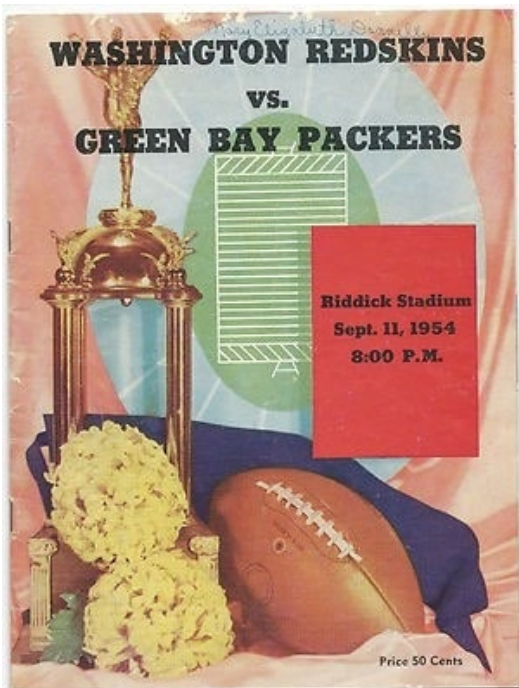




Preseason: Green Bay Packers (2-3) 31, Washington Redskins 3  
 Saturday September 11th 1954 (at Raleigh, NC)

# Packers Chipper After 31-3 Victory Over Redskins

## GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)



(RALEIGH, NC) - The Packers felt chipper today in their "new home" despite a miserable rain. They had a perfect right to beam, what with a 31 to 3 victory over the Washington Redskins under their belts and a chance to settle down for the first time in their own backyard for the 1954 season. The Packers actually are making their first permanent appearance here, since they stopped just briefly in their home plant the weekend of the Cleveland Brown game Aug. 21-22. Many were here, too, for the sendoff July 24 before leaving for Stevens Point but the squad has taken on many new faces since then. Coach Liz Blackburn, back at his desk this morning, put on his best smile and commented: "We're always well pleased when we win," and added cautiously, "there was still too much loose ball handling

and you know we fumbled too much and had too many passes intercepted." The Packer mentor, preparing for the New York Giant game in Milwaukee Saturday night along with Aides Tom Hearnden, Ray McLean and Lou Rymkus, had compliments for phases of the offense and defense: "The blocking was good for our ball carriers and passers and pass receivers and the defense did a fine job defending against their passes and their runners." A number of the players had what Liz called "good days," including Breezy Reid, Stretch Elliott and Bobby Garrett. Reid picked up 67 yards in seven carries before he suffered a neck injury, Elliott looked good as an offensive end for the injured Bill Howton and Garrett figured in an 82-yard touchdown march. Blackburn was again high in his praise of the club's spirit. "They were real eager out there and they went all out," he pointed out. The Packers, who were greeted by 750 persons when they landed at Straubel Field Sunday afternoon despite the rain, had a new player today - Charley Grant, a 270-pound rookie offensive center. Grant came to the Packers from the Philadelphia Eagles in a trade for veteran Gus Cifelli. Grant, who stands 6-5, plays both center and guard. The Packers worked out on their own in the YMCA gymnasium this morning and later went to the Packer office for a meeting. Another meeting was schedule this afternoon before a 3 o'clock workout near City Stadium... The Associated Press, in reporting on the Saturday night test at Raleigh, N.C., said it was a matter of better passing, a stronger defense and faster backs. That sums up Green Bay's win over the Redskins before a crowd of 16,000. A

## Wonderful!

### The Line-ups:

#### GREEN BAY

Ends — Martinkovic, McGee, Elliott, Sims, Knutson.  
 Tackles — Hunter, Cifelli, Szafaryn, Hanner, Helluin.  
 Guards — Brown, Barry, Ruzich.  
 Centers — Ringo, Forester, Tonne-maker, Stephenson.  
 Backs — Rote, Falkenstein, Garrett, Reid, Adduci, Johnson, Roffler, Carmichael, Self, Sanders, Switzer, Cone, Ferguson, Miller, Walker.

#### WASHINGTON

Ends — Barker, Marker, Taylor, Teroshinski.  
 Tackles — Ricca, Lipscomb, Barfield, Ostrowski, Agajanian.  
 Guards — Modzelewski, Berschet, Witucki, Pepper, Ball, Collins, Hanson.  
 Centers — Schrader, Thomas, Cudzik, Ulinski.  
 Backs — Scarbath, Dorow, Dowda, Paul, Wells, Scudero, Alban, Barry, Kincaid, Justice, Atkeson, Kress, Felton, Goode, Brewer, Rosso.

Green Bay	7	10	7	7-31
Washington	0	3	0	0-3

Green Bay scoring: Touchdowns — Cone, Carmichael, Elliott, Switzer; Conversions — Cone 4; Field Goal — Cone.

Washington: Field Goal — Agajanian.

	Wash.	Gr. Bay
First Downs	18	17
Rushing	89	188
Passing Yardage	124	135
Total Yardage	213	323
Passes Attempted	37	25
Passes Completed	11	11
Passes Intercepted by	2	3
Punts	6	4
Punting Average	37.5	31.5
Fumbles Lost	3	3
Yards Penalized	85	100



All the Way! . . . Congratulations in Order . . . End of Seven—Al (Hoagy) Carmichael, Packer halfback, is caught by camera (far left) en route to 96-yard touchdown run, with assistance from two teammates, in second quarter of Packer-Washington Redskins game at Raleigh, N. C. Saturday night. Also shown is Don Paul (25), Washington defensive halfback. In center panel, Carmichael (42) is congratulated by Head Coach Liz Blackburn and Mike Maccioli (48) as Dave Stephenson (53) looks on and Clayton Tonnemaker (58) watches play. In right hand panel, Packer fullback Fred Cone (34) is stopped by Redskins' Dick Alban (42) and Dick Modzelewski (70) after seven-yard gain. Other identifiable players are Paul Lipscomb (76) and Chet Ostrowski (89) of the Redskins. (AP Photos)

look at the statistics would indicate the game was close but it wasn't. Washington had 18 first downs to Green Bay's 17, but the Packers completely dominated the game. It was Green Bay's second win in five exhibition starts, and Washington's fifth loss of the season. The scoring went like this: Fred Cone slammed over from the one early in the first period, climaxing a 57-yard drive. A 20-yard run by Reid and another for 21 by Tobin Rote figured in the score. Cone converted the first of four extra points. In the second period, Cone booted a field goal from the Redskins' 12. Green Bay had moved all the way from its seven on the sustained drive. Shortly last a pass interception put the Redskins in scoring position. The Redskins' Blackie Kincaid intercepted Rote's pass on Green Bay's 30 and ran it to the 20. Unable to gain, the Redskins sent in Ben Agajanian and he kicked a field goal from the 23. On the next kickoff, Carmichael brought the crowd to its feet with a dazzling 96-yard touchdown dash down the sidelines. In the third period, Rote flipped a four-yard touchdown pass to Elliott. Carmichael had set up the score when he took a lateral from Bud Roffler and raced 49 yards before Charlie (Choo Choo) Justice hauled him down from behind on the four. In the last period, the Packers slammed 82 yards, aided by Bobby Garrett's passing, with Switzer going over on a reverse from the 18. The crowd has expected to see Choo Choo Justice, the former North Carolina star, shake loose, but the Packers kept him bottled up. Late in the first period he brought cheers from the crowd when he did some fancy stepping on a 21-yard run. Quick work by Green Bay's Max McGee pulled the Packers out of a hole in the third period. With the Packers stalled on their 40, McGee dropped back to punt. The pass from center sailed three feet over his head. McGee chased the ball with three Redskins right on his tail. He grabbed the ball at the four-yard line, wheeled around and got off a hurried kick with traveled all the way to Washington's 44... The Packers' fine play drew plaudits from scouts Jack Lavelle, scout for the New York Giants, said the Packers have shown lots of improvement. Lavelle particularly liked the play of defensive back Val Joe Walker against Redskins end Hugh Taylor. Lavelle pointed out that Taylor didn't catch a pass and "he usually can catch 'em when anybody's passing." The Giants' scout also like the play of Cone. Bill Edwards, an assistant coach at the University of North Carolina, scouted the Packers for the San Francisco 49ers. He liked Rote, Carmichael and Cone and praised the Packers for their hustle. He also was impressed with Green Bay's defense. The 49ers play Green bay at Milwaukee Oct. 10. Blackburn was disappointed that Bob Mann, Negro end from New Bern, N.C., was unable to play in his home state. Mann was out with a knee hurt.

**GREEN BAY - 7 10 7 7 - 31**

**WASHINGTON - 0 3 0 0 - 3**

	<u>GREEN BAY</u>	<u>WASHINGTON</u>
First Downs	17	18
Rushing Yards	188	89
Att-Comp-Yd-TD-Int	25-11-135-1-3	37-11-124-0-2
Total Yards	323	213
Fumbles-lost	3	3
Turnovers	6	5
Yards penalized	100	85

### SCORING

1ST - GB - Fred Cone, 1-yard run (Cone kick) GREEN BAY 7-0

2ND - GB - Cone, 12-yard field goal GREEN BAY 10-0

2ND - WASH - Ben Agajanian, 23-yard field goal GREEN BAY 10-3

2ND - GB - Al Carmichael, 96-yard kickoff return (Cone kick) GREEN BAY 17-3

3RD - GB - Stretch Elliott, 4-yard pass from Tobin Rote (Cone kick) GREEN BAY 24-3

3RD - GB - Veryl Switzer, 18-yard run (Cone kick) GREEN BAY 31-3



Washington Redskin running back Charlie Justice evades a tackler after catching a pass for an eleven-yard gain during an exhibition game against the Green Bay Packers at Riddick Stadium, Raleigh, N.C. on September 11, 1954. (Photo courtesy of "[Processing Hugh Morton Photographs and Films](#)")



Washington Redskin running back Charlie Justice rushing along the left sideline during an exhibition game against the Green Bay Packers at Riddick Stadium, Raleigh, N.C. on September 11, 1954. (Photo courtesy of "[Processing Hugh Morton Photographs and Films](#)")



Charlie "Choo Choo" Justice on sidelines with Washington Redskins head coach Joe Kuharich during game versus the Green Bay Packers at Riddick Stadium, Raleigh, N.C., September 11, 1954. (Photo courtesy of ["Processing Hugh Morton Photographs and Films"](#))



Redskins' Charlie "Choo Choo" Justice signing autographs at Washington Redskins versus Green Bay Packers football game in Riddick Stadium, Raleigh, N.C., September 11, 1954. (Photo courtesy of ["Processing Hugh Morton Photographs and Films"](#))

# Bays Settle Down Here, Eye Giants

Liz 'Always Pleased When We Win;' Cifelli to Eagles for Center Grant



## HE'LL BE PITCHING FOR CHARITY

Tobin Rote, veteran Packer quarterback, will be pitching for charity Saturday night at Marquette Stadium when the Packers meet the Giants in the fifth annual Midwest Shrine football game. Rote, key man in Coach Liz Blackburn's attack, is starting his fifth season with the Packers.

## PACKERS' CIFELLI TRADED FOR ROOKIE

SEPT 12 (St. Louis) - The Eagles Sunday traded rookie lineman Charley Grant to the Packers for tackle Gus Cifelli. Commenting on the swap, Eagles coach Jim Trimble said he though Cifelli's four years experience as a pro "will increase the efficiency of our offense."

## GREEN BAY GETS PACKERS BACK

SEPT 12 (Green Bay) - Green Bay got its Packers back Sunday, the club shifting its training site from Stevens Point to its home base in preparation for Saturday night's annual Shrine football game against the Giants at Marquette Stadium at 8 o'clock. The Packers arrived home by air Sunday afternoon from Raleigh, NC, where they routed the Washington Redskins, 31-3, Saturday night. This was Green Bay's second exhibition win against three losses. But more importantly, it was the most convincing offensive and defensive showing under Blackburn. "We looked real good against Washington," was coach Liz Blackburn's reaction. "Our defense is picking up, but offensively we were hurt with ends Billy Howton and Bobby Mann sidelined with knee injuries." Max McGee, the Tulane halfback shifted to an end, and Veryl Switzer, the Kansas flash, have blossomed as rookies. Yet Blackburn points out the club's steady improvement has not been accomplished by additional strength. "We haven't had a great deal of power," said Blackburn. "Rather, the team's attitude, spirit and eagerness for hard work have given us a big boost. These guys just love football." Here's Blackburn's starting backfield: Breezy Reid and Al Carmichael at halfbacks, Fred Cone at fullback

and Tobin Rote at quarterback. What about those rookies? "Switzer is pretty good," confesses Liz, "but he isn't as good a pass receiver as Carmichael. Joe Johnson is another good runner but another fair receiver." And what about that prize quarterback, Bobby Garrett from the Browns? "Bobby is coming along, but it's going to be some time before he fills Rote's shoes. We've got a usable two-deep backfield at the moment. Injuries have been our biggest headache," says Liz. Reid and defensive end Gene Knutson were game casualties. Reid was resting in a Green Bay hospital Sunday after being rammed in the throat. Knutson returned with a slight concussion after being elbowed. Both should be ready to go against the Giants. The same is true for Howton. However, Mann is a doubtful case.

**'Record' 1,500 Saw First Packer Game  
Here 35 Years Ago Today**



**Something Like This**—No pictures were taken at the Packers' inaugural game 35 years ago, but the above photograph of 1924, with a few minor changes, gives a good idea of how Hagemeister Park looked that day. Replace the wooden railing with a rope, take away

the fence in the background, and add a line of old-fashioned automobiles about 10 yards back of the rope, and you'd have it. The picture was taken of the two-bit section at Bellevue Park five years later and shows a group of kids. (Photo courtesy the Stiller Company)

### 'RECORD' 1,500 SAW FIRST PACKER GAME HERE 35 YEARS AGO TODAY

SEPT 14 (Green Bay) - Sunday, Sept. 14, 1919, was a crisp, sunny day in Green Bay, and a pleased air of expectancy hung over Hagemeister Park, where a "record" crowd of 15,000 spectators stood around the roped-off gridiron. A routine cheer went up as Curly Lambeau trotted forward, put his foot into the ball, and a blue-jerseyed line swept downfield under the arching kickoff. The Green Bay Packers were taking their first toddling step into football history. Two hours later, the crowd was on its way home, talking excitedly about the class of the new team. Turning what had figured to be a tight, well-contested game in a rout, the Packers smashed through and over an outclassed eleven from the North End A.C. of Menominee, Mich., 53 to 0. The future looked pretty good, but nobody, by the wildest stretch of the imagination, had any notion of what the next 35 years would bring. Menominee had the ball but couldn't move, and quickly lost it downs. The Packers took over and began a march which ended when quarterback Dutch Dwyer went over center on a quarterback sneak catapulted into the end zone with the first touchdown in Packer history. From then on it was no contest as a smashing defense piled up the Lumberjacks almost before their plays could form, while a well-balanced running and passing attack ruptured the visitors at will...From the beginning, the Packers showed a preference for a passing attack that has been their stock in trade ever since. Curly, who could really pinpoint the ball in his day and saw no reason to beat his brains out against an opposing line as long as he could go over it, was deadly, and most of his throws connected for substantial yardage. Whatever the defense spread to cover passes, the running game cut it to ribbons. By and large, however, the outstanding feature was the teamwork of the local team. As the Press-Gazette put it the next day, "The entire Green Bay eleven played like all stars, every man doing his bit. The team ran in excellent form, like a well-oiled machine, and often times had the Upper Peninsula footballers off their balance. The Packers used 20 men during the game, (actually, they had only 20 jerseys) giving each one an opportunity to show his mettle. The players worked like demons. There were no individual stars in the game, each man doing his part and in good shape. The 20 players who took part in that inaugural were Riggie Dwyer, Martell, Wheeler and Abrams at the ends; Petcka, Muldoon and Powers at tackle; Carl and Martin Zoll at guards; and Gavin and Sauber at center. Backfielders were Dutch Dwyer and Coffeen at quarterbacks; halfbacks Martin, Rosenow and Lambeau; and McLean and Bero at fullback. The opening promise was more than justified a week later when the Packers crushed Marinette, 61 to 0; and galloped over New London the following Sunday, 54 to 0. Company C of Sheboygan was the next victim, 87 to 0, as the Pack scored at a rate of better than two points a minute in the 40 minute contest, and then they made their first bobble, permitting Racine to score a touchdown while they were running up a 76 to 6 victory...Tubby Bero remembers that touchdown vividly. He was playing safety that day and was the only man between the ball carrier and pay dirt as the visiting runner sold him out down the sidelines. Tubby made a dive at him, but all he got was a hell in the puss as the Racine runner went by, said heel spreading Tubby's nose all over his face. It also scared the pants off most of the teams in the state, and on Oct. 19, the Packers had to go to Ishpeming, Mich., to take on the tough Wolverine crew. The northerners hadn't lost a game on their home field in five years and didn't intend to do so before a crowd of 3,000 supporters. It was a rough afternoon, but Green Bay came through for a 33 to 0 victory. The following week the Packers "entertained" Oshkosh and romped away with a 85 to 0 win, scoring 58 points in a 24-minute second half. By this time, neighboring teams had had a bellyful of them, and from here on in, opposition had to be found farther afield. First "big name" import was the Maple Leaf A.C. of Milwaukee, but they problem as Green Bay whipped them, 52 to 0. Next came an outfit called the Chilar A.C. of Chicago, and the result was the same, 46 to 0. On Nov. 16, the Packers traveled to Stambaugh, Mich., for a contest with the Michigan state championship. For the first half, it was a brutal scoreless dog fight, and the Miners gave the Pack a terrific physical beating, but the local boys came out in the second half and proceeded to smash through for a 17 to 0 decision. Some of them are still carrying scars from that donnybrook...By this time, the whole state was buzzing with the story of this upstart outfit, and keen interest focused on Nov. 23 when the Packers went to Beloit for the state championship

playoff. The outcome still provokes screams of anguish from real, old time Packer followers. Beloit won, 6 to 0, but it is doubtful if a team ever needed as much as Beloit enjoyed that day. It was a standoff until near the end of the half when Beloit started a march that reached the Packer five. Here Green Bay hunkered down and threw back four straight plunges, but the referee ruled an offside and gave Beloit first down on the Green Bay one. One timekeeper said that time had run out, but the other still claimed five seconds to go, and that was enough for the home club to batter through for a score. The Packers came out for the second half with blood in their eyes, but were outnumbered. Twice in the third quarter, Lambeau crossed the goal line, but each time the Packers were penalized. Then in the fourth, McLean and Gallagher broken into the open on passes from Curly, only to be tripped up by the crowd, which had swarmed out onto the playing field. The affair was so obvious that even Beloit officials admitted it, and a replay was scheduled for Dec. 6 on a neutral field, winner take all, including a \$2,000 side bet. Before the game could go off, however, Beloit cancelled, declaring that weather conditions made it impossible to play. In spite of the score, there was no question of which was the better team, and the season's record proved it. Of 11 games, the Packers won 10, surrendering only 12 points, while running up 565. In 578 minutes of play, they had tallied at almost a point a minute clip. In fact, exclusive of the Beloit affair, they scored at the rate of better than a point a minute, with 565 points in 518 minutes of play.

#### **PACKER COACHES PONDER PLAYER CUTS**

SEPT 14 (Green Bay) - With the league opener only a dozen days away and the final non-championship game coming up Saturday night, the counting of Packer noses would seem appropriate this day. The current roster contains the names of 45 athletes, including Deral Teteak, the veteran linebacker who is recuperating from a fractured ankle. To conform with league rules, Coach Liz Blackbourn must reduce the 45 to 33 by next week. Blackbourn and henchmen Tom Hearnden, Ray McLean and Lou Rymkus presently are pondering the problem of cutting the squad and, it can be guessed, there won't be much news on that score until after the New York Giant non-looper in Milwaukee Saturday night. The 45-player team is composed of 25 veterans of professional football and 20 rookies. Eleven of the simon-pures are backs, including two quarterbacks, one fullback and eight halfbacks. By position, the Packers presently have 14 halfbacks, three fullbacks, three quarterbacks, seven ends, eight tackles, six guards and four centers. Some of the linemen and backs, of course, are defensive specialists - such as center Clayton Tonnemaker, who plays as a linebacker. Undoubtedly, the manner in which the Packers handled the Washington Redskins, 31 to 3, complicated the process of reducing the squad. One change in the roster was made over the weekend. Tackle Gus Cifelli, who came to Green Bay in a trade with Detroit last fall, was traded to Philadelphia for Charley Grant, a 260-pound rookie offensive center. Thus, Grant entered the running against veterans Jim Ringo and Dave Stephenson, who also plays guard, for regular duty...To make up for a rained-out practice yesterday, the Packers were scheduled to make two outdoor appearances today. The squad went out this morning, drilling in the field behind City stadium. Barring rain, which started to fall about 11:30, the team was to work again this afternoon. Halfback Breezy Reid and linebacker Deral Teteak spent the drill period in the dressing room. Reid is recovering from a throat injury suffered in the Washington game. He's settling for eggs, soup and jello for a few days. Teteak had the cast removed from the broken bone in his ankle and now is exercising it in whirling water. With the exception of these two players, the squad is in good physical condition. All three players, who missed the Washington game - Bobby Dillon, Bob Mann and Bill Howton - were able to take part in the plays.

#### **PACKERS TOP GIANTS BY ONE WIN**

SEPT 14 (Green Bay) - If past performances are any indication. Saturday night's 5th Annual Midwest Shrine football game between the Packers Giants could blossom into an old-fashioned hand-to-hand combat at Marquette Stadium. The Packers' series with New York has been the closest in Green Bay's 35 years in the NFL. The Packers have won 14, lost 13 and tied two. At the present moment, Coach Liz Blackbourn's gang is out to even its exhibition slate before opening the season against the Steelers in Green Bay September 26. The Packers have won two non-league games, with Saturday's 31-3 rout of Washington the most impressive. New York's last outing was a 28-24 defeat by the Bears Sunday in Chicago. But new head coach Jim Lee Howell was anything but bitter after the defeat. "Our Frank Gifford was the best back on the field," Howell said, "and Charley Conerly's passing was splendid. The Bears looked like they're on their way back," Howell said.

**Here's the Packer roster by position as of noon today:**  
**Quarterbacks** — Tobin Rote, Bobby Garrett, Elry Falkenstein.  
**Halfbacks**—Don Miller, Bud Roffler, Nick Adduci, Breezy Reid, Lou Mihajlovich, Veryl Switzer, Clarence Self, Joe Johnson, Al Carmichael, Bobby Dillon, Val Joe Walker, Mike Maccioli, Evan Slonac, Gene White.  
**Fullbacks** — Fred Cone, Howie Ferguson, Clyde Sanders.  
**Ends** — Bill Howton, Bob Mann, Stretch Elliott, John Martinkovic, Max McGee, Hosea Sims, Gene Knutson.  
**Tackles**—Steve Ruzich, Len Szafaryn, John Bauer, Jerry Helluin, Roger Zatkoff, Dave Hanner, Art Hunter, Dick Afflis.  
**Guards** — Don Coleman, Buddy Brown, Al Barry, Mike Takacs, Deral Teteak, Bill Forester.  
**Centers** — Jim Ringo, Dave Stephenson, Clayton Tonnemaker and Charley Grant.

He used to play end for the Giants back in the glory years of Halas U. Monday Blackburn showed the Packers the scouting report of the Giants-Bears clash. The club had no choice for outdoor work because of the all-day downpour. There are still 45 men in camp including linebacker Deral Teteak who is on the inactive list with a broken ankle suffered several weeks ago. Blackburn figured Teteak will be available for the Bears game at Green Bay October 3. The Giants, now training at Wisconsin Dells, will arrive in Milwaukee Saturday afternoon as will the Packers.

# New York To Be 'Best' Squad Faced by Green Bay Thus Far

National Grapefruit League					
	W	L	Pct.	PS	OP
San Francisco	5	0	1.000	181	97
Detroit	4	0	1.000	138	65
Los Angeles	4	1	.800	171	69
Baltimore	2	1	.667	53	42
Philadelphia	4	2	.667	116	75
Chicago Bears	3	2	.600	99	92
GREEN BAY	2	3	.400	103	82
Chicago Cardinals	2	4	.333	59	159
Cleveland	1	3	.250	76	145
New York	1	4	.200	105	129
Pittsburgh	1	4	.200	84	124
Washington	0	5	.000	44	154

**Tonight's Games**  
 Baltimore at Chicago Cardinals  
 San Francisco vs. Pittsburgh at Tucson

**Friday Night's Game**  
 Los Angeles vs. Philadelphia at San Antonio

**Saturday Night's Games**  
 GREEN BAY vs. NEW YORK in Milwaukee  
 Chicago Bears at Cleveland  
 Washington at Baltimore  
 Detroit vs. Pittsburgh at Buffalo.

## NEW YORK TO BE 'BEST' SQUAD FACED BY GREEN BAY THUS FAR

SEPT 15 (Green Bay) - The Packers will be playing "the best team we've faced thus far" when they tackle the New York Giants in the fifth annual Shrine Classic in Milwaukee's Marquette stadium Saturday night. That's what Packer Coach Liz Blackburn thinks about the new Giants, now coached by Jim Lee Howell, who replaced landmark Steve Owen late last season. Though the Packers have already faced such Eastern Conference stronghearts as the Chicago Cardinals, Cleveland Browns, Pittsburgh Steelers, Philadelphia Eagles and Washington Redskins, Blackburn has an idea that the Giants "will be the toughest." The Packers, who have been



Tom Pagna, New Packer Halfback

improving each week in one department or other, gained two victories in their previous five tests, beating Pittsburgh 36-14 and Washington 31-3 and losing to the Cardinals 24-10, Cleveland 14-13 and Philadelphia 24-13. While comparative scores mean little in this business, it is interesting to note that the Giants blanked the aforementioned Cardinals 30-0. New York lost its four other games - to Los Angeles 30-7, to San Francisco 43-35, to Detroit 28-13 and to the Chicago Bears 28-24. Two of those losses led Blackburn to believe that the Giants have potential as a "great team." The world champion Lions were actually out-first downed by the Giants 18 to 11 and heled even on the ground. The blistering Forty-Niners received the biggest scare of their preseason lives when the Giants took a lead on them and 'Frisco then had to rally late to win. Those 35 points still represent the biggest dent in the Forty Niner armor this young season. The Giants, personnelwise, are noted for their powerful offensive backfield and their umbrella defense. Quarterback Charley Conerly operates and yardage makers in front of a unit averaging 190 pounds - Frank Gifford at left half, Buford Long at right and Eddie Price at fullback. Backing this group are, among others, quarterbacks Don Heinrich and Bobby Clatterback and fullback Bobby Epps and halfback Kyle Rote. Tom Landry is the key figure in the defense - as well as the defensive coach. Around him are Wayne Berry, Cliff Livingston and Dick Nolan. In play thus far, the Giants outscored the Packers, 105 to 103, but the Bays have the edge on defense, allowing 82 marks against the Giants' 129 permissions. The Packer-Giant test will be one of seven "finals" this week and Sunday before the entire circuit opens 1954 league play Sunday afternoon, Sept. 26...PACKER PALAVER: In beating the Steelers and Redskins, the Packers brought surprising changes on the Mondays following the Saturday night victories. After the win in Pittsburgh Aug. 28, Joe Bach resigned as head coach and Walt Kiesling took over the reins. After beating Washington Sept. 11, Coach Joe Kuharich released four veterans and traded two presumably-high draft choices to the Los Angeles Rams for two linemen. Cut loose were halfback Paul Barry, fullback John Brewer, guard John Pepper and kicking specialist Ben Agajanian. The Redskins obtained Volney Peters, a veteran tackle, and rookie Ed Beatty, a highly-touted center, for one of their draft choices in '55 and another for '56...Coach Blackburn will experiment

with the messenger system when rookie quarterback Bobby Garrett is guiding the Packers – at least until Bobby can get the plays down pat. The system, first made famous by the Cleveland Browns who runs guards in and out to give Otto Graham the signals, was first used in the Washington game at Raleigh, N.C. Blackburn employed veteran fullbacks Howie Ferguson and Freddie Cone as the messengers while Garrett worked in the last quarter. The fullback then stood with Garrett facing the open huddle when the plays were barked. The maneuver apparently paid off because Garrett was at the throttle on an 82-yard touchdown march, which included three passes for 56 yards and an 18-yard TD scamper by Veryl Switzer...If the Packers' Gene White joined the Rams, few people could tell the difference between he and Ram Elroy Hirsch – at least from the stands. That's how much they look alike. Tony Flynn, the WJPG sports director, won't have to worry much about distinguishing between those two this fall since White won't be playing with the Rams but he ran into another case of look-alikes in Raleigh Saturday night while broadcasting the Packer-Washington game. When Gene Knutson was hurt, trainer Bud Jorgenson ran out on the field with a physician from Raleigh. Tony said he identified the physician as Verne Lewellen, the Packers' general manager, "because they looked so much alike; same hairline, same color suit, etc. Verne was in the stands all the time." It can happen!

#### **STEELER GAME NOT A SELLOUT, REPORT**

SEPT 15 (Green Bay) - To kill a lot of rumors and unfounded talk, here's the correct dope on the Packer ticket situation from General Manager Verne Lewellen: 1 – There are still some tickets for the Bear-Packer game here Oct. 3. 2 – The Pittsburgh opener here Sept. 26 is not sold out. 3 – A total of 11,196 season tickets for the three games in Green Bay has been sold thus far. 4 – More than 5,000 season tickets have been sold thus far for the three games in Milwaukee. Lewellen and Ticket Director Carl Mraz announced, as concerns the Green Bay ticket situation, that both season tickets and individual game tickets can be purchased at the Packer ducat office, 349 S. Washington. Nearly 15,000 tickets – 14,592 to be exact – have been sold for the Pittsburgh game. Packer officials are in hopes of selling this game out and Green Bay and area business leaders are presently campaigning for just that – a sellout. But, ticket officials said, "the Pittsburgh game is not sold out – in fact, there are approximately 10,000 tickets left."

#### **WHITE, PACK'S VOICE OUT OF HOSPITAL**

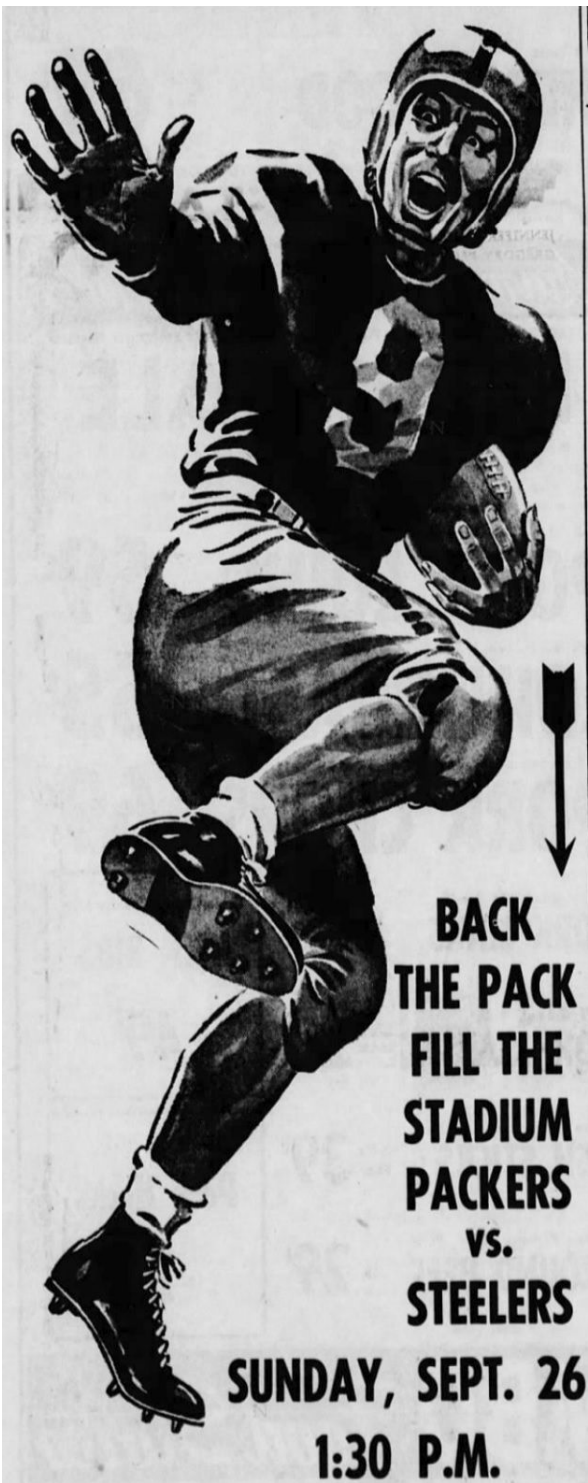
SEPT 15 (Green Bay) - Tom White, the Packers' public address announcer, was released from Bellin Memorial hospital today along with Mrs. White, and plans to handle the sideline description during the Packer-New York game in Milwaukee Saturday night. Tom and his wife were injured in an auto accident Sept. 5.

#### **SHRINE TILT GIVES FANS CHANCE TO EVALUATE PACKERS' PROGRESS**

SEPT 15 (Milwaukee) - Milwaukee and Wisconsin football fans will have an opportunity Saturday night to evaluate first hand the progress made by the Packers under coach Liz Blackburn in an attempt to recapture that flaming glory of old. The Packers will meet the Giants in the fifth annual Midwest Shrine game at Marquette Stadium, starting at 8 p.m. The Giants, like the Packers, are in the midst of a rebuilding process. It was almost like starting from scratch for coach Jim Lee Howell, who took over this season to replace Steve Owen. And Howell hasn't done too badly. Howell's Giants tore apart the Cardinals, 26-0, but bowed to Chicago's other pro club, 28-24. The new Giant field boss has made drastic alterations in New York's offense. Blackburn does not hide the fact that his Packers may lack the horses like the 49ers, Rams or Lions (all Western Conference opponents), but Liz stresses his Packers lack nothing when it come to spirit. "These fellows have put out with everything they had whether we were ahead or behind," said Blackburn. "You can't ask for much more." Saturday's grid spectacle will feature one of the most impressive pre-game and halftime ceremonies ever presented. There will be precision marching by the Rockford, IL Shrine's Arab Patrol, its Oriental band and the chanters. Mounted patrols from the Rockford Shriners and Milwaukee's Spahl's will take part in the halftime festivities. Tickets are priced at \$3.75 and \$2.75.



**The Society of Liz Blackburn Admirers Forever (SOLBAF) met at the Miller Inn Thursday noon and planned to honor the new Packer coach Oct. 10 by selling out County Stadium for the Packer-49er game. Wally Cruice, left, points out a poster to (left to right) Buckets Goldenberg, Packer General Manager Verne Lewellen, Bob Forte and standing, Blaine Walsh.**  
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**PACKERS ACQUIRE BROWNS' PAGNA**

SEPT 15 (Green Bay) - The Green Bay Packers Wednesday acquired halfback Tom Pagna from the Cleveland Browns in a cash deal. Coach Liz Blackbourn, who ran the Packers through a lengthy afternoon drill at Green Bay despite the wet elements, was certain the acquisition of Pagna would give the club some backfield insurance. Blackbourn remembers Pagna well, as he was the boy who ran very good against his Marquette team while a member of Miami U. at Oxford, OH. Pagna is a 190-pounder who possesses quite a bit of speed. Meanwhile, at Wisconsin Dells, the New York Giants continued preparations for their engagement with the Packers Saturday night in the fifth annual Shrine game at Marquette Stadium. Jim Lee Howell, Giants head man, announced after a two-hour workout in the rain, that Bob Clatterback, rookie from Houston, will start at quarterback. Clatterback, who has shown startling poise and deadly accurate passing in early exhibition games, joins Frank Gifford, Eddie Price and Herb Johnson in the Giant backfield. With Em Tunnell returning to his safety position, the Giants will be at full strength for the first time this season. Tunnell broke his left ankle July 24 on the first play of the New Yorkers' first intrasquad scrimmage. There is only one Wisconsin native on the squad, Bill Albright of Racine, regular middle guard. Albright, former Wisconsin star is now in his fourth year with the New Yorkers. Albright, 6 foot 1, now weighs close to 240 pounds. Giant coaches say he's faster than ever. Clatterback startled Howell and his staff from the start. Within five weeks the 22-year old Texas had progressed to the point where Arnie Galiffa, former Army All-American, could be traded to San Francisco in one of the big deals of the year.

**PACKERS GET WARNING, NEW HB**

SEPT 16 (Green Bay) - Here are a couple of warnings to the Packers: (1) You have been observed in four consecutive games by the nation's No. 1 football scout - Mr. Jack Lavelle of New York City. (2) Your mannerisms, peculiarities, good points and bad points are this week being unfolded at New York Giants squad meetings in Wisconsin Dells. The familiar Lavelle figure was present in Minneapolis, Green Bay, Pittsburgh and Raleigh, N.C. - sites of Packer battles against the Chicago Cardinals, Cleveland Browns, Pittsburgh Steelers and Washington Redskins, respectively. Since the Giants did not play any of the Eastern Conference clubs in non-league games, it's a good guess Jack was looking over those games for two purposes: (1) To gain information on the Eastern sector outfits for use in league play later and (2) To insure a victory over the Packers in the non-league windup at Milwaukee Saturday night and thus send the New Yorkers into league play on the run. One of the real gentlemen in football, Lavelle has always been ready to furnish a bit of comfort when we lost, that sincere

happy-for-you smile when we won, and his own expert opinion if requested. After the Packers lost to the Cardinals 27-10, Jack was ready with: "Don't worry, your defense wasn't ready, you still have that threat with Mann and Howton, and you've got a fine coaching staff..." "I TOLD YOU SO": After the 14-13 loss to the Browns, Jack smiled: "You're improving - but good." After the 36-14 win over Pitt, Jack gave us that "I told you so" look. After the 31-3 victory over Washington, Jack told a Raleigh scribe, "They held Bones Taylor without a pass; that's a lot of defense." Lavelle is probably enjoying the "sunshine" today at Wisconsin Dells, where the Giants are training, and he may be in Milwaukee Saturday night. He scouted the Chicago Cardinals, New York's opening league foe, in Chicago last night. Lavelle's personal looks at the Packers only adds to the discomfort Packer Coach Liz Blackbourn is experiencing this week. "I'm really worried about this one," he confided again yesterday. "They've (the Giants) got excellent personnel and we won't be in the best of shape," Liz said. Actually, the weather hasn't helped the Packers' physical condition this week. "Some warm weather might have brought Howton and Mann around," Blackbourn said, "but they had little chance to work in this cold and rain." Thus, the two scoring threats Lavelle spoke of may not see action for the second straight game. Mann and Howton missed the Washington game,

but the Bays still managed to pile up 31 points. They were hurt in the 24-13 loss to Philadelphia, the only Packer game, incidentally, not scouted by Lavelle. If Mann and Howton are sidelined, the Packers will present Stretch Elliott and Max McGee at the offensive ends. Elliott caught seven passes against the Redskins – one for a touchdown. But, as Stretch modestly put it yesterday, “Mann and Howton would have had a field day against those guys.” At defensive end, Elliott will be replaced by Gene Knutson, the rookie from Michigan, with John Martinkovic at the other wing. Knutson is in fine shape this week after a rather uncomfortable game. Tackle Paul Lipscomb gave him an elbow in the jaw and Hosea Sims finished out the game... The Packers added some insurance at halfback yesterday by purchasing 190-pound rookie Tom Pagna from the Cleveland Browns. Pagna, a Miami University of Ohio product, was installed at left half in his first drill yesterday afternoon. Also working in that spot are veteran Breezy Reid and rookie Joe Johnson. Reid, incidentally, was running for the first time – easy like, though, since suffering a throat injury against Washington... The Packers will leave for Milwaukee Friday instead of Saturday, as originally planned. They’ll headquarter at the Schroeder Hotel and drill Friday afternoon on the lakefront. The squad will participate in a parade sponsored by the Shrine Friday and, generally, will help in promoting the game. Bonnie Ryan, Packer publicity chief, went to Milwaukee yesterday to drum up business for the fifth annual Shrine game. He reported today that “the ticket sale is stepping up.” The contest will be played in Marquette stadium... Coach Jim Lee Howell of the Giants said in Wisconsin Dells today that rookie quarterback Bob Clatterback will start Saturday night. Also due for plenty of action are rookie QB Don Heinrich and veteran Chuck Conerly. Stepping into his first action this season will be veteran defensive halfback Emlen Tunnell. He had been taking it easy during practice, nursing an ankle he fractured last summer.

## Mann, Howton Out for Giant Go? Still Have 'Long' Threat

### **MANN, HOWTON OUT FOR GIANT GO? STILL HAVE 'LONG' THREAT**

SEPT 17 (Green Bay) - At the risk of being boiled alive by Bob Mann and Bill Howton, this question is asked today: How did the Packers score 31 points against the Washington Redskins last Saturday night without Mann and Howton? We dangled that sixty-four dollar sparkler in front of Packer Coach Liz Blackburn and he sidestepped beautifully with: “They probably won’t play against New York Saturday night either – You know, we lose our long scoring threat on passes without ‘em.” Mann and Howton were both injured in the Philadelphia game in Hershey, Pa., Sept. 4. Against Washington, Blackburn converted Stretch Elliott from a defensive end to an offensive end and installed rookie Max McGee as his pass catching mate. These two are due to start against the Giants in the Shrine game in Milwaukee. While the loss of Mann and Howton robbed the Packers of a “long” threat on aerials, the Packers were able to nickel and dime the Redskins to death with short flips to Elliott and McGee. Stretch caught seven along – one a shortie over the line for a touchdown. Elliott, who apparently has taken a liking to his defensive end duties, feels that “Mann and Howton would have had a field day against Washington.” It is interesting to note that one of the Packers’ two victories last year was scored with both Mann and Howton sidelined with injuries. It was the 37-14 victory over Baltimore here Oct. 18. Elliott and the departed Clive Rush played offensive end that day. Stretch went catch-less but Rush nailed two. The Giants, of course, are well aware of the fact that Mann and Howton are ailing and thus likely will concentrate on Elliott. Thus, McGee could be a hero Saturday night, though Max had some trouble handing onto the ball against Washington, dropping one in the end zone. The Packers, despite the loss of Mann and Howton, still have a couple of all-the-way threats left in the persons of halfbacks Veryl Switzer and Al Carmichael. Carmichael scored one touchdown vs. Washington on a 96-yard kickoff return and set up another with a 50-yard runback of a punt after a lateral from Bud Roffler. Switzer, who lugged a punt back for a TD against the Eagles, went 18 yards for a TD on a Statue of Liberty play against Washington... The Packers went to Milwaukee today on the 11 a.m. North Western to help promote the Shrine battle in Marquette Stadium. After a workout at the lakefront this afternoon, the Packers were converted down Wisconsin Avenue in a parade sponsored by the Shrine. The squad is headquartering at the Schroeder Hotel... Four players officially left the squad today when their waivers expired. Departing are guard Don Coleman, offensive halfback Evan Slonac, defensive halfback Lou Mahajlovich and guard Mike Takacs. The roster now stands at 43 players, including center Charley Grant, obtained in a trade with Philadelphia for tackle Gus Cifelli, and halfback Tom Pagna, purchased from Cleveland.

### **PACKERS TO BRING 'NEW LOOK' HERE**

SEPT 17 (Milwaukee) - Midwest Shrine football goes Saturday will probably see the best Packer running attack in the past 10 years when Green Bay clashes with the Giants at Marquette Stadium. That was the prediction of Packer General Manager

Verne Lewellen who emphatically pointed out "the morale this year in camp is as high as it ever was in the Packers' heyday." Lewellen wasn't promising a championship this fall, but he said the Packers under coach Liz Blackburn will bear little resemblance to the clubs of the past few seasons. "Our backfield is really coming around. It looks like halfback Breezy Reid is going to have his most successful pro season. He was tremendous in the Washington game. Rookie Veryl Switzer and veteran Al Carmichael have given us much needed speed. And Tobin Rote's record shows he is one of the best quarterbacks in the league." The new Packer executive told of the numerous handicaps confronting Blackburn when he opened camp in Stevens Point. "We expected more than 80 players, but only 43 reported opening day. Uncle Sam took about 15 and the All-Stars seven. Therefore, installing a new system with a draught of personnel showed up when we took a drubbing from the Cardinals in Minneapolis." Since then Blackburn's gang has whipped the Steelers and Redskins and came close to beating the Browns and Eagles. "Last week against the Redskins we functioned 100 percent," said Lewellen. "End Bobby Mann and Billy Howton and defensive back Bob Dillon were out, yet our showing was the best yet." They're not predicting a championship in Green Bay this fall but they're going to give Packer fans a team they've wanted to see for a long time.

### SCORE MINDED GIANTS TEST PACKERS HERE

SEPT 17 (Milwaukee) - Lisle Blackburn's Packers will seek to bring their exhibition record to 3-3 when they meet the New York Giants in the annual Shrine game at Marquette Stadium Saturday night. Despite a slightly better won-lost record so far, 2-3 against 1-4, Green Bay does not rate much of an edge, if any, over Jim Lee Howell's Giants. The Giants, their record notwithstanding, have shown plenty. They have gained more than 300 yards in every game except one and overall they have an edge in yardage over their five opponents. While the Packers were taking on five teams from the eastern division, the Giants were playing the big boys - San Francisco, Los Angeles and Detroit. Losing to any one of these three western division giants is no disgrace. The only time the Giants' much improved offense failed to role up at least 300 yards was against the Rams and that time they made 280 yards. In at least one respect, the Giants almost could be favored over the Packers. They beat the Chicago Cardinals, 26-0, and the Cardinals beat the Packers, 27-10. The Cardinals, however, caught the Packers in the first game, before they were ready at all, and since then Blackburn's boys have come a long way. Further, the Giants caught the Cardinals in the third game in eight days for the Chicago southsiders, so comparative scores in this case could be discarded. The big thing about the Giants is their switchover from defense to offense. Under Steve Owens they would not permit the opposition many points but they could not score too well either. Now, under Owens' former assistant, Howell, the emphasis is all on attack. Giant officials figure they must have an interesting team to sell New York and the best way is with a team which can move the ball and score the points. The Giants have moved the ball very well so far and without hardly any help from two of their finest runners, fullback Eddie Price and right halfback Kyle Rote. Both have been hobbled by injuries, but Price will certainly start against the Packers and Rote is a possibility, at least for spot duty. At left halfback will be Frank Gifford, the former Southern California ace. This is in line with the Giants' new policy, for Gifford was a defensive specialist under Owen. On attack, he has proved more than adequate. Bob Clatterback, rookie from Houston University, will start at quarterback, replacing the veteran Charlie Conerly. If Rote does not start at right half, Buford Long will. For the first time since practice started, all of the Giants will be available. Even Emlen Tunnell, the defensive halfback star from Iowa, who suffered a broken ankle in July, may see at least limited action. Against the Giants, Blackburn will

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**Extra Protection** — Packer Quarterback Tobin Rote shows the new helmet with plastic face protector attached in practice yesterday. Designed to cut down on face cuts and bruises, the new helmets will be worn for the first time against the New York Giants in Milwaukee tonight.

turn loose what General Manager Verne Lewellen termed Thursday "the finest running game the Packers have shown in the last 10 years". The backfield will include Tobin Rote, a first cousin to the Giants' Kyle, at quarterback, veterans Breezy Reid and Al Carmichael and rookies Veryl Switzer and Joe Johnson at halfback and fullbacks Fred Cone and Howie Ferguson. Reid, according to Lewellen, was in the midst of his greatest game as a Packer when he was hit in the Adam's apple in the second quarter against the Washington Redskins at Raleigh, NC Saturday night. "Breezy was really running," Lewellen said. "His head wasn't more than two feet off the ground and he'd go for 10, 15, 20 yards at a crack." Reid has recovered from his injury and should be ready to resume against the Giants. Tobin Rote, who presents a threat both running and passing at quarterback, will be aided by Bobby Garrett, Stanford rookie. Garrett seemed to have found himself in guiding the Packers to their final touchdown in the 31-3 victory over the Redskins, Only Packer not likely to play Saturday night is Bob Mann, veteran end, whose leg injury has not responded to treatment. Bill Howton, the other veteran flankman, who also sat out the Redskins encounter, will play this time and so will defensive back Bobby Dillon. "Even without Howton, Mann and Dillon, all key players," Lewellen said, "we handled the Redskins early. That's an indication of how far Blackbourn has brought this team.

#### **PACKERS BATTLE GIANTS IN CHARITY GAME**

SEPT 18 (Milwaukee) - A crowd in excess of 20,000 is expected at Marquette Stadium Saturday night for the fifth annual Midwest Shrine football clash between the Packers and Giants. The weatherman gives every assurance it will be a perfect night for football. For all practical purposes, the Packers have completed the experimental stage and are now ready to get down to serious business. Coach Liz Blackbourn and his assistants are satisfied with the improvements of their athletes in five games. Saturday night's clash ends the exhibition trail and nothing would please the Packers more than to get off to a good start before their Milwaukee backers. New York enters the game with only one win in five pre-league



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**Will March Saturday**—As part of the festivities at the Packer-Giants Shrine game at Marquette Stadium Saturday night, the Green Bay Shrine Patrol above will march at the field before the contest. In the back row, from the left, are Archie McMaster, M. Shewaulter, Bert Laing, George Fry, Herman Reckelberg, Ted Dost, Herman Ness, Lee Smith, and Patrol Captain Tom Schrader. Middle row, left to right, are Adolph Glawe, Clinton Richardson, Jim Brazier, Edward Zaphe, Frank Forester, Clark Fuller, Walter Wetzal, and Merrill Knowlton. In the front row, also from left, are Howard Fuller, Harvey Bartels, Erv. Prust, Verne Bushman, Al Helgerson, Clifford Bodilly, and Norman Jahnke. Don Sharpe was not present for the picture.

encounters. However, the Giants' lone win was a stunning 26-0 slaughter of the Cardinals, a club which beat the Packers, 27-10. Since losing to the Cardinals, the Packers whipped the Steelers and Redskins and were edged by the Browns and Eagles. The Giants bumped into the powerhouses of the Western Conference (Lions, 49ers and Rams) and lost to them all. Jim Lee Howell, who succeeded Steve Owen as coach this season for the Giants, has undertaken a reconstruction program. Owen's celebrated A formation has been scuttled and Howell has been working to modernize the attack. Packer scouts report that in Eddie Price, Frank Ziegler, Frank Gifford and Kyle Rote, Howell has four of the finest running backs in the NFL. The passing will be handled adequately by Charlie Conerly, Don Heinrich and Bob Clatterback, the latter a rookie from Houston who will get the starting assignment. The Packers, who played their best game of the season whipping the Redskins,

31-3, last Saturday will enter the game in good physical condition. Only end Bobby Mann will not see action. Halfback Breezy Reid and defensive end Gene Knutson, injured in the Washington game, will be ready for the Giants. End Bill Howton and defensive halfback Bobby Dillon will be back for duty after sitting out a week.

**PACKER-GIANT GAME A REAL 2-WAY DEAL**

SEPT 18 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - The fifth annual Shrine football show Saturday night at Marquette Stadium offers an ideal combination: a professional game (Green Bay Packers vs New York Giants) that stands on its own merits as an attraction and an unquestioned charity hook. Every dime of the Shrine's profits will go into the fund devoted exclusively to the support of its hospitals for crippled children - children of all races, creeds and colors. The 17 world-famous hospitals maintained by the Shrine have helped or now are helping a total of 250,000 handicapped youngsters. Events like Saturday night's football game have played an important part in bringing hope and health to all those kids, and great joy to their families. Can anyone think of a more worthy charity. From a straight football standpoint, all the elements of interest are there. This is the Packers' first appearance of the season in Milwaukee and the first here under their new coach, Liz Blackburn. It was right here in Milwaukee that Blackburn spent most of his coaching years, at Washington High School and Marquette University. So this is in the nature of an unofficial homecoming for him. More important to average fans, those who ultimately determine the Packers' success or lack of it in the Milwaukee half of their schedule, everything points to a solid, entertaining club in the making. The odds naturally are against the Bays' chances of championship contenders. With a new coaching staff and new player personnel, they started from scratch, completely, when they opened training at Stevens Point. They weren't too well manned at best. In comparison with most of the other NFL outfits, they were really over the barrel. In addition, they suffered numerous unexpected losses of players who had been counted on heavily. Yet there is a growing feeling that Blackburn's operators have progressed so well that they shouldn't be written out of the title picture. They have looked better with each passing week of non-league competition. They hit a new high in last Saturday's 31-3 over the rugged Washington Redskins. Top pro observers are particularly impressed by the Packers' know-what-it's-all-about look and the obvious desire to play all the football of which they are capable - maybe a little bit more. In fact, one key neutral, after seeing all the clubs in action said "only three clubs - Detroit, Los Angeles and San Francisco - have it on Green Bay at the moment. And even they will have to be at their best." That could be too rosy a view, but it does sort of indicate that the Packers aren't going to be pushed around. Which, next to winning every time out, is the guarantee most loyal fans want. Some of the top players in pro ball - Tobin Rote, John Martinkovic, Fred Cone, Dave Hanner, Bill Howton, Bob Mann and Clayton Tonnemaker, to mention a few - are back in the fold and give the Packers a vital foundation on which to build. A group of exciting newcomers like Veryl Switzer, Joe Johnson, Al Barry, Art Hunter, Jerry Helluin, Max McGee, Gene Knutson, Bobby Garrett and Hosea Sims promise to do their share to carry the load. Switzer, in particular, is living up to the fave noticed received last year as a senior at Kansas State. The same explosive running that caused him to be No. 1 on many a pro scout's list already has marked his play with the Packers. He could be the NFL's rookie of the year. Rebuilding is the Giants' keynote, too. As with the Packers, responsibility rests with a new coach, in this case Jim Lee Howell, a Giant alumnus by the way. His chief problem appears to be the development of a line up to pro standards, for he has some slick operators in the backfield - established stars like Kyle Rote, Charlie Conerly, Eddie Price and Frank Gifford. How far the building program has advanced will be pretty well determined against the Packers. Blow the whistle! The football season is with us for sure.

**FOUR BAY VETERANS BOTHERED BY INJURIES**

SEPT 18 (Milwaukee-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The strong legs of the Packers and New York Giants "will run so weak legs may walk" in the fifth annual Midwest Shrine Benefit game in Marquette Stadium here tonight. Proceeds of the final non-championship games for both clubs will go into the Shrine fund for crippled children. Kickoff is set for 8:15 and a crowd of nearly 18,000 is expected. A pregame drill ceremony by colorfully uniformed Shriners marching units will start at 7:30 and continue between halves. Packer Coach Liz Blackburn is on the spot in tonight's game. He's returning to Milwaukee for the first time as Packer coach - to the same sidelines he roamed as head coach at Marquette University. Milwaukee has billed the game as Blackburn's Homecoming. Liz would like to win this one for his Milwaukee backers -

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Green Bay	2	3	0	.400	103	82
Chicago Cardinals	2	5	0	.286	63	179
Cleveland	1	3	0	.250	82	145
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Gifford, lhb	lhb, Reid
Long, rhb	rhb, Carmichael
Price, fb	fb, Cone

and he has thousands of 'em, but he doesn't want to do it at the expense of hurting the squad for the NFL opener against Pittsburgh in Green Bay a week from Sunday. Blackbourn will be forced to use at least four veterans sparingly because of injuries – ace offensive ends Bob Mann and Bill Howton, left halfback Breezy Reid and defensive halfback Bobby Dillon. Liz is taking no chances on having those boys on the sidelines when league firing starts. Defensive end Stretch Elliott and rookie Max McGee will replace Mann and Howton in the key pass catching role. E and M did the same in the Washington game – won by the Packers 31-3. Blackbourn expects to open with his usual 11 starters (with the exception of Mann and Howton) and then follow with “final exams” for a flock of rookies. Veteran Tobin Rote will start at quarterback with Reid at left half, Al Carmichael at right half and Fred Cone at fullback. Besides Elliott and McGee, the line will have (from left) Len Szafaryn and Art Hunter at tackles, Al Barry and Buddy Brown at guards and Jim Ringo at center. Rookie Don Miller likely will share the chore of replacing Dillon in the defensive backfield along with rookie Gene White. Other simon pures expected to see action in the opening defensive unit are halfback Bud Roffler, linebacker Nick Adduci and defensive end Gene Knutson. The defensive lineup, superb in the victory over Washington, will get a much stiffer tonight. The Packer tacklers will face probably the best balanced trio of ball carriers in the league in left half Frank Gifford, right half Buford Long and fullback Eddie Price – all 190 pounders. Backing them up are two 195-pound belters – fullback Bobby Epps and right half Kyle Rote. Veteran Chuck Conerly probably will do most of the quarterbacking, although Bob Clatterbuck is scheduled to start. The Giants' top receivers at end are Bob Schnelker, Dick Wilkins, Ken MacAfee and Bill Stribling. The Giants announced today the signing of “Bootin” Ben Agajanian, a place kicking specialist. He will play tonight. Agajanian, who doesn't have any toes on his right foot as the result of a hunting accident, was picked up on waivers from the Washington Redskins. Blackbourn has had a good look at most of his rookies, with the possible exception of quarterback Elry Falkenstein and tackle John Bauer – not to mention the two players obtained this week, center Charley Grant and halfback Tom Pagna. All likely will see considerable action, along with quarterback Bobby Garrett. Tonight's game will be the last chance for nearly 10 Packers since the squad must be reduced to the league limit of 33 by Monday. The club will carry 43 players into the non-loop windup. The Packers will be out to break a three-game losing streak in the Shrine series. Green Bay won the opener in 1950, beating Baltimore 16-14, but then lost to Philadelphia 14-0 in '51, to New York 7-0 in '52, and Pittsburgh 26-23 in '53. For the current season, the Packers will be out to break even in six starts. NY has a 1-4 record thus far.

## **Packers, Giants Help Crippled Children Tonight!**