



Green Bay Packers (4-2) 20, Kansas City Chiefs 10
Saturday September 9th 1972 (at Milwaukee)



Pack Surprises KC

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PACKERS vs.
Kansas City Chiefs
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1972 PREVIEW: SCOUTING REPORTS ON THE 13 NFC TEAMS



(MILWAUKEE) - Complementing a stifling, big play defense with an opportunistic attack, the Packers stunned Super Bowl hopeful Kansas City, 20-0, here Saturday night. Rebounding spectacularly from a 31-10 loss at Cardinal hands last time out, the Packers rode a 51-yard Scott Hunter scoring pass to rookie Leland Glass, a 22-yard rumble by fullback John Brockington and a pair of Chester Marcol field goal to victory in their pre-season finale. Another capacity County Stadium crowd of 47,281 fans repeatedly cheered a Packer defense which permitted the multi-talented Chiefs past midfield only twice and consistently harassed Kansas City quarterback Len Dawson, who was sacked twice for 17 yards and completed only 9 of 18 passes for a mere 73 yards before yielding to Mickey Livingston at the start of the fourth quarter. It was the fourth victory in six exhibition starts for the Packers and the second defeat against five successes for the Chiefs, who only last week upended the world champion Dallas Cowboys, 20-10. Packer Coach Dan Devine and offensive coaches John Polonchek and Bart Starr apparently had a direct hand in the proceedings. Plays were regularly dispatched from the sidelines via shuttle system which alternated wide receivers in the first half and running backs in the second half. Striking twice in the second quarter after failing to capitalize on the two first quarter opportunities, the Packers surprised the Chiefs by stepping out to a 10-0 halftime lead. Perhaps even more surprising to the visitors was the bristling quality of the Packer defense, which did not permit the high powered Kansas City

offense a first down until less than three minutes remained in the second quarter. The Packers were not able to take advantage of an interception by Jim Hill and a later 57-yard punt return to the Kansas City 11 by Ken Ellis, who fumbled at that point to nullify a dazzling exhibition of open field running. Clyde Werner recovered for the Chiefs. Jerrell Wilson saved the Missourians from immediate distress by launching a 60-yard punt. Rookie Bob Hudson, victim of two fumbles in similar circumstances against the Cardinals last week, returned it 12 yards to the Packer 39, however, and the first scoring drive of the evening began to take shape. The key maneuver was a 24-yard pass from Hunter to Brockington who the Packer quarterback had managed to isolate on linebacker Willie Lanier. That carried the green and gold to the KC 11. After Brockington added two yards at left tackle, the march stalled when a Hunter pass dribbled off the fingertips of Lane and Hunter was felled for a 7-yard loss by Buck Buchanan while attempting to pass. At that point, rookie Chester Marcol was summoned and he responded with a 23-yard bullseye, his fifth field goal success in eight attempts as a pro. Later in the second quarter, Ellis returned a Wilson punt 16 yards to the Green Bay 32 to set another drive in motion. This time a 15-yard, third down screen pass to Lane, who made the bulk of that yardage on a brilliant individual effort, set the stage. On the next play, Hunter pass dribbled off the finger tips of Lane and Hunter was felled for a 7-yard loss by Buck Buchanan while attempting to pass. At that point, rookie Chester Marcol was summoned and he responded with a 23-yard bullseye, his fifth field goal success in eight attempts as a pro. Later in the second quarter, Ellis returned a Wilson punt 16 yards to the Green Bay 32 to set another drive in motion. This time a 15-yard, third down screen pass to Lane, who made the bulk of that yardage on a brilliant individual effort, set the stage. On the next play, Hunter found rookie Leland Glass with a step lead on cornerback Emmit Thomas at the Kansas City 22. The rest was easy. Glass ran under the ball and veered off toward the left corner. Thomas finally caught him at the one but Glass's momentum easily carried him into the end zone at the 10:56 mark. Marcol's conversion made it 10-0. Making good use of two opportunities, both produced by their own enterprise, the Packers doubled their margin in a productive third quarter. The first bloomed when Ellis returned Jan Stenerud's short and low field goal attempt down the east sidelines to the Kansas City 12, an electrifying maneuver which was partially nullified by a clipping penalty on Willie Buchanan that set the Packers back to the Chiefs' 44. A defensive holding penalty on Thomas, overzealously guarding Glass, brought another first down at the 14. After Brockington picked up two, however, Hunter was sacked for a 10-yard loss by Buck Buchanan and Bobby Bell, suggesting a field goal might be in order. But on

third down, Brockington suddenly exploded out of a draw, angled to his right and galloped into the open. Shedding KC cornerback Jim Marsalis along the way. Following the kickoff and one Kansas City first down, Jim Carter waylaid a Dawson pass near the west sidelines and returned it 9 yards to the Chiefs' 33 before being bumped out of bounds. Then, with fourth-and-two, Marcol came on to kick his second field goal, this one a 32-yard boot with only 52 seconds remaining in the period.

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GREEN BAY - 0 10 10 0 - 20

	<u>KANSAS CITY</u>	<u>GREEN BAY</u>
First downs	15	13
Rush-yards-TDs	45-77-0	40-135-1
Comp-Att-Yd-TD-INT	30-15-134-0-3	13-7-127-1-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-17	3-24
Net Passing Yards	117	103
Total yards	194	248
Fumbles-lost	0-0	1-1
Turnovers	3	1
Yards Penalized	5-52	5-45

SCORING

2nd – GB – Chester Marcol, 23-yard field goal GB 3-0

2nd – GB – Leland Glass, 51-yard pass from Scott Hunter (Marcol kick) GB 10-0

3rd – GB – John Brockington, 22-yard run (Marcol kick) GB 17-0

3rd – GB – Marcol, 32-yard field goal GB 20-0

RUSHING

GREEN BAY – John Brockington 11-51 1 TD, MacArthur Lane 10-38, Bob Hudson 8-24, Perry Williams 8-19, Scott Hunter 3-3

KANSAS CITY– Wendell Hayes 8-27, Mike Adamle 7-19, Ed Podolak 6-14, Mike Livingston 1-11, Jim Otis 1-4, Len Dawson 1-2

PASSING

GREEN BAY - Scott Hunter 13-7-127 1 TD

KANSAS CITY – Len Dawson 18-9-73 1 INT, Mike Livingston 11-6-61 1 INT, Ed Podolak 1-0-0 1 INT

RECEIVING

GREEN BAY – MacArthur Lane 2-24, Leland Glass 2-61 1 TD, John Brockington 1-24, Bob Hudson 1-10, Perry Williams 1-8

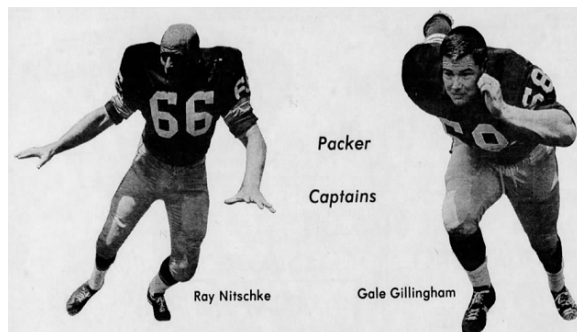
KANSAS CITY – Otis Taylor 3-38, Morris Stroud 3-25, Mike Adamle 3-21, Elmo Wright 2-26, Wendell Hayes 2-7, Willie Frazier 1-13, Jim Otis 1-4

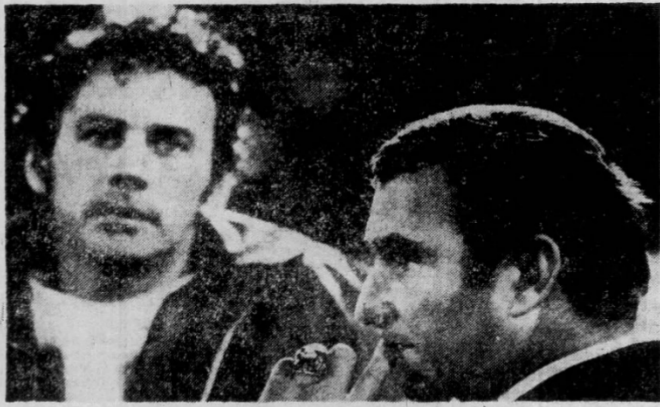
PACK GETS KEARNY

SEPT 10 (Milwaukee-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Tim Kearney, former Northern Michigan University linebacking star, reported to the Packers here Saturday night after being claimed on waivers from the world champion Dallas Cowboys. There was no immediate indication of what action will be taken to make room for Kearney, who was a fourth round choice of the Cowboys in last February's draft. Earlier, the Packers had placed rookie linebackers Larry Hefner and Eric Patton on waivers before leaving for Milwaukee and Saturday night's game with the Kansas City Chiefs.

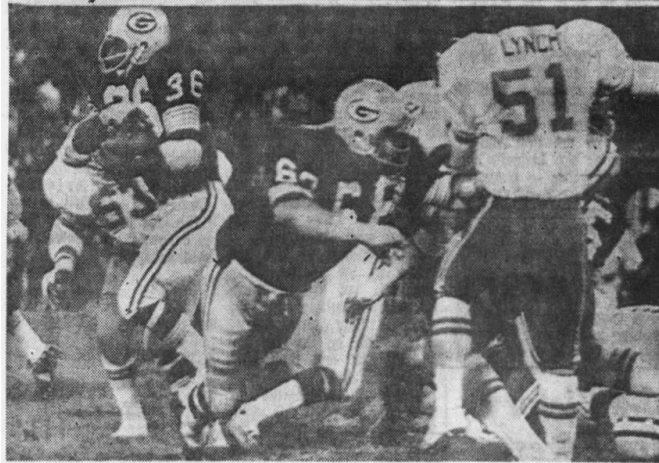
PACKERS' WIN LEAVES IMPACT

SEPT 11 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – It was only a pre-season game...the kind that presumably is played for polish, precision and prosperity. But, Dan Devine happily assured, Saturday night's 20-0 blanking of the awesome Kansas City Chiefs meant considerably more than that to the fledgling Packers previously somewhat uneven artistically in five exhibition appearances. Devine, making no attempt to minimize the impact that resounding County Stadium performance could have on the green and gold's 1972 fortunes, volunteered, "I felt we needed to play well...It wasn't as important that we win as that we play well." And that, he tacitly conceded, they unquestionably had. "We had only one fumble, on the punt return by Ken Ellis, and no pass interceptions," DD points out, noting, "I wanted to play a clean game." He could have added that the shutout was a feat of truly major proportions, considering the quality of the opposition. It was, in fact, only the third time the Chiefs have been blanked in their 13-year history, the first time since 1963 when they fell to the Jets, 17-0. Devine, with the Packers National Football League opener at Cleveland now looming just one week off, was particularly heartened by a dazzling upswing in an area that so frequently has sabotaged his team in the recent past. "I was really pleased with our special teams," he said. "Our kickoff coverage was good...Twice we tackled City inside the 20 on kickoffs and you don't often do that to the Chiefs. Dave Pureifory got off to a slow start with us but he started to come alive a week ago and he did a good job in this one on the kickoff team, and so did Bob Hudson. Our punt return team did a good job, too...And one of these days we're going to run one back all the way," he said, obviously alluding to the 57-yard runback by Ellis which might have been a distance shot but for the fumble. "At least, we're now a threat." Although clearly pleased by the explosive





KEEPING COOL: Hank Stram looks pensive, Len Dawson exasperated. The Chiefs went without a first down for nearly the first 28 minutes of the game.



GREEN BAY PACKER running back MacArthur Lane (36) breaks through the line of scrimmage for a gain against the Kansas City Chiefs at Milwaukee Saturday night. Lane gained 38 yards in 10 carries as the Packers surprised the Chiefs, 20-0.

of a game." The four-year veteran, a starter for the last three years and a master technician, is troubled by a toe injury. I kept MacArthur Lane out the second half, too, because I felt like he'd had enough," Devine said, "He has a bruised leg - nothing too serious, but it's pretty deep seated. I'd like to get it well. Overall, I think we came out of the pre-season pretty well, although I hope Freddie Carr doesn't have a deeply pulled muscle." Carr, injured early in the first quarter, was relieved by Tommy Joe Crutcher and sat out the rest of the evening. Any other thoughts on the exhibition season? "I'm glad," Devine said with a facetious grin, "that it's all over. Seriously, I think we got a lot of valuable work done - and we got a lot of valuable experience that we badly needed." Someone suggested overconfidence could just be a modest problem in the wake of Saturday night's startling upset. "I don't think we'll look past anybody," Devine dryly rejoined.

STRAM'S WORDS SOUND WARNING

SEPT 11 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Dapper, debonair and disappointed Henry Stram looked over his fallen warriors in the Kansas City locker room at Milwaukee County Stadium Saturday night and observed, "You can't count on last week.

charge of the defensive line, which put massive pressure upon KC quarterback Len Dawson and forced him to settle for a paltry 73 yards passing before retiring at the end of three quarters, Devine indicated the transfer of Gale Gillingham to that unit is still under serious consideration. "I think the possibility on Gillie's moving over there is the same as it was before the game," said the Packer generalissimo, who last week acquired guard Malcolm Snider from Atlanta to create the possibility. "Let me put it this way - I think it's still a possibility." Gillingham could very well be serving two masters, at least for the present, Devine said. "There is no reason why Gillie can't practice both," he said. "He can keep his hand in the offense and still work with the defense. Gillie's a smart football player - he thinks football and he knows everybody in the league...I told him last week we were going to move him, subject to my changing of my mind." Concern over making the transfer was eased by Snider's debut against the Chiefs. "The short time Malcolm was in there, he looked awfully good." Devine said. "He was called offside once but the other coaches said they didn't think he'd jumped...It may just have looked that way because he got such a good jump off the ball...He really fired across." Touching upon the Packers other recent acquisitions, he said, "Ike Thomas showed me he's a pretty good athlete. He went in there and played both corners. He comes in here in the middle of the week and plays against Otis Taylor and Elmo Wright...Of course he'd played against them last week with Dallas, so he had had a little practice working against them. I also thought that, under the circumstances, Ron Widby did a fine job of punting. They put a heavy rush on him all night. He hasn't punted that much - he only kicked 17 times for the Cowboys because they were using Marv Bateman a lot - but he got the one we needed...He also held very well for Chester Marcol." Devine minimized the decision to call the plays for quarterback Scott Hunter from the sidelines. "It's not that big a thing," he said. "It's just a thing I'd been thinking about. I didn't tell the quarterbacks until this morning. It was pretty much in our minds. however." Explaining he had done it to ease the burden on Hunter, Devine indicated it may be only a temporary measure. "I want the quarterbacks to prepare the same way for every game as they have in the past...I still think it's better to have the quarterback call his own game. Lennie Dawson calls the same game that Hank Stram would, but they've been together for 16 years. "As far as that's concerned. the quarterback still has to audible," said the Packer leader, who credited a Hunter "ad lib" with producing the second quarter touchdown pass to rookie Leland Glass. "On that one, Scott read a zone defense," he said. "The pass was supposed to go to John Brockington but he really got held up at the line of scrimmage by Bobby Bell, so Scott went to Glass." Referring to another decision, the one which found rookie Keith Wortmann starting at left guard in place of Bill Lueck. Devine wryly informed. "It takes almost more courage than I've got to hold a guy like Lueck out

This is the National Football League. The only thing that counts is now." This profound declaration had its basis in the fact that the Chiefs, considered in some quarters to have the finest talent in the league and the conquerors of the world champion Dallas Cowboys just the week previous, had just been shot down by the upstart Green Bay Packers, who only the week before had fallen on their faces against the St. Louis Cardinals. It would be well for the Packers to consider Stram's words this week. For as well as the Pack played in at least temporarily silencing its most severe critics, the game was, after all, only an exhibition...and this week brings the opening of the real play for pay campaign in Cleveland. But what an exhibition that was Saturday night. "We didn't make things happen. We waited for things to happen," Stram said of his team. Dan Devine couldn't have said the same of his. The Packers made things happen with the kind of hard hitting that must have warmed the coach's heart. He has been calling for hitters. Saturday night he had them. On offense and defense. It was the latter that really stood out, of course, because it came up with a pass rush that nobody, least of all Lennie Dawson, could believe. Stram said the Packer pass rush was due only to the inability of his team to establish a running game to keep the defense honest. But Dawson, the veteran Chiefs quarterback, had a more simple explanation. "They just outhit us," he said. And that is the ingredient that wins games no matter what formations, strategy or psychology are employed. Credit the special teams, much maligned most of this season, for a delightful turnabout, except for Ken Ellis' inopportune fumble...Keith Wortman, the rookie who started at guard, looked bad on one pass block to full view Bob Brown still of all the customers but he did a fine job inside...MacArthur Lane continues to make the Anderson trade look good...looks like he has a basketball under his jersey but he dribbled into the KC backfield like Oscar Robertson into the Knicks front court... Despite the beautiful play of the Packers, it must be pointed out that when Otis Taylor drops a pass in the middle of the field with nobody anywhere around him, the Chiefs are having a bad game. Watching the plays being called from the sideline was interesting. There were Devine and Assistant Coach Bart Starr, the latter with phones on, conversing on each play and then Devine sent in one of the messengers with the decision. After each play, Starr would turn the page of the book he was holding just as if the next page covered the situation that had arisen. He appeared to be following a script, which is pretty good preparation.

LIKE A BUNCH OF MADMEN: ELLIS

SEPT 11 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Kenny Ellis, seldom at a loss for verbiage, had a word for it. "I can sum it up in one word - hit," the Packers mercurial right cornerback said while quietly exulting in Saturday night's 20-0 throttling of the highly regarded Kansas City Chiefs at Milwaukee. "We out-hit 'em...you could see we had 'em going by the end of the first quarter. We took the fight to them - we were like a bunch of madmen out there. The best thing about it is that we shut the Chiefs out. When you've shut out a team of their ability, you've done a helluva job." This appeared to be the prevailing sentiment among the understandably jubilant Packers, for whom this had patently been a battle of redemption following a 31-10 disaster against the Cardinals a week earlier. "We really played ball tonight," fullback John Brockington offered with considerable satisfaction. "We seem to play our best games against the best teams. We have to get out of the habit of not playing well against some of the others - we have to play good against everybody." The facility with which the victory had been accomplished had come as a surprise to some, considering it was the first meeting of the two teams since the Packers 35-10 conquest of the 1967 Super Bowl, but not to MacArthur Lane. "Hank Stram may have been waiting 5 ½ years for this game," he agreed, "but the ballplayers have to play the game...And a little breakdown here and a little breakdown there can make quite a difference. Most of the guys from that '67 team are gone, you have to remember. And the younger guys aren't going to have the same feelings about it, of course," said Mac, who had just emerged as the Packers' pre-season rushing champion. That probability did not, however, detract from the quality of the Packer performance, Lane felt. "I think we really looked good," he said with quiet fervor. "We finally put one together - we wanted to put it together. It's the kind of game you want to play every week. I think everybody, the special teams, everybody, was together. If we can get a tandem like that together every week, we'll be hard to beat." "This," he added, glancing around the dressing room, "is a great bunch of guys, a great bunch of ballplayers." The tenants of the defensive line, which put heavy pressure upon Chiefs quarterback Len Dawson and stifled the Kansas City running game, clearly had been four men with a mission. Bob Brown, who wrought considerable havoc along the way, admitted so much. "We've taken a lot of razzing about our pass rush in the last year or so," he said. "A man is a man, and he can only take that sort of thing so long. We only tackled the quarterback 19 times last year. I'm



Standings

By The Associated Press
National League Exhibitions
Final Standings

American Conference

	East				Pct.	Pts.	OP
	W	L	T				
Buffalo	3	2	1		.700	126	130
New York Jets	2	2	2		.500	107	120
Miami	3	3	0		.500	140	118
Baltimore	3	3	0		.500	79	116
New England	2	4	0		.333	139	187

	Central				Pct.	Pts.	OP
	W	L	T				
Pittsburgh	4	1	1		.750	160	63
Cincinnati	3	3	0		.500	134	164
Houston	2	3	1		.417	122	113
Cleveland	0	6	0		.000	82	142

	West				Pct.	Pts.	OP
	W	L	T				
San Diego	4	1	1		.750	110	94
Kansas City	5	2	0		.714	131	107
Oakland	4	2	0		.667	143	96
Denver	2	3	0		.400	102	126

National Conference

	East				Pct.	Pts.	OP
	W	L	T				
Dallas	5	1	0		.833	143	101
Washington	4	1	1		.750	155	70
St. Louis	4	2	0		.667	146	108
New York Giants	3	2	1		.583	144	125
Philadelphia	1	5	0		.167	98	162

	Central				Pct.	Pts.	OP
	W	L	T				
Detroit	4	2	0		.667	162	119
Green Bay	4	2	0		.667	81	85
Minnesota	3	2	0		.600	99	86
Chicago	1	4	1		.250	92	135

	West				Pct.	Pts.	OP
	W	L	T				
San Francisco	3	3	0		.500	121	109
New Orleans	1	4	1		.250	76	150
Atlanta	1	4	0		.200	81	108
Los Angeles	1	5	0		.167	75	114

Friday's Results

San Francisco 17, Los Angeles 14
Buffalo 34, Philadelphia 17

Saturday's Results

Atlanta 44, Cincinnati 14
Green Bay 20, Kansas City 0
New York Jets 20, San Diego 20
Dallas 16, Oakland 10
St. Louis 33, Chicago 14
Washington 10, Pittsburgh 10

Sunday's Results

Baltimore 20, Denver 13
New York Giants 28, Cleveland 21
New Orleans 14, Houston 14
Miami 21, Minnesota 19
New England 34, Detroit 30

Regular Season Begins

Sunday's Games

All Times EDT

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

Monday's Game

Washington at Minnesota, 9 p.m.

aware of it and I know the guys who play alongside me are aware of it. We sort of took a special initiative to improve our pass rush. We have pass rushing drills in practice every day and they had to help us. And, personally, I think I was more consistent coming off the ball than I have been." Fellow defender Alden Roche indicated last week's unhappiness with the Cardinals had been another potent factor. "We didn't do anything different," he said. "I guess we just were all coming - I think everybody wanted to play well. I think everybody knew the game last week shouldn't have gone that way, and I guess they wanted to prove it. If we could hold every passer to 73 yards, like we did Len Dawson, we'd have the best defense in the league, without a doubt." Another member of the defense, Jim Carter, was flippantly apologetic about his failure to go further with a third quarter interception that set up the Packers' final touchdown. "If I'd used my old fullback ability, which was very limited, I would have just jumped over Ed Podolak, because he was coming in on me pretty low...But I guess that's how bad I used to run. It was a play-action that started out like a run. Then I saw it was going to be a pass. Crutcher put pretty good pressure on Podolak and forced the throw." Though a big night for every member of the Packer cast, it had been particularly memorable for rookie wide receiver Leland Glass, who had pulled down his first scoring pass as a pro in the second quarter. "It was supposed to go to John Brockington," he said, "but I'm glad Scott Hunter saw me because I was wide open. Emmitt Thomas later did get hold of me about the one" or two-yard-line, but I was able to fall forward into the end zone. I feel happy about getting my first pro touchdown," the former University of Oregon athlete said. "I hope it won't be my last." The author of that bomb was undisturbed over the coaches' decision to send in most of the plays from the bench. "It took a lot of pressure off me with the varied game plan we had for this game," Hunter said. "It was a complicated game plan, but it was a good one. They do a lot on defense, so to beat 'em, you have to do a lot on offense. As far as the plays are concerned, they sent in some and I called some. I called maybe one or two audibles. The coaches don't call anything I wouldn't call and I wouldn't call anything they wouldn't call. It's a sort of working together." The Chiefs' defensive consistency had contributed to the success of the Packer attack, center Ken Bowman reported. "They stuck primarily to their game plan," he said. "They used the 5-2 against the run and the 4-3 against the pass. They stayed with the defenses we had seen on film. They didn't throw any new curls at us...I think that was smart on their part, actually. Why should you change when you've got great people like they have?" Quick to admit the overall performance had been a large shot in the arm, Bowman said, "It's a good start for the season. We needed something like that after that 31-10 trouncing we took last week...We had to have a victory."

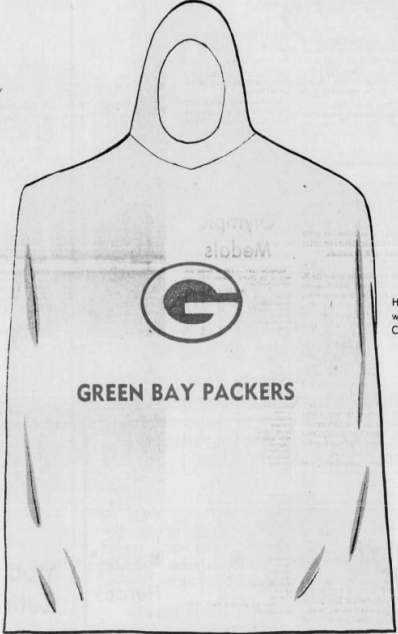
NORBS TRIED TO AVOID PACKER TV BLACKOUT

SEPT 12 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Though it has been generally accepted that Saturday night's TV blackout of the Packers-Chiefs bash was because of the St. Norbert football game, the school had no control over it. "It is a national NCAA rule which the National Football League has agreed to abide by," said St. Norbert Athletic Director Mel Nicks. "We didn't request it. We even agreed to change the time of our game if it would have helped. We'd have played our game in the afternoon and moved the Premontre-Pennings game (played in Minahan Stadium Saturday afternoon) to Sunday. But it wouldn't have made any difference, anyway. There is a 24-hour blackout rule and we still would have been within that time span. Plus, we weren't the only school playing within the 100 mile radius (the area covered by the blackout). We agreed to do anything we could, but there really was nothing that could be done," said Nicks.

UWGB SCHEDULES IOWA FOR '73

SEPT 12 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The University of Wisconsin-Green Bay basketball team has scheduled a game with the university of Iowa for the 1973-74 season, Athletic Director Dean Austin announced today. The Phoenix will meet the Hawkeyes, Big Ten champions twice in the last four years, at Iowa City on Dec. 29, 1973, Austin said. Iowa, which most recently won the Big Ten title in 1970, is anticipating a return to contention as it moves into its third season under Coach Dick Schultz. Dave Buss, UWGB basketball coach, also announced today that Carl (Bud) Jorgensen, longtime former trainer for the Packers will become the basketball team's new trainer. Jorgensen, who served the Packers for 47 years before retiring prior to the 1971 season, will replace the late Don Byers, who died last summer.

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KRAUSE OUT FOR SEASON

SEPT 12 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Running back Larry Krause, a special teams standout in last Saturday night's 20-0 victory over the Kansas City Chiefs, has been lost to the Packers for the season. Krause suffered a broken jaw in the third quarter when struck under the chin by a forearm as the Packers kicked off to the Chiefs following John Brockington's 22-yard run for the Packers final touchdown. Coach Dan Devine announced that the former St. Norbert College star has been placed on the injured reserve list and thus is likely to be out for the balance of the year. In order to be reactivated, he would have to be exposed to the NFL's other 25 clubs on waivers. Expressing regret over the loss of Krause, Devine said, "He played extremely well against Kansas City...He was outstanding." Ironically, the injury came on a re-kick, fumbled by the Chiefs' Bruce Jankowski and returned to the Kansas City 18. The Packers had been penalized for being offside on Chester Marcol's first kickoff. A Packer team physician set and wired Krause's jaw Monday morning and estimated it will be six weeks before the wire can be removed. Devine said that another casualty of the Kansas City game, linebacker Freddie Carr, "should be available this week. He didn't work this morning but he should be ready for Cleveland." Carr suffered a thigh muscle pull. Quarterback Jerry Tagge hobbled by a deep thigh bruise for the last two weeks is likely to miss Sunday's opener, Devine indicated. "Jerry is a long way from even getting out on the field." he said.

YOUNGEST PACKER TEAM SET

SEPT 12 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - For some time now, Dan Devine has been saying, "Even with Ray Nitschke and Carroll Dale on our roster, the Packers have to be one of the youngest teams in the National Football League - if not the youngest." After he and his staff arrived at 1972's final 40-man roster Monday, following a hectic weekend of personnel discussions and maneuvers highlighted by the release of veteran wide receiver John Spilis, the Packer coach emerged with impressive documentation for his claim. The '72 Packers, who well may be the youngest team in Green Bay's 53-year National Football League history, average a mere 3.8 years of pro experience. That, as Devine suggested, is despite the presence of Nitschke, starting his 15th Packer semester; Dale, beginning his 13th; and Dave Robinson, now in his 10th. The remaining 37, who include eight rookies, average just 3.1 NFL years. Spilis, a four-year veteran from Northern Illinois who had been a third round draft choice in 1969, was one of four players waived Monday to reduce the roster to the regular season limit. Also released were defensive back Lee Hitt of Texas A & M, center Wimpy Winther of Mississippi and running back Don Heater of Montana Tech, claimed only a week earlier from the St. Louis Cardinals...INJURED RESERVE CUT: Larry Krause, who suffered a broken jaw in last Saturday night's 20-0 victory over the Kansas City Chiefs, also was placed on the injured reserve list in a companion move. The departure of Spilis was an obvious testimonial to the talents of sophomore Dave Davis, expected to inherit the starting assignment at split end, and rookie Leland Glass, an eighth-round selection whose second quarter touchdown catch loomed large in that resounding decision of the Chiefs. Other first year men who survived were defensive back Willie Buchanan and homegrown quarterback Jerry Tagge, both first-round picks; placekicker Chester Marcol, a second-round choice; running back Bob Hudson and defensive end Dave Pureifory, both sixth-round picks; guard Keith Wortmann, a tenth; and linebacker Tim Kearney, the former Northern Michigan star who was claimed on waivers over the weekend from the Cowboys, who had drafted him in the fourth round. Devine's youth movement, underscored by the fact that 32 of the 40 survivors have five or fewer pro seasons behind them, also includes seven second-year men, eight others in their third season, four four-year veterans and five in their fifth seasons...6 VETERANS GONE: It was triggered, in the main, by the departure or retirement since the 1971 season of six veterans with seven to 16 years in the NFL - Bart Starr, Zeke Bratkowski, Willie Wood, Lionel Aldridge, Doug Hart and Donny Anderson. That, in brief, is the makeup of the cast which will invade Cleveland Sunday afternoon for the season opener against the Browns, one which both the Packers and Devine devoutly hope will be dramatically different than last year's inaugural. That one was marred by a 42-40 loss to the Giants, compounded by Devine suffering a broken leg when run over along the sidelines by ex-Packer Bob Hyland. The current roster lists 23 players on offense, including only three wide receivers and four running backs, and 17 on defense, including just five linemen and a surprisingly large corps of linebackers (six). There are obvious alternatives in the event of injury, however, where "shortages" appear. Wide receiver Sam Dickerson is on the taxi squad and, in an emergency, Fred Carr can be employed at defensive end. There also is one opening on the inactive list, the official term for the taxi squad, and that presumably is being reserved for an offensive back. Although the matter of the final 40 has been resolved, at least for the present, other matters still remain to be resolved. Devine said a decision is imminent on the status of Gale Gillingham, whose transfer from offensive guard to defensive tackle has been under serious consideration. "The decision hasn't been

Krause Out for Season



The '72 squad breakdown, by years:

First: Willie Buchanan, Jerry Tagge, Chester Marcol, Bob Hudson, Dave Pureifory, Leland Glass, Keith Wortmann, Tim Kearney.

Second: Scott Hunter, Charlie Hall, John Brockington, Dave Davis, Leonard Garrett, Isaac (Ike) Thomas, Vernon Vanoy.

Third: Frank Patrick, Al Matthews, Ken Ellis, Jim Carter, Cal Withrow, Rich McGeorge, Clarence Williams, Alden Roche.

Fourth: Perry Williams, Jim Hill, Bill Hayhoe, Malcolm Snider.

Fifth: MacArthur Lane, Fred Carr, Bill Lueck, Dick Himes, Ron Widby.

Seventh: Gale Gillingham, Francis Peay, Bob Brown.

Eighth: Tommy Joe Cur-tcher.

Ninth: Ken Bowman.

Tenth: Dave Robinson.

Thirteenth: Carroll Dale.

Fifteenth: Ray Nitschke.

Spilis cut; Krause hurt

Youngest Packer team set

OFFENSE

WIDE RECEIVERS: Carroll Dale, Dave Davis, (Leland Glass).

TIGHT ENDS: Rich McGeorge, Leonard Garrett.

TACKLES: Francis Peay, Dick Himes, Bill Hayhoe.

GUARDS: Gale Gillingham, Bill Lueck, Malcolm Snider, (Keith Wortmann).

CENTERS: Ken Bowman, Cal Withrow.

QUARTERBACKS: Scott Hunter, Frank Patrick, (Jerry Tagge).

RUNNING BACKS: MacArthur Lane, John Brockington, Perry Williams (Bob Hudson).

KICKING SPECIALISTS: Ron Widby, (Chester Marol)

DEFENSE

LINEMEN: Clarence Williams, Bob Brown, Alden Roche, Vernon Vanoy (Dave Pureifory)

LINEBACKERS: Dave Robinson, Jim Carter, Ray Nitschke, Freddie Carr, Tommy Joe Crutcher, (Tim Kearney)

HALFBACKS: Ken Ellis, A. Matthews, Jim Hill, Charlie Hall, Issac (Ike) Thomas, (Willie Buchanan). (Parentheses denote rookie)

INACTIVE LIST (Taxi squad): Charlie Napper, Bob Kroll, Keving Hunt, Larry Hefner, Sam Dickerson, Mike McCoy (injured).

made yet," Devine said, "but I should have an answer to both his status and Mike McCoy's by some time tomorrow. Gillie worked with both units this morning." This, he indicated, is not likely to continue. "I think Gillie could play both ways, if needed," he said, "but he couldn't do it every game all season. But Gillie's not the normal guy, either. As far as McCoy is concerned, he was out in sweat clothes today. I would say that he probably will start practicing on offense when he is sufficiently recovered from that broken foot to start working out." Between personnel meetings with the coaching staff and a host of related telephone calls, Devine found time to study the film of the Kansas City conquest, which he admitted had been an edifying experience. "The effort was tremendous, really," he said. "The blocking on kickoff returns, the downfield blocking and the pursuit was outstanding, against a pretty good football team...**'WE PLAYED WELL'**: "We can't rest on our laurels," he cautioned, "but I'd be less than honest if I didn't say we played well. Overall, it was the best film I've seen since I've been here." It, Devine added, had left him with a delightful dilemma. "I can't name any names," he said, "because a lot of guys played well." Looking ahead to Cleveland and the first game that will officially count, he shrugged off the suggestion that the Browns' 0-6 pre-season record might lull his team into a false sense of security. "I don't know whether their record helps us," he said, "but I don't think it hurts us either. We've got the film of their last game and they were just a bounce away from winning it. Any team that has Leroy Kelly and Bo Scott offensively, plus Bill Nelsen and Mike Phipps at quarterback, has to be a good football team. The Browns have had a few people bungled up that they've held out and I'm sure they will be available this weekend. They've just had little things go wrong for them that have cost them ball games."

PACK ADDS BACK KOPAY

SEPT 13 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packers today added reserve strength at running back with the signing of free agent Dave Kopay to a taxi squad contract. Kopay,

30, recently was released by the Oakland Raiders, who had acquired the former 49er from the New Orleans Saints. Kopay, 6-foot-0, 218 pounds, has also played with the Lions and Redskins. The Chicago native is an alumnus of the University of Washington, having transferred there when Marquette dropped football in 1960. Coach Dan Devine also announced that running back Don Heater, claimed on waivers from the St. Louis Cardinals earlier this month, has been re-claimed by the Cardinals. Heater had been released by the Packers in Monday's final cutdown for the 1972 National Football League season. It was also reported the Packers have claimed two other players and are awaiting disposition of the claims by the NFL office. Meanwhile, in Cleveland, Coach Nick Skorich nominated Bill Nelson to be the starting quarterback in Sunday's opener against the Packers

GILLIE BEGINS NEW CAREER AS DEFENSIVE TACKLE

SEPT 13 (Green Bay) - "How does it feel," Gale Gillingham was facetiously asked, "to be an all-pro defensive tackle?" Gillingham, who for the last three years has been so honored as an offensive guard, chuckled and rejoined, "I've got a long way to go." Thus did the former University of Minnesota fullback officially begin his football life anew Tuesday - as a card carrying member of the Packers front four at left tackle. Simultaneously formalized was the transfer of Mike McCoy, the previous tenant of that position until felled by a foot fracture, to offensive tackle. Gillingham had reported for practice in a white jersey, currently being worn by members of the defensive unit, formally effecting a move that Coach Dan Devine had privately pondered for more than a year and discussed openly for the last ten days...**TENTATIVE STAGE:** The seven-year veteran had worked with the defense late last week, when the switch was still in the tentative stage, but also continued to take his regular turn at guard. Although the changeover comes just five days before Sunday's National Football League opener at Cleveland, Devine evinced no great concern over the timing of the maneuver. "I don't think it will be a big adjustment for Gillie," he said. "He's been playing all along and he's in excellent condition. And Gillie's a smart football player." Asked what effect the move might have on the Packer running game, considering that Gillingham is rated one of the premier blockers in the NFL, Devine soberly replied, "That depends on how well the guy who replaces him does. "McCoy, of course, also is certain to add strength to the offensive line." Malcolm Snider, a four-year veteran obtained from the Atlanta Falcons in the Dave Hampton trade last week, has inherited Gillingham's right guard assignment. The question prompted Devine to explain the rationale behind the move. "Here's a typical example," he began. "We ran a week side play in Saturday night's game against the Chiefs and Gillie makes a fantastic block. But the back misses his man - it had to be the fullback, because MacArthur Lane never misses a block and we lose four yards... **NEVER WASTED:** On defense, if he makes a good play, it's never wasted. It always has a bearing on the game. But he can make 20 good offensive plays and if some other guy breaks down, doesn't do his job, Gillie's job is wasted. In other words, he should have more to do with the outcome

of the game on defense." The switch would not have been made, DD admitted, "if McCoy hadn't been hurt. That's what precipitated it. You've got to get the right guys in the right slots." Defensive coordinator Dave Hanner, whose prime objective this year is to revitalize the pass rush, welcomed the "newcomer." "I think Gillie can do a good job for us," he said. "I think he can help us, no question about it. He's played enough defense in the past and he's played against it. Gillie's quick and strong and smart," Hanner continued, adding with a chuckle, "and he knows all the tricks." "I also think he can be just as good a leader on defense (Gillingham has been captain of the offense the last three years) as he was on offense, not only by his talk but by his play."...**HELP SOONER:** "I really hate to lose McCoy but we're in a position where we need help now. And Mike could help the team sooner on offense, when he comes back off the injury, than he could on defense." Gillingham, meanwhile, admitted he envisions a period of adjustment. "It's going to take a little getting used to," he said following Tuesday's practice, which saw him line up inside of Clarence Williams on the left side of the front four. "I hope it works out all right. I'm just going to do the best I can and hope it works out all right. There's a big adjustment both physically and mentally, but the biggest adjustment is mental. Not in getting ready for a game, but in getting to recognize things and reacting to them. Offense, of course, is more of a disciplined game, more technical, whereas defense is more of a reaction type of thing." At this point, no special instruction periods have been scheduled for him, he said. "I'm just going to try to pick it up the best I can. The other guys will help me as I go along, I'm sure. Bob Brown lets me know now where to line up on a stunt or a blitz, who goes first, that sort of thing."...**BIGGEST ADJUSTMENT:** The biggest adjustment, he conceded, is to leaving his comrades in the offensive line, a very closely knit group, "That's the hardest part about it," he said, "leaving those other buys (Bill Lueck, Ken Bowman, Dick Himes, Francis Peay and Bill Hayhoe)." Gillingham's successor in that unit accepted the assignment with humility. "Gillie is an all-pro guard," Snider said, "and I've got some awfully big shoes to fill. I wasn't an all-pro guard in Atlanta so it would be pretty hard to expect me to be as good as Gillie is. But I'm just going to do the best I can. The situations are similar, so I feel fortunate about that. At least, I can get the technical things down with a minimal amount of difficulty. From there on, it's just like with anybody else, getting ready each week to play another team - a different team, a different tackle. The easiest adjustment is because everybody in the offensive line communicates so well." Devine, taking note of the ex-Falcon's performance to date, said, "Snider's done very well for us...He's a bright buy." Would he consider moving Gillingham back to guard at a later date if it seemed necessary? "That's a possibility," Devine said. "But I'm assuming there's not going to be a breakdown. In the case of an emergency or injury, of course, we probably would move him back. And Gillie could play there about that quick," he added, snapping his fingers to accentuate his point. "He's so smart and our offense doesn't change that much."...**PACKER PATTERN:** Devine indicated no decision has been reached on who will start at split end against Cleveland, now that John Spilis has been released. "I think Dave Davis will start there," he said, "but Leland Glass' could." Turning to the casualty list, he reported, "I think Freddie Carr is going to be all right. You always worry about any injury, of course, but I expect him to be ready for Cleveland." Carr suffered a thigh bruise in Saturday night's 20-8 triumph over Kansas City. "I don't think Willie Buchanan's injury is anything serious," Devine also volunteered. "He wasn't even limping." The Packers' No. 1 draftee sprained his left ankle in the morning's final drill. DD also had an optimistic report on the progress of quarterback Jerry Tagge, who has been sidelined with a deep contusion of the left thigh. "I'm not quite as pessimistic as I was about Tagge a couple of days ago," he said...On the subject of the Browns, who went winless during the pre-season, Devine insisted, "Cleveland's a snake-bit team. You can see it on the film of their games."...Reminded that the Giants also had been 0-6 going into last year's opener, which was marred by a 42-40 loss and a broken leg for Devine, the Packer leader jested about avoiding the battlefield. Art Modell's (Cleveland owner) got a nice box at Municipal Stadium," he quipped. "He's invited me to sit up there. So has Kenny Bowman."

PERSONALITY PARADE (MACARTHUR LANE)

SEPT 13 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Perhaps no trade in recent Packer history raised as many eyebrows as the one which brought MacArthur Lane to Green Bay for Donny Anderson, once a \$600,000 bonus baby. Although he was not without his detractors, Anderson had come to be regarded as something of a superstar by many Packer loyalists. His abrupt departure thus left them with misgivings, traceable in part to the fact that Lane was largely an unknown quantity. The Packers seldom having faced his old team, the Cardinals, in recent years. Today, with all of the pre-season returns now in, any lingering doubts appear to have been quickly dispelled by the former Utah State halfback's considerable contributions along the exhibition trail. Lane's emergence as the team's pre-season rushing leader, as well as a key receiver and devastating blocker, have fully convinced the faithful the Packers were not short-changed. Many of them, in fact, privately believe Dan Devine got the better of the deal, particularly after discovering the former Redbird also throws an accurate option pass and appears to be an entirely adequate backup placekicker. "He's a good athlete in every respect," offensive backfield coach Red Cochran noted in a testimonial to Lane's versatility. "Mac started out as a linebacker," he pointed out. "He didn't play running back at Utah State until late in his career there. I think that, as a result, his great blocking is an extension of his tackling as a linebacker. He doesn't mind contact because he was used to getting a lot of it as a linebacker. His hands are good, too, and he's got a pretty good touch when he's throwing the ball. We haven't really seen him in the open field yet, but he's elusive enough, especially for his size...He's never really concentrated on kicking of course. He did kick off a few

Jerry Tagge

Quarterback

6-2, 219

University of Nebraska

Second of **Packers** two first round selections in last February draft. . .twice quarterback of Nebraska's national champions, directing them to a 33-2-1 record under his field generalship. . . **Packers** first homegrown quarterback since Hall of Famer Arnie Herber. . . a proven winner with great leadership qualities, good football intelligence and operates well under pressure. . . threw only four interceptions his senior year. . . named MVP of Hula Bowl after last season. . . holds numerous Nebraska and Big Eight passing records. . . directed Green Bay West High to Fox River Valley conference championship in 1967 and was all-state. . . Born: 4-12-50 (present age 22); Hometown: Green Bay.

Jim Carter

Linebacker — Minnesota

Height 6-3, Weight 230

Born in St. Paul, Minn.,

Oct. 18, 1948

3rd year in pro ball. . . Packers third round draft choice for 1970. . . 4.8 speed in 40; 5.8 in 50. . . Played fullback in college. . . Played college hockey. . . Captain of Minnesota team senior year. . . Played in North-South Game. . . Started first pro game ever on defense after playing strictly offense in college. . . Can play inside or outside LB. . . Started all but one game in middle in 1971. Manages Left Guard Supper Club in Eau Claire, Wis. during off-season. Residence: Eau Claire.

Perry Williams

Running Back — Purdue

Height 6-2, Weight 219

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio,

Dec. 11, 1946 (Present age 25)

4th year in pro ball. . . drafted fourth by Packers in 1969. . . teamed with Lee Roy Keyes at Purdue. . . selected to play in American Bowl and East-West Shrine Games. . . runs 40 in 4.8. . . good blocker and fine power runner. . . excellent pass receiver. . . plays specialty teams well. . . Works for insurance company during off-season. Residence: Milwaukee, Wis.

times for the Cardinals, though." Cochran. didn't mention it but the Cards already were well fixed in the kicking department with Jim Bakken when MacArthur arrived upon the St. Louis scene in 1968. Lane, a prideful, all-out type often to be seen zestfully running out a play in a dummy scrimmage on the practice field, has a theory on the subject. "I try to practice like I play," he says, "because you never know what's going to happen in a game...There's no need to go half-speed in practice because you can't go half-speed in a game. Reaction is the key to playing this game, especially at my position. You've got to be able to read blocks and made decisions in a split second. And the best way to learn to do it is in practice." Commenting on his blocking skills, which have elicited the open admiration of the Packer coaching staff, Lane said, "It's just something I take pride in. I don't like to miss any assignment because it's part of my job...If I make a mistake, it may cost us a player. A guy could get hurt if I miss my block." The multi-muscled Californian became a running back by a quirk of the football fates. "When I was a junior at Utah State, the coaches were looking for a back," he said. "At a squad meeting on the field one day, the coach asked if there was anybody around with previous experience as a back. I'd been a halfback at Fremont High School in Oakland, so I raised my hand. So they moved me over from linebacker. I had intercepted a pass and returned it a long ways, which may have had something to do with their decision...At first, I really wasn't for the change because I really dug defense." Lane, who just missed crashing the 1,000-Yard Club in 1970 when he rolled up 977 yards for the Cardinals, takes an eminently practical view of his pairing with sophomore superstar John Brockington in the Packer backfield. "It's just another partnership," said Mac, who makes his official regular season debut alongside Brockington in the Packers NFL opener at Cleveland Sunday. "I had a partnership with Cid Edwards at St. Louis and I thought he was fantastic...John's got to put out for me and I have to put out for him. It can't be a one-sided thing." There appears to be little question that Lane also will make a complementary comrade for Brockington off the field. Like his fellow running back, MacArthur is usually sartorially resplendent in his leisure hours, his attire including the very latest in footwear for men - a pair of red, yellow and navy blue shoes with raised heels. "I think a man should exploit himself off the field." Mac says. "A man's wardrobe is part of him. It makes him look good and it makes him feel good. Also a collector and restorer of antique cars - he has a 1932 Model B Ford at home in Oakland and currently is dicking on two ancient Chevrolets - he explains, "It gives me something to do...I also hate to see a little of the past destroyed."

SKORICH STARTS NELSEN: 'IT'S HIS TO WIN'

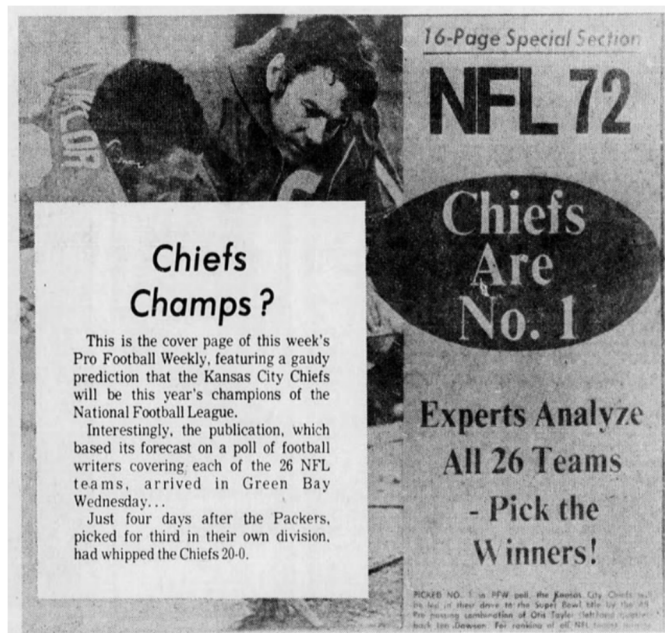
SEPT 13 (Cleveland Plain Dealer) — "It's his game to win." That's the way Nick Skorich put it after announcing that Bill Nelsen would open at quarterback for the Browns against the Green Bay Packers on Sunday afternoon at the Stadium. The coach was asked why he selected the veteran from Southern California over young Mike Phipps, who came along well in the last few exhibitions. "The first quarter of a game is the toughest," Skorich replied. "Mike has done his best work coming off the bench. "Primarily it's a matter of Bill's experience. I have a great deal of confidence in Mike, though. I feel he's ready to step in at any time now. If Bill should encounter too much difficulty, I wouldn't hesitate to go to Mike. I think Nelsen is ready. He really didn't have an opportunity to show much against the Giants." A few minutes later after the Browns had worked out and Nelsen had run a brisk quarter mile around the Baldwin-Wallace College track, Bill talked about facing Green Bay. "I wish I had done better in New York so the decision wouldn't

have been so tough to make," he explained. "I really would have preferred to play a little more this summer but I think I'm ready." Nelsen was told that Skorich had said the opener was "his game to win." "That's the way it has to be," the passer replied. "You can't go into a game feeling that you're going to be yanked if you make a mistake. I haven't felt that way here since that game against Baltimore back in 1968. It was that way most of the time in Pittsburgh." Nelsen, a team leader, was asked if he felt the squad morale was at low ebb after six straight exhibition losses. "Some of the players are wondering, questioning," he responded. "I believe that the greater portion pushed it aside and feel the team is capable of winning. They know we played pretty decent football in most of the games. It just has been a question of too many errors. We simply must have better all around execution. We know that we're now playing for keeps-for the money." Nelsen beat Pete Athos of the Giants on that 80-yard touchdown collaboration with Frank Pitts. It looked as though the young New York back could have been picked on more often. "Exhibitions are different from the regular season," said Bill. "You try to use everything and to go to all your receivers. We used a wide variety of plays. Some of them were called just to see what they looked like and if they'd work." Then came the final question. How are those knees? "Good enough to play a round of golf this afternoon," the quarterback said with a grin. "Sure they get sore at times and one has to be tapped occasionally, but they are as strong as a year ago - or even two years ago. And if anything happens don't forget we've got a fine quarterback in Mike. He's come a long way this summer." Then Nelsen. Phipps and rookie Brian Sipe moved down the hall to the film room. They spent a couple of hours looking at Green Bay defenses before Bill finally got out for his links relaxation.

PACK PADS BENCH

SEPT 14 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Continuing a series of eleventh hour personnel maneuvers, Dan Devine moved Wednesday to bolster the Packers offense and kicking game. Jon Staggars, a three-year veteran wide receiver who also is

a punt and kickoff returner, was claimed on waivers from the Pittsburgh Steelers and Charlie Pittman, a third year running back last the property of Baltimore, was signed as free agent. Under NFL cutdown regulations, it was necessary to place Staggers on the 40-man active roster, which in turn required the Packers to use the first of 12 "moves" allotted to them. Tim Kearney, a rookie linebacker from Northern Michigan, was placed on waivers to make room for the former University of Missouri athlete. Pittman, a former Penn State All-American, was assigned to the taxi squad, to which Kearney may possibly be added later if he is not claimed. Staggers, who played for Devine at the University of Missouri, was selected by Pittsburgh in the fifth round of the 1970 draft. The newcomer, 5-10 and 182 pounds, caught 14 passes for 221 yards and one touchdown, returned 44 punts 272 yards and one TD and 24 kickoffs for 594 yards, an average of 24.8 during two seasons with the Steelers. Pittman, 6-foot-1 and 205 pounds, was a third round choice of the Cardinals in the '70 draft and averaged 23.7 yards on kickoff returns for St. Louis that season. The Colts claimed him on waivers from the Cardinals in September of '71. The No. 3 rusher in Penn State history with a career total of 2,236 yards



and 32 touchdowns, Pittman returned 14 kickoffs for 330 yards and a 23.6 average last season. He also ran back three in the 1971 playoffs, one a 38-yarder against Miami. His arrival swells the Packers' taxi squad roster to eight, a figure that must be reduced to seven before the day is over. Other members are running back Dave Kopay, signed only Tuesday, linebacker Larry Hefner, wide receiver Sam Dickerson, offensive tackle Kevin Hunt, defensive back Bob Kroll, quarterback Charlie Napper and injured Mike McCoy, now an offensive tackle. Devine, commenting on the addition of Staggers, said, "If Jon can get the offense down in three days, we probably will keep him active for Sunday's game in Cleveland." He made this observation in refutation of a popular belief that a player claimed at this point must remain active for the first game of the season. "We could move any player claimed to the taxi squad after Thursday," Devine said. On another personnel matter, he announced that rookie Leland Glass will start at split end, former station of the departed John Spilis, against the Browns. Noting that Dave Davis also is available, DD explained, "Davis is a better wing (flanker) than he is a split end. Glass is the best man at the other side, although Carroll Dale also could play there." Although Tommy Joe Crutcher was running with the No. 1 unit on defense with Freddie Carr favoring a pulled thigh muscle, Devine indicated he expects Carr to start Sunday. "I doubt whether we will be starting Crutcher there," he said, "although Tommy Joe is playing much better this year."

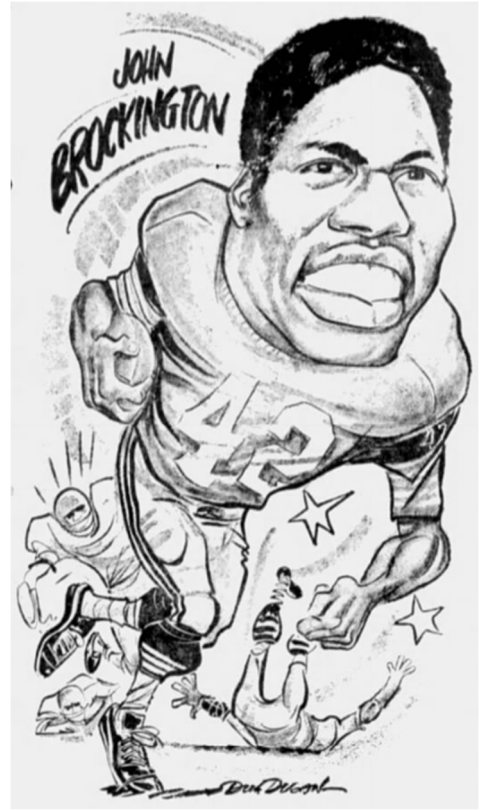
BROWNS AREN'T THROWING IN THE TOWEL

SEPT 14 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Things are not always what they seem. Just ask the slightly dazed Kansas City Chiefs, 20-0 victims, who found it hard to reconcile last Saturday night's Packer performance with what they had seen of the green and gold on film against the Cardinals a week earlier. The same apparently can be said of the Browns, who provide the Packers with their first regular season target. The Browns, in pre-season, emerged with an 0-6 record. Yet a Browns spokesman is quick to intimate there is considerably more to be weighed than meets the uninformed eye. "No one is desperate about that pre-season record," said Nate Wallack, the Browns' veteran public relations director, by telephone Wednesday afternoon. "No one is getting panicky." This observation prompted Nate, who has been through this sort of thing many times before, to reflect upon 1971. "Last year we won four of our five league games after going 1-5 in the pre-season," he said. "So no one is despondent or throwing in the towel." Wallack, who also doubles as a club vice president, could have added that the Brownies proceeded from there to the Central Division championship of the American Football Conference and a berth in the National Football League playoffs with a 9-5 record. "Naturally, you're not happy with an 0-6 record any time," Wallack said. "But we've played LA, San Francisco, Detroit and Minnesota right in a row, plus Cincinnati, which is always tough for us because it's a big intra-state rivalry game. And we were in every game but one, (a 34-7 loss to the Lions)," the silver-haired Ohioan continued. "We made some mistakes that were costly. We could have won four or five of those games if we hadn't made so many mistakes. I might point out that we outgained our opposition statistically in all but one game. In fact, I would say we played better this pre-season than we did last. Nick Skorich (beginning his second season as the Browns' head coach) has experimented a lot," Wallack added in explanation. "There are a lot of new faces and lots of old faces at new positions. Bubba Pena, who was on our cab squad last year, is now our starting right guard and Gene Hickerson, who had been our right guard, is now at left guard. And John Demarie, formerly at left guard, is now our starting right tackle. At left tackle, we now have Doug Dicken, who replaced Dick Schaffrath near the end of last year. Jim Copeland has taken over at center, after replacing Fred Hoaglin when he was injured late last season. Hoaglin hasn't been able to get his job back. The other changes on offense have been at wide receiver. Fair Hooker, who wasn't a starter a year ago, is starting on one side and Frank Pitts, the former Kansas City Chief, who didn't become a starter until late in the '71 season, is at the other. He's done very well for us. Defensively, we've lost our regular left end, Joe Jones, and Lester Sims, a rookie we had high hopes for at defensive end. Both are out for the season with knee surgery. So we now have Ron Snidow at left end and Bob Briggs, a backup last year, for Jack Gregory at right end. Gregory played out his option and went to the Giants.

The rest of the defense is pretty much the same as last year except at left linebacker, where Charlie Hall, a second year man has taken over, and at left safety, where Tom Darden, a rookie from Michigan, will start Sunday." Taking note of Bill Nelsen's status, always somewhat tenuous because of his gimpy knees, Wallack said, "Nelsen hasn't played too much in the pre-season but he will start at quarterback. Mike Phipps has played pretty well, though, and is certainly greatly improved so if Nelsen doesn't play too well, I wouldn't be surprised to see Phipps in there fairly early." Nelsen and-or Phipps will have some potent weapons at their command, in addition to Pitts and Hooker. Milt Morin, one of the largest - and most competent - tight ends in captivity, also is available, plus one of the NFL's more versatile backfield tandems in the redoubtable Leroy Kelly and Bo Scott. Little wonder, then, that Wallack assured in a parting shot, "Nick's not panicking."

BROCKINGTON FRETS: PACKERS' BACK FEARS BEING AN 'ALSO RAN'

SEPT 14 (Cleveland Plain Dealer) - John Brockington gained 1,105 yards as a rookie runner for the Green Bay Packers last season. He starts his second pro season against the Browns at the Stadium Sunday with a definite goal. "I didn't expect anything like last year and now I just want to be consistent," explained the former Ohio State back. "Jim Brown beat people because he was there every Sunday, killing them on every play. Mainly I want that consistency. I don't want to be a one-year flash. It scares me to death, the thought of having one great season and then being an also ran the rest of my career." Dan Devine, the Packer coach who gave Brockington the ball and told him to run as a rookie, doesn't fear any second year jinx, however. "John ran pretty well but he made mistakes in other facets of the game," said Devine. "He'll be even better this year." "Pretty well" of course is a major understatement. Brockington became only the fourth rookie to pierce the 1,000 yard barrier. In fact, it has been penetrated just 29 times in pro



football's 52-year history. Rugged John averaged 5.1 yards per carry. He fell only 28 yards short of the National Football League leader Floyd Little of Denver. His performance won him the honor of rookie of the year over competition that included quarterback Jim Plunkett of the New England Patriots. Brockington started slowly by gaining 34 yards against the New York Giants. He upped it to 85 yards against Denver and then went over the 100-yard mark for the first time as a pro with 120 yards against the Cincinnati Bengals. There was a memorable spurt in mid-season when he tore apart the defensive stalwarts of the NFC Central Division, that so-called "black and blue" division. He cut through the Detroit Lions for 111 yards, rolled up 142 against the Chicago Bears and slashed the mighty Minnesota Vikings for 149 yards. That added up to a three-game total of 402 yards. From that point on the 1,000-yard mark was his target and that of his offensive line. "He's as hard a running back as I've ever seen." Said guard Bill Lueck. "An arm tackle just won't slow him down at all. The speed he has for his size is just amazing. "You get a runner like that and see him breaking his back and it's embarrassing if you miss your block, really embarrassing." About Brockington cracking the 1,000 yard barrier. Lueck said, "It's one of the things we like to shoot for. It's sort of a feather in our caps, too." The ex-Buckeye, Green Bay's No. 1 draft pick for 1971, had gained respect as a runner. More than that he has won a host of friends in Packer country with a wide, easy smile and a warm personality. Now 6-1 and 225 pounds, he was much of Ohio State's attack as a senior. He set a record for the Buckeyes rushing for 1,041 yards on 240 carries. Pro scouts thought that he could be a good pass receiver, too, although Woody Hayes' teams aren't known for putting the ball in the air. They were right. He caught 14 passes for 98 yards. Brockington, second of three children, received his first break at age four. His father, a postal worker and mother a domestic, moved from the decaying neighborhood around Yankee Stadium to the Brooklyn neighborhood of Canarsie. It was in Brooklyn that he began participating in sports. John became a scholastic football standout and the colleges were on his trail. Syracuse, which had turned out Jim Brown, Ernie Davis and Floyd Little, even sent him to a prep school. Then Hayes moved into the picture. Woody made a personal visit to the Brockington home and his folksy approach won over John's mother and the athlete himself. So the next fall he was in Columbus and on his way to the Big 10 fame that was to make him a runner coveted by the pros Brockington has what one scout called "savage determination." Roommate Charlie Hall said he's unwilling ever to quit on anything. At camp he spent hours after practice watching films of Jim Taylor." Hall explained. "He's never too tired to work some more. He has intense determination. I think he's going to become the greatest running back ever to play the game." That, of course, takes in a lot of territory. It also could be hard to sell in Cleveland where the fans watched one Jim Brown for nine years. At any rate, it points up part of the problem the Cleveland defense faces in its 1972 opener.

MOTIVATION AT THE STADIUM: WHAT GIVES? VICTORY A MUST FOR BOTH PACKERS AND BROWNS

SEPT 14 (Cleveland Press) - If you can remember who was in last place in the Central Division of the National Football Conference of the National Football League (gasp) last season, you will appreciate how the mighty have fallen. It was Green Bay, the Browns' Stadium guest Sunday. And if you think Cleveland fans have been spoiled by success, take a look at Green Bay. In the 1960's, Vince Lombardi's mighty machines won five NFL crowns, three of them in a row in 1965-66-67. They haven't won anything since, and the way things have gone in Green Bay, it was almost a part of the pattern when new coach Dan Devine suffered a broken leg early last season. The Pack won only four games and endured breakdowns and injuries of all sorts. The demise of Bart Starr as he tried to come back after shoulder surgery climaxed the decline. The

bright spot was the running of John Brockington, the former Ohio State All-American who earned all-pro honors in his rookie year. A windfall was the forced indoctrination of quarterback Scott Hunter, who started eight games for the Pack and learned a great deal in the sink or swim situation. Devine is now in the second year of a five-year contract. But the community-owned Packers are expected to do a whole lot better than four victories this year, or the wolves will be yelping for Devine's hide. Put this together with the gloomy outlook Cleveland fans have toward the Browns' prospects, and it is plain that the opening game Sunday at the Stadium, is a big, big one for both parties. The Browns lost six in a row in the exhibition season. The personnel has been riddled by injuries and Jack Gregory's departure. This Packer club bristles with youth. Of the 40 men on the roster, only seven date back to the last Super Bowl success in 1967. In fact, 32 of the Packers have had five or fewer years in the NFL. Some, like Starr and Willie Wood have retired, Starr to remain as a Green Bay assistant coach in charge of the quarterbacks. Donnie Anderson was dealt to St. Louis for MacArthur Lane. Lionel Aldridge went to San Diego for defensive back Jim Hill. Devine has fashioned all sorts of switches that give the Pack a shape considerably different from the 1971 look. There's a new name at each of the four secondary positions, for example. Hill, the old man of the quartet, playing his fifth season holds the free safety job. The Pack's No. 1 draft choice from San Diego State, Willie Buchanan starts at left corner. Last year's left corner back Ken Ellis has shifted to right corner and Al Matthews, who played the free safety last season now operates at strong side safety. The quarterback duties belong to Hunter, and the former Alabama star is out there on his own now with Starr retired. Jerry Tagge, the Nebraska quarterback has had a couple of exhibition game shots, but Hunter is the man. Kicking has been a Packer problem since Don Chandler hung up his shoes in 1967. But Chester Marcol, a soccer style booter from Hillsdale College in Michigan may be the best since Chandler. He kicked six of nine tries for field goals in exhibition games, and he's a strong kicker. Once at Hillsdale, he tried a 77-yarder and didn't miss by much. He kicked a 62-yarder in college. This is a game that the Browns need for the well being of players, staff and fans, and that's just about the size of it with the Packers, too. The matchup in skills may be uneven in favor of one side or the other, but the motivation should be equal - and substantial.

THE PACK IS BACK

SEPT 15 (Cleveland Plain Dealer) — Mention of the Green Bay Packers brings many things to mind. First, one usually envisions a stocky man in a tan polo coat pacing the sidelines, exhorting his players, berating the officials, dominating the scene. Vince Lombardi was something special as a coach, perhaps the best of all time. His Packers won world championships in 1961, 1962, 1965, 1966 and 1967. Players come to mind, too: Bart Starr calling a play action pass on second-and-one against the Browns, then lofting a long pass for a touchdown as the defense swarms in to stop the run. Jim Taylor lowering a shoulder and running over tacklers. Paul Hornung sweeping an end for throwing the halfback pass. Ex-Brown Henry Jordan firing in from his tackle post to smear a passer. Forrest Gregg slicing down a defensive end. Big Ray Nitschke thundering up to crack a fullback to the ground and often divesting him of the football. There were many other heroes of the Lombardi era but now the coach himself is dead, a victim of cancer two years ago. Most of his stalwarts are scattered about the country trying to make a living, raise families and, perhaps, forget about the glory days. Only a few still remain. Nitschke, playing his 15th season, is a backup man at middle linebacker. Dave Robinson still is cracking heads at an outside spot. Carroll Dale, sporting a "rug" to cover up a receding hairline, rates as a regular receiver although 34 years old and in his 13th season. Gale Gillingham has moved from guard to defensive tackle. Bob Brown is a regular defensive tackle. Ken Bowman is the center but Tommy Crutcher is a backup linebacker. Francis Peay holds down an offensive tackle spot. Starr remains with the team as quarterback coach. From a press box vantage point he helps young Scott Hunter run the offense. This is a new era with the Packers. There was a sharp dropoff when Lombardi relinquished the helm. Only one season in the four since he left has been above 500. Just as is the case with the Browns, Green Bay is rebuilding. There is a new coach and general manager. This is the second season for Dan Devine who has been given much of the authority that Lombardi once enjoyed. Following the great Lombardi, whose feats have become legendary, is somewhat the same task that Blanton Collier had in replacing Paul Brown. It isn't easy but Devine seems to have the credentials to handle the job. Confidence was required to leave the University of Missouri where he had tenure of a full professor and held the post of athletic director and football coach. Devine wanted the challenge of the professional ranks. Dan's style is sincere and direct. The Browns will find that the Packers are a reflection of the man. In fact. Their attack remains somewhat reminiscent of Lombardi's. Devine, who started out with a quarterback problem and 4-8-2 record last season, now has stamped his own mark on the team. Offensive star is Ohio State's John Brockington, first round draft choice a year back. Hunter is a pro sophomore from Alabama, a passer of promise. He is backed up by Jerry Tagge, field general of Nebraska's top-ranked team. First year man Willie Buchanon has cracked the

Dave Robinson

Outside Linebacker — Penn State

Height 6-3, Weight 245

Born in Mt. Holly, N.J., May 3, 1941

10th year in pro ball. . .Packers first round draft choice for 1963. . .Played guard, tackle and end at Penn State. . .Civil Engineering major. . .Played in Hula Bowl, Gator Bowl, All-American Game and All-Star Game. . .Named to All-American team by AP, UPI, NEA, Look, Time, and Post magazines. . .Moved into starting Linebacker position after Nitschke's injury in 1963 Thanksgiving game. . .Started in 1964 but knee injury hobbled him. . .Started again in 1965 and 1966. . .Sporting years. . .Picked off Cuozzo pass and raced 87 yards to set up go ahead field goal in 1965 vs. Colts. . .Played in 1967, 1968 and 1970 Pro-Bowl Games. . .Most Valuable line-man in Pro Bowl 1968. . .five interceptions for 60 yards in '66 and recovered fumble to ice Western Division Crown against Baltimore. . .Pressured Dallas QB into throwing interception in NFL Title game in final goal line stand. . .Alt Pro AP, UPI and NEA 1967. . .Voted outstanding defensive player in 1969 by Wis. Pro Football Writers. . .Suffered Achilles injury in 4th game of 1970 season. . .Works for Schlitz Brewing Company. Residence: Milwaukee, Wis.

Len Garrett

Tight End — New Mexico Highlands

Height 6-3, Weight 225

Born in Silsbee, Texas, Dec. 18, 1947

2nd year in pro ball. . .Packers fifteenth round draft choice for 1971. . .4.9 speed in 40. . .Good hands and very strong blocker. . .Plays very well on specialty teams. . .Went to N. Mex. Highlands as part of Operation Headstart program. Residence: Las Vegas, N. Mex.

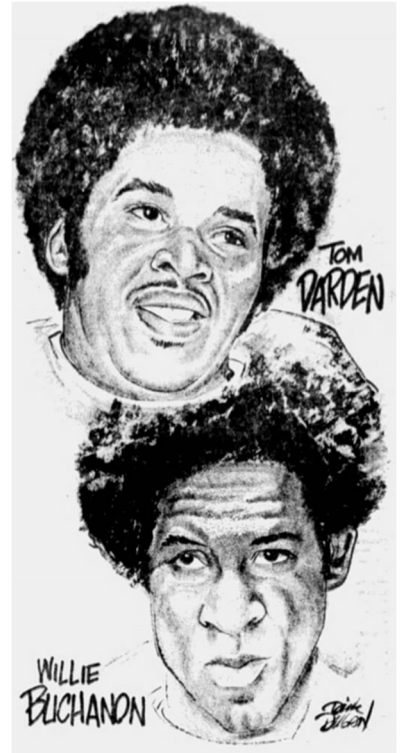
starting lineup at the left corner. Visitors to Wisconsin the last couple of years noted automobiles bearing stickers reading "The Pack Is Back." So far these signs have been somewhat premature but there are indications that Green Bay fortunes are on the rise again. The Browns and their fans will have some personal knowledge of all this by late Sunday afternoon. It should be a most interesting and enlightening opening game.

ROOKIE BACKS TAKE LIMELIGHT

SEPT 15 (Cleveland Plain Dealer) - The Browns went into the last draft determined to get themselves a top drawer defensive back. First choice of Coach Nick Skorich was a fellow named Willie Buchanon from San Diego State. Next on that list of defensive backs came Tom Darden of Michigan. Skorich will be seeing both of them when his Browns open the regular season against the Green Bay Packers on Sunday afternoon at the Stadium. The Packers also had designs on Buchanon. Drafting ahead of the Browns they took Willie as their first pick. Darden still was available when Cleveland drafted. So Skorich picked the former Sandusky athlete. His judgment appears to have been vindicated in the case of both young men. They will be the only rookies among the 44 starters for the two teams on offense and defense. Darden will open at strongside safety for the Browns, a spot held down by Walt Sumner and Ernie Kellermann in recent years. Buchanon has the even more difficult role of left cornerback where he sometimes will have to take swift wide receivers one-on-one. "Both of them are fine prospects," Skorich said on Thursday after sending his troops through another session on the artificial surface at Baldwin-Wallace College. "The reason most scouts preferred Buchanon was because of his speed. He's a shade faster than Darden. Darden is bigger, though, and we've been very pleased with his progress. He has worked hard, has learned the position quickly and is a real contact football player." Buchanon, six feet and 190 pounds, runs the 40 - the distance at which football times usually are taken -- in 4.5 seconds. Last spring he went the 100 in 9.4 in track togs. Willie was the top rated college player in the nation in the Green Bay system of evaluation. One scout called him "the best college cornerback I've ever scouted." As a senior at San Diego State, he had 46 passes thrown at his man. Twelve of those were completed for 190 yards and a touchdown was scored off him when he and an official collided. He intercepted five and had returns of 42 yards. Buchanon appeared to have the ability to rise to the occasion. He had his best games against the toughest foes for the most part. The fellow who knows Willie best among the Browns is Brian Sipe. He was the San Diego State quarterback and spent two years throwing against Buchanon in practice. "If he has a weakness I don't know what it is," said Sipe. "He's by far the best I saw in college. Willie is an all-around good athlete. When he came to San Diego State they wanted to make a receiver out of him. He had all that speed and also fine hands. However, he wanted to play in the defensive backfield." Sipe, who has watched Buchanon in films of several Green Bay exhibitions, was asked if he's seen any change in tactics now that he's a pro. He could be just a little more cautious than he was," Brian replied. "I suppose like any rookie he's sort of feeling his way. He certainly isn't a weak link or anything like that." Darden has been bothered by a toe injury but said it's improving. He feels that he'll be completely ready for his pro debut. The game will see Buchanon matched up against Frank Pitts much of the time. Darden's problem is Rich McGeorge, third year pro from Elon College in Roanoke, Va. who last season caught 27 passes from the tight end spot. The game could swing upon the success - or lack of it - of these two newcomers to professional football.

BUCHANON, GLASS STARTING SUNDAY

SEPT 15 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - "A rookie probably will have a tough time breaking into our starting lineup next year," Dan Devine was saying, "if everybody stays healthy." The observation, delivered earlier this week, was prompted by the



LELAND GLASS



WILLIE BUCHANON

knowledge that two first year performers will be in the Packers opening format for Sunday's National Football League inaugural in Cleveland. Devine, a devout believer in the value of experience, was suggesting that he customarily prefers to go into a season with a pat, all-veteran lineup, a luxury he regularly enjoyed during the latter years of a highly successful tenure at the University of Missouri. He should find it consoling, however, to know that the aforementioned freshmen, Willie Buchanon and Leland Glass, are approaching their joint baptismal with uncommon cool. Buchanon, who has never acted like a rookie, was the picture of calm and confidence as he pondered his pro premier following Thursday's practice. I'm rarin' to go," said Willie, the Packers very first pick in last February's draft, as he buffed a pair of shoes in front of his dressing room locker. And, in reply to the inevitable question, he quietly assured, "I'm really not nervous. After starting those last three pre-season games, I feel confident in myself...I'm ready." Although many NFL rookies consider the transition from college to pro football a major adjustment, Buchanon indicated he hasn't found it particularly traumatic. "It really hasn't been any great change for me," he said, explaining, "In college (San Diego State), I was well coached. Ernie Zampese, who was my defensive backfield coach, coached me pretty good. All I had to do when I got here was learn the assignments." As a ringwise rookie, Willie knows Cleveland quarterback Bill Nelsen is likely to be probing his area early and often Sunday afternoon. "I'm aware that he'll be throwing at me," he said, breaking into a smile. "I'm ready for it, too. You've got to expect

that." Buchanan also knows he will be confronted by Cleveland's premier receiver, Frank Pitts, who averaged 20.3 yards per catch during the exhibition season. "I'll be seeing him all afternoon," said Willie, who has been diligently studying the ex-Kansas City Chief's techniques the last three days. "Pitts is a good receiver - he has good moves, good speed and good hands." Glass, who finds himself inheriting the split end station left vacant when veteran John Spilis was waived earlier this week, had not yet heard he had been awarded the starting assignment. But he was hardly surprised. "I was running with the first team this week," he said, "although I didn't know what Coach Devine was going to decide when it came down to the final gun." Like Buchanan, the former University of Oregon athlete exhibited no sign of anxiety over his impending NFL debut. "I feel pretty confident in myself," he said. "I'm just going to go out there and try to do my job. I'm still learning, of course," said Glass, who described himself as "very happy" over the prospect of continuing the process as a starter. "I still have some learning to do. But I feel I'm coming along, pretty nice." Although Gale Gillingham is hardly a rookie, he will be making his first start at a new position, Devine also confirmed in the wake of Thursday's workout. "Gillie will start at left tackle on defense," Devine said, "and Malcom Snider will start at right guard (Gillingham's old position)." Vernon Vanoy, obtained on waivers from the Giants in late August, had started the last two games at the former, vacated when Mike McCoy suffered a broken foot in the Packers 20-3 loss at Houston...PACKER PATTERN: Gillingham is finding life

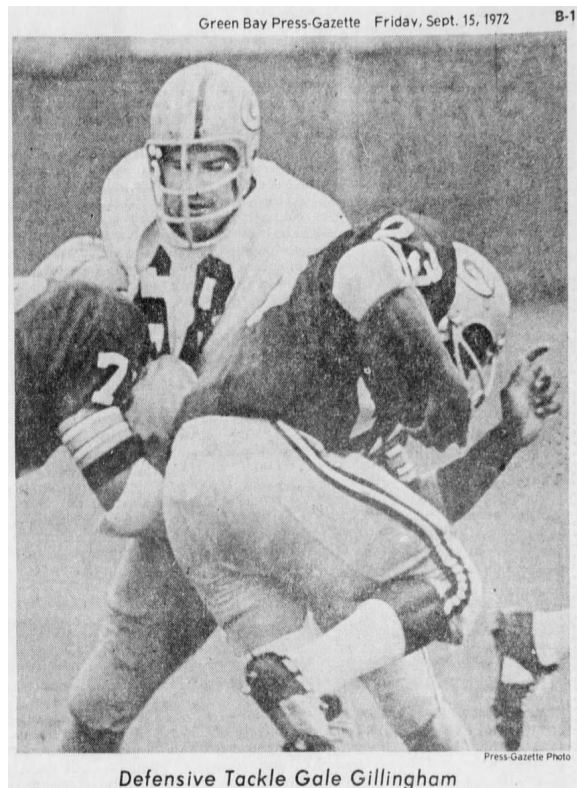
interesting on the other side of the ball - and so are his old buddies in the offensive line, a group which has been very close and harmonious socially as well as professionally. Devine, chuckling as he talked, indicated just how interesting in an off-the-cuff report Thursday. "Dick Himes really popped Gillie one time in yesterday's practice," he said. "In fact, Gillie's upper lip puffed up as a result and it's still puffed today. The next time, Gillie pops Himes real good. And, of course, Dick is excited because they've been going pretty hard, but he gets back to his huddle and he's quivering, he's so mad. "I really got a kick out of Himes...Gillie had only been over there on defense one day and already he's an enemy."...Devine set the record straight on another matter, noting that Gillingham's transfer will not affect his status as a team captain. "Gillie's captain of the team," he said. "I've never designated anybody as offensive or defensive captains. Another thing, when the captains talk before the game, they talk to the squad, they don't talk to just the offense or the defense. As far as that's concerned. I heard Gillie say on television last night that the special teams are half the game. If that's the case, it's just as logical to have a captain for the special teams as it is to have captains for the offense and defense, if they are only playing quarter of the time respectively."...Devine added that he has no present plans to appoint a successor to Gillingham on the offensive platoon. "Either Ken Bowman or Carroll Dale, whoever is in there, will make the decisions on penalties," he said...Pleased with the new acquisition Dave Kopay, a veteran running back signed as a free agent Wednesday and assigned to the taxi squad, Devine said, "Kopay has adapted himself extremely well."...Touching upon the status of John Stagers, the pocket-sized wide receiver acquired from Pittsburgh on waivers Wednesday, DD said the former Steeler undoubtedly will be taxed momentarily. We're only going to keep three receivers active," he said. "That would be Leland Glass, Dave Davis and Carroll Dale."...Devine also said that he doesn't anticipate any further major personnel maneuvers for the present. "I doubt whether we will be making any other changes now," he said. "Just whatever we do to get down to the player limit."...Noting that Cleveland Coach Nick Skorich has been stressing the Browns' injury problems, the Packer leader pointed out, "Cleveland is not the only team with injuries. We've lost Mike McCoy, for example, one of our best football players. Jerry Tagge, one of our quarterbacks, was in the All-Star camp for a couple of weeks and now he's been hurt for two more. He would have played in all of these pre-season games if he hadn't been hurt. And now we've also lost Larry Krause, who turned out to be the best guy on our special teams. He got the highest score Saturday night - which was brilliant. So we haven't gone unscratched either."...The Packers will conclude their preparations for the Browns with a light workout Saturday morning, after which they will enplane at noon for Cleveland. They will return to Green Bay immediately following the game.

PACK WAIVES DICKERSON

SEPT 15 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packers trimmed their taxi squad to the maximum of seven players today by waiving wide receiver Sam Dickerson, a rookie from USC. The status of Tim Kearney, linebacker from Northern Michigan University waived off the active roster Wednesday, is still uncertain.

PERSONALITY PARADE

SEPT 15 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Quickie quiz...What Cleveland Brown was described as the biggest single factor in the Browns' closing, five-victory surge to the AFC's Central Division championship last season? If you're guessing Bill Nelsen or Leroy Kelly, two eminently logical candidates, you're not remotely warm. Nor was it Bo Scott or Milt Morin, each of whom had been a major contributor en route. The man so identified, surprisingly enough, is Frank Pitts, a speedball wide receiver who came to the Browns by way of a trade with the Kansas City Chiefs just before the 1971 regular season began. At that point, the accomplished Gary Collins was entrenched at flanker and Pitts had little opportunity to exhibit his talents until the



Defensive Tackle Gale Gillingham

Al Randolph

Defensive Back — University of Iowa

Height 6-2, Weight 205

Born in East St. Louis, Ill., July 8, 1944

7th year in pro ball. . . Drafted in 3rd round by San Francisco in 1966, came to Packers in 11th hour trade prior to '71 season. . . Intercepted 10 passes for 208 yards and one touchdown in 6 year career. . . Loves to hit. . . 94 yard return for TD against Bears a 49er record. Residence: Redwood City, Calif.

Cal Withrow

Center — Kentucky

Height 6-0, Weight 240

Born in Portsmouth, Ohio, Aug. 4, 1945 (Present age 27)

3rd year in NFL. . . played for San Diego in 1969. . . taxi squad member of Chargers in 1970. . . Came to Packers in off-season trade prior to 1971 season. . . Signed originally as free agent. . . Played for Dayton in Continental League in 1968. . . Tough blocker. Residence: Lexington, Ky.

ninth game of the season, when he started to place Collins at the right side. To say that the former Southern University star was an instant hit would be understating the case. Pitts made five catches for 129 yards in that maiden starting assignment and Coach Nick Skorich installed him as a regular for the balance of the season. He caught 20 more passes over those last four games and finished the season 27 for 487 yards and four touchdowns, the most by any Cleveland receiver. Those figures approached his best years for the Chiefs, with whom he had made two Super Bowl appearances - the first against the Packers in football's initial "world series" in 1967. His performance spectacularly vindicated Skorich's judgment expressed at the time of the trade. "He's the one we've been trying to get for some time," the Browns' square-cut field leader said. "Frank still has the great speed to get outside and out-run people." That is a commodity in which the Ohioans were somewhat lacking following the departure of Paul Warfield, dealt to the Miami Dolphins two years ago for the draft rights to quarterback Mike Phipps. Collins, now retired, had always been widely respected around the NFL but speed was not one of his assets, a factor which had prompted the Browns to give the Chiefs a pair of high draft choices for Pitts. Frank, the Packers will not be happy to hear, continues to give the Brownies' board of strategy little cause for regret. The 6-foot-2, 200-pound Georgian, who has been clocked at 9.5 seconds in the 100-yard dash, was Cleveland's leading scorer and receiver during the pre-season. Pitts, who can be expected to make life particularly interesting for Packer rookie William Buchanon in Sunday's league opener at Cleveland. caught 18 passes for 365 yards, a 20.3-yard "long ball" average, and five touchdowns. One of his catches covered 80 yards, another 79. An antique car buff who drives a 1936 Pontiac around his hometown (Atlanta), Pitts has brought more to the Browns than outside and a sure pair of hands. "He's a great team man - a sort of an exuberant type." A Browns spokesman says. "He's given us some team leadership, too, which we could use. "That has to be one of the great trades in our history."

PROGNOSTICATOR TABS VIKES, REDSKINS FOR LOOP CROWNS

SEPT 15 (New York) - The Dallas Cowboys are the big question mark again in the National Football League's National Conference. Will the Cowboys go all the way again this year-despite the loss of No. 1 quarterback Roger Staubach? Dallas will do quite well this year - probably making it to the playoffs as the No. 4 team from the NFC. But this pigskin prognosticator sees the Washington Redskins winning the East Division, with the Cowboys a close second. Minnesota appears to be an easy winner in the Central Division but another tough race shapes up in the West between San Francisco and Los Angeles. So, here is how the final NFC standings will look, in the fearless forecast from this corner:

East Division - Washington Redskins, Dallas Cowboys, St. Louis Cardinals, Philadelphia Eagles, New York Giants

Central Division - Minnesota Vikings, Detroit Lions, Green Bay Packers, Chicago Bears

West Division - San Francisco 49ers, Los Angeles Rams, Atlanta Falcons, New Orleans Saints

There are a lot of reasons why Dallas should win the NFC East. And there are several reasons why they won't. One of the big ones is George Allen and the Washington Redskins. Sure, Craig Morton quarterbacked the Cowboys to the Super Bowl two seasons ago.

Staubach did it last year. With Staubach not likely to see any action until the end of this season, that's one minus for the Cowboys. The Cowboys lost running back Duane Thomas in a trade with San Diego, but they still have Calvin Hill and Walt Garrison. But that won't be quite enough. The Dallas Doomsday Defense has been one of the best in the game, but this may be the year that age starts to catch up with such stalwarts as Bob Lilly, Chuck Howley, Cornell Green and Herb Adderly. With Sonny Jurgensen rejoining the Redskins, who also have Billy Kilmer at quarterback, Allen's crew will be tough. The Redskins' "Over-the-Hill Gang" could falter some, but not enough to keep Washington from winning its first division crown since 1945. St. Louis may contend in the East but not strongly enough to win. The Cardinal offense could be potent with Jim Hart and Gary Cuozzo at quarterback, plus receivers Jackie Smith and Mel Gray and running backs Donny Anderson and Leon Burns. The St. Louis defense is suspect, however. The Eagles and Giants will field teams this season. Not much else can be said for them. Minnesota is the team that will represent the NFC in the Super Bowl this year, according to this prognosticator. Fran Tarkenton returns to quarterback the Vikings, who already have such offensive stalwarts as Gene Washington, Jon Gilliam, Dave Osborn and Bill Brown. And then there are the Purple People Eaters - Carl Eller, Alan Page, Jim Marshall, Gary Larsen and the rest of the defense. The Detroit Lions can't be completely counted out, but defense-or the lack of it - will be the story of this team for 1972. Quarterback Greg Landry can hold his own with anybody-but he doesn't play defense. Green Bay will run the ball a lot with John Brockington and MacArthur Lane gaining considerable yardage. Scott Hunter is erratic at quarterback. As for the Bears, now that Gale Sayers has retired, about the only thing that can be said for them is that they have a 40-man roster, which will vary greatly during the season. The San Francisco 49ers should continue to be billed as the Prime of Mr. John Brodie. But this team has runners such as Ken Wilard and Vic Washington and pass catchers Ted Kwalick and Gene Washington to make the offense explosive. And one good way to make a defense

devastating is to have players like Earl Edwards, Charlie Krueger, and Dave Wilcox, Frank Nunley, Bruce Taylor and a half-dozen others of like ability. About the only reason the Rams won't win and the 49ers will is the Los Angeles secondary. That's the basic flaw in the makeup of Coach Tommy Prothro's team. With Roman Gabriel directing the Los Angeles offense, which includes receivers Jack Snow and Lance Rentzel and runners Les Josephson, Larry Smith and Willie Ellison, what more could be asked-except a tested secondary on defense. Atlanta and New Orleans are in the same situation as the Giants, Eagles and Bears. The Falcons could score a few points with Bob Berry throwing the ball. And the Saints have Archie Manning for the future-if he can remain healthy.

STARR, COACHES WILL SEND PLAYS TO HUNTER

SEPT 16 (Green Bay) — Bart Starr's quarterbacking days are over, but that doesn't mean the Cleveland Browns couldn't still fall victim the kind of play calling that won him acclaim as one of pro football's greatest spot tacticians. Starr now is an assistant coach with the Green Bay Packers, who open their National Football League season Sunday in Cleveland. Coach Dan Devine said Friday the coaching staff will call plays for Starr's successor at quarterback, Scott Hunter, and it will be Starr who will send messengers to the huddle with plays. It was against Cleveland in Milwaukee in 1964 that Starr first pulled the surprise he was to use so successfully and often in later years - a long pass on third and short yardage. The Browns just could be vulnerable in that situation Sunday, for Devine has made it plain the basis of Green Bay's attack this year will be its running game, led by John Brockington and MacArthur Lane. Accordingly, Cleveland's defense is expected to try to jam the middle. "The Browns play 10 men on the line lots of times," Devine said. "When you play bump and run, that's what you're doing. Everyone is up close." Cleveland's defense, weakened by injuries in the line, gave up 142 points as the Browns dropped all six of their preseason starts. And the Packers may want Hunter to test rookie strong safety Tom Darden, the Browns' No. 1 draft choice. Devine said the Packers, down to just four running backs on the active roster, "very likely" will call up veteran runner Dave Kopay from the taxi squad before game time. Perry Williams and rookie Bob Hudson are the only reserves behind Brockington and Lane. The fifth back, Larry Krause, broke his jaw against Kansas City last weekend and is not expected back until 1973. Krause's injury has meant Hudson, who did most of his work on the special teams in the preseason, will have to spend more time in the backfield. He has been relieved of some of his kicking team chores, Devine said. Kopay, 30, joined the taxi squad Wednesday following his release by Oakland, his fifth NFL team. Devine said rookie quarterback Jerry Tagge, recovering from a severe leg bruise, may be put on the taxi squad if Kopay is activated. Once taxied, Tagge could not be reactivated for 16 days, or two games. "If Tagge is likely to be able to play in two weeks we'll probably keep him active. If not, he could be moved to the taxi squad," Devine said. The Packers also announced the Cincinnati Bengals have claimed rookie linebacker Tim Kearney, placed on waivers earlier. Devine said a minor ankle sprain likely will delay the Packer debut of Jon Stagers, obtained on waivers from Pittsburgh this week. Stagers was the American Conference's fifth leading punt returner last year with 31 runbacks for 262 yards and one touchdown. Devine said the punt return men Sunday will be Hudson and Ken Ellis, who had a 57yard runback against Kansas City, with Hudson and Ike Thomas to handle kickoff returns.

WHO WILL REPLACE GILLIE ... PSYCHOLOGICALLY?

SEPT 16 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Physically and numerically, all-pro guard Gale Gillingham has been replaced in the Packers' offensive line. At 6-foot-312 and 251 pounds, Malcolm Snider offers an entirely reasonable facsimile of Super Guard, a purpose for which he was secured from the Atlanta Falcons less than two weeks ago for the price of running back Dave Hampton. And though Snider has yet to achieve all-pro stature after three seasons as a starter for the Falcons, there may not be a visible decline in efficiency at the position in Sunday's National Football League opener at Cleveland. That, of course, is aside from the obvious fact that the offensive line does not figure to be as cohesive with a new face in the cast, there being no satisfactory substitute for the experience of playing together. But one highly pertinent question remains to be answered in yawning Municipal Stadium: Will the loss of Gillingham's leadership have an adverse effect upon that unit? It is prompted, of course, by the knowledge that the gifted former University of Minnesota athlete has captained the offense for the last three years, which means that his transfer to the defensive line could represent a major subtraction psychologically as well as physically. Francis Peay, long one of Gillie's colleagues up front, soberly addressed himself to this imponderable while readying for the Sabbath's baptismal against the Browns. "Gillie is the type of a guy who led by example," said the towering Pennsylvanian, himself a starter at tackle since 1969. "His spirited play was his leadership example on offense. "I think we're old enough that we don't need an inspirational leader," he added. "And once the game starts, we are too caught up in our performances to need an emotional lift. For that matter, I think we give each other a lift. We always have worked as a unit. We will miss Gillie as a great ball player. There's no doubt that we will miss his performance in our offensive line. "But if he can give that same kind of performance on defense, it's sure to help the ball club overall: So what difference does it make if our offensive line is not quite as potent as it was, as long as we win?"...PACKER PATTERN: Coach Dan Devine, ready to close out this year's marathon numbers game, has revealed there probably will be at least one more change before the Packers take the field against the Browns. "It is very, very likely that Dave Kopay will be activated for this game," he said, "although I can't accurately indicate at this point who will be taken off

Alden^N Roche

Defensive End — Southern
Height 6-4, Weight 255
Born in Gretna, La., April 9,
1945

3rd year in NFL. . .Denver
Bronco's No. 2 round draft
choice for 1969. . .Came to
Packers in Don Horn trade
(plus Denver's position in
First Round of 1971 draft in
which Packers selected All-
Pro John Brockington). .
. .Southern University out-
standing defensive player in
1969. . .Captained college
team. . .All SWAC. . .Scholas-
tic All-American and Hon.
Mention Little All-American. .
. .Electronic Major. . .Army
veteran. . .Top Alternate in
Denver's defensive line in
1970, playing behind all-Pro
Rich Jackson. . .Can also play
defensive tackle. . .Voted Most
Valuable Defensive player by
Wis. Pro Football Writers in
1971. . .Weight lifting adv-
ocate. Residence: Denver,
Colo.

Who Will Replace Gillie...Psychologically?

Ken Bowman

Center — Wisconsin
Height 6-2, Weight 235
Born in Milan, Ill., Dec. 15, 1942
9th year in pro ball. . . Packers eighth round draft choice for 1964 season. . . Won starting position rookie year. . . Injured shoulder in 1966 pre-season schedule but played most of game against Kansas City in World Title game. . . Returned to starting lineup in 1967. . . Sociology Major. . . Practicing lawyer during off-season. . . one of hardest workers on squad and most underrated performers in League. . . Voted Most Valuable Offensive Player for 1971 by Wis. Pro Football Writers. . . Player Representative. . . Residence: De Pere, Wis.

the roster to make room for him. We can make a move, of course, up until an hour before game time if we want to." Kopay, a veteran running back recently released by the Oakland Raiders, was signed to a taxi squad contract Wednesday. His addition would add needed depth at a position where the Packers presently have only four athletes available — MacArthur Lane, John Brockington, Perry Williams and Bob Hudson. Devine said he doubted that wide receiver Jon Stagers, another newcomer, will see action. But he added, "Jon has picked up the stuff real quick, however. But he's had a minor ankle sprain and, although he's running full speed, our trainers think it would be better if he didn't play Sunday." Stagers, who caught 10 passes for Pittsburgh last season, had been employed as a punt and kickoff returner by the Steelers, roles which Devine envisions his fulfilling here. Rookie quarterback Jerry Tagge, along with Stagers, could figure in whatever personnel move is made Sunday, Devine said. "If Tagge could play within two weeks, I'd keep him active for this game," he said, adding, "It is very unlikely he will suit up for this game, in any case." "The injury to Tagge was so unfortunate," Devine lamented. "That screwed up our whole numbers picture, having to keep four quarterbacks...And I'd feel a lot better if he were ready to play." Tagge, meanwhile, informed that he is making good progress in recovering from a deep contusion to his left thigh, an injury acquired in the Packers 10-7 victory over the Bears and later aggravated when he returned to practice. "I probably could be out there practicing now," he said, "but the doctor doesn't want to take any chances. I've been running hard for the past few days. I'll be out there in full force next week." Devine also reported that running back Larry Krause who suffered a broken jaw, in last Saturday night's upset of Kansas City, has been released from the hospital. "Larry called me at home last night," Devine said, "and he talked real well, considering what happened to him. "He wondered if he could work out with the team, now that he has been placed on injured reserve for the rest of the season." DD marveled. "That was the first thing he said. "I'm not really sure whether he could or not. I'm going to have to check to make sure, but I'm pretty sure he will not be able to.

Although I'm sure he could work out on his own."

NOTES AND NOTIONS

SEPT 17 (Appleton Post-Crescent) - When the Green Bay Packers dished out their sorry performance against St. Louis two weeks ago, I was sorry that in an August TV show, I had picked them to win seven games in 1972. Then, after they sparkled against the Chiefs a week ago, I began to feel that my 7-7 prediction for the Bays was too conservative. This very well could be the pattern of the regular season which starts today...Lots of hills and valleys...up one week, down the next. That's one of the hallmarks of a young team - and Green Bay certainly is one of the NFL's youngest clubs. (Only eight of the 40 active players have more than five years of pro experience.) The Packers of the Lombardi glory era were endowed with talented veterans. In the same way, the chief contender for Super Bowl honors this season are such experience-laden clubs as Dallas, Minnesota, Kansas City, Washington, Oakland, Detroit and San Francisco. Miami and Los Angeles both have a good deal of youth, yet they have more experienced people in key positions than do the Packers. It is likely, then - almost certain, in fact - that January's big show - the Super Bowl - will have to go on without the Packers for the fifth straight year. Who, then, will be in the spotlight? Will it be Dallas and Miami again? Can the Cowboys become the first team to match Green Bay's 2-in-a-row Super Bowl title record? According to my crystal ball - the same one that said Ed Muskie was a cinch to be the Democratic presidential nominee - the Chiefs and the Vikings will be the "Super" finalists and Minnesota will finally win the big one...Getting back to the Packers, I still feel a 7-victory total is possible despite a tougher 1972 schedule. And, I consider seven defeats likely, mainly because of the mistakes and inconsistencies of young players. If the Bays duplicate their exhibition-game record in the regular season - as they did last year - they could challenge for the playoffs. (They were .333 in both pre-season and regular season last year. They were .667 in exhibitions this year, and a continuation of that pace would mean something like a 9-5 or 9-4-1 record). The Packer picture has to be brighter now than it was at the start of the 1971 season. The manpower — through trades and drafting -seems somewhat better. Key players such as Scott Hunter, Jim Carter, John Brockington and Clarence Williams have more experience...and Head Coach Dan Devine is much more familiar with his personnel. Many areas needed strengthening after the disappointing 1971 campaign, and quite a bit has been accomplished - even though some deficiencies remain. The most striking improvement could come in place. kicking. Chester Marcol seems to have the ability to pull the Packers close to the top clubs in the league in this vital function. Marcol's booming kickoffs and (thus-far) accurate field goal booting could mean the difference in at least two or three close games. The Packer secondary, though it will undoubtedly be vulnerable at times, should be stronger. The linebacking has to be better because of Dave Robinson's physical improvement and Carter's 1971 on-the-job training. The Green Bay front four still won't challenge the Vikings' quartet but should be better...and the switch of Gale Gillingham could well help. The Bays' running game could be even better than it was last year, if MacArthur Lane's impressive exhibition showing carries over into the "real" season. The Pack's aerial game is still somewhat suspect — especially since they were unable to acquire one of those premium receivers that are so hard to come by. Leland Glass could brighten the outlook in a hurry. One "must" for the Packers is to send the ball Rich McGeorge's way more frequently. His potential hasn't even been tapped yet. Hunter, of course, must reduce his interception total - and with Bart Starr advising from the sidelines, this

Ray Nitschke

Middle Linebacker — Illinois

Height 6-3, Weight 240

Born in Elmwood Park, Ill., Dec. 29, 1936

15th year in pro ball. . . Packers third round draft choice in 1957. . . Played fullback at Illinois, carrying 79 times for a 6.5 yard ave. . . Physical Education Major. . . Missed several games in 1961 due to military service. . . Voted MVP of Championship game of 1962 in Yankee Stadium against Giants. . . Broke arm against Lions on Thanksgiving day 1963. . . AP and UPI All-Pro 1964, UPI All-Pro 1965 and AP, UPI, and NEA All-Pro 1966. . . 2 interceptions for 44 yards in 1966. . . 1 interception for 20 yd. TD vs. Lions in 1967. . . Credited with nine tackles against Oakland in AFL-NFL Title Game in 1968. . . Voted most outstanding linebacker for 1967 by NFL players. . . two interceptions in 1968, including game saving theft against Bears in season finale. . . Named to the NFL's All 50 Year Team as the outstanding linebackers. Residence: Green Bay, Wis.

could happen...The last time (prior to today) that the Packers opened their season with an "away" game was in 1965...and the happy result was a 41-9 win over the Steelers, and it launched that famous triple championship. Maybe the road inaugural will get the Bays off to the kind of start they didn't have at home the last two years. (Who can forget those 40-0 and 42-40 debacles?) Fifteen players who participated in that weird game with the Giants a dozen months ago aren't on the season-opening active roster. They are Zeke Bratkowski, Donny Anderson, Dave Hampton, Larry Krause, John Spilis, Sam Dickerson, Dave Bradley, Wimpy Winther, Dave Conway, Lionel Aldridge, Donnell Smith, Mike McCoy, Willie Wood, Doug Hart and Al Randolph...The NFC has had the same division champions for two years, and they seem a pretty good bet to stay that way. At least I feel that Minnesota, Dallas and San Francisco will repeat. The 49ers, perhaps, are in the most insecure spot, because there isn't too much to choose between them, the Rams and the Falcons. The Packers are in the unfortunate position of playing four of their 14 games against two of football's most dangerous teams - Minnesota and Detroit - and having to outfinish at least one of them for a playoff berth. The Lions, of course, have lost talented Charlie Sanders, and if their somewhat questionable defense springs a few leaks, it will be curtains for Detroit playoff hopes. The Bears seemed destined for the division cellar unless they come up with a few minor miracles. Considerable clarity will be shed on the NFC Central picture in the first three weeks, as Minnesota tackles Washington, Detroit and Miami in succession - while the Packers open against Cleveland, Oakland and Dallas. Fran Tarkenton is being counted on to turn Minnesota from a good team into a great one. He could do it even though he has led his teams to only two winning records in 11 years. "Tark" has matured in the last few years and I gained respect for him in 1970 when he directed the Giants to a 9-5 record (and they had nowhere near the supporting cast Minnesota has). Potentially, Tarkenton can take the Vikings farther than they've ever been...Dallas deserved everything it achieved last year, but the Cowboys must still prove they can win the big ones consistently. The absence of Roger Staubach will make this more of a struggle. Washington is the only team capable of making a fight of it in the NFC East, but the Cowboys have the staying power to outdistance the 'Skins again...With the exception of Miami, no NFL team has come faster than Atlanta in the last two years. And, I'm tempted to pick the Falcons to unseat San Francisco. But, as long as John Brodie remains healthy, it's pretty hard to pick against the 49ers. The Rams are too good a ball club to finish third, but that may be all

Bill Lueck

Offensive Guard — Arizona

Height 6-3, Weight 250

Born in Buckeye, Ariz., April 7, 1946

5th year. . . Selected by Packers in first round of 1968 draft. . . All Conference W.A.C.. . . Selected to play in All-Star Game against Packers. . . Good quickness. . . Pass blocks well. . . especially effective pulling. . . Started every game at left guard since 1969. . . both he and guard Gillingham All-Pro quality. . . Weight lifting devotee. Residence: Green Bay, Wisconsin.

that's left for them after a tight race...San Diego has the same problem in the AFC West. Even though they appear much improved, the Chargers (with a Green Bay flavor both in the coaching and playing departments) will probably have to settle for third again behind KC and Oakland, who'll battle to the wire. Both have outstanding personnel - but the Chiefs have Otis Taylor...If Joe Namath stays sound, the Jets could turn the AFC East into a 3-way scrap. Right now, the Dolphins and the Colts look a little too strong for the Jets. But, the loss of Bubba Smith won't help the Colts in their efforts to unseat the eager Dolphins...In the AFC Central, Pittsburgh posted the best pre-season record and this could be an omen that the Steelers and Terry Bradshaw have finally arrived. At least, I'll pick Pittsburgh for AFC honors along with Kansas City and Miami.

GO, PACKERS

SEPT 17 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - One thing about being a sports fan. there's always next year. And that next year has arrived for Green Bay Packer fans who watched their heroes win four times, lose eight times and tie twice in 1971. After all, the Packers were rebuilding and starting anew under a new coaching regime. Packer fans are knowledgeable and students of the game, right? Thus, they know that the games which count start with today's opening of the National Football League season and that it is a dangerous business to put much stock in the Packers' pre-season record of four wins and two losses. But what harm is there in pointing out that this year's pre-season record is exactly the opposite of the 1971 record of two wins and four losses? And that the Packers kicked the daylights out of the Superbowl candidate Kansas City Chiefs a week ago in the final tune-up. And that they beat some other recent superbrowsers, the Miami Dolphins. So what if only because of a missed extra point? For today is one for optimists. All teams start even in the standings. One thing remains certain. The Green Bay Packer story, with the small town coming out the champion 11 times over the big towns, is still the greatest story in professional sports. And if loyal support could be cranked into the standings, it would be no contest in 1972 or any other year. Good luck. Packers!

YOUNG PACKERS FACE 'CRITICAL' OPENER

SEPT 17 (Cleveland-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The juggling, the plotting and the perspiration of the long pre-season are in the past. Along with the eager speculation of the railbirds, and their oft-revised out lists. The time suddenly is now for the Packers, who launch their 53rd National Football League season against the Browns (12 noon, CDT) in huge Municipal Stadium this afternoon, a matchup which will be viewed by a near-capacity house of more than 75,000 fans and a regional television audience of some millions. And, though all openers are important, seldom in their history have the green and gold gone into one more critical to their long range welfare. These 1972 Packers, who will present a vastly different facade than they did just one year ago, are young...very young. And historically, young teams are not greatly adept at overcoming early adversity. They also are only too prone to err. Dave Robinson, who will be appearing in his tenth Packer premiere, accordingly sees today's struggle as potentially decisive. "This is a really important game for us," he said. "It's going to tell whether this team is sincere or whether it's going to fold like the 1970 team did, when we lost our opener to Detroit, 40-0...BELIEVED FILMS: "That year, we thought we were real good after beating Buffalo, 34-0, in our last pre-season game. We believed the films we saw of the Lions' pre-season games, when they weren't playing a lot of their best people, and they almost ran us out of the park. If this team realizes that the Cleveland team we're playing is not the team we've seen on film for the last week, then we should be all right. What we've seen of Cleveland is not what we'll be seeing, there's no doubt about that...And I hope we're not the team they've been seeing on film. I hope we're better than that." Whatever the case, these '72 Packers are dramatically different from their '71 counterparts, who slumped to a 4-8-2 record after yielding last year's opener to the New York Giants, 42-40, in a bizarre Lambeau Field match marred when Dan Devine's leg was broken in a sideline mishap. Fifteen of the 40 faces below those gold helmets are new and five of them - split end Leland Glass, guard Malcolm Snider, running back MacArthur Lane, cornerback Willie Buchanon and free safety Jim Mill - will be in the starting lineup. Both Buchanon, the Packers' No. 1 choice last February's draft, and Glass, an eighth-round pick who unseated incumbent John Spilis, are rookies. Two others who did not start that ill-fated 71 baptismal, second-year quarterback Scott Hunter and defensive end Alden Roche, also will be in the Pack's opening format. And three teammates, Gale Gillingham, Al Matthews at strong safety and Ellis, former left cornerback, at the right corner. The Packers, who may have given the faithful unwarranted delusions of grandeur with a 20-0 conquest of Super Bowl favorite Kansas City in their exhibition finale, were a surprising 4-2 in the pre-season while the Browns went empty-handed in six ventures, a record which received unflattering headline exposure in the Cleveland newspapers last week. Devine, beginning his second season at the Packer controls, insists the Browns' pre-season tribulations will not have a bearing on the game...LOT OF PRIDE: "I don't think their record will have any effect on our squad, or on theirs, he asserted. "Our players have seen their film. They know the Cleveland team has a lot of pride. They've seen one of the Browns hit the Giants' Ron Johnson so hard the ball popped out of his arms and sailed 20 yards behind him. "So I can't see that their record would have any effect on our team. If it does," Devine said grimly, "we should have our fannies kicked." The Packer kicking game, with the advent of heavy-footed Chester Marcol and veteran punter Ron Widby, is much improved. There also is reason to believe that the running game, already substantial, should be more effective with the exchange of Donny Anderson for Lane, a bruising blocker as well as an accomplished runner and sure-handed receiver. And so, hopefully, is the pass rush with the transfer of Gillingham to the front four and the permanent assignment of Roche, a swing end much of last season, to right end. The secondary also looks to be considerably less porous with the insertion of Hill and Buchanon, plus the realignment of Ellis and Matthews. This would be a highly appropriate time of course, for these pre-season assumptions to be borne out on the playing field, considering that offense again is Cleveland's long suit. The redoubtable Leroy Kelly, three times a 1,000-yarder, and Robert (Bo) Scott provide a robust running game to complement the generalship of Bill Nelsen, a gritty quarterback surviving in the NFL despite a pair of refractory knees, and the receiving of Frank Pitts, Fair Booker and huge Milt Morin, at 6-5 and 250 one of the most imposing tight ends in pro football. The Packers enter today's exchange, with a 6-4 edge on the Browns in their all-time rivalry. They last met in 1969, on these same premises, with the Browns claiming a 20-7 decision.

Probably Starting			
GREEN BAY OFF		CLEVELAND OFF	
Glass	W R	Hooker	
Peay	L T	Dieken	
Lueck	L G	Hickerson	
Bowman	C	Copeland	
Snider	R G	Pena	
Himes	R T	Demarie	
McGeorge	T E	Morin	
Dale	W R	Pitts	
Hunter	Q B	Nelsen	
Lane	R B	Kelly	
Brockington	R B	B. Scott	
DEFENSE		DEFENSE	
C. Williams	L E	Snidow	
Gillingham	L T	Johnson	
Brown	R T	Sherk	
Roche	R E	Briggs	
Robinson	LL B	Hall	
Carr	RL B	Lindsey	
Buchanon	L B	Andrews	
Ellis	R C	C. Scott	
Matthews	L C	Davis	
Hill	R S	Howell	
	S	Darden	
Packer-Brown Series			
Packers won 6, Browns 4. Points —			
Packers 240, Browns 212.			

Young Packers Face 'Critical' Opener

Packer Pre-Season Stix

RESULTS & ATTENDANCE

GB		OPP.	ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	TOTAL		
(w)	24	Bengals at G.B. (56,263)	14	G.B.	21	31	26	3	81
(w)	14	Dolphins at Miami (75,332)	13	Opp.	16	28	16	25	85
(l)	3	Oilers at Houston (46,460)	20						
(w)	10	Bears at MKE (47,222)	7	<u>RUSHING</u>	ATT	YDS.	AVE.	LONG	TDR
(l)	10	Cardinals at G.B. (56,263)	31	Lane	68	291	4.3	20	0
(w)	20	Chiefs at MKE, (47,281)	0	Brockington	58	239	4.1	25	2

TEAM STATISTICS

GB	OPP.	RECEIVING	NO.	YDS.	AVE.	LONG	TD.
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	85	Hudson	11	32	2.9	10	0
by Rushing	47	*Duncan	1	25	25.0	25	0
by Passing	32	Tagge	3	21	7.0	11	0
by Penalty	6	Davis	1	11	11.0	11	0
THIRD DOWNS EFFICIENCY	29/83	*Bradley	1	9	9.0	9	0
TOTAL NET YARDS	1527	Hunter	7	4	.6	4	1
Total Off. Plays	334						
Ave. Gain Per Play	4.6	RECEIVING	NO.	YDS.	AVE.	LONG	TD.
Ave. Gain Per Game	254.5	*Hampton	8	83	10.4	21	0
NET YARD RUSHING	909	Lane	7	66	9.4	15	0
Total Rushing Plays	217	Brockington	6	52	8.7	25	0
Ave. Gain Per Rush	4.2	Davis	5	121	24.5	79t	2
Ave. Gain Rush Per Game	151.5	Dale	5	100	20.0	40t	1
NET YARDS PASSING	618	Williams	5	63	12.6	23	0
Lost Attempting to Pass	8/68	Glass	4	62	15.5	51t	1
Gross Yds. Passing	691	*Spilis	4	37	9.3	15	1
Attempts/Completions	108/52	Garrett	3	38	12.7	20	0
Pct. Completed	48.1	*Dickerson	2	36	19.0	19	0
Had Intercepted	4	Hudson	1	10	10.0	10	0
PUNTS/YDS.	28/1111	*Watson	1	8	8.0	8	0
PUNTING AVE.	39.7						
PUNT RET/YDS.	20/132	PUNTING	NO.	YDS.	AVE.	LONG	BLK
KICKOFF RET/YDS.	18/412	*Duncan	22	871	39.6	52	0
MISC. RETURNS/YDS	1/69	Widby	6	240	40.0	48	0
INTERCEPTIONS/YDS	6/36						
PENALTIES/YDS	24/218	INTERCEP.	NO.	YDS.	AVE.	LONG	TD.
FUMBLES/LOST	10/7	Ellis	1	10	10.0	10	0
TOUCHDOWNS	9	Buchanon	1	11	11.0	11	0
by Rushing	4	Carr	1	6	6.0	6	0
by Passing	5	Hill	1	0	0	0	0
by Returns	0	Carter	1	9	9.0	9	0
FIELD GOALS	6/11	Thomas	1	0	0	0	0
CONVERSIONS	9/9						

FIELD GOALS (Good, b=blocked):

Marcol:	25;	35b;	51;	18;	33;	40;	20;	K.O.RET.	NO.	YDS.	AVE.	LONG	TD.
	23;	32						*Hampton	10	285	28.5	69	0
*Webster:	31;	28;						Hudson	5	106	21.2	23	0
								Garrett	2	0	0	0	0
								Thomas	1	25	25.0	25	0

SCORING	TDR	TDP	TDRt	FG.	PAT.	TOTAL
Marcol	0	0	0	6/9	6/6	24
Davis	0	2	0	0	0	12
Brockington	2	0	0	0	0	12
Lane	1	0	0	0	0	6
Dale	0	1	0	0	0	6
Hunter	1	0	0	0	0	6
Glass	0	1	0	0	0	6
*Spilis	0	1	0	0	0	6
*Webster	0	0	0	0	3	3

PUNT RETURNS	NO.	F.C.	YDS.	AVE.	LONG	TD.
Hudson	10	6	36	3.6	23	0
Ellis	6	1	94	15.7	57	0
Davis	1	0	0	0.0	0	0

PASSING	ATT.	COMP.	PCT.	YDS.	TD.	PER ATT	LG.	INT.	PCT	YDS.	TACK.
Hunter	86	44	51.2	624	5	.058	79t	2	.025	7.8	4/32
Patrick	12	5	41.7	45	0	.000	19	2	.167	3.8	1/8
Tagge	10	3	30.0	22	0	.000	17	0	.000	2.2	3/28

*=NO LONGER ACTIVE

National Conference Central

Will Fran Perk Up or Sink Vikings?



Bud Grant
1971 Record—11 wins, 3 losses, 0 ties. Pts.—245.
O. P.—133.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

Coach: **BUD GRANT** (sixth year)

PASSING: With Tarkenton, already fifth in the all-time pro passing rankings, the air game should be much better. He is blessed with sharp receivers, good blockers.

RUNNING: Jones and Osborn are a strong power pair with adequate backing from such as Bill Brown and Leo Hayden. Jones can explode at times.

DEFENSE: Perennially the NFC's best . . . applies great pressure on the passer, freeing the linebackers to take deeper drops into the zone coverages. Excellent in all areas.

KICKING: Reliable with Fred Cox, who has excellent medium range.

SUMMATION: A fifth successive division title is in the offing.

DETROIT LIONS

Coach: **JOE SCHMIDT** (sixth year)

PASSING: Improved with a more polished Landry, newcomer Jessie providing a surer deep threat and Cotton subs well for Sanders. Fine protection.

RUNNING: Excellent with adequate depth. Owens, Taylor and Mel Farr provide mixture of power-speed-depth and Landry remains dangerous on options and skeddaddles.

DEFENSE: A hounding question mark. The inside pass rush is non-existent and there is some vulnerability vs. the run. The secondary should be better this season.

KICKING: Errol Mann due for a more effective year after some fluffs last year.

SUMMATION: Not likely to overhaul the Vikes, but could squeeze into the playoffs as wild card.



Joe Schmidt
1971 Record—7 wins, 6 losses, 1 tie. Pts.—341.
O. P.—286.

CHICAGO BEARS

Coach: **ABE GIBRON** (first year)

PASSING: Could be wild. Douglass is strong, but a scatterarm. The receiving is lackluster with the exception of Farmer. The line isn't that much.

RUNNING: Not volatile unless there is a total recovery by Sayers, and such, sadly, is not likely to be the case.

DEFENSE: Butkus, Butkus and Butkus. The Bears bruise their enemies with their defense, but it is hardly a well-balanced outfit. The pass rush is just fair, the coverages ordinary . . . but the linebacking with Butkus, Buffone, Brupbacher is B-B-Brilliant.

KICKING: Mac Percival has sometimes long range; sometimes he misfires from in close. So about average.

SUMMATION: Should score a little more and hit a little more, but still wind up third.



Abe Gibron
1971 Record—5 wins, 8 losses, 0 ties. Pts.—185.
O. P.—276.

GREEN BAY PACKERS

Coach: **DEN DEVINE** (second year)

PASSING: Hunter still must learn how not to throw into coverages. Dale and McGeorge are fine receivers, protection is all right.

RUNNING: Should be super with Brockington and Lane taking turns crunching over tacklers.

DEFENSE: Not a bad pass rush when huge McCoy returns and should do well against the run with linebackers Carr and Robinson. Pass defense is considered exceptionally solid.

KICKING: Chet Marcol could be the reliable, long-range kicker the Pack has sought since its Super Bowl engagement.

SUMMATION: If the quarterbacking can be upgraded, a challenge for third and a .500 season would be possible.



Den Devine
1971 Record—4 wins, 8 losses, 2 ties. Pts.—274.
O. P.—238.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRAL: WILL FRAN PERK UP OR SINK VIKINGS?

SEPT 16 (The Sporting News) - Can Francis Tarkenton shuck his 7-7 syndrome - the precept that he will win games he shouldn't and lose games he should win? Will he be the panacea for the Vikings, so awesome on defense, so impotent on offense? It took guts for the Vikings to bring Tarkenton back after his five-year exile with the Giants in New York. In the years immediately after his departure from Minnesota, the Vikings badmouthed him often. But they had Joe Kapp then, a leader, a winner until he became too self-serving. The last couple of years, Bud Grant, the glacier-visaged coach, sweated through a hodge-podge quarterback situation by issuing parables. "Quarterbacks can't be God Almighty..." Grant has said on occasions. "We don't make that big thing out of quarterbacks," he has said other times. "They just make good copy." "It just seemed like the thing to do," Grant would habitually answer to explain his decision for starting Gary Cuozzo or Norm Snead or Bob Lee. Plainly, the Vikings had to have a quarterback and Tarkenton was the best available between seasons. Certainly, he will do better than 7-7 now at Minnesota. In his prior tour, he never played with the luxury of a defense. But whether he will be the panacea, the leader to return the Vikings to the Super Bowl, is an entirely different matter. Most of the Vikings - with Alan Page a notably outspoken exception - hailed the return of Tarkenton. Funny...but the Detroit Lions happened to have the identical reaction as Page. "He could louse them up pretty good," said one prominent member of the Lions' hierarchy. "Don't forget he's always been an individual. Will Bud Grant be able to control him? He could run helter-skelter up there and cause problems." The Lions have a very revealing theory about Tarkenton. In the years he played at Minnesota, 1961-66, Detroit skunked the Vikings with regularity. They always have been able to master Fran - eight victories plus a tie in 12 meetings when he was a Viking and two for two while he was at New York...GOOD WITHOUT FRAN: But alas, in the five years Tarkenton was in absentia in New York, the Lions managed just a solitary victory over Minnesota in 10 tries. The Lions have lost their last eight games with Minnesota. Indeed, they have a fullblown phobia about the Vikings - which the presence of Francis could remedy, they think. Minnesota has won the Central title four straight years now with sundry quarterbacks. But only once, when Kapp took them to the Super Bowl, could the Vikings escape defeat in the first round of the playoffs. Consequently, the desperate measure of bringing Tarkenton back and putting him for the first time with a defense-oriented team. It should work for another title. The Lions, for the past three years, have run second to the Vikings in the division. Consequently, their stand that Tarkenton could be more harmful to the Vikings than helpful. But in the last three years the Lions' old trademark of defensive prowess has been obliterated. The Lions have drafted vigorously - but too late - trying to create a defense commensurate to their volatile offense. In the years they were stressing offensive reconstruction, they neglected defense...LIONS COULD SURPRISE:

So despite perhaps the only viable offense in the division - geared around the finest offensive player, Greg Landry - the Lions still must be consigned to second. They are good enough, though, to be a contender to reach the playoffs as a wild card entry. The Central is really divided into two unequal parts. There is quite a schism between Minnesota and Detroit above and the Chicago Bears and Green Bay Packers below. The Bears continue to revolve around Dick Butkus with Gale Sayers a dubious element until his knee is tested. The Packers are scratching the bottom after so many years in the heights. Neither the Bears nor the Packers has a proven quarterback, the commodity possessed by the Lions and now the Vikings. Bobby Douglass, the man selected personally by owner George Halas in Chicago, is too scambly, too flighty and too

inexperienced. Bart Starr finally has bowed to aches and injuries at Green Bay. Scott Hunter, a starter so much of last year as a rookie, becomes assistant coach Starr's protegee. It will take a while. The Central Division is known in pro football folklore as the Black and Blue Division - or the Icebox Division. The aliases stir the illusion of physical toughness and endurance of frigid weather. The Central Division's great, tough image today has been turned into mythology. The division remains bruising and the intramural battles between clubs within the division are oftentimes brutal:

MINNESOTA: The Central no longer dominates outsiders with physical punishment. Minnesota has been blown from the playoffs in the opening round each of the past two Christmas seasons. Each time it was on the Vikings' own field, where, according to legend, they thrive in the ice and snow and bitter wind. Balderdash...the Central just isn't that rugged any more, not in keeping with the legacy left by Green Bay's clubs of the 1960s. Since last season and the virtual non-production of a mere 25 touchdowns, Grant has changed his quarterback dogma to wit: "Tarkenton is experienced. You watch him in a game and he's got something in mind. He's not grab-bagging it. He's been in about every game situation...you aren't going to surprise him with something new. Also, he is a competitor."...GLAD TO BE BACK: That is the way authoritarian Grant envisions the returning quarterback, anyway. Tarkenton has a history of grab-bagging it. He also has a history of voicing his complaint if he doesn't like the coach's game plan. Tarkenton, personally, is delighted to be back in frosty Minnesota, away from Broadway and all the Manhattan tinsel. "Coming back to the Vikings for me is like slipping back into an old shoe," said Tarkenton. "This is what I asked for. I wanted to go to a team capable of winning the Super Bowl." That the Vikings are if Tarkenton can invigorate their offense. The passing game has been unproductive. Now it should be better with Tarkenton and Gene Washington and John Beasley returned from injury. It should be better, too, with a hap pier John Henderson and John Gilliam, acquired from the Cardinals in the deal for the enigmatic Cuozzo. The running should be very good with Clinton Jones finally fulfilling his long-ago promise. But defense remains the prominent trait of the Vikings. There is no pass rush more devastating than that impressed on rival quarterbacks by Page, Carl Eller, Jim Marshall and Gary Larsen...PAGE THE DIFFERENCE: The pass rush - specifically Alan Page - is the difference between the Vikings and the Lions. The Vikings' linebacking is somewhat underrated, only because it is outshone by the front four. But Wally Hilgenberg, Roy Winston and Lonnie Warwick are a better-than-average unit. The secondary, geared to safeties Charlie West and Paul Krause, is excellent. "You can't talk Super Bowl - or even a division title - until you can beat the teams in your own division," said Wayne Walker, who has garnered 15 years of wisdom linebacking for the Lions. "I want to beat the Vikings so bad. This darn Minnesota team has beaten the devil out of us for four years. We've given them so much. They've gotten easier touchdowns off us than any team I can remember...both offense and defense. What were we within the division last year...2-3-1? You've got to win the primary before you can get the nomination. More than just beating the Vikings, we have to develop a superiority over them. Whether it'll be two, three or four years from now, it'll happen. A team must advance in plateaus. We can say we're better than they are. But we can't believe that until we establish a superiority over them." While the Vikings assiduously attempted to patch their weaknesses between seasons, the quixotic Lions indulged in stand-patism.

WHY LIONS FAILED: DETROIT: One year ago, the Lions were projected as true Super Bowl contenders. Their pratfall of 1971 was attributed principally to their porous defense. The Lions' pass rush trapped the passer a paltry 18 times over the season. "Minnesota, Dallas, Washington and San Francisco were one, two, three, four in total defense in our conference and all four of them went to the playoffs," said Joe Schmidt, the Lions' sometimes inscrutable head coach. "In the AFC, Baltimore, Miami and Kansas City were one, two, three in defense and they all went to the playoffs. "All this tells you something." It told Schmidt the Lions needed to take drastic action to better their defense. But he sometimes is outvoted on matters. The front office steadfastly refuses to trade Bill Munson, quarterback backup to Landry. So there have been only minor changes on the defense. With their failure to make a major trade, the Lions adopted a philosophy of "Make do with what we have." Their major change was the addition of Dick Voris to coach the defensive line. Voris, a fine technician, should improve the situation, but the Lions still don't have the menacing inside pass rush. Outside, the rush should be all right with Larry Hand and Jim Mitchell. Bob Ball and Larry Woods or Joe Schmiesing will be the tackles. The linebacking unit of Mike Lucci, Walker and Paul Naumoff is outstanding. The secondary has been altered some with Rudy Redmond new at right corner and Dick LeBeau moved inside to right safety. Lem Barney and Mike Weger return to the left half of the secondary. Much depends on Barney, who is due to break a two-year slump by becoming the Supernatural again....
LANDRY A STANDOUT: Offensively, the Lions are the strongest in the division and probably the most potent in the entire NFC. Young Landry has quickly become a standout quarterback. His reputation is as a running quarterback and he has done much to revolutionize pro offenses. But now he is blossoming as a passer, too. The Lions air offense should be improved despite the loss of Charlie Sanders for a half-season or longer. With 1,000-yarder Steve Owens, Altie Taylor and Landry, the running is excellent. Landry will have a new receiver this year in Ron Jessie, who won split end from Earl

The Schedules

Chicago Bears

Sept. 17—at ATLANTA	1:00
Sept. 24—LOS ANGELES	1:00
Oct. 1—DETROIT	1:00
Oct. 8—at Green Bay	1:00
Oct. 15—at Cleveland	1:00
Oct. 23—MINNESOTA (Monday)	8:00
Oct. 29—at St. Louis	1:00
Nov. 5—at Detroit	1:00
Nov. 12—GREEN BAY	1:00
Nov. 19—SAN FRANCISCO	1:00
Nov. 26—CINCINNATI	1:00
Dec. 3—at Minnesota	1:00
Dec. 10—at Philadelphia	1:00
Dec. 17—at Oakland	1:00

Green Bay Packers

Sept. 17—at Cleveland	1:00
Sept. 24—OAKLAND	1:00
Oct. 1—DALLAS (Milwaukee)	1:00
Oct. 8—CHICAGO	1:00
Oct. 16—at Detroit (Monday)	8:00
Oct. 22—ATLANTA (Milwaukee)	1:00
Oct. 29—MINNESOTA	1:00
Nov. 5—SAN FRANCISCO (Milwaukee)	1:00
Nov. 12—at Chicago	1:00
Nov. 19—at Houston	1:00
Nov. 26—at Washington	1:00
Dec. 3—DETROIT	1:00
Dec. 10—at Minnesota	1:00
Dec. 17—at New Orleans	1:00

Detroit Lions

Sept. 17—NEW YORK GIANTS	1:00
Sept. 24—MINNESOTA	3:00
Oct. 1—at Chicago	1:00
Oct. 8—at Atlanta	1:00
Oct. 16—GREEN BAY (Monday)	8:00
Oct. 22—SAN DIEGO	1:00
Oct. 30—at Dallas (Monday)	8:00
Nov. 5—CHICAGO	1:00
Nov. 12—at Minnesota	3:00
Nov. 19—NEW ORLEANS	1:00
Nov. 23—NEW YORK JETS (Thanks.)	12:00
Dec. 3—at Green Bay	1:00
Dec. 10—at Buffalo	1:00
Dec. 17—at Los Angeles	1:00

Minnesota Vikings

Sept. 18—WASHINGTON (Monday)	8:00
Sept. 24—at Detroit	3:00
Oct. 1—MIAMI	3:00
Oct. 8—ST. LOUIS	1:00
Oct. 15—at Denver	2:00
Oct. 23—at Chicago (Monday)	8:00
Oct. 29—at Green Bay	1:00
Nov. 5—NEW ORLEANS	1:00
Nov. 12—DETROIT	3:00
Nov. 19—at Los Angeles	1:00
Nov. 26—at Pittsburgh	1:00
Dec. 3—CHICAGO	1:00
Dec. 10—GREEN BAY	1:00
Dec. 16—at San Francisco (Saturday)	1:00

McCullough. Sanders' shoulder separation deprives Landry of his top clutch-situation target. Craig Cotton, Sanders' backup, is an outstanding tight end, too. Larry Walton is a deep threat from flanker.

CHICAGO: The Bears have the only new head coach in the division this year, Abe Gibrón, a longtime retainer of George Halas as an assistant coach, replaced technically inclined Jim Dooley. "I'm not a figurehead," Gibrón has kept insisting so often it seems he desires to convince himself. But as always, Halas, the autocratic, septuagenarian owner, will do the bulk of the policy making. Gibrón's desire is to restore the old image as the Monsters of the Midway. "We've got to get our reputation back as hitters," said Gibrón. "We should be 100 percent hitters, not 75. That means simply 40 men out of the 40-player limit who hit – as forceful on offense as on defense." Gibrón wants 40 players like Dick Butkus. Impossible. There is only one. Butkus is the Bears' defense - and they don't have an offense. Douglass, with Jack Concannon now gone, is entrenched as the No. 1 quarterback, to learn and train while playing. Dick Gordon, in limbo, apparently will not return to the Bears. That leaves one proven receiver, George Farmer. The running is of dubious quality because of the uncertainty of the once-peerless Sayers. Otherwise, the Bears have three rejects from elsewhere in Cyril Pinder, Jim Grabowski and Don Shy, plus youngsters Joe Moore and James Harrison.

GREEN BAY: The Packers' season cannot be as catastrophic as last year when Dan Devine was a rookie coach. Devine caught food poisoning and had his leg broken before September ended. Then they foundered to their poorest season before the pre-Vince Lombardi era in Green Bay. Devine did some hustling between seasons. He had feuded with Donny Anderson and dealt him to the Cardinals for MacArthur Lane...LANE SHOULD HELP: John Brockington and Lane give Green Bay a marvelous big back backfield somewhat akin to the tandem of Jim Taylor and Paul Hornung a decade ago. Brock had to be the most impressive rookie runner to enter pro football since Gale Sayers' rookie year in 1965. Running with power, cleverness and speed, Brockington gained 1,105 yards. That was the most yardage ever accumulated by a rookie. Starr's reluctant yielding to his ailing shoulder, though, will be most damaging. Hunter was erratic as a rookie quarterback. Jerry Tagge, something of a Landry-type, could emerge as the starter before the year ends. Tagge, from Nebraska, was the No. 1 draftee. The Packers' defense is fair with such as Mike McCoy, Fred Carr, Dave Robinson, Ken Ellis and a promising rookie defender, Willie Buchanon.

The Scriveners' Poll

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Western Division

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	Pts.
Kansas City	13	13	0	0	91
Oakland	13	12	1	0	90
San Diego	0	1	24	1	52
Denver	0	0	1	25	27

Central Division

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	Pts.
Pittsburgh	18	3	3	2	89
Cincinnati	5	13	4	4	71
Cleveland	0	6	16	4	54
Houston	3	4	3	16	46

Eastern Division

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	Pts.
Miami	17	9	0	0	0	121
Baltimore	5	11	10	0	0	99
New York Jets	4	6	12	4	0	88
New England	0	0	4	15	7	49
Buffalo	0	0	0	7	19	33

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Western Division

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	Pts.
San Francisco	20	6	0	0	98
Los Angeles	5	14	7	0	76
Atlanta	1	6	15	4	56
New Orleans	0	0	4	22	30

Central Division

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	Pts.
Minnesota	19	7	0	0	97
Detroit	7	19	0	0	85
Green Bay	0	0	22	4	48
Chicago	0	0	4	22	30

Eastern Division

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	Pts.
Dallas	18	8	0	0	0	122
Washington	8	18	0	0	0	112
Philadelphia	0	0	14	8	4	62
St. Louis	0	0	10	10	6	56
New York Giants	0	0	2	8	16	38

Note: Points compiled on 4-3-2-1 basis in four-club divisions and on 5-4-3-2-1 basis in five-club divisions.

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Kansas City Chiefs

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr	College
1	Mike Adamle	RB	5-9	197	22	2	Northwestern
3	Jan Stenerud	K	6-2	187	29	6	Montana State
7	John Huarte	QB	6-0	185	28	7	Notre Dame
9	Dean Carlson	QB	6-3	210	22	1	Iowa
10	Mike Livingston	QB	6-4	212	26	5	SMU
14	Ed Podolak	RB	6-1	204	25	4	Iowa
15	Kerry Reardon	CB	5-11	180	23	2	Iowa
16	Len Dawson	QB	6-0	190	37	16	Purdue
17	Elmo Wright	WR	6-0	190	23	2	Houston
18	Emmitt Thomas	CB	6-2	192	29	7	Bishop
20	Mike Sensibaugh	S	5-11	192	22	2	Ohio State
22	Larry Marshall	DB	5-10	195	22	1	Maryland
24	Ceaser Belser	LB	6-0	220	27	5	Arkansas AM&N
31	Jeff Kinney	RB	6-2	215	21	1	Nebraska
35	Jim Otis	RB	6-0	220	24	3	Ohio State
38	Wendell Hayes	RB	6-1	220	32	8	Humboldt
40	Jim Marsalis	CB	5-11	194	26	4	Tennessee State
41	Bruce Jankowski	WR	5-11	185	23	2	Ohio State
44	Jerrel Wilson	P	6-2	222	30	10	S. Mississippi
46	Jim Kearney	S	6-2	206	29	8	Prairie View
48	Nate Allen	CB	5-10	170	24	2	Texas Southern
50	Mike Oriard	C	6-4	223	24	3	Notre Dame
51	Jim Lynch	LB	6-1	235	27	6	Notre Dame
54	Clyde Werner	LB	6-4	225	24	3	Washington
58	Jack Rudnay	C	6-3	240	24	3	Northwestern
60	George Daney	DE	6-4	240	24	5	Texas-El Paso
61	Curley Culp	DT	6-1	265	26	5	Arizona State
63	Willie Lanier	LB	6-1	245	27	6	Morgan State
66	Bob Stein	LB	6-3	245	24	4	Minnesota
70	Sid Smith	T	6-4	260	24	3	USC
71	Ed Budde	G	6-5	265	32	10	Michigan State
73	Dave Hill	T	6-5	260	32	10	Auburn
76	Mo Moorman	G	6-5	252	27	5	Texas A&M
77	Jim Tyrer	T	6-6	280	33	12	Ohio State
78	Bobby Bell	LB	6-4	228	32	10	Minnesota
79	Larry Gagner	G	6-2	268	28	5	Univ. of Florida
81	Marvin Upshaw	DE	6-4	260	25	5	Trinity
82	Ed Lothamer	DT	6-5	270	30	8	Michigan State
83	Willie Frazier	TE	6-4	234	30	9	Arkansas AM&N
86	Buck Buchanan	DT	6-7	270	32	10	Grambling
87	Aaron Brown	DE	6-5	255	28	6	Minnesota
88	Morris Stroud	TE	6-10	255	26	4	Clark College
89	Otis Taylor	WR	6-3	215	30	8	Prairie View
99	Wilbur Young	DT	6-6	285	23	2	William Penn

Green Bay Packers

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr	College
10	Patrick, Frank	QB	6-7	225	25	3	Nebraska
11	Napper, Charlie	QB	6-1	190	23	1	Tex. Tech
13	Marcol, Chester	K	6-0	190	23	1	Hillsdale
16	Hunter, Scott	QB	6-2	205	24	2	Alabama
17	Tagge, Jerry	QB	6-2	220	22	1	Nebraska
19	Hitt, Lee	CB	6-1	185	23	1	Texas A&M
20	Widby, Ron	P	6-4	210	27	5	Tenn.
21	Hall, Charles	CB	6-1	195	24	2	Pittsburgh
23	Hudson, Robert	RB	5-11	210	24	1	N.E. Okla. State
28	Buchanon, Willie	CB	6-0	190	22	1	San Diego State
29	Matthews, Al	S	5-11	190	24	3	Texas A&I
30	Krause, Larry	RB	6-0	208	24	3	St. Norbert
31	Williams, Perry	RB	6-2	219	25	4	Purdue
34	Heater, Don	RB	6-2	205	22	1	Mont. Tech.
36	Lane, MacArthur	RB	6-1	220	29	5	Utah State
37	Thomas, Ike	CB	6-2	193	24	2	Bishop
39	Hill, Jim	S	6-2	190	25	4	Texas A&I
42	Brockington, John	RB	6-1	225	24	2	Ohio State
44	Kroll, Robert	S	6-1	195	22	1	N. Michigan
46	Glass, Leland	WR	6-0	185	22	1	Oregon
47	Davis, Dave	WR	6-0	175	24	2	Tenn. A&I
48	Ellis, Ken	CB	5-10	190	24	3	Southern
50	Carter, Jim	LB	6-3	235	24	3	Minnesota
51	Hefner, Larry	LB	6-2	215	23	1	Clemson
52	Winther, Wimpy	C	6-4	260	24	2	Mississippi
53	Carr, Fred	LB	6-5	238	26	5	Texas-El Paso
55	Patton, Eric	LB	6-3	240	22	1	Notre Dame
56	Crutcher, Tommy Joe	LB	6-3	230	31	8	TCU
57	Bowman, Ken	C	6-3	230	29	9	Wisconsin
58	Withrow, Cal	C	6-0	240	27	3	Kentucky
62	Lueck, Bill	G	6-4	245	26	5	Arizona
64	Hunt, Kevin	T	6-5	260	24	1	Doane, Nebr.
65	Wortman, Keith	G	6-2	245	22	1	Nebraska
66	Nitschke, Ray	LB	6-3	235	35	15	Illinois
67	Snider, Malcolm	G	6-4	251	25	4	Stanford
68	Gillingham, Gale	G	6-3	265	28	7	Minnesota
71	Peay, Francis	T	6-5	250	28	7	Missouri
72	Himes, Dick	T	6-4	250	26	5	Ohio State
73	Vanoy, Vernon	DT-DE	6-8	275	25	3	Kansas
75	Pureifory, Dave	DE	6-1	260	22	1	E. Michigan
76	McCoy, Mike	DT	6-5	265	23	3	Notre Dame
77	Hayhoe, Bill	T	6-8	258	26	4	S. California
78	Brown, Bob	DT	6-5	265	32	7	Ark. AM&N
80	Dickerson, Sam	WR	6-2	200	23	1	S. California
81	McGeorge, Rich	TE	6-4	235	23	3	Elon
83	Williams, Clarence	DE	6-5	255	25	3	Prairie View
84	Dale, Carroll	WR	6-2	200	34	13	Virginia Tech.
85	Spilis, John	WR	6-3	205	24	4	N. Illinois
87	Roche, Alden	DT-DE	6-4	255	27	3	Southern U.
88	Garrett, Len	TE	6-3	230	24	2	N.M.Highlands
89	Robinson, Dave	LB	6-3	245	31	10	Penn. State



BEFORE THE STARTING WHISTLE . . .

Hearts pound a little faster, nervous energy is begging for the release that physical contact will bring, the players are keyed up, and in the stands anticipation is sky-high. In just a moment the official will raise his arm and with the accompaniment of a shrill whistle, the 1972 Packers will kick off a new season.

All the efforts expended since last January in forging this team will be converted into the action that unfolds in the next 60 minutes on the field. The drafting, the trading, the experience, the conditioning, the talent and the training have welded a team together that will carry the Green and Gold into NFL battle.

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Packers Begin to See Light

Packer Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr	College
10	PATRICK, Frank	QB	6-7	225	25	3	Nebraska
11	NAPPER, Charlie	QB	6-0	190	23	1	Texas Tech
13	MARCOL, Chester	K	6-0	190	23	1	Hillsdale
16	HUNTER, Scott	QB	6-2	205	24	2	Alabama
17	TAGGE, Jerry	QB	6-2	220	22	1	Nebraska
20	WIDBY, Ron	P	6-4	210	27	5	Tenn.
21	HALL, Charles	CB	6-1	195	24	2	Pittsburgh
22	STAGGERS, Jon	WR	5-10	180	23	3	Missouri
23	HUDSON, Robert	RB	5-11	210	24	1	N.E. Okla. State
28	BUCHANON, Willie	CB	6-0	190	22	1	San Diego State
29	MATTHEWS, Al	S	5-11	190	24	3	Texas A and I
31	WILLIAMS, Perry	RB	6-2	219	25	4	Purdue
33	PITTMAN, Charlie	RB	6-1	205	24	3	Penn State
36	LANE, MacArthur	RB	6-1	220	29	5	Utah State
37	THOMAS, Ike	CB	6-2	193	24	2	Bishop
39	HILL, Jim	S	6-2	190	25	4	Texas A and I
40	KOPAY, Dave	RB	6-0	218	30	9	Washington
42	BROCKINGTON, John	RB	6-1	225	24	2	Ohio State
44	KROLL, Bob	S	6-1	195	22	1	Northern Michigan
46	GLASS, Leland	WR	6-0	185	22	1	Oregon
47	DAVIS, Dave	WR	6-0	175	24	2	Tenn. A and I
48	ELLIS, Ken	CB	5-10	190	24	3	Southern
50	CARTER, Jim	LB	6-3	235	24	3	Minnesota
51	HEFNER, Larry	LB	6-2	215	23	1	Clemson
53	CARR, Fred	LB	6-2	238	26	5	Texas-El Paso
56	CRUTCHER, Tommy Joe	LB	6-3	230	31	8	TCU
57	BOWMAN, Ken	C	6-3	230	29	9	Wisconsin
58	WITHROW, Cal	C	6-0	240	27	3	Kentucky
62	LUECK, Bill	G	6-4	245	26	5	Arizona
64	HUNT, Kevin	T	6-5	260	24	1	Duane
65	WORTMAN, Keith	G	6-2	245	24	1	Nebraska
66	NITSCHKE, Ray	LB	6-3	235	35	15	Illinois
67	SNIDER, Malcolm	G	6-4	251	25	4	Stanford
68	GILLINGHAM, Gale	G	6-3	265	28	7	Minnesota
71	PEAY, Francis	T	6-5	250	28	7	Missouri
72	HIMES, Dick	T	6-4	250	26	5	Ohio State
73	VAN DY, Vernon	DT-DE	6-8	275	25	3	Kansas
75	PUREIFORY, Dave	DE	6-1	260	22	1	E. Michigan
76	MCCOY, Mike	T	6-5	284	23	3	Notre Dame
77	HAYHOE, Bill	T	6-8	258	26	4	S. California
78	BROWN, Bob	DT	6-5	265	32	7	Ark. AM and N
81	MCGEORGE, Rich	TE	6-4	235	23	3	Eaton
83	WILLIAMS, Clarence	DE	6-5	255	25	3	Prairie View
84	DALE, Carroll	WR	6-2	200	34	13	Virginia Tech
87	ROCHE, Alden	DT-DE	6-4	255	27	3	Southern U.
88	GARRETT, Len	TE	6-3	230	24	2	N.M. Highlands
89	ROBINSON, Dave	LB	6-3	245	31	10	Penn. State

— Roster includes players on 40-man active roster plus the seven players on the taxi squad.

PACKERS BEGIN TO SEE LIGHT

SEPT 10 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The 1972 Packers are not to be confused with those of 1965, '66 and '67, who won three NFL titles in a row. And, quite frankly, they may never attain that kind of eminence in the years to come, now that 26 teams are sharing pro football's talent wealth. But a return to respectability, in the wake of two consecutive last place finishes in the National Football Conference's Central Division, may be as near as the now imminent '72 season. Dan Devine, lured from lifetime security at the University of Missouri a year ago to resuscitate the NFL's most storied team, only recently opined, "All this team needs is a little time." That appears to be a fair and accurate appraisal. Although there still are areas that need to be shored up, he is beginning to see the light, at the end of the tunnel. When Devine succeeded Phil Bengtson in January of 1971, he took over a team which had been emotionally drained by the drive to those three consecutive championships and eroded by the march of time, through the retirements of Jerry Kramer, Forrest Gregg and Willie Davis, among others. The situation also had not been helped by some indifferent success in the draft, the prime example being the selection of Rich Moore and Dave Bradley as Nos. 1 and 2 in 1969, and a few injudicious trades such as those which sent tight end Marv Fleming and John Rowser away. Moore, a major disappointment at defensive tackle, eventually was traded to New England for John (Bull) Bramlett and both are now out of football. Bradley was released outright recently after three ineffective seasons. Fleming, meanwhile, was dealt away for Miami's Jack Clancy and Rowser for the Steelers' John Hilton, neither of whom is any longer in evidence hereabouts. Fleming and Rowser, meanwhile, are starting for their new clubs. Despite these handicaps, substantial progress has been made. Painstaking and meticulous, Devine is building with care and deliberation. Eschewing the "win now at any cost" approach of contemporary George Allen, he is openly committed to the future while hoping for artistic survival in the present. To that end, he and his staff have engineered three master strokes. A

remarkable trade with the Denver Broncos produced John Brockington, who well may be one of the great running backs of all time, and starting defensive end Alden Roche. Another brought Jerry Tagge for Kevin Hardy, in the form of San Francisco's No. 1 choice in last February's draft, and the homegrown quarterback seems destined to become a fixture in Lambeau Field. A third has installed 25-year-old Jim Hill at free safety as the successor to retired Willie Wood for Aldridge, a nine-year veteran who had lost his starting assignment to Roche and was nearing the end of his career. No matter what Aldridge may contribute to the San Diego Chargers, the deal should be a highly profitable one for the Packers, both this season and in the years to come. Hill has demonstrated the speed, yen for contact and football acumen to become one of the league's premier safeties. The jury is still out on a fourth transaction, the straight player exchange which brought running back MacArthur Lane to Green Bay for Donny Anderson, although 1972's statistics will not tell the total tale, whatever they may be. Perhaps as significant as their respective contributions to their new teams is the change in atmosphere that Lane's arrival and Anderson's departure engendered. Lane is an athlete who goes all out on every play, whether it be on the practice field or in a game, and it has had a positive effect upon the Packers' psyche. Anderson, in contrast, was inclined to be temperamental when things were not to his liking, an attitude which did little enhance team morale. The same was largely true in the case of Aldridge, which adds an obvious plus to the trade for Hill, a freewheeling hitter with a positive personality who is fast becoming a team leader on defense. Artistically, the Packers figure to be better in almost every department, with the possible exception of wide receiver, and that is little less than fortuitous, considering they face perhaps the most imposing schedule in their history. The offensive line, which led the Packer ground game to a third place ranking in NFC rushing last season, returns unchanged but it should be improved merely because Gale Gillingham, Ken Bowman, Dick Himes, et al, have had another year of collective experience. For the first time in 17 years, Bart Starr is not available at quarterback, which is hardly a plus. But, from the positive point of view, he remains as a coach to tutor youthful Scott Hunter

and Tagge. Hunter also is a more disciplined performer than he was a year ago, when his interception rate was a cause for concern, and there never has been any question about his courage or ability. Scott, installed as No. 1 following Starr's retirement in late July, also has a talented understudy in Tagge, who is expected to make a serious challenge for starting status as soon as he becomes more familiar with the Packer offense. The status quo remains at wide receiver where peerless Carroll Dale returns at flanker for his 13th season and John Spilis, starting his fourth semester, at split end. Devine, however, is continuing his search for more long ball potential in the trade market. Although the passing attack could do with greater firepower, the running game should rank among the NFL's most substantial with the addition of Lane's blocking and outside speed, both superior to Anderson's contributions in these areas. Brockington, last season the most productive rookie rusher in league history when he amassed 1,105 yards, and explosive Dave Hampton combine with Lane to form what well could be the top running back trio in pro football. The kicking game, a source of continuing trauma since Don Chandler's retirement following the 1967 season, should be markedly improved with the advent of Chester Marcol, the placekicking prodigy from Hillsdale College. Marcol's booming kickoffs alone figure to ease the pressure on the Packer defense and, with any kind of accuracy, his awesome field goal range also should provide a formidable offensive weapon. At this point, Ken Duncan's punting could be slightly more consistent to match the past production of the departed Donny Anderson, but that is likely to improve as he gains sufficient confidence to kick in a game with the booming authority he exhibits in practice. Defensively, the key to overall improvement lies in the front four, where an injury to Mike McCoy has at least temporarily reduced ranks which were already thin. But when the huge Notre Dame alumnus returns, and assuming he can be as active as in the past, the Packer pass rush should be more insistent than it was a year ago, if only because he, Clarence Williams, Bob Brown and Roche now have a season of playing together behind them. Admittedly, it had some distance to go because Green Bay's defenders registered only 19 quarterback traps last year, an exceedingly modest total. But Williams, for one, looks to be much improved over '71 and Roche should be even more effective now that he has been settled at one position after moving between end and tackle last season. The linebacking also should be substantially better, for a variety of reasons. Dave Robinson is approaching his old form after being plagued with a succession of injuries a year ago, Jim Carter is becoming more conversant with the complexities of playing the middle and Freddie Carr, more sure of his responsibilities, has begun to realize his abundant potential. Ray Nitschke, in superb physical condition after committing himself to a rigorous off-season running regimen, also is available for whatever may be required and Tommy Joe Crutcher, a shrewd and veteran campaigner, has impressed during spot appearances. Rookie Larry Hefner, a hardnosed, 14th round draftee from Clemson, likewise could figure here. Although obviously lacking in experience as a unit, the secondary could be one of the NFL's finest in the years ahead. The four starters - cornerbacks Willie Buchanon and Ken Ellis and safeties Jim Hill and Al Matthews are accomplished athletes individually. All that is now needed is the blending of their talents, which can only come in playing together. When all is said and done, however, the biggest plus well may be that Devine now is in total command. Last year, as a newcomer to pro football from the college campus, he necessarily was a listener and an observer to some extent. This time around, he knows his personnel and they know him, i.e., precisely what he expects of them. And he is running an even tighter ship, as evidenced by such a seemingly unimportant directive as the one which prohibits a player from sitting on his helmet on the sidelines during practice. Devine, a stickler for neatness and order as well as an ardent advocate of old-fashioned hustle, is merely underscoring a demand that his players be disciplined at the ready at all times. A tireless taskmaster, he and his staff also are working even longer hours than they did a year ago, if that is possible, when a broken leg in the very first regular season game complicated Devine's freshman year in the NFL. Only the months immediately ahead can reveal what results all this toil and dedication will bring. But the prediction Devine made as the Packers went to training camp in mid-July still appears to be valid. "Nobody," he said, "will kick us around."

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No. 66



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Dave Robinson LB
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No. 10



Francis Peay T
No. 71

1972 Packer Home Games

Sept. 24 - Oakland Raiders at G.B.
Oct. 1 - Dallas Cowboys at Milw.
Oct. 8 - Chicago Bears at G.B.
Oct. 22 - Atlanta Falcons at Milw.
Oct. 29 - Minn. Vikings at G.B.
Nov. 5 - San Francisco at Milw.
Dec. 3 - Detroit Lions at G.B.



Clarence Williams DE
No. 83



Perry Williams RB
No. 31



Col Withow C
No. 58



Keith Wortmann OG
No. 65

1972 Packer Games Away

Sept. 17 - Cleveland Browns at Cleve.
Oct. 16 - Detroit Lions at Detroit
Nov. 12 - Chicago Bears at Chicago
Nov. 19 - Houston Oilers at Houston
Nov. 26 - Wash. Redskins at Wash.
Dec. 10 - Minn. Vikings at Mpls.
Dec. 17 - Saints at New Orleans