### Green Bay Packers (11-1) 38, Providence Steam Roller (4-4-2) 7 Thursday November 26th 1931 (at Providence)

# Packer Machine Trounces Providence, 38 to 7

# PACKERS ADVANCE ONE STEP NEARER NATIONAL PENNANT

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

(PROVIDENCE) - A mighty Packer team on the threshold of its third successive professional football championship celebrated Thanksgiving day in Providence in title winning style by smearing the Steam Rollers in a lopsided contest at the Cycledrome, 38 to 7, before some 5,000 spectators. The Bays turned in a great exhibition and despite the fact that they lost 120 yards in penalties to 45 by Providence, Lambeau and company won in a walk. In addition to the penalties called on the Bays, Umpire Shupert four times ruled interference by the Packers on Steam Roller passes and one of these paved the way for the lone touchdown by Coach Robinson's team in the second quarter. Fitzgibbons made a legitimate attack to knock down a pass but the umpire couldn't see it that way and he gave the ball to the home club not far from the Packers' goal.

#### ROLLERS HAD THEIR TROUBLE

Even at that the Rollers had their troubles pushing the ball over and the final play for the score could have been called either way. The Packers' air attack functioned perfectly and they simply steamed all over the Rollers in a way which amazed the throng and stirred up the wolves, who instead of hurling insults at the Packers turned their verbal thrusts on the Providence players, coach and management. It was an ideal day for football. The gridiron was dry as a bone and the sun was out. A snappy wind swept the Cylcedrome and the air was plenty chilly, many of the fans coming out in fur coats and carrying blankets. The team came through the game in pretty fair shape, Hurdis McCrary suffered a twisted knee and Tom Nash was pretty badly shaken up after snagging a pass but the rest of the gridders checked out OK, and Coach Lambeau should be able to put nearly his full strength on the field against Brooklyn Sunday. Jugger Earpe, Russ Saunders, Mike Michalske and Red Dunn did not see action. The game developed into such a rout that Coach Lambeau figured he could give the quartet a rest and have them geared up in high pitch for the fracas with the Dodgers.

#### DIDN'T TAKE LONG

It did not take the Packers long to start clicking for touchdowns, as the opening stanza was just a few minutes old when Dilweg received a pass and dashed for a touchdown. There was not a Steamroller within a city block of "the big attorney" and, if there had it would have been just as bad, because several burly Packers accompanied Lavvie over the goal line. Fitzgibbons kicked the goal and the track meet was on. Johnny Blood came through with touchdown number two when he caught a pass at the corner of the playing field, both feet on eligible territory but was knocked outside after receiving the ball. When Referee Gammell raised his hands, the Providence players surrounded the official, but he held his ground despite the protests. Charlie Coppens, the Providence manager, was so much perturbed that he raced down the sidelines to threaten Gammell. However, it was all wasted energy. The teams lined up for the goal kick but the ball went outside, and the score was Green Bay 13, Providence 0.

#### OFFICIALS RULE INTERFERENCE

When the second period got underway, the Rollers had the ball on Green Bay's 25 yard line. Shelly passed to Rose and the officials ruled interference, the ball being given to Providence on Green Bay's five yard line. Shelly picked up four yards. Pape couldn't gain but Woodruff crashed over, on a hairline decision. Woodruff added the extra point. Nash received the next kickoff and hopped the ball back to Green Bay's 42. Molenda passed to Fitzgibbons and the doctor did a snake dance to the Providence 8 yard stripe. Bruder picked up three yards and Molenda gained four more. Bo then cracked tackle for a

touchdown. Molenda failed to add the extra point. It was not long before Molenda intercepted a Providence pass and the Packers' goal line procession got underway again.

#### **MOLENDA HURLS PASS**

After chalking up a first down, the Packers came out of a huddle and Molenda tossed a long pass to Blood, who galloped some 55 yards for a touchdown. Johnny showed his heels to about a half dozen Rollers enroute. As Blood made this touchdown there was quite an impromptu celebration around the Green Bay bench as the marker put Johnny ahead of Clark, the Portsmouth ace, in the National league point scoring race. The pass from center was a bit low and the try for the extra point fizzled. Towards the close of the period, Shelly fumbled a punt and Jim Bowdoin, who was playing one of his best games of the season, recovered for the Packers. Molenda plunged through for a first down and then the Packers were set back 15 yards for holding. A fake punt netted the Bays eight yards. An air toss was grounded but on the next thrust, Molenda passed 30 yards across the goal line to Johnny Blood, who was waiting with open arms. Once again there were no Steam Rollers on the receiving committee. Molenda added the extra point and time for the half was called soon after. The third quarter was scoreless. The Packers started a new backfield and the Badgers just breezed along without much trouble. The only scoring threat was shortly after the kickoff starting the second half. McCrary sneaked through on a spinner for 55 yards but he was stopped on the five yard line, and for once Providence held for downs.

#### **HELPED GOOD DEFENSE**

A five yard penalty for offside helped the Providence goal line defense. The Packers continued their breeze in the closing frame and the Bays had little trouble holding the Rollers in check. About midway in the period the Bays started their final touchdown march. Englemann raced to the Providence 40 yard line. Mule Wilson came through with a first down with plenty to spare as the Texas sheik wasn't stopped until he reached the Rollers' seventeen. Molenda crashed through for another first down in three rushes. Wilson added three and then Molenda plunged over for a touchdown. Bo missed the try for extra point. In the closing minutes of the game Providence, due partly to three rulings on forward pass interference by the officials, picked up about 40 yards in line but the Bays soon snagged a forward pass and it was over but the shouting.

#### **BLOOD HAS FIELD DAY**

Johnny Blood had a field day for the Packers and he was ably supported by the other backs. As usual, Green Bay's great trio of ends, Dilweg, Nash and Gantenbein, played superb ball and the Rollers gained but little yardage around the flanks. The front line from tackle to tackle smeared the Rollers plenty and these forwards were bearing down every minute. The Providence stars failed to shine very brilliantly. Shelly played his usual consistent game, while Spellman was tough at end. Orin Pape, who went like a house afire against the Bays in Green Bay, was pretty well hogtied and one or two short spurts comprised his afternoon's work.

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#### **SCORING**

1ST - GB - Lavvie Dilweg, 42-yard pass from Paul Fitzgibbons (Fitzgibbons kick) GB 7-0

 $1\mathrm{ST}$  -  $\mathrm{GB}$  - Johnny Blood, 26-yard pass from Fitzgibbons (Fitzgibbons kick failed) GREEN BAY 13-0

2ND - PR - Les Woodruff, 5-yard run (Deck Shelley kick) GREEN BAY 13-7

2ND - GB - Bo Molenda, 3-yard run (Molenda kick failed) GREEN BAY 19-7

2ND - GB - Blood, 55-yard pass from Molenda (Molenda kick failed) GREEN BAY 25-7

2ND - GB - Blood, 30-yard pass from Molenda (Molenda kick) GREEN BAY 32-7

4TH - GB - Molenda, 3-yard run (Kick failed) GREEN BAY 38-7

#### Cuff Down Providence Steam Rollers by 38 to 7 Count. Blood Takes First Place Among League Scorers by Staging Private Field Day. NATIONAL LEAGUE Green Bay Green Bay Portsmouth Chicago Bears Chicago Cards Providence New York Stapleton Cleveland Brooklyn ..... Thursday's Results Green Bay 38, Providence 7. Chicago Bears 18, Cardinals 7. Stapleton 9, New York 6. Sunday's Games Green Bay at Brooklyn. Providence at New York. Chicago Bears at Portsmouth. AT IT AGAIN Providence Green Bay L. E. Dilweg Rose L. T. Irvin Stahlman L. G. Comstock Graham C. Smith Barragar R. G. Bowdoin Sofish R. T. Sleight Lahein R. E. Nash Spellman Q. B. Fitzgibbons Titmas L. H. B. Bruder Pape R. H. B. Blood Shelly F. B. McCrary Woodruff Score by Periods Green Bay Providence Blood 3, Molenda 2. Providence—Wood-ruff. Points after touchdown: Green Bay — Fitzgibbons, Molenda. Provi-dence—Shelly dence-Shelly. Substitutions Green Bay—Molenda for McCrary, Hubbard for Stahlman, Gantenbein for Nash, Englemann for Blood, Wilson for Bruder, McCrary for Molenda, Grove for Fitzgibbons, Molenda for McCrary, Fitzgibbons for Grove, Blood for Englemann Providence—Gentry for Graham, Od-en for Titmas, Eshbach for Smith, Pope for Pape, Meeker for Oden, Ed-wards for Woodruff, Williams for Pope, McArthur for Eshbach, August for Wil-llams. Pope for Shelly, Oden for Officials Referee—Capt. L. H. Gammell, Brown. Umpire—William B. Shupert, Brown. Head linesman — W. T. Halloran,

Providence.

# PACKERS IN GOOD SHAPE FOR BATTLE AGAINST DODGERS

#### GREEN BAY PACKERS TO OPPOSE DODGERS

NOVEMBER 27 (Brooklyn) - Reputed to be the outstanding football team in the country, the Green Bay Packers, National Professional League champions in 1929 and 1930, will make their only appearance in this borough when they face the Brooklyn Dodgers Sunday afternoon at Ebbets Field. The visitors last week conquered the Giants and hope to further their grip on first place in the league by taking the Dodgers into camp. Only five new players, who saw action on collegiate fields last year, have swelled the Packers' ranks this fall. The rest of the team has had two to five years professional experience. The college stars are Russ Saunders, Southern California; Hank Bruder, Northwestern; Milt Gantenbein, Wisconsin; Roy Grove, Michigan State, and Don Carlos, Drake.

#### ALL STARS, YET NO STARS ON GREEN BAYS

NOVEMBER 28 (Brooklyn) - Perhaps the real reason for the success of the Green Bay Packers, world professional football champions who play the Brooklyn Dodgers tomorrow afternoon, is the willingness of all of the players to submerge chances of personal glory for the benefit of the team. The team has aptly been called "the pro team with the college spirit". Green Bay can boast as many well-known names as any team in the league, yet its drawing power is not based on the fame of any individual player. The Packers are a great team; so great, in fact, that very few realize that many of its players were brilliant individual performers while at college...A GALAXY OF STARS: Most of the members of the team are products of Western colleges. There is the colorful Johnny Blood, former Minnesota star; Red Dunn, All-American quarterback at Marquette; Lavvie Dilweg, the best end in the country today; Bo Molenda, Michigan's great fullback of a few years ago; Hurdy McCrary, former Georgia fullback; Red Sleight, Purdue's greatest tackle; Tom Nash, Georgia end; Hank Bruder, All-America at Northwestern last year; Russ Saunders, Southern California's sensation; Milt Gantenbein, Wisconsin's end of last year; Dick Stahlman, who received his schooling at Chicago; Nate Barrager of Southern California and several other great names, all of them united to form a great team. In the preliminary game, the Parkside A.C. will meet the Flying Arrows.

## PACKERS IN GOOD SHAPE FOR BATTLE AGAINST BROOKLYN DODGERS

NOVEMBER 28 (Brooklyn) - From the looks of things it is going to be a sloppy track at Ebbets field for the Green Bay-Brooklyn game on Sunday afternoon, as King Winter arrived early on Friday and it has been snowing ever since. The weather is moderate, however, and Coach Lambeau is pulling for a bit of sunshine early on Sunday so that the gridiron will be fairly fast for the affair with the Dodgers. The team is in pretty fair shape. Mike Michalske's knee is on the mend and he will probably be available for duty if the occasions demands. Cal Hubbard's infected toe came through the Providence game OK, and the giant lineman is good for 60 minutes if necessary. Hurdis McCrary has a twisted knee and he is not likely to see action but with Bo Molenda and Russ Saunders both fit for action the Bays won't want for good fullbacking...GUNNING FOR GREEN BAY: Reports from the Dodgers have it that they will be gunning for the Packers. Nothing would please the former Green Bayites, now with Brooklyn, more than to pluck the Packers' championship bloom right in the bud. As a matter of fact, Mike Dwyer, owner of the Brooklyn club, has sidetracked

#### Sloppy Field Expected For Brooklyn Tilt Tomorrow. Champions Will Use Huddle System In Sunday's Contest at Ebbets Field. Sunday's Lineups GREEN BAY BROOKLYN Dilweg O'Donnell, Tomaine Stahlman, Hubbard Perry, Gordon Comstock, Michaleske Meyers, Radick Barragar, Fleckenstein, Don Carlos Bultman R. G. Gilson, Fulton Bowdoin R. T. Sleight, Lubratovich, Earpe Mooney R. E. Stramiello, Nash. Gantenbein Abruzzino Fitzgibbons, Grove, Thomason. Kirleskie Dunn L. H. B. Bruder, Wilson Senn, Vance Blood, Engelmann Molenda, Saunders Mc Bride Mc Crary Hanson Officials Referee—Bobby Cahn, Chicago. Umpire—Dan Kelly, Staten Island. Head linesman—Ray Hill, Philadelphia. Time of game: 1 p. m. central standard time.

John Depler as coach of the Brooklyn team and put Mike Palm, a former Penn State star, in charge of the team. Joe Apsit and Bill Fleckenstein, former Yellowjackets, and Art Kirpleskie, a back who starred with Orange last year, are recent additions to the Brooklyn battle front. There was no practice for the Packers on Friday but a blackboard drill was held around supper time and Coach Lambeau mapped out his offensive program for the Brooklyn game. The national champions will use the huddle against Brooklyn, as there are several of the Dodgers pretty well versed with Green Bay signals and formations. Bobby Cahn has been assigned by President Joe F. Carr of the NFL to handle Sunday's game. Working with the former Chicago quarterback is Dan Kelley of Staten Island and Ray Hill of Philadelphia. Unless all signs fail, the Packers should draw a good crowd in Brooklyn. The counter attraction at the Polo grounds isn't so hot as Providence plays the Giants and the Packer have taken both of these clubs into camp. Stapleton is idle and, according to Dan Blaine, owner of the Stapes, a big delegation of Islanders will make the pilgrimage to the Dodgers' park and root for the Packers...POLICE TOOK

HAND: From all accounts the Stapleton-Giant game on Thanksgiving day was pretty close to a free-for-all. Several times, the police had to take a hand to keep peace in the family. Once Red Flaherty tackled Ken Strong close to the sidelines and a Stape rooter reached over and cracked the Giant end flush on the jaw. Later, Grant, the New York tackle, knocked Strong out during a line thrust and the Islanders' leader was "cold" for half an hour. But Mr. Grant got his way about midway in the final stanza, and, when he was carried off the gridiron, the Stape rooters jumped to their feet and cheered in approved touchdown fashion. The Packer players are still chuckling over the "ride" given Russ Saunders in Providence Wednesday night. It was about 11 p.m., and Saunders was in bed. The phone rang and Saunders answered. The man at the other end of the line said he was a representative of the Providence Journal. Of course, Saunders was pleasant and he went along answering about three dozen questions about pro football, the movie world, conditions in Green Bay, etc., etc....THANKED FOR INTERVIEW: At the end of the telephone interview, the "Journal" man thanked Saunders and said he would have a nice story in Thursday's paper. Saunders like his ink as well as anybody else but he looked in vain for the writeup in the Journal. And in the meantime, everybody was kidding Russ a bit. He finally stumbled and went looking for the scribe with a shoe in his hand. He blamed everybody else but Dick Stahlman, who has developed into one of the jokesmiths of the party. There was about 100 percent representation of Packers at the Carnera fight Friday night at the Garden but none of the Bays seemed enthused over the "man mountain" as a mauler. Carnera had less punch than the Providence attack and he moved around the ring at freight train speed. As this story is being written, the Green Bay delegation is scrambling around to get tickets for the



Russell Saunders, one of the greatest backs in the country, will be on display today when the Green Bay Packers combat the Brooklyn Dodgers at Ebbets Field.

Notre Dame-Army game. The ducats are as scarce as hen's teeth. Strings were pulled at Notre Dame to pass the entire Green Bay squad but something went haywire and now it is a case of every man for himself. If worse comes to worse there is a radio in each room at the Lincoln hotel. An earful is better than nothing.

#### MENASHA FANS TO ACCOMPANY TEAM

NOVEMBER 28 (Menasha) - A large delegation of local football fans will go to Appleton tomorrow afternoon to attend the charity game to be played by the Groves, Twin City amateur champions, and the Oils of Appleton. The Appleton aggregation is composed of a number of former Lawrence college stars, headed by Swede Johnson, who saw service for several weeks with the Green Bay Packers. The Menasha team is to be augmented by addition of Neubauer and Jersild of

Neenah, but aside from that, will have the lineup which brought the Twin City championship to this city. The game is to be played on Wilson school field.

#### EXPECT PACKERS TO DRAW CAPACITY CROWD AT BROOKLYN

NOVEMBER 29 (Brooklyn) - Having captured the popular imagination of metropolitan football fandom by their thrilling 14-10 victory over the powerful New York Giants a week ago, the Green Bay Packers were expected to draw a near capacity throng of 30,000 to Ebbets Field Sunday to see the defending NFL champions make their final Eastern appearance of the season against the Brooklyn Dodgers. Outside of the fact that the contest marks the initial showing of the Wisconsin team in Brooklyn there is little importance attached to the affair. Brooklyn, possessing the weakest eleven in the professional circuit, hasn't succeeded in winning a league engagement since it defeated Stapleton early last month. E.L. (Curly) Lambeau, Green Bay coach, is taking no chances, however, and plans to send his regular team into action against the Dodgers. Despite the fact that the Packers played two grueling games within the past week they escaped unscathed as far as major injures were concerned. Lambeau's starting backfield combination will boast Red Dunn at the quarterback position, with Mule Wilson and Johnny Blood at the halves and Hurdis McCrary at fullback. Lavvie Dilweg, veteran end, who was shaken up badly in the Giant contest last Sunday, may not start, although he will be ready for action if needed. Milt Gantenbein, former Wisconsin star, will replace Dilweg. The remainder of the Green Bay forward wall, which faced the Giants and Steam Rollers, will remain intact. The Dodgers' starting array will not be determined much before game time. The local eleven has undergone so many revisions this season that Coach Johnny Depler is about the only person connected with the organization who knows the names of his squad. Within the past fortnight Depler has authorized three different shakeups and as a result only about five of the players who started the season with Brooklyn have survived. A weak line and the absence of any standout backfield material has irreparably handicapped the Dodgers this season and try as he might, Depler was unable to remedy these shortcomings. In the past week or so he has acquired three linemen but the Brooklyn forward wall still falls short of the caliber of Green Bay, New York or either Chicago outfit. Joe Vance, who is Johnny Blood's only rival for the title of the fastest player in the pro circuit this season, is the best of the Brooklyn backs but the Texas youth is very frail and cannot stand up under four, or even three, full periods of play. Red Thomas, a pretty fair sort of ball carrier, is handicapped by a trick knee which leaves Bill Senn and Stumpy Thomason about the only able-bodied Brooklyn ball carriers. A victory for the Packers Sunday will assure the Green Bay entry of its third NFL championship as Portsmouth, the Packers' nearest rival, will be mathematically eliminated from the race. Win or lose, Brooklyn will remain in ninth place, but one position from the cellar, occupied by the now defunct Philadelphia Yellow Jackets.

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