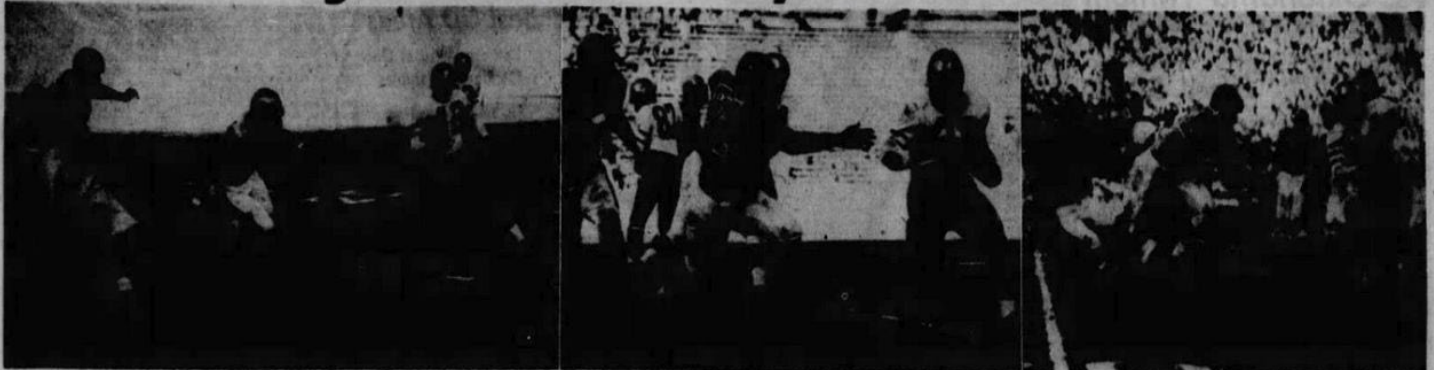




Los Angeles Rams (8-3-1) 33, Green Bay Packers (2-9-1) 17
 Saturday December 12th 1953 (at Los Angeles)

Packers 'Fight All the Way' in 33-17 Loss to LA



Packers Rush—The three Packer halfbacks shown hugging the ball above gained 109 of the Bays' 157 net yards against the Rams in Los Angeles Saturday afternoon. In left panel, halfback Al Carmichael (42) picks up six of his 16 yards in third quarter, eluding end Larry Brink. At left on ground Stretch Elliott bangs away at Night Train Lane. In middle picture, fullback Fred Cone who finished with 39 yards escapes outstretched arms of Lane (81) for short gain in third period. No. 87 is Packer Bob Mann. At right, Breezy Reid, the Bays' leading ground gainer, picks up a few yards before running into Lane. Reid gained 34 yards. Rams won 33-17. (AP Photos)

FG Attempt Backfires; Bill Goes 80 for TD

GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(LOS ANGELES) - The Green Bay Packers lost the ball game to the Los Angeles Rams, but despite the 33-17 score, and the big four-touchdown splurge in the first quarter by the Rams, the count might well have been different. The worst break of all came for the Packers in third quarter. They had held the explosive Rams scoreless in the second and well into the third period, and had mounted a sizzling ground attack. They were trailing 26-14 and seemed headed for a touchdown. Starting from their own four, Fred Cone and Breezy Reid got up to the 17. Babe Parilli sailed a beautiful pass to Don Barton. It was tabbed touchdown but Barton dropped it. Undaunted, however, Reid and Cone drove on to the 30. Barton hit the middle for 13 and 14, Reid added 14 more and Cone went off right end to the Ram 22. There a bad break came when a pitchout, Parilli to Reid, was fumbled. Len Szafaryn recovered, but back on his 43. Gib Dawson blasted back 18 yards but it was fourth down and the Packers had to settle for Cone's field goal attempt from the 34. Here Dick (Night Train) Lane, Ram defensive man, broke through and blocked the try. The ball



HEADING FOR FALL—Floyd Reid of Green Bay got nowhere on this play as Rams' Night Train Lane (81) makes tackle. Rams won, 33-17. Photo shot by Bob Graham

bounced back, and back, with Lane bird dogging it. The ball came up with a final big bounce. Lane, at full speed, had no trouble fielding it, and no trouble racing on the final 30 yards for a Ram touchdown. That made it 33-14 instead of a possible 26-17. The Packers took the kickoff and Dawson ran it back 33 to the Packer 25. On second down, Cone gained nine, but on third down, with less than a yard to go, lineman Dick Afflis was called for encroachment and that made it third and six.

The heartened Rams smeared Cone for a four yard loss and the Packers had to punt. That ended any real serious Packer threat of overhauling the Rams, although they were still battling at the final gun. As Co-Coach Hugh Devore said later in the dressing room, "one thing is certain, the team kept on swinging. They fought all the way." The most perfectly executed play of the game brought the Packers their second touchdown in the second period. Speedy Bill Howton fled far behind the Ram defensive back and Tobin Rote found him with a beautifully arched pass. Howton took it running and kept on running. Asked why more passes were not thrown to Howton, the coach pointed out that from then on Mr. Howton was "too well covered, just as he is in every game." Which was indeed true. The first Packer touchdown was also a nifty. Aware of the pitchout-lateral pass plays the Rams have been using, defensive end Carleton Elliott moved in on one maneuver. It was a pitchout from Norman Van Brocklin to V.T. Smith, who was to lateral back to Van Brocklin. Instead, Elliott moved in, stole the pass and ran 17 yards unmolested. The Packers intercepted five passes and recovered three Rams fumbles. Los Angeles intercepted four passes but picked up no Packer fumbles. Van Brocklin threw three straight scoring pass as the Rams piled up a 19-0 lead in the first period. Playing before a crowd of 23,069 in 90 degree heat, the Rams took the opening kickoff and sped 62 yards in seven plays. Halfback Brad Myers scored on a 31-yard pitchout from Van Brocklin. A 50-yard pass from Van Brocklin to Elroy Hirsch set up the next touchdown, scored by end Tom Fears on a four-yard pass from Van Brocklin. Van Brocklin seemingly was trapped when he escaped his pursuers and fired to Skeet Quinlan for 46 yards and the Rams' third touchdown. The Rams butted back to make the score 26-7 after the Packers scored. Fullback Dan Towler ripped 40 yards and fullback Tank Younger ran the last four yards. Lane's run on the blocked field goal ended the Rams scoring.



NUMBER FOUR—Tank Younger drives for Rams' fourth touchdown in first period on pitchout from Norm Van Brocklin. Play gained 4 yards. Packers' Ben Aldridge couldn't drag down the Tanker short of goal. (Photo by Bar Graham)

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GREEN BAY - 7 7 0 3 - 17
LOS ANGELES - 26 0 7 0 - 33

	<u>GREEN BAY</u>	<u>LOS ANGELES</u>
First Downs	11	23
Rushing-Yards-TD	37-157-0	32-158-2
Att-Comp-Yd-TD-Int	24-599-1-4	32-17-305-2-5
Sacked-Yards	2-17	0-0
Net Passing Yards	82	305
Total Yards	239	463
Fumbles-lost	1-0	5-4
Turnovers	4	9
Yards penalized	6-49	7-55

SCORING

- 1ST - LA - Brad Myers, 31-yard run (Kick failed) LOS ANGELES 6-0
- 1ST - LA - Tom Fears, 4-yard pass from Norm Van Brocklin (Kick blocked) LOS ANGELES 12-0
- 1ST - LA - Skeets Quinlan, 46-yard pass from Van Brocklin (Tom Fears kick) LOS ANGELES 19-0
- 1ST - GB - Carleton Elliott, 17-yard fumble return (Fred Cone kick) LOS ANGELES 19-7
- 1ST - LA - Tank Younger, 4-yard run (Elroy Hirsch kick) LOS ANGELES 26-7
- 2ND - GB - Billy Howton, 80-yard pass from Tobin Rote (Cone kick) LOS ANGELES 26-14
- 3RD - LA - Night Train Lane, 30-yard blocked field goal return (Fears kick) LOS ANGELES 33-14
- 4TH - GB - Cone, 40-yard field goal LOS ANGELES 33-17

RUSHING

GREEN BAY - Breezy Reid 12-54, Fred Cone 11-39, Don Barton 4-31, Gib Dawson 1-18, Al Carmichael 4-16, Tobin Rote 1-7, Babe Parilli 3-(-2), Clive Rush 1-(-6)

LOS ANGELES - Dan Towler 10-84, Brad Myers 6-30 1 TD, Skeets Quinlan 3-25, Tank Younger 5-10 1 TD, Tom McCormick 3-9, Vitamin Smith 2-9, Norm Van Brocklin 2-(-3), Elroy Hirsch 1-(-6)

PASSING

GREEN BAY - Tobin Rote 11-3-90 1 TD 2 INT, Babe Parilli 13-2-9 2 INT

LOS ANGELES - Norm Van Brocklin 26-14-195 2 TD 3 INT, Skeets Quinlan 2-2-60, Vitamin Smith 1-1-50, Rudy Bukich 3-0-0 2 INT

RECEIVING

GREEN BAY - Al Carmichael 2-8, Billy Howton 1-80 1 TD, Breezy Reid 1-6, Bob Mann 1-5

LOS ANGELES - Elroy Hirsch 9-196, Tom Fears 4-51 1 TD, Skeets Quinlan 3-44 1 TD, Tom McCormick 1-14



ONE OF MANY—Skeet Quinlan, Ram halfback, goes over for touchdown in first quarter against Packers.

Quinlan covered 48 yards after taking pass from Norm Van Brocklin. No. 81 is Clive Rush of Packers.

AP photo



Interception—Los Angeles Ram halfback Woodley Lewis (20) leaps high to intercept a Tobin Rote pass intended for Packer Bill Howton in second quarter in Los Angeles Saturday afternoon. Other Rams are halfback Jack Dwyer (29) and Bob Boyd (82). Rams won 33 to 17. (AP Photo)



Touchdown — Los Angeles Ram fullback Tank Younger eludes Packers' Ben Aldridge to score Los Angeles' fourth touchdown in the first quarter in Los Angeles Saturday afternoon. Rams won 33 to 17. (AP Photo)