

Preseason: Green Bay Packers (2-0) 9, Pittsburgh Steelers 7 Sunday September 5th 1948 (at Green Bay)

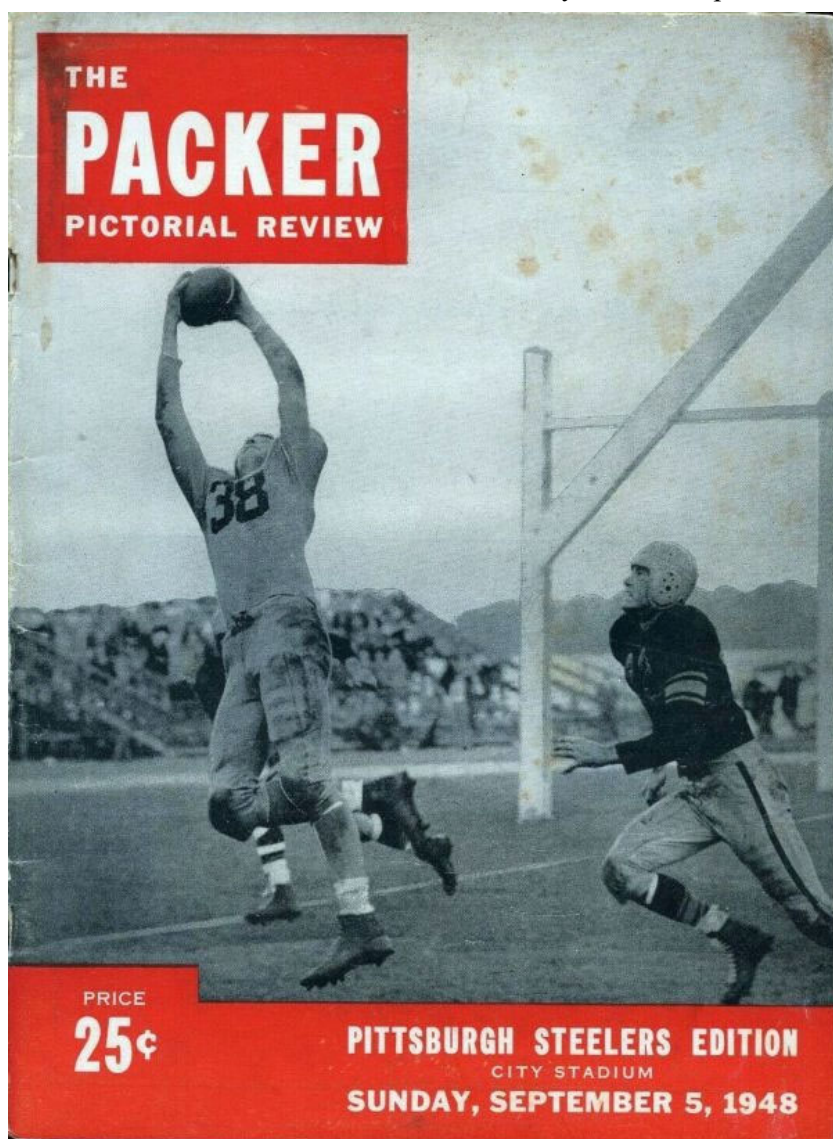
Packer Defense Best Offense as Pittsburgh Falls by 9-7

GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(GREEN BAY) - The Packers today launched a serious bid to get out of the One Touchdown Class - a breed of football society popular in the old days. There was a time when a touchdown, a field goal or even a safety constituted the only scoring in an afternoon of professional football and nobody became alarmed. But times have changed - except for the Packers thus far this season. The Pack now has averaged one touchdown in posting two non-championship victories - 7 to 0 over New York Aug. 29 and 9 to 7 over the Pittsburgh Steelers at City stadium last Sunday. For comparison, the Chicago Bears whipped Boston, 42-7, Sunday and the Chicago Cardinals downed Washington, 46-20, Monday night. Other non-loop "modern" game scores this season include 37-35, 28-14, 24-23 - to mention a few. Coach Curly Lambeau opened drill today for the final non-looper against Washington in Birmingham, Ala., Saturday afternoon with the accent on offense. This will be the Packers' last chance to get their scoring affairs in order for the first National league game in Boston Sept. 17. Actually, the Packers' defense has been their best offense. The defense, in blanking New York, allowed the Giants in Bay territory just twice, while that same unit had just one sustained lapse against Pittsburgh - resulting in the Steelers' only touchdown on an 87-yard march. Big Teddy Fritsch scored all of the Packer points and his 21-yard field goal in the first quarter turned up as the margin of victory. He registered the payoff touchdown on a one-yard plunge after Pittsburgh's 87-yard touchdown drive put the Steelers in front, 7-3, in the last frame.

THAT "FIFTH" DOWN

Sunday's encounter, witnessed by a crowd of 13,900, was wrapped up in the last quarter which closed with a real "fifth" down. Pittsburgh started its 87-yard rampage near the end of the third frame and on the first play of the last canto rookie fullback Jerry Shipkey raced 26 yards to the Packer 36. The flashy Ray Evans passed twice to Paul Davis for 22 yards and eventually Steve Lach pushed it over from the one after a holding penalty gave Pittsburgh a first down on the three. That touchdown must have lit a fire under the Packers despite the 85-degree heat. They had a touchdown in just 10 running plays, covering 83 yards. Here's how the yardage was chewed off: Fred Provo, making his first offensive appearance at left half, made three; Fritsch got seven in two tries; Fritsch hit outside his own right tackle for 27 yards with Red Vogds throwing a decisive block; Provo charged 16 up the middle; Ralph Earhart hit left end for nine; Provo danced over the right side for 14 and a first down on the seven; Provo added three; and Fritsch took it over in two tries. Ted's kick for the extra point was blocked. With a taste of touchdown blood, the Packers held Pittsburgh on key tackles by Jay Rhodemyre and Ted Cook and then started another drive from their own 45. Tony Canadeo blasted away for 30 yards in nine attempts; a roughness penalty ate up 15; and Fritsch knocked off 10 in two tries,



giving the Pack a first down on the eight. Despite five downs, the Packers couldn't make the distance. Here's how the officials were embarrassed (maybe it was the heat); Fritsch made two at right tackle. Jacobs pitched to Ed Smith who stepped into the end zone for a TD but the Pack backs were in motion. It was second down again and Canadeo hit left guard for four. On third down, Jacobs' pass was incomplete to Goodnight. On fourth down, Canadeo got two at center. Yes, and on fifth down (Pittsburgh didn't complain, either) Fritsch was held for no gain.

74 YARDS ON THE FLY

The sun-baked throng got a batch of thrills in an unusual third quarter. To start with, Fritsch kicked off into the end zone but the Pack was offside. So Teddy, kicking from the 35, slammed the ball on the fly 74 yards. It landed about a yard inside the end line and bounced near the track. After an exchange of punts, spectacular business set in. On their own 37 and on second down, the Packers pulled a 63-yard pass-touchdown play from Jacobs to Clyde Goodnight but tackle Paul Lipscomb "held" and the Pack got a 15-yard penalty instead of a TD. Jacobs

then tried a "fast" punt and Pitt tackle Wiley blocked it, Meeks recovering on the Packer 17. That was just the beginning. On second down, Don Wells scooped up Clement's fumble and the Packer backers sighed. But wait a minute. On the Bays' second down, Ed Cody fumbled (he never had his hands on the ball) and guard Mastrangelo recovered on the Packer 19. Then, as a super climax, Packer Cook stepped into the end zone to intercept Evans' pass and chased out 17 yards. That funny business could be chalked up against the heat. But it was just a moment later that the visitors launched their touchdown drive. The first half was rather dull. After an exchange of punts, the Packers launched their field goal drive from the Pittsburgh 23. Slashing running by Walt Schlinkman, Bruce Smith and Cody moved the ball to the Pittsburgh 17 in 11 plays. A penalty for backs in motion moved it back to the 22 and on third down Jacobs pitched to E. Smith for seven yards - not quite enough. Fritsch went in and sailed the ball over the crossbar from the 21, with B. Smith holding. Neither club made any threats in the third period as the ball changed hands six times. Once, with the Steelers on their own 47, Dick Wildung recovered a Clement fumble after a tooth-shattering tackle by Larry Craig. A moment later, Evans intercepted a Jacobs pass but Wells ended the ensuing Pitt threat by recovering a fumbled lateral. Near the end of the half, the Pittsburghs added three straight first downs and moved to the Bay 41 before Cook intercepted Clements' pass and returned it 33 yards.

PITTSBURGH - 0 0 0 7 - 7
 GREEN BAY - 3 0 0 6 - 9

SCORING

1ST - GB - Ted Fritsch, 21-yard field goal GREEN BAY 3-0
 4TH - PITT - Steve Lach, 1-yard run (George Glamp kick) PITTSBURGH 7-3
 4TH - GB - Fritsch, 1-yard run (Fritsch kick blocked) GREEN BAY 9-7

Defenders!

The Lineups:
GREEN BAY
 Ends — Cook, Luhn, Craig, Wells, Skoglund, Goodnight.
 Tackles—Wildung, Bell, Ray, Odson, Lipscomb.
 Guards—Davis, Tassos, Vogds, Neal, Olsonoski.
 Centers—Rhodemyre, Baxter.
 Backs—Canadeo, E. Smith, B. Smith, Fritsch, Schlinkman, Cody, Forte, Keuper, Jacobs, Reynolds, Earhart, Roskie, Comp, Provo.

PITTSBURGH
 Ends—R. Davis, Mehelich, Jansante, Flick, Nickel.
 Tackles—Wiley, Wydo, Lane, Redfield.
 Guards — Skorich, Mastrangelo, Moore, Cregar, Suhey.
 Centers — Cherundolo, Sinkovitz, Ulinski.
 Backs — Clement, Mosley, Glamp, Nuzum, Drulis, Papach, Lach, Evans, Compagno, Cifers, Gasparella, Shipkey, P. Davis.

Score By Quarters
 Green Bay 3 0 0 6-9
 Pittsburgh 0 0 0 7-7

The Scoring
 Green Bay: Touchdown — Fritsch. Field goal—Fritsch. Pittsburgh: Touchdown—Lach. Point after touchdown—Glamp.

The Officials
 Referee—Ronald Gibbs, St. Thomas. Umpire—Carl H. Brubaker, Ohio Wesleyan. Head Linesman—Sam Pecoraro, Dallas. Field Judge—Charles A. Sweeney, Notre Dame. Back Judge—Claude T. Grigsby, Georgetown.

Team Statistics

	G. B.	Pitts.
Total first downs	15	14
First downs rushing	11	9
First downs passing	2	4
First downs penalty	2	1
Yards gained rushing	225	135
Yards gained passing	34	66
Total yards gained	259	201
Passes attempted	10	13
Passes completed	5	6
Passes intercepted by	2	1
Yards inter. passes ret.	32	28
Punts	5	5
Average distance punts	33	40
Punts returned by	3	2
Yards punts returned	48	30
Penalties	8	3
Yards penalized	58	35
Fumbles	1	3
Opponents' fumbles rec.	3	1

Individual Statistics

Rushing: Green Bay — Fritsch 47 yards in 9 attempts; Schlinkman 43 in 9; Canadeo 40 in 6; Provo 37 in 4; Cody 27 in 9; B. Smith 20 in 4; Comp 13 in 2; Earhart 9 in 2; E. Smith minus 13 in 2. Pittsburgh—Shipkey 44 yards in 7 attempts; Clement 34 in 7; Evans 27 in 5; Lach 16 in 7; P. Davis 10 in 6; Papach 5 in 3; Cifers 4 in 2; Compagno 0 in 1.

Passing: Green Bay—Jacobs attempted 9, completed 5 for 34 yards, 1 intercepted; B. Smith attempted 1, completed 0. Pittsburgh—Evans attempted 10, completed 5 for 56 yards, 1 intercepted; Clement attempted 3, completed 1 for 10 yards, 1 intercepted.

Pass Reception: Green Bay — Cook caught 1 for 12 yards; Goodnight 1 for 12; E. Smith 1 for 7; Forte 1 for 3; B. Smith 1 for 2. Pittsburgh—Nickel 2 for 29; P. Davis 2 for 23; Jansante 1 for 10; Cifers 1 for 4.

Packers Trade Szymanski to Eagles for Tackle Jim Kekkeris

JACK JACOBS IS UNDER OBSERVATION FOR APPENDICITIS

SEPT 7 (Green Bay) - Jack Jacobs, Green Bay Packer quarterback, was taken to the hospital after Sunday's non-league game under observation for appendicitis. Jacobs had been suffering abdominal pains for several days, but did not report it until after Sunday's game with the Pittsburgh Steelers. Dr. H.S. Atkinson, team physician, said Jacobs might be released this afternoon if subsequent blood counts showed continued improvement. Walt Schlinkman, who was hospitalized with a knee injury after Sunday's game, was released Monday. Examination showed the injury was only a bruise and a slight ligament strain. He expected to be ready for a non-loop game with Washington Sunday at Birmingham, Ala. Rookie fullback Ken Roskie left on Monday for the bedside of his father in Rockford, Ill. His father and grandfather were hurt in a weekend auto mishap.

PACKERS' SPOTTY BALL HAS LAMBEAU BOTH EXASPERATED AND PERPLEXED

SEPT 7 (Milwaukee Journal) - The Green Bay Packers did nothing, in beating Pittsburgh Sunday, to increase their stature as one of the top contenders in the National league. Or are they top contenders? Again, as in the exhibition with New York a week earlier and as in so many games a year ago, they mixed altogether too much bad football with the good to win support as a team which may cut a big figure in the race. Every team comes up with mongrel ball like this at times, but the Packers, it seems, are coming up with it entirely too often. Mongrel - that's the word for it. They play like top notchers one minute, giving all manner of promise, and like second raters the next...

.83 YARDS IN 10 PLAYS: Only once in the long, hot afternoon Sunday did the Packers look like the team it seemed at first this season they might be. With the score 7-3 against them, 11 minutes left and the ball on their own 17 yard line, they smashed 83 yards on 10 plays for the touchdown that won the game. Here was good, hard, sharp football and all of it on the ground. Not a pass was thrown. The fleet Fred Proco picked up 37 yards on four plays, Ted Fritsch 29 yards on five and Little Skippy Ralph Earhart - one of the finds of the season - nine yards on one. Fritsch scored the touchdown. At once, though, with a 9-7 lead, they reverted to what has become such a disturbing patter in their play. They muffed what

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conceivable could have been a big extra point. Fritsch's kick was low and was blocked...**THE HARD WAY:** It is one of Curly Lambeau's real concerns that the team should look so good in spots and so bad in others, all on the same afternoon and all, of course, to spoil the whole. Sunday, a sharp team would have won handily, and it isn't taking anything away from the Steelers to say this. Pittsburgh, off this game, isn't going to go very far this fall. But the Packers still made it tough for themselves. They muffed scoring opportunities with loose, sometimes dull, play and worse, they involved themselves in defensive difficulties with lapses or misplays that should never occur. They may scrape by with such ball in a few exhibitions, but they won't in the league race. Lambeau himself is perplexed and exasperated - and Sunday, in his little enclosed coop next to the press box, he shook the whole structure with his anguished stomping, pounding and yelling...**SAME OLD PATTERN:** The patter of the Packers' difficulties was not new. They had two touchdowns called back because of penalties, one on a pass, Jack Jacobs to Clyde Goodnight, when Paul Lipscomb was caught holding and another on a pass, Jacobs to Ed Smith, when the backs were called in motion. They had their progress deep in scoring territory broken two other times because of penalties and had to give up the ball on downs, once on Pittsburgh's 28 yard line and once, as the game ended, on Pittsburgh's five. They helped Pittsburgh along to its touchdown, which for a minute looked so big, by interfering on a third down pass on their own three yard line. The ball was finally batted down 12 yards from where Red Keuper was called for holding - and the Steelers were given a first down.

**Meet the
New Packers**

TED COOK

Theodore (Ted) Cook is a sophomore in the National Football league...The combination offensive and defensive end was obtained this season in a trade with the Detroit Lions...



Cook

has shown flashes of form in the two exhibition games on offense and defense... Cook, who wears No. 48, did his collegiate duty at Alabama, and played in the North-South game in 1944 and 1945 and the College All Star tilt in 1945... An Irishman, Cook weighs 195 pounds and stands 6-2... He was born in Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 6, 1922.

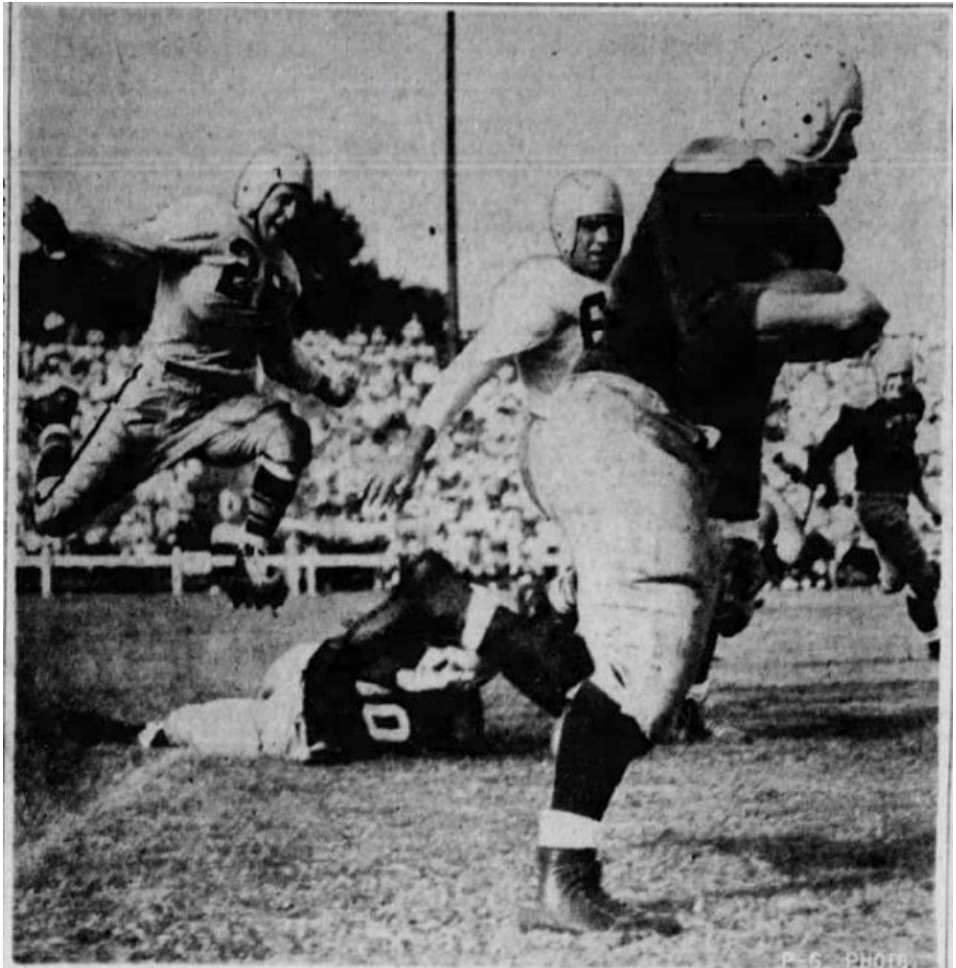
They put themselves in a hole when Jacobs tried a sad looking quick kick on second down inside his own 25. The whole Steeler line swept through, blocked the kick and recovered the ball on Green Bay's 17. They looked positively futile on a surprise pass play on which Bruce Smith, badly rushed, retreated some 20 yards and then frantically threw a short pass right at one of the onrushing Steelers, who, in utter amazement at such generosity, accommodatingly dropped it - accommodatingly, indeed, for he had a clear field ahead. The officials rule deliberate grounding. So it went. It certainly wasn't anything to cheer Lambeau's hear...CLASS IS THERE: The sad part is that in the moments of good football the Packers show such unmistakable signs of class. They do have speed, they can be alert, they do hit hard. The concern that Lambeau expressed after the game was real. The tortures of last season in which the club lost four games by a total of nine points and tied one other are still fresh upon him, and the thought that he might have to pass through them again because of a lot of little mistakes makes him tremble. The Packers will make their next start against the Washington Redskins in an exhibition in Birmingham, Ala., Saturday afternoon and open the league race against Boston at Boston a week from Friday.

WELLS ARRESTED AFTER TAVERN FIGHT

SEPT 7 (Green Bay) - Donald R. Wells, 26, Packer end, posted \$10 bond at the police station Sunday night for his appearance in police court Thursday on a disorderly and drunk charge. He was arrested Sunday night in Lemeron's Log Bar on N. Broadway, after an altercation. Police said that when they arrived in response to a call, Wells had the proprietor, Darold Lemeron, by the throat. Patrolman Anton Van Hemelryk ordered him to release Lemeron, he said, and, when Wells failed to do so, Van Hemelryk struck him across the knuckles with a blackjack. Then, police said, Wells turned on the officers. They persuaded him to enter the squad car, and he was booked on an intoxication charge.

STEELER COACH FINDS PACKERS 'BIG AS EVER'; A STRONG TEAM

SEPT 7 (Green Bay) - "Green Bay looks like it's going to have a strong ball club." Looking more like a bank cashier than a football coach, blond, blue-eyed John Michelosen so labeled the 1948 Packers when encountered in the lobby of the Hotel Northland, Pittsburgh headquarters here, shortly after Sunday's game, the while indirectly admitting that he's finding no bed of roses his task as handpicked successor to the late Dr. Jock Sutherland as head coach of the Steelers. Soft spoken, like Sutherland, Pitt's youthful chief strategist continued, "The Packers have a lot more speed in the backfield, which should come in handy. And," an afterthought, "they're as big as ever," this last with a wry smile. Individually, Sutherland's No. 1 pupil was impressed with several of Green Bay's 1948 representatives. "Bruce Smith seemed to be as good as ever and Fritsch looks like he's going back to his 1946 form. Ed Smith and Ralph Earhart should help an awful lot, too..." ONLY TWO TACKLES: Concerning his own problems in his first year at the Steeler helm, Michelosen unburdened himself. "Wydo (Frank) and Wiley (Jack) were our only two tackles today. They both played good ball but that much action, combined with the heat, was just much for them." (The Steelers' weakness at this position stemmed from the death last week of regular Ralph Calcagni following an emergency appendectomy and the retirement of Fred Hartman, obtained from the Chicago Bears.) Asked if he thought Calcagni's death had any noticeable effect on the Steelers' morale for this contest, Michelosen replied, "I hardly think so, although it may have had a little. We were a little dead but I think that was due more to the heat than any other thing. It was pretty hot, you



The Packers produced their lone touchdown in 10 running plays against Pittsburgh Sunday afternoon, and the longest gain was a 27-yard scamper by Teddy Fritsch. The Bay fullback is shown above near the end of his fourth-quarter run. The boy with a part two showing is Pitt Guard John Mastrangelo. Fritsch later plunged over for the touchdown, which, added to his first quarter field goal, gave the Pack a 9-7 victory.

know. And, of course, we had two of our quarterbacks out - Seabright (Charley) and Garnaas (Bill), which didn't help any." Garnaas, incidentally, was a teammate of Dick Wildung, Urban Odson and Fred Vant Hull on those Minnesota gridiron powerhouses of the early '40s. A stickler for details like his exciting teacher, Michelosen declared, "We made many mistakes which will have to be rectified if we're to do any good in the Eastern race." After hearing this tale of woes, we asked, "This racket of coach tougher than playing the violin?" (Pittsburgh publicity had it that his parents nursed ambitions for him in this direction when he was a child.) "It sure is!" came the ready reply...LOT OF WORK TO DO: And contrary to what might be expected in victory, Packer Coach Curly Lambeau had earlier been caught wearing a slightly somber expression in the Bays' dressing room beneath the City stadium stands. "We have a lot of work to do," he shot. "We didn't look like a ball club except for the first seven minutes and after the Steelers scored their touchdown in the last quarter." He did, however, have kind words for several of the Packers, particularly rookies Fred Provo and Larry Olsonoski and veterans Damon Tassos, Dick Wildung and Larry Craig. "We (Lambeau and aides Don Hutson, Walt Kiesling and Bo Molenda) were not satisfied with the team in general in the second and third quarter. Their efforts and execution were disappointing. But," he added with a note of cheer, "we came back after they scored and looked like a ball club." He earlier had expressed his

satisfaction with their late efforts immediately upon getting to the dressing room, commenting to the team at large, "Good fire on that touchdown drive, boys."...SIDELIGHTS: Scouts for the Packers' next two opponents, Washington and Boston, were here. Chuck Collins represented the Yanks and Red Ball the Redskins. The Packers meet the 'Skins in a non-league contest at Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 11, and the Yanks in their league opener at Boston Sept. 17. Ex-Packer Mike Bucchianeri was also taking notes, assisted by Coach Tom Hearnden of St. Norbert college and former Packer Joe Laws. He scouted the Steelers for the Detroit Lions...Green Bay's official cheerleader, the Packer Lumberjack band, also opened its 10th season under the baton of Wilner Burke. The Bluejays, Green Bay's other professional representative, were guests of the Packers. The gridders were hosted by the Bluejays in August...Always the southern gentleman, Larry Craig sauntered into the Steeler camp during a timeout to pardon himself for steamrolling Bob Cifers on a kickoff at the east end of the stadium in the first quarter.



Despite the heat, the action was aplenty during the Pittsburgh-Packer game at City stadium Sunday afternoon. In the photo above, Bruce Smith is shown cutting to his right while Ray Evans (center) moves in for the tackle. No. 21 is Chuck Cherundolo, veteran Pitt center. Below, the falshy Evans is starting off on a three-yard run. No. 45 of the Packers is Dick Wildung and behind him is Larry Craig.

PACKERS TRADE SZYMANSKI TO EAGLES FOR TACKLE JIM KEKERIS

SEPT 7 (Green Bay) - The Packers added a 275-pound tackle today and subtracted a 215-pound center. The 60-pound increase is in the form of one James (Big Jim) Kekeris. The "decrease" is Frank Syzmanski, former Notre Dame and Detroit Lion center. Today's arithmetic is the result of a trade between the Packers and the Philadelphia Eagles. The Pack needed a tackle while the Eagles are short of centers. There was no money involved. Dispatching of Syzmanski, who came here with end Ted Cook in a trade for rookies Bob Rennebohm and Howard Brown, leaves the Packers set at center with veteran Bob Flowers and newcomers Bob Rhodemyre and Lloyd Baxter. With Kekeris moving into the tackle corps, Coach Curly Lambeau also announced that Don Deeks, the tackle obtained from Washington for halfback Roy McKay, will be shifted to guard when reserve strength is needed. Kekeris, a native of St. Louis and a graduate of Missouri, packs 275 pounds on a 6-foot-1-inch frame. He was drafted by the Eagles in 1947 and spent most of that season on the bench with a leg injury. Jim is fast despite his weight. He was an all-Big Six lineman from 1943 to '46 even though he started the 1943 season at fullback. The newcomer will be 25 years of age next Oct. 17 - the day the Packers meet the Los Angeles Rams at City stadium.

Kekeris is the second newcomer to report in the last two weeks. Previously, Howard (Red) Maley, Boston Yank quarterback, arrived here in a trade for a 1949 Packer draft choice or first crack at any player released this season...A number of other announcements came out of Rockwood lodge today. In one, Lambeau revealed that defensive end Don Wells, who broke training after the Pittsburgh non-league game, was fined \$250 Tuesday for insubordination. At the same time, Lambeau announced that henceforth there would be an automatic \$100 fine for any player who enters a tavern or cocktail lounge during the season. It was also learned that fullback Walt Schlinkman will not accompany the Packers to Birmingham for the final non-loop game of the season Saturday against the Washington Redskins. Schlinkman, leading ground gaining fullback in the league last year, suffered a strained ligament and bruises on the knee in Sunday's game with Pittsburgh...**JACK JACOBS ON DIET:** And it's possible Schlinkman may not be ready for the opening game of the championship season against the Yanks in Boston a week from Friday night. Quarterback Jack Jacobs, who was rushed to a local hospital after the Sunday game with an attack of appendicitis, was released today. Jacobs will be placed on a rigid diet for several days, and he is expected to play Saturday. The Packers closed heavy work for the Birmingham invasion with a long rough session at Rockwood lodge this morning. The squad will leave Green Bay on the North Western at 11 o'clock Thursday morning for Milwaukee where they'll board a plane for Birmingham.

PACKERS LEAVE FOR ALABAMA; FACE WASHINGTON ON SATURDAY

SEPT 8 (Green Bay) - If the Packers can find a certain Mr. Offense in Birmingham, Ala., Saturday, Coach Curly Lambeau probably will hire a squad of detectives to guard and preserve it for the remainder of the season. As the squad left at 11 o'clock this morning - by the Chicago and North Western from Green Bay to Milwaukee and by one big plan from

Milwaukee to Birmingham - the immediate objective was points. The Packers have scored a big, fat total of 16 markers in winning their two non-league chores, 7-0 over the New York Giants and 9-7 over Pittsburgh, and it must be admitted that the Giants or Steelers didn't have anything in the way of a passing attack that can be compared to what our boys will be facing Saturday afternoon. The game calls for the Packers to meet the Washington Redskins who possesses the passingest guy in the business - Mr. Samuel Baugh. The Redskins also have Mr. Harry Gilmer, the Alabama product, but whether Gilmer plays probably won't be known until shortly before kickoff time. He's injured, you know, having already missed non-championship tests against Los Angeles and Chicago Cardinals. Should the Redskins passing



The Packers line up for an "official" picture just before boarding a giant airplane in Milwaukee Thursday afternoon for a trip to Birmingham, Ala., where they'll meet the Washington Redskins Saturday afternoon. The Packers landed safely in Birmingham after a three hour and 15 minute flight. (AP Photo)

attack click for a couple of touchdowns, the Packers will have to come up with an offense of some sort if they expect to win...**TIME OUT FOR PEP TALK:** To top it all off, the Packers had a poor workout Wednesday - their last heavy one of the week. Things got so tough that Lambeau called a halt and gave the players a pep talk. Most of the concern was caused by fumbling and misses signals. Jack Jacobs, who this week recovered from an attack of appendicitis, handled most of the passing from quarterback but he had to retire when somebody kicked him in the foot in a pileup. Perry Moss, the Illinois rookie QB who has been on the injured list for two weeks, did some passing and likely will work against Washington. Though he plays at left half, Earl (Jug) Girard, the ex-Wisconsin boy, got off some nice throws. He throws 'em long or short - with accuracy. Irv Comp also was passing well and no doubt will spell Jacobs if the Indian boy has any trouble. While the offense stumbled, the defense continued to shine. It was the Packers' rock-ribbed defense that kept Green Bay on the victory side of the two close non-loop games. The defense, chiefly, was represented by the line and the backers-up have yet to get a good workout on passes. The Packer party was missing one player - fullback Walt Schlinkman who injured his knee in the Pittsburgh game. It is doubtful whether Walt will be ready for the league opener in Boston a week from Friday night.

LAMBEAU: NO WONDER HE GROANS - LOOK AT HIS TEAM'S TOUCHDOWN PRODUCTION

SEPT 8 (Milwaukee Journal) - No wonder Curly Lambeau groans. In two exhibitions so far his Green Bay Packers have rolled up 510 yards rushing and 95 passing, a total of 605, and have scored exactly two touchdowns and a field goal...Fred Enke, the Detroit Lions' rookie passing star, up from the University of Arizona, pronounces his name "Ink". Incidentally his teammate, Bill Dudley, offered this comment on him the other day: "The guy will be the talk of the league this season -

mark my words."...The Chicago Bears hold an edge on every other team in the National league. They have won 238 games and lost only 79 in 28 years...Eddie Kotal, the old Lawrence college and Packer pepperbox, now chief scout for the Los Angeles Rams, is lending a hand to RKO as technical adviser in the football picture, "Interference", now in production. Victor Mature is the star...PACKERS FLY SOUTH: The Green Bay Packers will fly to Birmingham Thursday for their exhibition with the Washington Redskins Saturday afternoon. The squad will come to Milwaukee by train and continue on by chartered plane from Billy Mitchell field at 2 o'clock. The injured Walt Schlinkman, Perry Moss and Jug Girard will remain at home. The first two will probably be ready for the league opener against Boston at Boston a week from Friday, however, and Girard for the home opener against the Chicago Bears September 26...Tearing a leaf from baseball's book of customs, the Detroit Lions this season will permit any fan who retrieves a ball kicked into the stands to keep it. Furthermore, if the retriever wishes, the ball will be autographed by the whole squad. There ought to be some mighty interesting scrimmages in Briggs stadium this fall - and not all out on the field...ANOTHER PORTIA: Alice Greene, wife of the Detroit Lions' end, Johnny Greene, is a practicing corporation attorney in Detroit...The officials muffed one in the closing minutes of last Sunday's Packer-Steeler game in Green Bay. They gave the Packers five first downs in side the 10. It didn't help, though. The boys still failed to score.



THE REDSKINS' COACHES—Glenn (Turk) Edwards, head coach of the Washington Redskins who meet the Green Bay Packers in a pro football game at Legion Field, September 11, Birmingham, is pictured with his staff. Standing, left to right, Frank (Tiger) Walton, line coach; Edwards, and Wilbur Moore, backfield coach; kneeling, left to right, Herman Ball, chief scout, and Wayne Milner, end coach.

CAPACITY CROWD GREETES PACKERS AT EAGLES CLUB

SEPT 9 (Milwaukee Journal) - A capacity crowd of 532 attended the second annual Green Bay Packers kickoff dinner, sponsored by the Milwaukee aerie of Eagles, Wednesday night at the Eagles club. Several hundred persons were turned away. Capt. Dick Wildung, Perry Moss, Jug Girard and Jay Rhodemyre represented the Packers. Coach Curly Lambeau reviewed NFL prospects. Judge Robert Cannon and Robert Hansen spoke for the Eagles club and Mayor Ziedler greeted the guests. Kenny Haagenen was toastmaster.

GILMER TO PLAY TOMORROW, SAYS REDSKINS' BOSS

SEPT 9 (Birmingham) - George Marshall, owner of the Washington Redskins, said flatly today that rookie Harry Gilmer will play in a NFL exhibition game with the Green Bay Packers in Birmingham Saturday. Gilmer, former Alabama passing star, was the center of a recent controversy when he declined to play in the College All-Star game sponsored by the Chicago Tribune Charities, Inc. Gilmer refused to play unless the Tribune insured him for the full amount of his Redskin contract. He was reported to have signed a five year contract with Washington for approximately \$80,000. The wiry little back, being groomed as an understudy to Sammy Baugh, did not play in the first two Redskin exhibition games because of a leg injury suffered in an intrasquad scrimmage. Arch Ward, Tribune sports editor, said the Redskins and their opponent would be liable to a fine of \$25,000 each if Gilmer were used in any exhibition game. He said this penalty was set up in the contract

between the NFL and the Tribune Charities, Inc. League Commissioner Bert Bell ruled recently, however, that Gilmer was correct in declining to play because of the Tribune's refusal to insure him for the full amount of the contract. Marshall said at a press conference here today that Gilmer will make a limited appearance in the Saturday game. "Harry Gilmer is not in condition to play football at this time," the Redskin owner said in a statement. "But Harry feels that he owes it to the people of Birmingham - his hometown - to appear. As a consequence, the coach and myself have given him permission to take part in several plays in the game." Don Hutson, Green Bay end coach, said the Packers will not protest Gilmer's appearance.

Gilmer To Appear Against Packers Saturday Afternoon

Packer Broadcast

In case it slipped your mind, tune in the Press-Gazette radio station, WJPG, and listen to the Packer-Washington game this afternoon. The broadcast starts at 2 o'clock with Bob Heiss of Milwaukee WTMJ giving the play by play.

The probable lineup:

REDSKINS

McKee, le
 Sanchez, lt
 Steber, lg
 Ehrhardt, c
 Boensch, rg
 Knoleszewski, rt
 Tereshinski, re
 Baugh, qb
 Farmer, lhb
 Nussbaumer, rhb
 Quirk, fb

PACKERS

le, Cook
 lt, Ray
 lg, Tassos
 c, Rhodemyre
 rg, Neal
 rt, Wildung
 re, Luhn
 qb, Jacobs
 lhb, Canadeo
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GILMORE TO APPEAR AGAINST PACKERS SATURDAY AFTERNOON

SEPT 10 (Birmingham) - George Marshall, owner of the Washington Redskins, said flatly yesterday that rookie Harry Gilmer will play in a non-league championship game with the Green Bay Packers in Birmingham at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Gilmer, former Alabama passing ace, was the center of a recent controversy when he declined to play in the Chicago Cardinal-College All-Star game sponsored by the Chicago Tribune charities, Inc. Gilmer refused to play unless the Tribune insured him for the full amount of his Redskin contract. He was reported to have signed a five-year contract with Washington for approximately \$80,000. The wiry, little back, being groomed as an understudy to Sammy Baugh, did not play in the first two Redskin exhibitions because of a leg injury suffered in an intra-squad scrimmage. Arch Ward, Tribune sports editor, said the Redskins and their opponent would be liable to a fine of \$25,000 each if Gilmer were used in any exhibition game. He said this penalty was set up in the contract between the NFL and the Tribune charities. League Commissioner Bert Bell ruled recently, however, that Gilmer was correct in declining to play because the Tribune's refusal to insure him for the full amount of the contract. Marshall said at a press conference here today that Gilmer will make a limited appearance in the Saturday game. "Harry Gilmer is not in condition to play football at this time," the Redskin owner said in a statement. "But Harry feels that he owes it to the people of Birmingham (his hometown) to appear. As a consequence, the coach and myself have given him permission to take part in several plays in the game." Don Hutson, Green Bay end coach, said the Packers will not protest Gilmer's appearance.

WARD SAYS: In Chicago, Ward said, "The NFL violated its contract with the Chicago Tribune Charities when Commissioner Bert Bell issued his ridiculous ruling qualifying the boy for pro season games." Ward said further: "If he plays Saturday, the Green Bay Packers and the Washington Redskins also will have violated the contract with the Chicago Tribune Charities. The terms of the contract covering the Gilmer incident are specific. It was recognized when the contract was drawn that a situation might arise in which a club owner with no sense of responsibility to the football public might prefer for his own selfish interests in invent excuses for withholding a boy from the All Star squad. The entire matter will be handled by the law department of the Chicago Tribune Charities." The Packers arrived here safely Thursday evening after a three hour and 15 minute airplane ride from Milwaukee. They are headquartered at the Tutwiler hotel, and had a double practice session on tap for today.

PACKERS FACE SUIT IF SKINS PLAY GILMER

SEPT 10 (Birmingham) - Green Bay's unbeaten Packers landed here Thursday evening after an uneventful 3 hour 15 minute flight from Milwaukee to find that George Marshall of the Washington Redskins, football's great mouthpiece, had preceded them by five hours and 14 public pronouncements. The feature piece among the 14 different communiques was a signed dispatch distributed at a press conference which announced that Harry Gilmer, Marshall's rookie quarterback, would make a token appearance anyway before hometown friends Saturday in a charity exhibition between the Washington Redskins and the Packers. Gilmer, the statement read, was in no condition to play a football game, but because he had a deep feeling

of gratitude for the hometown folks who have been so loyal through his interscholastic and collegiate careers, he insisted on making an appearance. Therefore, Mr. Marshall and the coaches have agreed that he should be permitted to enter the game for a play or two to throw a pass. Gilmer attended the press conference as exhibit No. 2, Mr. Marshall, of course, always being No. 1. As his part of the ceremony, Gilmer rolled up his trouser leg, stripped off several yards of bandage and displayed for examination a leg that had been lanced from knee to ankle. Twenty-two stitches had been removed from the leg 48 hours before. The injury, never fully explained, resulted from a ruptured blood vessel which originally had been diagnosed as only a bruise. Doctors made two long incisions to move a blood clot. A specialist from Birmingham, to whom Gilmer had submitted himself for examination Wednesday, said the boy should not be allowed to play. Gilmer came here ahead of the Redskins to see the specialist. When Marshall and the remainder of the Redskins arrived Thursday it was discovered that the advance sale was not as large as Mr. Marshall had hoped for. Gilmer, consequently, will right accounts with the Birmingham public Saturday in "a play or two." His appearance, the Chicago Tribune Charities, Inc., contends, will constitute a breach of contract on the part of the Redskins, the Packers and the National league. Gilmer had been invited to play in the Chicago All-Star game, accepted, but later demurred. The Tribune says it will sue the National league if he plays.

Teacher And Pupil



Alabama's Hurlin' Harry Gilmer gets tips from the master, Slinging Sammy Baugh. Both will be seen in action with the Washington Redskins when they meet the Green Bay Packers in Birmingham Sept. 11.

PACKERS, REDSKINS SUBJECT TO FINES

SEPT 10 (Chicago) - The Green Bay Packers and the Washington Redskins each are subject to a fine of \$25,000 if Harry Gilmer of the Redskins plays against the Packers in their exhibition football game Saturday afternoon, Arch Ward of the Chicago Tribune said here Thursday. The fines, he said, are provided for in the contract between the National league and the Chicago Tribune covering the annual all-star football game. Gilmer, after accepting an invitation to play in last month's game, changed his mind and did not report. Under terms of the contract, any boy who accepts an invitation to play, then refused, may not appear in any of his team's exhibition games.

PACKERS AND REDSKINS TO MEET

SEPT 10 (Birmingham) - The Green Bay Packers, whose vaunted attack has failed to reach explosive proportions despite two victories for a perfect record, tomorrow afternoon will try to step up production against the Washington Redskins. A crowd of 30,000 is expected to watch the exhibition between the rival National league teams in Legion field. The game is sponsored by the Birmingham Junior Chamber of Commerce for the benefit of Children's hospital. The Packers and Redskins are scheduled in a league game October 24 in Milwaukee. Green Bay beat New York, 7 to 0, in Minneapolis then rallied in the fourth quarter to whip the Pittsburgh Steelers last Sunday, 9 to 7. Sixteen points in two games are not up to the Packer standard. The Redskins showed they were highly vulnerable when they were battered by the champion Chicago Cardinals, 46 to 20. This is the final game of the exhibition swing for the Packers. The Redskins have one tune-up remaining, against the Bears in Baltimore September 19. Green Bay has not been able to muster its full rookie backfield strength

because of injuries to Perry Moss of Illinois and Earl (Jug) Girard of Wisconsin while they were with the College All-Stars. It is doubtful if either will play tomorrow. Meanwhile, two other freshman backs of less renown, at least in the middle west, spurred into attention last Sunday. They are Fred Provo, chunky 185 pounder from the University of Washington, and Ralph Earhart, 165, from Texas Tech. They were prominent in the Packers' 84 yard touchdown march against the Steelers which rubbed out a 7 to 3 deficit with only six minutes left.

PACKERS FACE WASHINGTON, GILMER

SEPT 11 (Birmingham) - The Washington Redskins and the Green Bay Packers clash here at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The non-league game is expected to provide a test case of the NFL's All-Star game contract with the Chicago Tribune Charities, Inc. The test will hinge on whether or not rookie Harry Gilmer, the ex-Alabama passing star, makes his pro debut in the game. Redskin owner George P. Marshall says Gilmer will play, although his appearance will be limited to a few plays because of a leg injury. That injury forced Gilmer to miss the Redskins' first two non-league games. He asked Marshall to permit him to play here, where he first won renown as a high school passer. The wiry little back became the center of a controversy when he declined to play in the Chicago Cardinal All-Star game sponsored by the Tribune insured him for the full amount of his contract, reportedly calling for \$80,000 over a five-year period. League Commissioner Bert Bell ruled that Gilmer was correct in not playing. Arch Ward, Tribune sports editor, said, if Gilmer plays, Washington and the Packers will be liable for a fine of \$25,000 each under terms of the Tribune contract with the league. The Packers said they wouldn't protest Gilmer's appearance, but Green Bay Coach Curly Lambeau said he hoped Gilmer wouldn't play. "If our information on the boy's condition is right," he commented, "then permitting him to participate even in a few plays is jeopardizing his entire football career." (In Green Bay Friday, Packer President Emil R. Fischer stated that "we have no other recourse except to play; we cannot violate our contract with the Birmingham promoters and neither could

we take a position against the commissioner of the league.") Both teams limbered up Friday on the muddy turf at Legion Field, scene of today's game. Sammy Baugh, the Redskin ace, drew most of the spectators' attention with his long tosses. The squads reported several on the injured list, with Packer fullback Walt Schlinkman the most notable cripple. Walt is back in Green Bay. Cool weather is promised for today's game. The temperature was 57 at 6 o'clock this morning with an overcast sky. No rain was predicted. Advanced sales reached 30,000 last night.



As if Sammy Baugh (left) was not a big enough headache throwing passes for the Washington Redskins, owner George Preston Marshall added Harry Gilmer (right), the former Alabama star, to the Redskin backfield. Baugh, with Washington since 1937, breaks a National Foot-

ball league record almost every time he throws the ball. Gilmer, a rookie, completed 227 passes at Alabama in four years. Both of the sharp eyed tossers will see action against the Green Bay Packers when the two teams meet in an exhibition game at Birmingham, Ala., Saturday.

BELL SEES CLOSEST COMPETITION, MOST PROSPEROUS SEASON IN NFL

SEPT 11 (New York) - Bert Bell, commissioner of the NFL, pointed his coffee spoon at a reporter in a downtown restaurant today and asked suddenly: "What clubs met in our championship game last December?" Without giving the reporter a chance to answer his \$64 question, the chunky commissioner declared triumphantly: "The Chicago Cardinals and Philadelphia Eagles!" As Bert spooned some sugar into his cup he explained with outward satisfaction that it was necessary to keep in mind what happened last year in order to appreciate fully the prospects of the league's 1948 season, which opens next Friday night..."NOT USING OLD SCRIPT": He said, "I stress the fact that the Cardinals were tops in the Western division last season, and the Eagles won the Eastern race, so that you will not think I'm using an old script or a cliché when I say that our clubs now seem to have the best balance in the league's history. And for that reason, I expect the closest competition and the most prosperous season we've ever had." Unprecedented rebuilding had occurred during the off-season, he disclosed. The New York Giants, for example, had added such notables at Tony Minisi, Charley Conerly and Joe Scott. Detroit, western tail-ender in 1947, went the limit in reshuffling. The Lions experienced the only change in ownership in the league. They are backed now by a group of Motor City business and civic leaders, headed by D. Lyle Fife. Bo McMillin replaced Gus Dorais as coach. Their outstanding new players are Fred Enke and Howard Brown. Two other coaching changes were made. Johnny Michelosen succeeded the late Jock Sutherland at Pittsburgh, and Clark Shaughnessy - the old "T" formation expert - replaced Bob Snyder at Los Angeles...PACKERS, YANKS OPEN: The season opens Friday night at Boston, where the Green Bay Packers - a hard luck team of '47 - will meet Ted Collins' vastly improved Yanks. From that night until Dec. 12, the 10 clubs in the circuit will play through a schedule of 60 games. The regular Sunday series starts

Oct. 3, when eight teams will play. At the conclusion of the regular season, the Eastern and Western champs will meet for the league title on an eastern gridiron Dec. 19 - provided there are no playoffs.

Packers Face Washington, Gilmer

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Sept. 11 — *Washington at Birmingham, Ala.

Sept. 17 — Boston at Boston (Night)

Sept. 26 — Chicago Bears at Green Bay

Oct. 3 — Detroit at Green Bay

Oct. 10 — Chicago Cardinals at Milwaukee

Oct. 17 — Los Angeles at Green Bay

Oct. 24 — Washington at Milwaukee

Oct. 31 — Detroit at Detroit

Nov. 7 — Pittsburgh at Pittsburgh

Nov. 14 — Chicago Bears at Chicago

Nov. 21 — New York at Milwaukee

Nov. 28 — Los Angeles at Los Angeles

Dec. 5 — Chicago Cardinals at Chicago

*—Non-Championship Game.

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PROGRAM

Toastmaster..... Kenneth Haagensen
 Welcome Remarks..... Robert C. Cannon
 Remarks..... Don Hutson
 Remarks..... Robert W. Hansen
 Guest Speaker..... Curly Lambeau

Music by Shirley's Trio

Curly Lambeau

PACKER KICK-OFF
DINNER MENU



Rolls, Butter Assorted Crisp Relish
 Fruit Cocktail Supreme
 Roast Blue Ribbon Prime Ribs of Beef au jus
 Golden Browned Potato, Buttered
 Cauliflower, Sunbloom au gratin
 Mixed Garden Green Salad, Chef's Dressing
 Coffee Ice Cream Figurete, Petits Fours