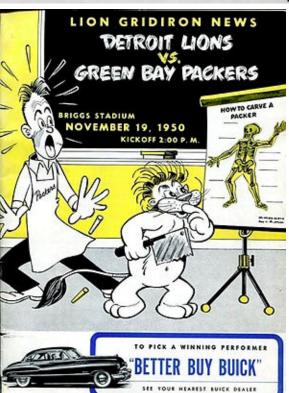




Detroit Lions (4-5) 24, Green Bay Packers (2-7) 21 Sunday November 19th 1950 (at Detroit)

## Detroit Scores in Last Two Minutes on Eight-Yard Pass

## Packers Muff Scoring Chances, Lose to Lions, 24-21





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

(DETROIT) - What an absolutely wonderful and downright horrible final four minutes! Making their sixth straight search for that elusive third victory, the Green Bay Packers came from behind for the second time to take a 21 to 17 lead on the Detroit Lions with three minutes and 50 seconds to go, but the Lions snarled back and scored with under two minutes left to snare a rip-snortin' NFL game here, 24 to 21, before 17,752 fans here Sunday afternoon. This was a super battle; both clubs were high and both played vicious football. Each had to win! The Lions got off to a 7-0 lead in the second quarter but the Packers tied it up to go ahead, 14-10, at the intermission. Detroit ganged into a 17-14 edge in the third frame to set the stage for the "double" windup. A steady rain fell throughout the game and the Briggs stadium lights were turned on before the game started. The wonderful section of those final four started when tackle Joe Spencer recovered Bobby Layne's fumble on the Detroit 23. Tobin Rote hurled to Larry Coutre for four years and then Coutre took a Rote pitch for 18 yards to the one-yard line. Fullback Jack Cloud lugged it over on the second try and the Packers went wild with their 21-17 edge. The horrible part is forthcoming. Starting on his own 18, Fred Enke and John Greene worked a 32-yard aerial for position on the 50. After hitting Cloyce Box for 15 yards, Enke ran 15 to the Packer 20. The Packers tightened, forcing three straight incompletions, but then Enke pitched to Clarence Self for a 12-yard gain - or so the official indicated, ruling Self went OB on the Packer eight.

#### WIZBICKI PUTS UP FUSS

Bay defender Alex Wizbicki put up a terrific fuss, claiming Self went out of bounds on the 12 - which would have been given the ball to Green Bay on downs, but you know who was "right". Enke then caught Doak Walker all alone in the end zone for the winning TD as the Packers pulled in fairly tight with a seven-man line. With 1:30 left, Rote passed to Coutre for 14 yards, ran for 20 himself to midfield, and finally hurled a desperate pass, after being thrown to the ground, which Don Doll intercepted just before the end. While the official loss was posted in the last few minutes, the Packers really lost this one much earlier. They

muffed six scoring chances from deep in Detroit territory - three in the first quarter, one in the second and two in the fourth. Most of the Bays' scoring chances were set up on four pass interceptions and three fumble recoveries. In the first frame, the Packers got to the 22, but Cloud fumbled and Detroit recovered. Minutes later, the Pack pushed to the Detroit 8, but the ball was forfeited on downs. Reaching the 23 quick-like again, the Bays surrendered without points when Ted Fritsch missed a FG from the 31. The payoff came early in the fourth quarter. In climaxing a 68-yard march, the Packers had first down and eight to go for a TD but the Lions took over on the one-yard line after four straight smashes by Tony Canadeo. The Packers kept plugging. They reached the Detroit 14 on a nifty 17-yard run by Rote but Doll ended it with an interception in the end zone. Still battling, the Packers got position again on Spencer's recovery of a fumble and quickly scored.

#### WALKER SCORES 'EM ALL

Oddly enough, the Packers were battling a one-man show - Mr. Walker, who scored all 24 of the Lion points to establish a new Detroit record. The Doaker counted on touchdown passes of 33, 21 and 8 yards, the first two from Bobby Layne, and kicked a field goal - the margin of victory - and all of the extra points. The Packers came out with a "new" receiver - Steve Pritko, the defensive end, who caught a three-yard fourth down throw from Rote to tie the score, 7-7. A moment later, Al Baldwin faked a Lion out of his shoes and took a 23-yard pass from Rote to the Lion two. Cloud banged it over for his first league TD and a 14-7 GB lead. Besides Pritko playing offense (he caught three for 26 yards), Jug Girard alternated with Baldwin at left end and made the longest catch of the day, a 55-yard maneuver with Rote to set up the Bays' first TD. Baldwin played the entire game on defense in Rebel Steiner's old spot while Rebel moved into a backer-up slot. Halfback

Bill Boedeker took a few cracks at offensive right end. Running against the league's best line against rushing, the Packers managed 125 yards on the ground and quarterback Tobin Rote turned out to be the top gainer, getting 46 yards in four tries. Cloud and Canadeo each carried 11 times for 25 and 20 yards, respectively, while Billy Grimes made 22 in six. In the air department, Rote completed 15 out of 31 for 197 yards, while Layne topped Detroit with 10 completions in 24 attempts for 188 yards. Coutre hauled in five passes for 54 yards while Girard got two for 64. This roughhouse game reached its peak when Layne was all but massacred by the Packers when he threw his TD pass in the third quarter. The ex-Bear had to be helped from the field, and, with the exception of a brief appearance, Enke finished at quarterback. The Packers' hard hitting was evident right from the start when Bob Hoernschemeyer fumbled and Don Stansauk recovered on the second play of the game on the Detroit 31. After Grimes made nine yards in two ties, Cloud fumbled and Doll recovered on the 17. Walker ran for 11 and Layne hurled an 11-yarder to Box before Wally Dreyer intercepted Layne's batted-around pass on the Detroit 48 and ran to the 17. After the Packers went offside, Grimes smashed 12 yards to the 10. Grimes hit center for one and Cloud tried left tackle for one before Grimes was stopped inches short of the first down on the 8. With Clayton Tonnemaker and Steiner stopping Walker and Cline, the Lions delivered the first of two punts in the first half. Grimes took the ball on the Packer 39 and returned to the Detroit 42.

#### FRITSCH WIDE WITH FG

The Packers were off again as Cloud made six in two tries and Rote pitched to

Coutre for nine yards to the Detroit 27. Canadeo banged for four but then a Rote pas just grazed off Baldwin's fingertips on the goal line. After another Rote-Baldwin pass went incomplete, Fritsch was wide with a field goal try from the 31. As the game moved into the second quarter, the Lions moved from their own 20 to the Packer 21, chiefly on Walker's 26-yard run, where Abner Wimberly recovered Layne's fumble. That break ended quickly as Rote's pass, intended for Ted Cook, was intercepted by Doll on the Bay 21. Pritsko smashed in to nail Layne for a 12-yard loss, but it went for naught as Walker took Layne's pass on the five and scored a 33-yard TD. Starting on their own 34, the Packers struck in a hurry. Rote and Girard uncorked their 55-yard aerial gain, with Jug taking the ball on the 20 and moving to the 11. Canadeo barged to the six, where he fumbled and Ed Neal recovered. Canadeo lost three yards on a sweep to his right but Rote hurled to Floyd Reid on the three. On fourth down, Pritko took Rote's pass going away from a defender in the end zone.

#### FORTE INTERCEPTS PASS

Bob Forte set up the Bays' lead TD by intercepting Layne's throw on the Detroit 25. After Girard was squeezed out of catching a Rote pass between two men (no interference was called), Baldwin took Rote's pass for 23 yards and stepped out of bounds on the two. Cloud hit right tackle for the score and Fritsch booted the second of three extra points. The Lions soon had a field goal. Layne pitched to Box for 11 yards and then to the same receiver for 47 yards to the Packer 27. Three more passes fell incomplete and Walker booted what proved to be the winning FG from the 35. The Packers got a break early in the third quarter after Coutre ran for 12 yards and then caught a Rote pass for nine. The Packers needed a yard for

#### YWCA Fete Tonight; 1,500 at Airport

With a 24-21 defeat behind them, the Packers prepared today for a heavy week of practice in preparation for the San Francisco game at City stadium next Sunday. Kickoff is set for 1:30.

The Bay players and coaches and their wives and friends will be guests of the YWCA at a dinner at the YWCA at 6:30 this evening. Regular practice will be resumed Tuesday morning.

A crowd estimated at 1,500 persons were at Austin Straubel field last night to welcome the arrival of the team. They flew in via a chartered Capital Airliner.

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a first down as Girard went back to punt on fourth down, but the Lions has 12 men on the field and the penalty gave GB a first down. A holding penalty forced Girard to punt. Smith and Girard exchanged punts again to set the stage for the Lions 75-yard TD march, giving them a 17-14 lead

#### LAYNE HELPED OFF FIELD

Cline and Hoernschemeyer ran for 15 yards and Leon Hart made a terrific catch of a Layne pass for a 24-yard gain to the Bay 36. With Detroit needing a yard for first down on third down, the Packers went offside and the Lions were in business on the Bay 21. Walker was limited to a yard and Layne incompleted one to Rifenburg before he pitched to Walker for the score. Layne seemingly had all afternoon to throw, but just as he threw the Packers crushed him to the earth and he was helped off the field. Late in the third quarter, the Packers put on another ill-fated drive. Detroit, like the Packers, went offside on a fourth down punt by Girard, and the Bays got a first down on their own 43. Rote hurled to Pritko for 12 yards to the Detroit 45 and then caught him again for 11 to the 34. After two passes missed, Rote pitched to Girard for nine yards and Canadeo banged four yards to the first down on the 21. Canadeo hit for another four and Rote pitched to Reid for nine to the eight. Then it happened. Canadeo barreled over left guard for

four yards and then hit right guard for three to the one. The powerful Lion line wouldn't give an inch as Canadeo tested left and right tackle. In his own end zone, Layne punted on third down and Grimes picked it up on the Detroit 45. Billy fumbled on the 35 and Baldwin recovered on the 33 for sweet position. Rote couldn't pass so he ran 17 yards to the 16, but after Grimes made two, Doll took Rote's pass in the end zone. The Lions threatened to get pesky as Hoernschmeyer made 13 yards but Layne fumbles and Spencer recovered on the Detroit 23. This time, the Packers made a touchdown, and you know the rest!

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	GREEN BAY	DETROIT
First Downs	16	19
Rushing-Yards-TD	34-125-2	30-135-0
Att-Comp-Yd-TD-Int	31-15-194-1-4	36-15-261-3-4
Sacked-Yards	1-10	2-20
Net Passing Yards	184	241
Total Yards	319	396
Fumbles-lost	3-1	2-2
Yards penalized	6-48	7-55

#### **SCORING**

- 2ND DET Doak Walker, 33-yard pass from Bobby Layne (Walker kick) DETROIT 7-0
- 2ND GB Steve Pritko, 3-yard pass from Rote (Ted Fritsch kick) TIED 7-7
- 2ND GB Jack Cloud, 2-yard run (Fritsch kick) GREEN BAY 14-7
- 2ND DET Walker, 35-yard field goal GREEN BAY 14-10
- 3RD DET Walker, 20-yard pass from Layne (Walker kick) DETROIT 17-14
- 4TH GB Cloud, 1-yard run (Fritsch kick) GREEN BAY 21-17
- 4TH DET Walker, 8-yard pass from Fred Enke (Walker kick) DETROIT 24-21

#### **RUSHING**

**GREEN BAY** - Tobin Rote 4-46, Jack Cloud 11-25 2 TD, Billy Grimes 6-22, Tony Canadeo 11-20, Breezy Reid 1-12, Larry Coutre 1-0

**DETROIT** - Doak Walker 9-47, Ollie Cline 10-39, Bob Hoernschemeyer 8-25, Fred Enke 2-18, Bobby Layne 1-6 **PASSING** 

GREEN BAY - Tobin Rote 31-15-194 1 TD 4 INT

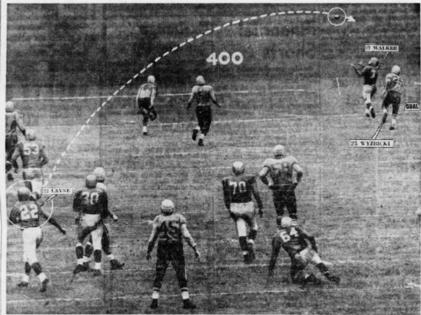
**DETROIT** - Bobby Layne 24-10-188 2 TD 3 INT, Fred Enke 9-4-67 1 TD 1 INT, Doak Walker 2-1-6, Bob Hoernschemeyer 1-0-0

#### **RECEIVING**

**GREEN BAY** - Larry Coutre 5-54, Steve Prtiko 3-22 1 TD, Jug Girard 2-65, Breezy Reid 2-17, Al Baldwin 1-23, Tony Canadeo 1-7, Billy Grimes 1-6

**DETROIT** - Cloyce Box 5-93, Doak Walker 4-67 3 TD, Leon Hart 3-51, John Greene 1-32, Clarence Self 1-12, Bob Hoernschemeyer 1-6

## Packers Meet San Francisco at City Stadium Sunday



BORRY LAYNE PASSES TO DOAK WALKER FOR THE FIRST OF HIS THREE TO CATCHES



THE LION BITES—Office Cline of the Detroit
| against the Green Bay Packers in their diag-dong duel Sunday at Detroit. The Lions scored in the last two minutes to eke out a 24-21 win. International News segretables.

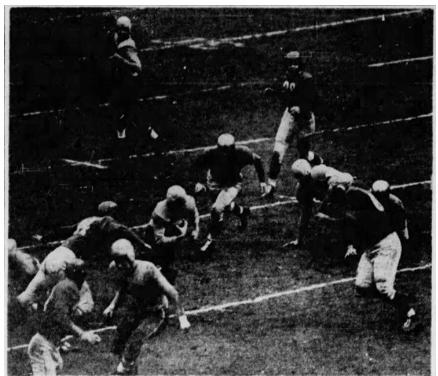
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#### PACKERS DENY REPORT THEY'LL DISBAND

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money before this season and that they had 14,000 or 15,000 season ticket holders. I thought they were in good shape." At Green Bay, Packer officials declared there was "not a bit of truth" in Campofreda's statement. "We're in the best financial



Packer Fullback Tony Canadeo is shown slicing through a hole in the Detroit line for a five-yard gain in the second quarter. No. 51 at the left center is Packer Guard Len Szafaryn and the Bay at the right, one arm on the ground, is Tackle Clink McGeary (44). Lions are Bernard Hafen (84) and Jim Cain (88). Detroit won, 24-21. (AP Wirephoto)

condition in the club's history," said Emil R. Fischer, Packer corporation president. "There isn't a chance that we'll drop out of the league." Fischer said the Packers had drawn more than 100,000 fans in five home games this year and that "at least 20,000 more are assured for the final game here Sunday against San Francisco." The club president said he thought the Packers' home crowds compared favorably with those of any other team in the NFL.

#### BAYS IN 'BEST FINANCIAL SHAPE IN OUR HISTORY,' SAYS FISCHER

NOV 20 (Baltimore) - The Packers are "in the best financial condition in our history," Club President Emil R. Fischer declared Monday. "We'll be around in the NFL again next year and for a good many more," Fischer added in the Associated Press. "This is a red-hot football town, as it has been for many years and it isn't showing any signs of cooling off." The remarks from Fischer were made in response to a statement by Baltimore a television sportscaster that the Packers, now in their 32nd consecutive season of professional football, would be out of the NFL next season because

of financial difficulties. Nick Campofreda of Station WAAM made the assertion Saturday while interviewing Abe Watner, president of the Colts. He said he based his claim on "personal sources" and did not divulge them. "Our financial condition is wonderful, the best it's even been," declared Fischer. "This is just another one of those rumors cooked up on the East Coast. We've drawn over 100,000 fans in five home games this year and will hit at least 20,000 more next Sunday when we wind up here against San Francisco." The Packer have an attendance total now of 105,425, compared with 104,832 for six games in Wisconsin last year. The club has played three game here and two at Milwaukee this year. In 1949, the home dates were split evenly between the two cities.

#### WATNER OF COLTS ISSUES ULTIMATUM TO DIRECTORS

NOV 20 (Baltimore) - Abe Watner, president of the Baltimore Colts professional football team, Monday gave the club's board of directors 24 hours to pay what they owe him or get out. Watner, a Baltimore businessman, became president of the club last year, buying \$100,000 worth of stock and guaranteeing that he personally would pay any losses in 1950. With three games left, the losses are estimated at between \$70,000 and \$80,000. Watner said he would make the same sort of guarantee for 1951 if the directors gave him complete control. Otherwise he demands the money he has already put in the club. "But I must know promptly," he said in his statement to the directors. "If I am to be responsible for 1951 there are arrangements that I am compelled to make at once. The unselfish desire to assure Baltimore of professional football was my chief motive in assuming financial responsibility for 1950. I was prepared to bear the loss and I stand by my word. In fact, I stipulated that if there should be a profit it be given to charity. It is not reasonable to expect me to wait without knowing whether or not to make certain commitments while Jake Embry chases butterflies." Embry, a director and former president of the club, has sought to interest Arthur Godfrey of television and radio in the club.

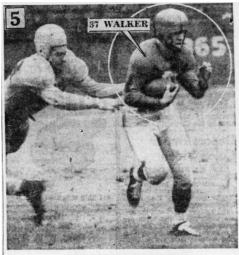
#### STRZYKALSKI STILL 49ER'S MR. RELIABLE - KEEP YOUR EYES ON HIM, YOU PACKERS

NOV 20 (Milwaukee Sentinel-Lloyd Larson) - The most consistent halfback in the NFL. That's the way San Francisco Forty-niner partisans regard Johnny (Strike) Strzykalski, the Milwaukee boy who hit football big time by way of South Side High School, Marquette University and wartime service competition. High praise indeed, for the pro circuit is loaded with outstanding backs. But don't try to argue those Forty-niners out of it. They point to Johnny's four year record in the now defunct All-America Conference: Fourth in rushing with 2,454 yards in 429 carries for an average gain on 5.72. He's just about maintaining the pace in this, his first year in the National. In addition, the stocky young man is one of Frankie Albert's favorite passing target, as 23 catches for 200 yards prove. "If Johnny were blessed with great open field speed - he'd be the best - bar none," said Dan McGuire, San Francisco drumbeater. "He's the exclusiver type who hits the line like a cannonball and always is good for four or five yards. He get into the open, but just can't pick 'em up and lay 'em down like a Buddy Young or George Taliaferro." Officially it will be the Packers' homecoming Sunday when Strzykalski and his Forty-niner

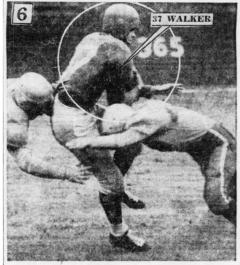
pals invade Green Bay for the Wisconsin team's last home game. But Johnny, with the help of those same pals, is hoping to upset the applecart and turn it into a happy homecoming for himself - a triumphant return of the native.

#### PACKERS MEET SAN FRANCISCO AT CITY STADIUM SUNDAY

NOV 21 (Green Bay) - By way of introducing next Sunday's Packer-Forty Niner clash at City stadium, these two points can't be overlooked: (1) The Packers think they can beat the San Francisco team. (2) The Forty Niners think they can beat the Packers. Not that the Packers and Gold Coasters don't think they can beat any club in the league, but the contestants are particularly choice targets for each other since they have similar records – the Packers with 2-7 and the Forty Niners with 2-8. With both clubs out of championship contention, the Packers and Forty Niners are in a mad rush to gather up some important prestige in the waning stages of the 1950 NFL campaign. The Packers have three games left – with the Forty Niners here Sunday, the Rams in Los Angeles Dec. 3 and the Forty Nines in Frisco Dec. 10. The Gold Coasters, on the other hand, only have eyes on Green Bay, because they draw a bye Dec. 3 before meeting the Pack again in the season finale...FIRST APPEARANCE HERE: The Forty Niners, of course, will be making their first appearance in Green Bay. They replaced the Chicago Cardinals when the leagues were split into two conferences last January. The Forty Niners will be the first full-fledged former All-America conference team ever to play here. The New York Yanks, visitors here Oct. 1, are a combination of NFL and AAC teams. The Forty Niner personnel, led by Frankie Albert, is largely the same that competed in the AAC, with the addition of several promising rookies. The club is coached by handsome Buck Shaw, whose Forty Niners scored 38 victories against 14 losses and two ties in four AAC seasons. The team ranks second only to the Cleveland Browns. The Packers will be playing their last game this season at home. They had hoped to enter the contest with a 3-6 record. In fact, they were within two minutes of carrying out that desire in Detroit Sunday, but the Lions "snuck" one over for a 24-21 verdict. Now the Packers face a "must" situation as far as they and their loyal fans are concerned in the last 1950 home chance. The Bays wanted to win that one in Detroit for the fans back home...Despite the tough loss, the fans hereabouts haven't given up on the Packers' chances next Sunday. There has been a steady demand for tickets and a crowd of 20,000 is expected. Ticket Chief Carl Mraz said that the ticket office at 349 S. Washington street will be open until Wednesday night and Friday night to accommodate fans in addition to the usual daytime hours. Fans, incidentally, are reminded that kickoff for next Sunday is 1:30 – a half hour earlier than usual because of the early darkness... The Packers resumed practice this afternoon with a long session on defense. Head Coach Gene Ronzani switched the drill from this morning in hopes that the weather might be a few degrees warmer. The squad came out of the rough Detroit game in pretty good condition, although there were numerous cuts and bruises. Tackle Dick Wildung, who went into the battle with a lame back, was practically like new as drills were resumed today. Fullback Ted Fritsch had a little leg soreness, but it isn't serious. He was clipped "in the open" on a kickoff, and had to be helped from the field, returning in a few minutes. (No clipping penalty was called by the way. In fact, there were no clipping penalties in the entire game.) Fullback Bob Summerhays, who missed the Detroit game because of injuries, probably will be ready for the Forty Niners. Summerhays



BUT DOAK OUTRUNS HIM



AND INTO MORE TROUBLE



was in Chicago to scout the Forty Niners...The Packers, coaches and club officials were guests of the YWCA cafeteria at a Thanksgiving dinner at the YWCA last night. Included among the guests were the wives of the Packer players, coaches, club officials and trainers. Official thanks to the YWCA on behalf of the Packers was made by President Emil R. Fischer. Speaking on behalf of the "Y" were Miss Martha Weigler, food services director, Mrs. Carl Manthei, cafeteria chairman, Mrs. Russell Winters, YWCA president, and Miss Vera McCracken, executive secretary. Group singing led by Mrs. L.H. Graf and accompanied by Mrs. Warren Davis featured the program. Musical selections were rendered by a trio composed of Joan Matzke, Winnie Selissen and Ruth Ann Stutzke.

### Sports Cocktail: Personal Source?

## TV Announcer's Statement False 'On Its Face' — Bell

Might Have Misquoted Watner, Too, Says Commissioner; Abe Seeks Control of Colts



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CHICAGO and NORTH WESTERN SYSTEM TV ANNOUNCER'S STATEMENT FALSE 'ON ITS FACE' - BELL

NOV 21 (Green Bay) - Baltimore will pull out of the National league after this season. Believe it? Probably not! Would you believe it if we said it was from a "personal source"? Chance are you would. Now, let's call the Associated Press and tell 'em that we have it, via that personal source, that Baltimore will pull out of the NFL. So it runs in the Baltimore press and the scribes, plus Colt Prexy Abe Watner, get all steamed up. Finally, it's proven that we don't know a thing about it and Mr. Personal Source is a fabrication. But the damage is done because of the Colt fans believe it and thus relax their much needed support. Well now, would not it have been stupid, cruel and inhuman on our part to come out with such a report. That's exactly what a television announcer did in Baltimore Saturday except that Green Bay was the team that was supposed to get out of the NFL. The Nick Campofreda, announcer, interviewing Mr. Watner when he quoted the personal source. Abe responded nicely with something about "I knew Green bay had been in financial difficulty, but I understood they raised a good deal of money before the season and that they had 14,000 or 15,000 season ticket holders. I thought they were in good



An old favorite here, Johnny Strzykalski, who played one year of college football at Marquette university in 1941, then entered the army air force, will return to familiar surroundings Sunday when the San Francisco Forty-niners meet the Green Bay Packers in Green Bay's last game at home. Strzykalski is one of the original Forty-niners. After having played football with the 4th air force, Strzykalski joined the Forty-niners in the fall of 1946 and has been with the club ever since. At the moment he is fourth in National league ground gaining with 511 yards on 112 plays for an average of 4.6.

shape."...Watner, you know, is conducting a personal (that word keeps popping up) campaign to gain control of the Colts himself. Says he's been paying the bills himself anyway (quote from Associated Press several weeks ago). Obviously, Campofreda's statement was made to help along the forthcoming campaign of Watner to take over the Baltimore club and to distract Baltimore fans from the fact that obviously if any club's status in the league is in doubt it is Baltimore's. One of the surprises is what prompted the Associated Press to quote the Baltimore speecher without getting a quote from Commissioner Bert Bell. We trust the AP was informed of this so-called "personal source". If the AP wishes to quote commentators in this area, we're for sure the Messrs. Gillespie, Savage and Arthur (not to mention this writer) can cook up enough "personal sources" to



The Green Bay Packers took time out, before boarding this Detroit-bound Capital airliner, to pose for the Press-Gazette photographer as they prepared to leave Saturday afternoon on their final air journey of the season.

drive the Colts to distraction...Packer President Emil R. Fischer answered, for the AP and Press-Gazette Monday, that "we're in the best financial condition in club history; there isn't a chance that we'll drop out of the league." Fischer had a few words with Mr. Bell and the commissioner stated that "Mr. Campofreda's statement is false on its face, and I wouldn't be surprised if he had misquoted Mr. Watner, too. I have been delighted with the results achieved by the Packers this year in their rebuilding efforts. Percentage gains made by Green Bay, both in attendance at their games and in their financial status, are well ahead of a goodly number of other clubs in the league. I will reiterate what I said on a number of occasions before – there will always be a Green Bay in the NFL."...In

the last few years, Green Bay had to prove to New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and several other league cities that the Packers are still in the NFL and aim to stay there. You're next, Baltimore!...There's something of a sequel to the Watner-Baltimore story. An AP dispatch today from Coltland said Watner has given the club's board of directors 24 hours to pay what they owe him or get out. Abe, a Baltimore financier who owns stock in a Wisconsin railroad, became prexy of the Colts last year by buying \$10,000 worth of stock and guaranteeing that he personally will pay the 1950 losses. Those losses are currently estimated at between \$70,000 and \$80,000. Watner said he is willing to go on making up the losses in 1951, if the present directors step aside and give him complete control. Otherwise, he wants his money back. "I must know promptly," Watner told his directors, "If I am to be responsible for 1951 there are arrangements I am compelled to make at once. The unselfish desire to assure Baltimore of professional football was my chief motive in assuming financial responsibility for 1950. I was prepared to bear the loss and I cheerfully stand by my bargain. In fact, I stipulated that if there should be a profit it should go to charity."...The deadline on Watner's ultimatum to the Baltimore board neared today, but there was no indication the board was doing anything about it. Instead, Watner's fellow owners of the professional football club said they would consult the 202 stockholders on the muddled question of who will take on the financial burden for 1951. His ultimatum, delivered just before a board meeting yesterday, gave the directors 24 hours to let him know whether he will remain as head of the club or be relieved of the financial bug. After the meeting, William Hilgenberg, head of the board, issued this statement to Watner: "The proposal you made to the effect that you would operate the club in 1951, provided the stockholders would turn the club and all of its assets over to you was reported at this meeting. The Board cannot take any action on this proposal without presenting the entire situation of the club and its financial condition at a meeting of the stockholders." There was no word on the directors' efforts to bring in someone to take over controlling interest in the club. Earlier, a spokesman said he had approached Leo DeOrsey, financial adviser to radio and television star Arthur Godfrey, and former part-owner of the Washington Redskins. There was also a telegram from Stanley Sagner, Baltimore businessman and owner of horse racing stable. He had wired: "Strongly urge Colt ownership remain in Baltimore. Would like to know more about Colt condition." The stockholders' meeting, where some unraveling of the problem is scheduled, has been set for Dec. 12.

#### NFL FACING PLAYOFFS IN CONFERENCES?

NOV 21 (Philadelphia) - Faced with possible ties in both National and American conference, the NFL laid plans today for playoffs in both or either section in advance of the championship inter-section game. The Cleveland Browns currently lead the American conference with eight wins and two losses, and two games to play. The New York Giants and Philadelphia Eagles, who meet Sunday, are tied for second with 7-2 records. In the National, the Los Angeles Rams are in front with an 8-2 mark; the Chicago Bears second with 7-2, and the New York Yanks still running on a 6-3 record. All other teams have been eliminated. To clear up this tangle, Commissioner Bert Bell met Monday with representatives of the six teams. Tentatively, at least, the NFL championship playoff is scheduled for Dec. 7. A two-team tie in either or both conferences would push the playoff back to Dec. 24, and a three-team tie in either or both conferences would set the playoff for Dec. 31. Here is the result of the draw, as announced by Bell, for assignment of games and dates in any playoff: In the event of a three-way tie in the American conference, the New York Giants will play the Cleveland Browns in Cleveland Dec. 17 and the winner of that game will meet the Philadelphia Eagles in Philadelphia Dec. 24...FINALE ON DEC. 31 - IF: In the event of a triple tie in the National conference, the New York Yanks will play the Chicago Bears in Chicago Dec. 17, and the winner of the game will meet the Los Angeles Rams in Los Angeles Dec. 24. Should there be a tie between the New York

Giants and Cleveland Browns, the playoff would be in Cleveland Dec. 17. Should the Eagles and Giants tie, the playoff game would be in Philadelphia Dec. 17. If the Eagles and Browns tied, the playoff would be in Philadelphia Dec. 17. If the Bears and the Rams tie, the playoff would be in Los Angeles Dec. 17. If the Yanks and Bears tie, the playoff will be in Chicago Dec. 17. Should there be a triple tie, Bell said, the league championship game would be played Dec. 31. The commissioner announced also that there would be no telecasting of any of these games without the consent of both the home and visiting teams, and of himself. Each home team, he said, would retain radio and program rights.

## Homecoming! 100 'Grads' Set For Packer-San Francisco Battle





Among the many key figures in tomorrow's Packer-Forty Niner game at City stadium (kickoff at 1:30) are the Packers' Steve Pritko, top, and the Forty Niners' Frankie Albert, below. Pritko, one of the real students of the game, may play both defensive and offensive end. Albert is the only left-handed quarterback in the business.

#### HOMECOMING! 100 'GRADS' SET FOR PACKER-SAN FRANCISCO BATTLE

NOV 22 (Green Bay) - Close to 100 graduates of the University of Green Bay will be on hand when the new Packers engage the never-here-before San Francisco Forty Niners at City stadium Sunday afternoon. The 1950 NFL finale has been designated as Homecoming and the college flavor is expected to attract another 20,000 plus crowd. The current Packer varsity, naturally, is hopeful of showing the grads how it's done today and advance dope indicates that the 1950 Packers have an even chance. The game looms as a tossup, what with the Bays sporting a 2-7 record and the Forty Niners 2-8. The visiting Packers will be introduced individually between halves. They'll be feted at a dinner given by the Packer corporation Saturday night and the Packer Alumni association will hold a smoker afterward. It will be the first chance for most of the ex-Packers to get acquainted with Coach Gene Ronzani and his new coaching staff. Among the well-known players who are known to be on their way back to Green Bay are Howard (Cub) Buck of Rock Island, Ill.; Harold Van Every of Minneapolis; Wallie Niemann of Chicago; L.W. (Tubby) Howard of Prescott, Wis.; Al Zupek of Appleton; and Irv Comp, Red Bultman, Buckets Goldenberg, Ralph Davis, Russ Letlow and Warren Dunnigan of Milwaukee. There's also quite a group of ex-Packers who have remained as permanent residents of Green Bay and who form the nucleus of the Packer Alumni association, and all of them will be on hand...Ticket Chief Carl Mraz reported today that the Packer ticket office at 349 S. Washington street will be open until 9 o'clock tonight and Friday night to accommodate fans. The response has been good from around the state, Mraz reported. Rhinelander will send a group of 70 fans down for the game...The Packers' defensive practice today revolved around Frankie Albert, the Forty Niners' southpaw passing expert. Albert is just about "everything" to the San Francisco club which is presently training in Chicago. Albert, despite his 16th place ranking in the league, has thrown and completed more passes than any other players in the league - 250 tosses and 129 completions for a 51.6 average. However,



The YWCA cafeteria, training table for the Packers during the pre-league season, entertained the Packers at a turkey dinner, with all the Thanksgiving day trimmings, at the YWCA last night. At the speakers' table (top picture, left to right) are Mrs. Carl Manthei and Mrs. Martha Weigler, Line Coach Tarz Taylor, Head Coach Gene Ronzani, Mrs. Emil R. Fischer, Packer Prexy Emil R. Fischer, Mrs. Lee Joannes, Packer Board Chairman Lee Joannes, and Packer Secretary-Treasurer Frank J. Jonet who was accompanied by Mrs. Jonet. The evening closed with entertainment and community singing.

Albert's average gain per pass attempted to 5.89 yards - about three yards under the league's top passer, Norm Van Brocklin, who has 9.39. Under the old system of figuring standings on the inverse grading system, Albert would rank around the top in passing. Albert has hurled 11 touchdown passes and his 129 completions went for 1,473 yards. The Packers' Tobin Rote is just two notches below Albert, with 49 completions in 154 attempts for 789 yards and an average gain of 5.12 per throw. Rote has thrown four touchdown passes. Paul Christman, seeing little action the last two games, has completed 39 out of 99 throws for 411 yards and five touchdowns. His average is 4.45. The Packers can figure on a lot of trouble from the Forty Niner ground attack. The visitors have two men among the first 10 in the league - Johnny Strzykalski, fourth with 511 yards in 112 attempts, and Joe Perry, seventh with 466 yards in 104 attempts. Besides Albert, who ranks fourth in the league in punting with an average of 41.8 on 29 kicks, Strzykalski and

Perry, the Forty Niners have Jim Cason among the first 10 in punt returns. Cason places fourth with 11 returns for 173 yards and an average of 15.7. The Packers' Billy Grimes ranks second in the PR department, with 26 lugbacks for 524 yards and an average of 20.2

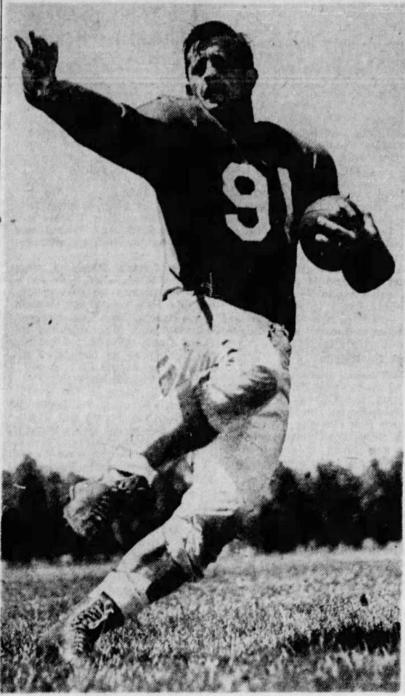
#### PACKER ALUMNI TO GATHER AT GAME WITH SAN FRANCISCO

NOV 22 (Green Bay) - A gang of old graduates of "Lambeau U" will be on hand when "Ronzani Tech" stages its homecoming football game at City Stadium. Tech, of course, has no old grads. Coach Gene Ronzani is in his first year as head of the Green Bay Packers, so all the alumni present at Sunday's doing with the San Francisco 49ers are ex-members of E.L. (Curly) Lambeau's professional football school. The current Packer varsity is hopeful of showing the old-times how it's done today. Pre-game dope gives them an even chance of doing so, too. Both clubs have virtually the same records, the Packers 2-7, the 49ers 2-8. Frisco boasts a reasonable good running attack and the only southpaw passer in pro football, Frankie Albert, the former Stanford great. Albert has thrown and completed more passes than anyone else in the NFL - 250 tosses and 129 completions - for a 51.6 average. His yardage average is only 5.89, though, which ranks him 16th among the loop's aerial artists. The 49ers have two men among the top 10 ground gainers in the league. Johnny Strzykalski, former Marquette star, ranks fourth on 511 yards in 112 carries and Joe Perry is seventh on 466 yards in 104 tries. The Packers, who dropped a 44-31 decision to the New York Yanks in their last appearance here October 8th to start a six-game losing streak, will counter with the running of Billy Grimes and Larry Coutre and the passing of young Tobin Rote, who's shown considerable improvement lately. Rote ranks just two notches below Albert in league statistics with 49 completions in 154 attempts for 789 yards. A crowd of 20,000 is expected to watch the game and boost Green Bay's home attendance over 125,000 for the year. The kickoff has been advanced to 1:30 PM, a half-hour earlier than usual.

#### SAN FRANCISCO A TOUGH LUCK CLUB, SAYS ALBERT

NOV 22 (Green Bay) - Last Oct. 19, Curley Grieve, sports editor of the San Francisco Examiner, interviewed Frankie Albert, the skilled quarterback of the Forty Niners. Curly turned the questions and answers into a column, and it is reprinted here as a warmup for next Sunday's Packer-Forty Niner game at City stadium: Q. - At this time last year in the All American Conference, the 49ers had an overall record of eight wins, one tie and one defeat. Their record in the new NFL this year is one victory against nine defeats. The season is more than half over. You have seen every club in your division with the exception of Green Bay, and many in the American or eastern division. What do you think now of the NFL as compared with the old AAC? A. - I have to admit it is considerably faster. In the old AAC, we'd have a tough game and then two easy ones. In the NFL, they're all tough. It's a big game every Sunday. And you can't let down. You have to mentally and physically right. There isn't a breather - unless we're in it. Q. - What makes the NFL so tough? A. - Fundamentally, the player personnel is of higher caliber. Q. - Are the teams better coached? A. - Better coached, better organized, better equipped, better scouted, better all along the line. These clubs have been in business longer and experience is a wonderful teacher. Q. - There was much talk before the curtain lifted that the NFL played rougher football. Is that true? A. - It's true to that extent. The players are bigger and better. Consequently, they rock and sock with more authority. But it's not dirtier. In fact, I noticed right away that the league doesn't play dirty football. Of course, there are a few players on every club who go out of their way to rough you up. But mostly it's because they lose their head in combat. I've had moments myself when

I've been irked. Every player does. But, on the whole, it's just good, rough football. Q. - In one word, what makes the NFL tougher? A. - One word? Sure, HORSES! Q. - Getting personal, how has the new league affected you? Do you feel that you are just as good competitively as you were last year? A. - It depends on what kind of measuring stick you use. With the records as a barometer, I'm not. But I've always felt that a T-formation quarterback is just as good as his ball club - and no better. Q. - Do you think the Lujack, Van Brocklin, Ratterman, Thompson are better quarterbacks than you? A. -You bet! I'm looking at a new defensive setup every week. No two defenses against the 49ers have been identical. These old teams know their personnel and make adjustments accordingly. Take the Detroit Lions, whom we meet at Kezar Sunday. They have a terrific right side of the line - end, tackle and guard. They are held responsible for stopping running plays to that side and this frees a linebacker for pass defense. The Philadelphia Eagles are another example. Their eight-man line makes a sustained running attack virtually impossible. In addition, they hammer the ends. You are forced into running wide and passing. And, if you can't get your ends off the line, you eliminate two men to throw to. Mostly, the defense shows you a five man line with three linebackers. And what the linebackers show you and what they do after the snap of the ball are two different things. Q. - What about the secondary defense? A. - In this league, the secondary defense is "deep conscious". They'll give you the short passes, but won't let you throw those long ones for touchdowns. Q. - What about the little business of rushing the passer? A. - The defense gangs up on the passer. They'll shoot the linebacker at you. They'll gamble they can put enough pressure on you so you can't throw deep. Q. - What about new plays, or new offensive tricks - seen any? A. -Nothing that the 49ers don't have. We have all the essential plays and pass patterns. I honestly think most of the other teams are getting their plays from us. Q. - Notice any particular tendency in the league? A. - Yes - to follow the Cleveland Browns' pattern. That's pass, pass, pass and then run. From what I've heard, it used to be run, run and then pass. Q. - Who are the top players you have faced? A. -



John Strzykalski, above, the one-time Marquette university ace, will carry the brunt of the San Francisco Forty Niner ground game against the Packers at City stadium Sunday afternoon. Strzykalski leads the Forty Niners in ground yardage and ranks fifth in the league with 511 yards in 112 attempts for an average of 4.6.

I'm still partial to Bob Reinhard, Los Angeles tackle. He's great. I think Reinhard and Huffman are as nice a pair of tackles as you could ask for on the same team. Edwards of the Yanks hurt us as much as any end in the league. Van Brocklin, to me, is as good as any passer in our division. I rate him as high as Lujack or Ratterman. Doak Walker of Detroit gave us as much trouble with his running and pass receiving as any back we have faced. Q. - What about your own club - any hope? A. - You bet. We've been a tough luck club. We've suffered key injuries. But we'll get going. We've had the stuff to get in front of a lot of teams. That game with the Yanks was a heartbreaker. But we've never played better or had greater spirit. Sure, we lost. But we scared the hell out of them. Q. - I know this season has been rugged. But didn't you get any laughs? A. - Only one I can think of occurred at West Point, where I went to get my shoulder rubbed. One of the big Army linemen called the trainer aside, pointed a finger at me, and said: "Does that skinny little guy play football?"

# Packers May Crown GG King Sunday

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#### PACKERS MAY CROWN GG KING SUNDAY

NOV 23 (Green Bay) - Maybe Sunday should be Canadeo Day at City stadium. The Packers' Mr. Rush, Anthony A. (Tony) Canadeo, is about to become Green Bay's all-time ground gainer. And it's fitting that the gallant galloping ghost from Gonzaga get his chance to smash fullback Clarke Hinkle's all-time record before the home folks. Fighting a stiff battle with Father Time (Tony turned 30 last May), Canadeo needs just 44 yards against the San Francisco Forty Niners at City stadium Sunday afternoon to tie Hinkle's mark of 3,860 yards. Anything over 44 is gravy. Tony will be playing his 88th National league game as a Packer Sunday. He joined the club in 1941 - Hinkle's last season - and is currently in his eighth full

season. Tony played three games in '44 as an Army corporal and spent 1945 in Europe. Through last Sunday, Canadeo amassed a total of 3,816 yards in 885 carries for an all-time average of 4.3 per attempt. Hinkle rolled up his 3,860 total on 1,171 attempts in 112 games covering ten seasons (1932-41) for an average of 3.29 yards per attempt...SHIFTED TO FULLBACK: Forty-five or more yards on Sunday also will rank Canadeo as the No. 2 ground gainer in National league history. Hinkle's 3,860 ranks second to the Philadelphia Eagles' Steve Van Buren, who has 4,904. Canadeo presently is third in front of Cliff Battles, who has 3,542. Canadeo has had a unique football life. He went to Gonzaga as a blocking back and came out as a long-distance runner and ace passer He shifted

#### Two Tilts Today In National Loop Cardinals, Detroit Home; Bears, Rams To Vie Sunday in Chicago NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE National Conference L2235788 Los Angeles Chi. Bears N. Y. Yanks Detroit .800 .778 401 239 294 224 .667 .444 244 304 261 GREEN BAY 191 162 San Francisco Baltimore American Conference Ps 252 Cleveland N. Y. Giants 2 .800 116 0 .778 201 133 3 5 Philadelphia 0 .667 237 112 221 Chi. Cardinals 0 .444 189 Pittsburgh 5 0 117 Washington Today's Games Pittsburgh at Chicago Cardinals New York Yanks at Detroit Sunday's Games SAN FRANCISCO AT GREEN BAY Baltimore at Washington Los Angeles at Chicago Bears Philadelphia at New York Glants

between right and left half and in 1942 and 1943 ranked as the club's No. 2 passer behind Cecil Isbell and Irv Comp, respectively. In 1943, Tony hurled nine TD passes, completing 56 out of 129 for 875 yards. As a runner, Tony had his greatest season last fall when he reeled off 1,040 yards in 208 carries for an average of five per trip - with a last-place club. Van Buren, running for the title-winning Eagles, came in with 1,146 yards with a late season splurge. This season, Canadeo has been working at fullback, although he moves over to left halfback on occasion. Tony has made 72 trips with the pigskin thus far this season, and came up with 188 yards for an average of 2.6 per effort...THREE YOUNG RUNNERS: While Canadeo's Packer "record" may survive for many years, the current club has three young runners who could some day crack it, and, oddly enough, Tony is helping them off to a good start with his blocking. Billy Grimes, just a kid at 23, is leading the club with 410 yards on 71 tries for an average of 5.8. Another boy, Floyd Reid, 22, places second with 318 in 74 rides for 4.3. Reid, off his early season pace in the last two games, is playing left half, Tony's old spot. Another right half, Larry (Radar) Coutre, also a 22-year old, has the best average on the club - 8.6 yards per try on 258 yards in 30 trips. Grimes and



A Theta Tau Alpha sorority affiliate, Mrs. Joe Spencer, wife of the Packer tackle, was looking over her recipes today with the help of one-year-old Sally and three-year-old Jeff, in preparation for Thanksgiving day dinner. Originally from Stillwater, Okla., Mrs. Spencer was the former Betty Spohn. She was graduated from Oklahoma A. & M. where her major was English. Her football playing hubby was originally from Oklahoma City.



Tiny, four-week-old Alton Stephen "Stevie" Baldwin was too young to enjoy hearing a story about Thanksgiving, but Rebecca Joan "Becky Jo," 21 months, was on hand as her mother, Mrs. Al Baldwin, decided to read a holiday story. The former Joan Luebben, Mrs. Baldwin is the wife of the Packer end. The Baldwins were married in 1947 in Hot Springs, Ark., which is "home" for both. Mrs. Baldwin was secretary for the governor of Arkansas at one time.

Coutre share the right half spot. The Packers continued work on defense Wednesday afternoon and a weighingin ceremony followed, with Line Coach Tarzan Taylor checking the weights. Head Coach Gene Ronzani was anything but pleased with some of the "advances" in weight. "We can't win with some of those boys slowing themselves down with extra weight," he declared. Another stiff session was on tap for 2:30 this afternoon and a meeting will be held tonight. The squad will taper off with light workouts Friday and Saturday. The stadium turf, incidentally, has been covered with a special paper and about six inches of hay to keep it from freezing. The paper and hay will be removed about 11:30 Sunday morning and a fast field is assured...With weight problems in the air, the extra-heavy athletes will take it easy on dinner today. About 19 of the players, most of them away from their families, will be guests of the Abe Cohen residence, 303 Beaupre avenue, after practice this afternoon. The Cohens have thrown their home open to the athletes and center Ed Neal will serve as "host". Several turkeys are being prepared for the occasion.

#### FORTY-NINERS LED AT HALF IN SIX GAMES; PLATOON SYSTEM?

NOV 24 (Green Bay) - Remember Norm Standlee, the former Chicago Bears who, for a spell before the war, threatened to make everybody forget about Clark Hinkle, or, er, Bronko Nagurski? He'll show up with the Forty Niners against the Packers Sunday in the role of a linebacker. The big guy, an oldster at 31, is captain of the 'Frisco crew and is one of six charter members of the club. Standlee, who started and finished his pre-war career with the Bears in 1941, skipped to the AAC Forty Niners in '46 after four years in the Army infantry. Old Norm still is able to pick up a few yards when needed, although the brunt of the fullbacking is done by Negro Joe Perry. And just to show you that Norm means a lot of business, he was ejected for fighting in the game against the Bears in Chicago last Sunday. Which is unusual for an "old pro". Standlee got into some sort of fuss with Jim Keane, who also was ejected. A native of 'Frisco, Standlee is a milk salesman in the offseason. The other charter Gold Diggers are end Alyn Beals, guards Visco Grgich and Bruno Banducci, quarterback Frank Albert and halfback John Strzykalski...It will be interesting to hear what the radio announcers do with Mr. Grgich...The consensus around the league for some time was that the Forty Niners, the all-time No. 2 team in the old AAC, would need strength in the line this year. Which is why Coach Buck Shaw picked three tackles as his top choices in the college draft last winter. The current Forty Niner line, 'tis claimed, is rugged by inexperienced...Speaking about Shaw and the draft, Buck was floored with a near case of pneumonia during the merger-draft session in Philadelphia. He spent the five-day parley in his room. It's interesting to note that

the Forty Niners, with a 2-8 record, led at the half in six of their 10 games. "Maybe," Shaw laughs, "we should use the two platoon system - one for each half." The aforementioned Albert is described by his coach as "the best all-around T-formation quarterback in football." Lefthanded Albert stands 5-10 and weighs 170 pounds...Alyn Beals, the Forty Niner right end, is the Don Hutson of the old AAC, as far as scoring is concerned. Beals last fall led the loop with 73 points, registering 12 touchdowns on pass catches and kicking one extra point. Beal is the loop's all-time scorer with 278 points, getting 46 touchdowns among his 177 catches for 2,510 yards in four seasons. Fullback Verl Lillywhite, who stands 5-10 and weighs 195 pounds, can play any position in the Forty Niner backfield, including quarterback. What's more, he can fill in on defense...Leo Nomellini, the giant rookie tackle from Minnesota, is a wrestler in the off season - like Packer tackle Don Stansauk. Joe Perry carries the nickname, "Jolting Joe", and John Strzykalski, the ex-Marquetteer, is known as "Strike". Albert does all of the Forty Niner punting, and last season finished with a 48.2 average. He booted 31 for a total of 1,495 yards. Presently, Albert ranks fourth in the NFL with a 41.8 average. The Forty Niners wear cardinal and silver uniforms.

## Zero Weather Won't Cool Packer Fans

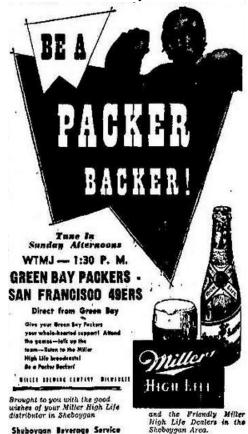
#### ZERO WEATHER WON'T COOL PACKER FANS

NOV 24 (Green Bay) - Green Bay and Packerland gets another chance Sunday to show the NFL that the Packers have the "hottest" fan in the country. Not that the Weatherman has already ordered zero weather for Sunday, but a crowd of approximately 20,000 is expected despite the climate. Actually, the "red ball" temperature will start climbing again by late Saturday and Sunday should be a pretty fair football day. That's the word from the guy who predicts the weather. Club President Emil R. Fischer said today that "it will take more than sub-zero temperatures to cool of Green Bay Packer fans for their enthusiasm toward the team's last home game of the 1950 season against the San Francisco Forty Niners." Fischer,

remarking that "we'll show the National league, again, that this town has the hottest fans in the country," referring to the fund-raising intra-squad game last year: "When our financial situation was not as strong as it is now, we staged an

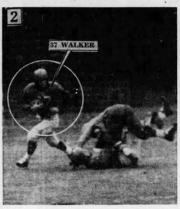
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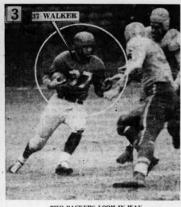
intra-squad game on Thanksgiving day. It snowed and it was cold, but 15,000 fans came out. That was just a game involving our own players. Sunday's is a regular league game and we'll have 20,000 out." In short, Packer fans will prove that they are not only the most loyal but also the most hardy. Despite snow and zero weather, tickets for the contest were moving surprisingly well today. Head Coach Gene Ronzani is getting his athletes used to the weather by holding outdoor practices. As the mercury skidded to zero Thursday afternoon, the team worked for more than an hour. The Packers toiled a full hour this morning and another practice is scheduled for Saturday. While the athletes were handicapped some by the cold, they managed to get in a good offensive session. The action is being conducted in the



#### It's Doak the Dazzler as He Has Green Bay Packers Blinking









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Bluejay park outfield which, of course, is frozen hard. By comparison, the City stadium turf Sunday should be like a feather bead. The entire playing area is covered by a special waterproof paper and a foot of hay. It will be removed about two hours

before game time...An anonymous two-piece postcard was received in the mail this morning. It read: "The Forty Niners Are Coming to Town! Be a Packer Backer!" That's good advice, if you're undecided on buying a pair of ducats...There's one Texan in the Packer 33 who doesn't mind the cold weather. He's Tobin Rote, the long, lean rookie quarterback, had his best days against the Los Angeles Rams in Milwaukee when the temperature hovered around 30. Rote completed only 11 out of 40 pitches, the final figure showed, but his teammates dropped something like 12 or 13 of them. Which would have given him 23 or 24 out of 40. At that, two of his hurls went for touchdowns - one to Larry Baldwin and one to Larry Coutre. Playing the bulk of the quarterback job the last two games, Rote completed 26 out of 71 passes for 397 yards against the Rams and Detroit Lions...PACKINGS: The Forty Niners arrive here Saturday afternoon and will quarter at the Northland hotel. The club is working this week in Chicago where they battled the Bears



Probably the most unusual thing about the National Football league draft in Philadelphia last January was that the San Francisco Forty Niners selected tackles as their first three choices. The trio of rookie Ts, whose combined weight totals 770 pounds, presently will bulwark the young but aggressive Forty Niner line against the Packers at City stadium Sunday. Left to right, they are Don Campora, 270 pounds, second choice from College of Pacific; Ray Collins, 230, third choice from LSU; and Leo Nomellini, 270, first choice from Minnesota.

last Sunday. SF draws a bye Dec. 3 and then meets the Packers on the coast in the windup Dec. 10...The Packer corporation will be host to a dinner for former Packers at the Beaumont Saturday night as part of Homecoming activities. After the dinner, the Packer Alumni association will "serve" at a smoker. Verne Lewellen of the Alumni said that arrangements are being made to entertain wives and out-of-town visitors. Sunday night at the Northland hotel, Fred Miller, president of the Miller Brewing Company and honorary line coach of the Packers, will be host for a dinner party for 270 guest...Dan McGruire, publicity chief of the Forty Niners, pulled into Green Bay today – shivering...One of the players recently added to the SF roster is Fred Gehrke, the former Ram and Cardinal right halfback. Making an appearance here is Gordon Soltau, the former Minnesotan who was drafted by the Packers last winter. A placekicking specialist who plays end, Soltau was traded to Cleveland for tackle Joe Spencer, who has played some great ball for the Bays.

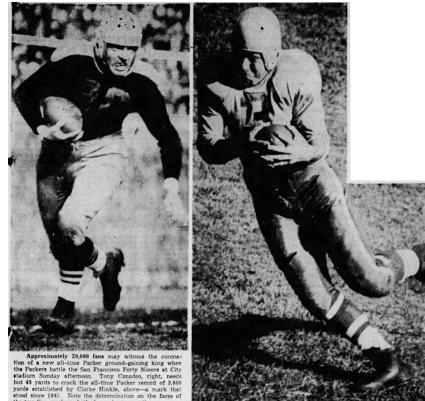
#### PACKERS SIGN END BOB MANN

NOV 25 (Green Bay) - End Bob Mann, who claimed last month that he had been "railroaded" out of the National Football League because he refused to take a salary slash, was signed Saturday by the Green Bay Packers. Mann, a 5-foot-11-inch end, ranked second in the league in pass receiving last year while with the Detroit Lions. He was traded to the New York Yanks but said the other clubs waived on him because he declined a salary cut. Coach Gene Ronzani said the 167-pound flanker will play today against the San Francisco 49ers in the Packers' final home game of the season. To make room for

Mann, waivers were asked on halfback Billy Boedeker, who was obtained from the Cleveland Browns on waivers earlier this season.

#### PACKERS IN FINAL HOME GAME, MEET 49ERS ON SUNDAY

NOV 25 (Green Bay) - The Green Bay Packers close the home portion of the 1950 NFL schedule against the rugged San Francisco 49ers in City Stadium Sunday afternoon. Kickoff is set for 1:30 - a half hour earlier than usual because of early darkness. Head Coach Gene Ronzani's Packers will be looking for an even break in their sixgame home card. Their present 2-3 record in Green Bay and Milwaukee includes wins over the Washington Redskins and Chicago Bears and losses to the Detroit Lions, New York Yanks and Los Angeles Rams. Sunday's encounter has been designated as Homecoming. Nearly 100 former Packers have been invited for the encounter and pre-game festivities. The ex-Bays will be introduced between halves. While the Packers and 49ers are out of the championship campaign, both clubs figure Sunday's game as the stepping stone to a four-victory season. The Packers



currently have a 2-7 record while the 49ers have 2-8. After Sunday, Green Bay plays the Rams in Los Angeles and the 49ers in San Francisco. The 49ers draw a bye December 3 and then close against the Pack. Sunday's game, strictly a tossup, likely will resolve into a passing duel between the left-handed Frankie Albert and the Packers' rookie standout, Tobin Rote. The veteran Albert ranks two notches ahead of Rote in the league passing race but the talented Packer pitcher is improving with every game. Rote completed 15 out of 31 passes against Detroit last Sunday, pitching to Steve Prtiko for one TD and setting up the other two scores on completions to Al Baldwin and Jug Girard. The 49ers, coached by white-haired Buck Shaw, are expected to throw the book at the Packers in an effort to break a five-game losing streak. The 'Frisco ground attack is led by Johnny Strzykalski, the former Marquette back, who has gained 511 yards for a fifth place ranking in the league. Also ready for action will be Notre Dame's Emil Sitko, who has been sidelined most of the year with injuries. Bulwark in the 49er backfield is Joe Perry, the big Negro fullback. Up front, the visitors are paced by two 270-pound tackles - Leo Nomellini, ex-Minnesota All-American, and Don Campora of College of Pacific. A fast field is expected for the home finale. The gridiron has been covered by paper and about a foot of hay to keep it from freezing. A crowd of 20,000 is expected for the battle and possibly more with "fair" temperatures. Top sidelight of the tilt will be the attempt of Tony Canadeo to break the nine-year club rushing record and move in as the No. 2 all-time ground gainer in the league. All Canadeo needs is 45 yards to snap the mark set by Clarke Hinkle in the 10 years from 1932 to 1941. Over the period the "Hink" rolled up 3.860 yards in 1,171 carries for an average of 3.29. In 87 games through last Sunday, Canadeo has gained 3,816 yards in 885 tries for a 4.3 average. Hinkle's total currently is second in league records behind the 4,904 yards made by Steve Van Buren of the Philadelphia Eagles. Canadeo now is third in the all-time column.

#### PACKERS END '50 HOME PLAY AGAINST 49ERS SUNDAY

NOV 25 (Green Bay) - Last Aug. 16, the new Green Bay Packers won their way into the hearts of thousands of fans throughout Packerland by defeating the Chicago Cardinals at City stadium by 17 to 14. Tomorrow – five victories and eight defeats later, the Packers return to the same field to close out the home phase of their 1950 NFL schedule – still the Beloved Bays in the minds of their loyal fans. The San Francisco Forty Niners will provide the opposition Sunday, and it's a good bet that the Packers will be out to win this one for Mr. and Mrs. Joe Phan – the kind of people who sweated out trains and airplanes to welcome and encourage the Bays after losses on the road. The kickoff is set for 1:30 – a half hour earlier than usual because of the same darkness. Approximately 20,000 persons are expected to sit in the home finale, although the weather come Sunday noon may regulate the attendance. The weather, which started getting reasonable today, is expected to "warm" some tomorrow...PAPER HAY ON FIELD: Regardless of the temperature, the athletes will operate on a fast field. The turf has been covered with a special paper and a foot of hay to keep it from freezing hard. The field will be cleared about 11:30 Sunday morning. Tomorrow's tussle rules as a tossup – one of those the-team-fighting-the-hardest-will-win contests. The Packers will be going after their third victory; so will the Forty Niners. Green Bay has a 2-7 record, the last six setbacks coming in a row, while San Francisco has 2-8. After Sunday, the Packers move out to the west coast to meet

the Rams in Los Angeles and the Forty Niners in 'Frisco. San Francisco draws a bye and then closes against GB "again". The weather could play a part in performances tomorrow – if you'll recall the Packer-Ram game in Milwaukee two weeks ago. It was around 30 that day and the Bay receivers dropped 12 passes, any three of which would have put the Packers in the thick of things. Oddly enough, the Rams, fresh from California sunshine, found the freezing weather to their liking and caught everything in sight. The Forty Niners will not be coming out of the heat into the cold like the Rams, however, because they've been training in the midwest for two weeks. They prepared for the Packer game in Chicago, where they battled the Bears last Sunday. The Rams rule as a basis of comparison of tomorrow's contests. The Forty Niners are fairly fresh from a 28-21 loss to the Rams, who whipped the Packers, 45-14. Quite a difference considering the fact that the 28-21 thing was played in LA and the Bays played the Rams at "home" – in Milwaukee...SEE BALANCED ATTACK: The Packers will be looking at a pretty well balanced attack Sunday since the Forty Niner yardage is divided practically even between rushing and passing, 1,581 in the air and 1,548 on the ground. Regardless of figures, however, both clubs are expected to lead off with an air attack in an effort to gain an early lead which may be extremely important if it's cold. The Packers and fans will see for the first time in history a topflight lefthanded quarterback – Frankie Albert, the game's leading magician under the center. Albert, not the slickest long passer in the business, is considered deadly on short passes – especially to Alyn Beals,

the experienced right end and leading scorer in the old AAC. Beals caught 12 TD passes last fall. Albert's main weapons, besides Beals and Gordon Soltau at the ends, are fullback Joe Perry and halfback Johnny Strzykalski, the ex-Marquetter. Strzykalski ranks fourth in the league in ground gaining and Perry places seventh. Albert's main quarterback opponent likely will be young Tobin Rote, the promising rookie hurler, who has played practically all of the last two games. Texan Tobin had one of his better days in that 30-degree weather against the Rams, and Head Coach Gene Ronzani is hoping that Rote is a cold weather sparkler, what with more 30-degree stuff scheduled for tomorrow...CANADEO EYES GROUND RECORD: While the Packer offense has been clicking along about a three-touchdown-per-game pace, the Bay defense may set its severest test. A lot may hinge on whether or not ends Steve Pritko, Dan Orlich and Ab Wimberly get to rush Albert. The Packers probably will ride with Rebel Steiner in a backerup spot, and Al Baldwin, the offense left end, working in Rebel's old slot in the outfield along with Wally Dreyer and Alex Wizbicki. Pritko, like Baldwin, likely will also considerable duty on offense. Steve nailed three of Rote's throws, one for a TD, against Detroit. Jug Girard has been dividing left end work with Baldwin. The Packers' veteran workhorse, Tony Canadeo, may become the Bays' new all-time ground gaining leader Sunday, and you can bet the Packers will make every effort to help the popular back along. Tony needs 45 yards to break Clarke Hinkle's all-time ground total of 3,860 yards and became the No. 2 all-time back in the league. Up front, the veteran Packer line will be toiling against a rugged Forty Niner wall headed by tackles Leo Nomellini, Don Campora and Ray Collins and guard Visco Grgich - not to mention linebacker Norm Standlee. Norm, by the way, will be tendered a special day when the Packers and Forty Niners play in 'Frisco Dec. 10...The Forty Niners were due in from Chicago on the 8 o'clock North Western tonight. Coach Buck Shaw will conduct a squad meeting upon arrival at the Northland hotel their headquarters. Plans are being made to fly the Forty Niners out of Austin

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Straubel field to San Francisco Sunday night...Tomorrow's game has been designated as Homecoming. Nearly 100 ex-Packers are coming in from all parts of the country for the battle. There'll be a homecoming dinner, put on by the Alumni association, at the Beaumont hotel this evening. The Packer Alumni association will be host to a smoker after the meal. Arrangements are being made to entertain wives of the out-of-town guests...Fred Miller, the Packers' honorary line coach, will be host to a dinner for 300 guests, including the Packers, at the Northland hotel Sunday evening. Miller, president of Miller Brewing company, is the Packers' No. 1 friend.

#### 20,000 TO WATCH 49ERS ON ICY GRID

NOV 25 (San Francisco Examiner) - Snow flurries and biting cold are in prospect tomorrow when Green Bay winds up the home section of its NFL schedule against San Francisco. Despite the frigid atmosphere up here in northern Wisconsin, with icy winds blasting in off Lake Michigan, a near-capacity crowd of 20,000 is expected at City stadium. "This is a red-hot football town and we'll prove it again tomorrow," declared Emil R. Fischer, Packer president. "We will draw close to 20,000 fans, despite the cold weather. This is the hottest football town in the country, and the fact the temperature is expected to stay well below freezing won't bother our fans. They want to see football." The Packers haven't played at City Stadium

since October 8, when they dropped a 44-31 decision to the New York Yanks. They've been beaten five straight time since then, too, and are eager to snap the string. The 49ers are just as anxious. The squad arrived from Chicago today with Coach Buck Shaw and shouldn't be bothered too much by the bitter temperatures which greeted them. The club has been in the Middle West since November 9. San Francisco will depend on the southpaw passing of Frankie Albert, who has thrown and completed more passes than anyone in the league, and the running of John Stryzkalski and big Joe Perry. Albert has connected on 129 of 250 passes for 1,473 yards, but his average of 5.89, the league's criterion for ranking, drops him to sixteenth place in individual statistics. Stryzkalski is the loop's fourth best ball carrier with 511 yards in 112 carries, while Perry ranks seventh with 466 yards in 104 attempts.

