



Green Bay Packers (2-1) 20, Cincinnati Bengals (1-2) 17
Sunday October 3rd 1971 (at Green Bay)



Bengals Decide To Go, But Pack's Defense Says No-No

GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(GREEN BAY) - Willie Wood could have had tongue ever so slightly in cheek..."I thought it was a good call on the play," the Packers' canny defensive captain said, his expression bland and inscrutable. Cincinnati's Paul Brown might have been inclined to agree, as far as it went, but he was too busy pondering the effect of a related decision. With the Packers leading 20-17 and two minutes remaining on the Lambeau Field clock Sunday afternoon, the ball at the Green Bay 7-yard-line and the Bengals in a fourth down and a-yard-and-a-half situation, Cincinnati had elected to live dangerously and go for it rather than settle for a highly probable tie . . . After reconsidering an earlier decision to try a field goal, that is, and hustling kicker Horst Muhlmann and his supporting cast back to the sidelines.

TRUMPY BLOCKED DOWN

The football fates had taken a large hand in the proceedings, explained Wood, who had joined Dave Robinson in throttling quarterback Ken Anderson's "keeper" for no gain to preserve the Packers' second victory of the infant National Football League season. "Frankly we had rotated our defense to the strong side, expecting a pass to the tight end, Bob Trumpy, who is their key man in a clutch situation. After Trumpy blocked down, indicating he wasn't going to be a pass receiver on the play...I looked into the backfield and saw the quarterback was keeping the ball. "The fullback just got a partial block on Robby, so Robby was able to get a hand on Anderson's foot. He was trying to pull out of the tackle and as he did, I was able to make the hit on him. He has the option to throw to four people on the play, so if your coverage breaks down anywhere, you're in trouble...It was just fortunate he decided to keep it and rolled into the strength of our defense."

HAS OPTION

Brown, of course, saw it a little differently. "On that play, Anderson has the option, but normally the play will go to the outside...the blocking is to the outside," he said. Wood, pondering this point, felt the results would have been largely the same. "He would have had to belly back (whirl around) to go outside," he said, "so I think Anderson made the right decision under the circumstances." Brown wasn't so sure about the one he'd made. "I second guessed myself," he rapped. "You can slice it anyway you want to...We just had to make up our minds in a hurry whether to kick a field goal or go for it...It wasn't the first time I've made a mistake and it won't be the last." The two-minute warning, which had come during the decision making process, had not been a factor, he said. "We were still debating it at the time and hadn't made a final decision to kick."

PLAYERS' INFLUENCE

Brown obliquely admitted his players had influenced him, although he insisted the final word had been his. "You know these kids," he said. "They always like to take a shot at it...We just took a chance and missed." There being honor...and compassion... among coaches, the Packers' Dan Devine declined to second guess the Cincinnati coach after besting the old master in their first professional encounter and moving his team into a four-way tie for the NFC's Central Division lead at 2-1. "Everybody knows his own team and what his team needs, what it needs at the time," Devine said. "I will say that many times I have gone for it, and many other times I have gone for the field goal ... Maybe his team needed a victory and not a tie."

Point Parade



Cincinnati	0	0	10	7-17
Green Bay	3	7	0	10-20

Packers 3, Cincinnati 0

After Dave Hampton returned the opening kickoff 80 yards to the Bengal 25, the Packers stalled at the 8-yard line and Lou Michaels kicked a 15-yard field goal. 3:26 elapsed in first quarter.

Packers 10, Cincinnati 0

Donny Anderson scored around right end from four yards out behind outstanding blocking to conclude a 63-yard drive in five plays, the big one being a 32-yard Scott Hunter to Carroll Dale pass. Michaels added the extra point. 7:02 gone in the second quarter.

Packers 10, Cincinnati 3

Horst Muhlmann kicked a 26-yard field goal after a Ken Anderson pass to Bob Trumpy had moved the Bengals from their own 38 to the Packer 18 in one jump only to be stifled there by the Packer defense. 5:51 elapsed in third quarter.

Packers 10, Cincinnati 10

Lemar Parrish intercepted a Hunter pass at the Bengal 35 and returned it for a touchdown on the first play after the Packers had been given a first down on the Cincinnati 49 by a roughing the punter penalty. Muhlmann converted. 8:16 elapsed in the third quarter.

Packers 17, Cincinnati 10

Hunter passed 19 yards to Rich McGeorge for the touchdown to climax an 80-yard drive after Muhlmann had kicked off out of the end zone. The drive took 12 plays and included three third down conversions. Michaels toed the extra point. Six seconds gone in fourth quarter.

Packers 20, Cincinnati 10

Michaels kicked a 14-yard field goal, capitalizing on a Dave Robinson interception that gave the Packers ownership at the Bengal 28. 6:15 elapsed in the fourth.

Packers 20, Cincinnati 17

Anderson passed five yards to Eric Crabtree for the touchdown that ended a 69-yard march with the Packer kickoff. Anderson gained 19 yards running and hit three straight passes in the drive, helped by a 15-yard penalty on the Packers' Lionel Aldridge for roughness. Muhlmann converted. 11:01 gone in the fourth.

REVERSED DECISION

Devine earlier had faced the same kind of decision when the Packers found themselves with fourth-down-and-one at the Cincinnati 14 in the second quarter and in possession of a 3-0 lead, produced by Dave Hampton's 80-yard return of the opening kickoff and Lou Michaels' 15-yard field goal. The Packer coach first signaled "go for it," then reversed himself and called upon Michaels, whose 26-yard field goal attempt was slightly wide to the right. "The exact yardage is so important in a situation like that and they were slow in putting the stakes down," he said. "Originally, I said to go for it, but when they marked it on the sidelines, the distance for a first down was longer than it had appeared."

HECTIC LIFE

That misadventure, fortunately, had not affected the outcome and Devine was able to jest, "We'd rather win than lose, of course, but I'd just as soon do it easier than that...It's sort of the story of my life. I never seldom get to do it the easy way. "I was very proud, though, of the way the team held down there in the fourth quarter." As Devine suggested, the Packers had made life unnecessarily hectic for themselves - and a capacity house of 56,263 fans. They first dissipated a 10-0 halftime lead and then threatened to squander a second 10-point bulge in the stretch despite another thunderous performance from its running game, which stacked up an incredible 256 yards against one of the NFL's better defenses, 120 of them by that fabulous freshman, John Brockington.

10-10 PARITY

Brown's decision, for example, would never have been required but for a first down fumble by Hampton, fallen upon by Cincinnati's Fletcher Smith at the Packer 15 with only 3:59 left in the game. Earlier, the Bengals had been permitted to gain 10-10 parity in the third quarter on a 26-yard field goal by Horst Muhlmann, triggered by a 44-yard pass to Trumpy, and a 65-yard runback of an interception by cornerback Lemar Parrish. The Packers, meanwhile, were having offensive problems, for which quarterback Scott Hunter accepted the blame. "That was primarily my fault," he said. "In the third quarter, I was trying to go outside, water bucket to water bucket, instead of going right at 'em as we did in the first half. On that 80-yard drive for our last touchdown, we went right at 'em." Spiced by a 17-yard pass to John Spilis and a 15-yard sweep by Brockington, it was climaxed by a 19-yard pass to tight end Rich McGeorge, who gathered in the ball at the seven and rumbled down the east sidelines untouched to score. It was just an over pattern - almost the same play that I scored on against the Giants in the first game here," McGeorge said. "I got off the line of scrimmage pretty clean, which helps. You kind of have to pick your way past the linebacker on that one. On an over pattern, the secondary kind of lets you go...once you get past that weak side linebacker, you've pretty well got it made." And that was the way the Packers appeared to have it when Dave Robinson followed that go-ahead touchdown by intercepting at the Packer 49 and returning to the Cincinnati 28, setting up a 14-yard Michaels field goal which staked the green and gold to a 20-10 lead with only 6:14 remaining.

SIGNS OF MATURITY

But Cincinnati's rookie quarterback, summoned to combat when starter Virgil Carter suffered a shoulder separation in the second quarter, rallied the Bengals once more, this time for an eight-play, 69-yard drive capped by a five-yard pass to Eric Crabtree in the right corner of the end zone. It brought an accolade from Wood. "I thought Anderson did a helluva job coming in there when there was still a chance to win the game...he showed signs of maturity there on that last drive." Carter was not Cincinnati's only casualty. The Bengals also lost defensive back Ken Dyer, who had to be taken to St. Mary's Hospital after colliding with Brockington, and defensive end Ron Carpenter, both obvious victims of the Packers' explosive intensity. "We wanted this game," Devine admitted, "but I don't think it was any dirty play at all. There's a lot of difference between hard hitting and dirty play...I think there was more of an emotional pitch to this one than any of our previous games."

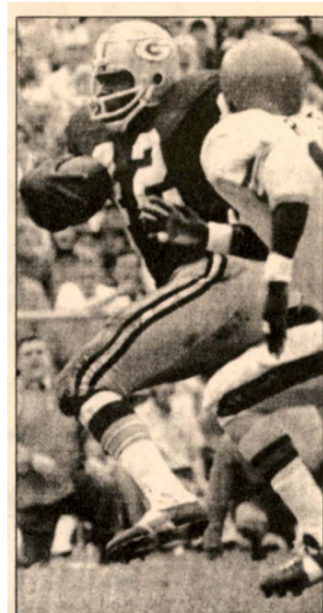
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GREEN BAY - 3 7 0 10 - 20

	CINCINNATI	GREEN BAY
First downs	10	18
Rush-yards-TDs	24-90-0	50-256-1
Comp-Att-Yd-TD-INT	23-11-111-1-1	12-4-75-1-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-23	1-13
Net Passing Yards	88	62
Total yards	178	318
Fumbles-lost	2-1	1-1



Cincinnati Bengals' Ken Anderson (14) picks up first down yardage with a quarterback draw during final quarter of the game (CREDIT: Associated Press)



JOHN BROCKINGTON speeds by Ken Riley as he picks up 29 yards in the Packers' 20-17 win over Cincinnati.

Turnovers	2	3
Yards Penalized	3-44	3-35

SCORING

1st – GB – Lou Michaels, 15-yard field goal GB 3-0
 2nd – GB – Donny Anderson, 4-yard run (Michaels kick) GB 10-0
 3rd – CIN – Horst Muhlmann, 26-yard field goal GB 10-3
 3rd – CIN – Lemar Parrish, 65-yard interception return (Muhlmann kick) TIED 10-10
 4th – GB – Rich McGeorge, 19-yard pass from Scott Hunter (Michaels kick) GB 17-10
 4th – GB – Michaels, 14-yard field goal GB 20-10
 4th – CIN – Eric Crabtree, 5-yard pass from Ken Anderson (Muhlmann kick) GB 20-17

RUSHING

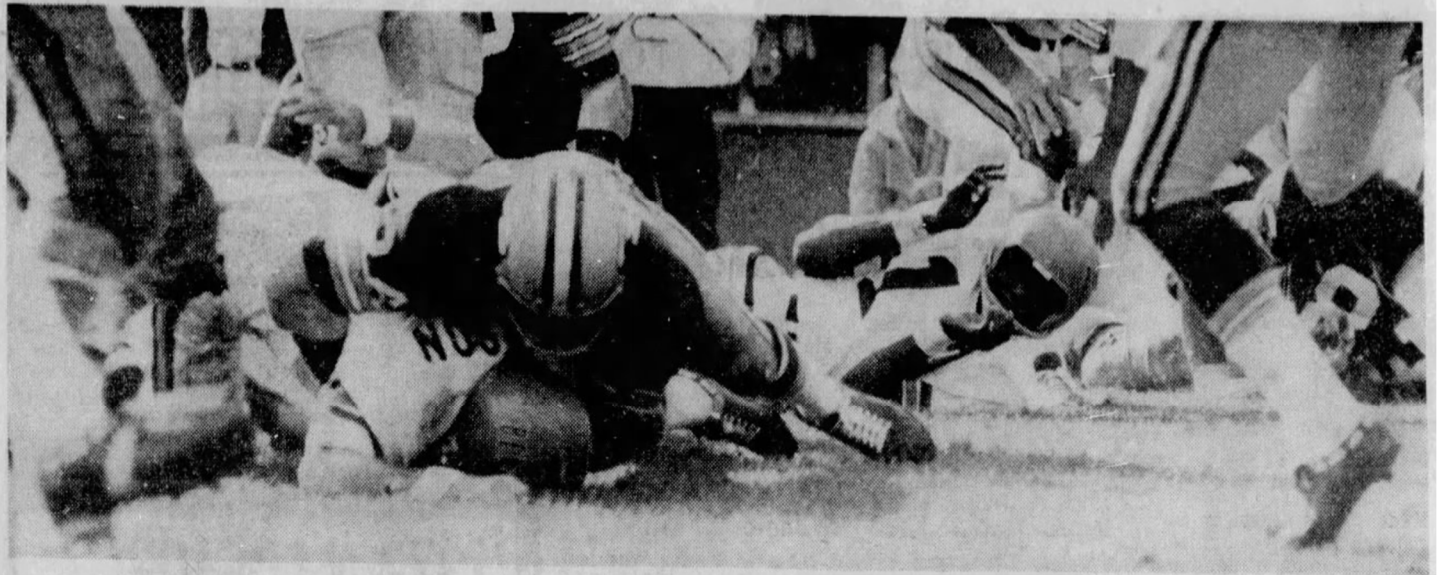
GREEN BAY – John Brockington 19-120, Donny Anderson 18-71 1 TD, Dave Hampton 8-49, Scott Hunter 5-16
CINCINNATI – Ken Anderson 5-29, Essex Johnson 5-22, Paul Robinson 5-17, Fred Willis 4-17, Jess Phillips 4-5, Virgil Carter 1-0

PASSING

GREEN BAY - Scott Hunter 12-4-75 1 TD 2 INT
CINCINNATI – Virgil Carter 7-2-18, Ken Anderson 16-9-93 1 TD 1 INT

RECEIVING

GREEN BAY – Carroll Dale 1-32, Rich McGeorge 1-19 1 TD, John Spilis 1-17, Donny Anderson 1-7
CINCINNATI – Eric Crabtree 4-21 1 TD, Bob Trumpy 3-62, Speedy Thomas 2-10, Essex Johnson 1-10, Fred Willis 1-8



WILLIE WOOD LIES ON KEN ANDERSON AS THE BENGALS MISS THEIR CHANCE

HUNTER RAN ON HIS OWN

OCT 4 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The game wasn't over after the Packers stopped Cincinnati at the 7-yard line. They still had to move the ball out of that hole to insure the victory. This was accomplished largely on a 14-yard rollout advance by quarterback Scott Hunter, who explained: "That keeper I ran for the first down in the last two minutes was not a call. John Brockington was supposed to get the ball, but I figured why not take a chance. It was a lucky piece of work. I'm glad it did work or I would have been the goat of the week...John didn't know I was going to run it - that's what made the play work. If the back knows he's not going to get the ball, he might relax a little on the play and not be as convincing."

BROCKINGTON HAILS PACKER BLOCKERS

OCT 4 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Slipping a peace medallion around his neck, John Brockington repressed an involuntary shudder and confessed, "I almost passed out here on the bench in those last couple of minutes. I said to myself, 'You can't play this hard and lose.'" Brockington, dressing in front of his locker in the wake of the Packers tingling 20-17 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals here Sunday afternoon, lugubriously added, "When I saw the ball bouncing around out there, I said to myself, 'Oh, goodness gracious, this can't be happening to us.'" The reference, needless to say, was to Dave Hampton's late fourth quarter fumble, recovered by the Bengals at the Packer 15 with 3:59 remaining in the game. Had not the Packer defense blunted a fourth down Cincinnati gamble at the seven to save the day, it would have been a dismal end to a great effort for every member of the Packer family, but a particularly unhappy denouement for the gifted rookie fullback. Brockington, now able to celebrate his first 100-yard rushing performance as a professional, said simply, "That's what every running back wants to do, get a hundred yards a game." The multi-muscle Brooklyn native emerged with 120 yards in 19 carries, a 6.3 average, and moved into the team ground gaining lead in the process with 239 yards in 40 attempts. It is hardly a new experience for the 1970 All-American, who shattered Ohio State's single season ground gaining record last year by amassing 1,041 yards. Paying sincere tribute to the offensive line, Brockington shook his head in admiration and

said, "Those holes were there...When you see the linebacker get cut down on one side and Gale Gillingham knock down a scrawny halfback on the other, all you've got to do is walk through there." Whereupon the fleet freshman strode down the dressing room, between imaginary fallen of the enemy, to illustrate his point.

QB KEEPER RIGHT CALL BUT

OCT 4 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The faint smile that crept across Ken Anderson's face was in response to a congratulatory word from a teammate, but the Cincinnati Bengal quarterback wiped it off with his own words. "I was just thinking that I had to make the first down," said Anderson, who was trying to explain his part in the Bengals' fourth down do-or-die play that failed and helped the Packers to a 20-17 victory. "If it works, it's a good deal, but..." The rookie quarterback from Augustana had just finished saying that he had played in only five quarters this season before being sent in to relieve injured Virgil Carter in the second quarter...

KEYED ON GUARDS: But that play, the fourth and just less than two yards to go from the Packer 7-yard line with two minutes to play, was the subject of the onslaught of questions. "I thought the blocking was to the outside so I cut in," said Anderson, who was racked up by Dave Robinson and Willie Wood a full yard and a half short of his goal. "I keyed on the guards but I can't really say that I saw a hole to the inside. Maybe I could have walked in if I had stayed to the outside, I don't know." Bengal Coach Paul Brown wasn't about to fault his young signal caller on the play and, in fact, praised Anderson as "doing a very good job considering he was thrown into the breach like that. It was a chance and it just didn't work." Brown did express some concern at the Bengals' inability to move the ball consistently, saying that "it surprised us." And, he noted bluntly, he didn't feel the game was lost even after that crucial fourth down failure. "I felt if we could hold them down there and force a punt, we could make a fair catch in good position," said the legendary coach. "Horst (Muhlmann) can free kick them from 60 to 65 yards away. But Hunter got away on that end sweep so it didn't work out." Then Brown added, "We were beaten by a team that has a lot of tradition behind it. We just lost the game, that's all." The Packers' ability to move the ball impressed linebackers Bill Burgey and Ken Avery, Burgey commenting that the Pack offensive line was the "best I have ever played against. Every time I turned around there were three of those son-of-a-guns on me. What can you do?" Avery also lauded the Packer blockers, in particular tackle Francis Peay who "cut off my pursuit all day long." It was Avery who came within a hair of being one of the Bengal heroes as he knocked the football loose from Dave Hampton's grasp at the Packer 15-yard line late in the final quarter. "I was pursuing on the blitz on that play," the fifth year linebacker recalled. "Hampton tried to cut back in and I saw him carrying the ball on the inside. It was right there for the picking so I just knocked it out of his hand." Another potential hero for the Bengals was Lemar Parrish, who stole a Hunter pass in the third quarter and romped 65 yards for the then tying touchdown. We were in a man-for-man defense and I had been looking for that cross pattern all afternoon," Parrish said. "I thought they'd never decide to try it. I saw the whole play develop and just timed my interception. When I had it, I knew I could go all the way with it but then, anytime I touch the ball I feel I can go all the way."

BENGAL BEATING EASY, JUST BLOCK AND TACKLE

OCT 4 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Beating the Bengals isn't all that difficult. Defensively, you simply keep them behind the 50-yard line, which is ordinarily out of even Horst Muhlmann's field goal range. Offensively, you throw the best blocking line in the league at them. That, if you want to believe the statistics and the Bengals themselves, was exactly what the Packers did in Lambeau Field Sunday afternoon. Of course, fumbling on your own 15 in the last four minutes of the game and then turning in a nerve-tickling defensive stand to preserve the victory isn't included in the above theory as it was in the 20-17 triumph. But consider the defensive portion of that theory. In the first half, the Bengals failed to cross midfield until the third last play before intermission. And then they pushed only to the Packer 47...and were thrown back to the 50 by a fumble on the next play, thereby forcing a punt. In the second half, as if to prove the theory, they crashed the 50-yard line barrier only twice on their own and cashed in both times via a Muhlmann field goal and Ken Anderson touchdown pass. The only other offensive time they spent in Packerland was after that fumble by Dave Hampton, which the defense promptly negated with its rather inspired work and Paul Brown's decision to go for a win rather than a tie. Not a bad day's work against the team which came into the game as the top offensive unit in the NFL. Now consider the offensive portion of the theory. And listen to Bengal linebacker Bill Burgey: "That offensive line has just gotta be the best in the league. It's the best I've ever played against. That Gillingham and Bowman are fantastic. They're all good hitters and they stick with their blocks. A lot of teams are just hitters. These guys veer back a lot, which doesn't look too good, but they wait for you to make your move, then hit." Particularly obvious Sunday was the super success of the old' Packer sweep, brought back visions of Kramer, Thurston, Skoronski, Gregg, Hornung and Taylor. Guards Bill Lueck and Gale Gillingham, discussing this, grinned and acknowledged that it was the same old "49" the Pack ran in those glory years...but with different people. There was one wrinkle added for this game, however, Assistant Coach Rollie Dotsch pointed out, because of the talent of Bengal left defensive tackle Mike Reid. Normally, according to Dotsch, the center would reach across and cut off the defensive tackle,



The Green Bay defense makes a crucial stop on the Packer 7-yard line with less than two minutes remaining to halt a Cincinnati scoring threat. The key players in the stop of the Bengals' Ken Anderson were Willie Wood (24) and Dave Robinson (89). Other Packers include Aldren Roche (87), Al Matthews (29) and Jim Carter (50). The Bays won, 20-17. (Post-Crescent News Service Photo)



Packer linemen Gale Gillingham (68) and Dick Himes lead John Brockington on a familiar Packer sweep. —State Journal Photos by J. D. Patrick



Cincinnati Bengals' Bill Bergey grabs Packers John Brockington (42) by the shirt tail during game in Green Bay, Oct. 3, 1971. Bergey slowed the Packer back and then made the tackle. (AP Photo)

allowing the tackle to move out on a linebacker. But because Reid is so quick, Bowman consistently called for "odd man" locking, in which the tackle, Dick Himes, would block down on Reid and Bowman would pick up the linebacker. This had the effect of moving Reid away from the direction of the sweep around his end and also piled up the middle to prevent penetration, allowing Francis Peay to come across from the other side of the line and join Lueck and Gillingham as interference pulling around in front of the ball carrier. "The sweep looked good today," Dotsch acknowledged, though Lueck insistently concurred in his coach's observation that backs like John Brockington, Donny Anderson and Dave Hampton make blocking that much easier and effective...FOOTNOTES: Depending on how you look at it, Brown made our Saturday Out of Bounds? look good. We had indicated that Brown steadfastly plays the percentages rather than gambling. Sunday he gambled...and lost...The Bengals found life in the Black and Blue Division a bit rough. Without trying to be funny about anything like injuries, for, awhile Lambeau Field could have doubled for General Hospital...Despite what appeared to be a very definite clip of Scott Hunter by Royce Berry on Parrish's interception return, Berry claimed he hit Hunter in front and flipped him over in such a manner it only looked like clipping. And Hunter agreed, adding that he tried to make it look like a clip. Hamp's fumble brings to mind Max McGee's recent observation that the Packers need 12 men on offense...the extra one to follow Dave and pick up his fumbles...There was an interesting game of psychology during the warmup period. Muhlmann was practicing kickoffs on the side of the field when Michaels came over to join him, putting his tee down about 10 feet away...and matching Horst's boomers almost kick for kick...Zeke Bratkowski had started warming up just as Hunter was launching the Packer drive to the tie-

breaking touchdown. Coach Dan Devine explained he wanted to leave Hunter in but it was reaching the stage of the game where a change had to be at least considered and he wanted Zeke ready... Assistant General Manager Bob Harlan said the Packers decided to include the Pledge of Allegiance, despite an announcement that it was being discontinued, about three hours before game time ..The UWGB band performed very creditably before the game and at halftime.

CRUTCHES, CAST CAN'T QUIET DAN

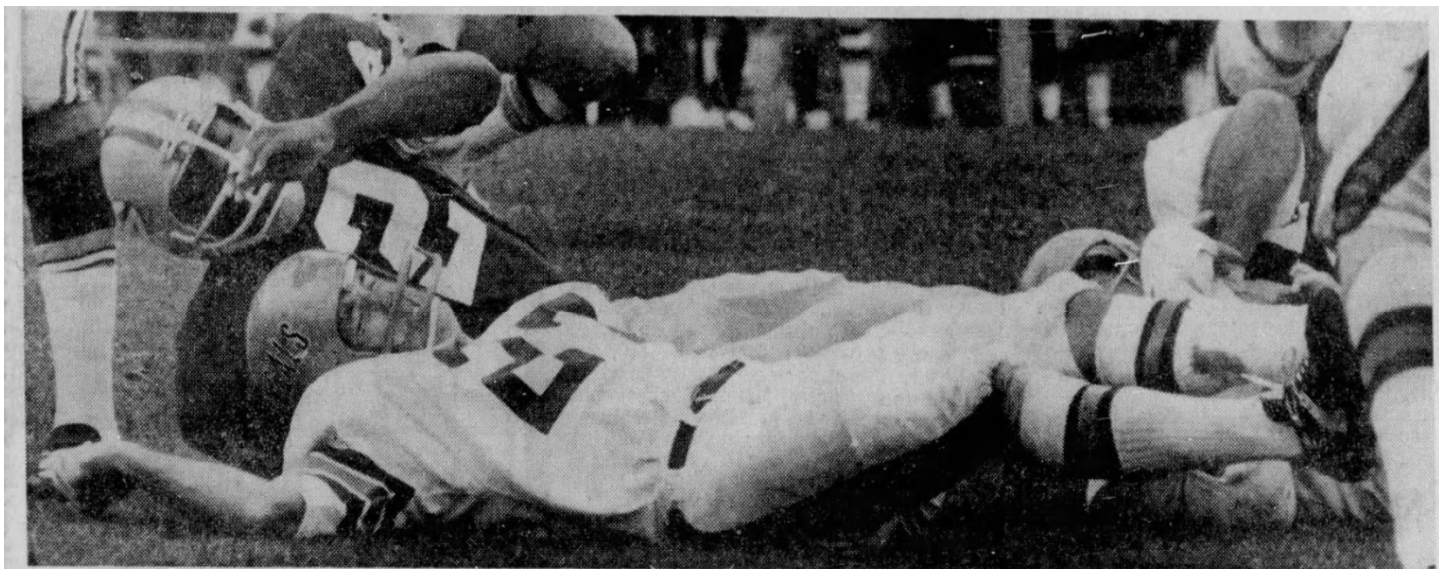
OCT 4 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Dan Devine, back on the Lambeau Field sidelines Sunday afternoon for the first time since he suffered a broken leg there Sept. 19, admitted with a faintly sheepish smile, "I forgot myself out there a few times today." One of those occasions had to be in the first quarter when an official ruled Carroll Dale had caught a potential first down pass with one foot on the out-of-bounds line, nullifying the play. The Packer coach, who had directed operations from the press box in Milwaukee a week earlier, hastily stumped to the field's edge on his crutches to protest the call with more than a little vigor. During the course of the afternoon, he divided his time between a seat behind the bench and an occasional visit to the sidelines when the action was distant enough not to require rapid movement. "Things worked out pretty well," he said, adding with a chuckle, "but the cast got in my way a couple of times."

DYER UNDERGOING TESTS

OCT 4 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Ken Dyer, defensive back of the Cincinnati Bengals, was in satisfactory condition at St. Mary's Hospital with a neck injury suffered in the game against Green Bay here Sunday. A hospital spokesman said this morning there was no change in the condition and that it was not known at that time whether Dyer had a fracture of the cervical spine. A diagnostic test called a myelogram, in which dye is injected into the spine for diagnosis, was to be performed to determine the extent of the injury. Dyer is able to move the limbs, although not to a normal degree, according to a spokesman. The injury occurred while Dyer was tackling the Packers' John Brockington. "My knee hit his head," Brockington said after Green Bay's 20-17 win. Dr. Hiro Nishioka, a Green Bay neurosurgeon, had said earlier today that "there is no danger to life. But even if he has a full recovery, I doubt he'll ever play football again." Medical sources have now referred all statements to the Bengals, who in turn are deferring to their physician, Dr. George Ballou. Dr. Ballou was unavailable for comment this morning. In addition, the Bengals announced that quarterback Virgil Carter had suffered a left shoulder separation and would be out for several weeks.

PLEDGE RETAINED

OCT 4 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Press-Gazette criticized the Green Bay Packers for banning the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag at all home and Milwaukee football games. Today we believe credit is due to the team's administration



KEN DYER LIES INJURED. JOHN BROCKINGTON (42) IS BEHIND HIM

Photos by Jack Klumpe

for reversing that decision prior to Sunday's game at Lambeau Field. Perhaps announcement of the banning was a trial balloon to determine citizen reaction. If so, the answer came through loud and clear from the 56,000-plus fans in the stands Sunday. Never before, in our judgment, was the pledge recited at a game more clearly and firmly and with more feeling. If there are those who think that reciting of the pledge is just an indication of chauvinism rather than an expression of proper patriotism, so be it. The Packers deserve commendation for restoring the pledge to the pregame ceremonies. The fans deserve praise, too, for their excellent recitation of the pledge. The recitation, in effect, was a firm response to a challenge to their patriotism, implied if not expressed, when the pledge ban was announced.

NOT BITTER ABOUT IT, SAYS SECOND - STRINGER NITSCHKE

OCT 4 (Green Bay-Chicago Tribune) - Time marches on, as they say, and no one knows better than Ray Nitschke. The 14-year Green Bay Packer veteran-once the premier middle linebacker of the National Football League - now is a second-stringer, and a nonplaying one, at that. With the Packers building upon youth, Nitschke has become all but an outright castoff. Yesterday, with second-year man Jim Carter filling Ray's old spot in a 20-17 victory over Cincinnati, Nitschke spent the game on the sidelines, relaying phone messages. "It hurts a little not even to get in," he said this morning at breakfast. "You know, this was the first league game I've ever missed - when healthy." In his heart, Ray still feels he can do the job-and he proved it with ruthless tackling in the opener against New York, when Carter was out with an injury. But last week he played only near the end against Denver - and the handwriting now is on the wall. Nitschke says new Coach Dan Devine has explained things to him and, as a way of saying thanks, the Packers have scheduled a Ray Nitschke Day when the hated Chicago Bears come to town on Dec. 12. That is a choice date, for the Bears have always been Nitschke's favorite foes. The rough-and-tumble fellow from Chicago's western suburbs was disappointed when the Bears passed over him in the 1957 draft and he came to Green Bay "not even knowing where the place was." Since then, he has taken particular delight in cracking Chicago helmets-something all the Packers enjoy, anyway. Remarkably, Nitschke isn't bitter, explaining that "Devine is going to be here a while. He wants to start right from the beginning building his own team. A 34-year-old player is a pretty old middle linebacker." Ironically, he replaced Tom Bettis almost the same way back in 1960. "Now I know how Bettis felt," Ray said. "He was the veteran, but. Vince Lombardi told me the job was mine, rain or shine." Nitschke feels he owes too much to football - and to the Packers - to cause any fuss about his turn of events. "When I was younger, I probably couldn't have gone thru this mentally," he said. "Sure, my pride is hurt-and pride, in performing well and being a first-stringer, has been one of my strong points as a ballplayer. But I haven't bellyached, and I think the coaches are satisfied. You know, I've matured - not only as a ballplayer, but as a man. I can't go against the grain now. Why criticize the decisions the coaches



Bengal Ken Dyer Awaits Stretcher

—AP Wirephoto

Dyer Undergoing Tests



RAY NITSCHKE . . . "I don't feel old"

make?" Nitschke says he hopes to play at least one more season - 15 years has been his goal - and he even would accept a trade, if that would keep him active. But that, too, would hurt a lot. "It sounds corny, I know, but to me there's only one team. I'm really touched by this place." He says you don't easily give up feelings nurtured during Green Bay's golden area, or when the biggest thing was to beat the Bears. His hope now is to be useful - and he will prepare himself to play every week. "You've got to be ready to help out," he said. "You never know when your turn might come again." But he feels his role now is one of leadership, being an example for the younger guys. He is staying in shape. Last night he was out with friends until 2 a.m., but drank only water-"maybe two gallons of water," he said wearily. That's not like the old Nitschke, a famous hell-raiser who would dethrone critics from bar stools. "I had a lot of changes to make," he nodded. "I was kind of irresponsible for a while. I had some personal problems and I just couldn't carry myself as an adult. But, you know, you're in this only once. God gave me this ability to play - and there I was. Gee, my career rose so fast. And it was so rewarding. Sometimes I don't think I've played as long as I have. I can't believe I'm in my 14th year. I don't feel old."

BENGALS LIST DYER AS SERIOUS

OCT 5 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Cincinnati defensive back Ken Dyer does not have a broken neck but is listed in serious condition at St. Mary's Hospital in Green Bay, the Bengals announced today. Team physician Dr. George Ballou termed the injury a "severe contusion of the spinal

cord." Dr. Ballou said X-rays Sunday showed no evidence of a fracture and that diagnostic X-rays Monday showed "no outside pressure on the spinal cord." He said Dyer was able to move his lower extremities and is in good spirits. Dr. Wally Timperman, another Bengals' team physician, said surgery on Dyer "does not now appear to be necessary."

BART THROWS THIS WEEK

OCT 5 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Encouraged by Bart Starr's rate of recovery, Packer Coach Dan Devine said Monday "there is hope" that the 37-year-old quarterback will return to active duty this season. "I think there is hope Bart will be back, I really do," he said. "He is going to start throwing the ball about mid-week. He was supposed to start today, but we decided to hold off a few days and not rush it." Starr underwent surgery for repair of a biceps tendon in late July and a second operation Aug. 13. "I don't have any idea just when Bart would be available," Devine said, "because that enters the realm of the physiological and I don't feel that I should be expressing opinions about that sort of thing. "But we obviously feel he'd be of value to the team this year or we wouldn't have kept that spot open on the roster, which is so extremely valuable to us at this time." Starr, running and exercising daily, presently is a member of the team's seven-man taxi squad.

DETROIT LOSES FARR FOR PACKER CONTEST

OCT 5 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Detroit Lions will be without the services of running back Mel Farr when they host the Green Bay Packers Sunday. Farr suffered a dislocated right shoulder and will be sidelined for two to three weeks. Rookie Mickey Zofko of Auburn has replaced him on the roster...Chicago Bear halfback Gale Sayers will make his 1971 debut Sunday after recovering from off-season knee surgery. Bear quarterback Jack Concannon's knee surgery Monday was termed successful but Concannon, who will have a cast on for at least six weeks, is expected to be out for the season...The New York Giants placed fullback Tucker Frederickson on the move list and activated end Reggie Rucker after Frederickson suffered a hamstring muscle pull Sunday...New England suffered five injuries Sunday. Defensive tackle Houston Antwine, knee and calf injury, and defensive back Hubie Bryant, with a hamstring pull, will be lost for two weeks. Defensive back Rickie Harris is doubtful with a knee injury. Middle linebacker Jim Cheyunski and running back Carl Garrett are probable starters next week after suffering slight knee injury and bruised ribs respectively... New York Jet linebacker Ralph Baker suffered a bone fracture in his right wrist in Sunday's game but is expected to be ready for next Sunday's game...Cincinnati Coach Paul Brown said the Bengals will go with rookie quarterback Ken Anderson and not trade for a quarterback. The Bengals lost starter Virgil Carter for at least three weeks when he suffered a shoulder separation against Green Bay Sunday...Rookie wide receiver Kenny Burrow of the Atlanta Falcons suffered a cracked bone in his hand in Sunday's game against Detroit and his status is uncertain...Detroit barred Alex Karras, former player now doing a column for the Detroit Free Press, from the press box Sunday. A Lions spokesman said the Lions are still paying Karras' salary and that the team is not happy about having Karras say derogatory things about the team...The National Football League set a single-weekend attendance record of 761,713 this past weekend breaking the old mark of 749,191 set last Nov. 22...The Atlanta Falcons deposited funds in a special account to cover ticket price increases until the federal courts decide whether Atlanta's price hike was in violation of the wage price freeze.

JURY STILL OUT ON PACKERS OFFENSIVE ATTACK: DEVINE

OCT 5 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - "This," Dan Devine asserted, "is going to be a very unpredictable team." The Packer coach wasn't being plaintive. In fact, there was the suggestion of a fondly paternal understanding, such as a father might show in describing his son's personality. "We have a lot of young guys who'll do unpredictable things," he said. "Like Sunday's game with Cincinnati...We have the game won, then lose it, then come back to win it again." Yet, with a team

starting two rookies in its backfield (Scott Hunter and John Brockington) and five second-year men in its defense (Jim Carter, Clarence Williams, Mike McCoy, Ken Ellis and Al Matthews), Devine finds his Packers locked in a four-way tie for the Central Division lead in the National Football League after three games with a 2-1 record. Perhaps because of it, he was careful not to encourage any notions of championship grandeur at this point while holding forth at a customary Monday press conference. "I don't think where you are right now makes a heckuva lot of difference, other than if you were way behind," he said. Although obviously heartened by recent developments, namely successive victories over Denver and Cincinnati, the Packer coach quite clearly is awaiting the outcome of next Sunday's invasion of Detroit before making any pronouncements of that nature. This became even more apparent when he discussed the caliber of the Packer attack, a source of concern in 1970 but somewhat on the awesome side of late. "Yes, the jury is still out on our offense," he said. "Even the best offensive teams get stopped, of course. If Detroit should stop us, it might mean just that we were stopped that day, or maybe that our offense wasn't as good as we thought it was. By the same token, I think it's the best jury we've had so far. And, of course, Detroit gives you a different offensive picture. They blitz you so much and try to upset you, your thinking and your offensive continuity." Although the accent has been on rushing to date (the Packers rushed on 50 of 60 plays en route to their 20-17 victory over the Bengals), Devine said it had not been intentional. "The emphasis hasn't been placed on the running game in practice," he said. "It's just turned out that way in the ball game. We've emphasized a balanced attack in our preparations. For any number of reasons, the defense the other team is using, the developing of the offensive line into a more cohesive unit, the confidence the players have developed in the running game...and the situation...we have been running the ball a lot. But we're just as likely to throw 40 or 50 times against throw 40 or 50 times against Detroit as we ran 50 times against Cincinnati. We're going to attack Detroit where we feel we can beat them. We certainly are not going to give up on our best plays. By the same token, they're going to try to stop our best plays. Each week, I might add, something different has gone for us in our running game. Of course, we're going to run out of things to do before long. Like on our sweeps Sunday. We ran three different kinds. From the sidelines, they look the same but to the defense it's three different problems." Devine paid tribute to Detroit as we ran 50 times against Cincinnati. We're going to attack Detroit where we feel we can beat them. 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We haven't done any grading yet but, judging by the film, they will grade out extremely high. Dave Hampton probably will grade out high on his blocking, too...John Brockington ran hard, held onto the football and punished tacklers, but he probably won't grade as high on his blocking as Hampton. I think John's blocking, though, is just a matter of practice." Asked why Hampton had been at left halfback in the closing minutes rather than Donny Anderson, presumed to have surer hands, Devine said, "Partly because Dave is a little better blocker." Hampton fumbled when hit by Bengal linebacker Ken Avery and Cincinnati recovered at the 15, only to be stopped on a fourth down and yard-and-a-half at the seven. "In the first place, I don't think Dave is any more likely to fumble than anyone else," the Packer leader said. "It was the kind of play you hate to see. The timing of Avery's blow was such that it probably would have separated most folks from the ball. If the blow had landed any place but on the ball, it would have been a 15-yard penalty. It was a more vigorous blow than the one Lionel Aldridge received a 15-yard penalty for earlier. Again, as far as Hampton is concerned, you have to assume your people can play football...He seems to be a victim of circumstances. But sure, it was his fault...It's always your fault when you fumble." Turning to the subject of his rookie quarterback and two interceptions that well could have loomed large in the final accounting, Devine said, "Any time you throw the ball, you're going to have interceptions...Scott may be trying to force the ball inside a little, I admit. "But he's very good about not playing that last golf shot over. He goes on. For example, that was his call to Rich McGeorge on our last touchdown from the 20-yard-line — right after he had been intercepted. I thought that was an excellent call. And he works pretty well on his own...I'm not as concerned about interceptions, because they're going to happen. I'm more concerned in a case where we second and two and didn't

Pro Football Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	Op.
Baltimore	2	1	0	.667	58	17
Miami	1	1	1	.500	49	38
New England	1	2	0	.333	30	63
New York Jets	1	2	0	.333	24	49
Buffalo	0	3	0	.000	51	97

Central Division

Cleveland	2	1	0	.667	65	47
Pittsburgh	2	1	0	.667	57	44
Cincinnati	1	2	0	.333	64	55
Houston	0	2	1	.000	29	64

Western Division

Kansas City	2	1	0	.667	50	40
Oakland	2	1	0	.667	74	40
San Diego	1	2	0	.333	38	69
Denver	0	2	1	.000	26	60

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	Op.
Washington	3	0	0	1.000	74	36
Dallas	2	1	0	.667	107	64
New York Giants	2	1	0	.667	66	90
St. Louis	1	2	0	.333	54	55
Philadelphia	0	3	0	.000	24	110

Central Division

Green Bay	2	1	0	.667	94	72
Chicago	2	1	0	.667	40	49
Detroit	2	1	0	.667	88	61
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San Francisco	2	1	0	.667	65	43
Atlanta	1	1	1	.500	78	78
Los Angeles	1	1	1	.500	57	47
New Orleans	1	1	1	.500	57	71

Sunday's Results

Baltimore 23, New England 3
New York Jets 14, Miami 10
San Francisco 31, Philadelphia 3
Pittsburgh 21, San Diego 17
Minnesota 19, Buffalo 0
Green Bay 20, Cincinnati 17
Washington 20, Dallas 16
Houston 13, New Orleans 13, tie
Detroit 41, Atlanta 38
New York Giants 21, St. Louis 20
Kansas City 16, Denver 3
Los Angeles 17, Chicago 3
Only games scheduled

Monday's Game

Oakland 34, Cleveland 20

Sunday's Games

Green Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at Buffalo
Houston at Washington
Miami at Cincinnati
Minnesota at Philadelphia
New York Jets at New England
Pittsburgh at Cleveland
St. Louis at Atlanta
New Orleans at Chicago
San Diego at Kansas City
Denver at Oakland
Los Angeles at San Francisco
Only games scheduled

Monday's Game

New York Giants at Dallas, 8 p.m., national TV
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NFL standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

THROUGH GAMES OF OCTOBER 4

EASTERN DIVISION

Club	W.	L.	T.	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.
Baltimore	2	1	0	.667	58	17
Miami	1	1	1	.500	49	38
New England	1	2	0	.333	30	63
New York	1	2	0	.333	24	49
Buffalo	0	3	0	.000	51	97
New York	1	2	0	.333	24	49

CENTRAL DIVISION

Club	W.	L.	T.	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.
Cleveland	2	0	0	1.000	45	13
Pittsburgh	2	1	0	.667	57	44
Cincinnati	1	2	0	.333	64	55
Houston	0	2	1	.000	29	64

WESTERN DIVISION

Club	W.	L.	T.	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.
Kansas City	2	1	0	.667	50	40
Oakland	1	1	0	.500	40	20
San Diego	1	2	0	.333	38	69
Denver	0	2	1	.000	26	60

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

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WESTERN DIVISION

Club	W.	L.	T.	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.
San Francisco	2	1	0	.667	86	43
Atlanta	1	1	1	.500	78	78
New Orleans	1	1	1	.500	57	71
Los Angeles	1	1	1	.500	57	47

get a clean handoff, then wound up with third and five, throw an incomplete pass and have to give up the ball. With second and two, you should always come up with a first down." Devine applauded Hunter's decision to bootleg in the closing minutes, a maneuver which produced 14 yards and a vital first down at the Packer 20. "It shows you a quarterback can run in this league," he said. "In fact, it's the best play down there...If you can get your quarterback outside the containment, I've always felt it was the best play to get you out of trouble." The defense, which limited Cincinnati to 176 yards, "did all right," Devine admitted, pointing out, "You can't count that interception they scored on against the defense. All of the points that have been scored on us can't be charged to the defense. By the same token, the defense had opportunities to give us the big play Sunday and, except for Dave Robinson's interception, it didn't. We had balls in our hands which could have changed the game around and dropped them. As far as guys who played well are concerned, Willie Wood was in on three out of four plays on that last Cincinnati series down on the goal line. Lionel Aldridge. I thought, played his best game of the season and Freddie Carr is becoming a better linebacker. But, in my opinion, he had a long way to go." Subsequently evaluating the task ahead once again, Devine announced, "The biggest surprise I've had since I came here was watching the Bears warm up before our pre-season game in Milwaukee and seeing the talent they have - without Gale Sayers or Dick Butkus. I had no idea they had that much talent. Take Willie Holman, for one. He just ate us up. We haven't blocked Willie Holman yet. Detroit and Minnesota are great football teams, well coached and well disciplined, I might add...Chicago is, too. I think we have the most unpredictable team in the division." Chuckling, Devine noted, "I don't particularly want to have an unpredictable team, but let's face it, this is the way it is." Then, pondering that point fleetingly, he exhibited a sly smile and added, "But I didn't see anybody leave early Sunday afternoon..."

DEVINE GETS 'POINTERS' FROM '70 LION FIASCOS

OCT 6 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Football coaches, like historians, study the past to gauge the future. It is routine procedure, of course, for a National Football League team to receive films of two of the imminent opponent's games in the current season to assist in the analytical process. But it also is SOP to review the previous year's exchanges in the hope they will be somewhat revealing. Accordingly, Dan Devine and his Packer coaching staff have delved into their voluminous film library this week in order to develop a "book" on the Lions, next Sunday's opposition in an early season showdown at Detroit's Tiger Stadium...PAINFUL VISIT: Although he wasn't here a year ago, Devine found a visit to the Lombardi Avenue projection room a long and painful affair. "I looked at last year's Detroit games and that was a distressing experience," he confided following

Tuesday's practice, the first for his athletes since Sunday afternoon's 20-17 decision over the Cincinnati Bengals. "Forty-zip and 20-zip." "Neither game," he added with a mirthless smile, "was as close as the scores indicated...To say that we got any pointers from last year's film might be overstating the fact." The details of the 1970 Packer-Lion series bear him out. The Packers shut out twice in a season for the first time since 1949, managed a mere 114 yards net in their opener against Detroit, a 40-0 disaster. The true measure of their futility is reflected by the fact Donny Anderson, beginning a 853-yard season, was the Packers' ground gaining leader with just 21 net yards in 10 attempts...MAJOR TURNOVER: Things were little better in the season-ending rematch at Detroit, a 20-0 victory. Although the defense limited Joe Schmidt's operatives to 162 yards, Lem Barney amassed 188 return yards, running back a kickoff 74 to set up on of four Errol Mann field goals and streaking 65 to score on a punt return. Though there has been a major turnover in personnel during the interim, more than a few of the present Packers were participants in those debacles. While they are understandably wary of predicting reprisal, it is safe to assume they have not forgotten those embarrassments. Willie Wood, for one, remembers them well...ELOQUENT EXPRESSION: "I think everybody is aware we were unable to score against them last year," the prideful defensive captain says. "In the first game, they completely humiliated us. In the second game, we played well enough to win but they were able to capitalize on certain things we broke down on. Deep down inside, I think everyone is conscious of the fact that we weren't able to do anything against them last year and hopes we can remedy that this year." That, Wood added, is likely to be a task of some proportions. "We're a young team, and a young team is going to make mistakes. And Detroit is the kind of team you can't make mistakes against. But, if we play heads up football, I think we can beat 'em. If not..." Willie didn't finish the sentence, but his expression was eloquent. "I think, though, that we're a much better team than we were at this time last year. We have more people capable of going all the way, more striking power...PACKER PATTERN: Devine described himself as "greatly concerned" over the condition of linebacker Dave Robinson, who has been limping and did not take part in Tuesday's light practice. "It's not that he's not trying, but his recuperation time each week cuts into his preparation for the game, plus his conditioning," DD said. "Robby's playing well but I know he can play better and I know he will eventually. It's unfortunate this knee thing came up. His recovery from the Achilles tendon thing of last year has been just remarkable. It's just unfortunate this knee thing has to come up when he had the Achilles thing answered."...Commenting on the fact that Detroit's redoubtable defense has yield a startling 38 points to the Falcons in a 41-38 scramble Sunday, Devine noted, "Atlanta has moved the ball on everybody it has played. A team that has beaten the

49ers and tied the Rams, as they have, has to be a good ball club...Atlanta is a surprising team to some."... The Packers, by dint of their 256-yard eruption against Cincinnati, have moved into the NFL's rushing lead with 594 yards in three games. Quarterback Zeke Bratkowski, once the Chicago Bears' regular punter during the early days of his pro career, took punting practice Tuesday for the first time within memory...With Ken Duncan sidelined by a pulled hamstring muscle in his kicking leg, Bratkowski is expected to be Donny Anderson's backup in Detroit Sunday.

THROW-IN MAKES GOOD

OCT 6 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - When the Packers ended Herb Adderley's winter of discontent by dealing the all-pro cornerback to the Dallas Cowboys a year ago, center Malcolm Walker was the key acquisition from Green Bay's point of view. Walker, forced into retirement by chronic knee problems at the relatively tender age of 28, since has departed the Green Bay scene to pursue a career in accounting. All that thus remains of the transaction is a towering young Texan who was considered something of a throw-in at the time of the exchange, defensive end Clarence Williams. A member of the Cowboys' taxi squad in 1969, he had yet to appear in a league game when acquired by the Packers. Yet, despite Adderley's acknowledged eminence and his contributions to the Cowpokes' Super Bowl cause in 1970, there are indications the Packers still could emerge on the long end of the deal. One of them came in Sunday's 20-17 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals, which defensive line coach Dave Hanner described as Williams' best of the season after the huge sophomore exerted heavy pressure on Bengal quarterbacks and played havoc with Cincinnati's running game. He suggested, too, that the former Prairie View A. & M. performer can only get better, which has to be a heartening intelligence to Packer buffs, considering that Williams has just turned 25 and Adderley now is in the twilight of his career...**'JUST NEEDS EXPERIENCE':** "Clarence is a good consistent ball player," says Hanner of Williams, a spectacularly proportioned 6-foot-5 and 255 pounds. "He has good speed and he's young and strong. He just needs experience." The amiable Brazoria, Tex., native also is dedicated to the task at hand," Hanner pointed out. "Clarence is a hard worker - he works hard all the time and he's real coachable. The biggest thing he needs is just playing and," Hanner slyly added, "I'm sure he's going to get enough of that." Williams was inclined to agree with the coach's assessment of his Sunday artistry, although he qualified his concurrence. "I felt, too, like I played my best game," he said, "but I still have a lot more improving to do. I feel I have to improve my pass rush. I think I'm pretty good against the run, but there are a few fundamentals I have to work on, like staying low in the line in a running situation and not letting the blocker get under me so he can cut me down." Clarence, unintentionally responsible for dismantling Cincinnati quarterback Virgil Carter in the second quarter, admitted, "You do get psyched up to get at the quarterback - I know I do - but you've got to beat the guy in front of you before you can get to the quarterback." Sunday "the guy in front of me" was Vernon Holland, a rookie from Texas A. & I., and his play in the Packers pre-season game with Cincinnati made Williams a man with a mission...**'A LITTLE STRONGER':** "I felt I didn't do as well against him as I should have in that first game," Clarence said. "I think that's why I played better this time. I studied the film of our first game real close. I didn't change my techniques, I just took him on a little stronger than I did the other time." Williams, said he was merely carrying out his assignment on the play which saw Carter suffer a shoulder separation. "He was rolling out and my main job is to contain him," he explained. "He was near the sidelines and had just stopped. He had to get rid of the ball in a hurry or take a big loss and, just as he delivered the ball, I hit him." Clarence admits he has given thought to his role in the Adderley trade, although he is not permitting it to weigh upon him. "I did think about it when Malcolm Walker was first released," he said, "although I haven't thought about it too much lately. I want to do as good as I am capable of and I want to make the trade look good. But I have a lot of improving to do. I hope to get better with each game."

DETROIT DEPTH TO PAY OFF: LIONS BEST IN CENTRAL RACE

OCT 6 (Detroit Free Press) - Joe Schmidt has a favored expression in times of stress and otherwise. "Keep the faith, baby" is how it goes. The Lion coach has a new contract, but he still is in the fifth year of a

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PASSING
(Alphabetically Arranged—Minimum of 30 Attempts)

	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yards	TD.	Int.	Pct. Avg. Yd.
							Int. Gained
Beathard, St. Louis	57	26	45.6	472	3	64	3 5.3 8.28
Berry, Atlanta	66	44	66.7	795	6	66	4 6.1 12.05
Brodie, San Francisco	84	41	48.8	612	5	50	6 7.1 7.29
Coccarone, Chicago	77	42	54.5	534	0	28	3 3.9 4.34
Cuzzo, Minnesota	58	30	51.7	394	3	52	3 5.2 6.79
Gabriel, Los Angeles	39	19	48.7	473	1	34	2 2.2 5.31
Hunter, Green Bay	35	15	42.9	274	3	32	5 14.3 7.83
Kilmer, Washington	59	34	57.6	468	4	71	1 1.7 7.93
Landry, Detroit	56	26	46.4	382	4	74	1 1.8 6.82
Lisker, Philadelphia	63	32	50.8	595	2	34	9 9.7 6.40
Manning, New Orleans	63	32	50.8	485	4	63	3 4.8 7.70
Morton, Dallas	62	36	58.1	533	4	76	2 3.2 8.60
Nix, Chicago	31	9	29.0	149	3	36	3 9.7 4.81
Tarkenton, New York	74	45	60.8	594	5	81	5 6.8 8.03

SCORING

	TDs	PAT.	FG.	Pts.	No.	Avg.	Long	TDs.
Hill, Dallas	6	0	0	36	11	31.2	93	1
Knight, Washington	0	8	6	26	4	30.5	42	0
Mann, Detroit	0	8	6	26	5	28.8	45	0
Abramowicz, New Orleans	4	0	0	24	9	28.2	41	0
Burrell, Atlanta	4	0	0	24	5	27.4	46	0
Bell, Atlanta	0	9	5	24				
Clark, Dallas	0	14	3	23				
Michaels, Green Day	0	6	5	21				
Burrell, Atlanta	0	6	5	21				
Cox, Minnesota	0	5	5	20				
Gossett, San Francisco	0	11	3	20				

PUNT RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	Long	TDs.
Turner, Chicago	4	11.3	21	0
Vactor, Washington	8	9.0	30	0
Barney, Detroit	5	8.2	13	0
Smith, Chicago	9	28.2	41	0
V. Washington, San Fran.	5	27.4	46	0

PASS RECEIVING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs.
Abramowicz, New Orleans	13	272	20.9	4
Grin, Minnesota	13	233	17.9	3
Walton, Atlanta	13	171	13.2	2
Gordon, Chicago	13	144	11.1	2
Garrison, Dallas	13	133	10.2	1
Kowalik, San Francisco	11	175	15.9	3
Owens, Minnesota	11	113	10.3	0

RUSHING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs.
Ellison, Los Angeles	54	276	5.1	1
Brockington, Green Bay	40	239	6.0	1
Brown, Washington	35	232	6.6	1
Hill, Dallas	62	229	3.7	6
Owens, Detroit	51	223	4.4	2
Willard, San Francisco	49	220	4.5	2
Anderson, Green Bay	45	217	4.8	3
Haraway, Washington	40	214	5.4	1
V. Washington, San Fran.	24	185	7.7	1
Taylor, Detroit	43	180	4.2	1

PUNTING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long
Fagan, New Orleans	19	820	43.2	64
Studsstill, Los Angeles	18	772	42.9	56
Brady, Washington	15	631	42.1	58
Widley, Dallas	13	539	41.5	51
Latorrette, St. Louis	15	621	41.4	55
McNeill, Philadelphia	14	576	41.4	51
McCann, San Francisco	6	247	41.2	52
Green, Chicago	20	819	41.0	53
Blanchard, New York	19	754	39.7	55
H. Weaver, Detroit	10	366	36.6	61

KICKOFF RETURNS

	No.	Avg.	Long	TDs.
Hampton, Green Bay	9	38.1	80	0
Jessie, Detroit	4	37.3	97	1
Hobbs, Dallas	10	33.9	77	0
T. Williams, Los Angeles	3	32.3	49	0
Nelson, Philadelphia	4	31.5	34	0

Closed-Circuit Telecast In Denver Loses \$7,500

DENVER, Colo.—The closed circuit telecast of the NFL game between the Denver Broncos and the Kansas City Chiefs was an artistic success, but the promoters took a financial beating. Only about 2,000 of the 8,000 available seats were sold. Tickets were priced at \$6.

Ken Macker, a partner in International Colorcasting of San Francisco, admitted that the promotion would lose about \$7,500.

National Conference Stats

Team Offense

	Yards	Rushing	Passing
San Francisco	1201	562	639
Atlanta	1045	298	747
Dallas	1007	392	615
Los Angeles	990	562	428
Green Bay	969	594	375
Washington	925	474	451
DETROIT	907	547	360
St. Louis	900	364	536
Minnesota	831	320	511
New Orleans	802	396	406
N.Y. Giants	780	251	529
Philadelphia	746	160	586
Chicago	549	189	360

Team Defense

	Yards	Rushing	Passing
Minnesota	600	292	308
Washington	678	267	411
St. Louis	753	347	406
San Francisco	790	280	510
Green Bay	825	270	555
Los Angeles	826	340	486
New Orleans	844	419	425
Dallas	856	298	558
DETROIT	863	235	628
Chicago	992	559	434
Atlanta	1007	581	424
N.Y. Giants	1080	379	701
Philadelphia	1411	588	823

Clarence Williams

Defensive End — Prairie View A & M

Height 6-5, Weight 235

Born in Brazoria, Texas, Sept. 3, 1946

3rd year in NFL . . . drafted eleventh by Dallas in 1969 . . . taxied with Cowboys in 1969 and came to Packers with Mal Walker for Herb Adderley prior to 1970 season . . . Started last 8 games at left defensive end in 1970 . . . Good pass rush . . . Great potential. Residence: Prairie View, Tex.

five-year plan with the Super Bowl as the ultimate goal. The Lions reached the playoffs last year with a 10-4 record. There was a disappointment at Dallas, but then, it was only Year Four, right? So buckle the seat belts, shoulder straps, clean the glasses, whatever - here it is: The Lions will win the Central Division title en route to greater things this fall. No, the Minnesota Vikings haven't given up the ghost and at last glance all four members of the Ice Box League had identical records. But the Bears and Packers must still be considered pretenders at this stage and the race has to be between the Lions and Vikes. In this respect, there must be a law of averages or gravity or supply-and-demand or diminishing returns, or something to put an end to the Viking hex over Detroit. The Lions have dropped seven straight to Minnesota, making the Dec. 11 rematch vital. But a split in the series should be enough to get the Lions in. They have shown some holes, but the pass defense can't be as wobbly as it was against Atlanta (can it?) and the schedule, despite Schmidt's protest, is not the toughest in the NFL. The Lions have four 1970 cellar-dwellers on the 1971 schedule. The first (New England) was beaten, 34-7. Boosting the Detroit cause is the experience gained in the outstanding 10-4 campaign of '70 and a minimum of change in personnel. The only newcomers to starting positions are Dick Evey at defensive tackle and Jim Yarbrough at offensive tackle. Bolstering the case for Detroit is the fact that the Vikings no longer appear impregnable to injury as they have for several years. Tight end John Beasley and middle linebacker Lonnie Warwick were lost and quality replacements seem absent. The Lions, on the other hand, have depth at most positions. They could lose a valued runner like a Mel Farr, for example, and put a Steve

Owens in his place. With the race expected to go the wire, the Lions will have to save their best for last. Three of the last four games send them against Kansas City, Minnesota and San Francisco - the last two on the road. Minnesota may generate more offense with the addition of Norm Snead at quarterback, but where the Vikings go, it will be with their defensive front four in the driver's seat. Carl Eller, Alan Page, Gary Larsen and Jim Marshall make heroes of the Viking linebackers and secondary and give field position to the Vike offense and kicker Fred Cox. Both the Bears and Packers started the season in faster style than was anticipated, but can Chicago win with a jumbled quarterback picture and without a healthy Gale Sayers? And can Green Bay win with a rookie quarterback - and a rookie coach? Kent Nix's whirlwind finishes put Halas in wonderland for a couple weeks before the Rams brought things back into perspective. The Bears are always nasty and in Dick Gordon they have a superior receiver. But Dick Butkus has to do too much of the defense and there is no way of knowing how much service they'll get from the great Sayers, who is due to try it again this week. There has been some eyebrow-arching over the way the Packers have started under Dan Devine and his rookie passer, Scott Hunter, and a potent running attack, led by another rookie, John Brockington. But The Pack hasn't really gotten into the meat of its schedule yet. Let's check 'em, oh, say in about seven weeks after they've played Detroit (twice), Minnesota (twice), the Rams, the Bears and the Falcons. If Butkus' knee holds up, the Bears should outlast the Packers for third. The race is for first and second and the feeling is the Lions have matured to the point where they can finish first. Should this prediction for some incredible reason not be fulfilled, fear not. The second-place team in the Central Division is most likely to have a record good enough for the "wild card" playoff berth.

JOE SCHMIDT ISN'T ONLY ONE WITH STRATEGY PROBLEMS

OCT 7 (Detroit Free Press) - There are those among the 54,000 quarterbacks who attend Lions' games on Sundays who think they know more about strategy than Joe Schmidt. There are others who KNOW they do. It is not inconceivable that there might be some who actually DO. But they do not get paid to make the decisions and are not under the gun to make them. It is easy to be a gambler in the upper deck and when the coach elects to go by the book, the result is a cascade of boos. It sometimes rankles Schmidt, but he acknowledges the fans' position. "They pay their \$6-7," he shrugged. "They're entitled to put a little stuff on me, I guess." But Herr Schmidt's stubborn German streak stands him in good stead to ignore the devil-may-care strategists in the grandstand. "You've got to do what you feel is best, percentagewise," Schmidt said. "You can't let the crowd dictate what to do." The subject is timely, not only in the light of the Lions' game against Atlanta last Sunday, but other incidents at St. Louis and Green Bay. Schmidt made two decisions Sunday which were roundly booed by Tiger Stadium fans. Late in the third period, the Lions, with a 35-24 lead, were confronted with a fourth down-and-two situation at the Falcon 10-yard line. While the crowd booed, Errol Mann came on to kick a field goal and put Atlanta two touchdowns behind. It is elementary to point out that the ultimate victory margin was three points. The other call was in the final minute when on fourth-and-one at the Atlanta 45, Schmidt ordered a punt with the Lions leading, 41-31. The reasoning was to place the dangerous Falcons 80 yards away from a touchdown and less than a minute to do it, rather than merely 55 yards should a try for a first down fail. The boo-birds felt justification when Herman Weaver's punt was blocked and the resultant Atlanta touchdown left the Lions hanging on for dear life in the last 30 seconds. But this is why coaches are well paid - and Paul Brown and Bob Hollway know the feeling, too. Hollway's Cardinals trailed the New York Giants, 21-17, Sunday with less than six minutes remaining. On fourth-and-one at the Giant 15-yard line, Hollway ordered a field goal amidst the catcalls of the St. Louis fans. He reasoned that the Cards would get the ball back in time for a game-winning field goal. He did not count on losing the ball on a fumble (as Schmidt couldn't anticipate a blocked kick) and St. Louis lost, 21-20. Brown's "moment of truth" Sunday was even more hairy. His Bengals trailed Green Bay, 20-17, with less than two minutes left and with a fourth-and-two situation at the Packer 7-yard line. The 63-year-old Brown already had his field goal unit running on the field, but rookie quarterback Ken Anderson called time out. The game was in Green Bay, so there was

no hometown crowd exhorting Brown to "go, go, go." But Anderson and Brown's assistant coaches (who are younger than him) talked the coach out of the probable game-tying field goal. "You know how kids are," Brown said. "They always want to try it." Anderson rolled out on a keeper and the Packers stopped him for no gain. In the AFC Central race with Pittsburgh and Cleveland, Brown may later rue the decision which resulted in a loss instead of an almost-certain tie. Coach Dan Devine, whose Packers benefited by Brown's decision, was asked if he would have gone for the field goal if he'd been in Brown's shoes. "In my 23 years of coaching I've been asked that question hundreds of times - and I've never answered it yet," said Devine. "There's a thing called tempo that only you can feel," he explained. "Maybe his team needed a victory. And it's sometimes true that coaches are swayed by the emotions of their own players who always want to go for it." That even happens to Schmidt. With five seconds to go in the first half Sunday, Schmidt was content to run out the clock at the Detroit 44 and figure on overcoming Atlanta's 24-21 lead in the second half. Greg Landry said: "Let's go for it." Schmidt said OK, but use this play Bill McPeak sent down from upstairs just in case. Zap, Landry hit Larry Walton for a 56-yard touchdown and the Lions had regained the lead. Schmidt still heard boos as the Lions left the field so it was a little comforting to learn of Paul Brown's dilemma. "They can boo Brown all they want to, they won't get rid of him," Schmidt laughed. "He owns the team."

WEARY PAM DYER STILL MANAGES SMILE

OCT 7 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Pam Dyer said she was tired...but she didn't look it. Indeed she looked rather pretty in a rose pantsuit which blended well with her thick chestnut hair. This was mid-morning Wednesday and she had been up all night, sort of keeping watch on her husband, Ken, at St. Mary's Hospital. Maybe it was her smile that offset what she claimed was weariness. For she did manage to smile, despite the long night and the seriousness of her husband's condition. At least part of the smile was triggered by the recollection of the batch of get well cards and letters that had been delivered to her husband's room by Mrs. Clyde Mead, a teacher at Lincoln School. Mrs. Mead's fifth and sixth graders, expressing concern for Ken Dyer, had composed the messages and Ken and Pam found them cute...but mostly found them heartwarming...ALL HEARTWARMING: There were other cards too. And flowers. The Dyers found them all heartwarming. And thus Pam wrote the note of thanks that accompanies this column. But it hasn't been easy for Pam to smile. Not since about the third play of Sunday's Packers Bengals game in Lambeau Field. Pam was at home in Cincinnati, watching the game on television. She saw her husband sprawled, not moving, on the Lambeau turf after tackling John Brockington. She saw him carried off, still unmoving, on the stretcher. And a short time later, she phoned Green Bay, reached the hospital and was told she had better come to Wisconsin. By 8 o'clock Sunday night, Pam Dyer was at her husband's bedside in St. Mary's. Word had been flashed around the country by a news service that Ken's neck was broken. Thankfully, she found that report erroneous. But the contusion on his spinal cord at the neck, as the injury was officially diagnosed, is still serious. At the moment, he is still partially paralyzed. The report from the Bengal office, which is handling all the medical reports, Wednesday was that there was minimal improvement. Yet, Pam acknowledged that he was moving his arms and legs and that he is alert...and taking the whole unfortunate situation well. No visitors outside the family are allowed. There is no telling yet how long it will be before he can be moved. And Ken Dyer may never play football again, according to the doctor on the case. Yet, there is no danger to his life and his condition is officially listed as satisfactory. Another reason for a smile.

NITSCHKE RITUAL CONTINUES 'BEAT THE LIONS'

OCT 7 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - For lo these many seasons, Ray Nitschke has followed an unvarying ritual in girding for the enemy. Each week, he has been accustomed to writing, "Beat the Bears"...or "Beat the Vikings"...on the front of his practice sweat trousers. It is just his way of getting "psyched" for the task at hand. Raymond hasn't played much in the last two weeks, giving way to 23-year-old Jim Carter at middle linebacker in Coach Dan Devine's youth movement. And, with pads the usual order of the day this season, he hasn't worn sweat clothes often of late...NO CHANGE: But it hasn't changed the old warrior's modus operandi. Following Wednesday's practice, close scrutiny revealed "Beat the Lions" penned in red ink on the skin just below Nitschke's right knee - where it would be readily visible to him every time he crouches in his position during practice. Not that he really needs to be reminded of what Sunday's Detroit invasion could mean to him and his colleagues. "This is the most important game we've played in the last two or three years, because of how it could affect the development of the team, and the effect it could have on the season," said Nitschke, who has been through this sort of thing before as a member of five National Football League champions. "I think it's a tough game that we need to gain the momentum we need in a tough season."...ARTISTIC UPSWING: He also is convinced the green and gold, who presently are lodged in a four-way tie for the NFL's Central Division lead with a 2-1 record, will be approaching the assignment on the

Mike McCoy

Defensive Tackle — Notre Dame

Height 6-5, Weight 280

Born in Erie, Pa., Sept. 6, 1948

2nd year in pro ball . . . number one draft choice for 1970 . . . second player in 1970 college draft . . . 5.1 speed in 40 . . . top rated defensive player in nation . . . excellent pursuit man with top rated lateral movement, quickness, balance, character and attitude . . . good pass rusher and tackler . . . coached to read and react primarily in college . . . hustles all the time . . . 100 per cent player . . . very strong, good intelligence . . . makes the big play because he's always near the ball . . . "A bell ringer" . . . AP, UPI, NEA and consensus All-American . . . played in East-West Shrine Game and Cotton Bowl as well as Coaches All-American and Chicago All-Star Games . . . Pennsylvania High School wrestling champion . . . wrestled two years at Notre Dame . . . Economics major . . . Started all games at RT as rookie . . . Voted Most Valuable Packer Rookie by Wis. Pro Football Writers in 1970 . . . Works for bank in off-season. Residence: Erie, Pa.

Dyers Express Thanks

Dear People of Green Bay:

We want to express our deepest appreciation for the kind and generous hospitality which you have shown all of us since our arrival. All of your calls, cards, flowers, prayers and friendliness have made us feel at home during a time when we need it. Thank you.

Ken and Pam Dyer



RAY NITSCHKE

artistic upswing. "I think the team is getting better with each game, and this is the way you want it," he said. "This is the strongest team we've played to date and, as a result, it should tell us a lot about ourselves. Winning a game like this is important in giving you the confidence you need - by beating a good team in their home town. Also, you have to beat the top contender in your division. Last year, the Lions represented our division in the playoffs (along with the Vikings) and they are the team that probably was favored to win the division this year. "The season doesn't hinge on [this one game, but it's the most important game we've

played, because of the youth of the team. Winning it would give us a lot of incentive for the rest of the season." Nitschke is now in his 14th NFL semester and only teammate Bart Starr, among the more than 650 athletes who have performed for the Packers over the last half century, has worn Green Bay's colors longer. Few have done so with more distinction, or greater acclaim. A three-time all-pro, he has always been popular with the faithful because of his abandoned play but this season his every appearance on the field has been the signal for boisterous cheers and thunderous applause. A relatively inactive role (he spent last Sunday afternoon on the field telephone to Ass't. Coach Don Doll in the press box) thus has not been easy to accept for one of his deep competitive instincts. But he has responded gracefully. "I've been told they are going with youth," he said, adding with a philosophical shrug of the shoulders, "Why complain? Coach Devine has to build a team here, and you can't build a team with a 34-year-old linebacker. "And Jim Carter has a lot of potential. If you have a fine young player like Carter, you have to let him play. The only way he's going to improve is by playing." One should not get the idea that Nitschke is resigned to riding the bench, however. "I haven't lost any incentive for the game because of it," he assured, a flash of the old fire lighting up his rugged features. "And I haven't lost any sleep over it, because I know in my heart I still can play...NO COMPLAINT: "It's the coaches' decision on who is going to play - that's something they have to decide - but I still can play and I still have the same enthusiasm." Whatever the decision, there will be no complaint from No. 66, who views the situation as something more than playing or not playing. "This is where I want to make my home," he said simply. "My family and I love it here and we love the people. It's been tremendous playing for the Packers...We have a deep feeling for the team and the fans."... PACKER PATTERN: Nitschke may find himself starting in Tiger Stadium Sunday afternoon. Carter was working extensively at Dave Robinson's outside linebacker station in what Devine described as "a precautionary measure." He added, "I assume Robby will play but how much is questionable." The nine-year veteran is troubled with a gimpy knee, re-injured in last Sunday's 20-17 victory over Cincinnati...Devine also indicated a player will be moved up from the taxi squad for Sunday's game to replace punter Ken Duncan, who is sidelined with a pulled hamstring muscle in his kicking leg. "I'm sure Duncan won't play," Devine said, "so this leaves one spot open and we undoubtedly will activate somebody to replace him...Zeke Bratkowski will be the backup punter, behind Donny Anderson, but I don't quite know who will back up Lou Michaels as the placekicker, probably Willie Wood." Anderson, who only recently had been testing his placekicking prowess, previously had been listed as Michaels' understudy. This prompted Devine to note, "Lou doesn't think he needs a backup guy. I said, 'What if you get sick?' He said, 'I've never been sick.' And I said, 'What if you get hurt?' And he said, 'I've never been hurt.' I said, 'What if you get

clipped?' He said, 'I've never been clipped.'" Chuckling, Devine declared, "I like that attitude."...Turning his attention to the Lions, the Packer leader observed, "Detroit is going to pose a problem. Again, it's hard to portray the Lions because of their fantastically 'speedy receivers. They have one guy who runs the 100 in 9.1 and another who runs it in 9.2. That does two things to you," he said. "It makes you wonder where your 9.1 and 9.2 guys are, for one. And, of course, your defense is not going to see that kind of speed until Sunday afternoon, because you can't portray it. The Lions, I might add, are one of the few teams in the league that could afford to lose a back like Mel Farr and still have good power running. Steve Owens has developed into the kind of runner he was in college. You may stop him once or twice, but if he carries the ball 22 times, as he did last Sunday, he's going to break away sometime or other...Of course, Altie Taylor, the other starter, is tremendously quick."...Bart Starr, making a rapid recovery from two shoulder operations, was scheduled to begin throwing Wednesday but his debut was delayed because of the cold weather...Charlie Sanders, the Lions' talented tight end, presently is listed as doubtful for Sunday's match, although Coach Joe Schmidt is hopeful he will be ready.

BART TESTS PASSING ARM

OCT 8 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Quarterback Bart Starr unlimbered his passing arm Thursday for the first time since undergoing a second shoulder operation Aug. 13 and Packer trainer Domenic Gentile expressed satisfaction with the results. "I thought he threw well for the first time," Gentile said. "In fact, maybe a little bit better than I expected...Of course, he was just limbering up."

PACKERS ADD BUTCH DAVIS TO DEFENSE

OCT 8 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The addition of former Chicago Bear John (Butch) Davis gives the Packers "the seventh defensive back we felt needed," Coach Dan Devine said Thursday. Davis, a safety man who was with the Bears in 1970 and at the start of the season, was assigned to the taxi squad at the same time punter Ken Duncan was placed on injured reserve. "Based on what I've seen of Butch in practice, I feel he can help us," Devine said. Davis, who is 5-foot-10 and 185 pounds, was a regular for three years under the Packer coach at the University of Missouri, performing in the same secondary with Roger Wehrli, now a St. Louis Cardinal star. Duncan was "moved" because of a torn muscle in his kicking leg and presumably will be lost for the season. "The only way we could reactivate him is to place him on no-recall waivers if he recovers faster than we expect," Devine said. The Packer coach indicated a player will be activated to replace Duncan prior to Sunday's game in Detroit.

PACK RUSHERS, LION DEFENSE EYE COLLISION

OCT 8 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - That noted football philosopher, Mean Joe Greene, recently quoth, "No offensive lineman should ever beat a defensive lineman man on man...They are all tough, but we have the advantage." Some explosive testimony concerning the accuracy of Mean Joe's statement will be delivered during what looms as a classic confrontation in Detroit's Tiger Stadium Sunday afternoon. The National Football League's No. 1 running attack as mounted by the Packers will be in direct conflict with the league's No. 1 rushing defense, property of the Lions. Such eminence is nothing new to Joe Schmidt's forces, who also were the NFL's most niggardly against the run in 1970 when they permitted opponents only 1,152 yards over the 14-game route, a meager 3.2 average...NINTH LAST YEAR: But it most assuredly is to the Packers, who were dead last in that category a year ago - with largely the same cast - and no better than ninth among the National Football Conference's 13 teams at season's end. To date, they have rushed for 594 yards against three opponents, reaching a peak with a 256-yard production during last Sunday's 20-17 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals as rookie fullback John Brockington crashed the Century Club for the first time. The Lions, meanwhile, have allowed only 235 rushing yards in that span, including a mere 47 to the Atlanta Falcons en route to a hectic 41-38 success in their most recent venture. Earlier, they held the Minnesota Vikings to just 43 in a 16-13 loss before magnanimously permitting the New England Patriots 145 in Game Two...LUCCI RUSHING KEY: In Detroit, it might be added, there is the feeling that this year's defense is even more effective against the run than it was in 1970, Alex Karras's comments to the contrary notwithstanding. "We feel we plugged a hole that needed to be plugged by replacing Karras with Dick Evey," a Lion spokesman said Thursday. Evey, familiar to the Packers as a former Bear employee, was acquired from the Rams during training camp. Despite the contributions of Evey and the other members of the front four, Jerry Rush, Larry Hand and Jim Mitchell, Lion coaches consider middle linebacker Mike Lucci the key to Detroit's rush resistance. "He's calling the signals, he's placing the guys," the spokesman said. "It's his wit against the quarterback's wit...When the offensive team comes out and lines up, he may move one man over after sizing up the formation...DEFENSE WITHOUT STARS: "For a young quarterback, this is very mystifying, as it could be for Scott Hunter Sunday afternoon...It's really a defense without stars, except that Lucci gets the credit for directing it." The Packers Dick Himes, who will be required to cope with Mitchell, feels all three linebackers are important to the Lions' defensive success. "It's a good, all around unit," he said. "They play a lot of different defenses and move around a lot. They also have real good linebackers in Lucci, Wayne Walker and Paul Naumoff, who play well together...I think they're one of the main reasons the Lions are so tough to run against."...STUNT AND BLITZ: Sunday's adversaries, he noted, will present a vastly different picture than did Cincinnati's defenders. "The Bengals just sat there up front, they didn't move around," said Himes. "The Lions, on the other hand, do a lot of stunting, especially if they get you in a hole. They'll start stunting and blitzing the first time they do...If we just stay out of the hole, I think we'll be all right." Himes is not being disrespectful of the enemy with this last. But he is convinced the Packers ground game is here to stay. "We don't want to become too overconfident," he said. "But we've run pretty well for five games now and that helps our confidence...On the other hand, if you're forced into a hole, I don't think there's an offensive line anywhere that can stop a defensive team when they know you have to throw and can just blow in on you."...PACKER PATTERN: The Phoenix Suns, in town for Thursday's night's exhibition game against the Bucks, were practice guests of the Packers. Coach Dan Devine took time out at its conclusion to visit with the Phoenix players and their coach, Cotton Fitzsimmons. "Cotton

Francis Peay

Offensive Tackle—Missouri
Height 6-5, Weight 250
Born in Pittsburgh, Pa.,
May 23, 1944

6th year in NFL...acquired in off-season trade with New York Giants prior to '68 season for Crutcher and Wright...number one draft choice of Giants for 1966...hampered

by injuries when with Giants...attended Cameron Jr. College before attending Univ. of Missouri...played both ways in junior year...concentrated on offense senior year...named All-American senior year and played in Sugar and Senior Bowl games...Sociology major. Residence: St. Louis, Mo.

Don Doll

Assistant Coach

Assistant Coach — Defensive Secondary

The Packers secondary is in the able hands of Don Doll, a veteran of NFL defensive back (Lions, Redskins and Rams) and assistant coach.

Don was born on August 29, 1926 in Los Angeles, California and attended the University of Southern California, graduating in 1948. After 4 years with the Detroit Lions and one year each with Washington and Los Angeles, Doll entered the collegiate coaching ranks in 1955 at the University of Washington. In 1956 he became the head coach at Contra Costa Junior College and in 1957 returned to USC for 2 years as their offensive backfield coach. In 1959 Don became the backfield coach at Notre Dame for one season and worked with the College All-Stars backs until 1963 when he became the secondary coach for the Detroit Lions from 1963-1964. In 1965 Don joined the Rams as defensive secondary coach and in 1966 went to Washington where he coached under Otto Graham, Vince Lombardi and Bill Austin until 1970.

Dan Devine named Doll his defensive secondary coach in February of 1971. Don is married and the father of 3 boys and 2 girls.

used to coach at a junior college in Missouri," Devine later explained. Flashing an impish smile, he added, "I forgot to ask him the difference between college and pro. I might have come up with a new answer for that question."

LIONS, PACKERS...SOMETHING MUST GIVE

OCT 8 (Detroit Free Press) - The timeworn struggle between the irresistible force and the immovable object gets another going-over at Tiger Stadium Sunday. The Green Bay Packers are rated No. 1 in rushing, the Lions No. 1 in defending the rush. If nothing gives...whoopie! It could be another one of those 41-38 things like last Sunday...or like the Packers 42-40 loss to the New York Giants. There could be lots of passes, interceptions, kickoffs, runbacks...all sorts of funny stuff. But basically, the Lions and Packers both have geared themselves to running the ball - and they've done it with considerable success. The Pack's conference-leading average is 198 yards a game, and the Lions are close behind with an 182-yard average (fourth in the NFC). Detroit has two runners among the top 12 to Green Bay's three. John Brockington, the Ohio State rookie, battered the Cincinnati Bengal defense for 120 yards last week and is second in the conference. Donny Anderson is seventh and Dave Hampton 12th. Brockington and Anderson are the starters, with coach Dan Devine's practice being to bring the swift Hampton in later when the opponent's defense presumably has tired a bit. The ground game was so effective against Cincinnati second half, that rookie quarterback Scott Hunter passed only 12 times in the Pack's 20-17 victory. "When you rush like that, you don't have to throw the ball a lot," observed Anderson. "I've always been a firm believer in a balanced offense," said Devine, "but you have to be prepared to attack the other team where you think you can beat them. A cohesiveness and confidence along the line has allowed us to stay on the ground." The Lions have Steve Owens (fifth) and Altie Taylor (10th) among the conference rushing leaders after the Lions ran 57 times for 223 yards against Atlanta. "Our runners did a fantastic job of ball control for us in the second half," said Joe Schmidt. "We had the football for 26 minutes and 16 seconds." The Lions may find the Packer defense tougher to run on than Atlanta. Green Bay is ranked third in rushing defense and the Packers average yield is only 90 yards, to the Lions' leading average of 78. Anderson will have added duties Sunday. He'll reassume the punting job he used to have because of a leg injury to kicker Ken Duncan. Green Bay placed Duncan

on the injured reserve list Thursday...LION NOTES: Lion players absorbed a great number of minor injuries in the bruising game against the Falcons, but it appeared unlikely that any would miss the Green Bay game (other than Mel Farr, of course). Charlie Sanders has been wearing a patch over the eye which was jabbed last Sunday and he has an assortment of other injuries, but he usually finds a way to be ready by gametime...Frank Gallagher and Mike Lucci (knees), Chuck Walton (ribs) and Steve Owens (shoulder) all are expected to play.

HUNTER'S HEAD BUMPED IN CITY AUTO ACCIDENT

OCT 9 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Green Bay Packer quarterback Scott Hunter escaped serious injury when he was involved in a three-car accident shortly after midnight today at E. Mason and Bellevue Streets. Hunter was taken to St. Vincent Hospital by ambulance where he was treated for a minor head injury and released two hours later. Hospital spokesmen did not elaborate on the nature of the injury. Hunter was driving a 1971 Jaguar owned by teammate Charlie Hall. He was alone at the time of the mishap. According to police reports, James J. Detrie, 20, of Rt. 2, Green Bay, stopped for a flashing red light at the intersection and then pulled away in front of Hunter. The force of the impact threw Hunter's car across the intersection, striking a third vehicle driven by Curtis Allard, 20, of 2113 Deckner Ave. Both the Hunter and Detrie vehicles received extensive damage. Detrie was treated for a cut ear and released at St. Vincent Hospital while a passenger in his car, Thomas J. Lester, 21, of 1456 Cedar St., was treated for a shoulder injury at Bellin Hospital and released.

HORNUNG KNEW WHEN

OCT 9 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Paul Hornung and Alex Karras, in addition to having been enemies professionally, are vastly dissimilar types. Yet, with a chilling touch of irony, their careers converged at one point. That was in 1963, when each was suspended by Commissioner Pete Rozelle for a year because of alleged betting on NFL games. It seemed fitting, therefore, that the erstwhile Golden Boy should be moved to comment on Karras' recent and involuntary separation from the Detroit Lions' roster, which has been a continuing cause celebre in the public prints. "Alex couldn't take a hint about retiring," Hornung told Pro Football Weekly's Dave Anderson while on a recent return visit to Indiana, where he was doing the color on syndicated TV of a game involving his alma mater, Notre Dame. The indication was that Coach Joe Schmidt had been suggesting last winter that Karras retire... THURSTON PHASED OUT: "If he had played for Lombardi, he would've known," Hornung said. "The year Fuzzy Thurston retired, he had been running for about a month to get in shape for training camp. But some time in June, they had a dinner for him up near Green Bay and Lombardi was the guest speaker. "Vince gets up there and he says, 'You're honoring a great man tonight. Fuzzy had many great seasons for the Packers. We're going to miss him.'" "And at his seat, Fuzzy doesn't know what to do. He's thinking, 'What's the coach talking about? I'm

Lionel Aldridge

Defensive End — Utah State
Height 6-4, Weight 245
Born in Evergreen, La.,
Feb. 14, 1941

9th year in pro ball . . . Starter since rookie year at right defensive end . . . Fourth round choice for 1963 . . . All-Skyline Conference tackle and

Co-Captain of Utah State . . . Played in East-West Shrine, Hula, Gotham and All-American Bowl games . . . Sociology Major . . . Tied for club lead in fumble recoveries in 1966 . .

Works for WTMJ radio and TV in Milwaukee during off-season . . . Sporting News All-Pro 1964. Missed 3 pre-season and 2 league games in 1967 with broken leg. Started every game after being out only 5 weeks. Considered most consistent defensive lineman on squad. Residence: Milwaukee.

John Spilis

Wide Receiver—No. Illinois
Height 6-3, Weight 205
Born in Chicago, Ill., Oct.
14, 1947

3rd year in pro ball . . . Drafted third in 1969 . . . Kick-off and punt return specialist in college . . . Runs 40 in 4.7 . . . 9.7 speed in 100 . . . Caught 23 passes for TDs for collegiate record . . . Basketball player also . . . Good competitor, good hands . . . Started some at weak side end in 1970. Residence: Green Bay, Wisconsin.

ready for another great year. They're not going to miss me.' But he can't stop Vince now and Vince is saying, 'It's nice to know that Fuzzy has his restaurant. Every player should have something substantial when he retires,' and Fuzzy just can't believe it. "After the dinner, Fuzzy is still shaking his head and Vince tells him, 'I should've told you sooner, but I thought that you'd be dropping into the office.' And that's how Fuzzy got the hint." Hornung, who laughed with gusto at the recollection, received "the word" by another route. He was dealt to the New Orleans Saints by Lombardi in an expansion draft prior to the 1967 season, although Vince admitted the action was taken with a heavy heart. Hornung, he would later say, "is like a son to me." Number 5, plagued with a chronic neck problem that undoubtedly hastened his decision, presumably accepted the maneuver as an assessment of his playing future and called it a career...VIKING COLOR MAN: Today, at 35, Hornung is doing radio color for the Viking games, in addition to his Notre Dame TV stint, but continues to make Chicago his home. His lifestyle, ever casual, apparently hasn't changed. "I got a nice apartment there," he told Anderson. "It seems like some of the Chicago Black Hawks are always living with me. I had Lou Angotti in there last weekend. I don't know who'll be there when I get back. I think they take the key and have duplicates made. But what the hell, they're good guys." Last season, the Black Hawks' Bryan Campbell spent most of the season in Hornung's diggings, Paul reported. "This year Bryan got married," he said. "And you know what, he wanted to move in with his wife, too. He said, 'Hell, Paul, you know her real well.' She's a lovely girl, but damn, I had to back off that one. I know that wouldn't work. I mean, when the young married kids want to live with you, that mean's you're getting old."

WILLIAMS KEYS HAMP'S RETURNS

OCT 9 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The secret of Dave Hampton's kickoff return success, says Dave Hampton, is Perry Williams. David, who enters Sunday's Packer-Lion showdown as the National Football League leader in this category, attributes much of his present eminence to his fellow running back. "The way our wedge is set up this year has been a big factor in our kickoff returns," confides Hampton, who has averaged 38.1 yards on nine runbacks. "Perry Williams is in charge of moving the wedge and the timing has been excellent. "Plus the blocking has been great. Gillie (Gale Gillingham) is in that wedge, and Dick Himes, and sometimes Al Roche...All of them have done a fantastic job. But a lot of it has to do with Perry's getting the wedge going - the timing between it and the one who returns the kick has been exceptional"...ALL-OUT APPROACH: For obvious reasons, Hampton refrained from mentioning his own contributions, not the least of which is a consistent all-out approach to the assignment. "I look at it as a very important part of football," says the former University of Wyoming athlete, who last week triggered an early field goal against Cincinnati with an 80-yard runback of the opening kickoff. The Packers, it may be remembered, won by three points (20-17). "You can't afford to let up on it," he added. "It makes all the difference in the world if you start on your 20, or on your opponent's 30, or even at midfield...TWO TD RUNS: "I enjoy doing it - I like to know that if I can't lug it all the way back, I can put the offensive team in great field position." Although he has not gone the distance thus far this season, Hampton has two all-the-way excursions to his credit, one of them a 101-yard canter which forged a 13-10 Packer upset of the Vikings in Milwaukee last October. Hampton is not likely to soon forget that one. In pain as a result of an abdominal injury suffered earlier in the day, he went into the hospital 24 hours later and underwent surgery which sidelined him for most of the 1970 season...SCORED AT FIVE: He also remembers his first distance run, although the circumstances were less traumatic. That was an 87-yard explosion with the second half kickoff in a 14-7 victory over the 49ers at Milwaukee during his rookie 1969 season. Dave exhibits a sheepish smile at the memory, recalling that he slammed the football down at the San Francisco 5-yard-line on the assumption he already was in the end zone. Fortunately, neither the 49ers' Ted Kwalick, who was pursuing him, or the official closest to the maneuver noticed what had transpired. The official, trailing the play, signaled touchdown as soon as the ball hit the ground. It bounced through the end zone and out, whereupon the official picked it up and turned it over to the Packers for the extra point try. Larry Krause, Dave's partner in the Packers' safety tandem, was the No. 3 returner in the National Football Conference last year as a rookie. This season, he has run back only two kickoffs but the former St. Norbert College luminary has no complaints about this relative inactivity. "It's set up so Dave takes everything he can get to," says Larry, who is one of Hampton's most vocal admirers. "Any time he gets the ball, it's a potential touchdown. Dave takes two-thirds of the field...and he does all the calling, even on the short kicks. If he can't get to them, then Perry takes 'em. Anything that would go to the right of our hash mark, I take"...TEST OF COURAGE?: At mention of his high finish a year ago, Krause says, "Yes, I was third, but Dave is number one in the conference this year. Every week, he breaks at least one. Last week he ran one back 80 and the week before he had one of 75 yards...That's hard to beat." Such sorties also leave the returner highly vulnerable, Hampton admits in discussing what has been called football's greatest test of courage. "You have a lot of bodies going at pretty good speed," he says, "so the chances are that somebody will get a pretty clean shot at you...But that's all part of the game"...PACKER PATTERN: Rookie Scott Hunter again will be his starting quarterback Sunday, Coach Dan Devine revealed in announcing he will go with the same starting format employed against the Bengals. A decision may not be made until Sunday morning

Assistant Coach Red Cochran

Assistant Coach — Offensive Backfield

Born August 2, 1922 in Fairfield, Alabama, John "Red" Cochran became a two sport star at Wake Forest before signing with the Chicago Cardinals in 1946. Following four years as a pro running back and defensive back, Red returned to his alma mater to become the backfield coach in 1951 where he served until 1955. Entering the pro ranks in 1956, Cochran was the Detroit Lions offensive backfield coach from 1956-1958 and then was summoned to Green Bay by Vince Lombardi in 1959. Red's backfield of Starr, Hornung and Taylor was largely responsible for returning the running game to popularity during the 60's. Following a year out of football in 1967, Red spent two years with the St. Louis Football Cardinals (1968-69) before going to San Diego in 1970. In February of 1971, Dan Devine named Cochran to the post of offensive backfield coach of the Packers. Cochran is married and the father of 1 boy and 2 girls.

RUSHING					
	Att.	Yds.	Ave.	Lg	TD
Brock'n'n, Pack ..	40	239	6.0	52	1
Owens, Lions	51	223	4.4	23	2
Anderson, Pack	45	217	4.8	19	3
Taylor, Lions	43	180	4.2	15	1
Hampton, Pack	23	123	5.3	41	1
PASSING					
	Att.	Comp	Yds.	TD	Int
Landry, Lions	56	26	382	4	1
Hunter, Pack	35	14	274	3	5
Bratkowski, Pack	17	8	87	1	0
Munson, Lions	3	2	29	0	0
RECEIVING					
	No.	Yds.	Ave.	Lg	TD
McGeorge, Pack	6	112	18.7	29	2
McCul'ch, Lions	6	116	19.3	29	0
L. Walton, Lions	6	101	16.8	56	1
Owens, Lions	6	87	14.5	74	1
Spilis, Pack	5	126	25.2	39	0
Sanders, Lions	5	67	13.4	18	1
Dale, Pack	4	98	24.5	27	1
Anderson, Pack	4	30	7.5	11	0
INTERCEPTIONS					
	No.	Yds.	Ave.	L	TD
Ellis, Pack	3	5	1.7	5	0
LeBeau, Lions	3	31	10.3	26	0
Hart, Pack	2	73	36.5	69	0
Robinson, Pack	2	43	21.5	23	0

on who will be activated to replace punter Ken Duncan, he said. Duncan has been placed on injured reserve because of a torn leg muscle. "As a matter of speculation, my guess probably would be that we would add a third center, which would be Wimpy Winther," Devine said...Friday's practice, shortened to an hour, was climaxed by kickoff and punt coverage drills. "The Lions have an excellent punt return game," Devine explained. "Last year, Lem Barney hurt us in that department. And last week our punt protection was poor. The Lions also have been very strong in kickoff returns. Ron Jessie ran back one kickoff 97 yards for them. So far, I might add we haven't had anybody but Perry Williams and Larry Krause who get down there and stir things up on kickoffs. And that's what you have to do to get good coverage. It helps, of course, if you kick off into the end zone – or beyond it," he dryly observed...Quarterback Bart Starr tested his passing arm for the second time, again in Lambeau Field only, and Devine described his progress as "encouraging." Starr, he added in explanation, 'is not on a definite program. He is not necessarily going to throw every day, although he did work with Domenic Gentile (Packer trainer) a little this morning before he came out on the practice field.'...Placekicker Lou Michaels was hitting kickoffs with considerable authority, his shortest kick traveling two yards into the end zone. His longest soared two yards beyond the end line, two yards beyond the end line.

LIONS FACE GB'S RUNNING FOOLS TODAY

OCT 10 (Detroit Free Press) - Is The Pack back? The Lions will get some sort of an idea Sunday as they try to break the logjam in the Central Division standings by meeting Green Bay before a packed house at Tiger Stadium at 1 p.m. The Packers and Lions will be matching 2-1 records (which Minnesota and Chicago also own) and similar ground-eating, time-consuming running attacks. "We look for a lot of trouble from Green Bay's runners," Joe Schmidt said, "and if we are to beat them we'll have to have the same kind of line effort we showed against Minnesota and again last week against Atlanta." If the Lions get that effort, plus the usual tough defense against running, the Packers may be forced to find out how good a passer they have in rookie quarterback Scott Hunter. The No. 6 draft choice from Alabama has tried only 35 passes so far, has an unspectacular 43 percent completion average and five interceptions. But the Packers have capable receivers in the veteran Carroll Dale, John Spilis and tight end Rich McGeorge. Hunter is 2-0 as a starter since moving in for Zeke Bratkowski, who'll be 40 this month. In Packerville, they say Hunter doesn't look like a rookie and has exuded confidence in the other members of the offensive team. The Pack has relied on an abundance of running strength in rookie John Brockington and veterans Donny Anderson and Dave Hampton. The Lions, too, have shown nearly the same ability to run with the ball as they have in defending it. Altie Taylor and Steve Owens have combined for 403 yards in three games and quarterback Greg Landry has added another 87. Owens will work overtime Sunday with Mel Farr sidelined with a dislocated shoulder. While he's unhappy that Farr was injured, Owens welcomes the extra work. "The best thing about playing more is that you develop consistency," said the Sooner Boomer. "In college I was consistent and I think I'm getting to be consistent here. In college it seemed I'd always run better in the third and fourth quarters, so the more I carry the better I run. I think you get a feel of the defense if you play the whole game." Farr should be the lone absentee Sunday. Although Charlie Sanders' practice has been curtailed all week by knee, hip and eye injuries, Schmidt feels certain the all-pro tight end will be ready to go. The Packers will be at full strength except for punter Ken Duncan, who pulled a hamstring muscle. The left-footed Anderson, who used to have the job regularly, will do the kicking. There is no local TV, but the game will be broadcast on WJR-radio (760). The Lions are a 10-point favorite.

'YES, I'VE BEEN SCARED' OF PACKERS

OCT 10 (Detroit Free Press) - There's something that always scares you when you get ready to play the Green Bay Packers. Or the Chicago Bears or Minnesota Vikings, the other teams in our conference. Two or three hours before those games, you get nervous and more scared than any other time. Yes, actually scared. You know that no matter how well you play, say, if you had a "perfect" game, which isn't really possible, but say you did, you know that in that football game, somebody is going to knock your butt off. So you know that. Going in, you know that is so. I know I have been scared. People say it's corny to say things like that, but it's true. I think there's a fear of what might happen to you - you could get busted up, at the worst, but you're going to ache awful at the end, and that's the very least that's going to happen. These are the only games really where I don't see myself going out afterward and having my usual two pounds of spaghetti and three quarts of red pop. It's the same even when you win. You might beat the Packers by 20 points, but when you get off the field, you feel like you've lost by 100. Why it's that way is hard to say, except this is our division and it has always been the toughest physical teams. You look forward to the game because you want to prove something, but when it comes time to go out on the field, you're scared about it anyway because it always happens, somebody is going to knock hell out of you, win or lose. Maybe it's worse against the Bears because they come at you from all angles. They had this little Johnny Morrison, a 175-pound wingback, and he used to come down the line and hit me a couple times. Against the Bears you get hit from all over by everybody. With Green Bay, Jerry Kramer, who used to be an all-time great offensive guard – of course, I didn't realize until I read his book - and guys like him, Jim Ringo, Ken Bowman, Forrest Gregg, they were a rough-tough situation. When Vince Lombardi had them, and Jim Taylor and Paul Hornung, they liked to chew you up with a ground game. Green Bay has changed because its personnel has changed. Bart Starr is gone. He's still a Packer, but he's gone. I don't like to say that, but it's true. Bart Starr is a typical All-American boy and I don't like to knock an All-America boy. I think it's great that Starr doesn't smoke or drink and goes to church on Sundays and occasionally in the middle of the week. Bart is the only

quarterback that I've knocked down that I would feel sorry for because he would say to me something like, "Golly, Alex, you certainly hurt me on that play." He talked like that. I would think that Bart Starr by his attitude and the great things he has done, he would originally come from a very wealthy family where they used to throw him birthday parties. When my sons grow up, I'd like them to be like that, although I don't think I would throw birthday parties for them until they're 21 or so. But here is Bart Starr, who I truly would like to see quit football. It's pathetic, what he's doing. I don't know why he's trying to stay with it. I'm sure he has enough money and I'm sure he's fed up with football after all these years, having his arm torn up like that with transplants and transfusions. I think it's stupid. I think instead of transplants they should get his arm ready so that he can be able to just shake hands. He doesn't have to throw a football anymore. Maybe it's Bart Starr's image, like Babe Ruth, that they want to keep him around and let everybody gain from his experience. I saw Green Bay play the Giants and they looked bad, but they have this young quarterback from Alabama (Scott Hunter) who has come on the last two Sundays and he must have had an awful lot of coaching because he looks like a polished quarterback in such a short time. The Packers have an outside running threat for a change and they never had that before. They used to have only the 2-and-3 yard eat-'em-up kind of guys. I don't know yet how good the Lions are going to be on running defense. I hope we can do it. I think Green Bay has a better chance to do things against us than last year, because like I said, they have more outside threats that can go all the way. But they're very inconsistent, possibly because they're now a young team, and I think their offensive line has been broken down at times. With this in mind, I don't think you can say they're going to be a great threat against us. As far as eating up ground against us, I don't think they can do it, and I don't think they can do it with passing, either. Only way I see Green Bay doing it to the Lions is to throw the long bomb or get that one guy away for long runs. I think the Lions have some problems. I don't want to get into what I think the problems are yet. I want to watch them play a little longer, but I definitely feel there's a defensive problem. We don't give up 38 points to anybody, and we're doing that consistently lately. Anyway, I'll be watching from the pressbox Sunday, and it'll be the first Green Bay game for me where I didn't raise lumps.

THIS DIVISION IS REALLY SOMETHING' -- GB'S DEVINE

OCT 10 (Detroit Free Press) - There was some surprise around the National Football League when the Green Bay Packers vaulted out of the starting blocks with victories in two of their first three games for rookie professional coach Dan Devine. The surprise, however, was not prevalent among those familiar with the coaching record of Daniel John Devine. Born in Wisconsin, schooled in Minnesota, the 46-year-old Devine got his coaching start in Michigan at East Jordan High School. After two successful years, he moved to Michigan State, where he was an assistant coach for Biggie Munn and Duffy Daugherty for five years before launching his college coaching career at Arizona State. Devine's three-year record at Arizona State was 27-3-1. In 13 years at Missouri, he was 93-37-7. Married and the father of seven children, Devine tells why he left the security of a full professorship and athletic directorship at Missouri for the pros and what he found when he got there in this week's Sports Quiz with Free Press Sportswriter Jack Saylor...

Q-You made a "smashing" debut in the NFL by getting your leg broken in the first game-how is it coming along?

A-"The leg's all right and it doesn't interfere with my running practice. I put in the same schedule, it's just a little more difficult putting it in. I'm walking on crutches. It's a little inconvenient, but I'm pretty fortunate. It was broken in five places and at first they were talking about two weeks in traction, six weeks in one kind of cast, etc. Hell, I didn't even miss a meeting."

Q-You have a Michigan background; have you got friends in this area?

A-"I've got a lot of friends in the Detroit area, but on games like this it's hard for me to mix business and pleasure. There are kids around there that I coached at Arizona State and Missouri - Danny LaRose and Bill McCartney, I had them at Missouri. Leon Burton is in Grand Rapids, I had him at Arizona State. Sonny Grandelius was a close friend of mine when I was at Michigan State."

Q-Other than the broken leg, how do you like pro football so far?

A-"I like it very much. Nothing is ever quite what you anticipate, but it's the most enjoyable experience of my life."

Q-Do you find the routine about the same?

A-"It's a little different. As far as the work week is concerned, it's quite similar - the amount of time you have to put in on football during the week is very similar to college. The difference I like is the recruiting. I'd be less than honest if I said I missed the recruiting. This is most enjoyable

Q-Is there less teaching than in college ball?

A-"I'd say probably less."

Q-Is the pressure any greater?

Alex Karras:

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A-"No. I think pressure is self-induced anyhow. Gosh, there's as much pressure in the East Jordan-Charlevoix game...I mean that game is just as important to the East Jordan and Charlevoix coaches as the Packer games are to me. To Duffy and Bo Schembechler, their game this week is just as important as this one is to us. Pressure? In this profession, you win or you eventually get out of it."

Q-You had a great record and seemingly a great set-up at Missouri. Why would you give that up for the rather insecure life in the pros - is the challenge that great?

A-"That sounds kind of corny, but that's part of it. It's something I hadn't done. I'm not wealthy at all, but I probably had the best college coaching job as far as security is concerned. Missouri never fired a coach and also I was a full professor and I had one of the first of those big life insurance policies. I had everything. I took a gamble, financially, in doing this; but still, my wife was willing to do it - it's just something I hadn't done. I like football and I coached at the high school level. At Arizona State, it was just a step away from the big time, really. Then I got a shot at big-time college coaching and so the pros was the only thing I hadn't done. And quite honestly, I really

enjoy it. I've enjoyed the people I've met in the league - the owners, the general managers and the other coaches. I've found them to be great people. And I've really enjoyed my association with our squad."

Q- Did you have some problems at first? There were stories during your early camp that some of the veterans thought you were too tough. You had one player walk out, then come back - was all this merely adjustment to a new man?

A-"I think so, yes. I have my standards and I have to live with myself. It was a time of adjustment. You could compare it to somebody going into the University of Michigan who hadn't coached college ball. I think when the older guys examined what I stood for, they realized it was the same things they stood for. It was just getting together. When it came right down to it, I think they found out in some respects they had more freedom than they'd had before. It looked like they were going to be restricted, but when it came right down to it, it wasn't as bad as they thought. I couldn't have any better cooperation than I've had from our players. Guys like Willie Wood, he's been in the league forever, and Bart (Starr) and Zeke (Bratkowski) - they're my most reliable people...Ray Nitschke, Gale Gillingham, Carroll Dale, right now they're the most dependable guys I got."

Q-When Vince Lombardi was up there, he had the dual job of head coach and general manager, just as you do. He said it really was too much for one man. What's your feeling about this?

A-"I think he was right. He was right on most things and on that one he was probably righter than he thought. It's a big job. It's time-consuming."

Q-The Packers weren't picked by the so-called experts to cut much of a swath through the NFL this year, but they've won two of their first three games. Have they surprised you?

A-"We haven't done much yet, really - the season's young. But I suppose you could look at it that we're only two points away from being undefeated. I'm never surprised, but I'd be less than honest if I didn't say I'm happy with what we've done so far."

Q-Is there any reason why the Packers won't be a factor in the race all season long?

A-"If there's a factor, it's the fact that we've got so many young people. You figure you've got a three-man backfield - we're starting two rookies. And (quarterback Scott) Hunter was only a sixth-round choice. When you start a sixth-round draft choice as a rookie, you've got to be a little bit apprehensive. It's not just the difference between pro and college - and there is a big difference. But a guy would have trouble going from Alabama to Ohio State, for instance, or Alabama to Michigan and with no spring practice or anything, you just come in during the fall and they say, OK, you play. He'd have trouble. Plus having to read the defenses and all that. That would be the reason why I'd say you have to look at Green Bay as a very unpredictable team."

Q-How do you see the National Conference - or Central Division race, then?

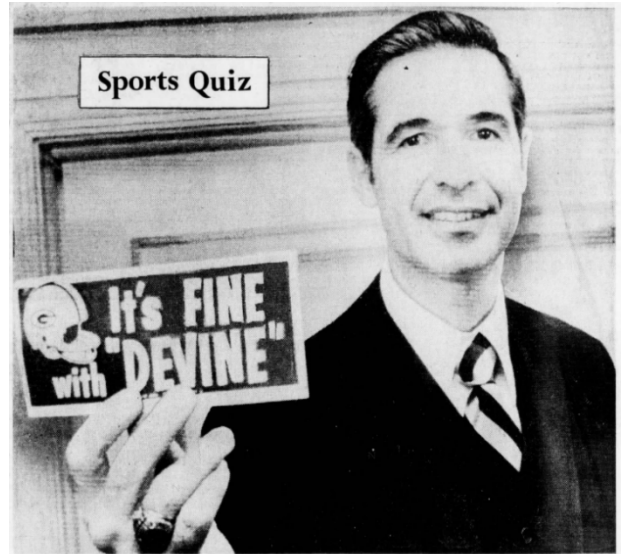
A-"I made the comment when I saw the Detroit-Minnesota game on TV that I was astounded at how good both teams were. They're both well-disciplined and well-coached with good talent - it's just...well, fantastic was the only way I could describe the game. I think that there are more well-disciplined teams in the league than ever before and that makes everybody tough. You can't under-rate Chicago when you look at what they've done with Sayers. This division is really something. Probably from Detroit's viewpoint, it's a crime you have to beat out a team like Minnesota to win it."

Q-The Packers are leading the league in rushing. Is this because Bart Starr is out or is it by your design?

A-"It's partly both. I've always believed in a running game wherever I've been. I believe in a balanced game, if possible. The other thing is that when we lost Bart, we lost the guy who could have really put this thing together. With his experience and everything, a healthy Bart Starr, we'd be more of a challenge."

Q-The Green Bay team is taking on a new look with Starr out and Ray Nitschke a substitute now. How has Nitschke taken to his new role after so many years as a big star?

A-"Like a real pro. And he'd have plenty of right to bitch if he wanted to because the guy we moved in ahead of him is not playing that well. Ray's done two things-he doesn't understand why he's not playing, but he's tried to understand. He has



Packer coach Dan Devine: 'I took a gamble, financially, in doing this . . .'

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said he understands the coaches have a job and he knew that I was going with the young guys. Jim Carter has been playing there - he was an offensive fullback at Minnesota two years ago. One year in our league, playing defense. We've got five second-year men in our starting defensive unit."

Q-You and Tommy Prothro of the Rams came out of the college ranks to the pros this year. Could this be a trend, rather than the usual practice of promoting assistant coaches or the old "musical chair" game among coaching jobs?

A-"I honestly don't think it's any trend at all. I think it just so happened that there were a couple jobs open that were appealing to a couple of college coaches and at that time the managements were looking in that direction. I don't look at it as any trend, I really don't. I've found very capable coaches in the NFL - better than I wanted to find. And Joe Schmidt is one of 'em. He's a great football coach and he's done a marvelous job here."

PACKERS ENTER LION BATTLE WITH RISING OPTIMISM

OCT 10 (Detroit-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Legitimate contenders...or mere pretenders? The alleged smart money is inclined to the latter view in assessing Packer prospects of survival in the National Football League's Central Division race, presently in a highly congested state. It is eloquently reflected in the odds, which in such an impartial precinct as Los Angeles list the Detroit Lions as 10-point favorites over the Pack in Tiger Stadium today (1 o'clock, Wisconsin time WNFL, Channel 2)...OPTIMISM PERSISTS: Optimism, however, privately persists in the bosom of the Packer family. There is a burgeoning feeling the green and gold have been held too cheaply all along, a discovery the Lions are expected to make for themselves with some reluctance this afternoon. Although neither team can afford to lose, it clearly is a pivotal game for the Packers. They are young in such key positions as quarterback, middle linebacker and cornerback, which makes a victory over a contender of the Lions' caliber important to the team's confidence and development at this point...SEVEN TOUGHIES IN ROW: Coach Dan Devine, who has his athletes involved in a four-way tie for the division lead at 2-1, is making no predictions, of course, but he is expecting a strong performance. "Unless everything goes against us, as sometimes happens, I feel we'll play a good game," he says with quiet conviction. One of his preparation problems has been to avoid getting the green and gold too emotional for today's assignment, to be viewed by a capacity crowd of 54,418 fans. It is, after all, only the first of seven consecutive "toughies" which should most certainly make or break their season. Five of them, further, are with Central Division rivals. Following today's match, they face the Vikings in Green Bay, the Rams in Los Angeles, the Lions in Milwaukee, the Bears in Chicago, the Vikings in Minnesota and the Falcons in Atlanta before encountering anything resembling a breather. That, if such it can be considered, will come Nov. 28 in Milwaukee against the New Orleans Saints. Actually, there is little need for psychological ploys. The Packers' 1970 experiences with the Lions provide all of the incentive they need. Most of them were around for those 40-0 and 20-0 humiliations, which marked the first time they had been shut out twice in a season since 1949...LAST WIN IN 1969: They also are aware they haven't beaten Joe Schmidt's operatives since Oct. 12, 1969, when Bart Starr engineered a 28-17 triumph in Tiger Stadium, and have scored only one touchdown against the Lions in their last three games. That came in a 16-10 loss at Green Bay's Lambeau Field in their 1969 rematch, which launched the Lions' current three-game winning streak in the series. The Packers, incidentally, have found Schmidt equally as formidable as a coach as he was during the 13 years he held forth at middle linebacker in Detroit's Honolulu blue and silver. Although the Bays hold a 41-30-4 edge in the all-time rivalry, the

Starting Lineups

OFFENSE			DEFENSE		
GREEN BAY			DETROIT		
Spills	WR	.....	McCulloch	C. Williams	.....
Peay	LT	.....	Yarborough	McCoy	.....
Lueck	LG	.....	C. Walton	Brown	.....
Bowman	C	.....	Flanagan	Aldridge	.....
Gillingham	RG	.....	Gallagher	Robinson	.....
Himes	RT	.....	Freitas	J. Carter	.....
McGeorge	TE	.....	Sanders	Carr	.....
Dale	WR	.....	L. Walton	Ellis	.....
Hunter	QB	.....	Landry	Matthews	.....
Anderson	RB	.....	Taylor	Hart	.....
Brockington	RB	.....	Owens	Wood	.....

Packer-Lion Series
Packers won 41, Lions 30, 4 tied. Points
— Packers 1,457, Lions 1,239.

Lions have been 4-2-2 against the Packers under Schmidt...MUST RUN AND PASS: Of late, the Packers have gone back to basics with singular success, rushing for 214 and 256 yards, respectively, in successive victories over the Denver Broncos and Cincinnati Bengals. League leaders at this point with 594 rushing yards in three games, they are expected to follow the same formula today, although Devine has said, "I think we're going to have both run and throw this time if we hope to win." His observation doubtless was born of the knowledge Detroit owns the National Football Conference's No. 1 defense against the rush, having permitted only 235 yards in three games, including just 47 to

the Atlanta Falcons last Sunday. As has been the case since the season started, two rookies loom large in the Packer picture. Scott Hunter, who will be making his third consecutive start at quarterback, has shown great potential for leadership but must avoid the interceptions and ball handling misadventures which have proven costly on occasion. Fellow freshman John Brockington enters the game as the NFC's No. 2 rusher with a six-yard average for 40 attempts and the extent of his success, in company with Donny Anderson and Dave Hampton, will go a long way toward determining today's outcome...ROUGH DEFENSE: Hunter's assignment, well as that of the Packers' offensive line, will be complicated by a stunting Detroit defense which also has shown a great fondness for the blitz - plus the presence of the NFL's leading active interceptor, cornerback Dick LeBeau. It could be an interesting afternoon, too, for the Packer defense. Although much has been made of the Bays' running game, the Lions also have one of comparable quality in Steve Owens and Altie Taylor. Owens, who has matured into a much better pro back than NFL talent scout anticipated, has rolled up 223 yards in 51 attempts and Taylor has added 180 in 43 carries. Quarterback Greg Landry adds another devastating dimension to the Detroit attack. Author of four touchdown passes in three games, he also is a gifted runner, having amassed 87 yards in 18 attempts to date for a 4.8 average. Poetically enough, typical Packer-Lion weather is forecast. Cloudy skies, with temperatures in the middle or upper 50s and winds from 12 to 20 miles per hour are predicted.

'Yes, I've Been Scared' of Packers

Packers Enter Lion Battle With Rising Optimism

OCT 16 (The Sporting News) - NIX MYSTIQUE: Even in this epoch of scientific scouting and computerized player procurement, the Quarterback Mystique remains. The newest example is an itinerant soul named Kent Nix. Nix' current employer is the Bears - and his fourth-quarter passing enabled his team to beat Pittsburgh and Minnesota on consecutive Sundays. Already Nix has been hailed as the 1971 version of George Blanda and Earl Morrall. Nix went undrafted when he completed his collegiate career at Texas Christian. He was a free agent and was successively the property of the Packers, Steelers, Vikings and now the Bears. Except for an occasional start at Pittsburgh, he has been a career-long benchwarmer at best. He never even made it onto the active roster with the Packers and Vikings. Yet Nix was the primary reason the Bears were the last of the unbeaten teams in the muscular NFC Central. "I've now helped beat the Steelers and the Vikings," said Nix, after his two touchdown passes to Dick Gordon in a relief role whipped Minnesota. "If we defeat Green Bay, I really will be happy. All three gave up on me."...3 SEASONS WITH STEELERS: His first chance against the Packers comes on November 7. Some deep probing into Nix' career is worthwhile. Green Bay, which signed him as a free agent, let him go to Pittsburgh because Bart Starr was fit in 1966 and so was Zeke Bratkowski. The Steelers retained him for three seasons. In that time, he actually did avenge himself against the Packers by beating them during a championship season. He also beat the Lions. Then the Steelers let him travel onward to Minnesota because they had drafted Terry Bradshaw, and already had Terry Hanratty. His stay at Minnesota last year was brief. The Vikings had Gary Cuozzo, another manifestation of the Quarterback Mystique as a free agent who became a No. 1 passer. They decided to keep Bob Lee, who was familiar with the offense, over Nix as Cuozzo's backup. So Nix gravitated on to Chicago, where the Bears taxied him and then activated him for one game. Nix' entire pro career before this season consisted of 25 games, mostly in cameo roles, in four years. Now suddenly he's a catalyst passer, yanking out late victories - another example of the Quarterback Mystique...OWENS BACK IN STYLE: DETROIT - Steve Owens wasn't a happy Lion during training camp. He was hardly being used to carry the ball at all and he blamed himself. "You can't pitty-patter up to the line," said Owens. "That's what I was doing. I was getting away from my running style and I wasn't happy with myself during the pre-season. I'm a Steve Owens-type runner, not an Altie Taylor or Mel Farr-style runner. But now I've started running again like a power runner should." Owens asked Coach Joe Schmidt for a chance to carry the ball more. With Farr hurting, Owens got the chance. Against the Patriots, Owens gained 80 yards rushing and 83 more pass receiving. He scored two touchdowns, one on a 74-yard screen pass from Greg Landry. Owens actually traveled 79 yards with the ball on the play, as he caught the pass five yards behind the line. He chugged all the way through the broken field and John Outlaw, a 9.4 sprinter, didn't overtake him until the goal line.

"That's the farthest I ever ran," said Owens. "Here," said Charlie Sanders, handing Owens a plastic credit card, "you'd better take this and go gas up."...MINNESOTA - In a division of "name" middle linebackers like Dick Butkus, Mike Lucci and Ray Nitschke, Lonnie Warwick is known



only as the teammate who once whipped Joe Kapp in a postgame brawl. On a team where the pass rush gets all the glory, the importance of Warwick has been much too often overlooked. Until now. But suddenly the Vikings are without Warwick, out for several weeks after knee surgery, and this has to hurt their defense. Warwick was a leader out there, a tough physical specimen who made the going brutal for rival ball carriers. The loss to the Bears immediately pointed out how severely hampered the Vikings' defense is without Warwick. His replacement is Carl Gersbach, an obscure second-year man promoted from the taxi squad. Gersbach was let loose by the Eagles...FAMILIAR TRAITS: GREEN BAY - Unlike Kent Nix, Don Horn, another quarterback the Packers gave up on, could not avenge himself against a former team. The Packers just about destroyed Horn when he returned to Wisconsin to combat them in his new Denver suit. They intercepted six of Horn's passes and a reason was familiarity with his traits. "That's Don's history," said Doug Hart, who had one interception. "That's the way he's always been. We knew if we could apply pressure, that was what was going to happen." Ken Ellis intercepted three of Horn's passes. "I think having played against Don in practice helped," said Ellis. "We know he likes to throw the bomb. We knew if we put a good rush on him, he'd probably throw it up for grabs. Other quarterbacks might eat the ball, but we knew he'd throw it up for grabs under pressure."...CHICAGO - "I'm not ready to make a change," said Coach Jim Dooley after Nix' relief quarterback heroics. But now Dooley will have to. Jack Concannon, the nominal starter, tore up his knee against the Rams, the day Nix' magic ran out. Dooley figured the Bears, with their 2-0 start, were in control of the division. But when they tumbled to the Rams, all four of the Central clubs suddenly were in a huge knot at 2-1.



Brock Breaks Bengals

Packer rookie fullback John Brockington enjoyed his first "100-Yard" day of the season Sunday, slamming for 120 yards in 19 carries while helping Green Bay to a 20-17 win over Cincinnati. (Press-Gazette Photos)



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RESULTS

RESULTS		SCORES BY QUARTERS				
PACKERS	OPP.	One	Two	Three	Four	Total
40 N.Y. Giants at G.B. (56,263)	42	17	27	24	26	94
34 Denver at MKE (47,957)	13	OPP.	3	28	27	14
20 Cinn at G.B. (56,263)	17					72

TEAM STATISTICS

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50	FIRST DOWNS	41	Michaela	0	0	4	6	18	
32	by RUSHING	16	Anderson	3	0	0	0	18	
17	by PASSING	23	Hampton	1	1	0	0	12	
1	by PENALTY	2	McGeorge	0	2	0	0	12	
969	TOTAL NET YARDS	826	Ellis	1	0	0	0	6	
176	Total Plays	172	Dale	0	1	0	0	6	
5.5	Ave Gain Per Off Play	4.8	Brockington	1	0	0	0	6	
58.7	Ave No. Plays	57.3	Hunter	1	0	0	0	6	
594	NET YARDS RUSHING	269	Conway	0	0	0	5	5	
120	No. Plays Rushing	82	Hart	0	0	0	0	2	
5.0	Ave Gain Per Rush	3.3							
375	NET YARDS PASSING	555							
400	Gross Yds. Passing	602	RUSHING	NO.	YDS	AVE	LONG	TD.	
57/24	Attempts/Comp.	84/47	Anderson	45	217	4.8	19t	3	
42.1	Pct. Comp.	56.0	Brockington	40	239	6.0	52t	1	
4	TD. Passing	6	Hampton	23	123	5.3	41	1	
6	Had Intercepted	8	Hunter	8	19	2.4	14	1	
2/25	Tackled/Yds. Lost	6/47	P. Williams	1	-2	-2.0	-2	0	
7.0	Ave Gain Per Att.	7.2	Krause	3	-6	-2.0	2	0	
16.7	Ave Gain Per Comp.	12.8							
10/356	PUNTS/YDS	14/539							
35.6	PUNT AVE.	38.5	RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	AVE	LONG	TD.	
0	Had blocked	0	McGeorge	6	112	18.7	29	2	
9/37	PUNT RETURNS/YDS	7/44	Spilis	5	126	25.2	39	0	
4.1	Ave Gain Per Ret.	6.3	Dale	4	98	24.5	27	1	
2	Fair Catch	2	Anderson	4	30	7.5	11	0	
13/432	KICKOFF RETURNS/YDS	17/404	Brockington	3	9	3.0	9	0	
33.2	Ave Per Return	23.8	Hampton	2	25	12.5	19t	0	
8/141	INTERCEPTED BY/YDS	6/121							
9/6	FUMBLES/LOST	6/2	K.O. RET.	NO.	YDS	AVE	LONG	TD.	
94	TOTAL POINTS	72	Hampton	8	343	42.9	80	0	
11	Touchdowns	8	Krause	2	52	26.0	29	0	
7	TD Rushing	0	Ellis	1	22	22.0	22	0	
4	TD Passing	6	P. Williams	1	20	20.0	20	0	
1	Others	3	Carter	1	5	5.0	5	0	
4/6	FIELD GOAL ATT/MADE	5/1							

<u>FIELD GOALS</u>	<u>MADE</u>	<u>ATTS.</u>	<u>BLK.</u>	<u>LONG</u>	<u>INTERCEP.</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>YDS</u>	<u>AVE</u>	<u>LONG</u>	<u>TD.</u>
Conway	0	1	0	0	Ellis	3	5	1.7	5	0
Michaels	6	5	0	44	Hart	2	73	36.5	69	0
					Robinson	2	43	21.5	23	0
					Matthews	1	20	20.0	20	0

<u>PIST.</u>	UNDER	21-	31-	41-	OVER	PUNTS	NO.	YDS	AVE.	LONG
	20	30	40	50	50	Anderson	4	140	35.0	40
Michaels	2/2	1/2	1/1	1/1	0/0	Duncan	6	216	36.0	47
Conway	0/0	0/0	0/1	0/0	0/0					

<u>PUNT RETURNS</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>YDS.</u>	<u>AVE.</u>	<u>LONG</u>	<u>P.C.</u>	<u>TDS</u>
Wood	4	21	5.2	9	2	0
Ellis	4	16	4.0	5	0	0
Randolph	1	0	0	0	0	0

PASSING	ATT.	COMP.	YDS.	PCT.	TDK/YDS.	TD.	LONG	INT.
Hunter	35	15	274	42.9	1/13	3	32	5
Bratkowski	17	8	87	47.1	1/12	1	19t	0
Patrick	5	1	39	20.0	0/0	0	39	1

ON THE ROAD



The Packers take to the road in their United Air Lines charter.



Linebacker Dave Robinson (left) and second year cornerback Al Matthews relax in the airport lobby. Robinson, in his ninth year with the Packers, is making a comeback from an Achilles injury he suffered in the fourth game of the 1970 season.



Head Coach Dan Devine is intent as he discusses game strategy with one of his assistants on the plane.



Former Packer great Dave Hanner, now Green Bay's defensive line coach, shares a laugh on the flight with middle linebacker Jim Carter, a second year performer from the University of Minnesota.

WITH THE PACKERS



From top to bottom: Wide receiver Carroll Dale passes time in the hotel lobby by reading a newspaper; Packer co-captain Willie Wood is greeted at Austin Straubel Field in Green Bay by his wife, Sheila, and sons Andre (back) and Willie, Jr.; defensive end Clarence Williams is all smiles as he is welcomed home by a two-year-old local hombre named Clarence Williams, Jr.



Defensive safety Doug Hart (left) and Dr. Eugene Brusky, the Packers' team physician lounge in the hotel lobby while waiting for the team bus to take them to the airport.



One of the most popular of all the Packers, Willie Wood, dons his western hat and takes in the scenery as the Packers fly home. Willie, who is in his 12th year with the Pack, has been named All-Pro five times and has participated in eight Pro Bowl games.

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