



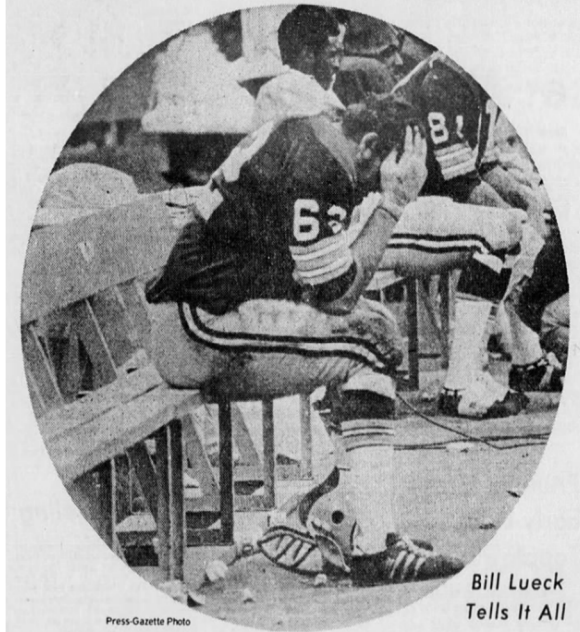
Oakland Raiders (1-1) 20, Green Bay Packers (1-1) 14
Sunday September 24th 1972 (at Green Bay)



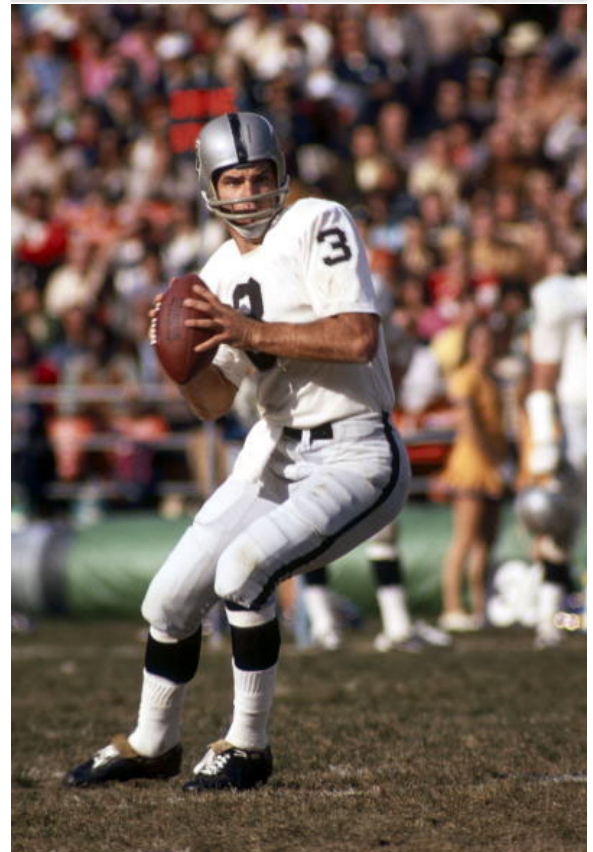
Pack Left Without Appeal

GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(GREEN BAY) - The matter is purely academic now, there being no right of appeal in the NFL. But even George Halas would be interested: Was it a fumble...or was it a muff? The impartial, dispassionate eye of the camera suggests it was the latter, which hardly eases the pain of Sunday's trauma for the Packers, 20-14 victims of the Oakland Raiders in Lambeau Field. Although they temporarily overcame that misadventure, there can be little doubt the afternoon's issue turned upon Jack Tatum's 104-yard scoring sortie in the first quarter with what was ruled a MacArthur Lane fumble. Game film clearly indicated Lane never had possession of the ball, which had come his way on a lateral from Scott Hunter, circling right of the option at the Oakland 5-yard-line. It dribbled off his fingertips, dropped to the ground at the four and bounced into the end zone. "To fumble, you have to have possession," Hunter said. "Mac never did have it. and he kicked it forward (not verified in the film) after it hit the ground. That was a muff." If such the case, the NFL rule is very specific. It says: "If such a pass is CAUGHT by an opponent, he may advance. However, if he recovers after the pass touches the ground, the ball is dead where recovered and his team next snaps it at the spot of recovery." (In this case, the ball would have been brought out to the 20). The officials who took no issue with the rule or its application, say it another way. "They felt Lane had possession of the ball and had taken several steps with it." Packer defense coordinator Dave Hanner reported after discussing the matter with the men in stripes. Lane himself was understandably hazy. Battling the flu, which twice forced him to leave the game and left him with post-game chills, he said. "I don't know whether I had it or not. I'll have to see the films to be sure." There was, unfortunately, no question that Tatum did. Fumble or muff. he had a clear field down the east sidelines after picking up the ball four yards deep in the end zone. Lane had just been tackled by Raider defender George Atkinson and Hunter, the only other Packer within range, was effectively screened out by linebacker Gerald Irons as he attempted to zero in on the leather. "When I saw the ball. I first thought of just jumping on it." Tatum reported. "But when I picked it up, there was nobody around but MacArthur and he had been blocked." "I got up and tried to do what I could," said Lane, who was escorted to the dressing room shortly before halftime for treatment of flu and 101-degree temperature. "But he had an 8 or 10-yard lead on me." Seconds earlier, Hunter had had visions of scoring himself. "I thought I might get to the ball," he said. "I guess I'd put a little more steam on it than I thought I had." Coach Dan Devine, declining to appraise the call for the record, did say, "MacArthur just dropped the ball. It looked like it was a good pitch. But in all fairness to Mac, he was very sick before the game. Most guys wouldn't have made it to the field. But he insisted on playing. The doctor didn't want him to come out for the second half, but Mac wouldn't stay in the dressing room. But, regardless, that was a 14-point play." Officially, Tatum's excursion erased the 49-year-old record set by Halas, the Chicago Bears' venerable owner, who ran 98 yards with a fumble against Marion on Nov. 4, 1923. If that miscue didn't seal the Packers' fate, a third quarter bobble by Hunter did. The sophomore quarterback,



Bill Lueck
Tells It All



Oakland quarterback Daryle Lamonica in action

who may already have been troubled by a back



Jack Tatum starts on his record-setting run

spasm which forced him to leave the game at the start of the third quarter, fumbled a feed from center Ken Bowman and Oakland linebacker Phil Villapiano recovered at the Packer 45. Hunter took full responsibility. "I just missed the snap," he said. "It was my fault." That, Devine unhappily noted, had been a body blow. "We were fighting for field position against the wind," he said. "and when we finally get it, we fumbled it away. We played hard enough to win." said the Packer generalissimo, who now finds the green and gold in a three-way tie for the NFC's Central Division lead with Minnesota and Detroit on a .500. (1-1) record. "It's too bad to lose one like that. We made some mistakes and they didn't...Those two fumbles and the interference call on Willie Buchanan were the difference." The latter, which drew the ire of a capacity house of 56,263 fans, followed upon the heels of Hunter's fumble. Devine also carefully avoided taking sides on that one, which found the officials



Oakland Raiders fullback Pete Banaszak (40) in action

ruling that Buchanan had jostled Oakland flanker Fred Biletnikoff in the end zone, giving the Raiders a first down on the Packer one and position for a scoring plunge by Charlie Smith. "I'm on the other side of the field and I can't see the play as well as the guy who called it," he said. "But I hate to lose a game on a call like that." Buchanan, though unhappy and subdued, took a more positive tack. "I was going for the ball," the rookie cornerback said. "I wasn't even playing Biletnikoff. "How can I push him when I had position on the ball. I was inside him - I was really the receiver on the play. If anything, he interfered with me." As might be expected, Biletnikoff was convinced he had been the aggrieved party. "It definitely was interference," he said. "Buchanan pushed me when he tried to come back for the ball." This costly call, which enabled the Raiders to mount a permanent 20-14 lead, was compounded by the Packers' inability to sustain a drive in the second half, which saw them held to a net of 45 yards after rolling up 162 in the first 30 minutes. A complicating factor was Oakland's surprising success up the middle, best exemplified by fullback Marv Hubbard, who emerged with 125 yards rushing in 24 carries due in part to some inspired running. The key, Raider Coach John Madden explained, was the circumvention of Jim Carter, the Packers' middle linebacker. "We started out thinking we couldn't run up the middle," he said. "We thought we would have to go off tackle because of Carter. We tried to give him something to move him out and then go up the middle. We tried to control Carter. In other words, we tried not to give him the same look at all times by trying misdirection plays." Carter, who declined comment on his departure in favor of veteran Ray Nitschke with two minutes remaining, admitted, "They had scouted us well. They got me going the wrong way with false keys." Oakland's effectiveness "inside" came as no surprise to Devine. "That's pretty much the strength of their team," he said. "They get a lot of publicity for throwing the ball but the strength of their team is hammering away at you." Injuries also took a hand in the situation. In addition to Hunter, whose sudden back spasm in the third quarter was traced to an injury suffered in the opener at Cleveland a week earlier, offensive tackle Francis Peay (knee), guard Bill Lueck (shoulder), tight end Rich McGeorge (knee), defensive tackle Gale

Gillingham (knee) and defensive back Ike Thomas (rib) were sidelined during the course of the afternoon. Peay and Lueck later returned but McGeorge, Thomas and Gillingham, who exited with five minutes remaining. left for the day. "I hurt my knee early in the third quarter and again in the fourth." Gillie reported. "So I thought if I didn't want to screw up the defense, I'd better get out of there." "We were standing back there fielding punts and kickoffs with two rookies, one a sixth round draft choice (Bob Hudson) and the other an eighth rounder (Leland Glass)," Devine ironically observed. Despite the way things had gone, the Packer leader was able to find solace and sustenance in his team's response to adversity. "I was really proud." He said, "because that long runback in the first quarter, after we were so close to scoring selves, was really disheartening – especially to a young team. I was really proud they didn't lose their poise at that time and came storming back." "Storming back" was an appropriate appraisal, considering the Packers had swept 80 yards in seven plays (plus two penalties) to regain the lead, 14-10. "I was very disappointed, of course." Devine said. "because I thought we could win this game. And we worked really hard all week to do it. But I think it's very encouraging that you can play a team as good as this one as well as we did, Particularly after suffering the injuries we had."

OAKLAND - 10 0 10 0 - 20
GREEN BAY - 7 7 0 0 - 14

	<u>OAKLAND</u>	<u>GREEN BAY</u>
First downs	21	15
Rush-yards-TDs	46-196-1	36-143-2
Comp-Att-Yd-TD-INT	21-8-142-0-0	13-5-75-0-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-25	1-11
Net Passing Yards	117	64
Total yards	313	207
Fumbles-lost	2-1	2-2
Turnovers	1	2
Yards Penalized	7-102	4-55

SCORING

1st – OAK – George Blanda, 43-yard field goal OAK 3-0
 1st – GB – John Brockington, 1-yard run (Chester Marcol kick) GB 7-3
 1st – OAK – Jack Tatum, 104-yard fumble return (Blanda kick) OAK 10-7
 2nd – GB - Brockington, 1-yard run (Marcol kick) GB 14-10
 3rd – OAK – Blanda, 14-yard field goal GB 14-13
 3rd – OAK – Charlie Smith, 1-yard run (Blanda kick) OAK 20-14

RUSHING

GREEN BAY – John Brockington 18-73 2 TD, MacArthur Lane 10-44, Bob Hudson 3-16, Leland Glass 1-13, Perry Williams 1-7, Scott Hunter 2-(-3), Dave Davis 1-(-7)
OAKLAND – Marv Hubbard 24-125, Charlie Smith 15-30 1 TD, Pete Banaszak 4-24, Daryle Lamonica 1-10, Cliff Branch 1-5, Don Highsmith 1-2

PASSING

GREEN BAY - Scott Hunter 9-4-66, Frank Patrick 4-1-9
OAKLAND – Daryle Lamonica 21-8-142

RECEIVING

GREEN BAY – Rich McGeorge 2-25, John Brockington 1-33, Dave Kopay 1-9, MacArthur Lane 1-8
OAKLAND – Fred Biletnikoff 4-35, Mike Siana 3-71, Charlie Smith 1-36

SURGERY FOR MCGEORGE

SEPT 25 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Green Bay Packer tight end Rich McGeorge underwent surgery this morning for suspected ligament damage to his right knee and Packer running back McArthur Lane was hospitalized Sunday night suffering from a bout with the flu. The extent of the damage to McGeorge's knee was not known and it is uncertain when or if he will be able to return to the lineup this season.

BUCHANON CRESTFALLEN

SEPT 25 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Willie Buchanon is buoyant and breezy by nature. But Willie, who appears destined to be a superstar one day, was quiet and crestfallen late Sunday afternoon. Even the brim of his black felt hat seemed to droop a little, adding a somber note to his appearance as he discoursed for the benefit of the press corps in front of his locker following the Packers' 20-14 loss to the Oakland Raiders. Willie, called for interference on the play preceding the Raiders' winning touchdown, had reluctantly learned a fact of pro football life this unhappy day. "In my opinion, it wasn't interference," the rookie cornerback said sadly, "but what have I got to say? The officials are out there - and they make the decisions. "I know now when they call something, there's no way they're going to retract the play. I knew he (Fred Biletnikoff) was outside of me on the play and I knew there was no way he could get inside of me. And I was looking right at him until I saw him look back for the ball. When I saw the ball was coming inside, I just played the ball. I went up with both hands. With his being that close, there may have been contact. But how can I push him when I've got position on the ball?" Willie rhetorically demanded. "I was really the receiver on the ball. If anybody interfered on the play, he did. But what can I say – no arguing is going to do any good. I was mad and I let the officials know about it, but it didn't help any. 'Both of us had a right to the ball. If I'm inside of the receiver, like I was. I've got a right to raise my hands for the ball. And that's what I was

doing. "I was going for the ball - I wasn't even playing him. All I remember was that I was running downfield. I saw the ball in the air and I went for it." His secondary colleague, Jim Hill, saw it the same way. Hill, who intercepted a split second after the alleged interference took place, said. I took a quick look as the ball was coming down. From what I saw. Willie was inside and in front of Biletnikoff. There's no way he could use his hands when he's in front of a receiver. That's the way I saw it." What, an Oakland writer wanted to know of Buchanon, did he think of Biletnikoff as a receiver? "He has good moves," Willie replied. "He doesn't have good speed, but he has a knack of getting open." Informed that Biletnikoff had said Buchanon would beat him by 20 yards in a foot race, Willie instantly agreed. "There's no way he can beat me on a streak if I get a good turn," said Buchanon, who can cover 100 yards in 9.4 seconds, "and I was turning pretty good today." There was more to their day-long duel than met the casual eye, Willie admitted. "I kept telling the officials that he was pushing off on me." he said in reply to question, wryly appending. "In fact, I went over and told an official about that just before that interference call."

OUT OF BOUNDS?

SEPT 25 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Six men in striped shirts hijacked a Packer victory in Lambeau Field Sunday afternoon and gave it to the Oakland Raiders. It was the most daring heist since Jesse James and his gang stuck up the Rock Island Line at Gad's Hill, Mo. All Jesse did was hand the train conductor a press release describing the robbery...before it took place. Referee Norm Schachter and his gang pulled their job in full view of 56,263 witnesses and then stuck around to watch further developments. The bandits struck late in the first quarter and made it a clean job...largely because most of the viewers, unaware of the law, didn't realize it was taking place. The Packers had the ball at the Oakland 3-yard line. It was third down. A quarterback option was called. Scott Hunter slid to his right, saw two Raiders boxing him in and pitched the ball back to his trailer, Mac Arthur Lane. Lane never caught the ball. Never. It dribbled off his grabbing fingers, hit the ground and jiggled into the end zone. There it was Raider Jack Tatum who found the ball bounding right into his eager grasp. He latched onto it and raced 104 yards along the sideline for an Oakland touchdown. The touchdown and conversion gave Oakland seven points. And Oakland eventually won the game (a phrase used very loosely here) 20-14. A margin of six points. It was a rather stunning development. The Packers had been leading 7-3 and clearly had taken the momentum. But that play cut it off and even though the Pack did manage to forge a 14-10 lead before the half ended, it was a new game from that juncture. Perhaps it was the shock of it all that helped the crooks get away with it. You see, the play was illegal...every bit as illegal in a football sense as the James caper. But Schachter, umpire Gerry Hart, linesmen Ray Sonnenberg, line judge Jack Fette, back 'Judge John Fouch and field judge George Ellis failed to call it. Section 4, Article 1 of the National Football League playing rules says, in layman's language. that a defensive team may not advance a fumbled lateral unless, it is caught before touching the ground. It's simple as that. The defensive team may only gain possession of the ball at the point of recovery, in this case the end zone, which would have given the Raiders the ball at their own 20. Lane never had possession of the ball. There could be no mistake about that. Everybody in the stands knew he never had possession of the ball. It skipped right off his fingers. And the films point all this out with magnificent clarity. Now...let me take you for a moment to Packer Coach Dan Devine's locker room office where he is holding his post game press conference. He is disappointed, as might be expected. A few questions are asked and then he excuses himself "for just another moment." And it happens a third time. Now a reporter asks him what is going on. And Devine opens a green book, which just happens to be a manual of NFL rules. "We've just been wondering about this rule." he says. And he reads it...about how a fumbled lateral cannot be advanced by the defensive team. Looking up, he adds, "I don't want to make any comment on it. You asked what this was all about and I've told you." But obviously it can't be left at that and Devine knows it. So he asks Assistant Coach Dave Hanner to take the book to the officials' room and ask for a clarification of the rule and their call...or non-call. Hanner returns shortly and Devine asks what had transpired. Hanner seems reluctant at first to say anything in front of the reporters but he finally tosses the book down and says the officials agree with the rule but say that Lane had actual possession of the ball and even advanced it a few steps before fumbling. That, of course, makes it a pure fumble not a fumbled lateral and a pure fumble can be advanced by the defensive team. Devine, somehow smiling and undoubtedly remembering all the NFL rules about coaches criticizing officials, says "That's a good enough answer for me. I don't want to make a big thing out of



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East						
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
New York Jets	2	0	0	1.000	85	58
Miami	2	0	0	1.000	54	23
Buffalo	1	1	0	.500	51	61
New England	1	1	0	.500	28	51
Baltimore	0	2	0	.000	37	54
Central						
Cincinnati	2	0	0	1.000	46	17
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	.500	44	43
Cleveland	1	1	0	.500	37	43
Houston	0	2	0	.000	30	64
West						
Oakland	1	1	0	.500	48	48
San Diego	1	1	0	.500	40	48
Denver	1	1	0	.500	44	54
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	10	20

National Conference

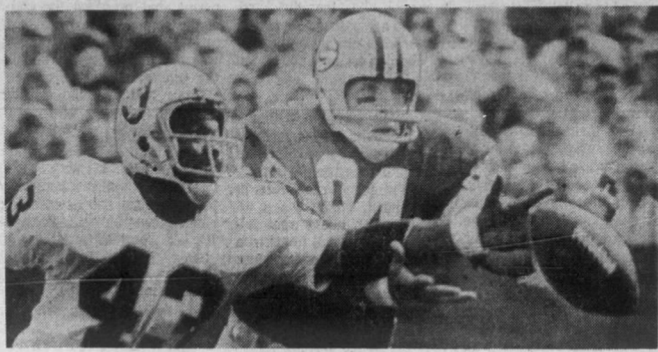
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	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP	
Dallas	2	0	0.1000	51	20	
Washington	2	0	0.1000	48	31	
St. Louis	1	1	0.500	20	27	
New York Giants	0	2	0.0000	30	53	
Philadelphia	0	2	0.0000	23	55	
Central						
Minnesota	1	1	0.500	55	34	
Green Bay	1	1	0.500	40	30	
Detroit	1	1	0.500	40	40	
Chicago	0	1	.250	34	50	
West						
Los Angeles	1	0	1.750	47	27	
San Francisco	1	1	0.500	54	30	
Atlanta	1	1	0.500	57	42	
New Orleans	0	1	0.000	14	34	

Sunday's Results

San Diego 37, Denver 14
Miami 34, Houston 13
New York Jets 44, Baltimore 34
Cincinnati 15, Pittsburgh 10
Dallas 23, New York Giants 14
Los Angeles 13, Chicago 13, tie
Minnesota 34, Detroit 10
Washington 24, St. Louis 10
New England 21, Atlanta 20
Cleveland 27, Philadelphia 17
Oakland 20, Green Bay 14
Buffalo 27, San Francisco 20

Monday's Game

All Times EDT
Kansas City at New Orleans, 9 p.m.,
National TV



GEORGE ATKINSON IS AT THE RIGHT SPOT AT THE RIGHT TIME
Raider bats away Scott Hunter's pass intended for Carroll Dale—(AP)



Marv Hubbard leaves flattened Packers behind on a four-yard, first-down run in last period

that. That's the way they saw it." Ahhh...well, that's not quite what he said right away. That was the very proper reaction. But his initial reaction was "Of course...that's their out." I am not subject to the NFL's rules criticizing officials. And I say that when all six officials blow a call like that, they don't belong in the NFL - and I don't care how experienced they are. When the films show so clearly that they blew the decisive play in the game...giving Oakland a win it didn't deserve and the Packers a defeat they didn't deserve...then officials deserve at the very least a public censure from Commissioner Pete Rozelle and a stiff fine, if there are such things for officials. And Rozelle should hear all about it from Jim Kensil, his right hand man, who was at the game. There were other controversial calls in this game. The pass interferences. But those are tough judgments to make. This one was not. There is no excuse for blowing it. The unfortunate aspect of all this is that the Packers are a young team, fighting their way back up the NFL's ladder of respectability. They had beaten powerful Kansas City in their final exhibition game. They had whipped Cleveland in their regular season opener. And a win over Oakland could have been just the psychological tonic this team needed to become a real Central contender. Now that psychological edge may be lost, lost to an officiating error. The very tainted outcome of this game could affect the entire Central Division race.

HUBBARD HAS SUPER DAY

SEPT 25 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Marv Hubbard: 125 yards in 24 carries. It would have been a super afternoon for a superstar. It was a sensational afternoon for the fourth year man

from Colgate. Hubbard was one of the last to leave the steamy confines of the shower room. He stepped on the scale and slid the weight over until it balanced at 226 pounds – a full pound more than the program listing. "Sheez," he said, with a shrug of the shoulders as he strolled to his locker. "It was fun out there," he offered, without the trace of a smile. "It was my kind of a football game. The harder they hit you, the harder you hit them back." Oakland Coach John Madden said he originally didn't think his team could run up the middle against the Packers. Hubbard proved him wrong - again and again. The Raiders ate up the last five minutes of the game to preserve a 20-14 victory and in that span's 13 plays, Hubbard carried the ball eight times. "It's easy when you got a good line - there's nothing to it," said Hubbard, tenderly touching a bandage souvenir on his arm. Does it bother him that he is not respected as one of the game's super runners, someone asked. "No it doesn't bother me. Not TOO much," he emphatically snapped back. "I don't know what I have to do to convince people, I just don't know. I told Brockington after the game, 'Heck, I wish I had your speed. Then, maybe, I'd get my name in a magazine.' "I just hope we can get into the Super Bowl. If it means I have to sit on the bench to get there, I'll sit on the bench. I'll tell you something, though. If you can run for 15 or 18 yards at a crack against Green Bay, you can do it against anybody. The line and the linebackers are the best we've seen in a long time. Hell, the linebackers are bigger than the line. All I wanted our linemen to do was get me through the line so I didn't have to drag someone along on my back. If I get through the line, I should be able to run over somebody - and that's what I did." Hubbard admitted that many times Packer tacklers tried to steal the ball from him, but he shot back. "They didn't get it, did they? What the hell, they're doing what they are supposed to do."

SICK FOR THREE DAYS: ILLNESS NO EXCUSE: MACARTHUR

SEPT 25 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Quick post-game quotes: MacArthur Lane: - I'm pretty sick right now. I think I might be going to the hospital. I've been sick for three days with the flu and I had a temperature of 101 at halftime. But that's no excuse for not hanging on to the ball. The Raiders aren't bad, but we should have beaten 'em....Bob Brown - "We didn't tackle well today. (Marv) Hubbard got more yards than he should have. A lot of times we had him wrapped up real well and he got away for extra yards. That's the result of poor tackling. They came out and took it to us in the second half. They ran quick traps up the middle on me, which they hadn't been doing, so they made some adjustments at halftime. For one thing, I think they kept another back in there for pass protection in the second half."...Dan Devine - "As a matter of fact, we weren't going to start Bill Lueck because of his shoulder - we were going to start Keith Wortmann - but Lueck wanted to start."...Scott Hunter - "I don't know what brought on my back spasm. It just occurred."... Jack Tatum: "I heard it was a record, but I broke George Halas', huh? The last time I scored a touchdown, I was a freshman in college (Ohio State) and a running back. I wasn't covering anybody, just flowing over with the play. After I got it, I couldn't see anybody on the sidelines, but I thought maybe somebody would catch me from behind. I got a little tired on the end."...Fred Biletnikoff on Willie Buchanon: "I thought I had better lateral movement than Buchanon, but as for straight ahead speed. he'd have to give me a 20-yard head start."...George Atkinson on his pass interference penalty at the Green Bay 3-yard line: "It was a bleep-bleep call. If it was interference, it should have been on the offensive (Carroll Dale). I had position and he had to come through me to get the ball."...Daryle Lamonica: "The main objective today was to eliminate interceptions. I purposely overthrew the receivers a

couple of times to avoid interceptions."...Raider Coach John Madden on the number of plays he called: "Oh, I really don't know. I called that fumble run back, though. No, really, our safety was just there about the same time as the ball and I can't take any credit for that."...Madden on the Packers: "That was a much improved team - a real tough team to run against."

FROM GOAT TO HERO

SEPT 25 (Oakland Tribune) - "It looked like I was going to be the goat," Jack Tatum said after knocking the oldest football record out of the NFL book. "I was just in the right place at the right time." He had been a half step out of the right place twice before, and the Green Bay Packers were leading the Oakland Raiders 7-3 as a result, and were driving to make it 14-3 if they could. But they got cute on Oakland's three-yard line and it cost them, as Tatum picked up a fumbled football in the Raider end zone and ran it 104 yards to put Oakland ahead and turn the momentum of the game in a new-direction. "I first thought about jumping on it," Tatum said. "But there was nobody over there on that side but MacArthur Lane, and George Atkinson had tackled him. Once I picked it up I didn't see anybody down that sideline at all. I said to myself, 'Unless somebody is catching me from behind, I got one' " His 104-yard touchdown run with a fumble erases an NFL record set on Nov. 4, 1923, when George Halas -- one of the founding fathers -- ran one back for the Chicago Bears against Marion. George went 98 yards. Better still, for Tatum's peace of mind, it erased a 10-minute-old memory of himself losing a little war-within-a-war to old college teammate John Brockington. On Green Bay's first play from scrimmage, quarterback Scott Hunter called one of the play-fake passes Oakland knew they'd use, and hit Brockington for a big 33-yard gain to the Raider 36. Six plays later he drove into the Oakland end zone from a yard out. "Brockington was my responsibility on that catch, and he drove over me for the touchdown," Tatum said. Though close friends and teammates at Ohio State where both were All-American stars, neither Tatum nor Brockington is anxious to help a friend fatten a reputation. "On the pass there was a tight end coming across on a post, and Brockington on a swing to the hash," Tatum explained. "I was trying to stay in the middle between two dudes. I thought I could stay close enough but it was a perfect pass. "On his touchdown, I had a shot at him and couldn't stop him. I hit him pretty good, too. Usually I can stop somebody when I hit him like that, but he put some extra effort into it I guess," Tatum said. The big fumble return turned the game around. "I believe there's momentum in a game, not something that carries over from game to game," Coach John Madden said. "That return gave us life. "We'd been a little snakebit on giving things up, but you can't be cautious in this game," Madden continued. "I told them at half time they were just a little tight, to loosen up a little, relax and play their game. We controlled things pretty well in the second half." The Packers had run effectively at the Oakland defensive line on their first two drives, going 69 yards to score the first six points, 37 yards to get to the three on their next drive. "They went to an option play down there," middle linebacker Gerald Irons said. "We knew they used the play, but we hadn't seen them use it that close in." Lane went wide with the pitchout and was still trying to control the ball when Atkinson hit him, stripping it loose, a big play against a solid back who has fumbled only six times in four prior seasons. "That one would of made a helluva difference," said Lane, who played with a 101-degree fever from a flu attack that got him out of the lineup late in the first half. "If we had scored then, it would have put some spark in us." But Oakland tackle Bob Brown thinks, strong and punishing though the Packers are, the game swung Oakland's way strongly. "We were too anxious early," the veteran tackle said. "Once we got settled down it went pretty well. They have a good defensive line and are a tough physical team and always have been. But I think if we play our game, run and pass, run and pass, I don't see anybody beating us. I think this win is going to be a shot in the arm for us," he continued. Though aware he's part of a strong offensive line, Brown praised the defensive line for this performance. "They're playing with reckless abandon. Nobody can teach you the pass rush, you just have to be mean and tenacious. We've got some new guys there and they're just starting to come around," he added. "But they're getting off the ball well and getting into the backfield and causing a lot of problems." Or, as fullback Marv Hubbard summarized it: "It was fun. That's my kind of football. When you have the kind of personnel we have, why do we have to get cute?"

NOTES AND NOTIONS

SEPT 26 (Appleton Post-Crescent) - Hopefully, the Packer players and fans who are burdened with a "the officials beat us" complex will discover a new outlook soon. This convenient way of explaining away Green Bay defeats, which has been used any number of times by some Packerlanders in the post-Lombardi era, again was brought into play Sunday after the Pack lost, 20-14, to Oakland. The sentiment was that two calls by the officials - the "fumble" rather than a "muff" decision on Mac Lane's bobble and the interference penalty on Willie Buchanon deprived the Packers of victory. Even though these weren't the greatest calls in the history of officiating -- and perhaps one or both were totally wrong - the Packers could still have won the game on their own merit. Green Bay lost the game on: (1) its own second half flatness (2) Oakland's second half momentum; and (3) Packer injuries. On the basis of their second-half performance, the Packers hardly deserved to win. After outplaying Oakland in a fired-up first half (and leading, 14-10), the Packers were able to muster only 45 yards worth of offense in the final two periods. Defensively, too, the Bays showed little ability to stem Oakland's ball control as the Raiders ground out 179 yards. Admittedly, there were extenuating circumstances -, especially in the offensive picture. When you have as many as six of your 11 starters hampered or sidelined by an assortment of infirmities, one is entitled to cite them without being accused of "alibiing." The Packers lost, for varying periods, Rich McGeorge, Scott Hunter, Francis Peay,

GREEN BAY PACKERS

No.	NAME	POS.
10	Patrick, Frank	QB
13	Marcol, Chester	K
16	Hunter, Scott	QB
17	Tagge, Jerry	QB
20	Widby, Ron	P
21	Hall, Charles	CB
22	Staggers, Jon	WR
23	Hudson, Robert	RB
28	Buchanon, Willie	CB
29	Matthews, Al	S
31	Williams, Perry	RB
36	Lane, MacArthur	RB
37	Thomas, Ike	CB
39	Hill, Jim	S
42	Brockington, John	RB
46	Glass, Leland	WR
47	Davis, Dave	WR
48	Ellis, Ken	CB
50	Carter, Jim	LB
53	Carr, Fred	LB
56	Crutcher, Tommy Joe	LB
57	Bowman, Ken	C
58	Withrow, Cal	C
62	Lueck, Bill	G
65	Wortman, Keith	G
66	Nitschke, Ray	LB
67	Snider, Malcolm	G
68	Gillingham, Gale	G
71	Peay, Francis	T
72	Himes, Dick	T
73	Vanoy, Vernon	DT
75	Puerifory, Dave	DE
77	Hayhoe, Bill	T
78	Brown, Bob	DT
81	McGeorge, Rich	TE
83	Williams, Clarence	DE
84	Dale, Carroll	WR
87	Roche, Alden	DE
88	Garrett, Len	TE
89	Robinson, Dave	LB



UNITED WAY 'KICKOFF': Packer Chester Marcol "kicks off" for the Brown County United Way Monday at the Hotel Northland. Roger Fitzsimonds, campaign chairman, acted as holder for Marcol and said \$102,000 has already been contributed toward the \$670,000 goal.

that more experienced teams than the Packers have been unpredictable to date, whoever thought San Francisco would lose to Buffalo...or that Atlanta would bow to New England (on a missed 10-yard field goal at that)...or that Baltimore would be 0-2 and at the bottom of the AFC East? What kind of an NFL season has it been? Well, only five of the 26 teams have perfect records after a mere two weeks. They are the Jets, the Dolphins, the Bengals, the Cowboys and the Redskins. Los Angeles is unbeaten, but the Rams were unexpectedly tied by the Bears, and this year, a tie counts for a half-game won and a half-game lost.

BLUE MONDAY BLACK FOR GREEN & GOLD

SEPT 26 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Blue Monday? Black would have been much more appropriate. It wasn't the first the Packers have known will it be the last. But few in their 54-year history have been attended by more depression than this one. And it was not merely because Sunday's 20-14 misstep against Oakland was not yet 24 hours old. The circumstances, more specifically Jack Tatum's obviously "illegal" 104-yard scoring run with a muff for the Raiders, made this latest defeat considerably less palatable than some others. Compounding the gloom was the Packers questionable physical status, accentuated by the loss of tight end Rich McGeorge for the season following knee surgery Monday morning.

MCGEORGE OUT FOR SEASON

SEPT 26 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - "The surgery was successful," Devine reported, "but Rich will be out for the year. He had torn ligaments repaired and Dr. Brusky (Dr. E. S. Brusky, team physician) was encouraged by the results." Seven others, among them quarterback Scott Hunter, repaired to the training room during the course of the day for treatment of injuries, although Devine reported that all are expected to be available for next Sunday's date with the world champion Dallas Cowboys in Milwaukee. Hunter has aggravated a back injury but the Packer coach said, "I think Scott will be all right by Sunday. Jerry Tagge (previously troubled with a deep thigh bruise) will be available as a backup, too." Other casualties of the Raider match were fullback John Brockington, neck; guard Bill Lueck, shoulder; defensive back Ike Thomas, ribs; and tackles Gale Gillingham and Francis Peay, knees. The loss of McGeorge made it difficult for Devine and his staff to focus on the Cowboys, since it left them with just one able-bodied tight end, second year performer Leonard Garrett. "That's one reason we're running late today," Devine said as he emerged from a projection room analysis of Sunday's struggle, "We're trying to scramble and re-work this thing with McGeorge out. We're trying to find another tight end somewhere. Frank Patrick? Frank will be out indefinitely with a bruised shoulder," Devine wryly reported in answer to a question, prompted by knowledge the elongated quarterback had been drafted as a tight end. "He would have been a candidate otherwise." Patrick whose injury was not discovered until late Monday morning, was hurt when hit as he released a bomb intended for Carroll Dale in the fourth quarter. Devine attributed the Packers' lengthy casualty list to the bruising nature of the game - and the

Bill Lueck, John Brockington and Lane. When some or most of these people were out of action in a particular series, things went from bad to worse. Packer lack of quality depth was never better shown than Sunday. In the "good old days," Paul Hornung, Jerry Kramer, Boyd Dowler, or even Bart Starr could be sidelined, but the "deep bench" dept efficiency virtually unimpaired. The loss of McGeorge, of course, is the toughest to take since the Packers will have to go without the gifted tight end for the final 12 games. On the matter of officials' calls, Carroll Dale expressed a good philosophy in a TV interview Sunday night. Officials are going to make a certain number of bad calls during a season, and the thing to do is hope they'll balance up for your team over the long run, said Dale. I didn't agree with the official's decision on the Lane-Jack Tatum play, yet it was a spur-of-the-moment judgment call that had to be made amidst almost total player confusion. This incident served to point up the need for instant-replay video to enable officials to take a second look at a disputed play. Actually, of course, the Packers had four chances to control that particular play before the official's judgement was even tapped. They could have: (1) chosen a no-razzle-dazzle play to reduce the risk of fumble; (2) executed correctly to avert the loose ball; (3) recovered the bobble; (4) tackled Tatum before he had a chance to go "coast to coast." This observer, for one, won't fault the choice of play because I endorse the more imaginative, wide-open style of ball the '72 Packers have displayed. But, mechanically, the mishandling of the ball was one of the costly mistakes the young Packers made - and you can't make errors against a strong club such as Oakland. Another major error was the Hunter fumble which took place a few plays before the pass interference ruling against Buchanon. It all goes back to the "hills and valleys" trend we predicted just before the season began. The rebuilt Packers will be up and down, not only between games but between halves of the same game - as was the case Sunday...Along those lines, then, the Packers could be set up for a horrible drubbing by the Cowboys this Sunday - or they could shrug off all of the Sept. 24 adversity and give Dallas its sternest test of the young season. It's well to remember

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Raiders' physical superiority. "They are a very physical team, he said. "About the only guy in either our offensive or defensive line who was able to hold his own was Malcolm Snider." "It will be tough to get ready for Dallas, with as many things as they do offensively and defensively to prepare for, and considering we'll have good people who will miss part or most of the practice week. But it's got to be done and that's all there's to it. We can't sit around and fold up our tent. We have to do an intelligent job of preparation for the Cowboys and not press the panic button." Francis Peay, expressing optimism over his own availability for next Sunday's contest, tendered Leonard Garrett a vote 'of confidence as the interim replacement for Rich McGeorge. "We'll miss Rich because of his pass receiving, which is exceptional, and because he is the most exceptional blocking tight end I've ever seen," Peay said, "but, fortunately, we have one heck of a replacement in Leonard Garrett, no question about it. He's not as big as Rich, but he's very capable of stepping in there and doing a good job. His blocking during the pre-season proved he can move in there." Quarterback Scott Hunter revealed his injury had not occurred in Sunday's game, as first believed. "I pulled a muscle in the base of my back in practice Friday," he reported. "I probably could have played but I was taken out of the game as a precautionary measure. As far as my having been able to go back in during the fourth quarter, I would just have had to go out there and see. I pulled the muscle in practice just throwing a pass. I twisted my back. Wasn't warmed up enough, I guess." Like Peay, Lueck and John Brockington were optimistic about their chances of playing against Dallas. "My shoulder actually feels better today than it did last Monday at this time," Lueck said. "I can raise my arm which I couldn't do then." "I'll be ready by game time," Brockington promised, adding with a chuckle, "I said by game time - not this week. I'm just sore, but it's better than yesterday. That's the most physical game we've played." Dave Robinson, a 10-year pro who has had more than his share of physical problems in recent seasons, was inclined to view the Packers current injury situation with philosophical calm. "In a 14-game schedule, I feel I'm going to be in pain on 12 Mondays a season - extraordinary pain," he matter-of-factly observed. "As far as people getting banged around Sunday, that's no criterion. But if we go into next week's game with eight guys missing then you have a criterion for an unusually physical game." Taking a positive approach, Robinson appended, "Sunday's game is gone. As far as I'm concerned, it's just like having an eight-game pre-season. Next Sunday is our season opener. There's no sense in getting down on yourself or down on the team."

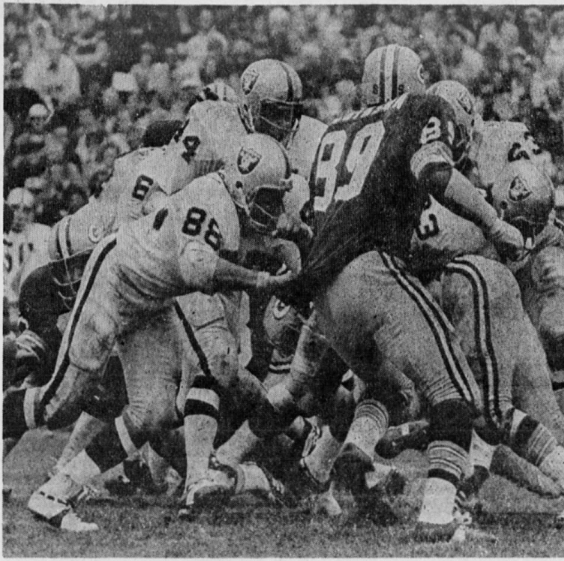
DD: PACK MUST LICK WOUNDS

SEPT 26 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – "I'm heartsick about the game," Devine said, "but you can't sit around and lick your wounds. If you do, you'll get run out of the ball park the next week. If you want to talk about the rule, however, the rule is simply this: You cannot run with a muff. Now, of course, it becomes a judgment call. The ball was advanced and the call obviously was that it was a fumble. If the ball was pitched to MacArthur Lane and he didn't have control of it, then it would have to be a muff. In that case, it would have to be one of two things. The ball would have to be brought out to the 20, or it would have to be our ball on the one because one of their players kicked it. The rule is that you cannot kick a ball, intentionally or inadvertently. The pitch was a good pitch and never should have been fumbled," Devine felt compelled to point out. "But you hate to have a mistake compounded. "I've never seen MacArthur drop a ball before, I might add. It was a big play – as big a play as you'll ever see in a ball game." On the subject of the interference call which led to Oakland's winning touchdown, Devine said, "The only question I would have about that is that the official started throwing his flag at the 9-yard-line, the flag was thrown when both people (Willie Buchanon and intended receiver Fred Biletnikoff) were on the five and the ball ended up on the one when they put it in play, which I can't fathom." Devine said he was filing a report of his observations with the National Football League office, but added, "This is standard procedure. We file the reports and they endeavor to do the best job they can to get the best officiated games possible. In a game like this, of course, we have to have every opportunity to win...And a ball should have been dropped in the first place. And snaps should never be fumbled. You can blame the officials and you can blame a lot of things but I think it's our job as coaches and players to see where we could have done better. It was obvious we weren't running the ball very well. But looking back, I wish we had run the ball more. John Brockington is our big gun and I noticed Marv Hubbard carries 24 times for them and Brockington only 18 times for us. There's no reason Brockington shouldn't carry 24 times for us. It was a pass play we had called when we fumbled that snap. If we'd called a running play, it might not have happened. They had a blitz on and I'm sure we recognized the blitz and hurries the situation as a result. We had third and five at our 49 right then and, that was the only time we were able to breathe in the second half was just before the fumble." Devine also made these other comments and appraisals:

- "We were kicking into the wind when we punted from the Oakland 43 in the second quarter. If we had been kicking with the wind, we would have gone for a field goal attempt by Chester Marcol."
- "In the fourth quarter, we had to stop them and mount a drive ourselves and we couldn't do it. It boils down to they played the basic game better than we did. If you're tougher physically, if you block better and tackle better and have a solid kicking game, you're going to win. All the X's and O's and strategy are only useful if you do the basic things well."
- "You can't fault your offense when you don't have the ball - especially when you're going without your No. 1 quarterback and your No. 1 halfback and with Bill Lueck and Francis Peay not able to play at full speed."
- "I'm sick about this game - more than any other game in my life. And don't think I haven't been in many emotion-packed games before. But I can't remain sick long."

PACK SIGNS LAMMONS

SEPT 26 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Acting to solve their tight end problem, the Packers today signed ex-New York Jet Pete Lammons, a seven-year pro veteran. An emergency was created when starter Rich McGeorge suffered a knee injury in Sunday's 20-14 loss to Oakland, and underwent surgery Monday that will sideline him for the year. Lammons, released earlier this season by the Philadelphia Eagles, caught 184 passes for 2,345 yards and 14 touchdowns during six seasons with the Jets. A 6-foot-3, 230-pound University of Texas product, he was released by the Jets following the 1971 season.



NO HOLDS BARRED?: *The officials clearly muffed the muff and the Packers insist they also blew the key interference call on Willie Buchanon. Those were the biggies. But the Packers also reported that time and again they had asked the officials to watch for Raider receivers pushing off and Raider blockers holding, particularly holding the linebackers. Now, everyone knows that these are just excuses...aren't they Bobby Moore (88)?*

of the Bears and handed the reins to Jim Dooley. Last winter he fired Dooley and named Abe Gibrón head coach. Gibrón is more of the Halas mold. Rough, tough and demanding. The Bears lost their opener to Atlanta and rallied for a 13-13 tie against heavily favored Los Angeles last Sunday. Now-a-days, Halas sits up in his private booth in the press box. He's as sharp as ever. He rants, raves, hollers and kicks down doors when things go against the Bears.

PERSONALITY PARADE (SCOTT HUNTER)

SEPT 27 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Scott Hunter, an irrepressible and ebullient citizen with the flair of a riverboat gambler, is currently embarked upon an exercise in self discipline. The Packers' sophomore quarterback, one of this world's free spirits as a leading exponent of the bomb at the University of Alabama, is attempting to remake himself in the tactical image of Coach Dan Devine and quarterback coach Bart Starr - with their considerable assistance. In the interim, of course, Devine and his staff are directing the Packer offense by remote control - a system which finds the wide receivers shuttling in and out of the lineup with plays from the bench. Although most quarterbacks would understandably prefer to call their own games because it affords them greater flexibility - they can immediately respond to a given field situation - Hunter says he finds no fault with the approach under the circumstances. What it requires, he suggests, is patience and application upon his part to speed the day when he can assume full responsibility himself. "I think by working with Bart and Coach Devine as I am now, I'll come to a point where I'll be able to handle everything myself on the field," he said while gingerly stretching his aching back in front of his dressing room locker. "I know they're going to work with me until I get to that point...TAKES PRESSURE OFF: "As far as their calling the plays is concerned, if that's what they want to do, it's all right with me. One thing it does is take a lot of pressure off me not having to call them myself. Frankly, I like a lot of the calls they're making. I never would have made the one call that Bart did when we were down on our own 1-yard-line in the Cleveland game (a pass to MacArthur Lane which produced a 46-yard gain and narrowly missed going the distance)." Hunter, the victim of 17 interceptions as a rookie last year, feels he is making solid progress in the other major area of quarterbacking, execution. "In our opener against Cleveland, I felt 100 per cent better than I did a year ago," he said. "It's a matter of having more confidence, knowing the receivers better. I realized that I had to throw the ball hard - that's what my rookie season taught me. It's not a matter of my arm being stronger," said Scott, who remained available until the sixth round of the 1971 draft because of concern over an injury to the shoulder of his throwing arm as a senior at Alabama. "It's just a matter of throwing harder rather than trying to be safe, not zipping the ball, as I was a year ago...HARD TO INTERCEPT: "I think that's one thing all young quarterbacks have to learn in pro football - to throw it hard. Even if the ball is off target, if it's thrown hard it'll be hard to intercept. For example, I should have had two interceptions in the Cleveland game but the ball was thrown too hard for them to handle." Hunter also has made another discovery - that things can change abruptly. "I was feeling really good in the Cleveland game. But last Sunday against Oakland, I was just struggling along." That may have been traceable in part to a pulled back muscle, suffered in last Friday's practice, which hampered his performance against the Raiders and forced him to leave the game at the end of the third quarter. Scott, confident that he will be sufficiently recovered to preside over the offense in Sunday's Milwaukee County Stadium match with the Dallas Cowboys, hopes to further his professional education simultaneously.

Lammons, 28, who has never missed a league game during his pro career, is expected to be activated shortly as a backup for Leonard Garrett, who is scheduled to start against the Cowboys Sunday.

CHASED BY THORPE: HALAS SUDDENLY FINDS HE'S NO. 2

SEPT 26 (Chicago) - "I guess I'm no. 2 now," laughed 76-year-old George Halas, owner of the Chicago Bears. "Anyway, he didn't have Jim Thorpe chasing him. Son of a gun, come to think of it Thorpe actually caught me. But it was muddy and I skidded into the end zone for the last eight yards." Halas was jovial in accepting condolences from friends over Oakland's Jack Tatum having broken Sunday one of the oldest records in professional football. Halas had the record for nearly 50 years. On Nov. 4, 1923, George Halas of the Chicago Bears had picked up a fumble and ran it back 98 yards for a touchdown against Marion, an old-time professional team from Ohio. Tatum picked up a Green Bay fumble and rambled 104 yards for a touchdown which helped the Raiders score a 20-14 victory over the Packers "I'll tell you, now let me see," recalled Halas. "It was a wet day and there was some hitting at the line. Suddenly there was the ball. I grabbed it and started to run. When I realized it was Thorpe chasing me, I really put it on because I was running for my life. My how that Thorpe could hit. And, you know, he actually caught up to me. It was on about the eight yard line. He hit me and we both went sliding into the end zone. Oh, I guess I could say something original like 'records are made to be broken' but reading about the game brought back memories." Halas, hobbled by an old hip injury several years ago, went to England for a couple of operations and now bounces around with the verve of a youngster. He took a three-point stance and said "What do you think, fellas, should I reactivate myself for one game and try to set a new record." Five years ago Halas finally stepped down as coach

Devine Back at Numbers Game

DEVINE BACK AT NUMBERS GAME

SEPT 27 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Dan Devine, who thought that sort of thing was largely behind him, started to play the numbers game anew Tuesday - with variations. He began the day by acquiring ex-New York Jet Pete Lammons to shore up the yawning hole left at tight end by the loss of Rich McGeorge for the season, but had little time to congratulate himself on this stroke of business. When the Packers returned to the practice field for the first time since Sunday's 20-14 unpleasantness with Oakland, six members of the case were missing, four of them regulars. Quarterbacks Scott Hunter and Frank Patrick and tackle Francis Peay were not to be seen with the offensive unit nor tackle Gale Gillingham, linebacker Fred Carr and cornerback Ike Thomas with the defense. All were in the training room being treated for injuries. Mountainous Mike McCoy, lately an offensive tackle, also was found back at his old stand on defense. which may or may not represent the shape of things to come. Touching upon McCoy's retransfer, as he pondered his temporarily depleted ranks, Devine said. "It was just to get 11 guys to hold the bags for the purpose of our drill, as far as today is concerned, but it could mean something...I'll know more tomorrow. Whether or not he stays there depends upon the physical condition of several people - like Kenny Bowman and Bill Lueck...We may have to do some real juggling and I want to think it through very carefully before doing anything. If Bill Lueck were out of there at guard, we probably would have to move Gillie back to offense. I don't want to start Keith Wortmann (a rookie) against Bob Lilly. Wortmann has come along very well but I don't think he's ready to start, particularly against an experienced defensive team like Dallas. "You read down their roster and you see guys on their defense have 10, 9, 12 and 14 years of experience. Jethro Pugh is one of the younger ones and he's an eight-year man." Lueck appeared in sweat clothes for Tuesday's South Oneida Street workout but he is still troubled by a shoulder injury aggravated in that controversial loss to the Raiders. Hunter is being treated for a back problem, Carr for a muscle pull. Patrick for a bruised shoulder. Peay and Gillingham for knee injuries and Thomas for bruised ribs. Although they missed practice, Devine reiterated his conviction all will be ready for Sunday's encounter with the world champion Dallas Cowboys in Milwaukee County Stadium. On another positive note, the Packer chieftain expressed pleasure over the day's lone salutary development, the arrival of Lammons upon the Lombardi Avenue scene. He was immediately activated, following the removal of McGeorge to the injured reserve list for the balance of the season. "Pete has fitted in real well," said DD of the former Jet, who reported in time to take part in the workout. "I'm pleased at the way he stepped right in there. Just like Dave Kopay. he came right in and went to work." Asked whether he envisioned the newcomer as an eventual starter or primarily as a backup for Leonard Garrett, who has inherited McGeorge's starting assignment, Devine said. "I would hope Lammons would challenge Garrett for the job, although Leonard played well for us during the pre-season and I think he's going to do a good job for us. But off what I saw of Pete today, his attitude is good. He ran all of our sprints this morning without complaint right after getting in from a long trip." Did he now consider the search for tight end help over? "We're not scouring the market." DD replied, "but we're not closing our eyes." Lammons, a six-year veteran who described himself as "surprised and disappointed" over having been traded to the Eagles during the first week of training camp this year, said he was "really surprised" at being cut by Philadelphia three weeks ago. "But I'm happy as hell to be in Green Bay," he beamed. The 6-foot-3, 230-pound Texan explained, "I've been down in Houston, where I make my home, since I got cut, and I had been talking to the Oilers. I was working out on my own - I couldn't work out with them without a contract - and we were pretty close to getting things worked out when this deal came up and I took it. And I'm very happy about it. I'm not in bad shape," said Lammons, a blue-eyed ash blond. "But I'm not in that real good shape - I haven't done anything in three weeks. But it won't take long to get back in the groove." The former University of Texas performer had documented that point by making a diving catch during the morning's practice, an effort which drew boisterous praise from his new teammates. Assessing his opportunity here. he said. "Everybody shoots for the starting job. It's just going to take a little time to get to know the system and to get acquainted. It'll take a little time but I hope it won't be too long. I'll tell you one thing," he said with fervor. "I think they've got a damned good ball club here." Garrett, meanwhile, was girding for his first regular season assignment as a pro. A lowly 15th round draft choice who made the Packer grade a year ago by dint of spectacular effort on the special teams. he conceded, "It's a whole bunch more responsibility than I had before. Am I shook up about it?" he echoed, then added with a slight smile, "Not much - just a little bit." A starting role, he noted, is not a new experience for him. The former New Mexico Highlands athlete went the route against Miami (a 14-13 victory) and Houston (a 20-3 loss) during the pre-season when a deep muscle bruise kept McGeorge on the shelf. Garrett appended, "This is something like the chance I've been waiting for. I believe I'm ready for it." The 6-foot-3, 225-pound sophomore, who was called upon to finish Sunday's game when McGeorge tore ligaments in his right knee, confided "I've been getting good blocks. Things have been working out for me when I've been in there."...
PACKEK PATTEN: Devine said he is expecting a reply from National Football League headquarters to his report on the much disputed fumble call which loomed large in Sunday's loss. "I'm sure we'll get some kind of communication from the

Randy Winkler

Guard-Tackle — Tarleton St. College (Texas)

Height 6-4, Weight 260

Born July 18, 1943 (Present age 29)

4th year. . .Drafted 18th as a future by Detroit in 1966. . .Played 10 games for Lions in 1967. . .Started 12 games at guard for Falcons in 1968. . .In Navy 1969 and 1970 where he was offensive line coach at U.S. Naval Academy. . .1970 cut by Falcons and picked up on waivers by Packers early in pre-season camp. . .Active for 5 games in 1971. . .Residence: Atlanta, Ga.

Jim De Lisle

Defensive Tackle — Wisconsin

Height 6-4, Weight 254

Born in Wausau, Wis., Jan. 20, 1949

2nd year in pro ball. . . Free agent who went to Wisconsin without scholarship. . . Walk-on star three years at Wisconsin. . . Impressed coaches from beginning with hustle and enthusiasm. . . Strong pass rusher. . . Very coachable. Residence: Madison, Wisconsin.

Vern Vanoy

Vernon Vanoy, defensive tackle. . . Vanoy, claimed from the New York Giants on waivers in August, was the Giants' No. 3 draft choice in 1969. Before reporting to New York, he signed with the Toronto Argonauts of the Canadian League and played that season in Canada as a defensive end. He joined the Giants as a free agent in 1970, saw action through the pre-season as both a defensive end and defensive tackle and spent the regular season as a member of the taxi squad, where he also toiled in 1971. Vanoy, 6-foot-8 and 275 pounds, starred at Lincoln High School in Kansas City and went on to letter in both football and basketball at the University of Kansas appearing in the NIT one year. . . Born Dec. 31, 1946, in Kansas City.

league," he said. "They're very anxious to do a good job." Devine added, "When Wayne Duke was commissioner of the Big Eight Conference - he now is commissioner of the Big 10 - and I was coaching at Missouri, we used to hassle regularly as to how much protection officials should have."... Although the call obviously has been glaringly in error and well may have cost the Packers the game, Devine doesn't expect early use of electronic aids to document or correct such decisions. "I don't foresee instant reply in the immediate future in the NFL," he said... Commenting on the Pack's physical problems, Devine observed. "So many of those injuries were freakish. Francis Peay got hurt when somebody fell on his leg after the play was over. And Rich McGeorge tore up his knee when a guy just simply caught him as he had his weight on his right foot with his cleats dug into the ground. It's always a lot tougher to get over a game like this," he soberly concluded, "than if you'd laid an egg and got beat 40-0. If you had gotten beat badly, you could just get mad and take it out on the other guy."

SUPERVISOR SAYS: OFFICIALS MUFFED

SEPT 28 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - It may be of small consolation at this point, since the case is officially closed, but a National Football League spokesman has conceded the controversial "fumble" in Sunday's 20-14 Packer loss to Oakland actually was a muff. That, of course, means Jack Tatum's 104-yard run for a touchdown with a MacArthur Lane bobble of a Scott Hunter pitchout should not have counted. The rules do not permit advancement of a muff, which NFL supervisor of officials, Art McNally, concluded it unquestionably had been. "In the judgment of the official, it was a fumble," he said by telephone from his New York office Wednesday, "but after looking at the film, there is no doubt that the man (Lane) never had possession of the ball." Despite the facts of the case, nothing can or will be changed. McNally said. "There is no recourse in such a situation," he said. "It stands as called, although the official did make a bad call." Asked if any disciplinary action was contemplated, he replied. "Not anything of a disciplinary nature. You don't crucify a man for one bad decision. Ray Sonnenberg (the head linesman in Referee Norman Schachter's crew) is a good official. He just made a bad call. We will follow our usual procedure. Of course. We do the best we can to point out what should have been called and to make sure the official has good position on a play. It very definitely will be brought to the official's attention." The same crew, it was noted, had been dealt a week's suspension following a down mixup in a Bear-Ram game at Los Angeles a few years ago. "Here we have something entirely different than keeping track of downs," McNally said. "This one involved a matter of judgment." When asked what the proper disposition of the play should have been, he said, "If it had been ruled as a muff, it would have been an Oakland recovery in the end zone and a touchback, which means the ball should have been brought out to the 20-yard-line." There was no evidence the ball had been kicked by an Oakland player, he said, in which case possession presumably would have been awarded to the Packers at the Raider 1-yard-line. McNally said he did not know what ruling would be made in the case of Tatum's record, an obviously spurious one. The existing record for the runback of a fumble was 98 yards by Chicago Bears owner George Halas in 1923. "I would guess the record would stand. just off hand." McNally said. "but I'm not that familiar with that sort of thing. Somebody else - I'm not really sure who - will have to rule on that."

POKES SCRAPE FOR PUNTER

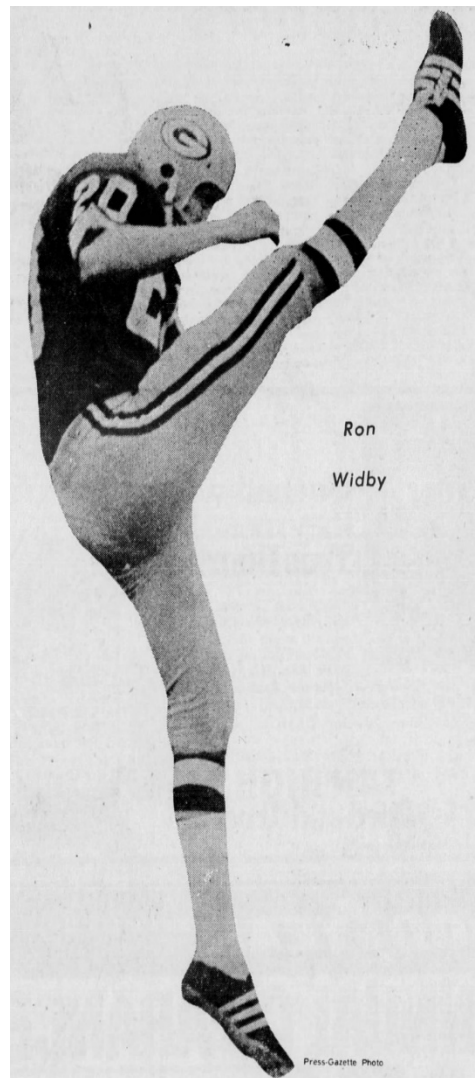
SEPT 28 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - It's not easy to muster sympathy for the Dallas Cowboys. That would be something akin to feeling sorry for J. Paul Getty or Aristotle Onassis. But even the world champions are not without their problems, minor as they may be in comparison to those which presently bedevil the Packers. The Cowpokes suddenly find themselves without a legitimate punter, at least at this point, going into Sunday's Milwaukee County Stadium date with our heroes. Rookie specialist Marv Bateman has been listed as questionable after being imprudent enough to acquire a sprained ankle in last Sunday's 23-14 victory over the New York Giants. Imprudent, of course, because the

Cowboys earlier had dealt Ron Widby, their resident punter for four seasons, to the Packers in the same trade which brought Ike Thomas to Green Bay. "As a result, we had a hastily organized, in-house kicking caravan this week," Dallas public relations director Curt Mosher facetiously reported to the Mike & Pen Sports Club at the Beaumont Motor Inn Wednesday. (One can afford to be facetious when tious when one is 2-0 at the moment, as well as the reigning world champion). "Our coach, Tom Landry, was asked how they did," Mosher said, "and he said. 'Some of them were pretty bad.'" "The survivors were Chuck Howley, D. D. Lewis and Lance Alworth. Howley and Lewis have fooled around with punting in practice and Alworth punted in college. "Tom said there is a possibility we also could pick up somebody else before Sunday, but, if Bateman is unable to kick, it probably will be one of these three." That, as indicated, is about the Cowboys' only concern at the moment, aside from idle speculation about when they are likely to reach their artistic peak in 1972. Landry indicated as much during his appearance at a weekly press luncheon in Dallas Wednesday. "I feel real good about this club," he told Big

D's fourth estate. "I think we are about where we should be at this point. I'm especially encouraged because Calvin Hill is back to the form of the Calvin of, old and Craig Morton is getting better every game." Hill, a talented but oft-injured running back who amassed 468 yards rushing in 1971 despite missing half the season with a knee injury, has made the departure of enigmatic Duane Thomas somewhat more acceptable to Landry and his brain trust. He rolled up 72 yards in the first half of last Sunday's victory over the Giants to suggest he has lost none of his awesome mobility. Morton, who led the Cowboys to their first Super Bowl in 1970, has returned as their starting quarterback in the wake of a pre-season injury to Roger Staubach, architect of their success in Super Bowl VI last January. Landry, ever the arch-conservative, insisted he is anticipating "a close game." He added, "I think that our placekicker, Toni Fritsch, may play a big role as a result. I think Fritsch will become one of the very best kickers in the game in time. He's a professional - that's the best thing about him. Toni played eight years of professional soccer before he came into pro football, so he's used to playing before big crowds and pressure doesn't bother him. And he has the strongest leg we've ever had here." Fritsch, who consistently kicks off into the end zone, booted a 54-yard field goal through a strong crosswind in Yankee Stadium last Sunday. In his flattering appraisal of Packers, Landry said, "Green Bay has a lot of blue chip players. We have discovered they have 12 first round draft choices on their roster. Also, Dave Robinson is playing at the same level he did in the Packers championship years. And we will not face two better running backs than John Brockington and MacArthur Lane. I see it as a physical game - a very hard fought game." Just how "physical" it will be is likely to largely depend on how the Packers' current casualties heal in the interim. All too brief for Dan Devine's purposes. "We've still got so many guys who are half-questionable," Devine reported following Wednesday's practice. "But we ought to be pretty well stabilized by tomorrow." Meanwhile, he was forced to field a patchwork offensive lineup for the day's work - with center Ken Bowman, guard Bill Lueck, tackle Francis Peay and quarterback Scott Hunter excused from the full dress session because of injuries. Bowman and Lueck appeared but worked out lightly in sweat clothes while Peay and Hunter remained in the dressing room for treatment. The much revised alignment had Cal Withrow at center, Malcolm Snider transferring from right to left guard, Dick Himes from right tackle to right guard. Bill Hayhoe at left tackle, rookie Kevin Hunt, presently a member of the taxi squad, at right tackle, and fellow freshman Jerry Tagge at quarterback. "It's not a bad lineup," Devine stoutly maintained. "We'll survive. Part of a player's job and part of my job is to do what we have to do with what we have. You can't sit around and suck your thumb." Asked about the likelihood of Tagge making his first pro start Sunday, Devine said, "I don't think Jerry will be starting. I think Hunter will be ready by then." Devine, who said there is "a possibility" Hunt will be activated, also expects defensive tackle Gale Gillingham to be available, although he has not yet practiced this week because of a knee injury. "At this point, I think Gillie's chances of playing are good," he said. "Gillie's always got a million things wrong with him but he always manages to play on Sunday."...PACKER PATTER: Despite a 42.3 per cent completion average, Scott Hunter ranks fourth in National Football Conference passing statistics, just released. He has connected on 11 of 26 attempts for 216 yards, two touchdowns and an 8.31-yard average. Brockington, the NFC's leading rusher a year ago when he set a rookie record with 1,105 yards, is fifth at this point with 156 yards in 41 attempts. Washington's Larry Brown is far out front with 253...Ron Widby, author of prodigious 61 and 63-yard efforts against Oakland last Sunday, is fourth in punting with a 44.0-yard average for 11 kicks. Placekicker Chester Marcol, who has been successful on four of six field goal attempts, is tied with Detroit's Errol Mann for fifth place in scoring with 16 points. In other categories, Ike Thomas is tied for fifth in kickoff returns with a 27.5-yard average for four runbacks and Ken Ellis seventh in punt returns on a 7.5-yard average for six excursions.

PACKER LINE IN STATE OF FLUX

SEPT 29 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The program vendors should strike it rich in Milwaukee County Stadium Sunday. From all present indications, the only resemblance between last week's Packer offensive line and the one which will deploy against the world champion Cowboys is the familiar green and gold livery. As things now stand, Dan Devine will lead with a format containing only two of last Sunday's starters, neither of whom will be performing at his original position. This prospect gained strength in the wake of Thursday's hastily rescheduled practice, which found incumbents Ken Bowman and Bill Lueck viewing the proceedings from the sidelines and Francis Peay sequestered in the training room for a treatment of his damaged knee. For a second day, Bill Hayhoe was presiding at left tackle, Malcolm Snider at left guard, Cal Withrow at center, Dick Himes at right guard and rookie Kevin Hunt, still a member of the taxi squad officially, at right tackle. Snider, of course, normally holds forth at right guard and Himes, perhaps the Pack's most consistent performer up front these days, at right tackle. Although Devine did not rule out the possibility of further changes, should any of the current casualties make a dramatic recovery, he said, "It is quite possible that we will be going with this lineup against Dallas. I've always felt that the guys who practice play a little better and there's no reason why that outfit can't play a good game." Devine also indicated



Ron
Widby

there is some chance Green Bay-grown quarterback Jerry Tagge, only recently removed from the injury list himself, will get his first pro starting assignment. "Scott Hunter was out on the field today but he didn't do much," DD pointed out, "so I would say there is more of a possibility today than there was yesterday that Tagge will start." Hunter himself was confident he will be available, asserting, "After being able to practice today, I'll be ready. Just getting out there, flexing up a little bit and throwing a few passes helped. "I'm a little stiff from inaction," said the sophomore quarterback, who pulled a muscle in his lower back during last Friday's practice, "but my back is improved 100 per cent from what it was last Sunday." Tagge, not entirely happy with his progress since returning to active duty, faced up to his prospective pro debut matter-of-factly. "If they do need me, I'll do the best I can not to let the team down," he said. "I'll have to be ready and I'll have to do better than I did today. It's mostly a matter of getting into the swing of things." Tagge, who returned to the practice field only last week after sitting out for three weeks with a severe contusion to his left thigh reported, "As far as my leg is concerned, it's 100 per cent now. But I've got to get my footwork down and throw the ball better. I haven't been throwing the ball well at all." The former Green Bay West and University of Nebraska field general conceded it would be nothing less than poetic for him to draw the starting nod against the Cowboys. Before joining the Packers, he opened at quarterback against the world champions in the College All-Star game at Chicago. "The last time," he soberly recalled, "I came out of the game with a slight concussion. As things stand right now, I have to be mentally prepared just in case Scott isn't able to play. I can't afford to make any mental mistakes...But I'm hoping Scott will be ready." Like Tagge, Hunt was taking his likely elevation to starting status in stride...well, almost in stride. "You've got to start somewhere," he said bravely, "you can't ask for more than a chance to start." Then, perhaps awed by the prospect of playing against the world champions Hunt confessed, "It's a heck of a game to be activated for. If you can do it against them, you can do it against anybody. I just hope for the best for the team." Himes, a five-year veteran, understandably was more casual about his temporary transfer to guard. "The only time I've ever played guard was three years ago," he said, "and then I played a quarter against Buffalo and a quarter against Cincinnati during the pre-season. But, it's just lining up one position closer to the center," the mustachioed ex-Buckeye jested, "and there aren't many different things to do. Actually, there are a lot of different things to do there," he amended on a more serious note. "I felt a little strange but I hope it'll come around by Sunday. We'll do all right." Dick predicted. "Basically, it's the same thing. You have to block forward for the runner and, if you have to pass block, you have to pass block. Yesterday, it was really mass confusion when all the changes were made," he said with a smile, "but today we picked it up and worked pretty well together. A couple more days and we ought to be all right." The offensive line wasn't Devine's only concern. In addition to Peay, he listed defensive tackle Gale Gillingham as doubtful, along with defensive back Ike Thomas and quarterback Frank Patrick. This, of course, means that ex-New York Giant Vernon Vanoy is the likely starter at left tackle in the front four unless Gillingham makes a rapid recovery. Lueck, meanwhile, was described as probably - out of necessity. "Bill," Devine said, "probably will have to play, although I don't think he will start." The five-year veteran has been troubled with a shoulder injury that was aggravated in last Sunday's 20-14 loss to the Oakland Raiders...PACKER PATTER: Devine, who keeps a wary eye on the weather, foiled the elements Thursday. After learning there was a 70 per cent chance of rain before noon, he quickly advanced practice to 9:30 a.m. and had a full scale session completed when it began to drizzle shortly after 11, the normal starting time. "We got it in anyhow," he said with satisfaction. "And we had to get it in." Appraising the Cowboys, he said, "I keep saying these things but, after the last Super Bowl, Herb Adderley said that the present Cowboys are better than the Packers were during the championship years of the mid-1960s. If Adderley knows what he's talking about, and I don't know anyone who would know it better because he played with both teams, then we're going to have to be better than those champion Packers in order to beat the Cowboys. That's a helluva thing to live up to. But I just expect our people to play well - no matter who's out. We each can just field 22 people and we're in the ball game. I think it would be a big mistake to count us out."...The Packers will bus to Milwaukee after Saturday morning's customarily short practice and headquarter at the Hotel Pfister. Departure time is set at 10 o'clock.

DALLAS VULNERABLE? 'STIX' DECEIVING

SEPT 30 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) — Statistics, like appearances, can be deceiving. For pertinent and surprising example, the figures suggest the Dallas Cowboys' awesome Doomsday Defense is highly vulnerable to the pass. In their first two games, the reigning world champions have been frisked for 548 yards by air, or a bulging average of just under 275 per game. These imposing totals were achieved, it should be noted, by the Philadelphia Eagles and New York Giants, not considered be among the NFL's passing elite, which would seem to afford the Packers some hope for following suit in Sunday's struggle with the Cowpokes at Milwaukee. There are, however, some sobering related statistics. Despite their apparent generosity, the Cowboys have permitted only two touchdowns in those two games - both in last Sunday's 23-14 victory over the Giants. And, of even greater interest to Dan Devine, they also have intercepted four passes in addition to recovering two fumbles, items which have largely neutralized the effect of enemy air success. Devine, weighing the comparative evidence, noted there is an obvious calculated risk to going extensively by air against the Cowboys. "They're

Gale Gillingham

**Offensive Guard — Min-
nesota**

Height 6-3, Weight 265

**Born in Madison, Wis., Feb.
3, 1944**

7th year in pro ball. . .Regular first round choice of Packers for 1966. . .Played fullback and tackle at Minnesota. . .5.9 speed in 50. . .High school discus champion. . .All-State football. . .Played in East-West Shrine Game, Senior Bowl, Coaches All-American Game and was selected to play in All-Star game. . .Education Major. . .Started final two games of 1966 season against Colts and Rams and all pre-season and League games since '67. . .Switched from left to right guard in 1969. . .Second team All-Pro in 1968. . .All-Pro Honors: NEA, 1969; AP, UPI and NEA in 1970; UPI and NEA in 1971. . .Pro Bowl 1970, 1971 and 1972. . .Received first annual Forrest Gregg Outstanding Offensive Lineman Award from Wis. Pro Football Writers in 1970. Residence: Little Falls, Minn.

tough," he said. "They have a lot of patience. They expect their defense to eventually force you to make a mistake. And, of course, they often succeed because they have that fantastic experience. Intriguingly enough, the only touchdowns the Cowboys have permitted to date were registered against ex-Packer cornerback Herb Adderley. As a result of these developments, Coach Tom Landry reportedly had pondered the possibility of supplanting the 33-year-old veteran with Charlie Waters. At last report, however, he had decided against benching Adderley, now in his 12th NFL season. Poetically, Adderley will be renewing acquaintances with an old colleague, flanker Carroll Dale, in this his second appearance against the Packers since being traded to Dallas in 1970. Despite Herbert's tribulations, Dale insists he can see no evidence of deterioration in the quality of Adderley's artistry. "He looks just about like he always did off what I've seen of him on film," Carroll commented following Friday's practice.

FOUR PACKERS TO MISS GAME

SEPT 30 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Coach Dan Devine, continuing to juggle his injury-riddled roster in the process, Friday ruled four Packers out of Sunday's contest with the Dallas Cowboys. "Francis Peay, Gale Gillingham, Ike Thomas and Frank Patrick all are out of this game," he announced. Devine also reported that offensive tackle Kevin Hunt will be activated. "I think there is a good possibility we also will activate Mike McCoy," he said. "There also is a good possibility that we will activate Jon Staggers. If we bring up Staggers, he will be back on kickoffs with Bob Hudson. If not, it will be either Leland Glass or MacArthur Lane." Hunt is expected to open at right tackle in place of Dick Himes, who has been shifted to right guard. Bill Hayhoe will start at left tackle and Malcolm Snider, transferred from the right side, at left guard. "I don't know who will start at center." Devine said. "It could be Ken Bowman. But if Bowman doesn't (Cal Withrow is the alternate), it would be a completely new offensive line from the one we started last week against Oakland, with Len Garrett at tight end in place of Rich McGeorge. Snider, of course, started last week against Oakland, with Len Garrett at tight end in place of Rich McGeorge. Snider, of course, started last week, but a right guard." There will be only one change defensively, Devine reported. That will find Vernon Vanoy opening at left tackle instead of Gillingham, who like Peay has been sidelined by a knee injury. Although Scott Hunter has been troubled by a back injury, Devine indicated he will draw the starting assignment at quarterback. Rookie Jerry Tagge, who has yet to appear in a regular season game, is the only other able-bodied quarterback on the active roster at this point, although fellow rookie Charlie Napper remains on the taxi squad. Devine indicated that Patrick, who suffered a shoulder injury in last Sunday's loss to the Raiders, will be placed on injured reserve and thus be out for the balance of the season. With an eye to a possible emergence, Devine had punter Ron Widby working at quarterback under the tutelage of Bart Starr during Friday's practice. "That's something we'll be doing all year," the Packer coach said. "Widby is a good guy to have his hand in there. And the way quarterbacks are going down around the league, it's good to have a guy like him working in there." Elsewhere on the personnel front, Devine reported the signing of Paul Gibson, a safety-wide receiver from Texas-El Paso previously released by the Buffalo Bills, to a taxi squad contract. Gibson, 6-foot-2 and 194 pounds, was an eighth round choice in last February's draft. He has been clocked at 9.4 seconds in the 100 yard dash.

NOTES AND NOTIONS

OCT 1 (Appleton Post-Crecent) - Vince Lombardi had a perfect record (5-0) against Dallas in his Packer coaching career...Phil Bengtson went 1-1 against the Cowboys...Today, Dan Devine tries to crack the victory column as his still-young regime enters the Dallas series. It will take a monumental effort for Green Bay to bring home the bacon -partly because the Cowpokes are now world champions and partly because the Packers have never had so many physically questionable performers for a start against the Texas titans. The young Packers today will have only two of the 22 starters (offense and defense) who faced Dallas in the memorable 1966 and 1967 title games. They are Carroll Dale and Dave Robinson. Ken Bowman didn't start in '66 because of injury. The well-experienced Cowboys have eight hold-over starters from those blockbuster games plus Herb Adderley who has traded his Packer uniform for Dallas livery. The eight are Bob Hayes, Ralph Neely, Chuck Howley, Lee Roy Jordan, Dave Edwards, Mel Renfro, Cornell Green and Jethro Pugh. This will be the first time the Cowboys are riding into Wisconsin for a regular-season or title game since the celebrated Ice Bowl encounter of nearly five years ago. A lot has changed since then, as the Cowboys finally made it to the top after years of frustration while the once-mighty Packers fell into the also-ran class. No one knows what to expect of today's Packers since they not only have injury losses to overcome but may still be thinking of last Sunday's officiating blunder. All Packerlanders hope, however, that a bit of history ('66 and '67 vintage) will rub off on the Green and Gold today... September, 1972, will be remembered as the month that the image of sports officiating was tarnished. First, there were the questionable Olympic decisions capped by "The great basketball robbery." Last Sunday, in pro football came the call against Green Bay that enabled Oakland's Jack Tatum to set an "illegal" record. There were at least two major differences between the Olympic

PASSING					
	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD	Int.
Morton, Cowboys	53	28	393	3	2
Hunter, Pack	26	11	216	2	0
RECEIVING					
	No.	Yds.	Ave.	Lg.	TD
Garrison, Cowboys	5	46	9.2	14	0
McGeorge, Pack	5	50	10.0	23	2
Sellers, Cowboys	4	103	25.8	37	1
Alworth, Cowboys	4	49	12.3	17	2
Parks, Cowboys	4	49	12.3	17	0
Hill, Cowboys	4	21	5.3	10	0
Lane, Pack	3	71	23.7	49	0

Ken Ellis

Corner Back — Southern Univ.

Height 5-10, Weight 190

Born in Woodbine, Ga.,

Sept. 27, 1947

3rd year in pro ball. . .Packers fourth round draft choice in 1970. . .Played flanker in college as well as halfback on offense. . .led nation in punt returns in 1968. . .great acceleration. . .4.5 speed in 40. . .played in Senior Bowl. . .sure tackler. . .Has started every League game for Packers. . .Returned missed field goal for 100 yds. vs. Giants on opening day 1971. All-Pro potential. Residence: Baton Rouge, La.

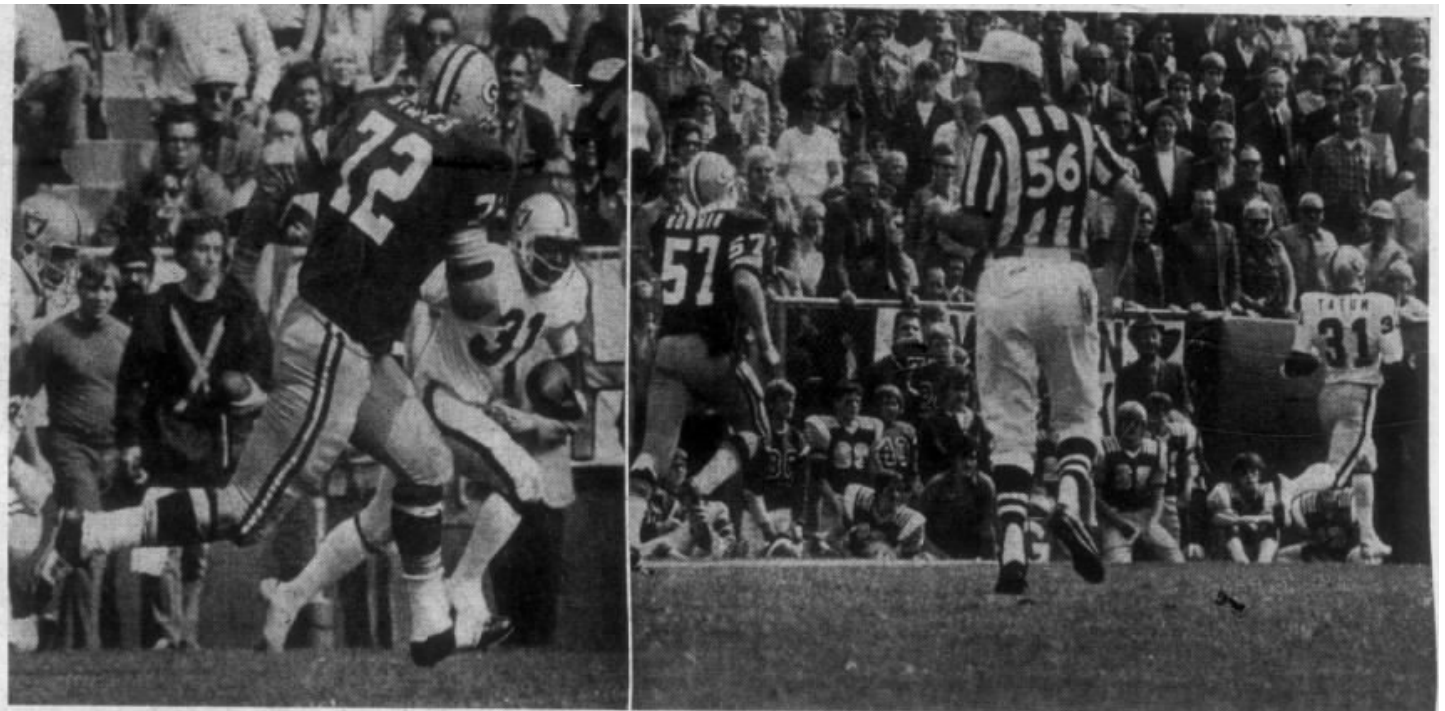
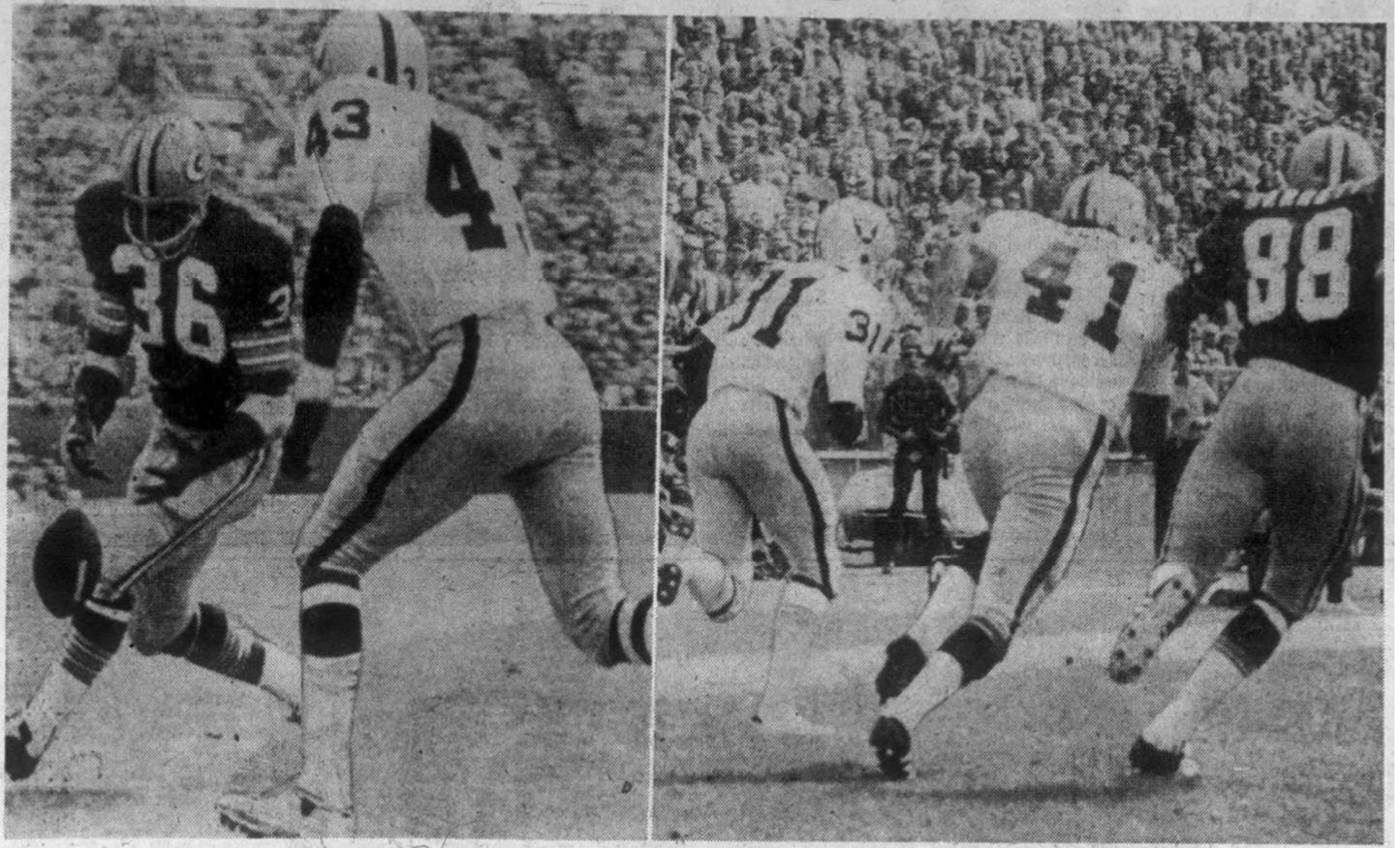
basketball and the Packer controversies. In the basketball case, where Russia received three chances to play the final three seconds, the "gentlemen in stripes" weren't responsible alone for the injustice -there was outside pressure from sideline executives. In the football game, the whistle-blowing brigade alone was responsible. The other difference is that the basketball blunder positively lost the game for the U.S., because their winning points were already on the board. In the case of the football game, the unearned first quarter Raider touchdown didn't deprive the Packers of victory, per se (as some fans believe), but it certainly made Oakland's path to victory easier. To reconstruct for a moment, if Tatum's runback had been disallowed on the recovered muff, Oakland would have had the ball on its own 20 with the Packers leading, 7-3. No one knows the course of events from there on. Since the Packers probably wouldn't have scored their second TD as quickly (they had come back to match Tatum's score in less than 3 minutes), the first half could have ended with Green Bay holding the same 4-point lead it actually did (but at 7-3 rather than 14-10). Though the Packers still could have "overcome" the effects of the call (as we suggested in this corner several days ago), it's a shame they had to battle both bad judgment and a tough football team. Officiating mistakes will continue to be made (just as the rest of us make mistakes in our lines of work), but their effect could be erased or minimized by the employment of the instant-replay device. For the umpteenth time, we urge Pete Rozelle & Co. to adopt this video technique...If any NFL team has a more talented corps of pass receivers than Dallas, it would prove quite a revelation. With a half-dozen outstanding receivers, the Cowboys are doubly blessed at each position. The big six are Bob Hayes, Lance Alworth, Ron Sellers, Billy Parks, Mike Ditka and Billy Truax.

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE FOR PACKERS

OCT 1 (Milwaukee-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Mission Impossible? That, to be sure, is how pro football's experts see the shorthanded Packers' confrontation with the world champion Dallas Cowboys in County Stadium this afternoon, a production which will be viewed by a capacity gathering of more than 47,000 fans. And, realistically, it is hard to fault their logic. Playing the Cowboys anytime is hardly a bargain these days. Super Bowl finalists the last two years, they have won 12 straight regular season and playoff games and are rated by some pundits the greatest team of all time. So overpowering have they become that the Chicago Tribune's Cooper Rollow recently was moved to pontificate, "Not in the days of Paul Brown's Cleveland teams, nor in the heyday of the Baltimore Colts, nor even in the glory years of the late Vince Lombardi's Green Bay Packers has a team seem so gifted, so deep in manpower and so versatile as the Dallas Cowboys." To compound the problem, the Packers emerged from last Sunday's 20-14 loss to Oakland with a lengthy casualty list. It will find them bracing the Cowpokes with a completely revamped offensive line which worked together for the first time only Wednesday. That, clearly, is not the kind of situation to inspire visions of the green and gold prevailing up front against the likes of Bob Lilly, Jethro Pugh and Larry Cole. Yet there are those, chief among them Co-Capt. Ray Nitschke, who not only refuse to concede the day to the Cowboys but envision an upset victory. "Whenever we've been injured in the past, we've always come together and played well," Nitschke said, possibly harking back to a similar situation in 1967 when the Packers shrugged off problems to decimate the Rams, 28-7, in a Western Conference playoff. "I think it will hold true in this case," he said. "We have some key guys missing, but I think the others will play that much harder to make up for them. Another thing, if you can't get ready to play Dallas, you can't get ready for anybody. There's no doubt in my mind that if we play good football, we'll win. But I know we have to play well because Dallas is a great football team." An imponderable in the prognosis is how last Sunday's loss to Oakland, triggered by a missed "call" which presented the Raiders with a touchdown and the momentum to emerge with a 20-14 victory, will affect the Packers' psyche. Another is Scott Hunter's survival potential at quarterback, Hunter, forced to sit out the fourth quarter last Sunday because of a pulled muscle, presumably has recovered sufficiently to start. If he should suffer a recurrence, however, rookie Jerry Tagge will be waiting in the wings. And Tagge, who only recently came off the injury list himself, has yet to make his first appearance in a regular season game. The same holds true for Kevin Hunt, who is scheduled to start at offensive right tackle after spending the first two weeks of the season on the taxi squad. Elsewhere in the drastically revised forward wall, Bill Hayhoe will be at left tackle, Malcolm Snider at left guard and Dick Himes, normally the right tackle, at right guard. Leonard Gerrett will open at tight end in the absence of Rich McGeorge, out for the season following knee surgery, although newcomer Pete Lammons also is expected to see action there. Snider will be the sole survivor of the line which started last week's game against Oakland, with the possible exception of Ken Bowman, who may open at center. If he is unable to answer the bell because of a shoulder injury, Cal Withrow will stand in for the nine-year veteran. Fortunately, the backfield is once again intact with the return to health of John Brockington and MacArthur Lane, handicapped by a pinched nerve and the flu, respectively, in last Sunday's Raider match. Gale Gillingham, until recently the wheelhorse of that offensive unit, also will be missing from the front four on defense. Gillingham, shelved by a knee injury, will be replaced by the former New York Giant, Vernon Vanoy. The 6-foot-8, 275-pound Vanoy made two previous starts during the pre-season. Judging by the Cowboys' track record, the Packers will need to play errorless football if they hope to prevail. They can count on precious little help from the Texans, a vastly more experienced team which averages 7.0 NFL years on offense and a remarkable 9.2 years on defense. The Packers, in contrast, average a mere 3.8 years overall.

Probable Starting Lineups:			
OFFENSE			
DALLAS		GREEN BAY	
Hayes	W R	Glass	
Neely	L T	Hayhoe	
Niland	L G	Snider	
Manders	C	Bowman	
Nye	R G	Himes	
Wright	R T	Hunt	
Ditka	T E	Garrett	
Alworth	W R	Dale	
Morton	Q B	Hunter	
Hill	R B	Lane	
Garrison	R B	Brockington	
DEFENSE			
Cole	L E	C. Williams	
Pugh	L T	Vanoy	
Lilly	R T	Brown	
Toomay	R E	Roche	
Edwards	L L B	Robinson	
Jordan	M L B	Carter	
Howley	R L B	Carr	
Adderley	L C	Buchanan	
Renfro	R C	Ellis	
Green	L S	Matthews	
Harris	R S	Hill	
Packer-Cowboy Series			
Packers won 6. Cowboys: 1. Points —			
Packers 185, Cowboys 108.			

Mission Impossible for Packers



Tribune photos by Roy Williams

Jack Tatum (31) outruns everybody on a 104-yard TD return of MacArthur Lane's (36) fumble to break an NFL record and leave Green Bay fans in a state of shock

Packer Statistics

1972 GREEN BAY PACKERS
(2 GAME STATISTICS 1 - 1)

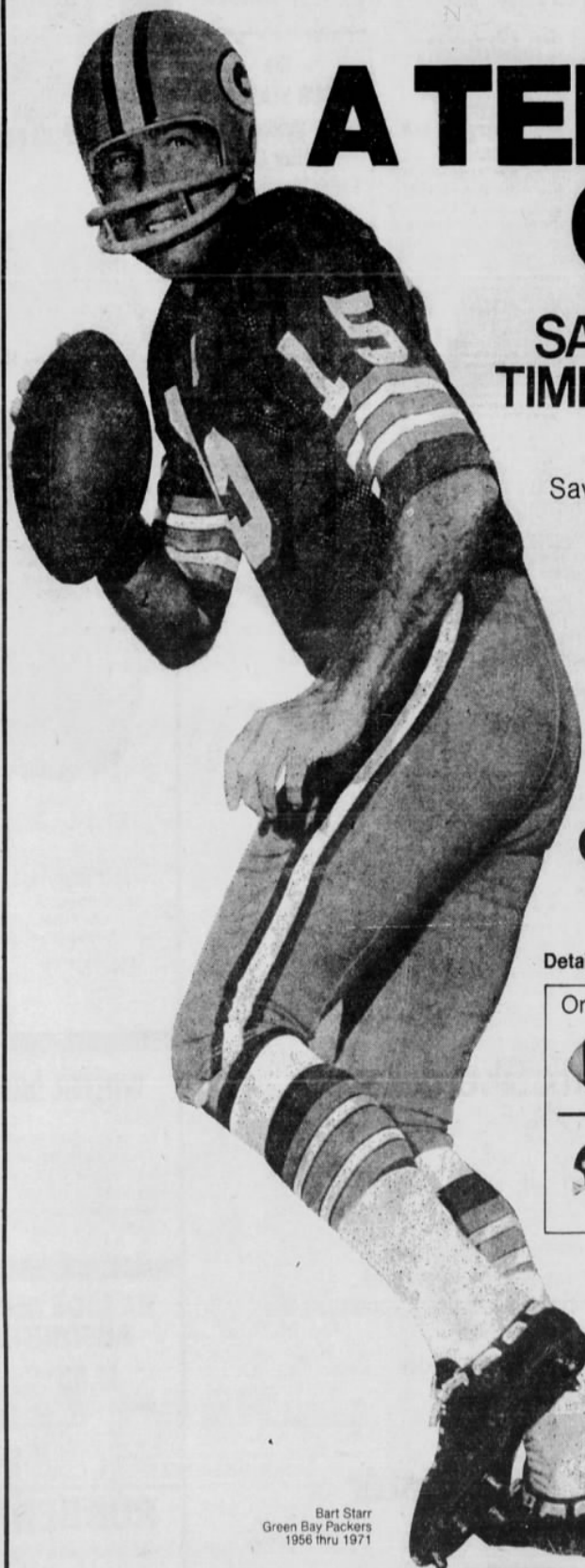
GB	RESULTS & ATTENDANCE	OPP.	SCORES BY QUARTERS					
(w)			ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	TOTAL	
(w)	26 Browns at Cleveland (75,771)	10	G.B.	14	17	3	6	40
(1)	14 Raiders at Green Bay (56,263)	20	Opp.	13	7	10	0	30
	10/1 COWBOYS AT MIL.							
	10/8 Bears at Green Bay							
	10/16 Lions at Detroit		RUSHING	ATT	YDS.	AVE.	LONG	TD.
	10/22 Falcons at Milwaukee		Brockington	41	156	3.8	23	2
	10/29 Vikings at Green Bay		Lane	26	89	3.4	15	0
	11/5 49'ers at Milwaukee		Hudson	9	27	3.0	17	0
	11/12 Bears at Chicago		Williams	4	13	3.3	7	0
	11/19 Oilers at Houston		Glass	1	13	13.0	13	0
	11/26 Redskins at Washington		Davis	1	-7	0.0	-7	0
	12/3 Lions at Green Bay		Hunter	2	-3	0.0	1	0
	12/10 Vikings at Minnesota		GB TOTAL	84	288	3.4	23	2
	12/17 Saints at New Orleans		OPP.TOTAL	69	258	3.7	19	1

TEAM STATISTICS	GB	OPP.	RECEIVING	NO.	YDS.	AVE.	LONG	TD.
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	30	34	Lane	3	71	23.7	49	0
By Rushing	16	17	McGeorge	5	50	10.0	23	2
By Passing	10	12	Glass	1	31	31.0	31	0
By Penalty	4	5	Brockington	2	53	26.5	33	0
Third Down Efficiency	7/28	10/28	Davis	1	11	11.0	11	0
TOTAL NET YARDS	497	501	Kopay	1	8	8.0	8	0
Total Off. Plays	116	126	GB TOTAL	12	209	17.4	49	2
Ave. Gain Per Play	4.3	4.0	OPP.TOTAL	22	243	11.0	52	0
NET YARDS RUSHING	288	258						
Total Rushing Plays	84	69	PUNTING	NO.	YDS.	AVE.	LONG	BLK
Ave. Gain per Rush	3.4	3.7	Widby	11	484	44.0	63	0
NET YARDS PASSING	209	243	GB TOTAL	11	484	44.0	63	0
Lost Attempting to Pass	2/16	3/32	OPP.TOTAL	11	506	46.0	61	0
Gross Yards Passing	225	275						
Attempts/Completions	30/12	54/22	INTERCEP.	NO.	YDS.	AVE.	LONG	TD.
Percent Completed	.400	.407	Buchanon	1	11	11.0	11	0
Had Intercepted	0	3	Robinson	1	7	7.0	7	0
Ave Net Passing Per Game	104.5	121.5	Hill	1	0	0.0	0	0
PUNTS/YDS.	11/484	11/506	GB TOTAL	3	18	6.0	11	0
PUNT RETURNS/YDS.	7/45	4/31	OPP.TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0
KICKOFF RETURNS/YDS.	7/160	3/70						
MISC. RETURNS/YDS.	1/29	3/171	K.O.RET.	NO.	YDS.	AVE.	LONG	TD.
INTERCEPTIONS/AVE. RET.	3/18	0/0	Thomas	4	100	25.0	40	0
PENALTIES/YARDS	9/102	11/141	Hudson	2	41	20.5	28	0
FUMBLES/BALL LOST	5/3	4/2	P.Williams	1	9	9.0	9	0
TOTAL POINTS	40	30	GB TOTAL	7	150	21.4	40	0
Ave Points Per Game	20	15	OPP.TOTAL	3	70	23.3	27	0
Touchdowns	4	3						
by Rushing	2	1	F.G.	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
by Passing	2	0	Marcol	2-2	0-0	0-0	2-3	0-1
by Returns	0	2	OP TOTAL	1-1	1-1	0-0	1-2	3-4
Field Goals	4/6	3/4						
Conversions	4/4	3/3	FIELD GOALS (Good, b=blocked):					
			Marcol: 51, 42b, 41, 19, 49, 17;					

SCORING	TDR	TDP	TDRt	FG.	PAT.	TOTAL
Marcol	0	0	0	4/6	4/4	16
Brockington	2	0	0	0	0	12
McGeorge	0	2	0	0	0	12
GB TOTAL	2	2	0	4/6	4/4	40
OPP. TOTAL	1	0	2	3/4	3/3	30

PUNT RETURNS	NO.	F.C.	YDS.	AVE.	LONG	TD.
Ellis	6	0	45	7.5	25	0
Hudson	1	1	0	0.0	0	0
GB TOTAL	7	1	45	6.4	25	0
OPP. TOTAL	4	1	31	7.8	21	0

PASSING	ATT.	COMP.	YDS.	PCT.	AVE/ATT	TD.	PCT	LG.	INT.	PCT	INT.	LOST/ATT.
Hunter	26	11	216	42.3	8.3	2	.077	49	0	.000	1/5	
Patrick	4	1	9	25.0	2.5	0	.000	9	0	.000	1/11	
GB TOTAL	30	12	209	40.0	7.0	2	.067	49	0	.000	2/16	
OP TOTAL	54	22	243	40.7	4.5	0	.000	52	3	.056	3/32	



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