



# Washington Redskins (10-1) 21, Green Bay Packers (7-4) 16 Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup> 1972 (at Washington)



## 'We have to win last 3,' says Jim Carter

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

By The Associated Press  
NFL  
American Conference

| East          |  | W  | L  | T | Pct.  | Pts. | OP  |
|---------------|--|----|----|---|-------|------|-----|
| x Miami       |  | 10 | 0  | 0 | 1.000 | 278  | 127 |
| New York Jets |  | 6  | 5  | 0 | .545  | 323  | 257 |
| Baltimore     |  | 4  | 7  | 0 | .364  | 190  | 205 |
| Buffalo       |  | 3  | 8  | 0 | .273  | 205  | 304 |
| New England   |  | 2  | 9  | 0 | .182  | 133  | 354 |
| Central       |  | W  | L  | T | Pct.  | Pts. | OP  |
| Pittsburgh    |  | 8  | 3  | 0 | .727  | 280  | 170 |
| Cleveland     |  | 8  | 3  | 0 | .727  | 215  | 185 |
| Cincinnati    |  | 6  | 5  | 0 | .545  | 201  | 175 |
| Houston       |  | 1  | 10 | 0 | .091  | 134  | 290 |
| West          |  | W  | L  | T | Pct.  | Pts. | OP  |
| Oakland       |  | 7  | 3  | 1 | .682  | 292  | 192 |
| Kansas City   |  | 5  | 6  | 0 | .455  | 222  | 209 |
| San Diego     |  | 4  | 6  | 1 | .409  | 230  | 261 |
| Denver        |  | 3  | 8  | 0 | .273  | 221  | 292 |

National Conference

| East            |  | W  | L | T | Pct. | Pts. | OP  |
|-----------------|--|----|---|---|------|------|-----|
| Washington      |  | 10 | 1 | 0 | .909 | 272  | 153 |
| Dallas          |  | 8  | 3 | 0 | .727 | 255  | 187 |
| New York Giants |  | 7  | 4 | 0 | .636 | 285  | 208 |
| St. Louis       |  | 2  | 7 | 1 | .250 | 129  | 208 |
| Philadelphia    |  | 2  | 8 | 1 | .227 | 103  | 284 |
| Central         |  | W  | L | T | Pct. | Pts. | OP  |
| Detroit         |  | 7  | 4 | 0 | .636 | 277  | 219 |
| Green Bay       |  | 7  | 4 | 0 | .636 | 218  | 192 |
| Minnesota       |  | 6  | 5 | 0 | .545 | 254  | 199 |
| Chicago         |  | 3  | 7 | 1 | .318 | 173  | 212 |
| West            |  | W  | L | T | Pct. | Pts. | OP  |
| San Francisco   |  | 6  | 4 | 1 | .591 | 297  | 206 |
| Atlanta         |  | 6  | 5 | 0 | .545 | 235  | 227 |
| Los Angeles     |  | 5  | 5 | 1 | .500 | 234  | 212 |
| New Orleans     |  | 2  | 8 | 1 | .227 | 168  | 296 |

x clinched division title

#### Sunday's Results

Cleveland 27, Buffalo 10  
Baltimore 31, New England 0  
Washington 21, Green Bay 16  
New Orleans 19, Los Angeles 16  
New York Giants 62, Philadelphia 10  
Cincinnati 13, Chicago 3  
Atlanta 23, Denver 20  
Pittsburgh 23, Minnesota 10  
Oakland 26, Kansas City 3  
San Diego 34, Houston 20

#### All Times EST

#### Monday's Game

St. Louis at Miami, 9 p.m., EST, national television

#### Sunday's Games

Buffalo at Baltimore, 2 p.m.  
Chicago at Minnesota, 2 p.m.  
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.  
Dallas at St. Louis, 4 p.m.  
Denver at Kansas City, 2 p.m.  
Detroit at Green Bay, 2 p.m.  
Houston at Atlanta, 1 p.m.  
Miami at New England, 1 p.m.  
New Orleans at New York Jets, 1 p.m.  
New York Giants at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.  
Oakland at San Diego, 4 p.m.  
Washington at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.

#### Monday, Dec. 4

Los Angeles at San Francisco, 9 p.m., national television

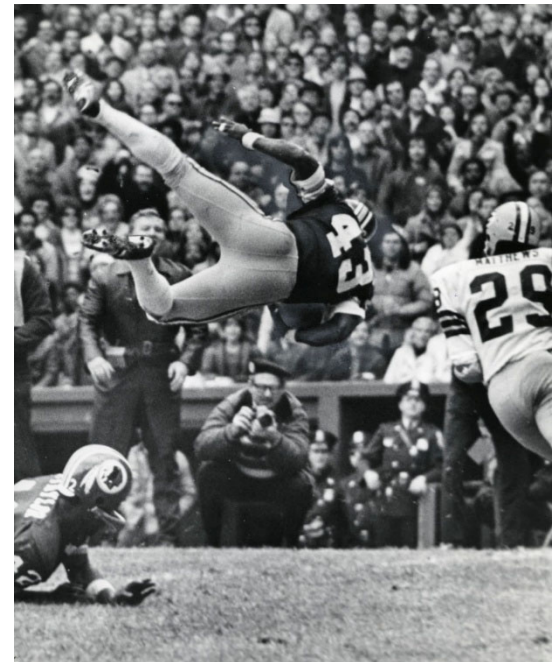
(WASHINGTON) - A picture of "how did we lose?" frustration, mustachioed Jim Carter sat nakedly in front of his locker pondering the situation. "I can't believe that Bill Kilmer," he said, shaking his modishly styled locks. "Fourteen out of 21...that's some sharpshooting." Inevitably, the freewheeling middle linebacker moved on to more practical considerations: namely what Sunday afternoon's 21-16 loss to the Redskins amid the reverberating din of D.C. Stadium had done to the Packers' Central Division title hopes. "Now we have to win the last three," he said, thumping his right knee with a battle-scarred right hand to underscore the point. "We knew we had to beat Detroit and Minnesota (the Packers next two opponents) anyway. Nobody could help us with that. "We needed this one to win, but if we win the last three, we're in anyway, no matter what else happens." Coach Dan Devine, no less frustrated, had managed a brave smile after seeing the Packers' three game winning streak -and one-game edge - dissolve in the face of a furious Redskins charge that left them tied with Detroit for the Central lead. But, he admitted, "We're all disappointed," a statement which only began to tell the story of a day on which opportunity knocked early and often before slipping away in the hectic stretch. Devine, who had switched quarterbacks in a somewhat surprising second quarter maneuver, could only wonder what might have happened had the Packers been able to make capital of a first play fumble recovery by Jim Carter, which was wasted when Ron McDole blocked a 33-yard field goal attempt.

### MADE IT SIMPLER

And if free safety Jim Hill and right cornerback Ken Ellis had not been lost via injury in the second half, developments which made it manifestly simpler to pick the Packers' pockets. "I think the Redskins penetrated on the right side on the field goal they blocked," said Devine, who added, "when we went for the 51-yarder Chester said later, we had to decide whether to chicken out after that experience...But you can't do that and win." The Redskins' decisive touchdown, consummated on a five-yard pitch from Kilmer to Charlie Taylor in the left corner of the end zone, had come at 8:30 of the final period - after Ellis had been forced to leave the game with a dislocated right shoulder, which was not long after Hill had exited because of a leg bruise. Replacement Ike Thomas, the relatively inexperienced victim of that thrust, had been "pretty well worked over" by Kilmer on the 78-yard drive which it climaxed, Devine conceded. Thomas, meanwhile, said he guessed wrong on the play and received some gratuitous "assistance" from Taylor in the process. "I had inside responsibility on that one and I thought he was going to run a slant-in," Ike explained, "But he went to the outside and ran a post-corner. He pushed off me, which is illegal, and that left me a step behind. The pass was perfectly thrown and there's not much you can do in a situation like that when you're a step behind." That was the way it

had been virtually all afternoon for the Packers, who found themselves playing continuous catchup once they had lost an early 3-0 lead mounted by the first of three field goal successes by the remarkable Chester Marcol, whose 51 yard launch tied his personal distance mark as a Packer. This advantage evaporated in the face of a Pat Fischer interception, returned to the Green Bay 37, which triggered, in sequence, a two-yard scoring sweep by the Redskins' Larry Brown and the departure of Scott Hunter at quarterback in favor of Jerry Tagge. "The coaching staff thought we'd have a better chance of winning the game at that point by making a change," Devine explained, noting in answer to a question, "No, there was nothing wrong with Scott physically that caused us to make the switch. The decision to go to Tagge was just a coaching staff decision that everybody concurred in." George Allen, the Redskins' glorious leader, indirectly applauded the move, "That guy Tagg-EE," he said, playing havoc with pronunciation of the rookie field general's name, "did a great job. I was surprised to see him in there, but he certainly did an outstanding job. What made him so effective was that he was so tough to bring down. And he threw the ball at least 60 yards right on the button." Allen didn't say so, but the first bomb unloaded by the former Green Bay West star must have left him a trifle winded. The ball, with Dave Davis two strides in the van of defenders Mike Bass and Roosevelt Taylor, bounced out of the sophomore wide receiver's hands at the Washington 25-yard-line. "I got to it," Davis said. "I just couldn't come up with it. It was just one of those things. That would have been a big play for us." The next time the Packers gained possession, Tagge gave Allen another spectacular scare, unfurling a second bomb to Davis, but it was slightly over-thrown. "It was my fault," Tagge said. "I just missed Dave on that one." Before the

former Nebraska All American had been afforded much of opportunity to revise the scoreboard, the Redskins earlier had erected a 14-3 lead on the wings of a 25-yard Kilmer pass to tight end Jackie Smith, capping a 67-yard drive. Packer strong safety Al Matthews, victimized by Smith in the heart of the end zone, paid tribute to the author of that strike. "Kilmer's a smart passer," he said, "and if a guy gets a hot hand – Steve Spurrier was the same was against us for the 49ers - it's going to happen to you sometimes, even though we've had a good record against the pass. On that touchdown, it was just poor judgement on my part. There's no excuse - it was just poor judgement on my part in playing the ball. I think I should have been deeper in the middle on the play. It was just a combination of a mental error and poor judgement in playing the ball. If I'd been deeper in the middle, I'd have been closer to the ball. Overall, losing Jim Hill didn't help us any. although Charlie Hall played well in his place. Losing Kenny Ellis hurt us too... For 17 games "The four of us (Willie Buchanon in addition to Matthews, Hill and Ellis) have been playing together for 17 games now, you have to remember ever since the start of the pre-season. So it has to take something away from you." "And the Redskins are great opportunists. They take advantage of everything." Allen was inclined to agree. "I thought Kilmer's experience made the difference in breaking up what looked like a defensive battle," he said. With Tagge at the throttle, the Packers had rebounded from that second quarter adversity with a 37-yard Marcol field goal on the last play of the first, then almost succeeded in silencing the incredibly boisterous Redskin buffs when MacArthur Lane careened into the end zone at 3:21 of the fourth quarter, trimming Washington's lead to a tenuous 14-13. But the relief was only temporary. Washington's faithful again began to chant in thunderous unison as the Redskins rolled 78 yards to score in 10 plays, which later prompted Allen to observe, "That is the mark of a good team when you can do that." The Packers retaliated with a 39 yard Marcol field goal with 2:27 remaining, on the optimistic assumption they would regain possession in time for one final push. Devine, who subsequently had ordered a conventional kickoff, admitted, "Sure, when you've been coaching for 25 years, you think of the onside kick. But it certainly wouldn't have fooled anybody. You can go two ways in the situation. You can try an onside kick, or you can hope to kick it into the end zone which we did, and slam the door on them right away. "We had the two-minute warning on our side in this situation, which is why we called a timeout with 2:10 remaining. We felt we could would force them to run a play before the two-minute warning, at which time the clock would be stopped automatically, then call a timeout as soon as they had run another play."



*Washington Redskins running back Larry Brown, 43, is seen in action (Washington Post file photo by Richard Darcey.)*

**GREEN BAY - 3 3 0 10 - 16**  
**WASHINGTON - 0 14 0 7 - 21**

|                    | <u>GREEN BAY</u> | <u>WASHINGTON</u> |
|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| First downs        | 12               | 16                |
| Rush-yards-TDs     | 35-120-1         | 35-132-1          |
| Comp-Att-Yd-TD-INT | 21-7-85-0-1      | 21-14-158-2-0     |
| Sacked-Yards Lost  | 2-18             | 1-9               |
| Net Passing Yards  | 67               | 149               |
| Total yards        | 187              | 281               |
| Fumbles-lost       | 0-0              | 1-1               |
| Turnovers          | 1                | 1                 |
| Yards Penalized    | 4-20             | 3-35              |

### **SCORING**

1<sup>st</sup> – GB – Chester Marcol, 51-yard field goal GB 3-0  
 2<sup>nd</sup> – WASH – Larry Brown, 2-yard run (Curt Knight kick) WASH 7-3  
 2<sup>nd</sup> – WASH – Jerry Smith, 25-yard pass from Billy Kilmer (Knight kick) WASH 14-3  
 2<sup>nd</sup> – GB – Marcol, 37-yard field goal WASH 14-6  
 4<sup>th</sup> – GB – MacArthur Lane, 6-yard run (Marcol kick) WASH 14-13  
 4<sup>th</sup> – WASH – Charley Taylor, 5-yard pass from Kilmer (Knight kick) WASH 21-13  
 4<sup>th</sup> – GB – Marcol, 39-yard field goal WASH 21-16

### **RUSHING**

**GREEN BAY** – MacArthur Lane 17-71 1 TD, John Brockington 16-42, Dave Davis 1-7, Leland Glass 1-0

**WASHINGTON** – Larry Brown 25-69 1 TD, Charlie Harraway 9-66, Billy Kilmer 1-(-3)

### **PASSING**

**GREEN BAY** - Scott Hunter 5-2-(-5) 1 INT, Jerry Tagge 14-3-71, MacArthur Lane 2-2-19

**WASHINGTON** – Billy Kilmer 21-14-158 2 TD

### **RECEIVING**

**GREEN BAY** – Dave Davis 2-40, John Brockington 2-19, MacArthur Lane 2-(-5), Leland Glass 1-31

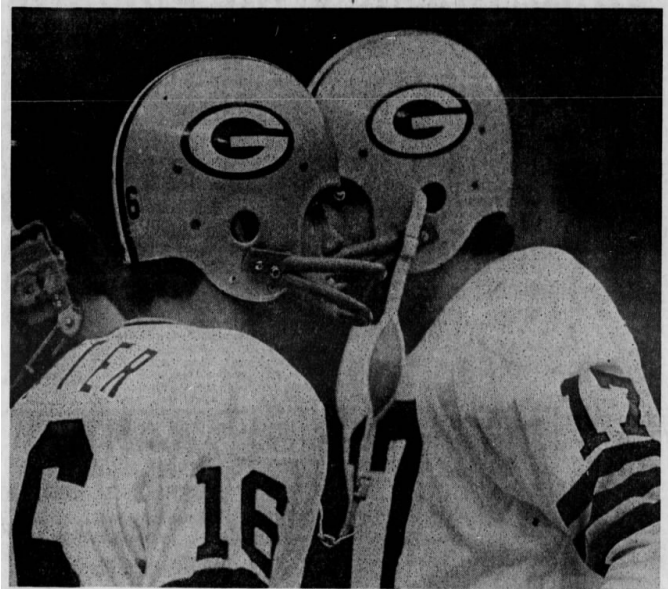
**WASHINGTON** — Charley Taylor 5-53 1 TD, Roy Jefferson 4-53, Jerry Smith 2-38 1 TD, Charlie Harraway 2-1, Larry Brown 1-13

### **TAGGE PROMISES A BOMB**

NOV 27 (Washington-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - "We'll hit one of those one of these days," Jerry Tagge promised. The former Green Bay West quarterback, who unfurled a heroic arm in D.C. Stadium Sunday after replacing Scott Hunter, was talking about the two big ones that got away. Tagge had just seen a pair of 60-yard strikes, both intended for receiver Dave Davis, barely miss 6-point success during the third quarter of a 21-16 loss to the redoubtable Redskins. Either, of course, might well have averted that embarrassment, which dropped the Packers into a first-place with Detroit in the NFC's Central Division race. "Timing is the main thing on those," Tagge pointed out, "and you don't have much of a chance to throw many deep passes in practice, especially in Green Bay in cold weather. You're afraid of pulled muscles. Those were a couple of close ones to Dave - and we're going to get a few of them along the way. With a receiver like Dave, you've got to throw the ball out there and let him go after it. He's got great speed." Had he been instrumental in the decision to attempt the second bomb. Tagge smiled and replied, "Yes, I suggested it, but it didn't work. It was my fault. I just missed him on that one. I suppose they might have looked like the same play, but they weren't. On the first one, we were in a third-and-1 situation and caught them in a man-to-man coverage. Rosie Taylor was the weak safety on the play and he went for the fake. When he saw what it was he dropped back as fast as he could but Dave was past him. "On the second one, it was first and-10 and they were in a zone, with one man short and one deep, and Dave beat both of them. I just couldn't get the ball to him." Flashing a boyish smile, Tagge said, "He couldn't hold the first one and I threw the second one too far. We're going to have to reach a happy medium. Although all of the plays were called from the bench, just as the coaching staff has been doing when Hunter has presided under the center, the strapping ex-Cornhusker was required to exercise his own judgement at one point. "I called that timeout late in the fourth quarter because the wrong men sent in for that particular play and also because they called it to the wrong side of the field," Tagge reported. "I didn't know what to do, so I decided I'd better call a timeout." Evaluating his performance, Tagge said, "I made a lot of mistakes. I got excited a few times and hurried some of my passes, and I might have scrambled too soon a few times." It was the second NFL appearance for the freshman field general, who made his pro debut in relief of Hunter at Chicago Nov. 12 after the latter had been kayoed by the Bear charge on a scramble. Tagge, who played a portion of the second quarter and most of the second half, scored the Packers to a 23-17 victory in that one. Tagge admits he is finding there is "a lot more to learn" than he was required to absorb at Nebraska. "I've had to learn a whole new system, for one thing," he said. "It's a lot more complex here than it is in college. In college, you only have to get ready for two or three games, because you can handle your other opponents pretty well. "But here you have to be mentally prepared every week. If you're not ready, you're going to get beat. It doesn't matter who you're playing."

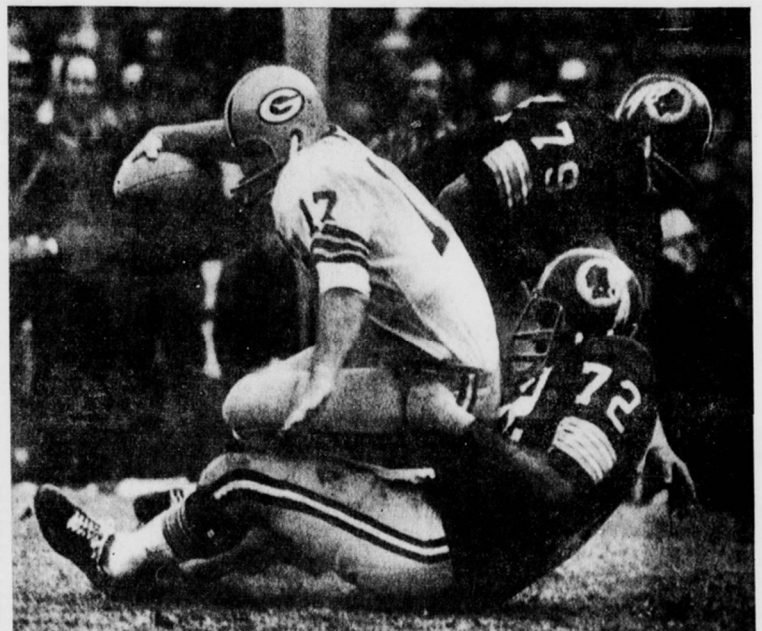
### **PACKER OFFENSE STILL SPUTTERING**

NOV 27 (Washington-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - It was suggested to me by one of the Faithful Few readers of this trivia last week that perhaps I was being a bit too hard on the offense of late. Perhaps. But the facts are there. The Packers continue to be about as offensive as Julie Andrews and apple pie. Consider: The Redskins fumble on their first play from scrimmage and the Packers recover on the Washington 34. They move to the 26, try a field goal and have it blocked. Consider: Redskin punter Mike Bragg, on Washington's second series, gets off a 26-yarder that goes out of bounds at the



Packer Quarterbacks Coming and Going

## **Tagge Promises a Bomb**



**TAGGE DROPPED** — Green Bay Packers' rookie quarterback Jerry Tagge is welcomed to the NFL by Redskin defenders Diron Talbert (72) and Ron McDole as he is dropped for a loss while trying to pass during Sunday's game in Washington. — AP Wirephoto.

Packer 32. But the Pack can't even get a first down. Consider: Ten times the Packers took over the ball in their own territory and only three times did it wind up across midfield. All three times, by the way, were converted into points via Chester Marcol's gifted toe. There was one other crossing of the 50, all the way to the Redskin 42. But on third down, quarterback Jerry Tagge was thrown for a 10-yard loss and the Pack punted from its own 48. However, if the Packers had been playing horseshoes on this particular Sunday, they might have fared better. While Washington outgained the Packers 281 yards to 187 yards, in addition to outscoring them 21-16 though the Pack had 58 plays to 57 for the Skins, one play might have radically changed the figures. Tagge rainbowed a long distance pass at Dave Davis that traveled about 65 yards in the air. Maybe he sent it by air mail. In any case, Davis dropped it with nothing more than the end zone in front of him. And a few minutes later, the two guys tried again and this time the ball was barely on Davis' fingertips. Those two heaves shook up the Redskins, impressed them. They loosened up the defense, which is exactly what the Pack must do with its largely ineffective passing game. The Packer defense, which has been so super in recent games, bogged down when it needed bogging up Sunday. The Pack had just scored, thanks in no small part to a Redskin penalty, and narrowed the difference to 14-13. Magic Marcol was waiting on the sideline to do his thing again and all the defense had to do was stop the Skins deep. The kickoff was brought out to the 22 but a penalty put the ball on the 17. But the defense couldn't hold as Kilmer quickly hit Taylor for 16 yards. In fact, the defense, minus Ken Ellis and Jim Hill, couldn't hold for a long time after that and Washington moved all the way downfield for the winning points. And it wasn't just the points. That march used up six minutes and four seconds on the clock, leaving just over six minutes left for the Pack to score twice. Well, Marcol did score once. But it wasn't enough because Washington again controlled the football after the kickoff...The Packer special teams were the subject of gallons of ink in the Washington papers all week so the Redskins were particularly aware of them...Do you think the Pack misses Rich McGeorge?...Ron Widby, the subject of some doubt in past weeks, kept the Redskins at bay with his sensational punting...Clarence Williams was magnificent in fending off blockers and piling up the Washington sweep....Credit Jim Carter for a fine game, too...And might MacArthur Lane make it at QB? Sure it would have been great to win, but as suggested earlier in this space, the key games remain against the Lions and Vikes. In fact, if the Pack can win those two, the game against the Saints will become meaningless...Remark from what I suspect is a non-typical Washington fan - Or am I being naive ? "It's not so much if we win or lose, it's if we beat the point spread and we didn't." It was seven points.

#### **QUICK QUOTES: SKINS' OFFENSE HARD TO KEY ON**

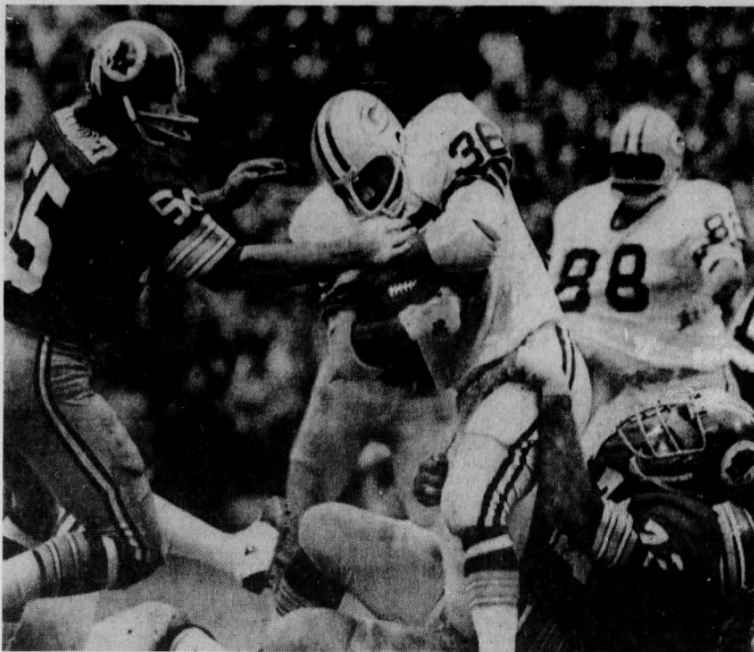
NOV 27 (Washington-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Quick Packer-Redskin quotes: Dan Devine (on "holding" Larry Brown to 69 yards): "We try to defense what the other team does best. If they have a great runner, we try to stop the plays he runs. But Washington has a diversified attack - fine passing as well "as great running - so it's pretty hard to key on any one player. As far as keying on Brown is concerned, you can't do that because they have other things that can hurt you."...Jim Hill (on his injury): "Coach Hanner said he noticed I wasn't moving around too well early in the third quarter and he thought I'd better come out. I didn't play after that. I thought it was just a bad bruise, which I got in the Houston game last week, but I couldn't go on it. I tried to pick it up, but I couldn't. That's why I went out on the field early - around noon - because I wanted to



*Quarterback Billy Kilmer #17 of the Washington Redskins throws a pass against the Green Bay Packers (Photo by Focus on Sport/Getty Images)*



*Washington Redskins Ron McDole, 79, tries to get the ball, arm to arm with cornerback Ted Vactor, 29 (Source: Richard Darcey/The Washington Post via Getty Images)*



**Lane surrounded**

Green Bay's MacArthur Lane (36) protects the ball with both arms while being brought down after a five yard gain in the third quarter of Sunday's game against Washington. Making the

tackle are linebacker Christ Hanburger (55) and Diron Talbert (72). The Redskins downed the Packers, 21-16, to drop Green Bay into a tie for the lead of the Central Division with Detroit.

—UPI Telephoto



*Redskins Larry Brown sails into the end zone for a touchdown during the second quarter of Sunday's game against the Green Bay Packers. The touchdown put the Redskins ahead. (AP Wirephoto)*

loosen it up. But it didn't. I gave it all I had. I feel bad about that. I feel like I let the fellows down."...George Allen: "Green Bay's quite a football team - about as physical a team as we've played all year. And that guy Marcol looks like he's going to be quite a kicker. You can't even let him kick from the 50."...Devine again: "The delay of game call in the last few minutes was because one of our players threw down his helmet. It's a sign of poise and discipline not to do things like that and we've made good progress in that area, but we slipped a little there."...Devine again: "Washington is a fine football team. They play hard, have fine talent and are well coached. They do a lot of things well."...Ron McDole (on his block of Chester Marcol's first field goal attempt): "I just came from the inside and the ball hit me on the elbow. We work different stunts and I just happened to be the one that got in on it this time."...Bill Kilmer: "The Packers are solid at every position except quarterback."...Jim Hill again: "We didn't play well at all defensively. The Redskins are the type of team who take advantage of your mistakes because of their experience. They made a couple of big third down plays against us."...McDole again: "We were afraid of getting behind the Packers because they're the type of a club with a helluva running game. If they get ahead of you, they can control it."...Pete Lammons: "I have no single explanation for our inability to move the ball better, and I don't think there is just one. An obvious one is that we have been playing some pretty tough defenses lately. When the passes fall in, and the runs work, it looks easy." Allen again: "Our plan was to run on the Packers more than pass, but it didn't work out that way." Chester Marcol (on his run with blocked field goal): "I just tried to pick up the ball and see the daylight, but there was none. I didn't get tackled, I got killed."...Kilmer again: "All of our receivers made big plays today. We were slowed down in the third quarter because the Packers showed us a different defense."...Pat Richter: "I wasn't thinking about an interception. It just developed."...Gale Gillingham: "Chester Marcol's last kickoff was the longest I've ever seen. In spite of the penalty, it still went way over the crossbar and out of the end zone."

#### **FIGURED SLANT-IN: PACKERS LURED INTO TD ERROR?**

NOV 27 (Washington-Green Bay Press-Gazette) — Ike Thomas, summoned to replace injured Ken Ellis at cornerback in the fourth quarter, said he had inside responsibility and was looking for a slant-in pattern by Charley Taylor on the Redskins' decisive touchdown pass play in the fourth quarter here Sunday. To listen to Boyd Dowler, the ex-Packer star now Coach George Allen's charged affairs for Washington's passing game, Thomas may have been calculatingly lured into that thinking. Indeed, it might be that the Packers were lured into defeat. Washington used five straight sideline type passes to move downfield for the deciding touchdown right after the Pack had narrowed the score to 14-13 in the fourth period. "No, that pass isn't really our bread and butter play," Dowler said. "Actually, we like the slant-

in pattern. We have good receivers, big and strong. And they run well with the ball after they catch it, so we're inclined to favor the slant-in pass." He indicated that perhaps the Packers had known this and were looking for it, making the squareout rather sensationally effective, particularly against the frustrated Thomas with Charley Taylor and Roy Jefferson alternating

against him. But, with a coy smile, Dowler added, "We just look for what we think will work best, just like any other team." Bill Kilmer, the triggerman on the play, offered a slightly different version, however. "That's one of my favorite patterns. It's worked well for us," he said. Like Dowler, he would not acknowledge that picking on reserve Thomas had made it more effective. Rather, Kilmer insisted that anytime he sees somebody trying to cover Taylor one-on-one, he's going to go to him. "We probably would have thrown that pass no matter who was in there," he said. But Allen, asked about whether that had been a conscious effort to throw at Thomas, acknowledged only, "That's Bill...he called the plays." Taylor, however, more readily acknowledged that "with him (Ellis) out of there, it had to help. Ellis is the fastest cornerback I've faced all year." The slant-in Dowler spoke of was not particularly effective in this game, partially because some were dropped but perhaps also because the Redskins feared the Packer linebackers - which jibes with Dowler's expressed theory about looking for what will work best. "The Packers are strong, physically strong. You can't run at them. And they have what I think is the best linebacking threesome in the league," he declared. The Redskins Interestingly, Coach George Allen concurred with Dowler's evaluation of the Pack backers but running star Larry Brown was not so sure. Brown, enroute to an NFL rushing championship but held to 69 yards in 25 carries by the Packers, felt the Green Bay defensive strength was in the style of play. "Their defense is designed to keep the offensive linemen off their linebackers. Then the linebackers are allowed to float. That makes them tough," he said. He did acknowledge that Green Bay's trio was "pretty good...not as aggressive as Atlanta's, but they go for the ball and they're smart."

#### **500 WELCOME PACKERS**

NOV 27 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packers discovered they hadn't lost any friends upon their arrival at Austin Straubel Field Sunday night from a 21-16 loss in Washington. An estimated 500 fans, applauding and displaying, banners proclaiming their affection, lined the corridors of the airport terminal as the Packers deplaned from their United Airlines charter. The welcome originally had been scheduled outdoors but a light snow, the first of the season locally, moved the salute inside.

#### **ELLIS VOWS HE'LL PLAY SUNDAY**

NOV 27 (Washington-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Although the team physician has indicated he will have to sit out at least one week, Packer cornerback Ken Ellis insists he will be in the starting lineup against the Detroit Lions here next Sunday. "I'll be ready Sunday, no matter what," Ellis vowed after suffering a dislocation of the right shoulder in a 21-16 loss to the Redskins Sunday afternoon. Dr. E.S. Brusky, suggesting the three-year veteran may be a trifle optimistic, said, "Ken should be ready to play against the Vikings in Minnesota two weeks from now. It is very doubtful that he will be able to play before that." Ellis was injured late in the third quarter when he was interfered with by the Redskins' Ted Vactor while attempting a fair catch of a Washington punt and fumbled. "Somebody brushed against me as I was trying to catch the ball," Ellis said. "When it slipped out of my hands, I went for it. I don't have any idea how I happened to injure my shoulder because they all piled on me."

#### **MARIE LOMBARDI TO ATTEND CEREMONY**

NOV 28 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Mrs. Marie Lombardi, widow of former Green Bay Packer Coach Vince Lombardi, will attend the official renaming of a junior high school in his memory Monday. Mrs. Lombardi, now living in Washington, D.C., will take part in the formal renaming ceremonies of Lombardi Junior High School which was previously named Southwest High School. The ceremonies will be held at 1:20 p.m. in the school gym. The school was built in 1964 as the fourth city public high school but became Lombardi Junior High this fall with the completion of the new Southwest High. The school chose Lombardi as the school name saying it was not because of his football prowess but more because of his character.



*John Brockington #42 of the Green Bay Packers carries the ball  
(Photo by Focus on Sport/Getty Images)*



Green Bay's John Brockington yesterday during action at sparked the Redskins to a 21-16 win squashed Little Pat Fischer (170 Washington. Fischer's defensive play over the Packers. (UPI Telephoto) pounds) with all of his 225 pounds

| Pro Football At A Glance  |    |    |   |      |      |     |  |
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| By The Associated Press   |    |    |   |      |      |     |  |
| NFL                       |    |    |   |      |      |     |  |
| American Conference       |    |    |   |      |      |     |  |
| East                      |    |    |   |      |      |     |  |
|                           | W  | L  | T | PCT. | Pts. | OP  |  |
| x-Miami                   | 11 | 0  | 0 | 1.00 | 306  | 137 |  |
| New York Jets             | 6  | 5  | 0 | .545 | 323  | 257 |  |
| Baltimore                 | 4  | 7  | 0 | .364 | 190  | 205 |  |
| Buffalo                   | 3  | 8  | 0 | .273 | 205  | 304 |  |
| New England               | 2  | 9  | 0 | .182 | 133  | 354 |  |
| Central                   |    |    |   |      |      |     |  |
| Pittsburgh                | 6  | 3  | 0 | .727 | 280  | 170 |  |
| Cleveland                 | 8  | 3  | 0 | .727 | 215  | 185 |  |
| Cincinnati                | 6  | 5  | 0 | .545 | 201  | 175 |  |
| Houston                   | 1  | 10 | 0 | .091 | 134  | 290 |  |
| West                      |    |    |   |      |      |     |  |
| Oakland                   | 7  | 3  | 1 | .682 | 292  | 192 |  |
| Kansas City               | 5  | 6  | 0 | .455 | 222  | 209 |  |
| San Diego                 | 4  | 6  | 1 | .409 | 230  | 261 |  |
| Denver                    | 3  | 8  | 0 | .273 | 221  | 292 |  |
| National Conference       |    |    |   |      |      |     |  |
| East                      |    |    |   |      |      |     |  |
|                           | W  | L  | T | Pct. | Pts. | OP  |  |
| v-Washington              | 10 | 1  | 0 | .909 | 272  | 153 |  |
| Dallas                    | 8  | 3  | 0 | .727 | 255  | 187 |  |
| New York Giants           | 7  | 4  | 0 | .636 | 285  | 208 |  |
| St. Louis                 | 2  | 8  | 1 | .227 | 139  | 239 |  |
| Philadelphia              | 2  | 8  | 1 | .227 | 103  | 284 |  |
| Central                   |    |    |   |      |      |     |  |
| Detroit                   | 7  | 4  | 0 | .636 | 277  | 219 |  |
| Green Bay                 | 7  | 4  | 0 | .636 | 218  | 192 |  |
| Minnesota                 | 6  | 5  | 0 | .545 | 254  | 199 |  |
| Chicago                   | 3  | 7  | 1 | .318 | 173  | 212 |  |
| West                      |    |    |   |      |      |     |  |
| San Francisco             | 6  | 4  | 1 | .591 | 297  | 206 |  |
| Atlanta                   | 6  | 5  | 0 | .545 | 235  | 227 |  |
| Los Angeles               | 5  | 5  | 1 | .500 | 234  | 212 |  |
| New Orleans               | 2  | 8  | 1 | .227 | 168  | 296 |  |
| x-clinched division title |    |    |   |      |      |     |  |
| v-clinched playoffs       |    |    |   |      |      |     |  |
| Monday's Game             |    |    |   |      |      |     |  |
| Miami 31, St. Louis 10    |    |    |   |      |      |     |  |

is going to do the job will be the starter. But we won't fluctuate back and forth, I can say that for certain. That, I might say, is the earliest I've ever, changed quarterbacks, by far. I've been criticized by some of the all-time critics in the past for staying with a quarterback too long." Shedding additional light on this subject, Devine said, "We coaches on the sidelines felt Scott wasn't zipping the ball like he had been. Maybe he just needed a little more recovery time following that injury he suffered in the Bear game...We possibly pushed Scott back in there too quickly." Asked if he felt it might be critical for the chosen one to know in advance to better prepare for the Lions, Devine replied, "We (he and his staff) probably will talk about that and if we do feel it necessary for them to know in order to get ready for Sunday's game, we'll tell them. But," he noted with a faint smile, "they're smart enough to know who lines up there tomorrow likely will start Sunday. As I said before, though, we're all in this together. Jerry was Scott's number one fan when he was playing and Scott was Jerry's number one fan Sunday when he was playing." Devine admitted Hunter's skilled performance in the Packers' 24-23 victory over the Lions at Detroit in mid-October "does have some bearing" on the situation. He conceded the Redskins had laid siege to Tagge but pointed out, "They put a lot of pressure on Berry, too, in their previous game against the Falcons...Berry had as much difficulty as Jerry did. Backed up there on the 10-yard-line in that screaming madhouse and, with as little game time as he's had. I thought Jerry did a remarkable job. What do I like best about him? He's cool, a hard worker and a winner. He's cool as a cucumber. His inexperience shows, naturally, as anybody's would. As I've said before, we've got two guys who can play in this league. They're both young and it's a great position to be in." Although this situation remained unresolved for the moment. Devine was certain of one lineup change - occasioned by the loss of cornerback Ken Ellis, injured in the third quarter at Washington when interfered with while fair catching a Redskin punt. "Ike Thomas will start at the right corner Sunday," he said. "Ellis has a shoulder dislocation and will be out indefinitely. That, naturally, is a big loss. But Ike's played out there - he'll play okay. Kilmer did work him over Sunday, of course, but it's tough to come in there cold. And Ike didn't get much help because of the running game they have. Jim Hill, our free safety, has a bruise in the thigh but we expect him to be ready Sunday. You can't take two guys like that out of your secondary, as we had to Sunday, plus two out of your offense like (Gale) Gillingham and (Rich) McGeorge, and not feel it. But that's the name of the game - you have to play well and win despite injuries. But you have to build up your squad a little better than ours is built up right now." Conceding the Packers' performance has been remarkable in view of these and other personnel problems, Devine offered in explanation, "We're getting a great effort. That's a credit to the players and the staff, I think. We've worked hard from the time we came to camp in July." Informed the Redskins' George Allen had termed the Packers "about as physical a team as we've played all year," he nodded approvingly and said, "We try to play aggressively. When somebody says what Allen did, it means you're playing hard. We gave it a good shot - maybe our best shot. You always like to play better, of course, but I suppose they like to think Larry Brown wouldn't have fumbled on the first play of the game. And I suppose they also would like to think their secondary wouldn't get beat deep like it was twice Sunday. From our standpoint, and everybody looks at it from his own point of view each week when he begins to study film, I'm disappointed we didn't score after the fumble. Of course, anybody who looks at film has to be critical, but I'm not critical of our effort. But when you look at film of a game, you start with yourself and try to make improvements. Although it may have looked like it, they weren't daring us to throw long. Those two long passes in the third quarter weren't the same type of passes. One was thrown in a short yardage situation and on that one they do dare you to throw it by bringing up their defensive backs. Earlier, Carroll Dale was open on the interception which set up their first touchdown. There was somebody else open, too...The pass was from a new formation. We had Jon Staggers in the slot and Leland Glass split out. In other words, we took our tight end out and had three wide receivers in on the play. As far as the overall picture is concerned, we talk about the quarterback situation, and I'll grant that's important, but as important as anything Sunday was the blocked field goal." Asked if he thought the Packers could be confident in their passing game with the Lions and Vikings lying just ahead. Devine rejoined, "I think we can. We dropped a couple Sunday but we also had a couple of deep patterns that almost produced for us. Dave Davis almost had one of those passes - he made a great effort. And some day, he's going to catch those. Either play could have made a big difference. That first one to Davis was a 72-yard play, which would have added greatly to our passing. And it so easily could have been six points. One of those guys back there with him had already quit chasing him. The end around to Davis also was just a hair from going all the way. When you don't practice a lot, you're not quite as sharp as you'd like to be. Our quarterback and guard went after the same guy. I'm not criticizing the quarterback, just trying to point out what happened. The option pass also worked pretty good (MacArthur Lane was 2-for-2 for 19 yards)." he conceded. "Lane's got a strong arm." Devine also made these other comments and appraisals:

- "That last kickoff by Chester Marcol, after the offside penalty which followed our final field goal, was like a 65-yard free kick. It makes you think of a free kick at the end of the game.
- "Ron Widby did a good job of punting. He rolled that first punt a little bit, but it wasn't bad. They had a helluva rush on. In fact, it looked like they might have been offside. The officials called it the second time. After that first one, Ron really hung it up there.
- "Alden Roche probably gave us his best game of the year. Mike McCoy also continues to improve. And Jim Carter is all over the field. I thought Chris Hanburger was outstanding for them, although he wasn't any better than Carter, and Jack Pardee made a couple of unusual plays.
- "The crowd gave Curt Knight a standing ovation when he missed that long field goal, the one on which he hit the crossbar. You had to be there to believe it. That has to help the ball club...It's an interesting place (dryly) to play.
- "Lambeau Field got real wet in the last few weeks. We had a couple of high school games in there two weekends when we had a lot of rain, and it hasn't dried out. We've had the electric blanket turned on since last Friday but, of course, the heat brings the moisture to the surface. As I've said facetiously, you can either play on a frozen field here or in the mud.

# Next Two Games Vital to Packers

- "The field is a little bare. I'll concede, but not as bad as D.C. Stadium in Washington. We have four blades of grass, between the hash marks, where they didn't have any.
- "I don't have much choice about the position we're in now, having to beat the Lions and Vikings. We're in it and we're going to have to do the best we can. We're tied for the lead and playing the other team tied for the lead. That's a pretty good position to be in...I'd rather be tied for the lead than in second place."
- "This will be our first home game in more than a month...It's homecoming."

## NEXT TWO GAMES VITAL TO PACKERS

NOV 29 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – One look at the standings in the Central Division of the National Football Conference reveals that the Green Bay Packers next two games against Detroit and Minnesota are of maximum importance. This is the case not only because these two contests may determine a sole divisional champion, but their importance is magnified because they will also establish the criteria for breaking ties. Currently Green Bay and Detroit are tied for the division lead with 7-4 records, while Minnesota is 6-5. Should two or even three teams tie for the crown, the first two procedures used to determine a qualifier for the playoffs are derived from results between the teams within their own division. The tie-breaking procedures in the order they are employed are as follows:

- 1) Best won-lost percentage in head-to-head competition. (Green Bay is 1-0 against Detroit, 0-1 against Minnesota; Minnesota is 2-0 against Detroit).
- 2) Best won-lost percentage in games within division (Green Bay is 3-1, Detroit 2-3, Minnesota 3-1.)
- 3) Best won-lost percentage in games within conference (Green Bay is 5-3, Detroit 5-4, Minnesota 5-3).
- 4) Best point differential in head-to-head competition (Green Bay leads Detroit 24-23, trails Minnesota 27-13).
- 5) Best point rating (offense and defense) applied to division games. (Teams rated 1 through 4 on points scored and again on points allowed.)
- 6) Best point rating (offense and defense) applied to 14-game schedule.
- 7) Coin flip.

More than likely if there is a tie, the playoff participant will be decided by one of the first two steps. And there are only three intra-divisional games remaining. Sunday, Detroit is at Green Bay and Chicago at Minnesota, and the following week the Packers are at Minnesota. There is an outside possibility of a Central Division team also making the playoffs as a "wild card" entry. But the fourth playoff participant - the team with the best runner-up record - will likely be the second place finisher in the Eastern Division, where Washington leads, Dallas is second and the New York Giants a game behind in third. The playoffs in the NFC, scheduled Dec. 23-24, have the Central Division champ at the Western Division champ, and the fourth qualifier at the NFC Eastern Division champ. However if the fourth qualifier is from the East, as now appears likely, then the Central champion is at the Eastern champion and fourth qualifier at the Western champ. No dates or times have been set, but an NFL spokesman said Monday that if the Packers win the Central Division title and the Redskins the Eastern crown, the two teams would probably meet Dec. 24 at Washington. In the AFC, the Western champ is at the Central champ, and the fourth qualifier is at Miami, the Eastern champ unless the fourth qualifier is from the East. Then the Western champ will be at Miami and the fourth qualifier at the Central champ.

## OUT OF BOUNDS

NOV 28 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Here's one you Figure Filberts and record watchers will be interested in – Chester Marcol kicked a 51 ½ yard field goal against Washington Sunday. The ball was put down right between the hash marks signifying those distances from the goal line. In the press box, the official scorer immediately credited Chester with a 51-yard kick. But after some conversation with Packer officials in the press box, he changed it to 52...a significant move since 52 yards would tie the all-time Packer record jointly held by Ted Fritsch and Paul Hornung, the latter's coming on that memorable free kick against the Bears. However, after watching a replay of the kick, the official scorer erased the 52 and turned it back to 51...and rightly so, according to the NFL scoring rules. The basic principle for statisticians in the NFL is, according to the guide for professional statisticians in the Media Information Book, is: "If any point of the football rests on or above any yard stripe, future action is to be computed from that yard line. However, if all of the football has been advanced beyond any yard stripe, future action is computed from the first yard line in advance of the football." Furthermore, it is specifically pointed out that "Field goals shall be measured from the spot of the kick. Spot of an attempt is dictated by the same principle as used in determining the line of scrimmage...If all of the ball rests between yard stripes, credit distance from the yard line nearest the intended goal." So there it is, the rule and the ruling. But let's go back to the basic principle once more. There are exceptions to it. First, suppose the ball is on the 20-yard line and the fullback carries it over the 29 but not to the 30. That is, the ball rests in its entirety over the 29 but is not yet touching the 30. According to the basic principle, the carrier should be credited to the 30, a 10-yard run. But, because if it were a 10-yard run, it would be a first down, the fullback in this instance can be given only nine yards. Second, suppose a play is stopped between the 11 and the 10 with the offensive team going toward the end zone now 101 yards away. Normally, according to the basic principle, the future action should be computed from the 10. But because that would mean the attacking team would have goal to go without opportunity for another first down, the action must be computed from the 11. In both these instances, the ball carriers involved are deprived of a statistical yard that in most cases they would have received. I suppose that doesn't mean too much over a long season...but it could. But what caught my eye this year was how a runner could really come up with a gridiron version of a baker's dozen...and Bobby Douglass did just this against the Packers The series began on the 20 and

in two plays the Bears advanced the ball over the 29 but not quite to the 30. In fact the nose of the ball was just an inch short of the 30. But statistically it was on the 29 (see first exception to basic principle above). On third down, Douglass ran a quarterback sneak and the ball was placed with its tail just an inch over the 30. But statistically, it was on the 31 (basic principle). So you see, Douglass was officially credited with a two yard advance when in fact he moved approximately the length of the football plus two inches!

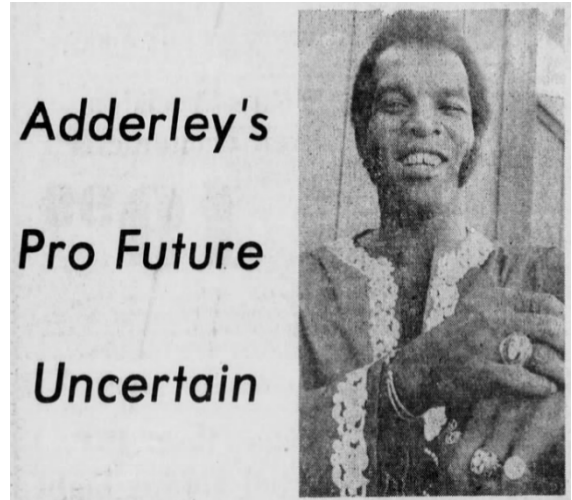
#### **ADDERLEY'S PRO FUTURE UNCERTAIN**

NOV 29 (Dallas) - Herb Adderley spoke the words softly with no trace of bitterness: "It's obvious to me my future isn't with the Dallas Cowboys...this will be my last year." The 12-year National Football League cornerback, veteran of four Super Bowls, was benched three games ago in favor of third-year man Charlie Waters. Coach Tom Landry said Adderley wasn't coming up with turnovers which was needed in the former All-NFL star's gambling style of play. "I know I have some play left in me," said the 33-year-old Adderley. "I'm moving the same as I always have been. I feel great physically. I've never been what you would call a speed burner. But I can still go...I just want the chance."

Adderley, who played in two Super Bowls for Green Bay before he was traded to Dallas where he played in two more, said he was used to more of a free lance style of play than that imposed on him by the Dallas system. "I've been a reactor to what I see and I have to go for the ball to play my game," Adderley said. "I found myself hanging back because I was afraid of the way it would look in the films." Adderley, who is on the last year of his contract with the Cowboys, said "I hate to go. It's been a tremendous experience here. I've met some beautiful people and that's what life is all about. I go to practice with a smile. I thank God I'm healthy. And I feel a certain sadness for all the great players who haven't played in the Super Bowl like Gale Sayers, Sonny Jurgensen, Deacon Jones, Merlin Olsen, and Larry Wilson. They've played their heart out the same way I have for 10, 12, or 13 years and never had the thrill of the Super Bowl." Adderley said "I feel very appreciative that the Cowboys thought I was good enough to make a trade for me three years ago. I could have gone to another team and been completely forgotten." He said "I think they want to go with youth at my cornerback position and I go along with the move they've made if Landry thinks that is for the best results of the team. I'm a team man...I have to go along with a team situation...I'm a team man...and a winner." Adderley said he wouldn't discuss the current problems with the Cowboy defense, saying "I'm not a coach." He added "Morale is not the big issue...It's the same as it has been in my three years here." Adderley's only advice to his teammates was to "play with abandon...don't be afraid to make a mistake." He concluded his interview with The Associated Press, saying "I have to be truthful...I think I helped the Cowboys and I played the best football I can possibly play...I plan to go in and have a decent conversation about my situation at the end of the season. If there is any future left for me (with Dallas), I would appreciate knowing what the situation is. There's no doubt about my future here...I'm not in it."

#### **QBS AVOID LAMBEAU HOSPITAL**

NOV 29 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Predictably, the faithful were still buzzing about the quarterback situation. For Dan Devine, however, Tuesday was a little like an episode of "General Hospital," without the romantic complications, which temporarily distracted him from the burning question. Despite avowals from Ken Ellis and Jim Hill that they will be in the starting lineup, Devine found himself coming up grievously short in an official count of noses for Sunday's momentous match with the Detroit Lions in Lambeau Field. Having just listed Offensive Capt. and veteran flanker Carroll Dale as doubtful, along with Ellis and wide receiver Dave Davis, Devine soberly observed, "We've got so many physical problems that quarterback no longer becomes an issue. We've got two healthy guys there and that's all I'm concerned about in that situation at this point. With Dale and Davis both doubtful, it leaves us Jon Stagers and Leland Glass at wide receiver, and Stagers couldn't practice today. He's going to need an off-season to heal that ankle injury he came here from Pittsburgh with." Although aware that casualties are customary in the National Football League at this late-season stage, Devine said, "I would hope we wouldn't always be this banged up at this point of the season. But you have to get ready with what you have, of course, so I'm not going to sit around moaning about who can't play." Both Ellis and Hill, meanwhile, were insisting they will be among Sunday's combatants. "That's what the doctors say, that I won't be able to play," Ellis said with a knowing smile. "But I say I'm going to be in there Sunday." Hill, forced to exit in the third quarter at Washington because of a painful thigh bruise, was equally positive. "If there's going to be a ball game, I'm going to be in there. I'll be ready...I've got the whole off-season to recuperate. These big games don't come around that often. Besides, the rest I got Monday did my leg a lot of good. I needed that." "I'm glad to see Ken have that attitude," Devine said, "but at this point, I don't share that same optimism." Thus, at the moment, he is listing Ike Thomas at Ellis's right cornerback post and fellow sophomore Charlie Hall at Hill's free safety station, where he held forth throughout most of the second half in that 21-16 loss to the Redskins. The Packer headmaster also indicated Francis Peay, reactivated only last Sunday after recovering from a stomach disorder, will open at right tackle on offense if Hime's sprained foot doesn't respond to rest and treatment. Davis, who has been highly effective as a "spot" performer, is hobbled by a pulled muscle in his right leg which he said he acquired "when I was stretching out on that second long pass from Jerry Tagge in the third quarter Sunday." The quarterback decision, Devine said, has been deferred. "We won't make any announcement on the starting assignment until later in the week. That priority is way down on my list right now. I'm more concerned with putting together a lineup...I'm more worried about the secondary



# Devine Tabs Hunter to Start Against Lions

and the wide receiver positions at the moment." Asked where he could turn for reserve strength at the latter, Devine replied. "Paul Gibson is one possibility as a receiver. But he's also a backup defensive back." Gibson, an ex-Buffalo Bill signed earlier as a free agent, is a former decathlon star in track who reportedly owns 9.4 speed in the 100-yard dash. He presently is a member of the taxi squad, which also includes running backs Bob Hudson and Curt Watson, linebacker Larry Hefner, defensive back Bob Kroll, offensive tackle Kevin Hunt and quarterback Charlie Napper. "From certain formations, there are others we could use at receiver - there are lots of possibilities," Devine said, "but I'm reluctant to go into them because we might want to use some of them against Detroit." Because of the player shortage, Tuesday's practice was somewhat restricted. "There weren't enough people available to run offense and defense," Devine said. "More than half the squad worked out, however, and those who didn't were inside receiving treatment or looking at film with their coaches." Although the Lions may be without the services of fullback Steve Owens themselves, Devine rates them stronger than they were for their first meeting, in which the Packers erupted from under a 17-0 deficit to pull out a 24-23 victory. "They may have lost Owens, but they have Mel Farr and Bill Triplett left to play his position," he said. "And, offensively, Larry Walton is playing better this time around than he was earlier and they also didn't have Charlie Sanders at tight end the first time we played them. So, with those two, it probably gives them added strength overall." Devine conceded that there is some degree of comfort in the knowledge the Packers will be playing a familiar opponent, but noted that this is a two-way street. "I'm sure we're better prepared playing them the second time this season and I'm sure they are, too," he said. "We feel a little reassured, knowing them as well as we do, and I'm sure they feel the same way about us."

## **PERSONALITY PARADE (WILLIE BUCHANON)**

NOV 29 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Don Doll, the Packers' scholarly secondary coach, calls witty Buchanon "an unusual young man." That description applies both on and off the field. The lithe, cat-like Californian may have his hangups, but false modesty is not one of them. Almost since the day he became a starter at left cornerback, there has been speculation the Packers most recent No. 1 draft choice would win NFC (or NFL) rookie of the year honors. And Willie, who is nothing if not forthright, candidly admits he has been thinking along those lines. "The possibility has occurred to me," he said. "That's one thing I've been looking toward." Such a development would come as no particular surprise to his fellow defender, free safety Jim Hill. "Ever since the first day I saw Willie in rookie camp," he says, "he's acted like a veteran who has been in the league four or five years." Doll, who served as an assistant coach with the Lions, Rams and Redskins and is not given to superlatives, says Buchanon is "the finest rookie defensive back I've ever seen." Lem Barney was very impressive to me, too, but I never was close enough to him to really make an entirely accurate evaluation. He's awfully talented, too. You have to be impressed by his footwork. But certainly, if you take into account what a cornerback has to do, play under pressure, tackle and knock down the pass, Willie is a very talented athlete. And he's exceptionally coachable. He has great football sense - he's a pretty heady kid. Each week, you can go back to what was said in training camp and pertains to what's happening now, and he's pretty sure of what he's doing. I'd like to see him get the rookie of the year honor. He's done some fine, fine things for us. I don't know who else might be considered, but I think he certainly is very deserving. In that connection, I don't think there's one out of the 26 teams in the league who wouldn't take him in a minute if they had the opportunity...In addition to being a fine athlete, he lends a lot to the Packer operation." Aside from natural ability, Buchanon attributes his rapid adjustment to his San Diego State background. "I was well coached in college," he said. "We ran pretty much a pro type offense and defense. All I had to do after I came here was learn different techniques and terminology." There is a comradely relationship between Doll and Buchanon which Willie finds both satisfying and beneficial. "It's good to have a better relationship than just coach-player," he says. "It seems you get to know what he's thinking and more what's expected of you. I can sense this sometimes in him, and he can sense it in me. Of course, our whole secondary is close. I guess you could say," he observed with a smile, "that we're Coach Doll's four adopted sons. Willie, beaten only once for a touchdown this year, is not likely to soon forget that moment. "That one (to Gene Washington) in the San Francisco game really bothered me," he admitted, "because we hadn't had a touchdown scored on us by a pass all season. And I had to be the first one to have allowed it to happen. But what made me feel good was everybody came over to me and said, 'That's one of those things and they're going to happen to you. Let's go back and play our defense.' "Bob Brown came to me and said, 'You're still my man.' That helped me, to know they weren't down on me." Willie, who favors mod fashions and often is sartorially resplendent, confides, "I like to dress well at all times. I try to keep up with the styles. Of course, I'm from California and everybody does that, there. I've even got high heels on my tennis shoes." One of his invariable trappings is what Carl Eller chooses to call an "outside wallet." Willie is less particular about semantics. "You can call it a shoulder strap bag." He says, "but not purse." It doesn't bother me what people say about it. I like it - some people don't. Actually, it's practical. Like when I travel, I take all my deodorant stuff in it. On a trip, it's like an attaché case. And around town, I carry my comb and wallet in it. And I always carry a camera. It's a good deal."

## **DEVINE TABS HUNTER TO START AGAINST LIONS**

NOV 29 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Green Bay Packer Coach Dan Devine announced this morning that second year quarterback Scott Hunter will be the starter for Sunday's game against Detroit at Lambeau Field. "Unless something unforeseen occurs between now and Sunday Scott Hunter will be the starting quarterback. As I mentioned, the last couple of days, with as many problems as we have with a shortage of personnel, it is comforting to know that we have two healthy players at quarterback. "We felt like Scott has been in somewhat of a throwing slump but are confident we can work those

problems out this week. The problems that he had Sunday at Washington were merely a continuation of the same problems that he had been having in practice. All passers and specialists on occasion have problems and they just have to be worked out," Devine said. In evaluating rookie quarterback Jerry Tagge Devine said, "Jerry's performance Sunday was encouraging particularly in light of the fact that he has such limited playing experience. Again I feel we are very fortunate to have two young quarterbacks capable of playing in the NFL"

#### **EX-HILLSDALE STAR PACKER TO FEAR**

NOV 29 (Detroit Free Press) – The tiny town of Green Bay, Wis., is not considered a very funny place, especially in the late days of November. The lights in Chili John's window come on at about four o'clock in the afternoon, burning garishly in the late-afternoon twilight. That's because the winter sun is gone at about 3:30 p.m. But somehow the hardy folks up there manage to find their own fun and the latest funny goes like this: "What is a Chester Marcol?" "A Chester Marcol is a toed-'em Pole." That's as funny as anything ever gets in the tiny town of Green Bay, Wis. Ha-Ha. Ho-Ho. Chester Marcol. Maybe these two words will turn out to be a grim joke for the Detroit Lions before the sun sets in Green Bay late next Sunday afternoon. Of all the players on the Green Bay Packers the Lions have to be as concerned with Marcol as anyone else. He is the one player the Lions may not be able to contain. He could be more dangerous than John Brockington or MacArthur Lane. He is a man who can put points on the board from 50 yards out. He can also put the ball into the end zone by merely kicking off. It would be a nice thing if somebody would skyjack Chester Marcol before Sunday's game. When the young man was kicking off in Washington last Sunday, they were hoisting the net behind the goal posts to keep the ball from sailing into the seats. While kicking once from the 35 following an offsides call, Marcol put the ball clear through the end zone...MADE DIFFERENCE IN 4 VICTORIES: We know Marcol as the kid from Hillsdale, the one who was catching the eye of the nation by booting them from as far away as 62 yards. Now that he's doing it for money, he is doing it better than ever. The 23-year-old kicker from Opole, Poland, is Green Bay's first consistent field goal threat since the Lombardi Era ended four years ago. Marcol has hit on 23 of 33 field goal tries, plus 21-out-of-21 from the extra point line. His field goals have made the difference in four of the Packers' seven victories, which, incidentally, is three more wins than they managed all last season. He has put exactly half of his kickoffs - 26 out of 52 - into the end zone. The enemy hasn't been able to return a Green Bay kick beyond the 30. Back in 1969 the Packers thought they had their field goal problem settled when Mike Mercer kicked 15 out of 18 in the exhibition season. But once the regular season started, he couldn't put the ball through Chili John's window from the curb of the sidewalk. He floundered, making only five of 17 attempts. The whole thing got so frustrating and so very pathetic that the folks drove into the parking lot at Lambeau Stadium with bumper stickers on their cars reading: "Happiness Is a Field Goal." Then Marcol showed up and everyone has been swooning over his incredible kicking...NEARLY DIED WHEN I SAW IT: "Until this year almost every Monday morning we'd have a guy waiting in our office with a bag full of footballs," says Chuck Lane, the Packers publicist. "They'd all say the same thing-'We can do better than who you've got'...and in most cases they were right." Marcol has been booting them from as far out as the 51. "We know we can score if we just get to the 40," says head coach Danny Devine. "This helps our offense and puts a lot of pressure on the other team's defense." Marcol has kicked two from the 51. He's got eight from 40 yards or more and 15 from outside the 30. In other words, he's not chip-shooting his way to success. Of course, the one he remembers was the 16-yarder which he missed against Dallas. "It hit the goal post. Can you believe that - it hit the goal post?" he said incredulously over the phone from his apartment in Green Bay. "I nearly died when I saw it." Marcol said the big difference in kicking in the pros is that he gets better protection but still has to get the ball off quicker to get it over the reach of the massive linemen. "You've got to get it up in the air right away," said the soccer-style specialist. Marcol believes he can kick one from 70 yards out. "But I don't think they'll ever give me the chance," he said. "Anyway, I'd need a tee to get the ball up in the air....and I don't think the other team would give me the time to set the ball up." C'mon, Lions...let the kid set one up Sunday. You don't want Tom Dempsey's 63-yarder haunting you forever.

#### **LION VET TO TACKLE REAL MCCOY SUNDAY**

NOV 30 (Detroit Free Press) - Bob Kowalkowski utilized his Thanksgiving holiday weekend to hunt at Athens, Mich., downing a 160-pound deer, then nailing a red fox after tracking it for six miles. He'll be just as diligent Sunday on a hunting trip to Green Bay, Wis., where he'll go gunning for the biggest Packer of them all, Mike McCoy. "He's the real McCoy," the veteran Lion guard grinned about the 6-foot-5, 285-pound ex-Notre Dame star with whom he will fence across the line Sunday. "I played against Rosey Grier when I was a rookie and he was close to 300 pounds, but McCoy is the biggest this year and for a guy weighing 285 he moves pretty good." Kowalkowski, a 29-year-old veteran of seven seasons with Detroit, opposed the young Green Bay star when the teams met at Tiger Stadium earlier this season. "I had flu all that week, but I thought I had a fair game against him," Kolo said. "It's a little tough on running plays. I'm spotting him about 40 pounds and that's a lot. You just can't blow him off the line - coach Knox tries to get me just to maintain my block and not get thrown off." Chuck Knox, the molder of the Lions' outstanding offensive line, figures the 242-pound product of Virginia is equal to his assignment. "He's having a good year - he's very consistent," said Knox, whose corps of guards (Kowalkowski, Chuck Walton, Frank Gallagher and Rocky Rasley) is the envy of all but a few pro teams. "Bob is excellent on pass protection. He very seldom ever gets beat - he's very strong. His weightlifting gives him great strength in the arms and shoulders." Along with Rasley, Rocky Freitas and Craig Cotton, "Kolo" ranks among the strongest of the Lions. "The best I've bench pressed is 370 pounds," he said. "Not right now, but when I'm in training with weights." Knox's guards have been virtually interchangeable - like tires on a car, they just get dropped in wherever needed. Walton is injured, Rasley starts; Gallagher is injured, Kowalkowski starts; Walton is injured again, Gallagher switches to the left side...and so it has gone. The guards are all in the 240-245 pound range and their weekly adversaries, the defensive tackles, range from 260-up. The Packers' vastly-improved defense this year has been highlighted in great part by the better play of their tackles, 6-foot-7 Bob Brown,

| National Conference |       |         |         |
|---------------------|-------|---------|---------|
| Team Offense        |       |         |         |
|                     | Yards | Rushing | Passing |
| Dallas              | 3678  | 1622    | 2056    |
| New York            | 3524  | 1572    | 1952    |
| Minnesota           | 3505  | 1429    | 2076    |
| Washington          | 3467  | 1636    | 1831    |
| San Francisco       | 3388  | 1194    | 2194    |
| Detroit             | 3336  | 1721    | 1615    |
| Los Angeles         | 3318  | 1801    | 1517    |
| Atlanta             | 3167  | 1697    | 1470    |
| Chicago             | 2932  | 1894    | 1038    |
| New Orleans         | 2842  | 947     | 1895    |
| Philadelphia        | 2838  | 1140    | 1698    |
| Green Bay           | 2716  | 1502    | 1214    |
| St. Louis           | 2461  | 1028    | 1433    |
| Team Defense        |       |         |         |
| Washington          | 2904  | 1237    | 1667    |
| Dallas              | 2953  | 1146    | 1807    |
| Minnesota           | 2957  | 1544    | 1413    |
| Atlanta             | 2959  | 1583    | 1376    |
| Los Angeles         | 2964  | 1470    | 1494    |
| Green Bay           | 2989  | 1386    | 1603    |
| Chicago             | 2993  | 1397    | 1596    |
| Detroit             | 3148  | 1665    | 1483    |
| San Francisco       | 3175  | 1383    | 1792    |
| New York            | 3378  | 1499    | 1879    |
| New Orleans         | 3635  | 1738    | 1897    |
| St. Louis           | 3724  | 1725    | 1999    |
| Philadelphia        | 3767  | 1810    | 1957    |
| American Conference |       |         |         |
| Team Offense        |       |         |         |
|                     | Yards | Rushing | Passing |
| Miami               | 3875  | 2273    | 1602    |
| New York            | 3857  | 1728    | 2129    |
| Oakland             | 3722  | 1920    | 1802    |
| Pittsburgh          | 3455  | 2091    | 1364    |
| Denver              | 3405  | 1388    | 2017    |
| San Diego           | 3352  | 1607    | 1745    |
| Cincinnati          | 3323  | 1544    | 1779    |
| Baltimore           | 3285  | 1468    | 1817    |
| Kansas City         | 3152  | 1435    | 1717    |
| Cleveland           | 2982  | 1392    | 1590    |
| New England         | 2893  | 1188    | 1705    |
| Buffalo             | 2807  | 1661    | 1146    |
| Houston             | 2494  | 1226    | 1268    |
| Team Defense        |       |         |         |
| Miami               | 2480  | 1186    | 1294    |
| Cincinnati          | 2730  | 1419    | 1311    |
| Oakland             | 2880  | 1333    | 1547    |
| Denver              | 3067  | 1331    | 1736    |
| San Diego           | 3080  | 1290    | 1790    |
| Cleveland           | 3192  | 1773    | 1419    |
| Kansas City         | 3194  | 1477    | 1717    |
| Pittsburgh          | 3314  | 1488    | 1826    |
| Buffalo             | 3361  | 1794    | 1567    |
| Baltimore           | 3462  | 1534    | 1928    |
| New York            | 3668  | 1571    | 2097    |
| Houston             | 3870  | 2147    | 1723    |
| New England         | 3930  | 2178    | 1752    |

and the 285-pound McCoy. "McCoy's tougher on running plans – on pass plays, he tries to overpower you," Kowalkowski said. "I think I can handle him on those because of the way we block. We give a little ground and I can use a little leverage on him." The Lions will need all the leverage they can get to prove their Central Division title bid is the real McCoy.

### HOT FOOT FOR PACK, LIONS?

NOV 30 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - It was a Monday night in late October of 1968, two happy years before "Hahard and Danderoo" befell the NFL and the boob tube in concert. Errol Mann, advancing to kick off for the Packers in a nationally televised showdown with the Cowboys at the Cotton Bowl, wheeled up field to cover after launching the ball. His zeal was understandable. It was the balding rookie's first kickoff as a Packer and he was out to impress. Unfortunately for him – and also for the Packers. future events were to prove - Mann was cut down in the process, suffering a deep charley horse in his kicking leg. It was the same area in which he had incurred a torn muscle, an injury which threatened to end his pro career before it had fairly started, while with the Denver Broncos a year earlier. Buoyed by a "shot" to ease the pain, Mann returned to duty the following Sunday against the Bears. But he missed 44 and 29-yard field goal attempts in a 13-10 loss punctuated by a 205-yard rushing performance from Gale Sayers, and the next day he was out of a job. Phil Bengtson, then in his first year as successor to the late Vince Lombardi as head coach, obviously didn't feel he could wait for Mann to heal if the Packers were to win a fourth straight division title. That decision triggered a series of events which, ironically enough, will pit the man who finally has solved the Packers perennial placekicking problems, youthful, bespectacled Chester Marcol, against the Mann who should have, in Sunday's pivotal struggle with the Detroit Lions at Lambeau Field. If the oddsmakers have it calculated correctly, the Polish prodigy and the pressure-tested veteran will have considerable to say about the outcome of this one, which is likely to determine the Central Division championship. The so-called smart money currently lists the Lions as 2 1/2-point favorites over the Packers with whom they presently share the Central lead. Adding zest to this confrontation is the fact that Mann and Marcol are currently running one-two in the National Football Conference scoring race, Chester having amassed 90 points and Errol 84 in 11 games to date. They owe their lofty totals to near phenomenal accuracy. Mann, who has missed only once inside 40 yards, has fashioned a glittering .783 percentage with 18 field goals in 23 attempts. Marcol, who already owns the Packers single season field goal record, has connected on 23 of 33 attempts, leaving him only a shade below .700 efficiency at this point. Now well entrenched as the Packers resident specialist, he has ended a four-year parade of placekickers which began with Mann's exit from the Green Bay scene. In the frustrating interim, the Packers had officially experimented with seven others – Chuck Mercein, Mike Mercer, the itinerant Booth Lusteg, Dale Livingston, Lou Michaels, Tim Webster and Tim Conway. Legions of others also were tried and found wanting during this painful process, among them Joe Runk, Skip Butler, Charlie Durkee, Metro Gerela and Fernando Souza, briefly a minor sensation in 1969 Mann, meanwhile, had found himself a home with the

Lions, after being accorded a trial by Detroit in the summer of 1969, when Lion talent chief Jerry Neri found Errol selling sporting goods in little Campbell, Minn., and brought him to training camp. The former University of North Dakota running back has been Detroit's leading scorer ever since, accumulating 101 points in both '69 and '70 and 103 in '71. During this highly productive span, he has fashioned an imposing .675 success ratio, hitting on 85 of 126 attempts, including 20 of 29 in '70. This, however, has been his best year. Lyall Smith, the Lions' veteran public relations director, noted at Wednesday's Mike and Pen Sports Club luncheon, "The only one Errol has missed from inside the 40 this season in 16 attempts was blocked. That, unfortunately, came in our second game against the Vikings at Minnesota three weeks ago and it cost us the game. Ed Flanagan, our center, got off a high snap and by the time the holder could get it down, Bobby Bryant was able to get in there to block it." It may or may not be significant Sunday, but Mann has been less effective from long range than Marcol, whose booming kickoffs have been a boon to the Packers coverage unit. Mann has gone 2-for-6 between the 40 and 50, while Czeslaw has been a slightly spectacular 6-for-9. Marcol, who has had three of his 33 attempts blocked, was particularly unhappy about the latest such misadventure. That occurred in the first quarter of last Sunday's 21-16 loss to the Redskins, shortly after Jim Carter had recovered a Larry Brown fumble to put the Packers in scoring position. "Having that one blocked ticked me off," Marcol said. "I knew it would have been good. I could feel it by the way I hit the ball. I would have had 10 in a row if that one had been good. Nobody got in there after that one, though. Our guys really held the Redskins out of there. Right now, all I'm worried about is keeping over .700 per cent efficiency. If I can do that, we should be all right."...PACKER PATTERN: Former Packer Al Randolph, who has made stopovers in Cincinnati and Minnesota since leaving Green Bay via waivers late in the pre-season, will be in the Lions' starting lineup Sunday. Randolph will be holding forth at Dick LeBeau's old right safety station, Smith reported. "LeBeau," he noted by way of explanation, "is 35 years old and also was coming off knee surgery beginning the season. Al has been doing pretty well for us. He's a sticker - he hits

people."...Mel Farr is expected to start at fullback because Steve Owens has been hampered by a pulled hamstring muscle, Smith said. "Steve is doubtful right now. In fact, our trainer said we will be lucky to get him back for our final game against LA. On the other hand, Steve was walking without crutches Tuesday and said the leg didn't feel as sore as it had. But we're not counting on him at all."...Chuck Walton, a starting guard who has been out since Oct. 30, will be activated for Sunday's match, Smith reported. "Bob Lilly stuck a finger in Chuck's eye - inadvertently, of course - in our game in Dallas and Walton has been out ever since. He got poked so hard it broke a bone above his eyeball."...Greg Landry, who already has scored nine touchdowns, needs only two more to tie the record for rushing TDs by a quarterback, set by the Bears Johnny Lujack in 1950...Tight end Charlie Sanders, on the casualty list when the Packers shaded the Lions in Detroit Oct 16 (24-23) has caught 20 passes in five games since his return and now is the Lions' No. 2 receiver. Running back Altie Taylor is the Lions' leading rusher and receiver with 594 yards in 138 attempts, a 3.7-yard average. and 26 catches for 207 yards...Bart Starr, asked to evaluate Jerry Tagge's performance in Washington, delivered a generally favorable critique of the former Green Bay West athlete's efforts "Jerry made an exceptional throw on that first long pass to Dave Davis," said the Packers quarterback coach. "And in a couple of other areas, he did quite well. But I think he would be the first to tell you there were a few other areas where he could have done a little better. The great thing about it is that you learn from that how it should be done the next time. Playing is a great teacher. Both he and Scott Hunter, I might add, have been great to work with. They are very conscientious and study hard. I couldn't ask any more of them than they have given me. And Charlie Napper, our third quarterback, too, for that matter. He's as attentive throughout the week as they are. It's not easy when you're not playing and I'm very pleased with their attitude. Attitude is so important in anything and they certainly have great attitude. Coach Devine also has done a great job of conveying to them what he expects of the squad. It makes it easier for an assistant to coach when the players are made aware of the total expectation."...Although no decision had yet been made, Devine indicated this week's practices would have to be held outdoors on the South Oneida Street fields, in contrast to pre-Redskin sessions, staged in Lambeau Field for privacy purposes. "I'm going to look at the stadium turf," he said, "but I doubt if we can work on it. It's been pretty wet."...Offensive tackle Bill Hayhoe, among others, was impressed with the Redskins, who could be the opponent in a playoff rematch the weekend of Dec. 23-24. "Everybody talks about how old the Redskins are," he said. "But even in films last week, I was surprised at how well they moved around. And, unfortunately, I didn't see any difference in the game. They moved plenty fast enough to suit me."

#### **PACKERS PRINTING TITLE TICKETS**

DEC 1 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packers have been instructed by Commissioner Pete Rozelle to print tickets for a possible National Football Conference playoff in Lambeau Field Sunday, Dec. 31, it was announced today. The order was given because the NFC Central Division race may not be decided until the final game of the season, which would not give the involved teams sufficient time to make preparations for the game. A letter to this effect has been mailed to all season ticketholders, advising them how tickets may be obtained in event of a playoff. The commissioner's office set the ticket prices at \$10 and \$12, the same as for the 1967 championship game against Dallas here. To qualify for such a playoff, the Packers would have to win the Central Division title and then a divisional playoff the weekend of Dec. 23-24.

#### **DEVINE COACH (OR GM) OF YEAR?**

DEC 1 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The time is upon us when assorted sportswriters and sportscasters, in their great wisdom, will decide who shall reign as "coach of the year" in the National Football League. The issue appears to be relatively clear cut in the American Conference (one honoree is chosen for each conference), where it would seem to lie between Don Shula, whose Dolphins apparently are headed for the NFL's first undefeated season since the 1942 Bears turned the trick, and Chuck Noll, whose Steelers should shortly bring Pittsburgh its first division title ever. If the latter should not materialize, by some odd chance. Cleveland's stoic, cigar-chomping Nick Skorich would become a prime candidate. It looks like considerably more of a horse race in the National Conference. George Allen, whose runaway Redskins are 10-1 and en route to the playoffs, is an obvious contender. So is Alex Webster, who has revitalized the previously moribund New York Giants. There also is the tempestuous Norm Van Brocklin, who could move front and center if the Falcons prevail in the NFC West. And, of course, there is our own Dan Devine, who Sunday escorts the Packers into a Lambeau Field showdown with Detroit that could lead to Green Bay's first division championship since 1967. If the selection is based upon achievement in relation to personnel and squad experience, the field should narrow abruptly. Devine and Webster clearly have a stronger claim to the NFC honor than any of the others. In pre-season forecasting, neither the Packers nor the Giants, a surprising 7-4 at this point and a "wild card" possibility, were given the remotest chance of figuring in their respective division races. No less an authority than Chris Schenkel, for example, picked the Packers to finish a distant last in the NFC Central with a 2-10-2 record. And Jimmy the Greek, who had more to lose than Mr. S., and also is considerably more astute about professional football, saw them winning only three games. At the risk of being accused of parochialism, my vote goes to Devine, who has kept his team in constant contention despite the loss of offensive starters like Gale Gillingham and Rich McGeorge and despite forbidding inexperience at quarterback, nerve center of the attack. Webster, in contrast, has been blessed with the veteran Norm Snead, who ranks among the league's leading passers and is having the



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finest year of his career, a key development in the Giants' rise. Regardless of the ultimate NFC choice, there should be little questions about who is "general manager of the year," a category in which no formal vote is taken. That unofficial laurel should go to the resourceful Devine, hands down. Consider the master strokes he has engineered since last January:

1. The trade which brought MacArthur Lane from St. Louis in exchange for Donny Anderson;
  2. The trade which sent Lionel Aldridge to San Diego for free safety Jim Hill;
  3. The trade with Dallas for punter Ron Widby and defensive back-kick returner Ike Thomas;
  4. The trade with Atlanta, which brought Malcolm Snider for Dave Hampton;
  5. The drafting of Willie Buchanon, Jerry Tagge and Chester Marcol, a parlay a rival personnel director called "the best top three picks" of 1972.
- The performance of Lane, who has to be one of the premier all-purpose backs in Packer history, speaks for itself. Easily in the class of storied Paul Hornung as a blocker, he is the team's leading pass receiver and No. 2 rusher, in addition to contributing substantially to much improved team morale. Hill, a lusty hitter and the Packers interception leader, has become the "quarterback" of a secondary which has yielded fewer touchdowns than any other in the NFL. Widby not only ranks among the

league's top punters but also has proved to be a deft, sure holder for Marcol and also has endeared himself by dint of that fake punt touchdown pass he unfurled to Dave Davis in Houston for what proved to be the decisive points in a 23-10 victory over the Oilers. Thomas has become the Packers' leading kickoff returner, his 89-yard runback having keyed a touchdown in the 23-17 victory over the Bears Nov. 12, and also is rated by Defensive Coordinator Dave Hanner as a topflight cornerback prospect. Snider, whose value is enhanced by the fact he can play any position in the offensive line, has done a creditable job of filling the ample brogans of the all-pro Gillingham, felled by a knee injury in the second game of the season following his transfer to the defensive line. There is little need to detail the contributions of Buchanon, a prime candidate for NFC "rookie of the year" honors who has been labeled the best first year defensive back ever to come into the NFL, and Marcol, who is the NFC's leading scorer at this point and already has broken the Packers' single season field goal record. And, though the jury is still out on Tagge, the former Green Bay West luminary already has shown enough in two regular season appearances to suggest he will be around Lambeau Field for some time to come. Joe Thomas, can you top this?

## PACK RECALLS '65

DEC 1 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – When the Packers literally clawed their way to the first of three successive National Football League championships in 1965, Vince Lombardi proudly labeled them "a team with character." He was suggesting there were other teams around the NFL with more and greater talent but that, by dint of sheer perseverance and desire, the green and gold had overcome their deficiencies and adversity to win the title. And there was more than a modicum of the latter along the way. During one mid-season stretch, the Packers fell to the Bears 31-10, then lost to the Lions, 12-7, in a game which saw them gain a paltry, overall net of 65 yards. This last triggered a hue and cry over the state of the offense, which seems to have vaguely familiar ring at this point in time. It was subsequently accentuated when the Packers struggled to a 6-3 victory over the Rams in Milwaukee the following Sunday. There is no intent to suggest another dynasty is in the making, although there well may be, but that '65 season was similar to the current semester. This one also has seen the Packers fall prey to a mid-year decline, losing to Atlanta and Minnesota in succession before launching a three-game winning streak which ended with last Sunday's 21-16 loss in Washington. The question now would appear to be: How much is that reversal likely to affect Dan Devine's athletes, who are much younger than those '65 champions and thus presumably more vulnerable to confidence problems, in priming for Sunday's key collision with the Lions in Lambeau Field. Bart Starr and Ray Nitschke, uniquely qualified to evaluate the situation as members of that '65 title team, among others, are convinced the current response also will be emphatically positive. "You hate to lose, and especially to Washington," said Nitschke, the highly combative, 15-year pro who serves as defensive co-captain, "but I think the fellows will be that much more ready to play Sunday. Losing has its value, too, even though you don't like to see it happen. Knowing we have to win, I think the team actually will react better than it might have otherwise. They know this is a 'must' game. And if you can't get ready after losing - and knowing you're facing Detroit, the team you have to beat to win the championship - then there isn't much character in the individuals or the team. But it has been shown all year that this team does have character. It's surprised a lot of folks. The attitude has been great and that's where the success of this team has been - in that attitude." Starr, who now coaches the quarterbacks after leading the Packers to an unprecedented five championships during the seven-year span from 1961 through 1967, is of similar persuasion. "In trying to assess how this team will react Sunday, I go back to

what Coach Devine has said all year," Mr. Quarterback said, "and that is that this is a very receptive and responsive team...and they are. "I just think they will respond to the challenge that is before them. I think the measure of a man is how he responds to a challenge, and I think we have a lot of men on this ball club."...PACKER PATER: Things took a slight upturn for the Packers on the physical front Thursday. In an update of an earlier injury for NFL headquarters, tackle Dick Himes and flanker Carroll Dale were listed as probable for Sunday's critical contest. They previously had been termed doubtful, along with cornerback Ken Ellis and wide receiver Dave Davis, who remain in that category...Free safety Jim Hill's status also was listed as slightly improved. He now is described as "doubtful to questionable," after having been listed as the former earlier in the week. Himes has a sprained foot, Dale a wrist injury, Davis a deep muscle pull in the upper thigh, Hill a bruised thigh and Ellis a dislocated shoulder...The Packers continued to prime for the Lions in private Thursday. They staged a 1 1/2-hour, closed practice in Lambeau Field. Offensive preparations accented picking up blitzes, a precaution taken in view of the Lions' fondness for the blitz, which can play havoc with a passing game.

### DAN EXTENDS TOGETHERNESS

DEC 2 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Dan Devine is pulling out all the stops. The Packers had lunch together Friday - in a body. Immediately following practice on snow-coated Lambeau Field, the players and coaches adjourned to The Forum for collective nourishment and a meeting. Normally, the players have lunch informally - and as desired - in what is known as the "TV room," located just off the dressing room, while the coaches dine separately in their quarters. Devine tongue-in-cheekily dismissed this departure as "just a change in tempo," but there can be little doubt it was intended to accent team togetherness for Sunday's Central Division duel with the Detroit Lions in Lambeau Field. Continuing in the same low key vein, he coyly paid tribute to the Lions. "We have tremendous respect for Detroit," he said. "Everybody knows what Detroit's got." Exhibiting a slight smile that suggested he knew he was being a little obvious, Devine added, "I'm sure Greg Landry isn't going to play with any less vigor Sunday if I say he's great. As far as that's concerned, I think the hay's in the barn pretty much...at least after tomorrow's practice, it will be. From the comments the Lions have made, it's obvious they are ready. They're confident. Our guys are the same way. It could lead," Devine understated, "to an interesting game." Assessing his team's psychic state, he assured, "There's no doubt in my mind that they know the importance of this game. There's nobody who isn't aware of it, and I'm confident they're going to react that way." Devine did admit, however, to being "uncomfortable" because his athletes are not in the best of physical condition. He had particular reference to wide receiver Dave Davis, whom he declared out of Sunday's match, and defensive back Ken Ellis, who still is listed as doubtful, although Devine noted, "He is less doubtful each day. Carroll Dale and Jon Stagers will play, and Dick Himes will play. Jim Hill also should be available for some duty, although I don't know who will start. Right now, I would guess it would be Charlie Hall at free safety and Ike Thomas at the right corner, but that's only a guess...PACKER PATER: With Davis ruled out because of a pulled hamstring muscle, the Green Bay-grown Bob Kroll is likely to be activated prior to Sunday's struggle, Devine said. As of Friday afternoon, there was indecision over whether to cover Lambeau Field's turf or leave it exposed to the elements. "We're going to sweep it off later today, get all the snow off," Devine said, "and then probably cover it. And we'll probably turn off the electric blanket because the heat would bring the moisture up and make the field soggy. We'll cover it, though, only if precipitation is forecast. The field is in excellent shape right now...I would prefer not to cover it. All you do when you cover it is draw the moisture up. I kind of made fun of that heating thing last year," Devine added, "but I'm not this year. It sure keeps the ground soft."...For Figure Filberts: The Packers MacArthur Lane and the Lions' Altie Taylor, both running backs, are their teams' leading receivers. Taylor has caught 26 for 207 yards and 2 touchdowns, Lane 23 for 251 yards. Poetically enough, they also are virtually dead even in rushing, Taylor having gained 594 yards in 138 attempts, Lane 590 in 136 carries...The Lions were scheduled to deplane at Austin Straubel Field at 2 o'clock this afternoon. They are headquartering at the Hotel Northland...Easily the game of the week in the National Conference, Sunday's match will draw heavy press coverage. One observer, Washington Post veteran Dave Brady, already was in evidence Friday.

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### STARR TO SPEAK AT LOMBARDI SCHOOL

DEC 2 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Bart Starr, Green Bay Packer Coach who played for the late Vince Lombardi, will speak at the official renaming of Lombardi Junior High School at 1:20 p.m. Monday in the school gym. Opened as Southwest High for grades 7-12 in 1964, the school became Lombardi Junior High this fall with the opening of a new Southwest High nearby. Mrs. Lombardi, widow of the famed Packer coach, will be guest of honor. She will be introduced by Eugene Sladky, president of the Green Bay School Board. Others to be introduced by Supt. Edwin B. Olds include Harris Burgoune, acting mayor; members of the Packer board of directors and of the Board of Education. Wayne Astin, Lombardi principal, will emcee the program which will open with the pledge of allegiance, led by Kyle Long, the national anthem by the Lombardi band, and an invocation by the Rev. Dennis Burke, O. Praem. Jerome McCormick, director of secondary education and first principal

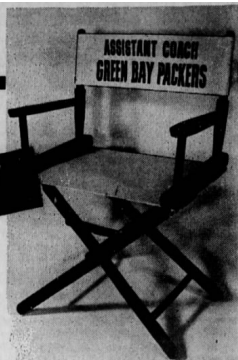
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Scott Hunter

| Rushing              |      |     |      |     |    |
|----------------------|------|-----|------|-----|----|
|                      | Att. | Yds | Ave. | L   | TD |
| Brockington, Pack .. | 219  | 822 | 3.8  | 301 | 6  |
| Taylor, Lions .....  | 138  | 594 | 3.7  | 381 | 3  |
| Lane, Pack .....     | 136  | 590 | 4.3  | 361 | 2  |
| Owens, Lions .....   | 143  | 519 | 3.6  | 18  | 4  |
| Landry, Lions .....  | 65   | 420 | 6.5  | 38  | 9  |
| Farr, Lions .....    | 48   | 188 | 3.9  | 22  | 3  |

| Passing             |      |      |       |    |      |
|---------------------|------|------|-------|----|------|
|                     | Att. | Comp | Yds   | TD | Int. |
| Landry, Lions ..... | 208  | 103  | 1,598 | 13 | 13   |
| Hunter, Pack .....  | 164  | 69   | 1,083 | 6  | 8    |
| Munson, Lions ..... | 25   | 14   | 89    | 0  | 1    |
| Tagge, Pack .....   | 21   | 7    | 118   | 0  | 0    |

| Receiving              |     |     |      |     |    |
|------------------------|-----|-----|------|-----|----|
|                        | No. | Yds | Ave. | L   | TD |
| Taylor, Lions .....    | 26  | 207 | 7.9  | 401 | 2  |
| Lane, Pack .....       | 23  | 251 | 10.9 | 49  | 0  |
| L. Walton, Lions ..... | 20  | 390 | 19.5 | 481 | 6  |
| Sanders, Lions .....   | 20  | 320 | 16.0 | 38  | 0  |
| Brockington, Pack ..   | 15  | 218 | 14.5 | 481 | 1  |
| Owens, Lions .....     | 15  | 100 | 6.7  | 15  | 0  |
| Jessie, Lions .....    | 14  | 256 | 18.2 | 821 | 2  |
| Dale, Pack .....       | 12  | 263 | 22.9 | 48  | 1  |
| Glass, Pack .....      | 12  | 224 | 18.7 | 31  | 1  |

| Interceptions          |     |     |      |    |    |
|------------------------|-----|-----|------|----|----|
|                        | No. | Yds | Ave. | L  | TD |
| Barney, Lions .....    | 3   | 88  | 29.3 | 64 | 0  |
| Hill, Pack .....       | 3   | 21  | 7.0  | 21 | 0  |
| Rasmussen, Lions ..... | 2   | 1   | 0.5  | 1  | 0  |
| Buchanon, Pack .....   | 2   | 37  | 18.5 | 26 | 0  |
| Matthews, Pack .....   | 2   | 8   | 4.0  | 8  | 0  |
| Lucci, Lions .....     | 2   | 0   | 0.0  | 0  | 0  |

| Field Goals        |      |       |       |       |     |
|--------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
|                    | 1-19 | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ |
| Mann, Lions .....  | 3-3  | 4-4   | 8-9   | 2-6   | 1-1 |
| Marcol, Pack ..... | 2-3  | 5-6   | 8-12  | 6-9   | 2-3 |

| Kickoff Returns      |     |     |      |    |    |
|----------------------|-----|-----|------|----|----|
|                      | No. | Yds | Ave. | L  | TD |
| Thomas, Pack .....   | 16  | 444 | 27.8 | 89 | 0  |
| Zofko, Lions .....   | 20  | 495 | 24.8 | 49 | 0  |
| Jessie, Lions .....  | 18  | 457 | 25.4 | 62 | 0  |
| Staggers, Pack ..... | 11  | 260 | 23.6 | 39 | 0  |

| Punting             |     |       |      |    |    |
|---------------------|-----|-------|------|----|----|
|                     | No. | Yds   | Ave. | L  | TD |
| Widby, Pack .....   | 59  | 2,557 | 43.3 | 64 | 0  |
| H. Weaver, Lions .. | 31  | 1,253 | 40.4 | 55 | 0  |

| Punt Returns         |     |     |      |     |    |
|----------------------|-----|-----|------|-----|----|
|                      | No. | Yds | Ave. | L   | TD |
| Ellis, Pack .....    | 10  | 169 | 16.9 | 801 | 1  |
| Barney, Lions .....  | 14  | 102 | 7.3  | 26  | 0  |
| Staggers, Pack ..... | 6   | 110 | 18.3 | 851 | 1  |

of the building, will speak briefly on the building history. Long, president of the Student Advisory Forum, will present a picture of the school to Mrs. Lombardi. A representative of Martha's Coffee Club will present a bronze plaque with the Lombardi creed to the school. Thomas Miller, assistant to Packer General Manager Dan Devine, will present the school with an oil painting of Lombardi painted by Patrick O'Brien, a Lombardi-Southwest art teacher. Musical numbers will include Garr's "The Young New Mexican Puppeteer" by the school chorus directed by Mrs. Kathryn Waugh and the Coronation Scene from Mussorgsky's "Boris Gudunov" by the school band directed by James Pahl. A reception will follow.

**LIONS PICKED TO WIN TODAY...LARGELY DUE TO LANDRY!**

DEC 3 (Detroit Free Press) - GREEN BAY-The Lions and Green Bay Packers push all their blue chips forward on the green gaming "table" of Lambeau Field Sunday with the championship of the Central Division and a subsequent playoff berth the probable prize. The ancient NFL rivals match 7-4 records before 56,000 chilblain seekers in this wintry Wisconsin wonderland while Detroiters can stay by the hearthside and catch it all electronically (TV-2 or WJR-760) at 2:05 p.m. The Lions are entering flush with their Thanksgiving Day victory over the Jets. The Packers are playing with a pair of kings (John Brockington and MacArthur Lane) and holding an ace kicker, Chet Marcol. Neither team will have a full house. The Lions will go it without fullback Steve Owens, the Packers will be missing injured receiver Dave Davis. Detroit, which dropped a 24-23 decision to Green Bay in October after owning a 17-0 lead, is rated a two-point favorite - largely due, in all probability, to the presence of Scott Hunter and Greg Landry at quarter- back for the two combatants. Hunter, a second-year pro, completed 11 of 18 passes in the victory over Detroit, but hasn't hit 50 percent since then. He was so shaky at Washington last Sunday that coach Dan Devine gave him the hook in favor of rookie Jerry Tagge early in the ballgame. Landry, meanwhile, has climbed to seventh on the list of NFC passers and has flipped 13 touchdown passes. He has also been intercepted 13 times, but nary a one in the last three games. Galloping Gregory also has piled up 420 yards and nine touchdowns on his own to ably supplement the work of Altie Taylor and Owens. Mel Farr will work at fullback in place of Owens, who has a hamstring pull. The Lions' problem, defensively, will be to throttle down the running of Brockington and Lane. The ex-Buckeye All-American is third in the conference in rushing with 822 yards, while Lane has added 590 in addition to doing a tremendous blocking job for Brockington. Hunter may have to depend heavily on his ground game since the Packer receiver corps is hurting. Veteran Carroll Dale (wrist) is not at full strength, leaving the probable heavy work load to Leland Glass and Jon Staggers - and even Staggers has a sore ankle. What could hurt The Pack even more, however, is the doubtful status of Ken Ellis at cornerback. He suffered a dislocated shoulder in the Washington game and the Skins picked on his replacement, Ike Thomas, repeatedly with Bill Kilmer-to-Charley Taylor passes in a game-settling touchdown drive. Jim Hill also is a doubtful starter with a charley' horse, leaving Charlie Hall to work at free safety. The secondary switches would seem a made-to-order situation for exploitation by Landry ... and Thomas welcomes it. "That's what I want them to do," Thomas challenged. "That's my game plan for Sunday. I want 'em to come to me. I know I can play in this league. I know I can do better, I just want the chance." Landry likely will oblige him since the other cornerback is manned by a precious rookie, Willie Buchanon. The side battle adds spice to the overall war between the Packers sixth-ranked defense against a Lion offense which has gained 620 yards more than Green Bay's. Should the contest be close - a most likely happenstance - each side is equipped with the kicking game to settle it. Marcol, the Imlay City and Hillsdale product whose toe has been a major factor in the Packers' turnaround from last year, has hit 23 of 33 field goal attempts, including nine of the last 10. Errol Mann is 18 of 23 and is 15 of 16 inside the 40-yard line. The only unsuccessful effort was the lamented blocked kick at Minnesota which helped create this chaotic Central Division race. Those Vikings, who entertain Chicago Sunday, are lurking just a game behind the co-leaders and awaiting a shot at the Packers next week. Should the Lions beat The Pack, they could then qualify for the Super Bowl playoffs by winning their final two games at Buffalo and Los Angeles. A loss - or even a tie - would put a severe crimp in any playoff plan since they would be badly hurting in the tie-breaking procedures head-to-head record with Minnesota and Green Bay and record within the division. Green Bay goes to Minnesota next week then finishes

at New Orleans, while the Vikes wind up at San Francisco. One plus for the Lions: The presence of Charlie Sanders, the tight - end nonpareil, who missed the first Packer game while his shoulder mended.

#### **LAMBEAU GROUNDS KEEPERS HAVE FIELD IN GOOD SHAPE**

DEC 3 (Green Bay) - Barring a blizzard, John Proski and his Lambeau Field crew should have no trouble keeping the stadium turf in prime playing condition for this afternoon's key NFC Central Division game between the Packers and Detroit Lions. "We have everything under control now," Tom Miller, Packer assistant to the general manager, reported Saturday evening despite the forecast of four additional inches of snow. "The field is in real good condition right now and we should have it in fine shape for the game. We have the tarpaulin covering the field and we're in good shape to handle anything that comes along, unless we should happen to get something extreme, like 20 inches. We were concerned this morning, when it was snowing and we didn't have the tarp down, but as soon as it stopped, we brushed every flake off the field and covered it. As things now stand, we'll take the tarp off in the morning and put the heating system on. It will be set at 60 degrees, which should keep the field in good playing condition. If it snows during the game, of course, then we'll just have an ordinary field, subject to whatever happens."

#### **NOTES AND NOTIONS**

DEC 3 (Appleton Post-Crescent) - The Atlanta Falcons' new single season rushing record belongs to a former Packer just as the old record did Dave Hampton's 783-yard total has surpassed the old Junior Coffey standard of 722. Incidentally, Bear Coach Abe Gibron revealed last week that he had offered the Packers a first-round draft choice for Hampton....but the Bays traded Dave to Atlanta for Mal Snider...Packer fans are somewhat out of practice in getting psyched up for a Lambeau Field game that has a championship flavor...But the anticipation is certainly there today, and the tension climbs as Packer-Lion time draws near. Packer fan ratings on the "noise meter" have sagged in recent years. One hears plenty about the bedlam in such NFL cities as Miami, Washington, Baltimore and Pittsburgh. While this observer doesn't condone some of the things that have gone on in Miami in the name of fan enthusiasm, all-out vocal is desirable and could do the Packers a lot of good today. The adrenalin must be flowing in Packer players, too. For the likes of Carrol Dale, Dave Robinson and Ken Bowman this must be a welcome rebirth of the Lombardi era and its crucial games...For the majority of the young Packers - in the "run for the roses" for the first time - this will be a great chance to prove themselves worthy of the rich Green Bay tradition. It won't be long before Billy Kilmer's observation will be tested. You'll recall that last Sunday the Washington quarterback said, "There isn't a weak link in the (Packer) lineup except maybe at quarterback. Put yourself in the shoes of Scott Hunter, and you'll understand how anxious he'll be to prove his critics wrong. Hunter has taken a lot of flak about his sub-par passing of late, and he suffered some professional embarrassment in being lifted early for Jerry Tagge last Sunday. That move, incidentally, didn't sit well with John Brockington, a Hunter buddy. The Washington Post quoted Brockington as saying about the Hunter removal: "Was I surprised? Nothing on this team surprises me any more. Sometimes I wonder if they know what they're doing." It's perhaps best not to try to read anything into the statement and figure that maybe it was only the reaction of a disappointed player after a loss and after not having one of his typical big-yardage games himself...I believe Coach Dan Devine did the right thing in giving Hunter today's start. After all, Scott did shepherd the Pack to its seven wins to date, and he had a great second half against Detroit in the teams' first meeting. But, if things don't go well offensively, few will question Devine's turning to Tagge as early as, or earlier than, last Sunday. Based on statistics alone, the Packers probably won't fire the ball as often as a typical NFL team does. The Lions have been more vulnerable to the run - ranking only 10<sup>th</sup> among the 13 NFC teams in that defensive category (Detroit is third in pass defense). Green Bay is more balanced, ranking fourth against the rush and sixth against the pass...It would be a pretty good guess to say that breaks will probably decide today's fracas - not only because of the weather factor but because of the part turnovers play in many games. The Packers have an edge over Detroit in the "giveaway-takeaway" ratio. The Packers have taken away the ball (fumble recoveries and interceptions) eight more times than they've given it away. The Lions are only "plus three" in this category. In the NFC, only the Giants and the Redskins have better ratings than the Pack's "plus 8"...On this occasion, a tie game could benefit the Packers and keep them "ahead" of the Lions in the formula for deciding among deadlocked leaders. And I feel certain that Dan Devine wouldn't spurn such a tie, a la Bo Schembechler. Michigan, of course passed up a "sure" field goal in favor of a fourth-and-1 line try after having been repelled by Ohio State in a similar goal line stand in the first half. With only eight minutes left, such a field goal could have almost surely given the Wolverines at least a tie -and a tie was all they needed to win the title and the Rose Bowl trip. I'm not an advocate of ties under usual conditions, but when it accomplishes the desired end, discretion has to be better part of valor. Schembechler's brave statement, "We should have scored from there (the one)" will be small comfort to the Wolverines as they watch the Rose Bowl game on TV...Why would a tie favor the Packers more than the Lions? Because if the division race ends in a dead heat, the first "tie-breaker" is the best percentage in head-to-head competition and the Packers would own a win and a tie against the Lions. To refresh our memories, the other tie-breaking steps within a division, in order of importance, are: best percentage in games within division; best percentage in games within conference; best point differential in head-to-head games; best point rating (offense and defense) applied to division games, best point rating applied to all 14 games; and finally a coin flip.

#### **CHAMPIONSHIP AT STAKE TODAY?**

DEC 3 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - A light snow was falling as Al Matthews brushed off his car in the Packers' Lombardi Avenue parking lot following Friday's practice, last major exercise of the week. "I hope it isn't this way Sunday." Somebody ventured. "I do," Matthews shot back. The free-hitting strong safety didn't elaborate, and there really wasn't any need to. The Packers, quite clearly, will take any advantage they can get into this afternoon's "championship" collision with the Detroit Lions at Lambeau Field (1 o'clock, WNFL), to be viewed by a sellout crowd of 56,263. All are acutely aware the NFC's Central Division title is likely to be decided here and now, even though mathematical possibilities will technically remain to

the loser in the final two weeks of the season. And Matthews obviously is convinced the fluffy white stuff would be a definite advantage to him individually, in shadowing the incomparable Charlie Sanders, and to the Packers collectively in minimizing Detroit's formidable passing game, which also features long ball threats Larry Walton and Ron Jessie. He also believes some atmospheric assistance would be particularly welcome because of the Packer secondary's questionable physical status, which finds right cornerback Ken Ellis favoring a dislocated shoulder and free safety Jim Hill recovering from a deep thigh bruise. Snow also presumably would place a premium upon the Packers' running attack, as represented by John Brockington and MacArthur Lane, since Detroit fullback Steve Owens has a pulled leg muscle and is not expected to perform. Lion quarterback Greg Landry already has evinced concern over this prospect. "In order to beat the Packers, we are going to have to play ball control football, much like they do," he said, "and our best ball control weapon is Steve Owens, who probably won't play." Landry himself represents a running threat of substantial proportions, of course, not to mention Altie Taylor, who has taken over as Detroit's rushing leader since Owens was sidelined by injury early in the Lions' Thanksgiving Day victory over the Jets. Presently averaging 6.5 yards per carry, Landry needs only two more touchdowns to tie the league record for rushing TDs by a quarterback, set by Johnny Lujack of the Bears in 1950. An obvious key to Packer hopes rides with Landry's opposite number, Scott Hunter, who has regained No. 1 status at quarterback after being relieved by rookie Jerry Tagge in the second quarter of last Sunday's 21-16 loss to the Washington Redskins. This decision was traceable in part to Hunter's artistry against the Lions in Detroit. He escorted the Packers 83 yards to the winning touchdown, firing a 15-yard pass to Leland Glass in the left corner of the end zone with only 1:54 remaining. Although Hunter had been in what Devine has described as a "passing slump," the sophomore field general is confident he once again is in peak form. "I threw better in practice during the week," he said, "than I have in the last three weeks." Although there appears no present danger of a repeat of 1967's "Ice Bowl" conditions today, the weatherman says there is a good chance Matthews will get his wish. He forecast cloudy and cold weather, with temperatures in the upper 'teens, and snow flurries. If this should come to pass, it could trigger an old fashioned defensive struggle, in turn putting added value upon the astonishingly accurate right legs of the Packers' Chester Marcol and Detroit's Errol Mann. Marcol, the NFC's scoring leader with 90 points, has hit on 23 of 33 field goal attempts, Mann on a slightly incredible 18 of 23. The latter, runnerup in the NFC with 84 points, has made all but one of 16 attempts inside the 40 and that lone "miss" was blocked. Marcol's presence could have special significance because of the happy situation in which the Packers find themselves. Although victory clearly is the objective, a tie would be an acceptable alternative under the circumstances. The Packers won their first meeting with the Lions, 24-23 back on Oct. 16, and should today's rivals end the season tied for first place in the division, the first tie-breaking step would be head-to-head competition. Dan Devine's resurgents, in quest of Green Bay's first division title since 1967, already are in a more favorable position in the second tie-breaking step. They own a 3-1 record in intra-division games, compared with Detroit's 2-3. This knowledge has prompted the Lion's Joe Schmidt to assert, "What we must have, starting today, is three straight one-game winning streaks." He and Devine know full well that both the Packers and Lions are in a position to decide the Central issue personally, and qualify for the NFC playoffs the weekend of Dec. 23-24. In addition to the Lions, the Packers must get past the Vikings in Minnesota next Sunday and New Orleans in Tulane Stadium Dec. 17, while Detroit faces Buffalo and Los Angeles in its last two games, both on the road. Curiously, despite the Packers' early season victory in the Motor City, the Lions are six-point favorites to move out front in the Central race. It may be of only statistical significance, but neither team has swept the season series since 1966, when the Packers registered 24-13 and 31-7 victories. That, for the record, was the year before Schmidt succeeded Harry Gilmer at the Detroit controls. Green Bay leads the all-time rivalry, 42 games to 31, and has outscored the Lions in that 39-year span, 1,523 to 1,289.

| DETROIT                                                                |      | OFFENSE | GREEN BAY   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|---------|-------------|
| Jessie                                                                 | W R  |         | Glass       |
| Yarbrough                                                              | L T  |         | Hayhoe      |
| Gallagher                                                              | L G  |         | Lueck       |
| Flanagan                                                               | C    |         | Bowman      |
| Kowalkowski                                                            | R G  |         | Snider      |
| Freitas                                                                | R T  |         | Himes       |
| Sanders                                                                | T E  |         | Garrett     |
| L. Walton                                                              | W R  |         | Dale        |
| Landry                                                                 | Q B  |         | Hunter      |
| Farr                                                                   | R B  |         | Lane        |
| Taylor                                                                 | R B  |         | Brockington |
|                                                                        |      | DEFENSE |             |
| Mitchell                                                               | L E  |         | C. Williams |
| Woods                                                                  | L T  |         | McCoy       |
| Bell                                                                   | R T  |         | Brown       |
| Hand                                                                   | R E  |         | Roche       |
| Naumoff                                                                | LL B |         | Robinson    |
| Lucci                                                                  | ML B |         | Carter      |
| Walker                                                                 | RL B |         | Carr        |
| Barney                                                                 | L C  |         | Buchanan    |
| Redmond                                                                | R C  |         | Thomas      |
| Weger                                                                  | L S  |         | Matthews    |
| Randolph                                                               | R S  |         | Hill        |
| Packer-Lion Series                                                     |      |         |             |
| Packers won 42, Lions 31, 5 tied. Points — Packers 1,523, Lions 1,289. |      |         |             |

## Championship at Stake Today?

# Packer Statistics

1972 GREEN BAY PACKERS  
(11 GAME STATISTICS 7 - 4)

| RESULTS & ATTENDANCE                 |  | OPP. | SCORES BY QUARTERS |                       |       |      |       |     |
|--------------------------------------|--|------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------|------|-------|-----|
| GB                                   |  |      | ONE                | TWO                   | THREE | FOUR | TOTAL |     |
| (w) 26 Browns at Cleveland (75,771)  |  | 10   |                    |                       |       |      |       |     |
| (l) 14 Raiders at Green Bay (56,263) |  | 20   | GB.                | 64                    | 71    | 32   | 51    | 218 |
| (w) 16 Cowboys at Mil. (47,103)      |  | 13   | OPP.               | 37                    | 47    | 50   | 58    | 197 |
| (w) 20 Bears at Green Bay (56,263)   |  | 17   |                    |                       |       |      |       |     |
| (w) 24 Lions at Detroit (54,418)     |  | 23   | RUSHING            | ATT                   | YDS.  | AVE. | LONG  | TD. |
| (l) 9 Falcons at Mil. (47,967)       |  | 10   | Brockington        | 219                   | 822   | 3.8  | 30t   | 6   |
| (l) 13 Vikings at Green Bay (56,263) |  | 27   | Lane               | 136                   | 486   | 3.6  | 36t   | 2   |
| (w) 34 49'ers at Mil. (47,897)       |  | 24   | Hudson             | 9                     | 27    | 3.0  | 17    | 0   |
| (w) 23 Bears at Chicago (55,701)     |  | 17   | Williams           | 9                     | 40    | 4.4  | 8     | 0   |
| (w) 23 Oilers at Houston (41,752)    |  | 10   | Hunter             | 18                    | 23    | 1.3  | 6     | 2   |
| (l) 16 Redskins at Wash. (53,039)    |  | 21   | OTHERS:            | Glass 2/13; Davis 2/0 |       |      |       |     |
| 12/3 LIONS AT GREEN BAY              |  |      |                    | Staggers 1/-8; Tagge  |       |      |       |     |
| 12/10 Vikings at Minnesota           |  |      |                    | 4/-8; Hudson 1/3      |       |      |       |     |
| 12/17 Saints at New Orleans          |  |      |                    |                       |       |      |       |     |
| GB TOTAL                             |  |      |                    | 401                   | 1502  | 3.7  | 36t   | 10  |
| OPP. TOTAL                           |  |      |                    | 393                   | 1386  | 3.5  | 26    | 13  |

| TEAM STATISTICS          |  | GB      | OPP.    | RECEIVING   |                         |      |      |      |     |
|--------------------------|--|---------|---------|-------------|-------------------------|------|------|------|-----|
| TOTAL FIRST DOWNS        |  | 143     | 182     | NO.         | YDS.                    | AVE. | LONG | TD.  |     |
| By Rushing               |  | 76      | 80      | Lane        | 23                      | 251  | 10.9 | 49   | 0   |
| By Passing               |  | 58      | 89      | Brockington | 15                      | 218  | 14.5 | 48t  | 1   |
| By Penalty               |  | 9       | 14      | Dale        | 12                      | 263  | 22.9 | 48   | 1   |
| Third Down Efficiency    |  | 40/137  | 60/149  | Glass       | 12                      | 224  | 18.7 | 31   | 1   |
| TOTAL NET YARDS          |  | 2716    | 2989    | Staggers    | 6                       | 104  | 17.3 | 48   | 1   |
| Total Off. Plays         |  | 593     | 684     | McGeorge    | 5                       | 50   | 10.0 | 23t  | 2   |
| Ave. Gain Per Play       |  | 4.6     | 4.4     | Garrett     | 3                       | 53   | 17.7 | 21   | 0   |
| NET YARDS RUSHING        |  | 1502    | 1386    | Davis       | 4                       | 119  | 29.8 | 68t  | 1   |
| Total Rushing Plays      |  | 401     | 393     | OTHERS:     | Kopay 1/8               |      |      |      |     |
| Ave. Gain Per Rush       |  | 3.7     | 3.5     | GB TOTAL    | 80                      | 1297 | 16.2 | 68t  | 7   |
| NET YARDS PASSING        |  | 1214    | 1603    | OPP. TOTAL  | 138                     | 1749 | 12.7 | 62t  | 4   |
| Lost Attempting to Pass  |  | 10/73   | 20/173  | PUNTING     | NO.                     | YDS. | AVE. | LONG | BLK |
| Gross Yards Passing      |  | 1297    | 1749    | Widby       | 59                      | 2557 | 43.3 | 64   | 0   |
| Attempts/Completions     |  | 193/80  | 273/138 | GB TOTAL    | 59                      | 2557 | 43.3 | 64   | 0   |
| Percent Completed        |  | .415    | .505    | OPP. TOTAL  | 53                      | 2221 | 41.9 | 61   | 0   |
| Had Intercepted          |  | 8       | 10      | INTERCEP.   | NO.                     | YDS. | AVE. | LONG | TD. |
| Ave Net Passing Per Game |  | 110.4   | 145.7   | Hill        | 3                       | 21   | 7.0  | 21   | 0   |
| PUNTS/YDS.               |  | 59/2557 | 53/2221 | Buchanon    | 2                       | 37   | 18.5 | 26   | 0   |
| PUNT RETURNS/YDS.        |  | 17/279  | 29/215  | Matthews    | 2                       | 8    | 4.0  | 8    | 0   |
| KICKOFF RETURNS/YDS.     |  | 42/987  | 29/618  | Ellis       | 1                       | 35   | 35.0 | 35t  | 1   |
| MISC. RETURNS/YDS.       |  | 4/48    | 6/191   | Robinson    | 1                       | 7    | 7.0  | 7    | 0   |
| INTERCEPTIONS/YDS.       |  | 10/101  | 8/69    | Carter      | 1                       | 0    | 0.0  | 0    | 0   |
| PENALTIES/YDS.           |  | 50/461  | 43/395  | GB TOTAL    | 10                      | 101  | 10.1 | 35t  | 1   |
| FUMBLES/BALL LOST        |  | 17/8    | 23/14   | OPP. TOTAL  | 8                       | 69   | 8.6  | 32   | 2   |
| TOTAL POINTS             |  | 218     | 192     | K.O.RET.    | NO.                     | YDS. | AVE. | LONG | TD. |
| Ave Points Per Game      |  | 19.8    | 17.5    | Thomas      | 16                      | 444  | 27.8 | 89   | 0   |
| Touchdowns               |  | 21      | 21      | Staggers    | 11                      | 260  | 23.6 | 39   | 0   |
| by Rushing               |  | 10      | 13      | Hudson      | 10                      | 230  | 23.0 | 55   | 0   |
| by Passing               |  | 7       | 4       | OTHERS:     | Robinson 1/25; Garrett  |      |      |      |     |
| by Returns               |  | 4       | 4       |             | 1/0; Williams 1/9;      |      |      |      |     |
| Field Goals              |  | 23/33   | 15/23   |             | Wortman 1/0; Ellis 1/10 |      |      |      |     |
| Conversions              |  | 21/21   | 21/21   |             |                         |      |      |      |     |

|                                |                                      |      |       |       |       |     |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-----|--|--|--|
| FIELD GOALS (Good, b=blocked): |                                      |      |       |       |       |     |  |  |  |
| Marcol:                        | 51, 42b, 41, 19, 49, 17; 44, 16,     |      |       |       |       |     |  |  |  |
|                                | 27b, 26, 41, 22; 26, 34, 27; 36, 34; |      |       |       |       |     |  |  |  |
|                                | 32, 44, 35, 39; 41, 43, 34; 30, 40;  |      |       |       |       |     |  |  |  |
|                                | 51, 21, 21; 33b, 51, 37, 39;         |      |       |       |       |     |  |  |  |
| Fi.G.                          |                                      | 1-19 | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ |  |  |  |
| Marcol                         |                                      | 2-3  | 5-6   | 8-12  | 6-9   | 2-3 |  |  |  |
| OP TOTAL                       |                                      | 4-4  | 3-3   | 2-3   | 3-8   | 2-3 |  |  |  |

| SCORING     | TDR | TDP | TDRt | FG.   | PAT.  | TOTAL |
|-------------|-----|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|
| Marcol      | 0   | 0   | 0    | 23/33 | 21/21 | 90    |
| Brockington | 6   | 1   | 0    | 0     | 0     | 42    |
| McGeorge    | 0   | 2   | 0    | 0     | 0     | 12    |
| Ellis       | 0   | 0   | 2    | 0     | 0     | 12    |
| Hunter      | 2   | 0   | 0    | 0     | 0     | 12    |
| Staggers    | 0   | 1   | 1    | 0     | 0     | 12    |
| Lane        | 2   | 0   | 0    | 0     | 0     | 12    |
| Glass       | 0   | 1   | 0    | 0     | 0     | 6     |
| C. Williams | 0   | 0   | 1    | 0     | 0     | 6     |
| Dale        | 0   | 1   | 0    | 0     | 0     | 6     |
| Davis       | 0   | 1   | 0    | 0     | 0     | 6     |
| Brown       | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0     | 0     | 2*    |
| GB TOTAL    | 10  | 7   | 4    | 23/33 | 21/21 | 218   |
| OPP. TOTAL  | 13  | 4   | 4    | 15/23 | 21/21 | 192   |

\* = SAFETY

| PUNT RETURNS | NO. | F.C. | YDS. | AVE. | LONG | TD. |
|--------------|-----|------|------|------|------|-----|
| Ellis        | 10  | 1    | 169  | 16.9 | 80t  | 1   |
| Staggers     | 6   | 18   | 110  | 18.3 | 85t  | 1   |
| Hudson       | 1   | 1    | 0    | 0.0  | 0    | 0   |
| GB TOTAL     | 17  | 20   | 279  | 16.4 | 85t  | 2   |
| OPP. TOTAL   | 29  | 5    | 215  | 7.4  | 33   | 0   |

| PASSING    | ATT. | COMP. | YDS. | PCT.  | AVE/ATT | TD. | PCT   | LG. | INT. | PCT  | LOST/ATT. |
|------------|------|-------|------|-------|---------|-----|-------|-----|------|------|-----------|
| Hunter     | 164  | 69    | 1083 | 42.1  | 6.6     | 6   | .037  | 49  | 8    | .049 | 7/54      |
| Tagge      | 21   | 7     | 118  | 33.3  | 5.6     | 0   | .000  | 31  | 0    | .000 | 2/18      |
| Patrick    | 4    | 1     | 9    | 25.0  | 2.5     | 0   | .000  | 9   | 0    | .000 | 1/11      |
| Lane       | 2    | 2     | 19   | 100.0 | 9.5     | 0   | .000  | 10  | 0    | .000 | 0/0       |
| Staggers   | 1    | 0     | 0    | 0.0   | 0       | 0   | .000  | 0   | 0    | .000 | 0         |
| Widby      | 1    | 1     | 68   | 100.0 | 68.0    | 1   | 1.000 | 68t | 0    | .000 | 0/0       |
| GB TOTAL   | 193  | 80    | 1214 | 41.5  | 6.3     | 7   | .036  | 68t | 8    | .041 | 10/73     |
| OPP. TOTAL | 273  | 138   | 1603 | 50.5  | 6.4     | 2   | .008  | 62t | 10   | .040 | 19/164    |

QB TACKLES: C. Williams 5; Vanoy 4; Brown 4; Robinson 3; Roche 3; McCoy 1;