



PRESEASON: Chicago Bears 2, Green Bay Packers (0-1) 0
Saturday August 7th 1971 (at Milwaukee)



Bears Defeat Packers on Safety, 2-0

GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(MILWAUKEE) - An additional act of generosity shadowed Dan Devine's pro coaching debut here Saturday night as his Packers were victimized by a third quarter Bear safety, 2-0, before a shirt-sleeved crowd of 47,248 fans in County Stadium.

Sophomore quarterback Frank Patrick gave the Bears their winning margin when, under a heavy rush by the Bear's front four, he stepped out of the end zone for an automatic safety. The Packers had an opportunity to overcome that largesse in the fourth quarter but a 44-yard field goal attempt by Dale Livingston was deflected, veering to the right and low. Karl Kremser earlier had been short with a 53-yard Packer attempt in the second quarter.

FINAL CHANCE

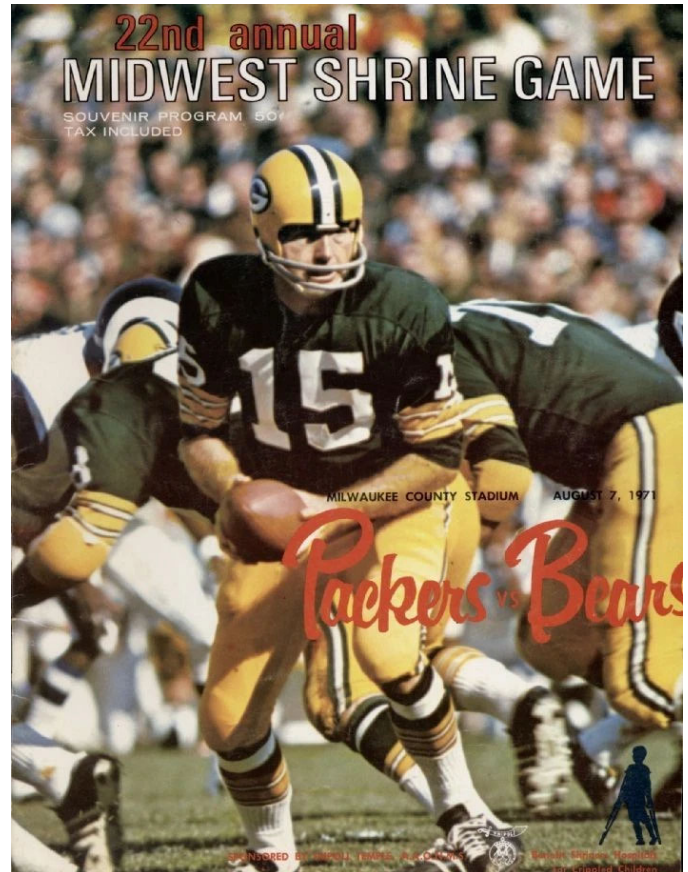
The Packers had a final chance to pull it out when Willie Wood made a spectacular interception of a Bobby Douglass pass, intended for George Farmer, at the Green Bay 43 with 2:40 remaining but, ironically enough, one of Devine's former University of Missouri proteges, George Seals, burst through to fell Patrick for a 13-yard loss and the threat was blunted. The loss did not detract from a glittering overall effort by the Packer defense, which felled Douglass and starting quarterback Jack Concannon 11 times for 106 yards in losses. Douglass was flattened 10 times, once for 25 yards by Lionel Aldridge on a protracted scramble.

EMPTY-HANDED

Despite an occasional pyrotechnic, the immemorial rivals went into the intermission empty-handed, the scoreless stalemate being a combination of their respective defensive talents, typical opening game errors and an imposing collection of penalties. The Bears made the most dramatic gesture of the first half on the opening kickoff. Long ball specialist Ron Smith, settling under Karl Kremser's soccer style effort on his own 5, shot up the middle. then veered to his left at the 35. Breaking outside, he momentarily appeared away, but Doug Hart sliced across to jolt Smith out of bounds at the Packer 43. Lionel Aldridge and a holding penalty, combined to thwart the Bruins on that one. A Jack Concannon pass to rookie Dennis Ferris moved the Bears to the 29 on first down but, on the next play, Ted Wheeler was detected holding. Aldridge then took over, first felling Concannon for a 7-yard loss, then Ferris for a yard deficit. Concannon barely escaped an interception on third down when Fred Carr stopped his second attempt of the evening. The Packers were stymied on their first two offensive series, although they managed a first down on the initial opportunity, but they did mount the first legitimate scoring bid of the night on their third possession.

DRIVE STALLS

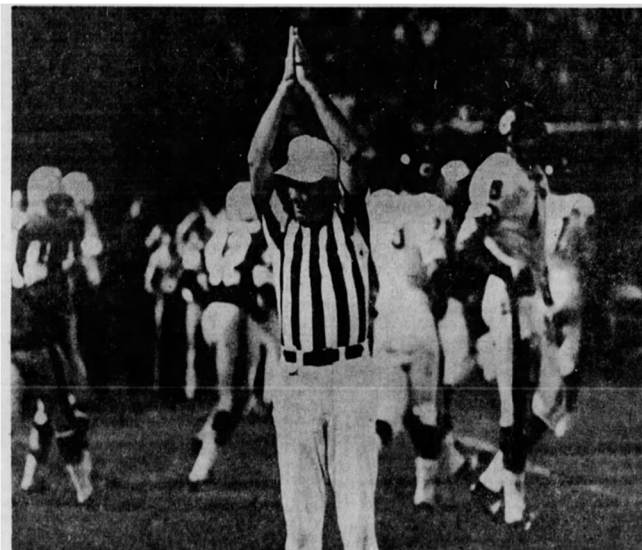
Hitting Carroll Dale perfectly at the break, Bratkowski connected for a 20-yard gain and a first down at the Bear 40 to launch the drive. Perry Williams and Donny Anderson combined to produce another first down at 27 in three thrusts. There the push stalled, however, and Kremser was summoned for his first field goal attempt as a Packer. It never materialized, however. Anderson fumbled Center Cal Withrow's snap and Kremser, picking up the loose ball, attempted to run with it. He was hit immediately and fumbled but Withrow recovered at the 40, preventing a possible Bear "breakaway." Bob Brown assumed the hero's mantle early in the second quarter when the Bears engineered a second threat, with the Bruins in a second and-10 position at the Packer 33, a jarring Brown tackle forced a fumble by Bobby Douglass, who had replaced Concannon when the Bear starter limped off with a pulled hamstring muscle. Wheeler recovered but the Bears were saddled with a 9-yard loss. Douglass' third down pass, launched under a heavy rush, also was incomplete. Rookie Jim DeLisle also spared the Packers embarrassment on the following punt. Elijah Pitts, back in a safety position, fumbled after signaling for



a fair catch, but DeLisle recovered at the Packer 20. The closing minutes of the half were marked by an exchange of interceptions, one of which caused the Packer faithful temporary anxiety.

ELLIS INTERCEPTS

Cornerback Kenny Ellis intercepted a Douglass bomb at the Packer 40, fielding the ball like a receiver a split second before stepping out of bounds. On the very next play, Bear linebacker Jimmy Gunn waylaid a Bratkowski pass, which had bounced off Pitts' fingertips, and returned it to the Green Bay 5. But the Bears Willie Holman was penalized for roughing Bratkowski on the play. Patrick, making his first appearance, then hit Pitts twice in succession but a holding rap voided his second success and, on fourth down, Kremser essayed a 53-yard field goal but it came to rest at the 10 and Cecil Turner returned it 12 yards before run to earth by Ken Bowman. The scoring drought came to an abrupt and surprising end late in the third quarter with the Packers inadvertent cooperation. Patrick, being pursued with uncommon diligence by the Bears, stepped out of the end zone at 12:37 of the period for an automatic safety. It was an unhappy turn of events, considering the Packers apparently had been spared embarrassment when the Bears were found holding after Willie Holman had felled Patrick for an 11-yard loss at the Packer 1 on third down. The Pack had been placed in jeopardy minutes earlier by an inartistic Bobby Joe Green punt which, benefiting from a long, erratic role, bounced out at the Green Bay 11. It was a 69-yard effort, if such it can be termed, overall. Earlier in the quarter, the Bruins' Mac Percival had been low with a 49-yard field goal attempt. The Packers only major thrust of the period was nullified. Patrick, forced to run, charged 17 yards to the Packer 48, knocking ex-Packen Bob Jeter groggy in the process, but the effort was nullified by a holding penalty on Francis Peay.



Referee's Signal Tells The Story, Packers Lose On A Safety

CHICAGO	-	0	0	2	0	-	2
GREEN BAY	-	0	0	0	0	-	0

	CHICAGO	GREEN BAY
First downs	6	12
Rush-yards-TDs	25-66-0	27-98-0
Comp-Att-Yd-TD-INT	22-6-36-0-2	32-10-114-0-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	52	40
Net Passing Yards	-16	74
Total yards	50	172
Fumbles-lost	2	3
Turnovers	4	3
Yards Penalized	10-110	7-90

SCORING

3rd - CHI - Safety, Frank Patrick stepped out of end zone CHI 2-0

RUSHING

GREEN BAY - Travis Williams 9-29, John Brockington 7-25, Donny Anderson 7-25, Dave Hampton 4-19

CHICAGO - Bobby Douglass 5-22, Joe Moore 6-19, Henry Dyer 3-12, Willie Lewis 1-9, Dennis Ferris 7-3, Bob Wallace 1-1, James Harrison 2-0

PASSING

GREEN BAY - Zeke Bratkowski 10-3-48, Frank Patrick 22-7-66

CHICAGO - Jack Concannon 3-1-10, Bobby Douglass 19-5-26 2 INT

RECEIVING

GREEN BAY - Carroll Dale 5-66, John Spilis 3-34, Donny Anderson 3-14, Dave Hampton 2-4, Perry Williams 1-5, Jim Grabowski 1-(-1)

DETROIT - Larry Walton 4-40, Earl McCullouch 1-40, Charlie Sanders 1-13 1 TD, Steve Owens 1-2

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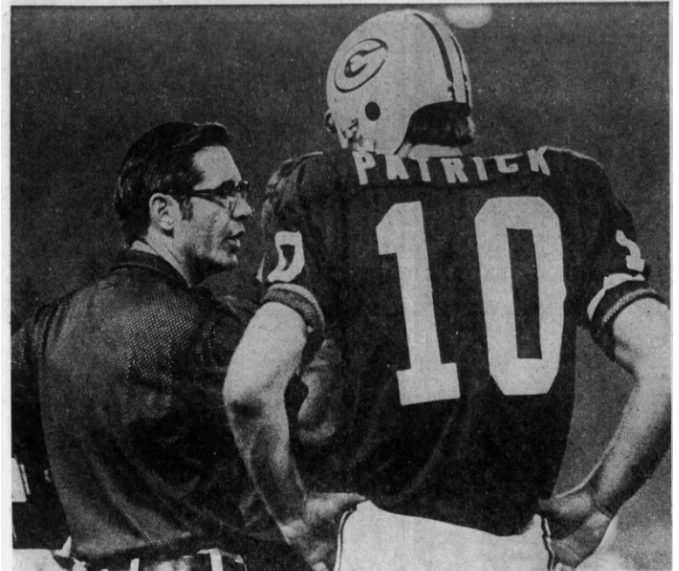
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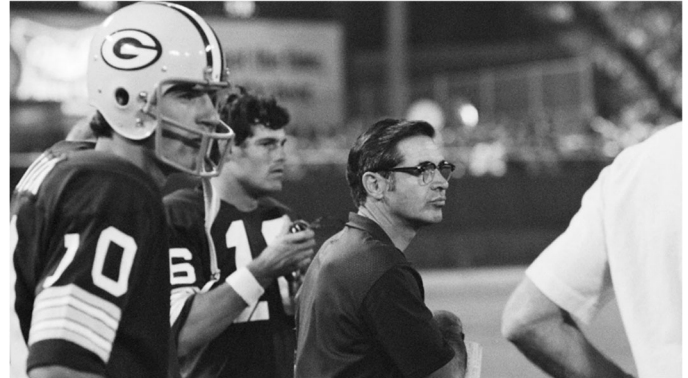
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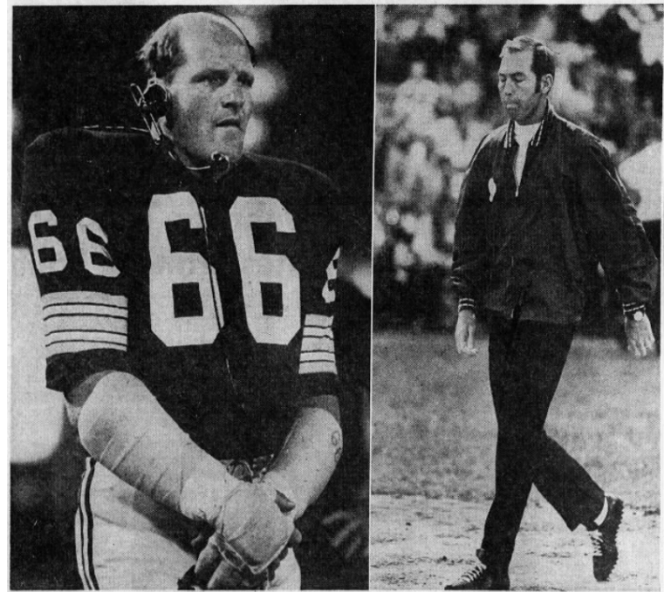
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have some problems on offense and we did. The loss of Bart Starr probably took some of the lustre away from the offense. But I thought Zeke Bratkowski was coordinating the offense quite well. And, of course, it normally takes a little longer to get it together than it does the offense. I don't think we're going to have a real high powered offense, but if we can keep our defense together, we'll probably come out with some ball games we wouldn't win."...BRAT FELT GOOD: Fellow safety Doug Hart, sheepishly commenting on his near-interception, declared, "That's a terrible thing...you're supposed to catch the ball. I could see scoring a touchdown right then. I saw all that grass ahead - and that's all I saw." Zeke Bratkowski, who did not return after being flattened by a Bear rush late in the first half, shrugged off his early exit. "I felt real good," he said. "I told the coaches I could go back in. I just had a slight headache. It was just a momentary thing - I was just stunned for a minute...CHECK FILM: "Overall, I felt good all the while I was in there. I felt I was throwing on rhythm...Now I'm going to have to evaluate the film and get the coaches' evaluation. Our timing was off, of course. It's not just the quarterback's, it's the whole passing game's timing. But that will come." Inevitably, his thoughts turned to the brilliance of the defensive unit. "This should have done something for the defense," he said. "They played a great game - their performance was super."



Quarterback Jack Concannon of Bears being tackled for six-yard loss in first quarter of exhibition game last night in Milwaukee. [UPI Telephoto]

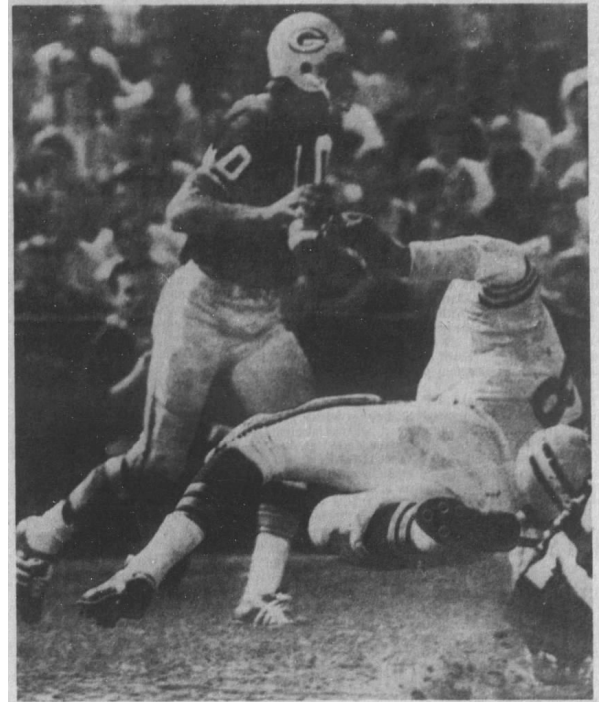
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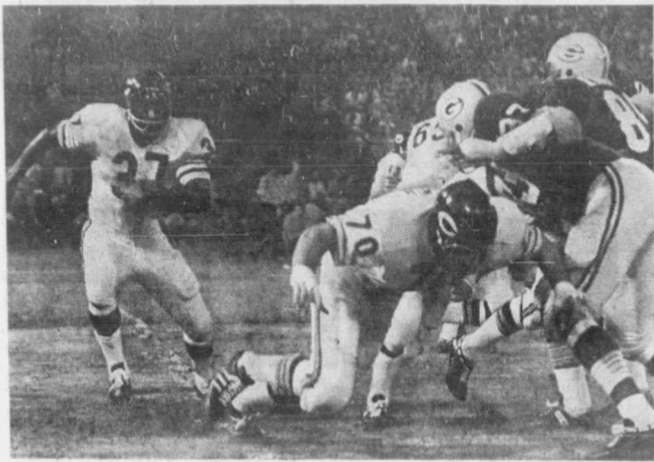
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Bear Tackle Jeff Curchin [70] throwing block into Green Bay defender to clear way for short gain by Henry Dyer [37] in opening period.

(UPI Telephoto)

Alden Roche figured in the others. "It's got to be a coordinated effort, of course," said Aldridge, who personally smothered starter Concannon once and Douglass twice in addition to batting down a first quarter Concannon pass which he narrowly missed intercepting. "Douglass held the ball longer than usual, which gave us the extra second we needed to get at him. "That was because we had good coverage underneath by the linebackers and excellent coverage of the receivers, by the deep backs. That forces the quarterback to hold the ball a little longer. If you have good coverage, you can get to the passer, so a lot of credit has to go to our secondary (Ken Ellis, Al Matthews, Doug Hart and Willie Wood)."..."SAW GOOD SIGNS": "If we can stay that close to the Bears at this stage, we'll be all right," he predicted. "I think we'll be a respectable ball club." Wood, whose late interception staked the Packers to a final, unfruitful opportunity, also was encouraged. "I was a little apprehensive about how we would show, but I have to be honest, I saw some good signs," he said. "And I think any good sign is a plus because with a new coach and other changes,

this is a relatively new organization. I felt we were going to have some problems on offense and we did. The loss of Bart Starr probably took some of the lustre away from the offense. But I thought Zeke Bratkowski was coordinating the offense quite well. And, of course, it normally takes a little longer to get it together than it does the offense. I don't think we're going to have a real high powered offense, but if we can keep our defense together, we'll probably come out with some ball games we wouldn't win."...BRAT FELT GOOD: Fellow safety Doug Hart, sheepishly commenting on his near - interception, declared, "That's a terrible thing...you're supposed to catch the ball. I could see scoring a touchdown right then. I saw all that grass ahead - and that's all I saw." Zeke Bratkowski, who did not return after being flattened by a Bear rush late in the first half, shrugged off his early exit. "I felt real good," he said. "I told the coaches I could go back in. I just had a slight headache. It was just a momentary thing - I was just stunned for a minute...CHECK FILM: "Overall, I felt good all the while I was in there. I felt I was throwing on rhythm...Now I'm going to have to evaluate the film and get the coaches' evaluation. Our timing was off, of course. It's not just the quarterback's...it's the whole passing game's timing. But that will come. "Inevitably, his thoughts turned to the brilliance of the defensive unit. "This should have done something for the defense," he said. "They played a great game - their performance was super."

PACKER OFFENSE LACKING TIMING

AUG 9 (Oshkosh Northwestern) - Consistency, timing, and execution of fundamental skills, are three big things that can make a football team a winner. Saturday night at the Annual Shrine Football Game at Milwaukee County Stadium the Green Bay Packers were missing all three of these, but mostly the offense was lacking these three, in a 2-0 loss to the Bears. "Our timing was really off," noted Green Bay Coach Dan Devine. "You could really see it in the passing game. But you have to remember that Zeke has been away for two years and Frank Patrick is only a second year man." "Why heck," he continued. "Even the Bears' timing was off and they have two veterans at quarterback." The timing which for many years made Bart Starr the most accurate passer in the National Football League, with Green Bay, has yet to jell for his replacements. But according to one Packer receiver - John Spillis - it will come with time. "Learning to get your timing down is what the preseason is all about," the former Northern Illinois pass catcher, noted. "Learning to get together is just something you have to feel and it takes a lot of practice to achieve it. So far this year the quarterbacks and ends haven't had much of a chance to work together," he continued. "We have a lot of receivers and quarterbacks in camp, and no one has a chance to really work a lot with one another. But I think as the season goes on it will get better." It was evident that the offense left something to be desired for the game. The Packers connected on only 10 of 32 passes for only 114 yards, while Green Bay quarterback Frank Patrick was heavily harassed by a strong rush in the second half. In the final 30 minutes Patrick bit the dust four times for 40 yards in losses. "Our pass protection was not too bad in the first half," noted offensive line coach Rollie Dotsch. "But we have a lot to work on. We had four holding penalties and we were inconsistent, especially in the second half." "Several times we broke down on a play," he added. "Our offense has a long way to go," agreed an unhappy Spillis, who was the second leading pass catcher for the Bays with only two. "When you get shutout, you have to get better on offense." "I know our passing game wasn't real good," he continued, "and in the second half, we needed it." Spilis went on to note that although sometimes the incompletions were due to the quarterbacks and receivers reading the defenses differently, lack of timing between the players was the major cause of the passing breakdown, along with a strong second half rush by the Bear defenders. "Practice will make the difference," Spilis concluded.

DOOLEY: LORD, DEFENSE ON BEARS' SIDE

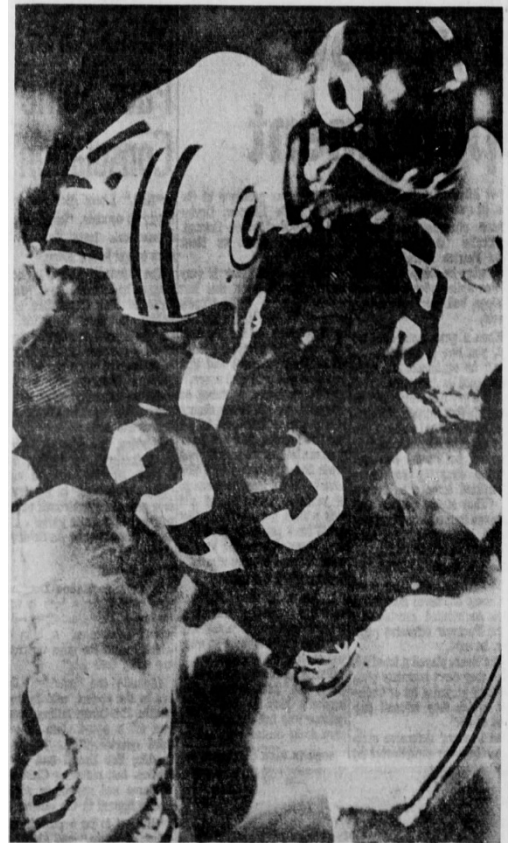
AUG 9 (Chicago Tribune) - "It seemed like we had two things going for us - the defense and the Lord." So said Coach Jim Dooley yesterday as he reflected upon the Bears' 2-0 victory over the Green Bay Packers Saturday night in Milwaukee. It was a battle of lackluster offenses and stalwart defenses decided by a third-period safety, and Dooley didn't try to pretend he was thrilled by the proceedings. He did, however, see a couple of bright spots. "You've got to like the way George Seals played," said the Bear coach. "He's in better condition than he's ever been this time of year, no question about it. It just shows what you can do when you come to camp ready to play. "Ed O'Bradovich was sharper than he's been in August in

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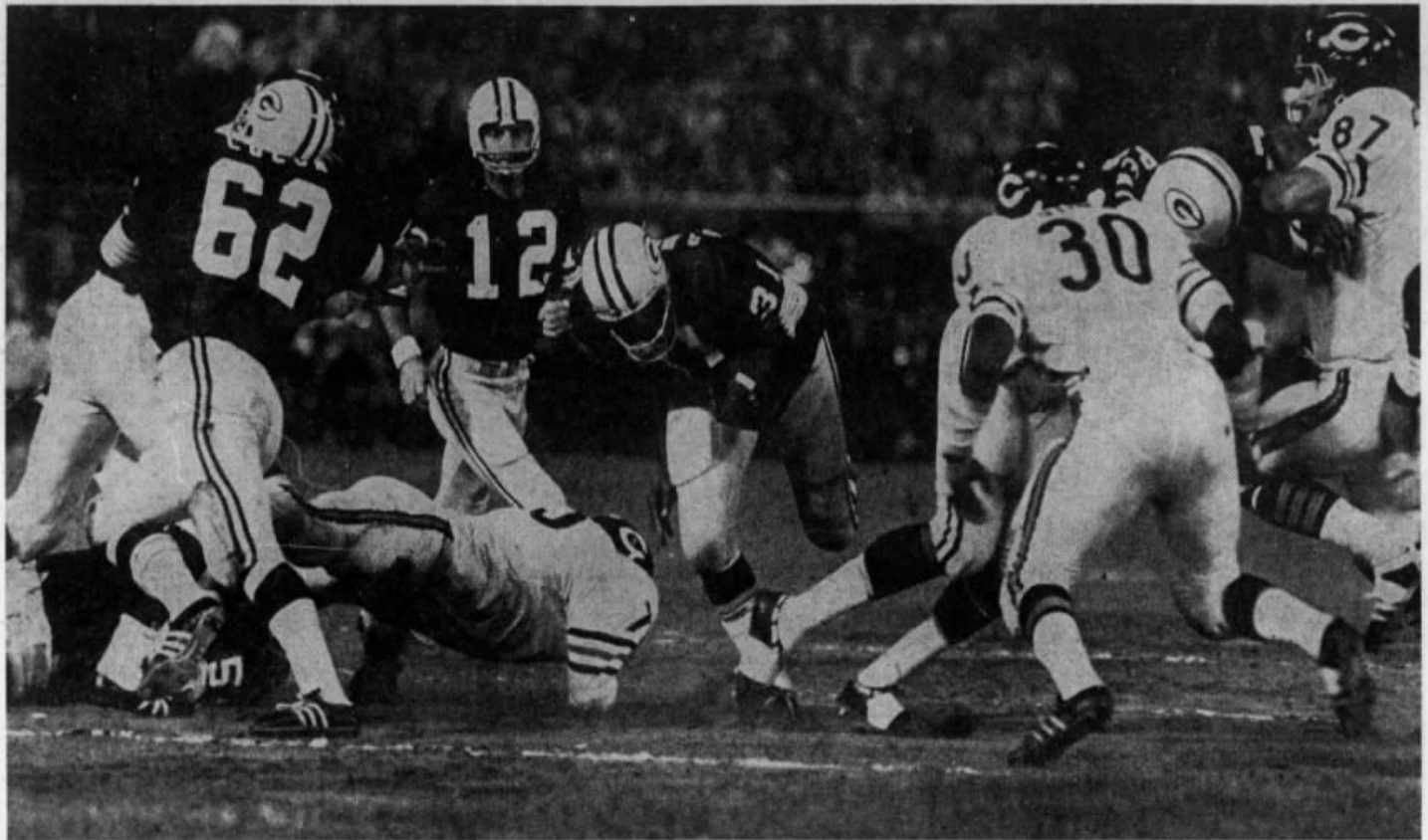
some years. He put the pressure on the Packer quarterback [Frank Patrick] there at the last when it counted." It wasn't necessary for Dooley to mention Willie Holman and Dave Hale, the other veteran members of the defensive line operating without Bill Staley. "They were doing such a fine job up front we were able to use 10 different defensive backs and still keep things under control in the secondary. We wanted to take a look at a lot of new men back there. We made certain that three of the four deep men on the field at all times were veterans. I don't think it's reasonable to ask the defense to operate with two rookies at the same time." As to the incredible lack of offensive production, Dooley trotted out an old coaching cliché. "I'll have to wait until I see the films," he said, "before I know whether Bobby [Douglass] was releasing the ball too slowly or whether the offensive line was breaking down. I have a feeling it was a combination of both factors, plus having rookie backs on the field who weren't available as safety valve receivers because they weren't sure of their patterns. One thing is for sure: You can't have your quarterback sacked 10 times and sustain any kind of offense. In the average football game you have 13 offensive series. That's exactly the number we had Saturday night. When your quarterback gets nailed 10 times and you throw in a few holding penalties, you're going nowhere." Dooley declared he was not concerned about the Bear passing game despite its ineffectiveness against the Packers. "We feel certain the passing is going to be all right," the coach said. "Our main concern is the rushing. We're not getting it yet, but of course we used a lot of new fellows." Dooley's summation of his rookie running backs: "I thought Joe Moore looked like he was going to break a couple of big ones. Henry Dyer and Willie Lewis were hitting the slant play pretty hard. Dennis Ferris? We didn't really get a chance to get a good look at him, and Jim Harrison - well, he needs a good game. He's a long strider. He needs to pull his knees up higher and shorten his stride. And, as I said, most of all he needs one good game to give him confidence." Dooley said he was uncertain of the status of Quarterback Jack Concannon, who limped off the field in the first quarter with a pulled hamstring. "He had been having trouble all week in training camp," Dooley revealed. "He aggravated the condition. We'll have to wait and see whether he can play in Baltimore next Saturday."

DEVINE BEGINS HASTY SEARCH FOR A TACKLE

AUG 10 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - On the surface, it was business as usual. And there could be little doubt, from his purposeful, steely-eyed manner, that Coach Dan Devine is determined to mold a winner in Green Bay - on his own terms. But, he admitted, Francis Peay's sudden departure Monday had left his Packers "in a real bind at offensive tackle." He was hardly overstating the case. Bill Hayhoe, a 6-foot, 8-inch, 270-pound third lineman who has been understudying Dick Himes on the right side, is the only tackle available with experience and his is somewhat limited. Hayhoe, Devine said, will move in at Peay's former stand, leaving Pat Houlton, a rookie from St. Norbert College whose primary background has been on defense, as the only current reserve at both offensive tackle positions. "We've put a lot of thinking into it all afternoon," Devine said, "and there are a couple possibilities. A trade is one, or maybe moving somebody over there from the defense...But right now we'll go with what we've got." Peay, just 27, presumably would be interested in continuing his career elsewhere and, a No. 1 draft choice of the New York Giants in 1966, should prove attractive to a number of teams in the trade mart. If a transfer is made from the defensive line, Devine said, "Kevin Hunt is the logical guy." Hunt, 6-foot-4 and 256 pounds, is a rookie from Doane, Neb., College. Commenting on Hayhoe's precipitate promotion, Devine noted, "Bill is working hard and has a great attitude." He conceded, however, "At this time, Peay's departure is an unfortunate happening."...LEARNED LOT: Aside from this unexpected interruption, however, Monday's accent was emphatically upon readying for Saturday night's Bishop's Charities match with the Pittsburgh Steelers in Lambeau Field. Devine, who observed, "We learned a lot from playing the Bears," began to zero in on the deficiencies exhibited in that 2-0 initiation over the weekend. Indicating he will continue to experiment in a quest for further knowledge, the Packer major-domo said that quarterback Scott Hunter, for one, will get a close look. The University of Alabama alumnus was scheduled to debut against the Bears but Devine felt game circumstances required a longer appraisal of elongated Frank Patrick, who shared the quarterbacking assignment with veteran Zeke Bratkowski. The Packer leader also said a more extensive appearance is planned for rookie running back John Brockington, the Pack's No. 1 draftee. "We're going to look at Brockington more Saturday night," he said, emphasizing, "This is not a demotion for Perry Williams." Williams, a three-year veteran, was the starting fullback against the Bears. Devine appended, "We're going to also look at some more wide receivers." This presumably means rookies Dave Davis and Joe Scales (Tennessee A. & I.), Jim Johnson (Bishop's College) and Pat Matthews (University of the Pacific) will receive exposure against the Steelers. Zest previously had been added to the competition at running back with the transfer of Virgil Robinson, No. 2 choice in this year's draft, from the secondary to



Watch the Mask—A Chicago Bear comes close to grabbing the face mask of Packer running back Dave Hampton while wrestling him to the ground during Saturday night's Shrine Game. (P-G Photo by Russ Kriwanek)



Francis Peay's block of Jimmy Gunn (30) opens a hole for Perry Williams during Saturday's game with Bears.

—State Journal Photo by J. D. Patrick

offensive back...**POSSIBLE TRADE:** The move puts Robinson in contention with a talented troupe - Donny Anderson, Dave Hampton, Larry Krause and Elijah Pitts and, numerically speaking, with veterans Perry Williams and Jim Grabowski and rookies Brockington and John Lanier. It was not entirely unexpected, since Robinson was a running back and flanker throughout his collegiate career at Grambling, where as a senior he rushed for 884 yards in 194 attempts. Additionally, with the arrival of fellow rookie Charlie Hall to back up Al Matthews and Ken Ellis, his presence at cornerback was no longer essential. Devine, touching upon a prime trouble spot, admitted there is "a possibility" of a trade to improve the kicking game. But, he was quick to add, "It gets back to the same thing as the quarterback situation - where are they?" Booth Lusteg was around here for three weeks looking for a tryout, and somebody finally picked him up on waivers...Nobody has two good ones and they're certainly not going to give up the one good one they've got." Saturday night's kicking woes, which saw two field goal attempts fall short and another voided by an errant pass from center, were "a combination of things," Devine said. "The whole kicking game, other than the punting, was rather average. Donny Anderson, I think, did a good job of punting." On an overall basis, he said, "The most encouraging thing to me was the way we approached the game...Our execution left quite a little to be desired. But there is no way you can execute properly when you haven't practiced a lot, and we haven't practiced enough." Discussing the subject of the third quarter safety which provided the Bears' victory margin, Devine said, "The film shows Patrick stepped over the end line...On a screen pass, you have only one receiver and you've got to hope he gets out there. There are several things you can do, of course, throw it over his head or throw it away, if he happens to get knocked out there (as was the case with intended receiver Jock Brockington against the Bears.). One thing that did come out of it is the fact that you've done it before. The fact that we have done it, and the opposition now has seen it, might make it easier for us to get out of there in the future. I like to feel we have a team that can screen from the end zone. It's about the best way to get field position in that situation." On another subject, he said. "Part of our problem with the passing game was protection, part of it was the patterns. Sometimes the patterns weren't very good, sometimes the passes weren't too good. Yet, looking over some of the other exhibitions around the league, the passing statistics in a lot of other games were no better or not as good. Baltimore, I think, had 16 incompletions in a row, although you'd have to check that." "Not," Devine added with a dry chuckle, "that that helps us any." Whatever the case, he had no fault to find with the attitude of his squad. "I think the morale is good," he said. "And, as far as I'm concerned, I feel nothing personally over losing. I have no feeling about it because it was my first game with the Packers. I have absolutely no feelings about it. I don't ever like to lose, but any personal feelings I had are what I would have about any game. I've never been through a pre-season, before, so I'm trying not to have any mountains or valleys, but stay on a level."...**PACKER PATTERN:** Devine kept his placekickers "after school" Monday morning. Dale Livingston, Karl Kremser and taxi squad specialist Tim Webster stayed out after practice ended for a special session with holders Zeke Bratkowski, Frank Patrick, Scott Hunter and Donny Anderson. Anderson was not scheduled to take part, but he volunteered...Devine withheld center Ken Bowman, who injured a knee in Saturday night's game, and guard Gale Gillingham, troubled with a sprained ankle, from the workout. He said,

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however, "Both should be ready for the weekend."...Rookie running back John Lanier also twisted a knee and watched the latter portion of the practice from the sidelines...On the plus side, Larry Krause was running freely for the first time since spraining an ankle the first day of training camp. "It feels good...finally," Krause said with fervor...Today was the last day on the job for Dan Devine Jr., known to his intimates as Tiger. An equipment aide since training camp opened, he is leaving for Columbia, Mo., and football practice at Hickman High School, where he will be a senior and a starting guard-linebacker this fall. His departure triggered some unscheduled hilarity at the Packer training table Monday night, where he was "requested" to join the rookies in singing for their supper. Tiger eventually responded by attempting the University of Missouri fight song...He had difficulty recalling the lyrics, however, and was joined, in succession, by Missouri alumni George Fountain and Curt Jones, both rookies, without much greater success. Forming an impromptu trio, they finally settled on a rendition of "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands," in which the team joined with both vigor and volume.

WHERE AND WHY DID FRANCIS GO?

AUG 10 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – What lay behind Francis Peay's abrupt departure? Baffled railbirds today pondered the question, largely unanswered in the wake of the veteran offensive tackle's hasty exit from the Packer premises Monday morning. They were unanimously agreed the known facts appear insufficient to have prompted such a dramatic and explosive reaction...Criticized by an assistant coach for not exhibiting what was judged to be proper enthusiasm during the grass drills, he threw his helmet to the ground. Told by another coaching aide that he had just incurred a fine for so doing, Peay immediately left the field, went to the dressing room, cleaned out his locker and left. Whatever may have been involved, Coach Dan Devine indicated that, as far as he is concerned, Peay's separation from the team is "permanent" and that he considers the incident closed. Ironically, the tall, articulate Pennsylvanian had been one of Devine's prize proteges at, the University of Missouri, where he had won All-America honors in 1965. He also was publicly exuberant last January when Devine agreed to become the Packers' head coach and general manager. Devine, who Monday said he was "extremely disappointed that Francis has decided to disassociate himself from the squad," had in turn expressed pleasure over his impending reunion with Peay. A further note of irony is to be found in Peay's comment following the Packers' first week of training camp. "Some of the guys remarked that practices are so well organized that you don't realize how much work you're doing. Yet, though Coach Devine works you hard, he also has a way of making it bearable for you." A personal explanation of the walkout was not available. Peay, acquired from the Giants in a 1968 trade which sent Steve Wright and Tommy Crutcher to New York, left Green Bay early Monday afternoon and could not be reached. His roommate at the Packers' St. Norbert College training base, Dave Hampton, said, "I assume he left for his home in St. Louis." A partial answer may have come from the player's mother, Mrs. Amy Peay, who lives in Pittsburgh. Admitting the news had been a distinct shock, she said by telephone, "There must be something more to it. There has to be, because Francis loves his game. "I do know that he has been very tense and at the breaking point ever since he lost his father last March. They were very close." In St. Louis, Peay's wife, Glenda, said Monday night that she had not heard from her husband, explaining, "I work during the day...But I feel he must have been pushed into doing it. He normally doesn't react in that way. That's not Francis Peay." Asked if anything had appeared to be troubling the former Giant bonus baby, she replied, "No, nothing that I know of." A clue here could be the word "pushed." Speculating on this point, a friend recalled Peay's evaluation of again playing for Devine in a recent Sport magazine article. He was quoted as saying, "I was glad when he decided to come to Green Bay. But I'm not sure I want to play for him. What if I've changed? I know he'll be successful here. He always has been. But the fear is there that he won't win and I'll feel responsible for it. I couldn't take that. Not the way I feel about Dan Devine." Affluence, a friend suggested, could be a subconscious factor in the 27-year-old lineman's departure. Signed in 1966 at the height of the pro football war, he reportedly received the largest bonus contract in the sport's history. An informed Washington source placed the figure at \$1,025,000, payable on an annual basis until retirement age. The theory, of course, is that Peay, with financial rewards presumably not a powerful lure, no longer found it possible to drive himself to the extent required, particularly in Devine's camp, which has to be as strenuous as any in Packer history. In the Sport article, which appeared in July, Peay had said, "There are three men whose examples have meant something to me as a person: John F. Kennedy, Ernie Davis and Dan Devine." Monday night, Devine also was highly complimentary to his former charge. "I have nothing but the highest regard for Francis," he said. "I want to make it perfectly clear that I have in no way lost any respect for him as a person...I could meet him in St. Louis next winter, I'm sure, and have a great time with him."

PEAY WALKS OUT - PACKERS DRAW A THIN LINE

AUG 10 (Green Bay) - The already weak Green Bay Packer offensive front wall had a gaping hole blown in it Monday when left tackle Francis Peay walked out of training camp during a grass drill. Peay was reported to have had words with an unidentified assistant coach who accused him of failing to work hard enough in the drill. A second coach told Peay he was fined, and Peay went back to the clubhouse, cleaned out his locker, and left. Peay had not signed a 1971 contract, according to Pat Peppler, Packer director of player personnel. But Peppler said he didn't think Peay left in a contract dispute. "We offered him what we thought was a real good contract," Peppler commented. The Packers offered no other reason why Peay left camp. "I'm extremely disappointed that Francis has chosen to disassociate himself from the squad," said Coach Dan Devine, who coached Peay while both were at Missouri. "I'm sure that he did what he felt he had to do," Devine said. "However, his departure leaves us in a real bind at offensive tackle." It was particularly unexpected because Peay was among the happiest of the Packers at the prospect of playing for Devine. Peay's departure leaves the Packers with only two

experienced tackles in camp - right tackle Dick Himes and his reserve, third-year man Bill Hayhoe. Peay's backup was to have been Rich Moore, a No. 1 draft choice in 1969 and two-year regular at defensive tackle, who was switched to offense at the start of training camp. But Moore was traded to the New England Patriots last month for linebacker John Bramlett. Packer center Ken Bowman, who took another bump on his chronic shoulder injury against the Bears, and guard Gale Gillingham, who has a touchy ankle, should be ready for the Bishop's Charity's game Saturday night against Pittsburgh, said Devine. Nothing new was reported on wide receiver Jack Clancy, who missed Saturday night's Bear game because of a back injury. Reserve running back John Lanier reinjured a troublesome knee, but both Larry Krausse and Jim Grabowski, who were withheld from the Bear game, should be ready for the Steelers. Devine said he saw both good play and poor play in the game films. He said the execution left something to be desired - but "execution can only be learned by practice." Virgil Robinson, the Packers' No. 2 draft choice from Grambling, was moved to running back. He had been given a trial at defensive cornerback. The move leaves the Packers with eight first line running backs, including their top two draft picks. "Everybody's looking around at this time," Peppler said about possible trades. "But as far as anything specific is concerned, we don't have anything."

PACKERS CUT PAIR

AUG 11 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Green Bay Packers today released free agents Pat Matthews and Joe Scales, thereby reducing the roster to 59. Matthews, a 5-foot-10, 190-pound running back-wide receiver, attended College of the Pacific while Scales, a 6-1, 202-pound wide receiver, hales from Tennessee A & I.

HUNTER SUPREMELY CONFIDENT

AUG 11 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The average Packer rookie, ever conscious of cutdown deadlines, is the soul of caution in assessing his chances of cracking the final 40-man roster. But Scott Hunter, the exuberant picture of confidence, is a notable exception. Although a sixth round choice in last January's draft, a low estate for a premium quarterback, he is the walking epitome of the positive approach. His reaction to announcement by Coach Dan Devine that he will receive his first formal test in Saturday night's Bishop's Charities Game against Pittsburgh eloquently sums up his outlook. "I was ready last week," said the former University of Alabama field general, flashing a broad smile. "I'm ready...I'm anxious, anxious, anxious." Supremely confident about his Packer future, he concedes, "I think it's going to take a little work...but I feel I have the talent to make it." In a three-way struggle with Frank Patrick and Gary Lane for the two berths behind veteran Zeke Bratkowski, he succinctly observes, "Competition breeds champs. I'm battling Frank for a job. This should make Frank better and make me better. That's football."...MAN WITH MISSION: Hunter, a man with a mission in the wake of his draft status, says he is fully recovered from the shoulder injury which troubled him during his final season with Bear Bryant's Crimson Tide, for whom he broke several of Joe Namath's career passing records. "It hasn't bothered me in the least," he said, explaining, "I had the collar bone knocked slightly out of place. It's not serious with anybody else but, if you're a passer, it stays sore all season. If I could have taken three weeks off, it would have healed quickly, but Coach Bryant had to use me. I know it sabotaged me in the draft - I was lucky to get drafted sixth. But I'm going to show some of those people who blacklisted me...I'm going to ram it right down their throats. I'm tickled to death with the way I'm throwing the ball," says Scott, who compiled a glittering 56.8 efficiency record at Alabama, completing 372 of 672 passes for 4,899 yards and 27 touchdowns during a three-year career. "I've come off the injury real well. Last year I had to worry about following through. This year, I just drop back and, zip. The Coaches' All-American game at Lubbock in June was the turning point. I wanted to see what I could do with the shoulder, and it felt good..."ARM TRANSPLANT?": "I can throw the ball 60 yards without any strain. In fact, I threw one 65 yards in that game. The intended receiver was Wes Chesson, a guy who played with me in the Senior Bowl game. I actually let up on the pass and it went over his head. When he came back to the huddle, he said, 'I didn't think you could throw that far. What did you do, get an arm transplant?'" Hunter also attracted attention in that contest for another reason - a "sideline" discussion over strategy with Coach Charlie McClendon that was caught by the television cameras. Devine since has alluded to the episode, dryly asserting, "I understand Scott did a little coaching in that Coaches' All-American Game. We intend to restrict his career here to playing." "I got some bad publicity out of it," Scott admits, adding with a wink, "although I don't feel any publicity is bad." "But I was just giving the coach an alternative. I don't feel that I was trying to coach the team." Smiling again, the wavy-haired quarterback noted, "It's just one of those things that happen in the heat of battle."

RAIN, PEAY KEEPING PACK 'ON THE MOVE'

AUG 11 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packers were on the move Tuesday, courtesy of the weatherman and Francis Peay. They spent the greater portion of the morning's practice scurrying to and from their buses, parked just outside the South Oneida Street fields, when thunder and lightning indicated discretion might be in order. Coach Dan Devine finally "conceded" when yet another heavy shower struck soon after their second return to the turf, a development which curtailed the workout by 15 minutes. Also abbreviated in the noisy process was the adaptation of three transfers to new assignments in the offensive line, occasioned by Peay's precipitate departure Monday. The inveterate itinerant, Phil Vandersea, was moved from center to tackle - his seventh Packer position - and rookie Kevin Hunt from defensive tackle to offensive tackle. To compensate for the "loss" of Vandersea, linebacker Cleo Walker was shifted to center behind Ken Bowman and Cal Withrow. Devine, who made the announcement at a post-practice press conference, indicated the necessity for these latest maneuvers had not detracted from his sense of humor. Asked where Vandersea and Hunt had been assigned, he said, "Just a minute...I went to bed at quarter to two this morning," he chuckled, "and something might have happened after that." Poking his head into the adjacent coaches' quarters to check with offensive line coach Rollie Dotsch, he shortly emerged to report, "Hunt worked strictly at right tackle, Vandersea at left." "Of course," Devine added, "it's still too early to make any comment on their progress." The changes will not affect the starting lineup for Saturday night's Bishop's Charities Game

Peay Not in Hiding: 'I Just Came Home To Think'

with the Pittsburgh Steelers in Lambeau Field, he indicated. "I imagine Bill Hayhoe will start at left tackle (Peay's former station)," Devine said after due deliberation. "I don't see how we can move Dave Bradley over there with Gillie (Gale Gillingham) still troubled with a sprained ankle." He wryly appended, in appreciation, "You can't keep that Gillie off the field, you know. The best thing in the world right now would be to keep him off the field. But the first thing, he's out there in the sled drill, pounding the sled." Vandersea, who came to the Packers from the University of Massachusetts as a fullback now has seen service at every position except guard, quarterback and flanker. The brawny blond was moved to linebacker during his first season, to tight end his second year and later to defensive end and defensive tackle before taking a fling at center this season. Walker, a second year performer, is no stranger to the center assignment, but thus far he has been used almost exclusively on long snaps – for punts, extra points and field goals. "This means we'll have to extend our workout tomorrow a little bit," Devine said, adding with a sardonic grin, "We were in and out of those buses like a yo-yo...The first time, the players went back out there on their own. I sent them in at the first flash of lightning, because that's pretty dangerous stuff...If something happened to one of those boys, you'd never forgive yourself the rest of your life. It's too bad, though, that we couldn't get the practice in because I thought we got off to an unusually zippy start. I was sorry to see that one end because it started so great." There had been, it was noted, "a lot of chatter." "Yes," Devine shot back with a smile, "and some of the chatter was even constructive." Later, looking ahead to the Steelers, he said, "Right now, I'd say Zeke Bratkowski is going to start, with the hope that we could look at everybody (fellow quarterbacks Frank Patrick, Gary Lane and Scott Hunter) if possible. We'll probably look at both kickers (Dale Livingston and Karl Kremser) again too...Otherwise, the guys who will play more this week are John Brockington and Charlie Hall. Hall probably will start at both the corner and safety. And Leon Harden probably will play for Willie Wood for awhile."

PEAY NOT IN HIDING: 'I JUST CAME HOME TO THINK'

AUG 11 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - "Some people have made it sound like I'm a fugitive...That's hardly the case. I'm not hiding from anybody - I just came home to think." It was Francis Peay, just off a long, tiring auto trip, speaking from his St. Louis home Tuesday afternoon. The tone was calm, even dispassionate. The towering offensive tackle, who had walked off the Packer practice field Monday in reaction to criticism from an assistant coach, said the incident had been precipitated by a "misunderstanding." "The anger in me is gone," he assured, but added he is uncertain about his football future at this point. "Where this leaves me and where it leaves the Packers I don't know...I really can't say right now." Officially, meanwhile, Peay remains on the Packers' active roster. But there was no direct indication from Coach Dan Devine that the 27-year-old Pennsylvanian would be welcomed back, should he decide to return. Devine did say, however, "Right now I'm more concerned about Francis than I am with the possibility of trading him to somebody because I feel there was more to what happened Monday than just the incident itself. I really honestly feel Francis was mad at himself and frustrated that he hadn't done better (presumably in Saturday night's 2-0 loss to the Chicago Bears). Actually, I think he hadn't done that badly. But he wanted to do better...STILL HUMAN "I think that gnawed at him a little bit...The game is still played by human beings, you know." Peay, intimating a lack of communication lay behind Monday's eruption said, "Actually, I should have been on the injury report Monday because I was hurt in the Bear game, but I wasn't on it, because of some breakdown in communication, I guess. I had a pinched nerve in my back and couldn't sleep. I had a lot of pain - in fact, I'm still having pain - and I couldn't sleep. I was taking empirin every three hours and I had a hard time getting out of my car Monday morning. So I just wasn't capable of doing the job. I could have gone at half speed but not a full speed. The story I get now is that the coaches didn't know I was hurt...There was a misunderstanding about the degree of my injury and the capacity to which I could perform, apparently. I was dragging my leg Monday morning, though, and I'm sure it was apparent. "A coach said something to me one time during the grass drills and I overlooked it. When he said something a second time, I erupted...I have such great respect for Coach Devine I didn't say anything. I was trying to think of Coach Devine and the team, so I just threw my helmet...SAID NOTHING: "Maybe it would have been better if I had said something - it might have been just a brief incident, and been over and done with...I don't think I over-reacted. As a football player, you have to make quick decisions and I made a quick decision there...I didn't say a word, though, I didn't even grunt. That principle is very important to me because I was conscious of my mouth...I was very angry, that's true. After not saying anything, I only had two alternatives, and I certainly didn't want to get into anything physical, so I figured I exercised the best alternative. When I was told that would bring me a fine, I just took off my jersey and started walking. After the thing had gone that far, rather than be a whipping boy for the rest of the year, I felt I'd call it right there. When I went to that point, that makes me a man. When I stood for something. I felt I should go all the way and be a man about it. As soon as I stepped off the field, I felt my career with the Packers was over, But I felt I wanted it clearly known that I was right. This was something I would have done 100 times in a 100...PAPER WRONG: "I can go along with criticism and having what I've done wrong pointed out to me, but Coach Devine told us early in training camp that we could argue with him if we were right, and I knew I was right." Although he said he holds no grievance against any member of the coaching staff, the former University of Missouri All-American said he had been taken aback by alleged details which have appeared in certain of the public prints. "I intended not to say anything about the matter," he said. "But I read something in a Milwaukee paper yesterday that was entirely incorrect. It said that two coaches were involved and that ticked me off, because it wasn't true...NO POPOFF: "I don't mind talking about it but I don't want to have it sound like I'm an idiot, a fool or a crybaby. The story said I made a remark to the coach, which also isn't true. I didn't say one word and there was only one coach involved." "I admit I was damn mad," Peay conceded. "And I would do it again, because I was right. It's time to die when you're right...But I originally felt the less said,

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the better. At the same time, I want the people, the fans, to be fair with me. I wasn't trying to be a popoff and hurt the team. I was just standing up for what I thought was right." Peay, a six-year veteran acquired from the New York Giants in a 1968 trade, said his departure from the city had been less precipitate than his exit from the practice field. "I took my time leaving town," he said. "I went to the bank, had my car washed and went to see Dr. Brusky (Dr. E.S. Brusky, team physician) after I cleaned out my locker. Then I had an early supper and left for St. Louis about 4:30 in the afternoon." In reflection, Peay confided, "There is one thing I feel very bad about. I don't feel anybody did anything wrong to me. I don't hold any malice toward any individual and I hope none of the ballplayers holds any grudge for me against any coaches...WRONG TIME: "And I don't want the coach who was involved to think there was anything personal involved on my part. He picked the wrong time to criticize me under the circumstances. That doesn't mean he can't criticize me again if I should return to Green Bay. If I'm dogging it in a drill or doing something wrong, that doesn't mean he couldn't criticize me." Peay, reporting he did not reach St. Louis until 10:30 Tuesday morning, said he had not yet had a good opportunity to think about the future. "I was able to sleep until noon and I thought I'd read, but the phone has been jumping off the hook all afternoon. I had five calls from New York alone and some of the people calling me thought that I had slugged a coach. It's been blown all out of proportion." Peay did say, however, that he has taken one step. "I have already contacted my attorney and asked him to begin looking into my retirement benefits, if it should come to that...NO COMPROMISE: "I would like to play, but not as a compromise. I wouldn't compromise my principles...I can't say right now whether I would come back to Green Bay or not. For one thing, I don't know how the other fellows would take it. That's part of the decision I have to make — how my teammates would accept it. I wouldn't want to have it said that I was taken back because I'd played under Coach Devine at Missouri wouldn't be able to take that. I really don't know where this leaves me. Maybe it makes me a disciplinary problem, I don't know I don't know, either, if the Packers will want to trade me or if they would want me to come back. Either way It works out, I hope

it works out for the best. If not, I'll have to retire, I suppose...That will have to happen some time, anyway. If I'd torn up my leg Monday, instead of what did happen, I'd probably have to retire anyway. Right now, I'm not going anywhere," Peay said with finality. "I'm not going to leave St. Louis until I'm completely well. I'm not stepping on anybody's football field until the injury is completely healed. I won't begin to ponder my future at all, in fact, until my head completely clears."

RETURN OF PEAY IS TEAM PROJECT

AUG 12 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) — Francis Peay's imminent return to the Packers was a team project, it appears. Of this there seems little doubt, based upon details of Wednesday night's announcement the six-year offensive tackle will rejoin the squad, probably by Friday. Indications the players took a substantial hand in the matter are to be found in the statements released by both Coach Dan Devine and Peay in connection with the official report that he would return...SQUAD CONCERN: Peay, who walked off the field Monday in reaction to criticism by an assistant coach, said from his St. Louis home, "I particularly want to thank the coaches and people like Gary Lane, Dave Hampton and Bart Starr, who made a personal effort in my behalf." Devine, meanwhile, noted in a companion statement, "His leaving as well as his return is a matter of squad concern and, as far as I'm concerned, the matter is closed." "Squad concern" is the key phrase here. The matter of Peay's return presumably was put to the team after a Wednesday telephone conversation between coach and player, and the vote apparently was unanimously in favor of welcoming the former University of Missouri All-American back to the squad...PROMPTED PEAY: The convalescing Starr, who attempted to persuade Peay to reconsider before he left the city, said, "I'm sure that it was a team thing. I know everybody wanted him back." The players' response prompted Peay, in turn, to say, "I'm overwhelmed by the understanding of my teammates and the entire coaching staff toward me as an individual. Their depth of understanding is appreciated, and I am appreciative of the opportunity to return. I feel at home in Green Bay and I'm also deeply appreciative of the efforts of everyone concerned." Lane, a teammate of the Packer tackle during their college days at the University of Missouri, contacted Peay by telephone Tuesday night and urged him to return, after which official communications presumably were reopened...LOCATED PEAY: Starr, who has been visiting the practice field although recovering from shoulder surgery, said he had located Peay at the Packers' St. Norbert College dormitory shortly before Peay's departure for his St. Louis home and attempted to persuade him to stay. "I think a great deal of Francis," Starr said. "I think he's a fine man, and a very fine performer. I always remember Francis as he came here (in 1968) as an established performer, a starter with the Giants. He didn't start with us. Francis began his role here on the specialty teams and the pace he set for those other fellows on the specialty teams was incredible. He was in on everything. I respected him a great deal for it because I've seen people who were relegated to that kind of duty who thought it was beneath their dignity...LIKE HIM: "Basically, I just like him. That's why I went out to see him. I told him I think he is a fine performer and can make a great contribution to the team, and I wanted him to know that." Peay reportedly will undergo treatment for a nasal condition before rejoining the team. Troubled by an allergy, he twice has had sinus surgery within the

last year. In announcing the five-year veteran's return, Devine said, "I want to clarify the misunderstanding that there was an argument. At no time did Francis engage in an argument with anyone." The day of Peay's walkout, Devine had said he considered the veteran tackle's departure "permanent." But, though a strong disciplinarian, he is above all, human. He subsequently modified his stand Tuesday upon learning Peay's explanation of his explosive reaction and other related circumstances...**PHYSICAL CONDITION:** The 27-year-old veteran, who had played under Devine at Missouri, attributed his eruption to a "misunderstanding" about his physical condition. "I felt a reaction to a shot I got after the Bear game Saturday night," he said, "I think the needle hit a nerve in my seat, actually. I couldn't sit or stand comfortably on the bus back to Green Bay after the game, and when I woke up Sunday I couldn't get out of bed. I was feeling pretty bad Monday and the doctors told me to do what I felt I could. thought that would be communicated to the trainer, but maybe it wasn't. I did my calisthenics, my cadence work, my agility work, and when I got to the grass drills I had a problem getting up and down. An assistant coach said something to me one time and I overlooked it. When he said something a second time, I erupted."

"STILL NOT OVER,' SAYS DAVIS AS ODDS DROP

AUG 12 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – "It's still not over," Dave Davis said with a significant smile. Although the congestion at wide receiver had been perceptibly eased by the Wednesday departures of Joe Scales and Pat Matthews, the deceptively frail flanker was being properly reserved about his Packer prospects. He is aware 59 players remain on the roster, which must ultimately be trimmed to 40, and six of these are wide receivers. Since Coach Dan Devine is expected to reduce this complement to four for the regular season, the basic mathematics are obvious to the rawboned rookie from Tennessee A.& I. At this pre-season point, however, Davis appears a good bet to stay. If so, he will join Carroll Dale and John Spilis, a third year performer from Northern Illinois who has been exhibiting the form which prompted the Packers to draft him No. 3 in 1969. They, of course, will be the starters...**WILL LOOK AT RECEIVERS:** On that basis, a three-way struggle is being waged by sophomore Mike Carter, rookie Jim Johnson and veteran Jack Clancy for the other berth, although Clancy is inactive at the moment. He is in St. Vincent Hospital for treatment of a back complaint. A partial resolution of the issue is likely to come in Saturday night's Bishop's Charities Game with Pittsburgh, Coach Dan Devine has intimated, with announcement he is planning to "look at some more wide receivers against the Steelers." Davis' appearances to date have been confined to scrimmages, in which he has been consistently impressive. His biggest moment came in the intra-squad game July 29 when he was the recipient of a 44-yard Frank Patrick bomb that ranked as the play of the night. Although he is adopting the cautious approach, Davis concedes he has not been unhappy with his performance. "I feel I've been doing pretty well," said Dave, a 6-foot, 177-pound athlete who can cover the 40 yards in a brisk 4.6 seconds...**JOHNSON'S LEG HURTING:** But, he repeated, he is making no assumptions. "We'll wait," Davis said, "until it's all over." Johnson, the only other rookie flanker remaining, flashed good promise early but has been slowed in recent weeks by a pulled hamstring muscle. "The leg's improved the last couple of days," he reported, "but I haven't been able to perform up to my potential...It gets a little sore standing around in practice between turns. It stiffens up on me, so I have to keep moving. As soon as it gets healed, things will look a whole lot better...I haven't been able to concentrate on catching the ball as much as I should because I've been concerned about aggravating the muscle pull. But this week it hasn't bothered me as much and I've been catching the ball a little better," although he said with a somewhat sheepish smile, "I've dropped a few that I should have caught."...**CARTER REALISTIC:** Like Davis, he is taking a wait-and-see attitude. "All I can do is go out there and do my best every day, and let destiny take its course," he said. Any hints from the coaches? Johnson, who is blessed with 4.5 speed in the 40, grinned and replied, "The coaches just keep telling me to get well." Carter, more imposing physically than the two freshmen, was active for three games a year ago when he was a somewhat distant, 15th round draft choice. A compact, 6-foot-1, 208-pounder who more closely resembles a running back than a wide receiver, Mike is realistic about his situation. "There are guys out there who are faster and quicker than I am," he admits, "but I know the plays and I know a little bit about what to do out there because of my year's experience. I think that's where my chances of making the club lie."...**PACKER PATTERN:** Devine has listed rookies John Brockington and Charlie Hall as starters against the Steelers. "This is not a demotion for Perry Williams," he said following Wednesday's practice. "We just want John to get as much work as he can. We'll probably start Hall in place of Al Matthews at the right corner. Al has a little rib bruise. He probably could play, but it might be better to rest him a week. We wanted to look at Charlie, anyway. Again, this is no demotion for Matthews, because he played a fine game against the Bears last week. But we're short of cornerbacks, so there's no point in taking any chances." Devine also said, "We'll see Larry Krause, too, Saturday night," and we're going to take a look at John Bramlett. Krause had been hobbled by a sprained ankle until early this week and Bramlett, of course, has been in camp only a week following his acquisition from the Patriots in the Rich Moore trade.

NEW BUT STILL MEAN

AUG 13 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The 'new and improved' Joe Greene, known the length and breadth of the National Football League by the somewhat inhibiting sobriquet of 'Mean Joe,' will be on exhibition in Pittsburgh Steelers silks at Lambeau Field Saturday night. This intelligence, which comes from an unusually reliable authority, is likely to be of small comfort to the Packers, who for two years have found the 'old Joe Greene sufficiently anti-social for their tastes. Particularly because all-pro Gale Gillingham, his scheduled Packer "opponent," presently is troubled with an ankle problem. But the Steelers find it hard to conceal their delight with Greene's about face. "Mean Joe is a completely different guy this year," says Joe Gordon, Pittsburgh's publicity director, who is in town to 'advance' the Bishop's Charities Game in behalf of the Steelers...**ONE OF REASONS:** "Last year, which was his second as a pro, he came under the influence of Roy Jefferson and he changed, after a fine rookie season. He'll deny it, but we are sure it was a factor...That was one of the reasons why we traded Jefferson to the Baltimore Colts because we were concerned about his influence on the younger players. Joe

was lackadaisical and half-hearted last season and he got pretty heavy, too. He was not nearly as mobile as he had been as a rookie. This year, the first time anybody saw him, he looked 50 pounds lighter. When he did check in, he weighed 265 pounds, down 25 from 290. And his attitude is so different," Gordon enthused. "For example, when we run the gassers (sprints), most players take off their jerseys and pads. They try to get off as much equipment as possible. But Joe runs 'em in helmet and full gear. Our defensive line coach, Walt Hackett, died during the off-season and we were concerned about how Joe would react to a new coach, particularly because he and Walt had had a great rapport, plus the fact that we had a new man from the college ranks coming in to take his place. But he has been extremely cooperative with the new man, Dan Radakovich...ESTABLISHED HIMSELF: "He also has more or less established himself as a leader. He used to just do his job and that was about it...He says, 'Winning's what this is all about...It means money for me and everybody else.'" "As a matter of fact, Mean Joe has just been super," Gordon said. "Like last year, he used to get frustrated and sulk when he was double teamed. This year, he's more philosophical about it. Pride and frustration were at the bottom of his troubles last year – frustration with himself and frustration with losing. He was chosen for the Pro Bowl but he knew in his heart he didn't deserve it and, as a result, he didn't play well in the Pro Bowl game. Now he wants to be the best - he now realizes saying you are the best isn't enough. You have to go out and do it. And, physically, he's as quick as ever. It seems he can't wait until the bell rings." For Joe, the NFL's Defensive Rookie of the Year in 1969, that will be Saturday night because the Steelers, late starters by comparison to most of their NFL rivals, will be playing their first game. Gordon, who finds it easy to rhapsodize about Mean Joe, says, "He's 6-foot-4 and 265 pounds, has tremendous speed and quickness, plus which he's powerful. He can finesse a guy or overrun him. He really has the potential to be a superstar. In our scrimmages, he's been just unbelievable. He's like his arms are 20 feet long. Everybody is anticipating his having a fabulous year...And he's had two good ones already."

PACKERS MUST QUIET STEELER TITLE TALK SATURDAY NIGHT

AUG 13 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - By nature and training, Chuck Noll is a thorough going conservative. A protege of

Packers Must Quiet Steeler Title Talk Saturday Night

Paul Brown, long noted for his simplistic but successful style, he is seldom heard to raise his voice on the practice field. But Pittsburgh's youthful head coach, now in the third season of a massive renovation project, is unusually vocal and uncharacteristically optimistic about his 1971 Steelers, who oppose the Packers in the 11th Bishop's Charities Game at Lambeau Field Saturday night...TEAM MATURING: He has, in

fact, made a positive and definitive appraisal of the Pennsylvanians' potential. "This," Noll has asserted, "is on the verge of being a very good team. It is capable of winning the championship of our division." The former University of Dayton athlete, once a "messenger" guard for the Cleveland Browns in the heyday of Otto Graham, bases his appraisal on the logical conviction his team is maturing. A year ago, 20 of the 40 players who closed out the 1970 season on the Steeler roster were first and second year performers. The assumption is, of course, that they have profited by the experience...MUST IMPROVE: "Talent-wise, we are good enough to win the championship," Noll says. "The question now is: Are we ready, are we mature enough...Basically, I feel we're ready if the quarterbacks (Terry Bradshaw, Terry Hanratty and Bob Leahy) are ready." A related concern is the Steelers' short passing game, which the 39-year-old Pittsburgh headmaster feels must be improved if his athletes are to prosper artistically. The Steelers already had evinced a capacity for the long ball, forging seven air touchdowns of 60 yards or longer last season, plus 85 and 72-yard sorties on the ground by running back John (Frenchy) Fuqua. But their short pass efforts left more than a little to be desired. As a team, they emerged with the lowest passing percentage in pro football last season, a slightly anemic 39.1 mark. Bradshaw, glamour boy of last year's draft, finished last and Hanratty, a second year field general, next to last among NFL passers who were ranked. Their lowly estate was attributed in part to their inexperience and in part to that of their wide receivers and starting tight end, all of whom were rookies...ACCENTED SHORT PASS: Noll, accordingly, has heavily accented the short pass in this year's training camp and the Packers are likely to see considerable concentration on this weapon in Saturday night's match. Offensively, Noll's only other concern is finding a big back who will produce consistently. Warren Bankston, a 6-foot-4, 230-pound third year performer from Tulane who has been injury-prone to date, has been both healthy and impressive this training camp. He also has been encouraged by the performance of Steve Davis, a 213-pound rookie runner from Delaware State. The Steeler leader feels his defense, anchored by Mean Joe Greene and all-American Football Conference linebacker Andy Russell, is sound. The only foreseeable change in a largely veteran unit could find Jack Ham, a brilliant rookie from Penn State, becoming a starter by mid-season. "It's not in Noll's nature to go out on a limb," a Steeler spokesman says, "but he definitely has...In the depths of his mind, he's thinking championship and, if he doesn't this year, he'll be very let down."...PACKER PATTERN: Cal Withrow, the former San Diego Charger, will start at center against the Steelers, Coach Dan Devine announced following Thursday's lengthy but spirited practice. Withrow will sit in for Ken Bowman, who suffered a knee injury in the pre-season opener against the Bears and is not expected to play. Guard Gale Gillingham, functioning on a sprained ankle, is likely to start but will see only limited service, Devine said...Commenting on the day's workout, which ran 20 minutes longer than normal, Devine noted, "We need it...we need to polish, polish, especially with the position changes." The reference was to the transfer of Phil Vandersea from center to tackle, rookie Kevin Hunt from defensive tackle to offensive tackle and sophomore Cleo Walker from linebacker to center. "There are so many different blocking assignments," he said. "That's why the offensive drills look so tacky." In this connection, Devine said, he was "pleased" with Walker's adaptation to center, a position at which he began the 1970 season ...He also had praise for rookie cornerback Charlie Hall, who will start at the right corner in place of the injured Al Matthews. Matthews, who has bruised ribs, was held out of contact

work...Two former Packers - defensive end Lloyd Voss and left cornerback John Rowser, will be in the Steelers' starting lineup...Rocky Bleier, the former Appleton Xavier and Notre Dame luminary, is termed doubtful because of a pulled hamstring.'...Ironically enough, Chuck Noll's coaching task has been complicated by the glittering practice performance of his No. 3 quarterback, Bob Leahy. A cab squad member last season, Leahy was little short of spectacular in the Steelers' intra-squad game, causing Noll to reappraise what he thought was a two-quarterback "problem."

STARR NOW FINISHED FOR SEASON?

AUG 14 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Green Bay Packers' hopes of a speedy recovery by Bart Starr dimmed Friday night when it was announced the veteran quarterback had undergone a second operation on his arm earlier in the day at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. A Packer official said this latest development will probably force Starr to miss the entire season. Starr, who led the Packers to five National Football League and six divisional titles during the 1960s, had surgery for a "biceps tendon repair" July 28 to correct soreness in his passing arm. A club spokesman said he was in satisfactory condition after a second operation Friday to correct a bleeding artery, a result of the initial surgery. Doctors had said after the first operation that Starr would be out about 12 weeks, or at least the first five games of the regular season. The 37-year-old Starr, a 16-year veteran, was expected to be hospitalized for several days after the latest surgery, but there was no word as to how long it might delay his return to action. Starr had been attending Packer workouts in street clothes after his discharge from the hospital earlier this month. He was at Friday morning's practice but left for Rochester about noon.

DEVINE, PACKERS SEEK EXPERIENCE, VICTORY TONIGHT

AUG 14 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - And the Devine Experiment continues...Project Two in this pre-season process, on more extensive terms than its director originally envisioned, unfolds tonight in Lambeau Field where the Packers encounter the Pittsburgh Steelers in the 11th annual Bishop's Charities Game, a sellout (56,263) for the tenth consecutive year. Winning is never secondary to Dan Devine, a classic competitor, but he has said from the training camp outset, "I'm more concerned with September 19 (date of the Packers' National Football League inaugural against the New York Giants) than I am with a good pre-season record." The Packer generalissimo is likely to "find out" about his team much more abruptly than he expected, however, because injuries have taken a heavy if temporary toll in the offensive line. Center Ken Bowman will be withheld because of a knee injury, all-pro guard Gale Gillingham, troubled with a sprained ankle, is scheduled to make only a token appearance, and there is "a very remote chance that Francis Peay will play," Devine said. Peay, who left the squad Monday because of what was described as a "misunderstanding," rejoined the Packers only Friday from his St. Louis home. "I'm not sure," Devine said, "that Francis would be in physical condition to play."...TOUGH TASK: These circumstances suggest the magnitude of the task which lies ahead of Cal Withrow, Bowman's stand-in at center, Dave Bradley, who will be filling in for Gillingham most of the way, and Bill Hayhoe, Peay's replacement, against a strong and skilled Steeler front four. The key matchups in tonight's contest (8 o'clock, WNFL) will find Bradley attempting to fend off Pittsburgh's Mean Joe Greene, one of the NFL's premier defensive tackles, and Hayhoe grappling with eight-year veteran Ben McGee, a two-time Pro Bowl selection. Chuck Hinton and Lloyd Voss, who will be confronting Bill Lueck and Dick Himes, also are able and experienced, which indicates the Packer front wall will be under heavy pressure to provide protection for starting quarterback Zeke Bratkowski and any of three possible understudies, Frank Patrick, Scott Hunter and Gary Lane. It may be that all four will see action, in line with Devine's pre-season policy, but he said he intends to "play it by ear." Chuck Noll, DD's opposite number, has announced he also will take a searching look at his three young quarterbacks, Terry Bradshaw, Terry Hanratty and Bob Leahy, a taxi squad graduate who has been something of a sensation in the Pittsburgh training camp. Devine said he expects the presence of Bradshaw and what he terms "a better corps of receivers than Chicago has" to give the Packer defense "a good test."...BETTER OFFENSE: "By the same token," he noted, "our offense should test their defense a little more than it has." Devine admitted, however, "They have a good defensive team - it's experienced and has good personnel. He added, by way of documentation, "I talked to Andy Russell (Steeler linebacker who played for Devine at the University of Missouri in the middle 1960s) last winter, before I took the Packer job and before I even had been contacted, and he felt they had started putting their team together. He was very enthusiastic." The Packer defense, of course, goes into combat with more than a modicum of enthusiasm itself, coming off a lustrous performance against the Bears. The front four, Clarence Williams, Bob Brown, acquired from the Patriots in the Rich Moore trade, is expected to make his Packer debut at left linebacker. Offensively, he noted, "We probably won't play Carroll Dale as much as we played him last week, so we can take a look at Dave Davis, Jim Johnson and Mike McCoy, Lionel Aldridge and Alden Roche, et al, felled Chicago quarterbacks for losses 11 times, with an assist from middle linebacker Jim Carter. And, technically speaking, they shut out the Midway Monsters, 2-0 victors in that crunching struggle. The Bears' points came on a third quarter safety, acquired when Patrick inadvertently stepped over the end line of the end zone...ONLY CHANGE: The only change in this curmudgeonly cast will find rookie Charlie Hall starting at right cornerback in behalf of Al Matthews, who has a bruised rib. Devine, who said there is "a remote possibility Matthews will play," announced he wants to give Leon Harden some secondary exposure and "play more linebackers." "Ray Nitschke will play," he said, pointing out, "He didn't play last week because he was injured." John (Bull) Bramlett, Mike Carter." Commenting on his team's state of artistic preparedness for tonight's assignment, Devine declared, "We're nowhere near ready like I'd like to be for a football game...But that's why we're practicing...SAME OLD HASH: "We need to improve everywhere, but

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S. Davis	LG	Lueck	McGee	RE	Aldridge				
Mansfield	C	Withrow	H. Davis	LLB	B. Brown				
Van Dyke	RG	Gillingham	Allen	MLB	Robinson				
J. Brown	RT	Himes	Russell	RLB	J. Carter				
Hughes	TE	Hilton	Rowser	LCB	Carr				
Bradshaw	QB	Bratkowski	Calland	RCB	Ellis				
Pearson	RB	Anderson	Beatty	LS	Hall				
Fuqua	RB	Brockington	Austin	RS	Hart				
					Wood				

more offensively than any place else because that's a matter of timing. And we also have given them a tremendous amount of stuff. A bad play looks like the same old hash warmed over, I realize, even though it isn't. That is, all bad plays look alike. Part of the situation is traceable to people being out and part of it to position changes. Cleo Walker's been at center only four days and Phil Vandersea at tackle four days." Center Ray Mansfield, who last year extended his NFL consecutive game string to 112, will lead the Steeler charge. He and such as Bruce Van Dyke and John Brown, who man the right side of the Pittsburgh line, will be fronting for Bradshaw, whose primary targets will be long ball artist Ron Shanklin and Dave Smith, who collaborated with Bradshaw on an 87-yard touchdown against the Packers in Pittsburgh last December. John (Frenchy) Fuqua, a walking fire hydrant at 5-10 and 205 and Preston Pearson will bear much of the rushing burden. Fuqua, a former New York Giant, forged the best rushing average in the NFL last year, 5.0 yards per try.

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AUG 28 (The Sporting News) - NAUMOFF BECOMES A VILLAIN: Paul Naumoff has yearned for notoriety and now he's got it in abundance. In New York, where it is a criminal act to touch Joe Namath on a football field, Naumoff is a villain. Naumoff jokingly has characterized himself as the Lions' "other linebacker" because of widespread attention given his unit mates, Wayne Walker and Mike Lucci. Now suddenly people are aware in New York, media capital of the universe, that there is a linebacker named Naumoff performing for Detroit. Some of the Jets and their captive media blamed Naumoff directly for Namath's knee injury. It is true that Naumoff is a highly aggressive player, but he's getting a bum rap. There was innuendo even in the Jets' official statement. They said their analysis of films and the injury itself showed it occurred when Namath was struck by Naumoff while on the ground after missing a tackle on Lucci, who was returning a fumble...LIONS ABSOLVE NAUMOFF: The Lions analyzed their own game films and felt there was no cheap shot by Naumoff, that it clearly was an accident. Naumoff himself is struck with remorse at the incident and is confused by the furor it provoked. "Joe didn't accuse me of any villainous act," said Naumoff, noting that Namath personally had absolved him. "I'm just trying to make a little money and enjoy what I'm doing. Joe didn't think it was a cheap shot and I didn't think it was a cheap shot. If they saw the films, they'd know it wasn't. "It's a shame anything like that had to happen. I wanted to see Joe come back and have a good year. I hope it's true he'll be back in November." At least two media representatives in New York accused Naumoff of throwing a spear block at Namath. "I don't even know what a spear block is," Naumoff said. Spearing in football parlance is diving into a fallen player helmet first...MINNESOTA...Brrrr! Even in August there is that icy wind blowing from Minnesota. Bud Grant was asked whether he was satisfied when the Vikings edged the Patriots by an unimpressive 17-10 tally...GRANT'S ICY REPLY: "Who won?" he replied. "We don't ever knock winning. All we want to do is win. All the rest - getting work for the veterans and playing a lot of younger people - makes good copy." The Vikings' front four is the most esteemed in football, but John Mazur, the Pats' coach, paid Carl Eller, Jim Marshall, Alan Page and Gary Larsen the supreme compliment. He refused to expose Jim Plunkett to these Purple muggers. "I didn't want to give those guys a shot at him," said Mazur. "They'd probably like nothing better than to nail him good a couple of times." So Plunkett didn't make his debut with the Pats till the Vikings had substitute linemen playing...CHICAGO...The Bears posted their 2-0 shutout of the Packers without Dick Butkus. His return has been retarded by an allergic reaction to the sutural material used to stitch up his knee when it was operated on. While the defense did not noticeably miss Butkus, the offense was a blank without Gale Sayers. Sayers, too, is being brought along gingerly after double knee surgery. Meanwhile, pass catching champ Dick Gordon sulks and guard Howard Mudd has been ruled out for the year with knee problems. "No hope of me signing a contract," said Gordon, who seems to be playing out his option every other year...OFFENSE NEEDS POLISH: GREEN BAY..."The Pack is Devine," says this year's edition of the green and gold bumper stickers around Green Bay. "Defense is something you can play with emotion," rationalized Dan Devine, the Packers' new coach. "Offense takes polishing and we'll polish for September 19, the league opener." The 2-0 loss to the Bears had to be frightening to Devine, who had so much success at Missouri. The safety occurred when Frank Patrick, one of those campaigning to be Bart Starr's replacement, stepped out of the rear of his own end zone. The Packs' defense was something else, though. It got to Bobby Douglass, the Bears' quarterback, 10 times, and Jack Concannon once. "That is the most quarterback traps I've ever seen us get in one game," said Lionel Aldridge...DETROIT...Alex Karras is giving signs his knee is better. "I went through last year playing on 50 percent energy," he said. "I was like a wounded dog. Do you know what a wounded dog does, a sick dog? He goes off and dies."