



**Preseason: Green Bay Packers (1-2) 36, Pittsburgh Steelers 14  
Saturday August 28th 1954 (at Pittsburgh)**

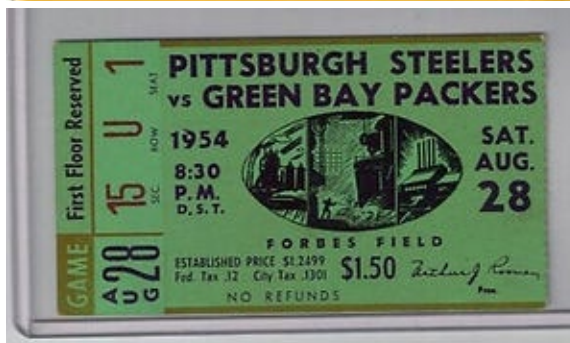
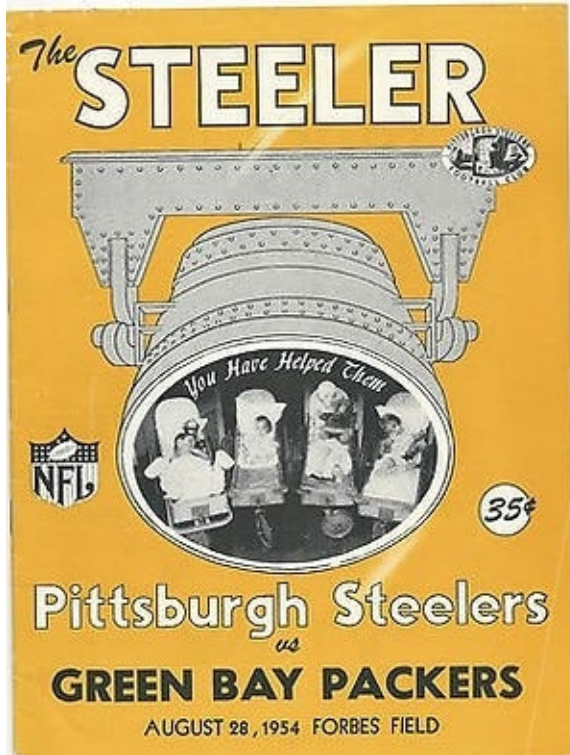
# Packers Keep On Improving, Blast Steelers 36-14

## Maintain Flaming Drive, End 7-Game Loss Skein

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

(PITTSBURGH) – The Packers just keep improving – from Saturday to Saturday. But the spirit remains the same – the flaming stuff that characterizes a bunch of Joes who love to play football. Two weeks from last Saturday night, the Packers – armed with but a few

plays due to training camp handicaps such as losses to the Armed Forces and late arrivals – lost to the Chicago Cardinals 27-10 but displayed a tremendous zest for combat. One week ago, in Green Bay, the Packers came within an eyelash of upsetting the powerhouse Cleveland Browns as the Bays presented all sorts of potential – plus that ever-present socko. Last Saturday night in jinx-like Forbes Field here, the Packers had that desire again, but this time those intricate offensive maneuvers and the defensive mechanisms started to mesh. The result of complete humiliation of the proud Pittsburgh Steelers, 36 to 14, before 14,021 sickened Iron Town fans who appeared just as shocked as the Steelers, themselves. To make it worse, the Steelers were booed – unmercifully. The Packers ripped off 13 points in the first nine minutes, added 10 in the first quarter, went scoreless in the third and finished off with another 13. The Steelers scored one TD in the first quarter – thanks to pass interference in the end zone, and one in the third – on a six-yard drive after a blocked punt. The Packers scored four touchdowns, kicked three field goals – all by fullback Fred Cone, blocked two of league punting champion Pat Brady's boots, recovered two fumbles, intercepted one pass, rolled up 352 yards rushing and passing, and limited Pitt to 197, including only 78 on the ground. The victory snapped a loss skein that extended through the club's last seven showings, including the final five National League games in '52. The 22 point spread was the largest since the Pack beat Baltimore last year, 37-14. Two Packers scored their first TDs as pros. Guard Buddy Brown, a four-year pro, produced his first TD in 13 years of gridding when he scooped up a blocked punt and ran 15 yards to put the Pack ahead in the first heat. Veryl Switzer, the fleet rookie, went 22 yards on a quick opener for a 23-7 lead in the second heat, climaxing a 16-second, 58-yard push. Bob Mann and Breezy Reid scored the other two – Mann on a 16-yard pass from Tobin Rote and Reid on a nine-yard blast on a handoff from rookie QB Bobby Garrett, both in the fourth quarter. Cone came out with a dozen points – on three FGs and three extra points. A fourth PAT missed when the ball hit the crossbar. Cone kicked two field goals in the first 7 minutes of the game



– from the 36 and the 21. His third was from 27 yards out in the second quarter. He lost a chance for No. 4 when Dale Dodrill blocked his solid boot from the 43 in the second. The Packers improved in just about every department and the key

figure in this phase of advancement was the lanky Texan – T. Rote, who completed 11 out of 20 passes for 143 yards and broke the Steelers' backs with two key keeper-lateral plays involving Joe Johnson, the Boston College rookie. The Bays rushed for 209 yards – one of the highlights of the game, and a good share of the moves were made over Brown and the young, giant tackle, Art Hunter. Johnson picked up 88 yards grounding while Reid, working at fullback, moved 54. Defensively, the Packers' rock-em play really came to the front. Stretch Elliott, Bill Forester, Nick Adduci and Val Joe Walker were key figures but everybody chipped in – especially when it came to gang tackling. Walker had the distinction of making the first pass interception of the '54 season. The Packers demonstrated their snap-back the first time they got their hands on the ball after Switzer returned the opening kickoff to his own 36. Reid took a pitchout and circled right end for 15 yards but the Packers were offside. Starting from the 31, the Pack had three points in 10 plays, the key advances being three Rote passes – to Carmichael for 12, Mann for 13 and Howton for 11. Carmichael's fumble and a recovery by Rote stalled the attack and Cone registered the first of three field goals from the 36 at 5:13. Less than two minutes later Cone made it 6-0 on a FG from the 28. Bill Forester's recovery of Rogell's fumble, giving the Packers position on the Pitt 23. The shocked Steelers were quickly forced to punt, missing a first down by two yards. Big Gene Knutson blocked Pat Brady's boot and Buddy Brown scooped up the ball and raced

15 yards for an easy TD. Cone's conversion was good and the Packers had 13 points in 8:59 of the opening heat. After an exchange of punts, the Steelers drove 71 yards in 10 plays for a touchdown. They moved to the Packer 27 on a series of Finks passes and runs by Chandnois and then got a real break when Mike Maccioli was charged with interference in the end zone on Butler – a "gain" of 26 yards. From the one, Chandnois crashed over for the TD on first down. Bolkovac made it 13-7. Carmichael's 28-yard return of the ensuing kickoff to the Pack 42 was the last first quarter action, and the Packers ripped back for a touchdown on two plays, using up only 16 seconds of the second heat. Rote, on a keeper, raced 2 yards and then lateraled to J. Johnson for a 36 yards gain to the Steeler 22. Switzer, on a quick opener, streaked through left guard and the amazed Steeler defensive backs for the TD and Cone converted for a 20-7 lead. The Packers buried Chandnois on the next kickoff and Maccioli recovered the inevitable fumble on the Pitt 27. Reid moved twice for 11 to the 28, but Howton dropped six points on a perfect pass from Rote on the five. Mann caught one for 11 to the 17 but a penalty for too much time forced another field goal try and Cone made it from the 27 for a 23-7 score. The Packers have rookie quarterback Duncan a hot reception and Brady had to punt again. This time Sims blocked it and Hunter recovered on the Pitt 35. Bobby Garrett made his first appearance at this point but a fumble and a wide pass to Mann brought out Cone for his fourth FG try. He socked the ball hard from the 43 but Flanagan blocked it and Cone tackled him on the Pitt 43. Just before the half, Elry Falkenstein made his debut but his second pass was intercepted. The two clubs played fairly even until midway in the third quarter when Dodrill blocked McGee's punt and Hinderlider recovered on the Pack six. The Packers played it tough, Brandt being forced to score from two yards out on fourth down. Bolkovac's boot made it 23-14. After McGee and Brady traded punts, the Packers exploded again early in the fourth quarter. Starting from the Pitt 46, the Bays scored in three plays. Cone was smeared for five yards on a draw but two perfect Rote passes and some great faking by Mann produced the score. The first went 35 yards and the second 16, Mann rolling over the Pirate pitcher's mound for the TD. Cone's try for the point hit the crossbar but it was still 29-14. The Pack's first pass interception of the season set up the last TD, Val Joe Walker taking Duncan's throw on the Packer 18. Rote engineered the ball into position for the score, throwing to Mann for 13 and then working a keeper and a lateral to Johnson for a 42-yard advance to the Pitt 32. Garrett took over the QBing and the Bays scored in five plays, the big gainers being by Reid – 19 yards to the 13 and nine yards for the TD with 6:41 gone in the fourth quarter. Cone converted and the Packers were in, 36-14!

# Whoopee

## GREEN BAY

Ends — Elliott, Knutson, Sims, Martinkovic, Frank, McGee, Howton, Mann.  
 Tackles — Ruzich, Cifelli, Bauer, Helliun, Hanner, Hunter, Szafaryn.  
 Guards — Brown, Barry, Takacs, Zatkoff, Adduci, Forester.  
 Centers — Ringo, Stephenson, Tonemaker.  
 Backs — Rote, Reid, Carmichael, Cone, Switzer, Sanders, Garrett, Falkenstein, Miller, Roffler, Mihajlovich, Self, White, J. Johnson, Walker, Maccioli.  
**PITTSBURGH**  
 Ends — Butler, Nickel, Hinderlider, McPeak, Zombek, Davis, Sulima, O'Brien.  
 Tackles — Cheatham, Palmer, Bolkovac, Gaona, Stauffer.  
 Guards — Ladogo, Schweder, Hughes, Andabaker, Dodrill.  
 Centers — Walsh, Tepe, Fulwyler.  
 Backs — Finks, Kissell, Duncan, Brady, Stark, Zachary, Craft, DeCarlo, Brandt, Brosky, Rogel, Wagner, Elter, Lattner, Cameron, Chandnois, Flanagan.  
 Green Bay 13 10 0 13 — 36  
 Pittsburgh 7 0 7 0 — 14  
 The Scoring: Green Bay: Touchdowns — Brown, Switzer, Mann, Reid. Extra Points — Cone 3. Field Goals — Cone 3.  
 Pittsburgh: Touchdowns — Chandnois, Brandt. Extra Points — Bolkovac 2.  
 The Officials: Referee — Yans Wallace; Umpire — Gilbert Castree; Head Linesman — Sam E. Cooperman; Back Judge — Tow Dowd; Field Judge — William H. Grimberg.  
**Team Statistics:**

	Pack.	Pitt.
Total First Downs	16	16
First Downs Rushing	9	7

First Downs Passing	7	6
First Downs Penalty	0	3
Yards Gained Rushing	209	119
Yards Gained Passing	143	78
Total Yards Gained (Net)	352	197
Passes Attempted	25	24
Passes Completed	11	10
Passes Intercepted by	1	2
Yards Interceptions Ret.	0	12
Yards Lost Att. Passes	2	53
Punts	5	7
Ave. Dist. Punts	33	26
Yards Punts Ret.	34	35
Kickoffs Returned	3	6
Yards Kickoffs Ret.	72	201
Penalties	10	1
Yards Penalized	89	5
Fumbles	3	2
Opp Fumbles Rec.	2	0

## Individual Statistics

**Rush:**  
 Green Bay: J. Johnson gained 88 yards in 7 attempts, Reid 54 in 12, Rote 36 in 6, Switzer 20 in 4, Sanders 6 in 2, Garrett 6 in 3, Cone minus 2 in 5, Carmichael minus 3 in 1.  
 Pittsburgh: Brandt gained 44 yards in 11 attempts, Rogel 25 in 12, Chandnois 23 in 7, Cameron 11 in 1, Lattner 10 in 4, Wagner 6 in 1, Duncan 0 in 1.  
**Passing:**  
 Green Bay: Rote attempted 20, completed 11 for 143 yards, 1 intercepted, 1 touchdown; Garrett attempted 1, completed 0; Falkenstein attempted 4, completed 0, 1 intercepted.  
 Pittsburgh: Duncan attempted 9, completed 3 for 33 yards; Kinks attempted 7, completed 3 for 35 yards; Lattner attempted 1, completed 0; Stark attempted 7, completed 4 for 10 yards.  
**Pass Reception:**  
 Green Bay: Mann caught 5 for 88 yards, Carmichael 2 for 30, J. Johnson 3 for 18, Howton 1 for 9.  
 Pittsburgh: Chandnois caught 3 for 38 yards, Butler 3 for 29, Wagner 1 for 29, Nickel 2 for 20, Lattner 1 for 15.

**GREEN BAY - 13 10 0 13 - 36**  
**PITTSBURGH - 7 0 7 0 - 14**

	<u>GREEN BAY</u>	<u>PITTSBURGH</u>
First Downs	16	16
Rushing-Yards-TD	40-209-2	37-119-2
Att-Comp-Yd-TD-Int	25-11-143-1-2	24-10-68-0-1
Total Yards	352	197
Fumbles-lost	3-0	2-2
Turnovers	2	4
Yards penalized	10-89	1-5

### SCORING

1ST - GB – Fred Cone, 36-yard field goal GREEN BAY 3-0  
 1ST - GB – Cone, 28-yard field goal GREEN BAY 6-0  
 1ST - GB – Buddy Brown, 20-yard fumble recovery (Cone kick) GREEN BAY 13-0  
 1ST - PIT – Lynn Chadnois, 1-yard run (Nick Bolkovac kick) GREEN BAY 13-7  
 2ND - GB – Veryl Switzer, 23-yard run (Cone kick) GREEN BAY 20-7  
 2ND - GB – Cone, 28-yard field goal GREEN BAY 23-7  
 3RD - PIT – Jim Brandt, 2-yard run (Bolkovac kick) GREEN BAY 23-14  
 4TH - GB – Bob Mann, 16-yard pass from Tobin Rote (Cone kick failed) GREEN BAY 29-14  
 4TH - GB – Floyd Reid, 9-yard run (Cone kick) GREEN BAY 36-14

### RUSHING

**GREEN BAY** - Joe Johnson 7-88, Floyd Reid 12-54 1 TD, Tobin Rote 6-36, Veryl Switzer 4-20 1 TD, Clyde Sanders 2-6, Bobby Garrett 3-6, Fred Cone 5-(-2), Al Carmichael 1-(-3)  
**PITTSBURGH** - Jim Brandt 11-44 1 TD, Fran Rogel 12-25, Lynn Chandnois 7-23 1 TD, Paul Cameron 1-11, Johnny Lattner 4-10, Jack Wagner 1-6, Maury Duncan 1-0

### PASSING

**GREEN BAY** - Tobin Rote 20-11-143 1 TD 1 INT, Bobby Garrett 1-0-0, Elry Falkenstein 4-0-0 1 INT  
**PITTSBURGH** - Jim Finks 7-3-35, Maury Duncan 9-3-33, Johnny Lattner 1-0-0, Pat Stark 7-4-10

### RECEIVING

**GREEN BAY** - Bob Mann 5-88 1 TD, Joe Johnson 3-18, Al Carmichael 2-30, Bill Howton 1-9  
**PITTSBURGH** - Lynn Chandnois 3-38, Jack Butler 3-29, Elbie Nickel 3-29, Jack Wagner 1-29, Johnny Lattner 1-15

**Sports Cocktail: 'They'll Be All Right'**  
**Packer Coaches Beam But They're Not Going Overboard**

### **PACKER COACHES BEAM BUT THEY'RE NOT GOING OVERBOARD**

AUG 30 (Pittsburgh) - Packer Coach Liz Blackbourn really beamed here Saturday night. So did his aides, Tom Hearnden, Ray McLean and Lou Rymkus. They had a perfect right to whistle – 36 points for the Packers and 14 for the Steelers. But they weren't going overboard on one non-league victory. No. 1, the coaches were highly pleased with the fire of the boys. After the loss to the Cardinals, Liz remarked, "they showed me that they really want to play football." He repeated it after the Brown game and after Pitt he emphasized that point. Other than expounding on "fire", Liz was cautious. "You know," he remarked after the game, "those Steelers were hurting out there – they lost a lot of speed without Mathews and Calvin, and Ferry couldn't play tackle." All three were sidelined with injuries. The coaches sat down in Blackbourn's room after the game and, so help us, you'd think they'd lost the game. They spent a good 15 minutes discussing the things that didn't work, etc. But that's the way these gents operate; that's why they won't go off wild with satisfaction and overlook a lot of errors "just because we won." Then came a discussion of some of the good points. There were some, as you might gather by the final score. All agreed that Stretch Elliott had himself a "fine night". Liz wanted to know how Joe Johnson looked from upstairs and McLean, who worked on the scouting phones with Hearnden on top of the stadium just winked. There was a "slight" indication that Johnson was running well. The Packer coaches generally get two different opinions of a game –

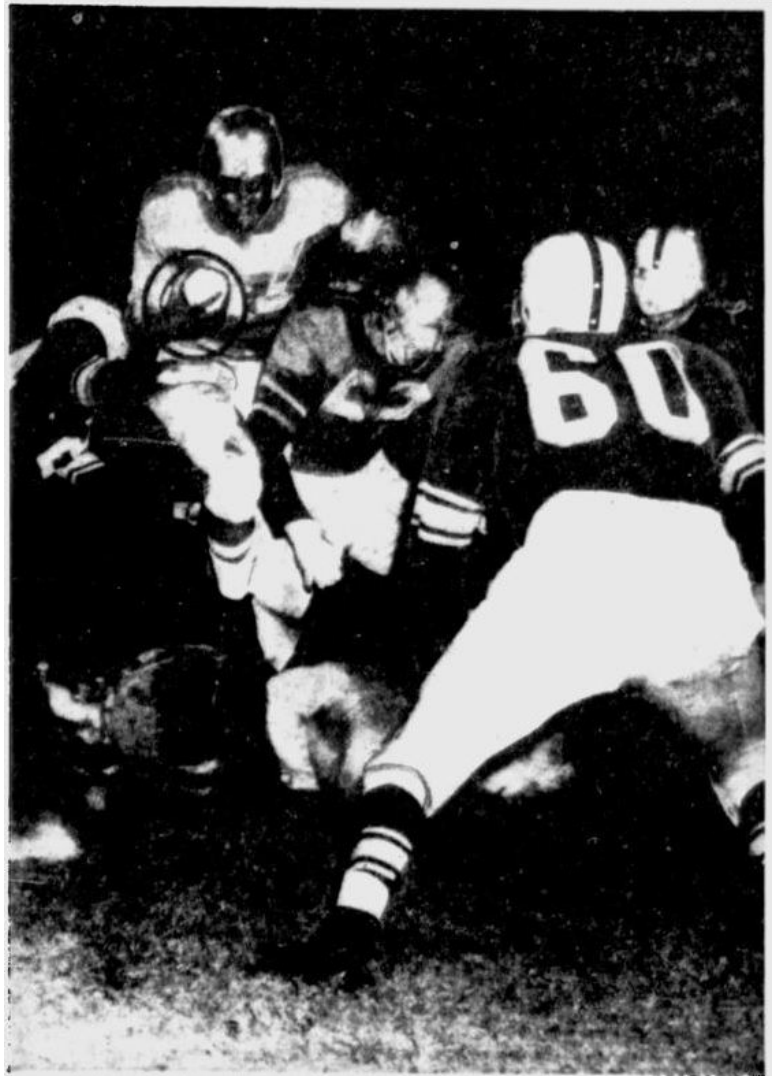
the four eyes upstairs and the four on the sidelines. The final look, and the best, arrived at the Stevens Point camp tonight – in the form of movies...The Forbes Field press box was a quiet place after the game. The only two smiles were registered by Jack Lavelle, the New York Giant scout, and this writer. "They'll be all right," Jack said – as he did after the Brown game. Steeler owner Art Rooney shifted that ever-present cigar of his and shot, "they look like the Packers of old." Rooney apparently had plenty of his mind – chiefly the boos aimed at Coach Joe Bach and quarterback Jimmy Finks. Cleveland Press writer Pat Livingston stopped in to congratulate Blackbourn after the game. Gene Ronzani, former Packer head coach now an assistant with Pitt, wished the Packers well as they departed from the Schenley Hotel Sunday morning. So did Walt Kiesling, who late yesterday was named head coach of the club after the resignation of Joe Bach. The two clubs stayed at the same hotel...The Packers came out of the game in good physical condition. There was just one injury – fullback Clyde Sanders, who suffered a severe shoulder bruise on the opening kickoff. Not one to complain about hurts, Sanders answered the bell late in the game and carried twice for six yards – bad shoulder and all. The Packers arrived in their Capital Airliner at noon Sunday. Waiting to greet them were Deral Teteak, injured linebacker whose home is in Oshkosh, and about 400 fans. The squad took a bus to Stevens Point. Blackbourn ordered the athletes to take some sort of exercise Sunday afternoon but no special drill was called. Some played golf and others ran around the training field. It was back to work at 7:30 Sunday night – with a squad meeting!

#### **SLONAC REPORTS**

AUG 30 (Green Bay) - Evan Slonac, Michigan State fullback drafted No. 28 by the Packers last January, reported for a tryout today and was placed at left half. Slonac was recently released by a Canadian team.

#### **BACH QUILTS STEELERS AFTER PACKER LOSS**

AUG 30 (Olean, NY) - Balding Joe Bach, who took two cracks at the job, quit Sunday night as the head coach of the Pittsburgh Steelers, and line mentor Walter Kiesling, self-styled "old man" of the coaching staff, moved up to replace him. In announcing Bach's resignation, President Art Rooney of the Steelers said: "The pressure is just too tough now. In the old days a win or loss didn't matter too much. Now it's a cold-blooded business." The Steelers had just returned to their training camp after dropping their third straight exhibition game to the Green Bay Packers, 36-14, at Pittsburgh Saturday night. Many in the slim crowd of 14,012 booed and jeered the Steelers. The Steeler management also reportedly was concerned over the lack of attendance.



**GREEN BAY ROOKIE** Veryl Switzer picked up four yards on this play against the Steelers last night at Forbes Field before he was stopped by Dale Dadrill (60). Switzer later scored on a 22-yard run. Green Bay won, 36-14. (Story on Page 1.)

## **Philadelphia Next for Pack**

#### **PHILADELPHIA NEXT FOR PACK**

AUG 31 (Stevens Point) - The Packers stepped up training today for their fourth non-championship game of the early season - against the Philadelphia Eagles in Hershey, Pa., Saturday night. This is the final week of training at the State College site here. The squad will break camp when they leave for Hershey Friday morning. After the Eagle game the Packers will go directly to Raleigh, N.C., and spend the following week drilling for the Washington Redskin game Saturday night, Sept. 11. They'll return to Green Bay Sept. 12 and get ready for the final non-league foe - the New York Giants in the annual Shrine Classic in Milwaukee Marquette stadium Sept. 18. Coach Liz Blackbourn opened training yesterday for the Eagle game by



**Riding High Again**—Breezy Reid, veteran Packer halfback, cut loose for the first time this season—from the fullback spot, against Steelers in Pittsburgh Saturday night. He's shown at end of 12-yard gain in second quarter, being brought down by End Joe Zombeck. Other Packers are Joe Johnson (40) and Veryl Switzer (27). Packers won 36-14. (AP Photo)



**STEELERS' PINNER MOVE HALTS PACKER**

Joe Johnson of the Packers runs into a pair of Steelers forming a pincer defense during Saturday night's exhibition football game

at Pittsburgh, Moving in on Johnson are Russ Craft (left) and Ernie Stautner. Green Bay won, 36-14.

International News soundphoto.

reducing the squad by one player - Ed Frank, the former end and tackle from Marquette. George Timberlake, the Southern California linebacker who suffered a broken arm in practice last week, will be out for the season, Blackburn was informed by physicians. He left for his home on the west coast over the weekend. Reporting yesterday was Evan Slonac, the former Michigan State fullback who was the Pack's 28th draft choice in January. Slonac, however, signed with a Canadian club but was released last week. Slonac has been placed at left half to help relieve a shortage of offensive backs. Clyde Sanders, the rookie fullback who started as a right half, will be sidelined for a short spell with a shoulder injury suffered in the 36-14 victory over Pittsburgh Saturday night. Earlier injuries to fullback Fred Cone and Howie Ferguson forced Blackburn to work Breezy Reid at fullback against Pitt, leaving rookie Joe Johnson as the only left half. Al Carmichael and Veryl Switzer are at right half. The Packers spent this morning viewing pictures of the Pittsburgh game. They saw films of previous Eagle games yesterday. An outdoor drill was scheduled for this afternoon.

**PACKERS BOOM SELLOUT OF STEELER GAME SEPT. 26**

AUG 31 (Green Bay) - The Packers are aiming to play their 1954 opener at City Stadium before a sellout crowd. More than 6,000 businessmen Packer Backers in Green Bay and within a radius of 75 miles of the city were notified of that fact today in letters from Packer President Russ Bogda. The Packers' first intentions of packing the stadium for the kickoff of the New Packers against the Pittsburgh Steelers Sunday, Sept. 26 was made at a meeting and buffet supper for 400 special supporters at the Beaumont hotel last

night. John Torinus, chairman of the Packer publicity committee, who toastmastered the session, put it on the line: "We can't talk intelligently about a new stadium in our town until we start selling out the stadium we've got. Last year, the Packers didn't play before a sellout game at City Stadium. This year we want to sell out the stadium for all three games. The Bear game (Oct. 3) and the Detroit game (Nov. 21) should sell out on their own merits. And that leaves the Pittsburgh game as the big selling job. After the season ticket sale, we will have approximately 11,000 ducats to sell for the Steeler contest - and that's our goal, to sell every one of them." The success of the Packers in their last game (they beat Pitt 36-14) and the mounting enthusiasm in the "new team" worked in perfectly with the intent of the meeting. Packer fever actually started to soar when the Bays lost a hard-fought 14-13 decision to Cleveland here Aug. 21. Following Torinus' talk and a real spirit address by Lavvie Dilweg, an all-time Packer end in the three-title era, blocks of tickets were purchased by voice off the floor by businessmen. In all, 1,358 tickets were sold, including a good bundle for carrier boys of the Press-Gazette and the Appleton Post-Crescent. The two newspapers annually treat their youngest salesmen to a Packer league game - not to mention a party. High school football players from Denmark will be guests at the game - thanks to Denmark businessmen Frank Zachek and Lawrence Kafka who purchased 40 ducats. To carry out the football theme, four live Packers came down from the training camp at Stevens Point for the meeting - Hosea Sims, Bobby Garrett, Veryl Switzer and Art Hunter. They were interviewed by Torinus and stayed around for part of the supper and smoker before returning. Dilweg vividly described the "burning pride we had in our day to win for Green Bay" and then explained the "burning pride and spirit" of the townspeople in keeping the team here - "In the early 1930s when financial difficulties hurt us and again in 1950 when financial troubles threatened the very existence of the club." Dilweg, vacationing in this area from his work in Washington,

spoke highly of the coaching staff. "Liz Blackburn's coaching started to show up in the Cleveland game," Lavvie said. He recalled a meeting with Biggie Munn, the retired Michigan State coach. "Biggie said he had heard that Green Bay was after him and then he said 'why me?' They have the best coach right there in Wisconsin - that Blackburn at Marquette; he always gave us a terrible time." Verne Lewellen, the Packers' general manager, told the meeting: "The biggest change I've noticed thus far is the attitude of the fans toward the team. The fans are much closer to the team than they have been in the last few years. You are going to have a good football team in '54 but the score of Saturday night's victory at Pittsburgh is no indication of the Steelers' strength. Green Bay had no business beating them that bad. The Steelers had three key players hurt and they were the last team to go into camp. The most gratifying thing about the Packers thus far has been their rock-em, sock-em play." And, as Torinus put it: "We've got something to sell this year!"

#### **PACKERS CUT FRANK; ROOKIE SLONAC REPORTS**

AUG 31 (Stevens Point) - There remain 47 players on the roster of the Green Bay Packers despite transactions involving two men on Monday. Cut from the ranks was Ed Frank, a rookie tackle from Marquette. Making an appearance was Evan Slonac, tough little fullback or halfback from Michigan State. Slonac was drafted last winter but decided to go to Canada. He was released by the Winnipeg Blue Bombers this week and decided to try out with the Pack. Packer officials also discovered that their rugged little linebacker, Deral Teteak, will be lost for more than the anticipated time. His ankle injury did not heal as was anticipated and the fierce ex-Wisconsin standout was back on crutches this week. Teteak was hurt almost four weeks ago during a contact session. He used crutches for about a week and then tossed them aside thereafter and began to show much improvement. However, a reexamination this week revealed a defect in the healing of the bone and the cast was kept on. He will be on the sidelines for at least another few weeks. There were no serious injuries sustained in the Pittsburgh game which the Packers won, 36-14, Saturday night. Clyde Sanders suffered a sore shoulder and was taking it easy in Monday's drills. The workout emphasized passing patterns for the backs and ends and blocking assignments for the linemen. The Packers are preparing this week for their game with the Philadelphia Eagles at Hershey, PA.

#### **PACKERS RELEASE VETERAN JOHNSON**

AUG 31 (Stevens Point) - Veteran defensive halfback Marv Johnson was placed on waivers Tuesday as the Green Bay Packers continued preparations for their exhibition game against the Philadelphia Eagles in Hershey, PA Saturday night. Johnson joined the Packers in 1952 after service with the Los Angeles Rams. A regular in the defensive unit last fall, Johnson was the first veteran to be released. Departure of Johnson left the Packers with eight defensive halfbacks - veterans Bobby Dillon, Val Joe Walker and Clarence Self and rookies Lou Mihajlovich, Mike Maccioli, Don Miller, Gene White and Bud Roffler. The Packers worked their offense against Philadelphia defenses, with Tobin Rote, Bobby Garrett and Elry Falkenstein passing. Running hard for the first time since he was injured in the Cleveland game was fullback Howie Ferguson.



**Basketball**—Three Packers look like they're playing basketball in the shot above, though the Steelers discovered otherwise in second quarter in Pittsburgh Saturday night. Val Joe Walker, left, thought he had intercepted a pass behind his goal line but ball bounced away as Clayton Tonnemaker (center) and Clarence Self get ready to run interference. Packers won 36-14. (AP Photo)

# Packers Get Coleman For Veteran Johnson

**PACKERS GET COLEMAN FOR VETERAN JOHNSON**

SEPT 1 (Green Bay) - The Packers and Cardinals exchanged watch charms today. Green Bay received 185-pound Don Coleman, the Michigan State guard who made 11 All-America teams in 1951, for veteran defensive halfback Marv Johnson. Both Coleman and Johnson are fairly tiny for their respective positions by the Packers are short of guards and the Cards need defensive halfbacks. Johnson was to be placed on waivers yesterday afternoon but Packer Coach Liz Blackbourn worked out a deal with Cardinal Coach Joe Stydahar last night. Johnson always has been a favorite of Stydahar. Joe had Marv when he head coached the Los Angeles Rams. Johnson was cut loose shortly after Stydahar and the Rams parted in 1952, and Joe recommended him to Green Bay. Johnson has been hampered by a shoulder injury, and, in addition, the Packer staff decided to put its defensive fortunes in the more rugged type of defensive halfback - plus height. Marv stands about 5-9 and packs 175 pounds. Blackbourn knows Coleman from Marquette's historic battles with Michigan State. Don is strictly an offensive guard and he's exceptional on covering punts and kickoffs. He saw considerable action against the Packers in Minneapolis Aug. 14. At 185 pounds, Coleman is about the size of Notre Dame's famous watch-charm guards of other years. At MSC, Coleman also played considerable tackle - even more remarkable for his size. Coleman was drafted by the Cardinals in 1952, but went into service for two seasons. He played in the 1951 East-West game and the '52 College All Star classic. The Packers have only three players left who have been drilled exclusively this season at the offensive guard position - veteran Buddy Brown and rookies Al Barry and Mike Takacs. Veteran Steve Ruzich, a guard in '53, has been experimenting at tackle. The trade left the Packers with 45 active players in camp. On the inactive list due to injuries are linebacker Deral Teteak and rookie halfback Dick Curran. Bothered by hurts but still able to run is rookie fullback Clyde Sanders, who injured his shoulder in the Pittsburgh game. Sanders, incidentally, was the center of attraction in the club's Rookie Night program in Delzell Hall. The likeable Bethune-Cookman man went on trial in a skit entitled, "The Case of the Broken Signal." Pop Hall served as judge; Bobby Garrett defended Sanders; and Joe Johnson was the attorney for the City of Stevens Point. The 12-rookie jury sent down a unanimous verdict of "Guilty - In All Degrees." Judge Hall then read the penalty, which amounted to two words - "The Ax." In walked rookie tackle John Bauer - attired in long underwear and carrying a vicious looking weapon. He was ready to ax the guilty party. Then Sanders stood up, grabbed his suitcase and told everyone how nice it as to be "goin' home." The entire show was really a scream. It was "produced" by Gene White, with professional advice by movie star Al Carmichael. It provided good relaxation for the entire squad and the coaching staff. No squad meeting was held, but the coaches went to work after the show. The program opened with takeoffs on the coaches by Al Barry, Nick Adduci, Elry Falkenstein and Mike Maccioli. Bud Roffers and Max McGee rendered vocal selections and Mike Takacs and Art Hunter did what was described as the Hungarian Sharpshooters. Veryl Switzer told a few jokes while the jury was out in the Sanders case.

**PACKERS GET ALL-AMERICAN FOR JOHNSON**

SEPT 1 (Stevens Point) - The Green Bay Packers have obtained former All-American guard Don Coleman from the Chicago Cardinals for defensive back Marv Johnson. Coleman gained nationwide honors while at Michigan State two years ago. He has been in the service the past two seasons. He was in the starting lineup against the Packers in their exhibition game with the Cards in Minneapolis. The 195-pound lineman was expected to report late today or early Thursday. Coach Liz Blackbourn also announced that linebacker George Timberlake has left for home. He will be spending the rest of the season mending his broken right arm. He is a rookie from Southern Cal who played in the All-Star game. There are now 46 players on the roster of the Packers. Johnson saw considerable action with the Packers last year. He has been in pro football for several seasons, coming to Green Bay from the Los Angeles Rams. A shoulder injury as well as an ankle sprain slowed him down during the Packer stay here. There is a possibility that one or more players may be cut before Friday morning when the Packers break camp after spending six weeks of their pre-season activities here. Blackbourn must still pare his squad by a dozen before the September 26 NFL opener with the Pittsburgh Steelers at Green Bay.

**SPLIT-T IN PRO FOOTBALL? 'WE'D RUN OUT OF QBS': LIZ**

SEPT 1 (Green Bay) - To be or not to be. The Split-T, that is. Seems like somebody is forever trying to stick the pros with the Split-T formation. Some months ago, Eddie Erdelatz, the Navy coach, was quoted something like this: "The first

## The Figures:

(Three Games)		Pack.	Opp.
First Downs	45	45	
Rushing Yardage	397	369	
Passing Yardage	345	410	
Total Yardage	942	779	
Passes Attempted	80	69	
Passes Completed	31	36	
Passes Intercepted By	1	6	
Punts	15*	16 <sup>9</sup>	
Total Yardage on Punts	556	552	
Punting Average	37.1	34.5	
Fumbles Lost	3	5	
Yards Penalized	124	142	
*—One blocked. *—Two blocked.			

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING					
	Att.	Yds.	G.	L.	Avg.
Johnson	9	120	0		13.3
Switzer	9	85	0		9.4
Sanders	4	19	0		4.7
Reid	17	65	9		3.3
Ferguson	11	37	4		3.0
Rote	26	110	39		2.7
Garrett	3	6	0		2.0
Carmichael	7	26	15		1.6
Cone	11	24	13		1.0

PASSING				
	Atts.	Com.	Int.	Tot. Yd.
Rote	75	31	5	479
Garrett	1	0	0	0
Falkenstein	4	0	1	0

PUNTING			
	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Max McGee	15*	556	37.1
*—One blocked.			

PASS RECEIVING				
	Caught	Yds.	Td.	
B. Howton	11	171	2	
B. Mann	5	132	1	
H. Ferguson	5	81	0	
A. Carmichael	3	63	0	
Joe Johnson	4	29	0	
F. Cone	1	8	0	

SCORING				
	TD.	Xtra Pts.	FG.	Tot. Pts.
F. Cone	0	3	4	15
B. Howton	2	0	0	12
T. Rote	1	0	0	6
Buddy Brown	1	0	0	6
Veryl Switzer	1	0	0	6
Bob Mann	1	0	0	6
Floyd Reid	1	0	0	6
B. Garrett	0	1	0	1
B. Burkhart	0	1	0	1

enterprising coach who has nerve enough to use the Split-T among the pros will walk off with the championship." Jim Tatum, the Maryland coach, tried this formation against the College All Stars and the result was horrible, though any formation would have failed that night. Packer Coach Liz Blackbourn prefers the Split-T. He employed it at Marquette. Yet, when he came to Green Bay on the wings of a blizzard last January, Liz told press and radio people that "we'll stick with the Straight-T, with flankers at times," and added: "We may use a little Split-T stuff for variety." Actually, Blackbourn hasn't changed his thinking on formations. In Pittsburgh over the weekend, Liz said he'd like to use the Split-T but "we'd probably run out of quarterbacks." The defenses, Liz explained, "would knock the quarterbacks out of commission, particularly on the option plays." And with his patented chuckle, Liz told about his friend, Pop Ivy, coach at Calgary: "Ivy used up four quarterbacks already this season with the Split-T." Blackbourn says the name "split-T" is a misnomer - "It should be called the shuttle-T," he pointed out, "because that's what the quarterback does, shuttles along behind the line of scrimmage and then either pitches out to a back or keeps himself." The reason the system is damaging to quarterbacks is that he gets no benefit of blocking from the guards. "When the quarterback pitches out, that quarterback must block out a big defensive end or tackle or get himself bashed up before he even reaches the point where he makes the pitch," Liz said. By comparison, the QB in the straight-T, with or without flankers, hands off and then scampers quickly out of slugging range...In New York, they always tell the story about Chuck Conerly's first year in the pros. Working the straight-T, Conerly hands off the ball behind fine protection from the center and two guards. He remained standing in the spot where the handoff was made to watch the progress of the play. Net result: Conerly lost three teeth and was out of action for half of his first exhibition. You can just imagine the chance of a Split-T quarterback is taking!...Babe Parilli and Tobin Rote ran something similar to the Split-T last year but they had benefit of blocking by the guards. So did Bobby Layne of Detroit. Blackbourn referred to their running plays as the "belly series", the QB sticking the ball into a back's belly and then either keeping it and running or leaving it there for the back to carry. This isn't quite as dangerous as the Split-T since the handoff is generally behind a tight line and a yard or two behind the forward wall...Rote set up two touchdowns with two long gainers off the belly series against Pittsburgh Saturday. To make the plays more effective, Rote lateraled out to halfback Joe Johnson as he was about to be tackled...The aforementioned Tatum, it was reported in Pitt, is George Marshall's choice as next coach of the Washington Redskins. If and when Tatum steps into the pros, it will be interesting to see if he uses the Split-T exclusively - and what happens!



Gangway—Packer Halfback Joe Johnson cuts away from Steeler Russ Craft (24) for 24-yard gain on lateral from Tobin Rote in second quarter at Pittsburgh Saturday night. On ground is Packer tackle Art Hunter. (AP Photo)

# Packer Rookies To Get 'Good Test' Saturday

## PACKER ROOKIES TO GET 'GOOD TEST' SATURDAY

SEPT 2 (Green Bay) - Coach Liz Blackbourn is anxious to see if it's really true what's been written and said about a flock of Packer rookies. The freshmen will get a "good test" against the Philadelphia Eagles in Hershey, Pa., Saturday night, Blackbourn said here today as the squad prepared to break camp Friday morning. While a number of rookies already have displaying promising talents, the Eagle contest will furnish Blackbourn with a better opportunity to view this "blossoming

group” as well as those who have seen little action. The little-action unit includes quarterbacks Bobby Garrett and Elry Falkenstein, tackle John Bauer, end Max McGee, offensive guard Mike Takacs, middle guard Pop Hall, defensive ends Hosea Sims and Gene Knutson, and defensive halfbacks Lou Mihajlovich, Gene White, Mike Maccioli and Don Miller. Though he reported only Monday, halfback Evan Slonac also is expected to get a brief shot – in addition to guard Don Coleman, the former Michigan Stater obtained from the Chicago Cardinals in a trade for Marv Johnson. An injury has robbed Blackburn of a chance to get a better look at fullback Clyde Sanders. Clyde hurt his shoulder early in the Pittsburgh game last Saturday and has been forced to work only in sweat clothes. Actually, the Packers are in a bad way at fullback. Veterans Howie Ferguson and Freddie Cone both are ailing, which means that former halfback Breezy Reid may go the route at FB. Reid did most of the fullbacking against Pitt and scored a TD. Cone was to be ready for Philly but his back, injured in the opener vs. the Cardinals, gave him trouble again yesterday. He carried five times against the Steelers. Cone, however, probably will be ready for field goal and extra point kicking. The Packers’ two outstanding rookie halfbacks, Joe Johnson and Veryl Switzer, are due to go most of the way. Left half Johnson is leading the club in ground gaining with a fantastic 13.3 yard average in 120 yards in nine trips. Switzer ranks second with 9.4 on 85 yards in nine carries. In the offensive line, guard Al Barry and tackle Art Hunter, both rookies, will get a more thorough test since the Eagle defensive line is considered one of the best in the business. Barry has been a regular since the season started while Hunter played some against Cleveland and most of the Pitt battle...LEAVE CAMP FRIDAY: Veteran quarterback Tobin Rote may get his first chance to relax Saturday night, though Rote is anxious to go any time his team is playing. Garrett presided at one touchdown against Pitt but Rote brought the ball within 32 yards of the goal line. Falkenstein hurled four passes in his debut, incompleting three and had one intercepted. The squad will leave by bus Friday morning for Oshkosh, where they will take off for Hershey in a chartered Capital Airliner. After the Eagle game, the Packers will fly to Raleigh, N.C., to start training for the Washington Redskins game the following Saturday night. The Packers dropped one player and gained another today. Placed on waivers was Arizona State halfback Dick Curran and arriving was Dick Afflis, the veteran tackle. Afflis had been feared lost for the last few weeks. It developed that he was closing out a divorce action in Reno. He probably won’t be ready to play until the Redskin test, though he has been keeping in condition by wrestling.

#### **PACKERS CUT CURRAN, HALL**

SEPT 2 (Stevens Point) - The Packers went through a routine workout Thursday afternoon. One new face was among the 44 working out today. He is veteran tackle Dick Afflis, a regular on offense last year, who had been awaited for six weeks but was held up due to marital problems. Two rookies were cut today. They are Dick Curran, halfback from Arizona State, and Ken "Pop" Hall, linebacker and middle guard from Springfield (MA) College. Deral Teteak, who broke a bone above his ankle several weeks ago, is off the active player list for the time being. He will take the trip to Oshkosh, his hometown, but will be left behind there when the other 44 players and coaches and assistants fly to Pennsylvania.

## **Packers Break Camp, Leave for Eagle, 'Skin Tilts**

#### **PACKERS BREAK CAMP, LEAVE FOR EAGLE, 'SKIN TILTS**

SEPT 3 (Stevens Point-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The Packers are “set” for at least two games. The present roster of 45 players, that is! These were among Coach Liz Blackburn’s parting words Thursday night as the team packed up prior to breaking camp here this morning and heading for Hershey, Pa., via a Capital Airlines charter out of Oshkosh. “We don’t anticipate any changes and the chances are good that we’ll return with the 44 players we leave with,” Liz pointed out, indicating that the fortunes of the 1954 Packers will be placed in the hands of 33 of the present 45 – barring a deal here or there. One player was left behind – linebacker Deral Teteak, who will go to his home in Oshkosh to recuperate from a fractured bone in his ankle. Teteak will rejoin the squad when it returns to Green Bay Sept. 12. The squad was cut to 45 yesterday with the release of guard Ken (Pop) Hall. The showing of the Packers in the next two games – the Philadelphia Eagles in Hershey Saturday night and the Washington Redskins in Raleigh, N.C., Sept. 11 – will determine to a large extent any changes that might be necessary. All of the rookies will get a thorough test against the Eagles, Blackburn repeated yesterday. This process will likely taper off some against the Redskins, and it is expected that the Packer team opposing the New York Giants in the Shrine game in Milwaukee Sept. 18 will be just about the same unit that goes against Pittsburgh in the league opener in Green Bay Sept. 26. With the exception of two players, the Packers traveling squad is in good condition

# Rookie Night?

## NATIONAL GRAPEFRUIT LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	PS	OP
San Francisco	3	0	1.000	115	49
Los Angeles	3	0	1.000	93	24
Baltimore	2	0	1.000	37	21
Detroit	2	0	1.000	54	21
Chi. Cardinals	2	2	.500	42	78
Philadelphia	2	2	.500	62	62
Cleveland	1	1	.500	24	51
GREEN BAY	1	2	.333	59	55
Chi. Bears	1	2	.333	42	48
New York	1	2	.333	68	73
Washington	0	3	.000	21	94
Pittsburgh	0	4	.000	63	108

### Tonight's Games

GREEN BAY VS. PHILADELPHIA  
at Hershey, Pa. (6:30, WJPG)

Bears vs. Washington at Columbia,  
S. C.

Los Angeles vs. Cardinals at Port-  
land, Ore.

Detroit vs. New York at Norman,  
Okla.

### Sunday's Game

Cleveland at San Francisco.

### Probable Offensive Starters:

GREEN BAY	PHILADELPHIA
Mann, le	le, Walston
Szafaryn, lt	lt, Wydo
Barry, lg	lg, Mavraides
Ringo, c	c, Grant
Brown, rg	rg, Magee
Hunter, rt	rt, Snyder
Howton, re	re, Pihos
Rote, qb	qb, Thomason
J. Johnson, lh	lh, D. Johnson
Carmichael, rh	rh, Moselle
Reid, fb	fb, Worden

Officials: Referee — Sam Gian-  
greco; Umpire — Joseph L. Connell;  
Head Linesman — Louis J. Palazzi;  
Field Judge — Michael Lisetski;  
Back Judge — Henry A. Wiesen-  
baugh.

### Non-League Results

Philadelphia	Green Bay
Phil. 9, Coits 10	Pack. 10, Cards 27
Phil. 14, Lions 17; Pack. 13, Browns 14	
Phil. 24, Bears 21	Pack. 36, Pitt. 14
Phil. 24, Pitt. 14	

physically. Fullback Clyde Sanders probably won't play due to a shoulder injury suffered in the 36-14 win at Pittsburgh. Tackle Dick Afflis just reported yesterday and won't have his wrestling muscles switched to football for at least five or six days. Two injured players, fullback Howie Ferguson and Freddie Cone, looked sharp yesterday and may see limited action. But Blackbourn still plans to stick with Breezy Reid, a converted halfback, for most of the FB'ing. Afflis, incidentally, was installed at offensive right guard behind Buddy Brown in practice Thursday. Bull-shouldered Dick played offensive tackle most of the '52 and '53 seasons but this position is occupied by Len Szafaryn, Gus Cifelli, Art Hunter and John Bauer. Don Coleman, the 185-pound watch charmer, was placed at offensive left guard behind rookie Al Barry. Despite his size, Coleman is considered a top-flight blocker. Almost as fast as the halfbacks, Coleman started the Chicago Cardinals' first four games before coming to Green Bay in a trade for veteran defensive halfback Marv Johnson. Speaking of guards, veteran Steve Ruzich is something of a "swing man". A former Packer guard, Ruzich has been alternating between tackle and guard in practice. As Liz puts it, "he can play guard and tackle on offense and defense — anything but back or end."

The Packers had an especially good passing drill yesterday — that is, the backs and ends dropped few pitches from Tobin Rote, Elry Falkenstein and Bobby Garrett. All phases of football were drilled yesterday — punting by Max McGee, with the punting team participating; kickoff off by Hosea Sims with members of the KO squad; and field goals and extra point booting by Fred Cone behind the unit to be used Saturday night. After practice, Afflis walked to the nearest telephone pole, stood on his head with his heels steadying his body against the pole, and worked the wrestling muscles out of his neck. Afflis, incidentally, looks somewhat different than last year — with the exception of his unusual chest, since he has a crew cut and a deep coat of tan. Jack Vainisi, the

Packer coaching aide and scout, will join the club in Hershey. He left camp Tuesday and scouted the Pittsburgh-Philadelphia game in Rochester, N.C., Wednesday night.

## BLACKBOURN MUSES - RECENT PROGRESS OF CLUB HAS BEEN SATISFACTORY

SEPT 3 (Green Bay) - Coach Lisle Blackbourn looked back by request Thursday over the Green Bay Packers' first five weeks of practice, pondered for a moment, and then made these observations: Team morale has been wonderful whether a game has been won or lost. The Packers have bowed to the Chicago Cardinals, 27-10, and the Cleveland Browns, 14-13, and have whipped the Pittsburgh Steelers, 36-14. This should be a highly spirited team all the way. Tobin Rote, in the key quarterback role, has showed constant improvement. "He is handling the team better and passing better and that is good. He is clearly our key man." The defensive line has played consistently improved ball and has received solid linebacking from the defensive secondary. Jerry Helluin, Dave Hanner and Stretch Elliott have been the mainstays up front. Clay Tonnemaker, Roger Zatkoff and Nick Adduci in the linebacking roles. Adduci especially has been a surprise. Val Joe Walker and Bobby Dillon, rounding into shape after late starts, and steadily improving rookie Gene White, have given the secondary a tremendous and badly needed lift. Against the Cardinals in the opener, only veteran Clarence Self played top notch ball. Rookie halfbacks Veryl Switzer and Joe Johnson have given the offense an honest-to-goodness punch. Switzer could become the talk of the league. Rookie tackle Art Hunter has all the requisites to become one of the mainstays of the offensive line. "We needed just such a fellow as he. With both ends split, as we play it, the tackles have a greater burden than ever. Hunter will do. Len Szafaryn at the other tackle has not measured up the same way. We could stand some help." The punting of Max McGee has been a surprise. He has outkicked every man he has faced. Charlie Trippi of the Cardinals, Horace Gillom of the Browns and Pat Brady of the Steelers. And they don't come any better than those three. Bill Howton has been a disappointment, has dropped too many passes he should have had. "He should come though. We know what he can do.

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He has proved himself before. On the matter of pass receiving, by the way, our backs haven't looked too good either. We might have to get some stickum. Only Bobby Mann has hung onto the ball as he should." The overall impression, of course, was one of satisfaction. "We're behind some of the other clubs," Blackburn summed up, "but I think we're coming and catching up fast. The late start we got with key men like Hunter and Switzer in the All-Star camp, Walker and Dillon late in arriving, and injuries have slowed us down. By the time the season opens September 26, though, we should be ready. These guys really want to play ball." The Stevens Point camp was broken Friday morning when the squad took buses to Oshkosh and then boarded a plane for Hershey, PA. Saturday night the exhibition campaign will be resumed against the Philadelphia Eagles. "We expect to give our rookies the full treatment," Blackburn said. "They won't start but they'll play a good share of the game, including Bobby Garrett, who has now begun to take hold at quarterback." Garrett has a slight speech impediment which Blackburn believes is psychological, however, and which, as he acquires greater poise, he will overcome. For the present, however, it may be necessary to shuttle men and send in players as the Cleveland Browns do.

#### STEVENS POINT BIDS FAREWELL TO THE PACKERS

SEPT 3 (Stevens Point) - Stevens Point wished the Green Bay Packers good luck, then bid them farewell this morning. The state's only professional football team - in training here for the past six weeks - broke camp officially just before 8 o'clock. The coaches and players boarded buses which took them to Oshkosh from where they will fly to Pennsylvania for an exhibition game at Hershey against the Philadelphia Eagles. After Saturday's game and another a week from Saturday, September 11, at Raleigh, NC against the Washington Redskins, the Packers will return to Wisconsin and their home in Green Bay. A number of Packer fans, primarily members of the Chamber of Commerce's Packer committee, were on hand for the sendoff. Roy Menzel, a member of the committee, spoke briefly to the players, expressing the city's happiness over the team's stay in Point and inviting them back next year. Coach Liz Blackburn expressed appreciation for the contributions of those who had made the sojourn of his new club here a "pleasant one." The new coach stated: "We enjoyed every minute of our stay here." Cards denoting honorary membership in the Chamber of Commerce were given to Blackburn for distribution to the players and coaches. The cards has an expiration date of 1955 - the idea being to have the Packer return next year to renew their memberships. A poster wishing the team success and expressing hopes it would return in 1955 greeted the players as they entered the Nelson Hall cafeteria this morning.

#### PACKERS GAIN 16,000 NEW FRIENDS AT STEVENS POINT

SEPT 3 (Green Bay) - The Packers, 45 players, five coaches, one trainer and one property man, were made honorary members of the Stevens Point Chamber of Commerce today as they closed a 42-day stay here at 8 o'clock this morning. The membership will expire Sept. 1, 1955 - "in hopes that they'll return here next year to renew them," an AC official said. Talks at breakfast by Stevens Point officials including Mayor Leonard L. Sorenson, and a brief ceremony in front of the bus marked the end of the Packers' first stay in the community. Coach Liz Blackburn expressed deep appreciation for the "many courtesies extended us in our stay here." Throughout the training, Blackburn has been enthusiastic about the Stevens Point setup. At the final dinner last night, each player was given a copy of the Stevens Point Daily Journal. The newspaper featured a letter from the mayor and Packer committee on behalf of the people of Stevens Point.

#### EAGLES SEEK 3RD IN ROW TONIGHT

SEPT 3 (Hershey, PA) - Two down and one to go. Actually, there are three more preseason games to go before the regular season begins, but what the Eagles were referring to was the fact that the Green Bay Packers arrived in town this afternoon and a victory tomorrow night would give the Birds a clean sweep of their three-games-in-eight-days test. Starting last Saturday, the Eagles edged the Chicago Bears, 24-21, at Little Rock, Ark., then came back Wednesday night to clip the

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Pittsburgh Steelers, 24-14, at Rochester...LOST TO BROWNS, 14-13: Tomorrow night, the Eagles play host to the Packers, headed by first year Coach Lisle Blackburn at Hershey Stadium. It will be the second test for the Eagles here this season. They were blanked, 10-0, by the Baltimore Colts in their opening exhibition. The Packers have split in four games, one loss being a 14-13 decision to the Cleveland Browns. They are an improving ball club and could be troublesome to Jim Trimble's men.

### **PACKERS OPPOSE EAGLES, TWO FORMER TEAMMATES TONIGHT**

SEPT 4 (Hershey-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The Packers will bump into two former teammates when they tackle the Philadelphia Eagles in a non-championship football game here tonight. Kickoff is set for 6:30, Green Bay time, and a crowd of 15,000 is expected. Playing key roles for the Eagles will be quarterback Bobby Thomason, a Packer quarterback in 1951, and Dom Moselle, a Packer right halfback in 1951-52. Thomason needs no reintroduction due to his deeds for the Eagles in the last two years – a performance that was highlighted in a lopsided victory over the Cleveland Browns last season. Moselle was released during the '53 training season and finished out the fall with the Wausau Muskies. The Eagles signed him as a free agent last winter and they haven't been sorry. Moselle gained 55 yards in five carries in a 24-21 victory over the Chicago Bears a week ago tonight. He was used sparingly in the 23-14 victory over Pittsburgh Wednesday night to make sure he'd be in good shape for the Packers. While the Eagles will be playing their third game in eight days, Coach Jim Trimble played it smart by using an equal combination of rookies and veterans against Pitt, relaxing after grabbing a first quarter 17-0 lead. Trimble set up his player-saving strategy after observing what happened to the Chicago Cardinals when they played three in eight days. The Cards lost the third game to the New York Giants, 26 to 0. Packer Coach Liz Blackburn plans to give the Bay rookies a thorough test tonight, but he'll open the game with all of his key veterans – Tobin Rote at quarterback, Al Carmichael at right half, Breezy Reid at fullback, Bob Mann and Bill Howton at ends, Len Szafaryn at left tackle, Buddy Brown at right guard and Jim Ringo at center. The starting offensive unit will have three rookies – Joe Johnson at left half, Al Barry at left guard and Art Hunter at right tackle. Other rookies due for a good test are quarterbacks Bobby Garrett and Elry Falkenstein, ends Max McGee, Hosea Sims and Gene Knutson, tackle John Bauer, guards Mike Takacs and Don Coleman, halfbacks Evan Slonac, Veryl Switzer, Bud Roffler, Lou Miharjlovich, Mike Maccioli, Don Miller and Gene White and linebacker Nick Adduci. Three fullbacks will be used sparingly because of injuries – Fred Cone, Howie Ferguson and Clyde Sanders. Which is why Reid is shifting to FB from left half! The 44-man Packer squad will remain at the Community Inn here tonight and will take a Capital Airliner to Raleigh, N.C., Sunday to start preparing for the Washington Redskin game there next Saturday night. The Packers are due to return to Green Bay Sunday, Sept. 12 and set up headquarters at the Northland Hotel. Practice will start Sept. 13 for the final non-league game of the season – against the Giants at Milwaukee.

## **A Letter To The Packers**

To Coach Lisle Blackburn, his staff and all the Green Bay Packer players:

The time has come for you to pack your gear and leave your Stevens Point training camp. You have a big job ahead.

Before you go, we want each one of you to know that you're leaving much more than a training camp here. You are leaving 16,000 new friends.

It has been a genuine pleasure to have you in Stevens Point since July 24. It's been an inspiration to watch your determined work on Bukolt, Schmecke and Goerke fields. You have helped show our youngsters that it takes work, and lots of it, to do a job right.

This is a typical American home town. It has been good to see players from all parts of our country, of various races and creeds, work and play together with a single purpose. Your friendliness during your off-periods will not be forgotten. A couple "little shavers" near Delzell hall came in crying the day you left for the Pittsburgh game saying to their mother, "The Packers are leaving!"

It's only honest to say that some of us wondered about the wisdom of having a professional team train in our community. Now we will tell the world that you are not only men—but real gentlemen. We are glad our young people have had an opportunity to witness this. And, frankly, you've done a lot in changing some "old ideas" around here, too.

Yes, it did take a lot of co-operation and work here to provide the facilities for your camp. Our college, high school, city and chamber officials used up some "blood, sweat and tears." But you have certainly made this effort worthwhile. You are most welcome to return.

They say that spirit spells the difference between the good and the mediocre. We know you have that spirit. We hope we've helped a little to build it. You may not be able to have the biggest score in the most games, but every opponent is going to know they've met a real ball club.

And, when you get in a tough spot, once in a while, just remember that 16,000 Stevens Point friends are pulling for you—and expecting only that you "show 'em where you trained from!"

Good luck.

The Mayor and the Packer Committee  
on behalf of the people of Stevens Point.

# **Packers Oppose Eagles, Two Former Teammates Tonight**