



**Los Angeles Rams (2-1) 30, Green Bay Packers (1-2) 28**  
**Sunday October 12th 1952 (at Milwaukee)**

# Packers Blow 28-6 Lead, Lose to LA Rams, 30-28

GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

## Coastmen Score 24 Points in Blazing Fourth Quarter Rally

Bays Magnificent in First Three Periods, Then Wilt; Actually Lead for 59 Minutes

(MILWAUKEE) - Let's face it! The Packers really did lose here Sunday. And in case you're still wandering around in a daze and pinching yourself, this final score is official and for the permanent record: Los Angeles Rams 30, Packers 28. The Packers buried themselves with the most dreadful collapse you'll ever see or hear and the Rams won with one of the greatest – if not the greatest – rallies in the history of football. For three full quarters, the Packers were absolutely magnificent. They smashed to four touchdowns and held the offense-crazy Rams to two field goals for a 28 to 6 lead – yes, 28 to 6. The Packers and 21,693 fans in Marquette university stadium started to reach for the chips. Why not? The Packers had looked like a definite factor in the National conference race, and, by golly, made the Rams appear impotent, ineffective and a beaten, battered team. Then it happened – like a nightmare. The Rams scored 24 points – three touchdowns and a field goal – in the last 11 minutes and 10 seconds. The Packers' 28-6 lead was blown – high, wide and definitely not handsome. It was a bitter defeat – a bleeding heartbreaker that left the spectators stunned and talking to themselves. A first down, a penalty – even the slightest break – might have turned the trick and saved the game but the Rams, champions that they are, never flinched in those last wild minutes. They grew tougher as the final minutes wore on and the Packers, it seemed, wore out. The Rams, averaging two points a minute in the final dozen, actually gave the Packers time – not to mention a chance to win – for offense, but the Bays couldn't dent the charged-up LA defense. The Packers had the ball four times during the unfortunate minutes and (1) lost it on a punt, (2) fumbled it away after gaining a first down, (3) lost it on an interception and (4) lost it on a punt. Here's what happened in the final swoon: Fullback Dan Towler crashed one foot with two minutes and 50 second gone in the last quarter, climaxing a 66-yard drive, to cut the Packer lead to 28-13. Babe Parilli punted after being

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smeared for a 10-yard loss and the Rams moved from their own 35, with the help of a 24-yard pass and roughing penalty on the Packers, to the Bay 17. The Packers stiffened and Waterfield booted his third field goal of the game – from the 29 – to make the score 28-16 with six minutes left. Tobin Rote, running wild to consume time, made 10 yards in two tries but

then fumbled to the Rams on the Packer 33. This set the stage for the toughest break of the afternoon for the Pack. After V.T. Smith made 11, Towler fumbled on the Packer 15 and the ball bounced smack into the hands of Bob Carey who ran the remaining distance for the score. Thus the count was 28-23, with 5:44 left on the clock. The bounce on Towler's fumble was a bitter pill but the Packers decided to fight offensive fire with offensive fire. Parilli let fly with a long pass to Bill Howton who got a couple of yard behind defender Jerry Williams on the Ram 42, but the ball was just a shade short and Williams intercepted with a leaping catch. This looked like curtains as the Rams stepped in for the kill but Clarence Self recovered Tank Younger's fumble and the Packers had game-saving position on the Ram 46. This time the Packers missed what might have been victory by a foot or less. Two running plays gained only three yards and Rote hurled to Bob Mann but he caught it just a few inches out of bounds on the Ram 15. Parilli had to punt and it was downed on the Ram eight - 92 yards from a defeat. Two minutes and 19 seconds were left when the Rams started their blasted drive and they ate up the distance in seven plays behind Waterfield. Two running plays gained 10 and then, with two minutes left, Waterfield hurled to Carey for 20, to Smith for 29, and to Skeet Quinlan for 27 to the Packer six. Smith hit for four and Towler took it over. Waterfield kicked his third extra point of the frame and that was it. The Packers had lost the lead they held for 59 minutes! In that last minute of chance, Rote, trying to pass, carried two twice to midfield where the Rams bludgeoned him and recovered the fumble. Thus, the Packer washed down the drain what had been a tremendous performance on their part - a heart-warming offense, a one-two punch with Rote and Parilli in the same backfield and, in short, complete control of the awesome Ram offense. Until! In the first three period, the Packers scored three touchdowns by air and one by land. Fullback Bobby Jack Floyd bolted 14 yards for the first to climax a march in the first quarter, and, after Waterfield kicked two field goals to make it 7-6 in the second, Howton made an almost unbelievable 60-yard run after a 10-yard pass from Rote to give the Bays a 14-6 halftime lead. In a blazing third quarter, Mann caught a 17-yarder from Rote and a seven-yarder from Parilli for TDs to make it 28-6, with Fred Cone kicking all of the extra points. Ironically, and this hurts, the Packers missed an easy field goal just before the half, which might have made the final score, 31-30, for Green Bay. Bill Reichardt stepped back on the 13 (maybe that was unlucky) and kicked wide to the left. The Packers' offense clicked along at a 428-yard clip, 254 by passing and 274 by rushing, but it offered little consolation. The Rams, willing losers on the figure sheet, got 341 yards, including 180 in the air and 161 on the ground. Rote, working from QB and right half, carried the ground and air offensive. He gained 97 yards rushing in 13 trips and completed 10 passes in 14 attempts for 214 yards and two touchdowns. Parilli completed two for four for 40 yards and one TD and kept the Rams dizzy with his movements and pitchouts off the split T on the fourth TD drive. Floyd gave the Rams a fit with his smashes from FB but the rookie charger was hurt in the third quarter, thus weakening the Bay offense in the crucial fourth frame. Bobby Dillon, who held Elroy Hirsch catchless, intercepted a Norm Van Brocklin pass shortly after the Rams received the opening kickoff to set the Packers off on their scoring march. The TD drive covered 68 yards in 18 plays. After two first downs, Parilli had to punt but a Ram holding penalty gave the Pack life on the Ram 47. Rote ran for nine, hurled for 21 on a screener to Tony Canadeo and then hit Jim Keane for 13 to the 14, from where Floyd smashed outside right tackle for the score. Dillon saved a touchdown by tipping a pass aimed at Hirsch just before the LA flash was about to get away. Just before the first frame ended, Woodley Lewis returned a Parilli punt 50 yards to the Packer 13. The Packers stiffened and Waterfield booted the first of three field goal - from the 16. Parilli got off a poor punt - 16 yards - and the Rams had position on the Packer 39. Younger slammed to the 12 but the Packers put on the brakes and Waterfield connected on another FG, this from the 32,

## Blow-Out

### National Football League

(National Conference)

|               | W | L | Pct.  | PS | OP |
|---------------|---|---|-------|----|----|
| San Francisco | 2 | 0 | 1.000 | 82 | 17 |
| Chicago Bears | 2 | 1 | .667  | 72 | 55 |
| Green Bay     | 1 | 2 | .333  | 77 | 74 |
| Los Angeles   | 1 | 2 | .333  | 51 | 82 |
| Detroit       | 1 | 2 | .333  | 20 | 59 |
| Dallas        | 0 | 3 | .000  | 40 | 99 |

(American Conference)

|                   | W | L | Pct.  | PS | OP |
|-------------------|---|---|-------|----|----|
| New York          | 3 | 0 | 1.000 | 72 | 22 |
| Cleveland         | 2 | 1 | .667  | 67 | 44 |
| Chicago Cardinals | 2 | 1 | .667  | 45 | 39 |
| Philadelphia      | 2 | 1 | .667  | 64 | 77 |
| Washington        | 1 | 2 | .333  | 49 | 59 |
| Pittsburgh        | 0 | 3 | .000  | 66 | 78 |

### Sunday's Results

|                                |
|--------------------------------|
| LOS ANGELES 30, GREEN BAY 28   |
| Bears 38, Dallas 20            |
| Cardinals 17, Washington 6     |
| New York 17, Cleveland 9       |
| Philadelphia 26, Pittsburgh 21 |
| San Francisco 28, Detroit 0    |

### Saturday Night's Game

GREEN BAY AT DALLAS

### Next Sunday's Games

|                           |
|---------------------------|
| Cardinals at New York     |
| Cleveland at Philadelphia |
| Los Angeles at Detroit    |
| San Francisco at Bears    |
| Washington at Pittsburgh  |

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### The Lineups:

#### LOS ANGELES

Ends—Thompson, Lane, Brink, Robustelli, Fears, Carey, Hirsch.  
Tackles—Simensen, Toogood, Dahms, Teeuwis, Casner, Winkler.  
Guards—Daugherty, Thompson, Lanke, West.  
Centers—McLaughlin, Paul.  
Backs—Van Brocklin, Waterfield, Quinlan, Lewis, Williams, Younger, Smith, Mayes, Towler, Myers, Johnson, R. Hecker, Rich.

#### GREEN BAY

Ends—Mann, Martinkovic, Keane, Howton, Elliott, Wimberly, Faverty.  
Tackles—Hanner, Afflis, Dowden, Ruetz, Dees.  
Guards—Ruzich, Serini, Stephenson, Bray.  
Centers—Rhodemyre, Schmidt, Teak.  
Backs—Rote, Parilli, Forte, Canadeo, Loomis, Floyd, Cone, Reichardt, Grimes, Moselle, Self, Dillon, Sandifer.

### Score By Quarters

|             |   |   |    |       |
|-------------|---|---|----|-------|
| Los Angeles | 0 | 6 | 0  | 24—30 |
| Green Bay   | 7 | 7 | 14 | 0—28  |

### The Scoring

Los Angeles: Touchdowns—Towler 2, Carey. Field Goals—Waterfield 3.  
Extra Points—Waterfield 3.  
Green Bay: Touchdowns—Mann 2, Howton, Floyd. Extra Points—Cone 4.  
Officials: Referee—William Downes; Umpire—Carl H. Brubaker. Head Linesman—Sam Pecoraro. Back Judge—Victor Mettler. Field Judge—Charles Sweeney.

### Team Statistics

|                               | P   | R   |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Total first downs             | 20  | 21  |
| First downs rushing           | 10  | 10  |
| First downs passing           | 8   | 8   |
| First downs penalties         | 2   | 3   |
| Yards gained rushing          | 174 | 161 |
| Yards gained passing          | 254 | 180 |
| Total yards gained            | 428 | 341 |
| Passes: Attempted             | 18  | 27  |
| Completed                     | 12  | 15  |
| Had intercepted               | 1   | 2   |
| Yards intercepted passes ret. | 42  | 4   |
| Yards lost attempting to pass | 35  | 33  |
| Punts: Number by              | 4   | 3   |
| Average distance punts        | 35  | 52  |
| Number of punts returned by   | 1   | 4   |
| Yards punts returned          | 7   | 85  |
| Kickoffs: Number returned by  | 4   | 4   |
| Yards kickoffs returned       | 89  | 93  |
| Fumbles: Number by            | 3   | 2   |
| Op. fumbles recovered by      | 1   | 2   |
| Penalties: Number against     | 7   | 15  |
| Yards lost by penalties       | 50  | 108 |

### Individual Statistics

Rushing:  
Los Angeles: Younger gained 77 yards in 7 attempts, Towler 62 in 12, Smith 19 in 3, Quinlan 2 in 6, Waterfield 2 in 1.  
Green Bay: Rote gained 91 in 13 attempts, Floyd 41 in 10, Cone 16 in 6, Canadeo 15 in 7, Parilli 14 in 5, Reichardt 6 in 2, Grimes minute 3 in 2.  
Passing:  
Los Angeles: Van Brocklin attempted 14, completed 8 for 69 yards, 2 intercepted; Waterfield attempted 13, completed 7 for 111 yards.  
Green Bay: Rote attempted 14, completed 10 for 214 yards; Parilli attempted 4, completed 2 for 40 yards, 1 intercepted.  
Pass Reception:  
Los Angeles: Fears caught 5 for 61 yards, Carey 3 for 42, Quinlan 3 for 32, Smith 1 for 30, Younger 3 for 15.  
Green Bay: Howton caught 5 for 156 yards, 1 touchdown; Mann 4 for 58, 2 touchdowns; Keane 2 for 21; Canadeo 1 for 19.



for a 7-6 score. After Floyd made nothing from his own 30, Rote hurled to Howton on the 40. Bill was cornered near the sidelines by two Rams, but he stepped out of their grasp, reversed his field to the Ram five where he stepped out of the arms of two more Rams and went into the end zone. Bob Forte gave the Packers position again by intercepting Van Brocklin's pass on the Packer 42 and returning to the Ram 33. Mann set the Packers up nicely by making a leaping catch of a Parilli pass among two Rams on the LA five, the play covering 34 yards. But Canadeo, Parilli and Bill Grimes gained one yards and Reichardt missed a field goal. The Packers drove 69 yards for their third TD to start the second half. Rote ran for 13 yards and passed to Howton for 16 and Keane for six. The Texan ran eight to the Ram 17 and passed to Mann for a 21-6 lead. The Rams appeared jittery as their attack stalled and Waterfield punted 56 yards dead on the 10, from where the Packers drove 90 yards for the score. Steve Ruzich picked up Cone's fumble for a six yard gain and Parilli ran for nine. Floyd slammed 10 in two tries and then Parilli, running left end for six, lateraled to Canadeo for six more to midfield. Rote entered the game at right half and, running wide to his right, hurled a 25-yard pass to Howton to the Ram 23. Parilli, hitting left end, lateraled to Rote for 14 yards to the seven from where Parilli lobbed a pass to Mann in the end zone for the score and that 28-6 lead. With two minutes left in the third period, the Rams started their comeback.



**LOS ANGELES - 0 6 0 24 - 30**  
**GREEN BAY - 7 7 14 0 - 28**

|                    | <u>LOS ANGELES</u> | <u>GREEN BAY</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| First Downs        | 22                 | 20               |
| Rushing-Yards-TD   | 29-158-2           | 46-189-1         |
| Att-Comp-Yd-TD-Int | 15-27-180-0-2      | 12-18-254-3-1    |
| Sacked-Yards       | 4-33               | 4-35             |
| Net Passing Yards  | 147                | 219              |
| Total Yards        | 305                | 408              |
| Fumbles-lost       | 2-1                | 3-2              |
| Turnovers          | 3                  | 3                |
| Yards penalized    | 14-105             | 9-78             |

### **SCORING**

1ST - GB - Bobby Jack Floyd, 14-yard run (Fred Cone kick) GREEN BAY 7-0  
 2ND - LA - Bob Waterfield, 16-yard field goal GREEN BAY 7-3  
 2ND - LA - Waterfield, 32-yard field goal GREEN BAY 7-6  
 2ND - GB - Billy Howton, 69-yard pass from Tobin Rote (Cone kick) GREEN BAY 14-6  
 3RD - GB - Bob Mann, 17-yard pass from Rote (Cone kick) GREEN BAY 21-6  
 3RD - GB - Mann, 6-yard pass from Rote (Cone kick) GREEN BAY 28-6  
 4TH - LA - Dan Towler, 1-yard run (Waterfield kick) GREEN BAY 28-13  
 4TH - LA - Waterfield, 25-yard field goal GREEN BAY 28-16  
 4TH - LA - Bob Carey, 16-yard fumble return (Waterfield kick) GREEN BAY 28-23  
 4TH - LA - Towler, 2-yard run (Waterfield kick) LOS ANGELES 30-28

### **RUSHING**

**GREEN BAY** - Tobin Rote 14-106, Bobby Jack Floyd 10-41 1 TD, Fred Cone 6-16, Tony Canadeo 7-15, Babe Parilli 5-14, Billy Grimes 2-(-3)

**LOS ANGELES** - Tank Younger 7-77, Dan Towler 12-59 2 TD, Vitamin Smith 3-18, Skeets Quinlan 6-2, Bob Waterfield 1-2

### **PASSING**

**GREEN BAY** - Tobin Rote 14-10-214 2 TD, Babe Parilli 4-2-40 1 TD 1 INT

**LOS ANGELES** - Bob Waterfield 13-7-111, Norm Van Brocklin 14-8-69 2 INT

## RECEIVING

**GREEN BAY** - Billy Howton 5-156 1 TD, Bob Mann 4-58 2 TD, Jim Keane 2-21, Tony Canadeo 1-19

**LOS ANGELES** - Tom Fears 5-61, Bob Carey 3-42, Skeets Quinlan 3-32, Tank Younger 3-15, Vitamin Smith 1-30

# Packers Liable To Go On and Win Title, Pool

## Green Bay 'Won't Need My Luck,' Says LA Coach; It Was 'My Greatest Thrill'



The long and short of the Washington Redskins are Ecker (right), 370 pound tackle, and Eddie Le Baron, 170 pound quarterback. Ecker formerly was with the Green Bay Packers. Le Baron, onetime little all-American at College of Pacific, was recently discharged by the marines. —United Press

### PACKERS LIABLE TO GO ON AND WIN TITLE, POOL

OCT 13 (Milwaukee) - Still somewhat bedazzled by what had transpired earlier at Marquette stadium, shaggy-maned J. Hampton Pool mused, "In all my life, it was the greatest thrill I've ever had or ever will have - especially coming at a time like this." This solemn declaration was evoked, of course, by that incredible 24-point fourth quarter with which his Los Angeles Rams had converted almost certain defeat into victory. And as Pool, who succeeded to the head coaching post of the Los Angeles Rams reluctantly vacated by Joe Stydahar just 10 days ago, hinted this development had come at a most opportune time for him - since the Rams had lost their five previous outings, including their first NFL venture under Pool's direction. "It was the darndest thing I've seen in all my years of football," the burly former Chicago Bear end elaborated. "I feel sorry in a way, though, because I can't help but put myself in Gene's (Ronzani) shoes and realize that the Packers had to lose after they played such great football. We had every break in the world - every break in the world." "One thing amazed me," Pool, settling himself in a plush chair in his Hotel Schroeder room, submitted. "At no time did the kids give up. Even when the Packers were leading, 28-13, they didn't quite. We had a short yardage situation in the fourth quarter. I believe it was fourth down and two, and I was trying to decide whether to run for it or try a field goal. The only logical thing to do was to kick the field goal. Before I had a chance to decide the boys rushed to me and said, 'We've got to kick a field goal.' So we did - and you know the rest." "But believe me," and there was unmistakable respect in his tone, "that Packer crew is a great ball club. They are going to beat a lot of teams in this league. They're not out of it - in fact, it's silly

to even think of such a thing. They're liable to go on and win the championship. Those fullbacks of theirs, goodness!" This last was accompanied by a shake of the head. "I never saw three fullbacks who run so hard as Cone, Floyd and Reichardt. And that Mann and Howton! Setting up a defense for the Packers with Mann and Howton and those fullbacks running up the middle was the biggest problem to defense I've ever had," Pool volunteered. "Mann on one side and Howton on the other. Boy, that's a problem."...HITS LIKE FULLBACK: "We spent more time on pass defense this week than we ever did," the new LA chieftain revealed, "but you'd never notice it." Recalling Howton's spectacular touchdown run after a pass reception in the second quarter, he marveled, "When he gets that ball under his arm he's as fine a runner as any halfback in the country." "And, man, that Rote can run," Pool effervesced. "He runs like a fullback. As a matter of fact, some of the players told me he hits just like a fullback." Reverting to that spectacular finish, the huge gentleman again shook his head in amazement. "It must have been hard to lose that way. That's something that happens once in a couple of generations. I don't know how it could have been any closer." Ever the gracious host, his parting words were, "I wish the Packers well but I'm sure they won't need my luck. They'll do fine. In fact, they're liable to go right from here and wind up with all the chips."...The Packers were silent as they left the field and two of them, Bob Forte and Ab Wimberly, wept bitterly and without shame. There was little in the way of conversation as they undressed, slowly, the bruises they had acquired becoming





all the more painful because there was no victory to make them forget such discomforts. One of them, Ray Bray, braced himself against his locker and shook his head in utter disbelief. Nearby, Babe Parilli sat as if transfixed, staring vacantly at the cement floor. Players passed within inches of each other going to and from the shower room – but none spoke. “One more first down and we would have had it,” lamented Dick Afflis. And, Wimberly, still bewildered by that whirlwind fourth quarter, muttered, “I never saw anything like that before – lead by 22 points going into the fourth quarter and lose!” In another corner of the room, Bobby Jack Floyd confessed, “I’d rather get beat 100 to 0

than lose like that.” Later, his voice still thick with emotion, Tobin Rote said brokenly: “It’s just like a bad dream. Two fumbles and you’re licked.” Ronzani, justifiably unhappy but not downhearted, had a different explanation, “You know, there are two kinds of letdowns – one on the part of the defense when you score – and then there’s another kind that happens on offense. That’s what happened to us in the fourth quarter. We couldn’t seem to put two or three plays together for a first down. I don’t know if we were too conservative or what it was – but nothing worked. Regardless, those kids played their hearts out.” Just before the players got off the bus at the hotel, he affirmed the last. “Don’t let this thing get you down. It was just one of those things. You don’t have to alibi to anybody for the game you played today.”...Just as hard as Hinkle ever ran,” enthused Jim Coffeen, Packer P.A. announcer and veteran appraiser of football talent, after bruising Bobby Jack Floyd pounded to an eight-yard gain in the third quarter. And on the next play Floyd did nothing to discredit this judgment, smashing his way for three more yards – after apparently being hopelessly trapped – and a first down...Pool discovered early in the game that Milwaukee fans are impartial in their treatment of visiting coaches. A week ago, they taunted Curly Lambeau the full 60 minutes, and yesterday, after the Packers scored their first touchdown, needled Pool by chorusing, “Where’s Stydahr?”...Tom Fears, the Rams’ pass-catching specialist, and sideline workers figured in an exchange during the second quarter. Bumped out of bounds after catching a pass, Fears whirled back onto the field of play and set sale for the goal. Just before he again was jostled out of bounds, one of the SWs yelled to him, “You’re out of bounds.” As he scrambled to his feet, Fears grinned and retorted, “Then what the hell are they tackling me for?”...One of the officials, Vic Mettler, involuntarily became involved in a first quarter play – to his regret. Mettler, a former Notre Dame athlete, unable to withdraw from the scene of action, was “leveled” by a crushing block thrown by Afflis, a burly, 250-pound specimen. As soon as play had been completed, Afflis hurried over and inquired solicitously, “Are you all right?” Mettler assured him he was, quipping, “I was loose.”...The tension reached such a high pitch in the fourth quarter that players on both sides of the field left their benches to pace the sidelines. With 4:15 left, Referee Bill Downs called a halt and ordered them to return to the benches before he would allow play to be resumed...”Possession” in basketball is a fine art but seldom has there been a better demonstration that the one staged by the Packers in the third quarter. They held the ball for the first six minutes and 15 seconds of the period in driving to their third touchdown...The Rams’ high-salaried (\$20,000) quarterback, Bob Waterfield, played little better than a third of the game – and Ronzani probably ardently wishes that the veteran had stayed on the bench throughout. Bob, who directed LA’s later drive, didn’t appear until after the Packers’ third TD midway in the third quarter, except to kick those two field goal in the first half...Questioned about the blood that flecked his mouth in the first quarter, Bray had a pithy answer, “That fullback (Dan Towler) hits hard.”...Coffeen drew a collective chuckle from the fans in the third quarter when he intoned, “Rote’s pass complete to Tom Fears (LA end).” Actually, the receiver was Jim Keane...Fans in the bleachers at the south end were highly vocal, particularly just before the half when Babe Parilli found Mann when a long pass on the Rams’ five-yard line. “We want a touchdown, we want a touchdown,” they chanted, a la high school. Unfortunately, however, the Packers were unable to oblige. Three cracks at the line failed and on fourth down Bill Reichardt’s field goal attempt from the 13-yard line sailed to the left of the goal posts...The scouting fraternity’s representation was limited. Only “private eyes” on hand were Walt Schlinkman, former Packer halfback, and Wally Lemm, Lake Forest college coach, representing the Dallas Texans, and Russ Thomas and Bob Ivory of the Detroit Lions...Copies of the NFL’s new official encyclopedia, containing a complete history of pro football together with statistics dating back to the year the league was organized, were presented to Ronzani and Pool by Earl Gillespie, Packer play-by-play broadcaster, in a ceremony before the game. The book is being released for general distribution this week.

#### **PACKERS CHASE BLUES, EYE DALLAS SATURDAY**

OCT 13 (Green Bay) - This was the bluest Monday in a long time for a Packer squad, for coach Gene Ronzani's players, to a man, still can't figure out the cruel twist of fate that deprived them of victory over the Los Angeles Rams at Milwaukee.



**A Good Mann**—Bob Mann, the veteran Packer end, gallops into the end zone to count the Packers' third touchdown, after taking pass from quarterback Babe Parilli, in the third quarter of the Packer-Los Angeles Rams game at Marquette stadium in Milwaukee Sunday afternoon. Making a vain effort to stop the fleet wingman is Marvin Johnston (27), Rams defensive halfback. The Rams won, 30-28. (Associated Press Photo)

The most ardent fan can't feel as badly as the Bays, including Ronzani and his assistants. But, as Ronzani pointed out, "there's another game coming up, so there's work to be done." That was the signal to swing into a workout - light but surprisingly spirited - Monday afternoon. The pace will be stepped up Tuesday and Wednesday, the final practice sessions at home. Thursday night the squad leaves by plane for Dallas, where the Texans will be met Saturday night. Plans call for drills in Dallas Thursday night and Friday afternoon. Bobby Jack Floyd, hard running freshman fullback, and Dave Stephenson, rugged guard, were the only casualties in the Ram game. There is still no way of telling if they will be ready to play by Saturday. Bobby Dillon, expert safetyman, continues to hobble a bit as a result of the pulled muscle he sustained in the final preseason game with Pittsburgh. But he is certain to take his regular place on defense. Breezy Reid, who was sidelined last Sunday, also will be in shape, according to reports from the training room.

### **WASHINGTON FIRES PAIR, SIGNS ECKER AND CLOUD**

OCT 14 (Washington) - Angry Washington Redskins

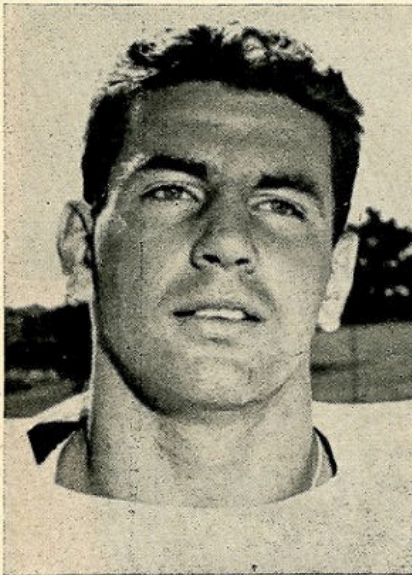
officials, believing that several of their players just "laid down and died" in Sunday's defeat by the Chicago Cards, started a shake-up today by firing two players and hiring two others. Coach Curly Lambeau, backed by wrathful owner George Preston Marshall, warned the Redskins that there will be more changes soon unless the players "get your minds out of the second division." Fire by Lambeau were guard Ed Bagdon and rookie fullback Sam Venuto. Hired was fullback Jack Cloud, former William and Mary star who was a member of the Green Bay Packers until two weeks ago. The Skins also signed tackle Ed Ecker, a veteran of seven years of pro football with the Chicago Rockets of the old All-America Conference and the Chicago Bears and Green Bay of the NFL. The 6-foot-7 265-pound tackle was released by Green Bay two weeks ago. Without mentioning any names, Lambeau declared that too many of his players have a defeatist, "second division attitude." Marshall accused his team of "quitting cold" when little Billy Cross ran 15 yards in the final moments of the game for the Cardinals' last touchdown. "Sure, the game was probably lost," Marshall conceded. "But it was still only 10-6 at the time and one fumble could have given us the ball and another chance to score. Some of our guys just laid down and died on the Cross run." Ecker is expected to replace Lou Karras, who is out for the season as the result of an eye injury. Karras, 234-pound tackle from Purdue, who has played topflight ball even though he has had to wear contact lenses, will have an eye operation.

# Packers Regain 'Snap,' Prepare for Battle in Texas

### **PACKERS REGAIN 'SNAP', PREPARE FOR BATTLE IN TEXAS**

OCT 14 (Green Bay) - The Packers went through practice Monday afternoon and today like they had beaten Los Angeles, 28 to 6. It was a good sign and coach Gene Ronzani was sure they had "snapped" out of the shock and disappointment that followed their 30-28 loss to the Rams in Milwaukee Sunday. The Bays appeared spirited and anxious to get into plans for their historic NFL battle with the Texans in Dallas Saturday night. It's a "must-win" game for the Packers and, judging by the practice fire, they aim to return to Green Bay next Sunday with a 2-2 record and a good, fighting chance in the tight National conference championship race. But the Texans will be tough. They lost all three of their league starts and two of their opponents are currently unbeaten - New York and San Francisco. The other setback was at the hands of the Bears in Chicago last Sunday. The Packer-Dallas clash will be history-making because it will make the first NFL event there for a





**WILLIAM (Bill) REICHARDT**

**No. 00 — Fullback.**

First season in professional football... One of the most heralded players in College football... Started as mascot of the Hawkeyes when in grade school to present day record holder... Named on numerous All-American teams and winner of the Chicago Tribune's award as most valuable Big Ten player, 1951... Carried the ball for 1,691 yards in 27 games at Iowa for a 4.2 average... Following his college career he participated in the Blue-Gray game, Senior Bowl, and College All-Star games... Plans a career in Insurance after pro ball... Recently married college sweetheart and will reside in Iowa City.

charter member of the league, Green Bay. The Packers were playing professional football long before it became popular in Texas. The Packers were formed in 1919 and helped form the NFL back in '21... The Packers won't be in No. 1 physical condition for the important match. Rookie fullback Bobby Jack Floyd, the former TCU star, may be a doubtful starter along with guard Dave Stephenson. Both suffered injuries in the Ram game. Ready to play, however, may be Floyd (Breezy) Reid, the sophomore halfback who was held out of the Ram game. Reid had been bothered with sore ribs. Green Bay came out of the bruising Ram game with a number of bumps and bruises and there was plenty of activity in Bud Jorgenson's training room yesterday and today... The Packers will carry the league's second highest scoring offense in the league into Texas. In three league battles, the Packers counted 77 points — an average of 25- plus per — and rank just five behind the unbeaten Forty Niners. Below the Packers are the Bears and Giants, with 72 each. The Packers' defensive figures, kicked in the hat when the Rams scored 24 points in the last quarter, rank eighth in the league. The Packers have permitted 74 points, while the Forty Niners top the league with only 17 permissions. Below the Packers are Philadelphia with 77, Pittsburgh with 78, the Rams with 82 and the Texans with 99... While the official NFL figures didn't appear yet, the Packers' individual statistics show that a couple of Texans from Rice Institute are leading the Packers' offense — a good talking point for Packer publicity chief Jug Earp, who left today for Dallas. QB and halfback Rote has gained the most yards, 131, and has the best passing percentage, 53.6, while end Bill Howton paces the pass catchers and scorers. Rote's pitching mark, of course, is stated with apologies to captain Bob Forte, the linebacker who presently is probably the only "perfect" passer in professional football. Forte, holding the ball on a field goal attempt against Washington, leaped up and completed a pass to Bobby Jack Floyd. So Forte has 1 for 1. Howton's pass receiving mark may be leading, or among the leaders, in the league. He nailed 11 passes for 356 yards and three touchdowns —

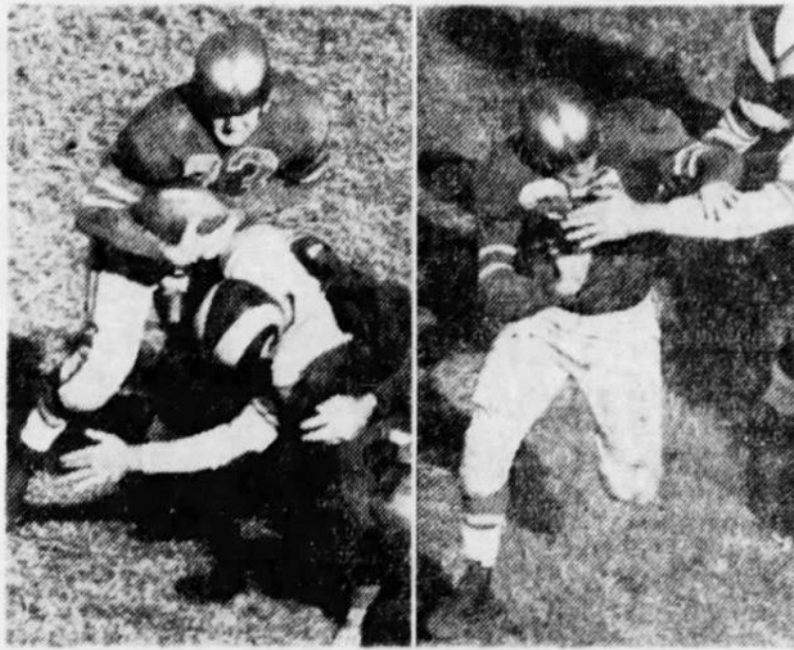
an average of 33 yards per catch. Bob Mann is second with eight catches for 159 yards and two touchdowns. Fred Cone, the Clemson Cid, actually has the best average among the ground gainers — 5.9 on 94 yards in 16 trips. Rote carried the most times, 23, and ripped off 131 yards for a 5.7 average. Floyd is third with 90 stripes in 19 tries for 4.7. The Packer pitching will take a back seat to no other team. Rote has completed 15 out of 28 throws for an average of 53.6, while Babe Parilli is backing an even .500 with 11 completions in 22 tries. Parilli hurled three TD passes, one to Rote, and Tobin pitched the same number of TDs. Howton paces the scorers with 18 points on three TDs. Cone is a close second with 17 on one TD and 11 extra points. Rote and Mann each scored two TDs.

#### **24 TO MAKE AIR TRIP TO BACK PACKERS AT DALLAS**

OCT 14 (Green Bay) - The Packers will have a special "cheering section" when they battle the Dallas Texans in the Cotton bowl Saturday night — 24 residents of Green Bay, who will make the trip in a chartered Wisconsin Central airlines plane. The air excursion is sponsored by the Minute Men (the Association of Commerce sports committee) and chairman Jerry Atkinson is presently making final arrangements to fill up the plane. He said that there are still "several openings". The group will leave Austin Straubel field at 5 o'clock Saturday morning and arrive in Dallas six hours later. After a luncheon at the Adolphus hotel, they'll tour the city and watch a rodeo at 2:30 Saturday afternoon at the Texas State fair, which is currently in progress. They'll be entertained at dinner by the Dallas AC before the game and attend a reception after the contest. The party will leave Dallas at 10 o'clock Sunday morning and arrive here at 5 in the afternoon. Already signed to make the trip are Wilner Burke, Joe Bur, Rey Challoner, Dr. O.M. Hitch, Clyde Meidl, Walter Scherf, Bill Sullivan, Russ Winters, Lee W. Gillespie, Claire Stone, Sid Greiling, Joe Ziefle, Al Darkow, Max Cohodas, William Jones, Max Murphy, John Borgenson and Atkinson.

#### **PACKERS EXPERIENCE OPPOSITE TYPES OF LETDOWNS IN 2 GAMES**

OCT 14 (Green Bay) - The Packers have played three league games thus far in 1952. They lost the opener to the Chicago Bears, 24 to 14; whipped the Washington Redskins, 35-20, in the middle test; and then lost to the Los Angeles Rams, 30-28, in the third. The victory over Washington can be salted away as a blessed memory, but the two losses are still "cutting". The pair of defeats embodied two directly opposite types of collapses. In the Bear game, the letdown came after misfortune (the dropped pass and blocked field goal). In the Ram game, the letdown came after good fortune — a fancy 28 to 6 lead with less than a full quarter to go. The reason for the "letdown opposites" may never be known, although time should reveal some of the answer. This much is certain: If experience is the best teacher, the Packers should be world beaters from here on in. The Packers, to a man, believe they should be sitting today with a 2-1 record and, with a break or two in the Bear game, maybe even 3-0. Yet, they've got 1-2 and face the prospect of a "must" victory at Dallas Saturday night to set the



**Power Driver**—Bobby Jack Floyd, the Packers' hard-hitting fullback, is shown above in two smashes against the Rams in Milwaukee Sunday. At the left, Floyd managed two yards after being trapped behind the line in second period, Larry Brink getting him. At the right Floyd gained five despite the opposition on this play in third period.



**Hand Signals 'Stop'**—Packer fullback Bobby Jack Floyd (33) sees a large "stop" sign as he gets a hand in the face from Los Angeles back Jack Myers (31) as Floyd gained nine yards in third quarter of game at Milwaukee Sunday. Other identifiable players are LA's Len Teeuws (74) and Packer tackle Steve Dowden (70). (AP Wirephoto)

stage for the crucial battle with Detroit the following weekend. The Packers, in the Redskin game and the first three frames of the Ram battle, demonstrated that they've "got it" on offense; they're tough; they possess a fine double-threat pass-catching duo in Bob Mann and Bill Howton, a one-two pass-run punch in Tobin Rote and Babe Parilli, and power at fullback. The Bays demonstrated their power in the two-touchdown third quarter of Sunday's game — when the Rams were "supposed" to be the toughest. Yet, in the period, the Packers had the ball for 25 plays and the Rams only 10. The Packers received the second half kickoff and rolled 69 yards to a TD and a 21-6 lead, with Rote in the driver's seat. Rote ate up 21 yards himself with sneaks and runs off intended pass plays and passed to Howton for 16, Jim Keane for six and finally to Mann for 17 and the TD. In the drive, the team traded five-yard penalties — the Packers for being in motion and the Rams for offside. The fullback (Fred Cone, in this case) carried only once and gained two. Halfback Tony Canadeo was called once and lost one, while halfback Bill Grimes lugged once for a two-yard gain. The Packers permitted the Rams one first down and then forced 'em to punt, setting the stage for the Bays' 90-yard TD march, with Parilli at the throttle. Cone and Parilli gained 15 and Bobby Jack Floyd added 10 to the Packer 35. To further confuse the Rams, Rote made his appearance as a right halfback, and the Pack really started to roar as the Ram defense wondered. Parilli, operating behind the split T, ran six and lateraled to Canadeo for six more to midfield. The drive seemed stalled as the Packers drew a holding penalty on Canadeo's two-yard smash. But Rote, taking a pitchout from Parilli, calmly caught the Rams with their pants down by pitching on a wide sweep to Howton for a 41-yard gain to the Ram 23. Bill Reichardt made two at center but he was in motion and the Bays drew a penalty. In the key play, Parilli, faking madly, drafted around left end for about four yards and then lateraled out to Rote (running wide to Parilli's left), who bolted to the seven. On the next down, Parilli lobbed a pass to Mann in the end zone for the score. The scoreboard showed 28-6 and most of the writers in the pressbox, including this one, had mentally jotted down their "leads" for the game story. Then it happened! In the terrible fourth, the Rams had the ball for 31 plays and the Packers for 11!

#### ONLY 4 PRO 11S MAKING MONEY

OCT 13 (New York) - The cost of running a professional football club has gone up 400 to 500 percent in the last ten years and only four of the 12 NFL teams are making ends meet, Commissioner Bert Bell said Monday. "This is no longer a sport, it's a rugged business," the squat, husky-voiced NFL nabob told the New York football writers. "A man doesn't get in this for the fun of it anymore. It's sweat and tears. If you get into this business and don't work at it, you can lose \$150,000 or \$200,000 a year, not just \$25,000. And you can't write it all off on income taxes, either." Bell declined to name the four teams which he referred to as in "the black." A good guess is that the four are among the Chicago Bears, New York Giants,



# Bays Face 'Must-Win' Task In Historic Dallas Contest

## BULLETIN

**Howie Ruetz, the Packers' starting defensive right tackle, underwent an emergency appendectomy at St. Vincent hospital this morning. The 265-pound sophomore lineman, who has been a standout, will be sidelined three or four weeks, according to Head Coach Gene Ronzani.**

Washington Redskins, Green Bay Packers and Cleveland Browns. "We have given out 43 franchises in this league," Bell continued. "31 of these have been broken. So you can see what a tough business it is. The Dallas Texans are our newest member. They may have thought they could come in and everything would be rosy. They found it necessary to build up the game with television and radio promotion and a lot of drumming up in the outlying towns." Bell said the Texans' attendance has been disappointing but still the club is doing better than did the New York Yanks, whose franchise they took a year ago. Bell said he expected the 1952 season to be the NFL's greatest, both in the caliber of football and in the size of crowds. "If this close race continues," he added, "we should have our finest year. Only two teams are unbeaten, the Giants and San Francisco. I think a club can win the American Conference title with a 9-3 record. Over in the National Conference I figure an 8-4 record will be good enough to win or tie." Bell said attendance so far this year compared favorably with that of 1951.

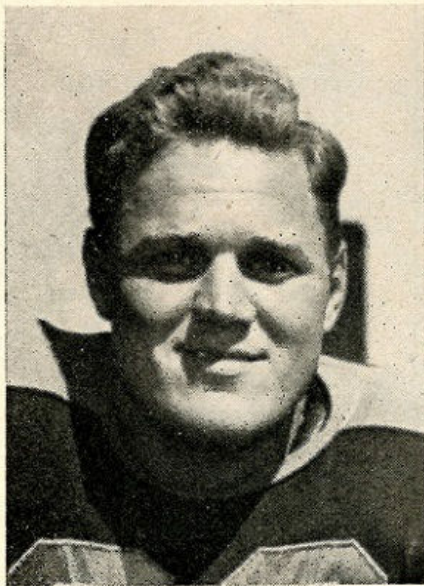
### DALLAS OWNERS CRITICIZED

OCT 14 (Dallas) - Dallas Texans owners, who were criticized Monday by NFL Commissioner Bert Bell for "not selling the team to fans outside Dallas" were hoping for a bigger turnout here Saturday night against the Green Bay Packers that that which turned out for the previous two games. Texans Vice President Jack G. Vaughn said Monday the owners realize they've got to do a better "selling" job and "plan to do something about it." President Giles Miller was not available for comment on the criticism. He was en route from Chicago where Sunday the team lost its third straight game, 38-20, to the Chicago Bears. Vaughn, one of a score of wealthy Dallas citizens who financed the venture bringing the New York franchise to Dallas, reiterated, however, that the group "had no real hope of the club being a money-maker for at least three years."

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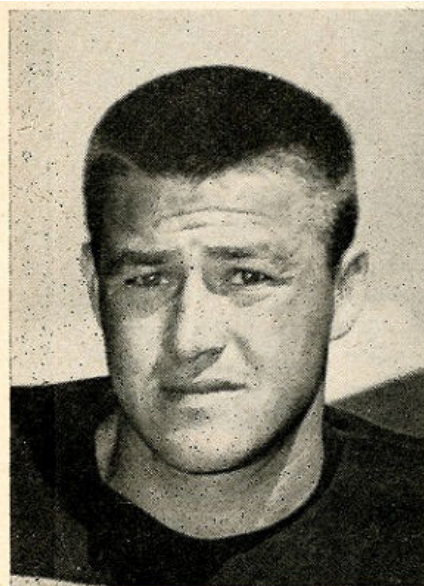
### RUETZ THIRD PACKER TO 'GO'; HALFBACK IS ADDED

OCT 15 (Green Bay) - The Packers looked back on the "first quarter" of their 1952 NFL season today, and discovered that the fates haven't been exactly kind to them. That Milwaukee miracle, in which the Los Angeles Rams scored 24 points in the last quarter to defeat our forces, 30-28, was the last straw, of course. But: The team received another blast of bad luck yesterday when regular defensive right tackle Howie Ruetz underwent an emergency appendectomy at St. Vincent hospital about the same time the Packers were preparing for their "must-win" battle with the Texans in Dallas Saturday night. Ruetz, the giant Racine native who played college ball at Loras, rapidly was becoming one of the club's leading tackles. He came here last year from the Rams. Howie will be out for three or four games. Ruetz was the third Packer linebacker to be sidelined. First victim was rookie Tom Johnson, who suffered leg injuries in the non-conference season. Next on the list was Dick Logan, the promising offensive guard who sustained leg trouble in the victory over the Redskins. Head coach Gene Ronzani had to place all three on the injured list. Logan was replaced by Bob Dees, a big rookie tackle who started this season with the Rams and then got his baptism against his former teammates last Sunday. Dees likely will get a heavy dose of duty against the Texans because the vacancy left by Ruetz has been filled by a halfback - William Andrew (Robbie) Robinson,



**DICK LOGAN**  
No. 76 — Tackle

First year in professional football... Defensive standout at Ohio the past two years... Largely instrumental in Ohio State line success... Logan excelled in hildong Illinois and SMU scoreless last season, a tribute to line play... He is from Mansfield, Ohio... Won All-Ohio honors as well as All-America tribute in high school... Single... Residence: Columbus, Ohio.



**FLOYD (Breezy) REID**  
No. 24 — Halfback

Third season with the Packers... Played offensive left halfback the past two seasons... Hard, shifty runner and effective pass receiver... Carried the ball 23 times last season for 73 yards and caught nine passes for 115 yards... Continuing education at the University of Georgia during the off season... Married... Residence: Hamilton, Ohio.

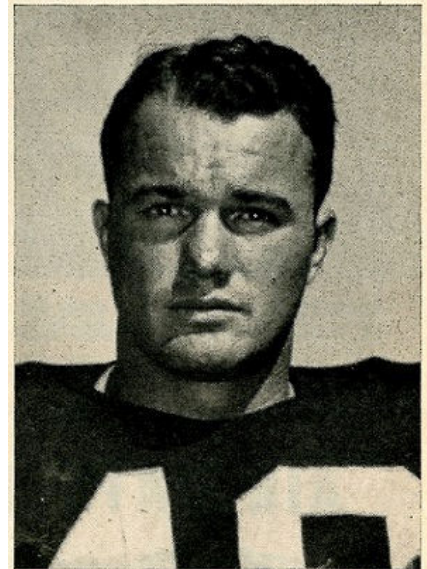
a swift 205-pound Negro back who started the season with Pittsburgh. Robinson stands 6-1 and is actually a protege of Art Rooney, owner of the Pittsburgh club. Robbie began his career with the Rooney Reds, a kid team sponsored by Art. Robinson played college ball at Lincoln university in Pittsburgh. Also tempering the loss of Ruetz will be the return to action of Floyd (Breezy) Reid, the hard-hitting halfback. Reid injured some ribs in the Washington win and was held out of the Ram game... The Packers held their last workout of the week here this morning. The team will leave for Dallas on a chartered Capital Airliner from Austin Straubel field at 9 o'clock Thursday morning and arrive there in the afternoon. They'll headquarter at the Adolphous hotel and play the Texans in the Cotton bowl... The Packers found the official league individual statistics particularly interesting today because several of their members were riding high - one of them on top. The lone leader is Tobin Rote, the hard-playing Texan, who paces the entire league in passing. Based on the average gain per pass attempted, Rote's 28 attempts figured out to an average advance of 11.11 yards. The

average was well ahead of Adrian Burk of Philadelphia, Frankie Albert of San Francisco and Chuck Conerly of New York - all in the 8-yard bracket. Rote completed 15 passes in the 28 tries for a gain of 311 yards, three touchdowns and a completion percentage of 53.6. Rote ranked 11th among the league's ground gainers, with 131 yards in 23 attempts. He's just two yards behind cousin Kyle Rote of New York. The Packers had two representatives among the leading pass catchers - Bill Howton, the rookie from Rice who is tied for third, and veteran Bob Mann, 10th. Howton, the only rookie in the top 10, caught 11 passes for 356 yards - the highest yardage total in the league. He's tied with Bud Grant of Philly, Ray Matthews of Pittsburgh and Don Stonesifer of the Chicago Cardinals, with 11 receptions each. Mann caught eight for 159 yards. Howton caught three for TDs and Mann two. Little Clarence Self, the belting defensive halfback for the Packers, ranked third among the league's kickoff return leaders. He lugged three back for 85 yards - an average of 28.3. And speaking of kickoff returners, the Detroit Lions announced today that plans to trade halfback Wally Tripplett, currently in the armed forces, to the Packers in exchange for an unspecified draft choice next year had been called off by mutual agreement.

#### **BAYS PLAYED PRETTY MUCH THE SAME IN 4TH QUARTER**

OCT 15 (Milwaukee Sentinel-Lloyd Larson) - Claim that the Packers blew last Sunday's never-to-be-forgotten game with the Rams by turning too conservative bear some checking. "Why didn't they keep on going for touchdowns like they did in the third quarter?" is a typical question. The obvious inference: They played

daring football to get each of those successful TD drives underway deep in their own territory in the third period, and pulled in their horns completely after each Ram score in the fourth. So, first, let's take a look at things as they actually happened in the third session when there was great joy in Packerland. Self returned the second half kickoff to the Bays' 31. Rote sneaked for eight. Cone added one and Rote three for a first down. Canadeo lost a yard. Rote gained three up the middle. That added up to five running plays. It wasn't until the SIXTH that Rote passed to Howton for 16 and a first down on the Ram 39. The next march started on the Packer 15 after Waterfield's punt, Cone gained six (with Ruzich's help via a fumble recovery). Parilli ran for six and a first down. Floyd picked up 10 on two tries for another first down. On the FIFTH play



**FRED CONE**  
No. 31 — Fullback

Second year with Packers... High scorer for Packers in 1951, on one touchdown, 29 points after touchdown, five field goals for a total of 50 points... Caught 28 passes for 315 yards... Carried 56 times for 190 yards, averaging 3.4 per attempt... Lived up to his reputation earned in the Southern Conference... He was fullback and captain of the 1950 Orange Bowl Champions... Voted the "Teague Award" as the outstanding male athlete in the Carolinas... Chosen All-State and All-Southern fullback in 1950... Served 26 months in the U.S. Army... Single... Residence: Coosada, Alabama.



Parilli flipped a lateral to Canadeo for 12, but the gain was wiped out by a holding penalty. Then came the Parilli to Rote to Howton nifty for 41 to set up the score...**FUMBLE OR 'THEFT' AFTER DEAD BALL?:** The Packers got their mitts on the ball again on their 20 after the Rams scored to make it 28-13. Cone picked up two. Bill Reichardt list two. Then Parilli lost eight on what appeared to be an optional pass-or-run play. He had to punt and the Rams, aided by pass interference and roughness fouls against the Packers, got position for Waterfield's third field goal. Score: 28-16. Another booming kickoff by Carey and the Packers started from their 20 again. Rote ran for two, then for eight and a first down. Rote hit center for three - a vital first down gain. Suddenly Jack Myers of the Rams had the ball. "Fumble-Rams' ball," said the officials. "He stole it after Rote was stopped and the ball was dead," the Packers will insist forever. The Rams' ball it was. They scored on second down, 22 yard fumble play, Towler to Carey - the luckiest possible break if accidental; beautifully executed if by design. Score: 28-23. From all this, can anyone possibly detect a difference between the way the Packers got moving in the third quarter and tried to get moving in the fourth? I couldn't Sunday and I can't now in retrospect. So it's brutally unfair to scream, "They turned chicken."...**SO THIS TIME THEY PASSED:** Grimes lugged the next kickoff back to his 30. On first down Parilli chose to pass. A few feet longer and it could have been a touchdown. But it was that much short and intercepted. "A dumb play," I've heard people say. But isn't that exactly the type of play many others insist should have been tried earlier? Anyway, it turned out all right when Younger fumbled after taking a pass from Waterfield and Self recovered for the Packers on the Ram 46. Canadeo gained two and Cone one. A Rote to Mann pass clicked a fraction of a second too late. Mann had just stepped out of bounds when he caught it. So it was incomplete instead of picking up a first down that undoubtedly would have won the game. That called for a punt, naturally - a fine punt, too, for it went to the Ram eight yard line. What happened after that is history - conversational history. Sure, everybody admits Waterfield did a perfect job on those three clutch passes that gained 77 of the 92 yards. "But why didn't the Packers rush him?" they add. Isn't it possible the Packer linemen were mighty tired after a long afternoon of tangling with Towler, Younger and those huge Ram forwards? Maybe the Rams were much tougher, too, with victory in sight. Angles by the dozen and a second guesser's paradise if there ever was one. Above all, again, it was also the greatest "dollar value" bit of football entertainment anyone can hope to see...**YOUNGER'S CLUTCH RUN KEY TO EVERYTHING:** In my mind, the vital play of the game - the key to all the late uproar and resulting unhappiness in this state - came as the third period was about to end. Waterfield passed to Younger for nine yards on the first play after Lewis returned the kickoff to the Rams' 33. Bullet Bob grounded a second down pass intentionally for a loss of 15 yards and a down. So it was third down and 16 to go. That was it! Failure to pick up enough for a first down on the next play would mean giving up the ball on a punt from deep in their own territory. It would also mean giving the Packers position to continue the rout, or at least use up valuable time. Bingo! Younger got away for 38 yards on a reverse around the Packers' right flank, thanks to eluding the one tackler who could have stopped him for a harmless gain. That put the ball on the Bays' 35. Towler and Younger took it from there and the panic was on. Those third down situations! That's where football games are won and lost.



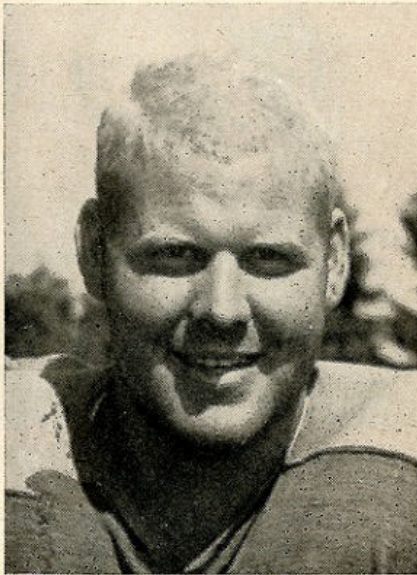
**Packers Close In**—Packer guard Ray Bray (63) and linebacker Deral Teteak (with mask) and an unidentified teammate close in on Rams fullback Dan Towler (32), who made a gain of 10 yards, in the first quarter of Sunday's Packer-Ram game at Milwaukee. Other players shown, all Rams are center Leon McLaughlin (50), tackle Tom Dahms (71) and end Elroy Hirsch (40). (AP Wirephoto)

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# Packer-Dallas Test To Be 'Battle of Texans'

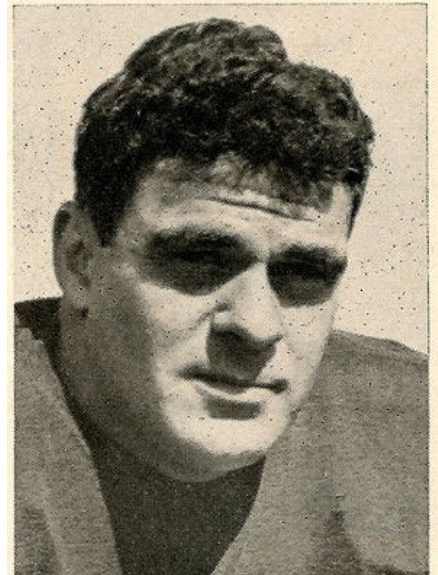


**JOEL DAVID HANNER**  
No. 77 — Tackle

First year with Packers...Fifth choice in the College draft...A much sought after tackle...Hanner was chosen All-Southwest Conference tackle in 1950 and 1951...Co-captain at Arkansas in 1951...A regular at Arkansas the past three years...Dave is single, and farms in off season...Residence: Route 1, Earle, Arkansas.

## PACKER-DALLAS TEST TO BE 'BATTLE OF TEXANS'

OCT 16 (Dallas - Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Texans Battle Texans! Sounds like a double-cross in these parts, pardner, but that's exactly what the Green Bay Packers are aiming to do - send their Texans against the Dallas Texans here Saturday night. The Packers have five natives of this great, big state on their roster and each will play a key role in gaining what the Packers hope will be a victory in the Cotton bowl. The Wisconsin-Texans are quarterback Tobin Rote, end Bill Howton, tackle Steve Dowden, fullback Bobby Jack Floyd and defensive halfback Bobby Dillon. And they're fixin' to make the Packers' NFL record 2-2 and the Texans' mark 0-4. You can really see how important these Lone Star Staters are to the Packer cause. Vet Rote of Rice, for instance, is the NFL's leading passer and it's logical to expect him to throw a pass or two. Then there is Howton, also a Rice grad! Bill is among the league's top pass catchers despite his



**JAY E. RHODEMYRE**  
No. 50 — Center

Fourth year with Packers...All-Southern conference as sophomore in 1942 and again in 1947...played in 1947 North-South game...named outstanding lineman of the week by the Associated Press in 1947...named most valuable player in 1948 Chicago All-Star game...has B.S. degree in Engineering...a Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity man...reading is his hobby...was 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Corps...is of Dutch descent...married...Residence: Ashland, Kentucky.

rookie status. And Dillon? Bobby is probably the greatest pass defender ever turned out by pass-conscious Texas. That Floyd? Bobby Jack is giving the Packers power at FB, while Dowden, who, like most Texans, says little, is an important figure in the Packers' line...ALL IN COTTON BOWL: All of the Packer Texans played in the Cotton bowl during their college careers, and they're likely to draw a few cash customers from their special fans. The only one who played close to Dallas is Floyd, who colleged at TCU which is located in Fort Worth - 30 miles from Dallas. Floyd hails from Paris, Tex. Dillon played college ball at the University of Texas in Austin; Rote and Howton at Rice in Houston; and Dowden at Baylor in Waco. Dillon lives in Temple, Howton in Plainview, Rote in San Antonio and Dowden in Odessa. The Texas boys expect a number of friends and relatives to come out and "see how much we have changed." The Packers arrived here by Capital Airliner this afternoon and went directly to the Hotel Adolphous. They made one stop - in St. Louis for lunch. Packer head coach Gene Ronzani had expected to arrange a practice session under the lights for tonight. The Bays' last night game was Sept. 17 against Pittsburgh in Minneapolis, a 22-7 winner for the Bays, by the way. Dallas is a crowded city this week because of the state fair now in progress here. The Cotton bowl is located in the fairground and the Packer-Texan game will be one of the weekend's features...TEXANS KEYED SKY HIGH: This fact is making Ronzani shudder a bit because the Texans, under Jimmy Phelan, are likely to be keyed sky high. The Texans will be seeking their first victory after successive losses to the New York Giants, San Francisco - both unbeaten - and the Chicago Bears. The Texans like their football "wide open", which is one reason Phelan features several different types of spreads, with pitchin'-runnin' George Taliaferro in the tailback spot. For the straight T, Phelan uses Bob Celeri at quarterback. The Packers can also treat the Texas fans to the spread with one of their natives, Rote, in the key one-back role. The Packers have used their spread little this season but it's always available. In fact, the Packers can throw three formations at the Texans - the spread, the straight T and the split T. The split version features magician Babe Parilli at quarterback while both Rote and Parilli work the normal T...LONE STARS: The Packer Lumberjack band, originally scheduled to make the trip here, aren't coming after all due to a misunderstanding on expenses between the two clubs...While



Saturday night's game will be the first league clash between the new Texans (formerly the New York Yanks) and a charter member of the NFL, it won't be the first time the Packers played here. The Packers trimmed the Southwestern All Stars, 31 to 20, in the Cotton bowl on Labor day of 1939...Not making the trip are tackle Howie Ruetz, who underwent an appendectomy this week, and guard Dick Logan who was injured in the Washington game. Both are on the injured list and may be lost for a couple or three weeks...Most excited Packer was Robbie Robinson, the Negro halfback who was placed on the active roster Tuesday. Robinson, a 205-pounder with speed, feels that he can make good...The Cotton bowl is no strange place to Babe Parilli. The Babe led Kentucky to victory over Floyd's TCU team there last Jan. 1.

### **LIGHTNING CAN STRIKE TWICE IN SAME PLACE, PACKERS DISCOVER**

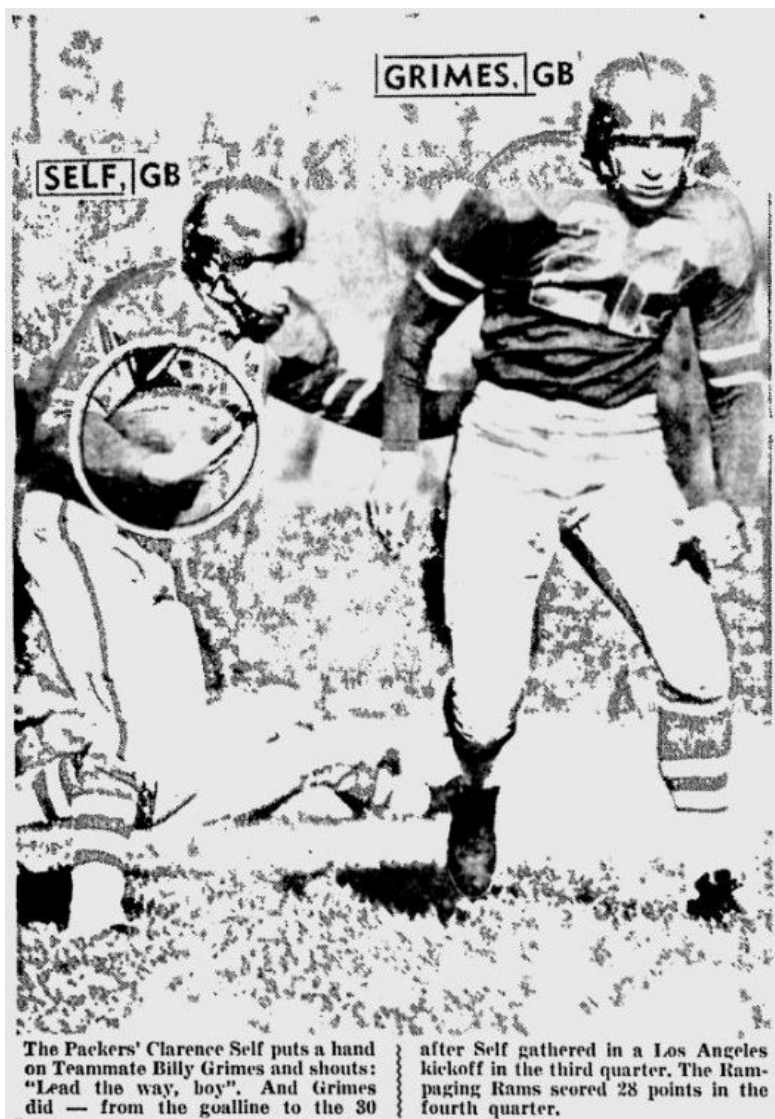
OCT 16 (Dallas) - Lightning can strike in the same place twice. The Packers and their fans are convinced of it. Especially when Los Angeles Ram quarterback Bob Waterfield is directing the bolt! If your memories are short, Waterfield's 24-point job of calculated fourth quarter heartbreaks in Milwaukee Sunday wasn't the first time he had exploded his thunder at the Packers. Back in 1945, Waterfield, then a rookie out of

UCLA, came to Green Bay with the Cleveland Rams (the same club that moved to LA in '46) and directed his mates to a stirring 21-point last quarter rally that dunked our then-defending champion Packers, 27-24. Thus, Waterfield has led his Rams to a total of 45 last-quarter points in two crucial games against the Packers. The '45 Packers were going for their third straight victory against no losses while the '52 team was aiming at a 2-1 record. The fourth frame explosions of the two games had a striking similarity. The '45 Pack had taken a 14-6 lead near the end of the third quarter, while the '52 Pack had grabbed a 28-6 edge. In each case, Waterfield started moving his team late in the third period and produced the TDs early in the fourth. Then, in both games, fumbles by the Packers set up the next touchdowns, Roy McKay muffing for the '45 Packers and Tobin Rote for the current team. And finally to make the two games almost exact duplications, the Packers of '45 and '52 had passes intercepted. Reinz intercepted McKay's throws and returned 55 yards to the Packer five to set up Tom Collela's TD run. Last Sunday's game saw Jerry Williams intercept Babe Parilli's pass but, unlike the '45 script, it wasn't turned into a TD - immediately. While the Rams' comeback Sunday was sickening to Packer fans, Bay coach Gene Ronzani recalled yesterday that he had experienced similar games in his Bear days - "winning and losing."

"You can imagine how we felt when Don Hutson caught those two touchdown passes in the last two minutes to beat us (the Bears) in '35; and the next day the papers all came out and said what a lousy job Ronzani did on Hutson; I wasn't even in the game in those last two minutes," Ronzani chuckled. "The Bears lost to the Packers right in City stadium after marking up the Packers' 28-0 lead; they beat us 42-28," Gene recalled. "And don't forget that championship game between the Bears and Giants in '34. The Bears were ahead 13 to 0 at the half, but the Giants won 30-13 when they put on their tennis shoes," he laughed. It was evident that Ronzani, like his assistant coaches and players, was able to look back on Sunday's loss and at least bring forth a smile. It was a bitter pill for everybody connected with the Packers to swallow, but the Bays figure that lightning like that can't strike twice in the same season. Like the 1945 loss to Waterfield, the setback seven years later in Milwaukee had to go down in the Packer book as "one of those things". But seven years from now, you can bet the Packers will be watching for another bolt of lightning!

### **PACKERS WITH LEADERS IN OFFENSIVE STATISTICS**

OCTOBER 16 (Milwaukee Journal) - Gene Ronzani's Green Bay Packers rate with the leaders in virtually every important offensive classification after three weeks of play, latest National league statistics Thursday revealed. The Packers, who will meet the Dallas Texans at Dallas Saturday night, are second in passing percentage and total points, third in passing yardage,

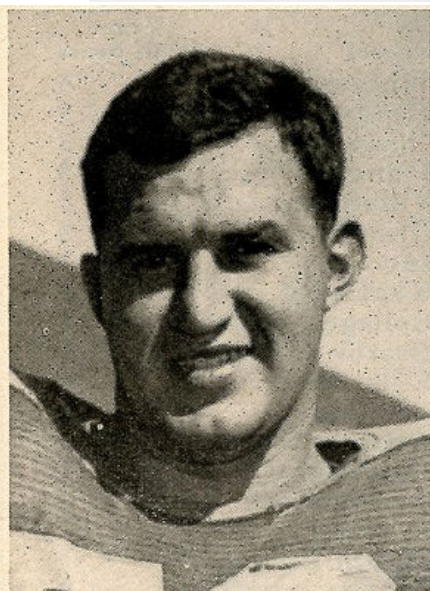


The Packers' Clarence Self puts a hand on Teammate Billy Grimes and shouts: "Lead the way, boy". And Grimes did — from the goalline to the 30

after Self gathered in a Los Angeles kickoff in the third quarter. The Ram-paging Rams scored 28 points in the fourth quarter.

fourth in total yardage and rushing yardage and fifth in first downs. With Tobin Rote and Babe Parilli sharing the passing duties, the Packers have completed 27 of 51 attempts for a .529 percentage. Only the San Francisco 49ers, with 46 out of 78 for .590, have a better record. The 49ers are also the only team to top the Packers in scoring, with 82 points to 77. Green Bay's passes have netted 561 yards, compared to 719 for the pace setting Cleveland Browns. The Packers have rushed for 477 yards to 668 for the leading New York Giants, and have gained 1,038 yards all told in comparison with 1,089 for Cleveland and San Francisco, who share the lead. Their first down total is 47, compared with 59 for the leading Chicago Bears. Defensively the story is different, however. The Packers rank no better than eighth in opponents' point allowed; ninth in opponents' total yardage, rushing yardage and passing percentage, and 10th in opponents' first downs, passing yardage and punting. San Francisco leads in four of the six categories and is second and third in the two others. The 49ers have given up the fewest points, 17; the fewest field downs, 27; the fewest total yards, 495, and the fewest yards in passing, 200. They rank second in opponents' passing percentage with .370 to Cleveland's .314, and third in opponents' rushing yardage with 295 to New York's 282 and Pittsburgh's 290.

# Dallas Fans Expecting Texans To Kayo Pack



JOHN GEORGE MARTINKOVIC

No. 83 — End

Second year in professional football... Obtained from Washington Redskins in 1951 by trade... Used principally on defense... Chosen All-Ohio and Little All-American while at Xavier... Earned letters in basketball and baseball... Attended Catholic High at Hamilton, Ohio... Served one year in Navy as fireman first class... Of Czech-Slovakian descent... Single... Residence: Hamilton, Ohio.

## DALLAS TEXANS EXPECTING TEXANS TO KAYO PACK

OCT 17 (Dallas - Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The folks down here seem to think the Dallas Texans have an even chance to post their first NFL victory of the 1952 season at the expense of the Green Bay Packers. That, friends, may be typical Texas optimism but it gives you an idea of the kind of trouble the Packers will encounter in the Cotton bowl Saturday night. Thus, the contest, fourth for both clubs, is rated as a tossup despite the fact that the Packers have a 1-2 record against Dallas' 0-3, the Texan losses coming at the hand of New York, San Francisco - both unbeaten - and Chicago Bears...MAKES SEVERAL CHANGES: Oregon-born Jimmy Phelan, the Dallas coach who recently purchased a 10-gallon hat to wear, has made several lineup changes in an effort to soup up the Texas offense and defense. Honorable Jimmy, who led the New York Yanks (now the Texans) to a split with the Packers last year, said today

that he'll start Chuck Ortmann, former Pittsburgh star, at quarterback in place of veteran Bob Celeri. Jim must have forgotten that it was Celeri, whose prayer passes beat the Packers in Green Bay last season, 31 to 28. At any rate, Celeri will be available in case the Texans need some "prayers". Phelan has shifted his defensive platoon around considerably. The major switch was lugging 292-pound Chubby Grigg, who started the season with the Packers, from tackle to the middle spot in the five-man line. Thus, he'll be playing directly across from Packer offensive center Jay Rhodemyre - the largest man Jay ever had to oppose. Phelan expects Grigg to stop the Packers' strong FB thrusts up the middle. Incidentally, the decision to start Ortmann at QB indicates that the Texans are fixin' to use the T-formation but the Packers aren't forgetting that one of Dallas' chief threats is the spread with George Taliaferro back in the key passing-running role. And to listen to some of the locals take you wonder why the Texans don't use the single wing. They reason that they have three of the leading tailbacks in the business in Hank Lauricella,

## Good 'Steer?'

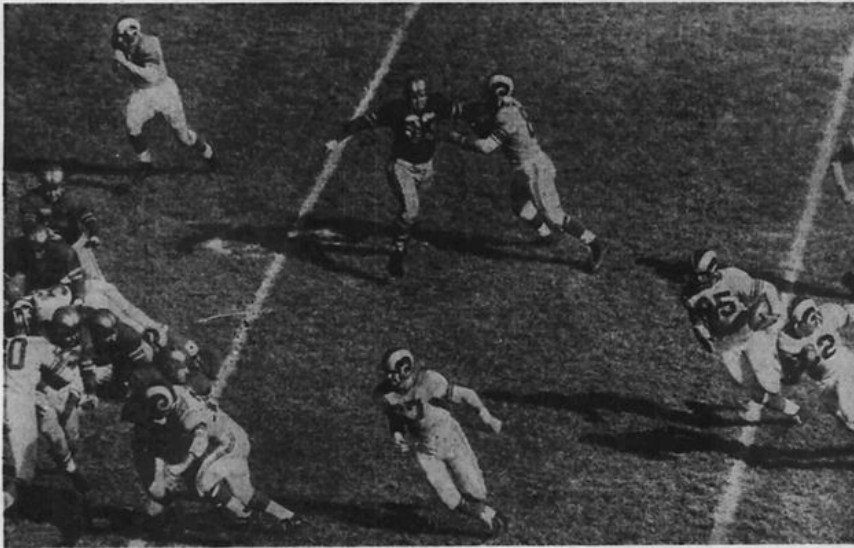
| NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE |   |   |   |       |    |    |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|-------|----|----|
| National Conference      |   |   |   |       |    |    |
|                          | W | L | T | Pct.  | PS | OP |
| San Francisco            | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 82 | 17 |
| Chicago Bears            | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667  | 72 | 55 |
| GREEN BAY                | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333  | 77 | 74 |
| Detroit                  | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333  | 20 | 59 |
| Los Angeles              | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333  | 51 | 82 |
| Dallas                   | 0 | 3 | 0 | .000  | 40 | 99 |
| American Conference      |   |   |   |       |    |    |
|                          | W | L | T | Pct.  | PS | OP |
| New York                 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 72 | 22 |
| Chicago Cards            | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667  | 45 | 39 |
| Cleveland                | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667  | 67 | 44 |
| Philadelphia             | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667  | 64 | 77 |
| Washington               | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333  | 49 | 59 |
| Pittsburgh               | 0 | 3 | 0 | .000  | 66 | 78 |

### Tonight's Game GREEN BAY AT DALLAS

Sunday's Games  
Chicago Cardinals at New York Giants  
Cleveland at Philadelphia  
Los Angeles at Detroit  
San Francisco at Chicago Bears  
Washington at Pittsburgh

| Probable Offensive Lineups |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| GREEN BAY                  | DALLAS          |
| Mann, le                   | le, Wilkins     |
| Hanner, lt                 | lt, Lansford    |
| Ruzich, lg                 | lg, Humble      |
| Rhodemyre, c               | c, Eklund       |
| Stephenson, rg             | rg, Wozniak     |
| Dowden, rt                 | rt, Jackson     |
| Howton, re                 | re, Felker      |
| Rote, qb                   | qb, Ortmann     |
| Canadeo, lhb               | lhb, Taliaferro |
| Grimes, rhb                | rhb, Young      |
| Floyd, fb                  | fb, Hoerner     |





**RAMS ON RAMPAGE** — With Back Tank Younger carrying, Rams sweep around end for sizable gain during second quarter against Packers yesterday. Identifiable Rams include Back Jerry Williams (22), Guard Dick Daugherty (67), End Tom Fears (80) and Back Dan Towler.



**THAT MAN DAN**—Fullback Dan Towler (32) plows through host of Green Bay players for 10-yard gain in first quarter. Rams exploded in final period to win, 30-28. (AP Wirephoto)

Celeri and Ortmann. Probably the biggest disappointment down here is the Texans' aerial game. The consensus seems to be that the team has the receivers in Dan Edwards and Dick Wilkins, but at yet nobody has shown much accuracy or distance in the pitching department. The Texans have gained but 346 yards by throwing in three games against the Bays' 636. Packer coach Gene Ronzani is not taking stock in the Texans' aerial figures, however, for the simple reason that this is a "new game." He is expecting the Texans to explode both on the ground and in the air in an all-out effort to win that first one. The Packers arrived here at 3:15 Thursday afternoon in good spirits what with the temperature being around 75. The four-hour trip in their Capital airliner, with an hour off for lunch at St. Louis was exceptionally smooth...SEARCH FOR SPIES: After a meal and a brief rest at the Hotel Adolphus, the Packers took a bus to the famous Highland Park High school field for a two-hour workout Thursday night. The grid park has a seating capacity of 8,000 and among the stars who once played prep ball there were Bobby Layne, Doak Walter and Fred Benners. One of the highlights of the drill was the punting of fullback Fred Cone. He repeatedly matched Babe Parilli's booming punts. After surveying the premises for spies, Ronzani polished up the team's offense for Saturday night. Actually, the only Texans present were Lew Cox, a newspaperman, and Myron Kuhlman, a Packer stockholder who lives in Dallas. Kuhlman, formerly connected with a Wausau paper mill, purchased a share of Packer stock during the drive in 1950. He's now associated with the Fleming Paper Box firm here. Bill Hughes, Capital airliners representative, chased two strangers away from a ramp in the stadium. The Packers will drill this afternoon in the Southern Methodist university stadium. They had hoped to get the Cotton bowl for practice, but, as they say down here, "Nobody gets into the Cotton bowl for practice."...SHOW NO ILL

EFFECTS: The Cotton bowl, located on the Texas state fairgrounds and operated by the State Fair association, will host 18 major games this season, including the Texans' six home NFL tests. SMU also plays its home games there. The Packers are showing no particular effects of their bruising game with the Los Angeles Rams last Sunday. Everybody was running hard, including halfback Breezy Reid, who has rib troubles. Because of the race "laws" in Texas, the Packers' two Negro players, Bob Mann and Robbie Robinson, are living in a motel. The aforementioned Kuhlman transported them to and from their headquarters for the practices. The Texans, incidentally, have two Negro stars, Buddy Young and George Taliaferro, who must live apart from their teammates. At the airport to greet the Packer end Jim Keane was his younger brother, Tom, a defensive halfback for Dallas. The Dallas Chamber of Commerce honored the Texas team at a luncheon at the Adolphus hotel this noon. Among the special guests are the five Texans playing for the Packers - Bill Howton, Bobby Dillon, Tobin Rote, Bobby Jack Floyd and Bobby Dillon; Coach Ronzani; Babe Parilli, who played for Kentucky in the Cotton bowl last Jan. 1; Packer publicity chief Jug Earp, and the writer...LONE STARS: Jim Coffeen, the "voice" of the Packers at all home

games, made the trip with the team...Dallas' starting right end will be Gene Felker, former Wisconsin star and brother of Art Felker, the ex-Marquette end who tried out with the Packers last year. Dallas' two starting offensive tackles are rookies from the University of Texas - Jim Lansford and Ken Jackson...The Packers will outweigh Dallas as a team, the Bay average being 209 pounds, the Texans' 208. Bay linemen average 216 against Dallas' 215. In the backfield, Dallas' average weight is 197 against Green Bay's 198...Packer tackle Bob Dees was greeted by a dozen friends and relatives when the team stopped in St. Louis - his hometown...Stan Williams, the pass receiver from Baylor who rivaled the Packers' Bill Howton for pass catching honors in the Southwestern conference last year, has been shifted to defensive halfback by the Texans and will be assigned to guard Howton. Williams has been a key figure in the Texans' defense.

#### **PACKERS TO MAKE DALLAS DEBUT**

OCT 17 (Dallas) - Gene Ronzani's Green Bay Packers will make their Texas debut in NFL competition here Saturday night when they face the Dallas Texans in the Cotton Bowl. The Packers are favored by a touchdown. About 20,000 fans, the largest home crowd of the year, are expected to watch the Texans go after their first league victory. There are no college games here this weekend, so the Texans figure to draw better than the 15,000 that they attracted for each of their first two games at home. The Packers are tied for third place in the National Conference with a 1-2 record. Dallas is in the cellar with an 0-3 mark. The Texans' defeats, however, were suffered at the hands of three of the NFL's most powerful members - the 49ers, Giants and Bears. Five Texas boys will be in the Green Bay lineup - quarterback Tobin Rote and end Bill Howton of Rice, fullback Bobby Jack Floyd of Texas Christian, tackle Steve Dowden of Baylor and defensive halfback Bobby Dillon of the University of Texas. Chuck Ortmann, former Michigan star from Milwaukee, will start at quarterback for the Texans in place of Bob Celeri. Also a new starter for Dallas will be Gene Felker of Wisconsin. Posting a definite threat to the Packer defense will be the power smashes of Zollie Toth and the running of speedy FBs Buddy Young and George Taliaferro. The Packers will probably counter with the passing of Tobin Rote, the league's leading thrower with a completion percentage of 53.6, and rookie Babe Parilli. Last year, the Packers split with the Texans, then the New York Yankees. The Packers won the first tilt, 29-27, and the Yankees notched their only victory in the second, 31-28. The Packers arrived by plane Thursday and drilled briefly on a high school field.

#### **PACKERS VIE WITH DALLAS IN 'MAKE OR BREAK' TEST**

OCT 18 (Dallas) - The Green Bay Packers tonight play the game that could make or break their championship hopes in the NFL. If they can bump the Dallas Texans in the Cotton bowl, the Packers will hold a 2-2 record and thus gain momentum for their payoff struggle with the Detroit Lions in Green Bay a week from Sunday. The Packers are still stewing about their 30-28 last quarter loss to the Los Angeles Rams in Milwaukee and they're convinced that their present 1-2 record should read 2-1. If the Packers can maintain their present "mad" for four heats tonight, the Texans might be in for trouble - a lot of it. But the Texans, it appears, will be highly keyed for the encounter. They figure this is the game that they can win and Dallas head coach Jimmy Phelan feels that his team has an even chance to win. The struggle had been billed as a tossup and one scribe publicly predicted a Dallas triumph. With no interference from college football this weekend, tonight's pro fuss - the Texans' third home league battle - might draw over 20,000 fans. This would be the Texans best crowd to date. If the Packers caught the Texas fever, they'll play typical Texas football - wide open and plenty of passing. This means that they may haul out the spread, with quarterback Tobin Rote in the key slot, which was used only briefly in the Chicago Bear and Washington games...FLOYD NOT IN TOP SHAPE: Regardless of the formation, the Packers are likely to pass most of the





night for several reasons. For one, fullback Bobby Jack Floyd and halfback Floyd Reid aren't in top physical condition, though they'll both play. For another, two of the kingpins in the Packers' air game are Texas gents who would like nothing better than to break loose in front of the home folks. They are Rote and pass catcher Bill Howton - both Rice grads. Rote is leading the NFL in passing with an average of 11.11 yards per attempt. Three other Texas boys will be showing 'em down there - defensive halfback Bobby Dillon of Texas U., tackle Steve Dowden of Baylor and Floyd of TCU. One of the big "drawing cards" here is quarterback Babe Parilli, who starred in Kentucky's victory over TCU in the Cotton bowl last Jan. 1. While the Packers' air arm is in uninjured hands, Coach Gene Ronzani has reason to fret about the line. Missing from action will be defensive tackle starter Howie Ruetz, who had an appendectomy last Tuesday after playing a great game against the Rams. Filling in for Ruetz will be Bob Dees, a rookie tackle who played little against the Rams...ANXIOUS TO SEE 'ROBBIE': The vacancy left by Ruetz actually has been filled by William (Robbie) Robinson, the hard running Negro halfback who will be making his Packer debut. Robbie's teammates are anxious to see what the 205 pounder does under fire. He has been running like a wild man in practice. The Packers received a bit of good news today when Phelan announced that Dan Edwards, one of the Texans' best pass catchers, will not play because of injuries. In his place will be Gene Felker, the former Wisconsin end. At the other end is the talented athlete, Dick Wilkins. Special mention was made of the fact that Chuck Ortmann, the former Pittsburgh Steeler, will start at quarterback, but the Packers are virtually certain that the Texans will bank on the spread, with George Taliaferro back. There seems to be a feeling that the Texans will unveil the single wing, with Ortmann, Bob Celeri or Hank Lauricella at tailback. The Texans are fairly well banged up physically. John Petitbon, rookie defensive halfback, may not play because of an ankle sprain and Phelan may use rookie Bill Sherman. Joe Reid, former Ram, may get the starting nod at left linebacker because of injuries to Pat Cannamela. Gino Marchetti, the Texans' stellar defensive end, is also bothered by hurts but will play. While the Dallas injuries sound damaging, the Packers are taking no stock in them. They're worried the injured, as

## The Figures

### Leading Ground Gainers

|                    | Atts | Yds | Lgst | Ave |
|--------------------|------|-----|------|-----|
| Price, Giants      | 54   | 316 | 40   | 5.9 |
| McElhenny, San Fr. | 26   | 241 | 89   | 9.3 |
| Dottley, Bears     | 41   | 235 | 44   | 5.7 |
| Perry, San Fran.   | 49   | 222 | 20   | 4.5 |
| Taliaferro, Dallas | 34   | 166 | 38   | 4.9 |
| Carpenter, Cleve.  | 16   | 145 | 37   | 9.1 |
| Cross, Cards       | 21   | 144 | 45   | 6.9 |
| Brewer, Phil.      | 25   | 138 | 71   | 5.5 |
| Gilmer, Wash.      | 36   | 134 | 30   | 3.7 |
| K. Rote, Giants    | 16   | 133 | 52   | 8.3 |
| T. Rote, Green Bay | 23   | 131 | 32   | 5.7 |

Longest Gain: 89 yards, Hugh McElhenny, San Francisco, vs. Dallas, 10/5/52, TD.

### Leading Passers

|                   | At | Cm | Yds | TdP | Int | Av    |
|-------------------|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| T. Rote, G. Bay   | 28 | 15 | 311 | 3   | 1   | 11.11 |
| Burk, Phil.       | 50 | 23 | 419 | 3   | 1   | 8.38  |
| Albert, San F.    | 27 | 13 | 219 | 2   | 0   | 8.11  |
| Conerly, N. Y.    | 36 | 17 | 290 | 3   | 3   | 8.06  |
| Enke, Phil.       | 27 | 10 | 214 | 1   | 2   | 7.93  |
| Williams, Bears   | 40 | 26 | 314 | 5   | 0   | 7.85  |
| Graham, Cleve.    | 99 | 45 | 775 | 5   | 6   | 7.83  |
| Finks, Pitt.      | 78 | 32 | 589 | 5   | 5   | 7.55  |
| Romanik, Bears    | 41 | 14 | 254 | 0   | 5   | 6.20  |
| Tittle, San F.    | 51 | 33 | 307 | 3   | 3   | 6.02  |
| Waterfield, L. A. | 29 | 11 | 162 | 0   | 2   | 5.59  |
| V. Br'klin, L. A. | 49 | 20 | 252 | 1   | 6   | 5.14  |
| LeBaron, Wash.    | 32 | 14 | 163 | 1   | 1   | 5.09  |
| Baugh, Wash.      | 27 | 17 | 137 | 2   | 1   | 5.07  |
| Trippi, Card      | 42 | 19 | 198 | 0   | 4   | 4.71  |
| Celeri, Dallas    | 42 | 16 | 174 | 1   | 1   | 4.14  |
| Layne, Detroit    | 41 | 18 | 158 | 0   | 4   | 3.85  |

Longest Completion: 90 yards, V. Parilli, Green Bay, vs. Washington, 10/5/52, TD.

Standings based on average gain per pass attempted.

### Leading Pass Receivers

|                   | Red | Yds | LG | Tds |
|-------------------|-----|-----|----|-----|
| Schroeder, Bears  | 18  | 254 | 40 | 3   |
| Speedie, Cleve.   | 17  | 292 | 50 | 0   |
| Howton, Green Bay | 11  | 356 | 96 | 3   |
| Grant, Phil.      | 11  | 261 | 84 | 2   |
| Mathews, Pitt.    | 11  | 213 | 50 | 2   |
| Stonesifer, Cards | 11  | 136 | 26 | 0   |
| Soltan, San Fran. | 10  | 126 | 25 | 1   |
| Wilson, San Fran. | 9   | 88  | 16 | 1   |
| Box, Detroit      | 9   | 86  | 18 | 2   |
| Mann, Green Bay   | 8   | 159 | 42 | 2   |

Longest Completion: 90 yards, Bill Howton, Green Bay, vs. Washington, 10/5/52, TD.

### Leading Scorers

|                  | TdR | TdP | To | XP | FG | Pts |
|------------------|-----|-----|----|----|----|-----|
| Groza, Cleve.    | 0   | 0   | 0  | 7  | 6  | 25  |
| Walston, Phil.   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 7  | 5  | 22  |
| Soltan, S. F.    | 0   | 1   | 1  | 9  | 2  | 21  |
| Finks, Pitt.     | 3   | 0   | 3  | 0  | 0  | 18  |
| McElhenny, S. F. | 2   | 1   | 3  | 0  | 0  | 18  |
| Nickel, Pitt.    | 0   | 3   | 3  | 0  | 0  | 18  |
| Pooler, N. Y.    | 0   | 0   | 0  | 9  | 3  | 18  |
| Towler, L. A.    | 3   | 0   | 3  | 0  | 0  | 18  |
| Howton, G. Bay   | 0   | 3   | 3  | 0  | 0  | 18  |
| Young, Dallas    | 2   | 1   | 3  | 0  | 0  | 18  |
| Schroeder, Bears | 0   | 3   | 3  | 0  | 0  | 18  |
| Dottley, Bears   | 2   | 1   | 3  | 0  | 0  | 18  |

### Kickoff Return Leaders

|                  | No. | Yds. | Ave. | LG  | TDs |
|------------------|-----|------|------|-----|-----|
| Matson, Cards    | 6   | 227  | 37.8 | 100 | 1   |
| Chandnois, Pitt. | 5   | 188  | 37.6 | 93  | 1   |
| Self, G. Bay     | 3   | 85   | 28.3 | 33  | 0   |
| Mathews, Pitt.   | 4   | 106  | 26.5 | 45  | 0   |

Longest Return: 100 yards, Ollie Matson, Chi. Cards, vs. Chi. Bears, 10/5/52, TD.

Standings computed on basis of average return.

### Interception Leaders

|                   | No. | Yds. | TDs | LG |
|-------------------|-----|------|-----|----|
| Bawel, Phil.      | 4   | 82   | 0   | 28 |
| Kissell, Pitt.    | 4   | 71   | 0   | 21 |
| Rich, Los Ang.    | 3   | 29   | 0   | 29 |
| Wagner, San Fran. | 3   | 20   | 0   | 9  |
| Forte, Green Bay  | 2   | 48   | 0   | 25 |
| Landry, New York  | 2   | 45   | 1   | 30 |

Longest Return: 41 yards, Jack Butler, Pittsburgh, vs. Cleveland, 10/4/52.



**Minute Men Dallas-Bound**—These Green Bay "Minute Men" smile in anticipation at a breakfast meeting in the Beaumont hotel this morning where they completed plans for their trip to Dallas, Tex., to take in Saturday night's Packer-Dallas Texans game there. Front row, left to right, are Francis Shea, Dr. O. M. Hitch, Russ Winters and Claire Stone; second row, left to right, Will Ostling, Joe Zieffe, Joe Bur, Ray Challoner, Walter Scherf, Lee Gillespie and Jerry Atkinson; back row, same order, Wilner Burke, Max Murphy, Russ Leddy, Larry DeCoster, Bill Jones, Bill Sullivan, Bob Meyers, Clyde Meidl, Art Johnson and John Borgenson. The party leaves at 5 o'clock Saturday morning from Austin Straubel field. It will be a five-hour, non-stop flight. They leave Dallas at 10 Sunday morning and will arrive in Green Bay at 3:30.

well as the healthy, especially little Buddy Young, the tiny Negro who generally gives the Packers a fit...**LONE STARS:** Rusty Russell, former SMU back who stayed with the Packers until the opening of the league season, will work with Assistant Coach Dick Plasman on the telephones in the pressbox during the game. Rusty watched Packer practice at the SMU freshman field Friday afternoon. The Bays, incidentally, drilled under a hot sun. Most of the athletes removed their sweat shirts but Coach Ronzani told the boys to put 'em back on. "We don't want any sunburns," he said. Perfect weather is predicted for the team. In fact, they don't expect rain down here for two or three weeks...Dick Flint of Green Bay, now with the Air Corps at Brook Field in San Antonio, hitchhiked up for the game. Expected in this noon were 24 Green Bay residents on the Wisconsin Central Airlines special. They'll sit in a special section tonight...People refer to the Cotton bowl as "The house that Doak built." The bowl was enlarged from around 50,000 to its present capacity of 75,504 when Walker starred at SMU...A number of the Packer players purchased the wide-brimmed Texas hats, and, needless to say, they looked like retired oilmen. Gene Wilson, a two-year Packer of the last 1940s, renewed old times with ex-teammates Tony Canado, Bob Forte and Jay Rhodemyre. Wilson, who came to the Packers as an offensive end and finished up as an outside linebacker, is coaching prep ball in Waco, Tex., and had to put off his medical study because of a nerve ailment...The Packers are due home on their Capital airliner around 1:30 Sunday afternoon... Two of the five officials expected to work tonight are former Packers - Umpire Joe Carter and Head Linesman Lon Evans. The other officials are Emil Heintz, referee; Davey O'Brien, the former TCU and Philadelphia passing great, back judge; and Don Looney, another TCU and Philly ex, field judge.

#### **WHAT HAPPENED TO BIG CROWDS TEXANS WERE GOING TO GET?**

OCT 18 (Green Bay) - Well, what happened to those 60,000 crowds the Dallas Texans were supposed to draw in the Cotton bowl? That's been puzzling us ever since the Texans played the New York Giants before only 17,000 fans and the San Francisco Forty Niners before only 12,000. Texan officials, who don't like to be quoted because their preseason optimism is really taking a beating, have a number of reasons for the "drop off" from expectations, but that all boil down to this: Professional football still must be sold to the fans of this football-crazy community. It's not like Green Bay, where the current crop of fans actually grew up on professional football and now regard their fall madness as an absolute must. They demonstrated that during the 1950 stock drive to save the club. Being from Green Bay, however, it still seems almost unbelievable that the best brand of football in the world must go begging for lack of a good sales job. Texan officials just now realize that the Texas grid minds must be "professionalized." Last winter, when the Dallas group purchased the New York Yank franchise, it was freely predicted that the Texans would easily lead the league in attendance. But pro football down here has tremendous competition - from the colleges and, mind you, the high schools - it has been painfully discovered. The weekend the Texans opened league play in the Cotton bowl, they followed games between Duke and SMU and Oklahoma A & M and Texas A & M. The college games averaged 35,000. The next weekend, SMU played Georgia Tech before 40,000 while the Texan-Frisco test drew under 12,000. Both pro games were played in 91-degree heat - another damaging factor - not to mention the opening of the 16-day Texas State fair. One of the two TV stations here show films of three Southwestern conference games on Sunday afternoons - a program that was arranged before Dallas went into the league and one that will be switched to some other time next fall. Dallas officials are convinced that this city is a good pro community. But, as one of them puts it, "the Cotton bowl won't need another deck to accommodate the pro crowd for several years." Actually only three members of the Dallas crew have pro experience - Al Ennis, on lend-leader from the NFL office; Jimmy Phelan, the head coach; and Tex Maule, the publicity directory formerly with the Los Angeles Rams. Giles Miller, the young textile man, heads the group of wealthy business people who purchased the franchise. The present plight of the

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Broadcast time: 1:25 p. m.

**SATURDAY NIGHT: GREEN BAY PACKERS vs. DALLAS TEXANS**  
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Dallas club hammers home again the importance of the Packers in the NFL. Tonight, the Packers, a charter member of the NFL from a city of 60,000, will help sell professional football to a community of 600,000. We can't help but recall the crucial 1949-50 days when various writers around the country shook their heads when the Packers developed financial troubles, and all but said, "too bad, Green Bay was a nice little town, too." Green Bay will always be a nice little town and (2) the home of the Packers.

## **Packers Vie With Dallas in 'Make or Break' Test**