defense if I had started a little younger, but not after six years and six games on offense." Gillingham injured his knee earlier this year, but it was thought until last week that he would be able to play against the Vikings Sunday. However, doctors decided that surgery was necessary to prevent permanent damage. "They seem confident that I'll recover fully," Gillingham said.

HAYHOE FEELS MORE AT EASE

OCT 27 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Physically, there are less taxing pursuits than fending off the likes of Larry Hand and John Zook, who happen to be two of the NFL's premier defensive ends. Huge Bill Hayhoe, a relative newcomer to starting status, would be among the first to agree with this contention. But, from the psychological standpoint, the red-haired Californian is finding that kind of involvement preferable to the uncertainty which inevitably attends a reserve role. "Actually, I think it's easier for me to start," Hayhoe confided following Thursday's tuneup for the Vikings on the South Oneida Street practice field. "When you're not starting, you've got to prepare yourself, regardless, and when the game starts you don't know if you're going to play or when. Alternating isn't so bad, but the toughest part of not starting is not knowing when you're going in. Of course, Sunday's game will be my fifth start in a row, so it's not too surprising, but I feel a lot more at ease now."

Hayhoe Feels More at Ease

But," he was quick to append, lest Jim Marshall should misunderstand, "the ends are just as tough each week. That hasn't changed any." Hayhoe was not suggesting he has become oblivious to mental pressure as a starter. "I get a little more restless at night," he confessed. "I've noticed that. If I wake up during the night, I start thinking about the guy I'm going to be playing against the following Sunday and it takes me a half hour to get back to sleep. The former USC athlete became a starter against the world champion Dallas Cowboys Oct. 1, after incumbent Francis Peay was injured in a 20-14 loss to the Oakland Raiders the previous week, and he has continued as a regular since Peay's recent return to health because of what offensive line coach Rollie Dotsch describes as his "excellent" play. "Bill has graded out consistently well against the good players he has faced the last couple of weeks, like Hand and Zook," Dotsch reported. "And Zook is probably one of the best pass rushers in the league. Bill's feet have been moving better since he has had an opportunity to play and, of course, that's all so many players need is an opportunity. He got his opportunity when Francis got hurt and he's done an excellent job. He works hard at his job - he's a dedicated guy. In fact, Bill worked hard in the off-season to better himself in the areas where he needed improvement. Being 6-8 and a long-legged guy, he was used to striding. He's shortened up his steps, which is necessary to do the job, and he looks like he's had better balance on pass protection. Bill always has been a good drive blocker. "He's performed well too, on the kickoff return team - he's had some good blocks up front there. Even though the returns haven't been spectacular, Bill's blocking has been excellent." Peering into the immediate future, he added, "He's got a big test this week in Marshall, who's still one of the premier ends and pass rushers in the league." Hayhoe agrees. "Marshall is one of the quickest guys I will have faced," he said. "I played against him two years ago when Francis got hurt and he just flew off the ball that day. And, from looking at the film, he's just as quick right now as he's ever been, even though he's been around for quite a few years. He's real strong, too, for his size...And he never lets up."... PACKER PATTERN: Although Jim Carter returned to the practice field Thursday for the first time since suffering a knee strain in Sunday's 10-9 loss to Atlanta, Coach Dan Devine indicated the middle linebacker's status is still uncertain. "Jim was back out. Of course, but he didn't do much today," Devine said. "He's still officially listed as probable but I just don't know at this point whether he'll start Sunday or not. We may not know until game time. I'm quite sure, though, that we'll take Carter off a number of the special teams he's on."...Devine said he couldn't be too sympathetic with the Vikings over the fact that they will have to start their number one draft choice, Jeff Siemon, at middle linebacker in the absence of the injured Lonnie Warwick. "We're starting our number one draft choice, Willie Buchanon," he said. "And we also started our number one last year, John Brockington. If you've got your number one draft choice as a backup guy, you're in pretty good shape. That's the kind of situation I'd like to have some day."... While on this subject, Devine added, "I don't want anybody to get the impression Jerry Tagge is content being a backup quarterback. 'We've got good competition at that position, although we don't need that sort of thing particularly because we're all in this together. But if something happened to Scott Hunter, I would have full confidence that Jerry could come in and play well."

NITSCHKE CHEERED: BOOING BOTHERS CARTER

OCT 27 (Milwaukee) – Perhaps the most unpopular move-as far as the fans are concerned - Dan Devine has made since taking control of the Green Bay Packers two years ago was installing Jim Carter as starting middle linebacker. Carter is rated by both the Packers and their foes as a topnotch linebacker. But many Packers fans see only that he has replaced Ray Nitschke - one of their superheroes - who keyed the great Packer defenses of the 1960s and was voted the greatest linebacker in the National Football League during its first 50 years. Nitschke, the 15-year veteran, is cheered wildly when he makes his few, brief appearances. There were cheers Sunday when Carter went out limping on a bad knee during the game with Atlanta because the fans knew Nitschke was coming in. There were no cheers when Carter returned a few plays later. To compound the third-year man's problems in winning acceptance by the fans, the Packers' defensive strategy is changing. The Packers are using less of the standard 4-3-4, which, during the 60s had Nitschke hulking between the tackles: the battering ram knocking down everything that dared penetrate the middle of the defensive line. "We're using a lot more of the odd defense, all the teams are," said Packer defensive coach Dave Hanner. "We use it primarily on running downs." In the odd defense, the line is shifted, with one of the tackles head-on against the center and one of the outside linebackers playing on the line. Carter then is shifted to an outside linebacker spot, with some responsibility for outside coverage. The middle, then, is the middle tackle's area, Hanner said. But often, when a play goes up the middle and Carter doesn't make the tackle he is booed - even when his area of responsibility on that play was on the outside. And the booing bothers Carter. "I don't mind it if they have a favorite here," the former Minnesota fullback said as he stripped off his mud-soaked jersey after Sunday's 10-9 loss to Atlanta, revealing a torso splotched with the red, raw skin which is a trademark of a football player who is where the action is. "But when you get hurt and they cheer, that's awful. It's depressing and it's humiliating," he said, peeling tape off his right knee, knocked wobbly when, he said, Atlanta's Jim Mitchell clipped him. In Sunday's game, Packer coaches credited Carter with seven unassisted tackles, five assisted tackles, one deflected pass and with forcing one fumble. "I tackled him with my head on the ball, it popped loose and Clarence got it," said Carter of the fumble, recovered by Clarence Williams, which gave the Packers their last chance to win. Williams and Carter often team up to confuse the opponent's offense when the Packers are in the odd defense. "I'll work stunts with the defensive end," said Carter. "I'll either go inside or outside, and he'll go the other way. Then that's my area. Even with two blockers on me, I try to hold that area," he said. The stunts, shifting position, jumping around on the defensive line, "are just to get the offense confused, to give

PACKERS' CARTER WANTS BIG FIRST-DOWN PLAY

HILL, PACKER DEFENSE WARY OF SCRAMBLING FRAN

RUSHING					
	Att	Yds	Ave	L	TD
Brockington, Pack ...	119	435	3.7	23	3
Lane, Pack	76	226	3.5	16	0
Reed, Vikings	51	208	4.1	22	0
Jones, Vikings	52	164	3.1	33	2
Osborn, Vikings	39	151	3.8	14	2
Tarkenton, Vikings ..	21	140	6.6	16	0
Brown, Vikings	41	132	3.2	13	2
PASSING					
	Att	Comp	Yds	TD	Int
Tarkenton, Vikings ...	147	87	1083	8	5
Hunter, Pack	106	47	775	4	1
RECEIVING					
	No	Yds	Ave	L	TD
Gilliam, Vikings	17	370	21.7	56	4
Beasley, Vikings	16	136	8.5	18	0
Washington, Vikings ...	13	182	14.0	39	2
Lane, Pack	12	181	15.1	49	0
Reed, Vikings	10	96	9.6	37	0
Brown, Vikings	9	100	11.1	22	1
Brockington, Pack	9	121	13.4	33	0
Glass, Pack	8	151	18.9	31	1
Osborn, Vikings	8	59	7.3	13	1
FIELD GOALS					
	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Marcol, Pack	2-3	3-4	4-7	4-6	0-1
Cox, Vikings	1-4	1-3	4-6	1-3	0-0
— Out with injury.					

by a wide margin, will have no effect on Sunday's contest, Dan Devine said Friday. "What happened last year isn't going to have any influence on what happens Sunday," he said. "I'd be disappointed if we needed something like that to play a good football game. We're in the race and tied for first place. We shouldn't need anything more than that." Devine also insisted that the Vikings would not be out of the race, even if they should lose and go into the second half of the season with a 2-5 record. "The Vikings won the division with an 8-6 record in 1968. And the Packers won it the year before with 9-4-1," he said. "So I don't think anybody will be out of it until they are mathematically out of it. I suspect this would be a helluva football game out on our practice field with 10 people watching. This Minnesota team is different than the one we met last year. To our defense, the Vikings present more problems than they have in the past. John Gilliam is playing very well for them - he has great speed. And Gene Washington also is playing very well. Washington is a guy we were talking trade about all summer with the Vikings, by the way."...When fans enter Lambeau Field Sunday, they will be presented with ballots for the purpose of voting to help determine the 1972 winner of the Man of the Year award. Carroll Dale, Mike McCoy and Ray Nitschke are the Packers' nominees. Fans are invited to cast their ballots and then deposit them in the ballot boxes conveniently located near all of the major exits.

NEITHER PACKERS NOR VIKINGS CAN AFFORD ANOTHER SETBACK SUNDAY

OCT 28 (Green Bay) - The first and last place teams in the National Football Conference's Central Division meet Sunday, but you'd hardly know which is which by the predictions. The Green Bay Packers, tied for the division lead with Detroit at 4-2, meet Minnesota, last at 2-4. But the Vikings are favored, and Packer Coach Dan Devine is concerned. "It's a big game every week in the race," he said, "but when you play people within your own division and a team you thought was going to be the top dog in it, you've got an even bigger game." And Devine isn't discounting the Vikes' chances of surging to the division title. "Minnesota went 8-6 to win the division in 1968 and I'm sure they feel they're still in it," he said. Green Bay has won its four games by 23 points and lost its two by seven points, while Minnesota has lost four by a total of 10 points. But the youthful Packers could fall into a slump with a second successive loss. They fell to Atlanta 10-9 last week. A Packer victory would put Green Bay in first place at the season's halfway point, and the loss would drop the Vikings three games back with seven games remaining. It's a must game for Minnesota. The Vikings lost to the Chicago Bears Monday night, and the Bears did it by keeping on the ground and minimizing errors. The Vikes won't have middle linebacker Lonnie Warwick and running back Clint Jones Sunday, but their replacements, as Devine noted, "aren't exactly unknown." No. 1 draft choice Jeff Siemon will replace Warwick, and Ed Marinaro middle linebacker Jim Carter last week. "I honestly don't know who will start there," Devine said. If Carter is unable to start, veteran Ray Nitschke would be the likely replacement. Kickoff Sunday is at 1 p.m. (CST).

PACKER TICKET FOUND

OCT 28 (Appleton Post-Crescent) - There is hope yet for the disconsolate Packer fan who lost a ticket for Sunday's Packer-Minnesota game. Kimberly's Jim Nirschl has the ticket, which was found at a Schmidt Oil station. The person who calls 788-2030 and can describe the seat location can reclaim the lost ticket.

SURPRISE? VIKIE ATTACK TOPS PACK'S

OCT 28 (Minneapolis Star) - There is a "surprise party" coming up here tomorrow at the 1:05 p.m. kickoff (Minneapolis time, Ch. 4). The surprise is this: the "losing" 2-4 Vikings top the "winning" 4-2 Green Bay Packers in almost every conceivable offensive statistic. This includes rushing where the Pack's John Brockington and MacArthur Lane have attracted a lot more ink than Oscar Reed and rookie Ed Marinaro who will start for Minnesota tomorrow. Nor do the Vikings fair that badly on

	Vikings	Packers
Points scored	119	109
Total first downs	103	84
First downs rushing	48	43
First downs passing	50	36
Yards gained total	1787	1486
Average per game	297.8	247.7
Rushing net	801	750
Passing net	986	736
Average yards rushing	3.8	3.4
Passes attempted	148	111
Passes completed	87	48
Completion percentage	58.8	43.2
Yards gained	1083	775
Had intercepted	5	1
Quarterbacks sacked, yards	5/97	5/39
Ball lost fumbles	8	8

Viking, Packer rosters

VIKING OFFENSE

No.	Name	Position	Wt.
10	Tarkenton, qtrback.		190
19	Lee, qtrback.		195
25	Demery		190
30	Brown, running back		213
32	Reed, running back		207
41	Osborn, running back		208
42	Gilliam, wide receiver		195
49	Marinaro, running back		210
53	Tinglehoff, center		237
62	White, guard		262
64	Sunde, guard		250
67	Alderman, tackle		247
71	Davis, tackle		251
72	Ward, guard		254
73	Yary, tackle		257
80	Henderson, wide recvr.		196
83	Voigt, tight end		219
84	Washington, wide recvr.		208
87	Beasley, tight end		227

PACKER OFFENSE

No.	Name	Position	Wt.
16	Hunter, quarterback		205
17	Tagge, quarterback		220
22	Staggers, wide recvr.		182
23	Hudson, running back		210
31	Williams, running back		219
36	Lane, running back		220
40	Kopay, running back		218
42	Brockington, runn'g bk.		225
46	Leland, wide recvr.		185
47	Davis, wide recvr.		175
57	Bowman, center		230
58	Withrow, center		240
62	Lueck, guard		235
65	Wortman, guard		245
67	Snider, guard, tackle		251
71	Peay, tackle		250
72	Himes, tackle		244
77	Hayhoe, tackle		258
84	Dale, wide recvr.		200
88	Garrett, tight end		230

VIKING DEFENSE

No.	Name	Position	Wt.
20	Bryant, crnbek.		172
21	Lindsey, running back		210
22	Krause, safety		238
23	J. Wright, safety		190
24	T. Brown		205
40	West, crnbek.		180
43	N. Wright, crnbek.		180
45	Sharockman, crnbek.		203
50	Siemon, linebacker		230
55	Marten		228
56	Gersbach, linebacker		224
58	Hilgenberg, linebacker		231
60	Winston, linebacker		227
69	Sutherland, tackle		250
70	Marshall, end		245
75	Lurtsema, end, tackle		252
77	Larsen, tackle		255
81	Eller, end		244
88	Page, tackle		245

PACKER DEFENSE

No.	Name	Position	Wt.
21	Hall, crnbek.		195
28	Buchanan, crnbek.		190
29	Matthews, def. back		190
37	Thomas, crnbek.		193
39	Hill, safety		190
48	Ellis, crnbek.		190
50	Carter, linebacker		235
53	Carr, linebacker		238
56	Crutcher, linebacker		230
66	Nitschke, linebacker		235
73	Vanoy, def. tackle		275
75	Pureifory, def. end		260
76	McCoy, def. tackle		284
78	Brown, def. tackle		260
83	Williams, def. end		255
87	Roche, def. end, tackle		255
89	Robinson, linebacker		245

VIKING SPECIALISTS

No.	Name	Position
11	Eischeid, punter	
14	Cox, placekicker	
19	Lee, punter	
20	Bryant, kick returns	
40	West, all kick returns	

PACKER SPECIALISTS

No.	Name	Position	Wt.
13	Mareol, place kicker		190
20	Widby, punter		210
22	Staggers, kickoff, pt.ret.		182
23	Hudson, kickoff return		210
37	Thomas, kickoff return		193
48	Ellis, punt return		190



defense in comparison with Green Bay. Although they have allowed more points (102-93), they have yielded less first downs (85-100) and less passing yards (689-713) and only eight more total offense yards (1509-1501). Minnesota has also intercepted two more passes (10-8) and gotten to the opposing quarterback five less times (6-11). All of which only goes to show, what Viking Coach Bud Grant has long pointed out, "We are not interested in statistics." The Packers have won three of their four games by three points or less. Their two defeats were by six (to Oakland) and one (Atlanta). Vikings defeats have been by three twice The four (Washington, Chicago) and two twice (Miami, St. Louis). Grant isn't even talking about title and playoff possibilities any more. He is interested only in beating Green Bay. Dan Devine, who has his team sharing the Central Division lead in his second year as Packer coach, says: "It's a big game every week. But when you play people within your own division and a team you thought was going to be the top dog in it (Minnesota), you've got an even bigger game." The recent wave of injuries has put both Marinaro and another rookie, middle linebacker Jeff Siemon, in the Viking starting lineup. Heretofore, most of "last-minute" Ed's action has been confined to the final pressure stages of the game. But tomorrow the Viking "two-minute offense," as far as he's concerned, will begin with the kickoff. Dave Osborn's sore knee is one reason Marinaro is getting his chance. However Ozzie is available. And line-backers Roy Winston and Wally Hilgenberg, ailing earlier in the week, will both start. With Clint Jones and Lonnie Warwick on the injured "move" list, Grant plans to activate rookies Amos Martin and Calvin Demery tomorrow. Bobby Bryant will replace Jones as deep man on the kickoff return unit.

WILL VIKINGS AWAKEN PACKERS FROM SWEET DREAM?

OCT 29 (Minneapolis Star-Tribune) - Favorite pastime these days among Packer backers is trying to figure out how an NFL team that won only four games last year could already have won that many this season and look like a solid contender for the Central Division title. And today, a lot of those backers are afraid the Minnesota Vikings are going to say it ain't so. "I just can't help thinking that Fred Cox and Carl Eller are going to come along Sunday afternoon, shake me by the arm and say, 'You were only dreaming, baby,'" said a waitress at the Checkerboard cafe. "It's hard to understand how we developed so fast," said Fuzzy Thurston, all-pro guard of the Lombardi era and now part-owner of a chain of restaurants. "I'm convinced now that this team is of championship caliber, but I'm still trying to analyze in my own mind now it happened." Gale Gillingham, young all-pro guard who is sitting out the season with a knee injury, credits Dan Devine, who took over last year as coach and general manager. "Dan went ahead and got the people we needed," said Gillingham, "Defensive secondary men and a field goal kicker. He wasn't afraid to make the deals. Under Phil (Bengtson) we pooped along in 1968, '69 and '70 without a field goal kicker - and that was the difference between bad seasons or having a pretty good record. Devine weeded out the dissidents like Donny (Anderson) and a few others. He wants people around who'll do it his way. Or, if they don't agree, who'll at least give him the benefit of the doubt and try it his way." Devine took command of the Packers in January 1970 after 13 highly successful years as head coach at the University of Missouri. The Pack's roster was loaded with all-pros, most of them over the hill. "About 20 of the best football players ever assembled got old at the same time," Devine said last week. "A fantastic number." Today a fantastic number of these men are gone, traded or retired. The Green Bay roster of 47 shows 23 names that are new since Devine arrived. There will be new starters at seven positions against the Vikings today. By far the most improved unit is the defensive secondary, and every one of the four men in it is at a new position this season. Last year opponents threw 21 touchdown passes against the Packers. There have been none in six games this season. At free safety is Jim Hill, obtained from San Diego in a trade for veteran defensive end Lionel Aldridge. Hill is 25 and in his fourth year. Strong safety is Al Matthews, 24, a third-year player who was at right cornerback last year. Willie Buchanon, the No. 1 draft choice this year, is at left cornerback. He has sizzling speed and everything else that is needed to make him a longtime standout. Ken Ellis, third-year man who moved from left to right corner this year, completes the secondary. So far Hill has three interceptions, Buchanon and Matthews two each. The Packers' most obvious need the last few years was for a field goal kicker. They got him on the second round of the draft. Chester Marcol, a native of Poland, came to this country in 1965. At Hillsdale (Mich.) College, he kicked eight field goals longer than 50 yards, one of 62. He

kicked 104 extra points without a miss and once was short by about three feet on a 77-yard field goal attempt. For the Pack he has made 13 of 21 field goals and all 10 extra points he has tried. He kicks off into the end zone. Devine has drafted well and made some extraordinarily good trades, but none to equal last year's deal which sent quarterback Don Horn to Denver for defensive end Alden Roche and an agreement that Denver and Green Bay would trade positions on the first round of the 1971 draft. Roche was Green Bay's best defensive lineman last year and Devine used Denver's draft pick to take John Brockington, the Rookie of the Year who rushed for 1105 yards. This year Devine sent Donny Anderson, the disenchanted running back and punter, to St. Louis for MacArthur Lane, swift and powerful runner and a devastating blocker. Lane and Brockington give Green Bay its best running combination since Paul Hornung and Jimmy Taylor. And Lane currently is the team's leading receiver with 12 catches. Not the least of the reasons for the Pack's resurgence is the play of quarterback Scott Hunter, an erratic rookie thrower last year who started eight games because Bart Starr was injured. Starr is quarterback coach this year and many observers are inclined to credit most of Hunter's improvement to Starr's coaching or play calling. The first man to attack that theory is Bart Starr. "First of all, most of the credit belongs to Scott. He has worked very hard on eliminating mistakes. When it's boiled down and the water's drained off, it comes back to Scott. On Sunday he has to execute. Second, I'm not calling the plays. It's a collective process involving four assistant coaches and coach Devine. Throughout the week four of us - Rollie Dotsch (offensive line coach, Red Cochran (offensive backfield), John Polonchek (receivers and passing game) and I - all work toward a common goal, establishing a good game plan. Rollie and Red, who are in charge of the running game, end up finalizing the plan. On game day, John and Red are up in the press box and obviously they can see better, so they end up directing our line of thought. Finally, everything is subject to coach Devine's approval. We've decided on what plays we think are best for certain situations and there may be a choice of several. He may pick a different one." Eventually, all discussions of the Green Bay team lead back to the question of how a young squad, with many players in strange positions, can hope to win in a league in which traditionally the big prizes have gone to experience? "First, we still haven't really established ourselves as a winning team," said Devine, "although I'd be disappointed if we didn't do it now. Eagerness can overcome a lot but you still have to have experience to win all the marbles. There is so much to cover from week to week that you can't get to it all. You have to rely on experience to fill the gaps. You have to be able to say, 'We'll handle this or that like we did last year' and turn to the guys and say, 'Remember how we did it?' We don't have that luxury on this team. Everything we do, we have to practice on the field. That is why, in one sense, the development of this team now almost has to wait until next July. We'll be so busy trying to solve our weekly problems." The Packers still have weak spots and Devine was asked about them. "We don't have a Gilliam or a Washington, speed at wide receiver," he said. Our front four needs shaping up and our linebacking isn't strong enough. The Vikings are fortunate there; they've had excellent linebacking. Roy Winston is the most overlooked linebacker in the league. All he does is win games. He makes the key tackle, the key interception; he's around the ball on every single play; he's aggressive- never backs up. I wish I had him."

PACK COULD END VIKINGS' REIGN

OCT 29 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - It could be the game of the year. Regardless of the artistry involved, the premium on victory could hardly be higher for both the Packers and Vikings this afternoon in Lambeau Field, where a full house of 56,263 customers will sit in on another head-to-head imbroglio between these neighborhood enemies. For the Vikings, already a surprising 2-4, a fifth defeat could all but close their four-year reign as Central Division champions of the National Football Conference. And for the Packers, a third loss at this stage could be particularly damaging to the psyche of a young team which is only beginning to surface as a contender. Conversely, a victory would vault the Vikings back into contention at the halfway mark in the 14-game schedule, at which point they could well be only one game out of first place pending the outcome of Monday night's Detroit-Dallas game. The Packers, by winning, would be a strong 5-2 at the turn and, with a Lion loss in Big D, could be out front alone in the Central race by midnight Monday and hopefully en route to their first division title since 1967. With this kind of stakes, all signs point to another in a series of bruising, bare fisted struggles which have characterized this rivalry since 1967, when the expansion Vikings came of competitive age with a vengeance. Six of the last 10 meetings have been decided by four points or less, four of them by a field goal and a seventh by a touchdown. In the same span, the Vikings have not permitted the Packers to score more than 13 points in any game. In contrast to last Sunday, when the Packers were outmuddled by the Atlanta Falcons (10-9), the weatherman predicts this one will be determined on a dry field. He is forecasting cold but partly sunny weather, with temperatures in the mid-40s. Perhaps based on their 1967-71 track record rather than their current fourth place status, the Vikings are slightly surprising two-point favorites to handle the green and gold for the eighth time in their last nine meetings. The Packers' last victory over the Purple Gang came in 1970 when a 101 yard kickoff return by the now departed Dave Hampton carried them to a 13-10 decision in Milwaukee County Stadium. Minnesota swept the series last season, prevailing 24-13 here and then 3-0 in Bloomington by way of a fourth quarter, Fred Cox field goal in a rematch which saw the Packers turned back five times inside the Viking 21. These are not, however the same Vikings they met that frustrating afternoon, which saw Dan Devine's invaders out-yard the Minnesotans overall by a bulging 301 to 67 margin. Francis Asbury Tarkenton, a young man with a penchant for pyrotechnics, is back at the Vikings' offensive controls after being re-acquired in an off-season trade and they are markedly more dangerous as a result, particularly with the addition of speedball John Gilliam at wide receiver. Tarkenton, whose scrambling has been somewhat more formalized by Bud Grant with the aid of a rolling pocket designed to utilize his talent for travel, is the fourth ranking passer in the NFC with a 59.2 per cent efficiency record based on 87 completions in 147 attempts for 1,083 yards and eight touchdowns. Only the Giants' Norm Snead has thrown more TD passes than Francis, who also is the Vikes' No. 3 rusher at this point with 140 yards in 21 carries. In addition to Gilliam, who already caught four

touchdowns, Tarkenton's targets include John Beasley, a highly effective tight end who has 16 receptions at this point, and Gene Washington, who has returned to health this season and caught 13 passes, two for scores. An injury has shelved starter Clint Jones and a problem with knee fluids may force Dave Osborn to continue in a reserve role, but Oscar Reed and veteran Bill Brown are still available at running back to complement this imposing air arm, along with the highly regarded rookie, Ed Marinaro, scheduled to start in place of Jones. All three also are skilled pass receivers, exemplified by the fact that Reed already has caught 10, Brown none and Marinaro six, although he has seen only sparing action. Placekicker Fred Cox has had his tribulations of late, having missed three last minute field goals which cost the Viking two victories and a tie, but the Packers have found him singularly ungenerous. He has hit on 12 of 19 attempts against them in the last eight games, two of which have been decided by his customarily accurate right foot. On defense, which has been the Vikings' long suit since their rise to Central Division pre-eminence, the Purple still rank a respectable fourth in the NFC. But they are eighth against the rush, which could be a tipoff on the Packers' game plan. They own the NFC's sixth ranking ground gainer in John Brickington, who last year rolled up a career high 149 yards in the Packers' second meeting with Minnesota, plus the versatile MacArthur Lane, has rushed for 266 yards and remains the team's leading receiver with 12 catches for 181 additional yards. The Vikings are expected to find quarterback Scott Hunter less accommodating than he was a year ago, when they frisked him for five interceptions in the home-and-home series. Although his passing percentage is still a modest 44.3, Hunter has been intercepted only once to date in 106 throws. If the issue should again turn on a field goal, the Packers also have an imposing weapon they did not have a year ago in Chester Marcol, who has hit on 13 of 21 attempts and is the NFC's No. 2 ranking scorer with 49 points. Despite the Vikings' recent dominance, the Packers still hold an edge in the all-time rivalry, 12 games to 10.

OFFENSE				DEFENSE			
MINNESOTA		GREEN BAY		MINNESOTA		GREEN BAY	
Washington ..	W R ..	..	Glass	Eller	L E ..	..	C. Williams
Alderman	L T ..	..	Hayhoe	Larsen	L T ..	..	McCoy
White	L G ..	..	Lueck	Page	R T ..	..	Brown
Tingelhoff	C	..	Bowman	Marshall	R E ..	..	Roche
Sunde	R G	..	Snider	Winston	LL B ..	..	Robinson
Yary	R T	..	Himes	Siemon	ML B ..	..	Carter
Beasley	T E	..	Garrett	Hilgenberg	RL B	..	Carr
Gilliam	W R	..	Dale	Wright	L C ..	..	Buchanan
Tarkenton	Q B	..	Hunter	Bryant	R C ..	..	Ellis
Marinaro	R B	..	Lane	West	L S ..	..	Matthews
Reed	R B ..	..	Brockington	Krause	R S ..	..	Hill

Packers won 12, Vikings 10
Points—Packers 483, Vikings 337.

Victory premium high for Packers, Vikings

National Conference Team Offense			
	Total	Rushing	Passing
Dallas	1988	863	1125
Atlanta	1920	1105	815
Washington	1890	903	987
New York	1863	808	1055
Los Angeles	1788	995	793
Minnesota	1787	801	986
Detroit	1784	986	798
San Francisco	1747	546	1201
Philadelphia	1745	578	1167
Chicago	1589	1201	388
Green Bay	1486	750	736
New Orleans	1297	388	909
St. Louis	1205	441	764

Team Defense			
	Total	Rushing	Passing
Atlanta	1469	822	647
Los Angeles	1485	849	636
Green Bay	1501	788	713
Minnesota	1509	820	689
Chicago	1581	665	916
Dallas	1590	646	944
Detroit	1626	901	725
Washington	1644	630	1014
San Francisco	1731	807	924
New York	1902	739	1163
Philadelphia	1935	871	1064
St. Louis	1996	897	1099
New Orleans	2054	940	1114

National Conference Leading Rushers

	Att.	Yards	Avg.	Gain	TDs
Brown, Wash.	136	650	4.8	3	
Hampton, Atl.	98	485	4.9	3	
Douglass, Chi.	62	475	7.7	3	
Hill, Dall.	05	451	4.3	3	
Harrison, Chi.	112	444	.0	2	
Brockington, G.B.	119	435	3.7	3	
Johnson, N.Y.	118	422	3.6	03	
Malone, Atl.	94	411	4.4	3	
Thomas, L.A.	56	354	6.3	3	
Owens, Det.	87	346	4.0	3	

Leading Passers

	Att.	Com.	Yds.	TDs	Avg.	Gain
Snead, N.Y.	129	85	1086	10	8.42	
Berry, Atl.	109	62	868	7	7.96	
Brodie, S.F.	95	60	740	7	7.79	
Tarkenton, Minn.	147	87	1083	8	7.37	
Kilmer, Wash.	71	36	394	5	5.55	
Liske, Phil.	72	39	593	3	8.24	
Hunter, G.B.	106	47	766	4	7.23	
Manning, N.O.	181	85	1106	8	6.11	
Morton, Dall.	168	91	1157	6	6.89	
Spurrier, S.F.	71	34	535	3	7.54	

Leading Receivers

	Recd.	Yds.	Avg.	Gain	TDs
Jackson, Phil.	36	68	17.7	3	
G.Washington, S.F.	26	395	15.2	6	
Taylor, Washn	25	320	12.8	2	
Brown, Washn	22	247	11.2	1	
Hill, Dall.	21	163	7.8	1	
Malone, Atl.	20	226	11.3	2	
Johnson, N.Y.	20	222	11.1	3	
Tucker, N.Y.	19	255	13.4	1	
Evans, N.Y.	18	143	7.9	1	
Gilliam, Minn.	17	370	21.8	4	
Burrow, Atl.	17	285	16.8	3	
Garrison, Dall.	17	138	8.1	0	

American Conference Team Offense			
	Total	Rushing	Passing
New York	2277	946	1,331
Denver	2035	786	1249
Baltimore	1961	785	1176
Oakland	1929	889	1040
Miami	1919	1138	781
Kansas City	1808	839	969
Pittsburgh	1807	990	817
New England	1745	657	1088
San Diego	1738	853	885
Cincinnati	1690	827	863
Buffalo	1526	854	672
Cleveland	1400	595	805
Houston	1336	608	728

Team Defense			
	Total	Rushing	Passing
Cincinnati	1267	545	722
Miami	1429	737	692
Kansas City	1589	772	867
Oakland	1592	764	828
Denver	1638	671	967
Pittsburgh	1638	702	936
San Diego	1668	782	886
Buffalo	1885	929	956
Cleveland	1892	959	933
Baltimore	2023	704	1319
Houston	2162	1158	1004
New York	2222	799	423
New England	2232	1285	947

American Conference Leading Rushers

	Att.	Yards	Avg.	Gain	TDs
Riggins, N.Y.	122	587	4.8	3	
Csonka, Mia.	97	542	5.6	3	
Hubbard, Oak.	104	497	4.8	2	
Garrett, S.D.	130	456	3.8	3	
Simpson, Buff.	121	489	4.0	1	
Little Den.	95	370	3.9	4	
E.Johnson, Cinn.	98	369	3.8	2	
Garrett, N.E.	7	291	4.3	2	
Kelly, Clev.	94	217	3.1	1	
Nottingham Balt.	71	285	4.0	3	

Leading Passers

	Att.	Com.	Yds.	TDs	Avg.	Gain
Jthnson, Ee	67	38	591	3	8.82	
Lamo ica, Oak.	124	60	888	6	7.16	
Dawson, K.C.	145	88	944	5	6.51	
Griese, Mia.	94	51	619	4	6.59	
Unitas, Balt.	153	85	1044	3	6.82	
Namath, N.Y.	129	60	1357	12	10.52	
Anderson, Cin.	146	80	858	4	5.88	
Shaw, Buff.	102	52	653	6	6.40	
Bradshaw, Pitts.	10	78	932	4	5.83	
Hazl ws.D.	139	76	879	5	6.32	

Leading Receivers

	Recd.	Yds.	Avg.	Gain	TDs
Taylor, K...C.	30	423	14.1	4	
Hill, Duff.	023	359	15.6	4	
Biletnkff, Oak.	23	317	13.8	1	
T.Mitc ell, B It.	13	305	13.3	1	
Shanklin .Pitt.	22	362	16.5	2	
Podolau K.C.	22	157	7.1	0	
Rucker, N.E.	19	293	15.4	1	
Trumpy, Cin.	19	197	10.4	2	
Sherman, Den.	18	329	18.3	0	
Myes, Cin.	18	266	1.8	1	

Packer Statistics

1972 GREEN BAY PACKERS
(6 GAME STATISTICS 4 - 2)

GB	RESULTS & ATTENDANCE	OPP.	SCORES BY QUARTERS					
			ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	TOTAL	
(w) 26 Browns at Cleveland (75,771)		10						
(l) 14 Raiders at Green Bay (56,263)		20	G.B. 30	44	16	19	109	
(w) 16 Cowboys at Mil. (47,103)		13	Opp. 23	30	30	10	93	
(w) 20 Bears at Green Bay (56,263)		17						
(w) 24 Lions at Detroit (54,418)		23						
(l) 10 Falcons at Mil. (47,967)		9						
10/29 VIKINGS AT GREEN BAY								
11/5 49'ers at Milwaukee								
11/12 Bears at Chicago								
11/19 Oilers at Houston								
11/26 Redskins at Washington								
12/3 Lions at Green Bay								
12/10 Vikings at Minnesota								
12/17 Saints at New Orleans								

TEAM STATISTICS	GB	OPP.	RECEIVING					
			Lane	NO.	YDS.	AVE.	LONG	TD.
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	84	100	Glass	8	151	18.9	31	1
By Rushing	43	50	Brockington	9	121	13.4	33	0
By Passing	36	40	Staggers	6	104	17.3	48	1
By Penalty	5	10	McGeorge	5	50	10.0	23t	2
Third Down Efficiency	19/67	35/86	Garrett	3	53	17.7	21	0
TOTAL NET YARDS	1482	1500	Dale	4	89	22.3	21	0
Total Off. Plays	335	378	OTHERS:	Davis 1/11; Kopay 1/8				
Ave. Gain Per Play	4.4	4.0	GB TOTAL	48	809	16.9	49	4
NET YARDS RUSHING	746	787	OPP. TOTAL	68	811	11.9	52	0

TEAM STATISTICS	GB	OPP.	PUNTING					
			Widby	NO.	YDS.	AVE.	LONG	BLK
Total Rushing Plays	219	227	GB TOTAL	29	1194	41.2	63	0
Ave. Gain per Rush	3.4	3.5	OPP. TOTAL	27	1133	42.0	61	0
NET YARDS PASSING	770	713						
Lost Attempting to Pass	5/39	11/98						
Gross Yards Passing	809	811						
Attempts/Completions	111/48	142/68						
Percent Completed	.432	.479						
Had Intercepted	1	8						
Ave Net Passing Per Game	128.3	118.3						

TEAM STATISTICS	GB	OPP.	INTERCEP.					
			Hill	NO.	YDS.	AVE.	LONG	TD.
PUNTS/YDS.	29/1194	27/1133	Buchanon	2	37	18.5	26	0
PUNT RETURNS/YDS.	10/124	13/67	Matthews	2	8	4.0	8	0
KICKOFF RETURNS/YDS.	23/521	12/247	Robinson	1	7	7.0	7	0
MISC. RETURNS/YDS.	2/50	5/186	GB TOTAL	8	73	9.1	26	0
INTERCEPTIONS/AVE. RET.	8/73	1/3	OPP. TOTAL	1	3	3.0	3	0

TEAM STATISTICS	GB	OPP.	K.O. RET.					
			Hudson	NO.	YDS.	AVE.	LONG	TD.
PENALTIES/YARDS	24/247	22/245	Staggers	6	144	24.0	39	0
FUMBLES/BALL LOST	12/8	12/6	Thomas	5	121	24.2	40	0
TOTAL POINTS	109	93	OTHERS:	Robinson 1/25; Garrett 1/0; Williams 1/9				
Ave Points Per Game	18.2	15.5	GB TOTAL	23	521	22.7	40	0
Touchdowns	10	9	OPP. TOTAL	12	247	20.6	37	0
by Rushing	4	7						
by Passing	4	0						
by Returns	2	2						
Field Goals	13/21	10/14						
Conversions	10/10	9/9						

TEAM STATISTICS	GB	OPP.	F.G.					
			Marcol	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
PENALTIES/YARDS	24/247	22/245	OP TOTAL	3-3	2-2	0-1	2-3	0-1
FUMBLES/BALL LOST	12/8	12/6						
TOTAL POINTS	109	93						
Ave Points Per Game	18.2	15.5						
Touchdowns	10	9						
by Rushing	4	7						
by Passing	4	0						
by Returns	2	2						
Field Goals	13/21	10/14						
Conversions	10/10	9/9						

Ave Points Per Game	18.2	15.5	Thomas	5	121	24.2	40	0
Touchdowns	10	9	OTHERS:	Robinson	1/25;	Garrett		
by Rushing	4	7			1/0;	Williams	1/9	
by Passing	4	0	GB TOTAL	23	521	22.7	40	0

by Returns	2	2	OPP.TOTAL	12	247	20.6	37	0
Field Goals	13/21	10/14						
Conversions	10/10	9/9	F.G.	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
			Marcol	2-3	3-4	4-7	4-6	0-1

FIELD GOALS (Good, b=blocked):	OP TOTAL 3-3	2-2	0-1	2-3	0-1
Marcol: <u>51</u> , <u>42b</u> , <u>41</u> , <u>19</u> , <u>49</u> , <u>17</u> ; <u>44</u> , <u>16</u> , <u>27b</u> , <u>26</u> , <u>41</u> , <u>22</u> ; <u>26</u> , <u>34</u> , <u>37</u> ; <u>36</u> , <u>34</u> ; <u>32</u> , <u>44</u> , <u>35</u> , <u>39</u> ;					

SCORING	TDR	TDP	TDRt	FG.	PAT.	TOTAL
Marcol	0	0	0	13/21	10/10	49
Brockington	3	0	0	0	0	18

McGeorge	0	2	0	0	0	12
Staggers	0	1	0	0	0	6
Glass	0	1	0	0	0	6
Ellis	0	0	1	0	0	6

Hunter	1	0	0	0	0	6
C. Williams	0	0	1	0	0	6
GB TOTAL	4	4	2	13/21	10/10	109
OPP. TOTAL	7	0	2	10/14	9/9	93

<u>PUNT RETURNS</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>F.C.</u>	<u>YDS.</u>	<u>AVE.</u>	<u>LONG</u>	<u>TD.</u>
Ellis	7	0	125	17.9	80t	1
Staggers	2	7	-1	-1.0	0	0

Hudson	1	1	0	0.0	0	0
GB TOTAL	10	8	124	12.4	80t	1
OPP. TOTAL	13	1	67	5.2	21	0

PASSING					PCT				PCT	
	ATT.	COMP.	YDS.	PCT.	AVE/ATT	TD	LG.	INT.	INT. LOST/ATT.	
Hunter	106	47	775	44.3	7.3	4	0.038	49	1	.009 4/28.
Patrick	4	1	9	25.0	2.5	0	.000	9	0	.000 1/11

Marcol's Toe Answers Packer Prayer



Chester Marcol . . . Green Bay's Golden Toe.

NOV 4 (The Sporting News) - It has been just over four years since Don Chandler decided to stay home in Tulsa and build apartment buildings instead of continuing to kick field goals for the Green Bay Packers. It seems longer. That was in 1968, and for that season and the three that followed, the Packers plowed through an entertaining, if undistinguished, collection of kickers. There was a Canadian soccer kicker who could boot equally well with either foot, but, alas, he played folk guitar music the best of all. Along came a computer analyst who had taught himself to kick. He arrived complete with a duffel bag full of his own footballs. A wanderer who had begun to place kick when he was out of a teaching job showed up and proposed to play major league baseball if his football career didn't work out. (It didn't.) Jerry Kramer, who had kicked for the Packers before, wangled a contract for 1968 rich in bonuses dependent on how many field goals he would kick, only to wind up with four of nine...EVERYONE TRIED: Mike Mercer made 15 of 18 field goals in the 1969 exhibition season (cheers) and five of 17 more after the season began (groans). Distinguished kickers and undistinguished ones. A dizzying parade of them, made even dizzier one year when a radio announcer from Appleton, Wis., a self-taught authority on kicking, offered his services, and the Packers - to the horror of the kickers in camp that week - accepted. The jokes: woman to Packer coach-"How are you" doing, young man?" Coach-"Can't kick, lady." The bumper

stickers: "Happiness is a Field Goal." And then this season came Chester Marcol. Appropriately, he came from the East - from Hillsdale College in Michigan, before that from Imlay City, Mich., before that from Opole, Poland, his birthplace and residence until he and his mother joined relatives in Michigan when he was 12...WINNING KICKER: That may not have cured Green Bay's kicking illness, but the difference is too small to notice. As the Packers sprinted off to a 4-1 record that made them (a) the surprise of the National Football League and (b) the undisputed leader in the Central Division of the National Conference, Marcol made 10 of 17 field goals and won two games and kicked 10 straight extra points, one of which won a third. He beat the Dallas Cowboys in the first real indication that the Packers might figure more heavily than anyone had supposed, with a 26-yard field goal in the fourth quarter. A week later he beat the Chicago Bears with a 37-yard field goal with 30 seconds left. And a week after that, he kicked the extra point that finished Green Bay's incredible comeback against Detroit, a rally that turned a 17-0 deficit into a 24-23 victory. But the field goals are only part of Marcol's contributions. In the same five games, Marcol kicked off 25 times. An astonishing 16 of the kicks were not returned-two hit the crossbar, four sailed beyond the end line, the rest were driven so deep into the end zone that a return was precluded. And of the nine that were returned, only one was brought back farther than the 26-yard line Marcol is a soccer style kicker; indeed, in his boyhood he was a soccer goalie in Poland, and he began to try his luck with an American football while in high school at Imlay City. By the time he was a senior at Hillsdale, the Packers were well acquainted with him, and stories had begun. A 62-yard field goal in college...a leg snap so fast that the game films couldn't pick up the flight of the ball off the ground, so hard did Marcol hit it. And since the Green Bay coach, Dan Devine, had suffered enough, he determined to pay what was necessary. What was necessary, as it turned out, was a No. 2 choice in the 1972 pro football draft. Only one kicker had ever been taken higher in the draft-the Washington Redskins, in one of their earlier incarnations, spent a No. 1 choice to get Charlie Gogolak, a soccer style kicker, and those who snickered pointed out that Gogolak had eventually been cut and was now rattling through the attics of the NFL like a ghost looking for a place to hang his sheet. (Subsequently, Gogolak found one; he is now the kicker for the New England Patriots.) But Devine did not flinch, for he had seen what a mighty kicker could do, in his first month as Packer coach, and he had remembered...FOREIGN EXAMPLE: The man he saw was Horst Muhlmann, a German bricklayer who had earlier discovered that kicking for the Cincinnati Bengals could be more rewarding than hod carrying, and easier on the back. In an exhibition in the summer of 1971, as the Bengals were beating the Packers, 27-24, Muhlmann kicked field goals of 52 and 43 yards, and put six consecutive kickoffs into or out of the end zone. "I remembered what he had done," Devine said much later. "I never saw one man dominate a game the way he did." And he resolved to get one of those for his own. The man he got was Marcol, and almost as soon as the rookie got to training camp last July, the legends began to grow. In workouts of the Packer kicking teams, Marcol would launch kickoffs that split the uprights and landed 15 yards behind them, and that took some getting used to. "My God, a 60-yard field goal," said reserve center Cal Withrow in awe one day...PRACTICE PROBLEM: One day he was working out with the kickoff team, and he was too good for Devine's liking. "The idea was to get some practice returning kickoffs," Devine said. "But when he was kicking from the 40, they were all sailing over the end zone. We finally moved him back to the 35, just so we could return some." Assistant Coach Red Cochran remembered another day on the practice field. "Coach had them working on onside kicks," Cochran said. "He was pinning them off 10 yards downfield, and the receiving team was inching up farther and farther. So Dan tells Marcol to kick one down there to keep the receiving team honest. And damned if he doesn't boot one right through the uprights." Marcol's longest field goal for the Packers has been 49 yards, but he has missed from such

"gimmie" ranges as 16 and 27 yards. "He's not automatic," Devine said. "No kicker is. He has to improve, and I think he will." Still, an unimproved Marcol is something special, and his teammates know it. "He keeps his head," defensive back Ken Ellis said. "You know, some kickers get all wrapped up in themselves, but Chester's not that way. He'll miss one and forget it. He doesn't let it bother him." Said defensive tackle Bob Brown, who has been with the team long enough to remember the comfort of Chandler's dependability and the uncertainty of the men who followed him, "His value to the club has no limit. He puts points on the board when we need them, and it's got to be a lift to the defense to know he can kick off to the end zone and they won't be returning it to the 50." Not returning it at all, more often than not, and that has happened so often that Hank Kuhlmann, the coach of the special teams, has begun to worry about it. "We keep reminding the guys to run down under his kickoffs," Kuhlmann said. "So far nobody's let up, but the temptation is there if they get the idea the kick won't be returned anyway."...WORKING ON STYLE: Marcol's style is still being refined. Kuhlmann has been working to get him to hit the ball straight, despite the angle from which all soccer kickers approach the ball. That way the hook built into a soccer kick would be minimized, and the ball would have a straight end over end rotation. At the moment, it rotates rather at a 2 o'clock to 8 o'clock angle. Marcol's leg strength is prodigious, but it and his style he regards as natural, and he wants to keep it that way. "I don't lift anything," he said. "I try to keep everything as natural as I can. I do some running and stretching exercises. The important thing is to keep from pulling any muscles. I think kickers are born, not made. The coaches can give you a few tips and work on the timing, but it's really a matter of your own ability." In Marcol's case, that ability is obviously considerable, and Devine no longer has regrets about seeking a long term solution to Packer kicking problems, rather than a short term one. With that point in mind, he passed up a chance to get Tom Dempsey, whose NFL record kick of 63 yards is one yard longer than Marcol's best at Hillsdale. Dempsey was put on waivers by the New Orleans Saints last season, and let it be known through friends he would like a chance with the Pack. "Dempsey is the guy we probably should have taken before," Devine admitted. "But then Dempsey is not a good consistent long-range guy. I want a guy who will be around here a while, and Chester certainly looks like he'll be around here a long time." He certainly does.