

Rock Island Independents (3-1-1) 13, Green Bay Packers (1-1) 3 Sunday October 30th 1921 (at Green Bay)

ROCK ISLAND TAKES FALL OUT OF PACKERS 13 TO 3 GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(GREEN BAY) - Fighting right up to the last minute of play, the Green Bay Packers went down to defeat at the hands of the Rock Island Independents by the score of 13 to 3 in an American Professional league game Sunday afternoon at Hagemester park before a capacity crowd of football fans. It was the first game that the Packers ever most on their home gridiron. They were facing a pretty sweet little machine of footballers. The Islanders presented a varied attack and a smearing defense. They work together as a unit and it was this team play which brought home the bacon.

TEAM PLAY MISSING

Individually, the Packers played good football but the combination work was not there. There was little or no interference given the runner and it was only through the aerial attack that the Green Bay eleven could negotiate any yardage. There was little love lost in the argument. The visitors were out to smear up Coughlin, Hayes and Malone, three of Rock Island's former players who were in the Packer lineup. These tactics cost the invaders 60 yards in penalties, and they were set back five yards twice for the offset side. The Packers lost about two chalk marks for holding and were set back once for offside.

WENIG SOME KICKER

Wenig, Novack and Healy were the big men in the visitor's lineup. Wenig played a great game at end and his punting was as good as any seen here this season. Healy showed a lot of class at tackle and he had little trouble boxing Coughlin on line smashes. For the Packers, Jab Murray carried off the palm. The fighting Irishman of Marinette was in every play and when he got riled in the third quarter, he made a monkey of his opponent. Carey went good on the line and Sammy Powers was very much in evidence. Lambeau tore off a peach of a drop kick while Schmael played his usual hard fighting game.

HARD SMASHING TYPE

After the opening kickoff, the teams battled along fairly even up. The visitors did not show the clock line shifts of the Minneapolis Marines but their backfielders were of a harder smashing type. The Islanders handled the ball loosely and fumbles early in the opening period more than offset the yardage they piled up. It was one of these slips up that paved the way for the Packers to score. The invaders, after an exchange of punts were backed down to their 20 yard line. Buck's punt had rolled behind the uprights. They put the ball in play on the second chalkmark. Vander Loo fumbled on a line smash and a Packer forward covered. Three plays netted but a few yards. Lambeau then stepped back and booted the ball through the uprights. It was a clean kick. The Packer line held perfectly not an Islander getting through to hurry the kicker. After this score the invaders buckled down to business. There was less fumbling. The Islanders smashed play after play through Coughlin and he appeared to be the target for their attack.

PUNT IS BLOCKED

They worked the ball down the field and it wasn't long before they got within the danger zone. The crowd breathed easier when Wenig fozzled a field goal. But their joy was short lasted because when the Packers scrimmaged on the 20 yard line, Cub Buck attempted to punt. The kick was blocked and it was Rock Island's ball right in the shadow of the Packers' goal posts. Two line plunges netted a few yards and Conzelman, running behind almost perfect interference got around Hayes for three yards and a touchdown. The pesky Wenig kicked the goal. During the remainder of the period the visitors did most of the ground gaining but the Packers would stiffen up when things looked bad. There was no further scoring in this quarter. The oval was in midfield at halftime. The Packers

Forward Pass in Opening Quarter, Lambeau to Wheeler, Paves Way for Win in Annual Grid Clash.

SUNDAY'S SCORES.

Packers 7, Beloit 0.

Rock Island 14, Cardinals 7.

Staley 16, Rochester 13.

Hammond 3, Evansville 0.

Boosters 0, Stayms 0.

Stambaugh 35, Calumet 0.

Packers (7). (0) Beloit.

Wheeler, l. e. l. e. Stuvengen

Buck, l. t. l. t. Daniels

Carey, l. g. l. g. C. Van Kuren

Klaus, c. c. Cunningham

Wilson, r. g. r. g. Ewers

Murray, r. t. r. t. Ziebell

Martell, r. e. r. e. Demoreskey

Wagner, q. b. q. b. Dalton

Schmael, l. h. b. l. h. b. C. Scheibel

Lambeau, r. h. b. r. h. b. Witte

Howard, f. b. f. b. H. Schiebel

Referee, Murphy. Umpire, Schall-

berg. Head linesman, Coffeen; lines-

men, Bader and McCarthy; timers,

Hoyt and Abrams; time of periods, 15

minutes; substitutions, Packers, Doug-

las for Klaus, McLean for Howard,

Zoll for Carey, Gavin for Wheeler,

Beloit, Van Calder for H. Scheibel, J.

Van Kuren for Zeibel, Paske for C.

Scheibel, Dineen for Ewers.

Score by periods:

Packers 7 0 0 0—7

Beloit 0 0 0 0—0

found themselves in the third quarter and they fought in "Rarin' to go" style. They couldn't do much on the offense and Wenig was outpunting Buck. This kept the ball in the Packers' territory a good portion of the time. Towards the close of the period, Novack got around end for 25 yards and this gallop put the visitors on the road for another score. When the quarter time was called, it was Rock Island's ball on the Packers' 25 yard line. At this stage of the game the Packers' defense crumbled and after three minutes of play, Nichols squeezed over for the second touchdown. Wenig missed the goal.

PACKERS OPEN UP

The Packers received the kickoff and the Green Bay team opened up with everything it had, resorting entirely to forward passes. This method of attack gained ground and three times before the final whistle blew the Packers were inside of Rock Island's 25 yard line. Once the Packers had the ball on the Islanders' 12 yard mark and it was first down. The visitors, however, were equal to the occasion and they smeared up four successive forward passes. It was a tough blow to the fans who were pulling for a touchdown. When the final whistle blew, the Packers had the ball on their own 35 yard line.

Independents Break Down Packers Offence; Lambeau Scores With Field Goal

THE PLAY IN DETAIL

Rock Island won the toss and chose to receive at the west end of the field. Murray kicked off for Green Bay to Wenig, who returned the ball to the 20 yard line. Novak went around De Moe for two yards. Vanderloo went through right guard for five yards. Conzelman was stopped for no gain on an off tackle smash. Rock Island penalized 15 yards for roughing. Wenig punted out of bounds on Green Bay's 40 yard line. Schmael made a yard around left end. Lambeau added a yard through Healy. Schmael made four yards over Lyle. Buck punted to Rock Island's 35 yard line. Novak made five yards through Coughlin. Vanderloo went three yards over center and added another four for first down on Rock Island's 46 yard line. Bridgeford fumbled, Green Bay recovering the ball. Healy turned back Malone, Lambeau made a yard over Travis. Lambeau's forward pass was incomplete. Buck punted over the Rock Island goal line. Ball scrimmaged on 20 yard mark. Vanderloo fumbled, Packers recovering ball. Lambeau made a yard over Healy; Barry added two through Earts, Malone smashed guard for three yards. Lambeau dropped back to the 30 yard line and booted the oval between the uprights. Score: Green Bay 3, Rock Island 0. Packers kick off. Murray booted to Conzelman, went off Coughlin for 8 yards. Bridgeford made five, Rock Island penalized five yards for offsides. Novak cut around left end for ten yards and the first down. Wenig took a forward pass from Conzelman, carrying the ball to Green Bay's 30 yard line. Novak went around left end for another first down. Ball is on Green Bay's 20 yard line. Time out while Novak has sweater replaced. Conzelman six yards around Hayes. He was run out of bounds. Bridgeford fumbled but recovered for a gain of half yard. Vanderloo was thrown for a loss of five yards. Wenig failed in an attempted drop kick from Green Bay's twenty yard line. The ball shooting far wide of the uprights. Green Bay scrimmaged on its twenty yard line. Malone gained two yards through Healy. Schmael was stopped in his tracks. Buck's punt was blocked and Wenig recovered for Rock Island on Green Bay's nine yard line. Novack made two yards over tackle. Conzelman carried the ball to Green Bay's two yard line. Conzelman circled right and behind perfect interference for touchdown. Wenig kicked goal. Score: Rock Island 7, Green Bay 3

SECOND QUARTER

Packers kicked off. Murray booting to Conzelman, who returned twenty yards. Novack lost a yard around end. Bridgeford shot around De Moe for twelve yards being tackled out of bounds. Bridgeford added a couple yards over Buck. Novack fumbled but Earch recovered the pigskin. Wilson hurt his knee and was replaced by Powers. Wenig punted out of bounds on Green Bay's twenty-one yard line. Malone squeezed a yard through Lyle. Lambeau was nailed for a two yard loss. Buck punted out of bounds on Rock Island's forty-eight yard line. Conzelman circled left end for a first down. Novack smashed through Coughlin for five yards. Conzelman was downed in his tracks. Conzelman hurled a forward pass to Smith for fifteen yard gain. Novack's onside kick was recovered by Lambeau on Green Bay's twenty-two yard line. Travis threw Malone for a loss of three yards. Barry gained five over Keefe. Buck punted out of bounds in midfield. Wenig was thrown for a loss of three yards. Rock Island was penalized fifteen yards for roughness. Wenig punted to Rock Island's forty-five yard line. Barry lost five yards. Lambeau's forward pass was knocked down. Buck punted out of bounds on Rock Island's fifteen yard line. Wenig punted to Lambeau who dropped in his tracks. Lambeau's pass to Malone was incomplete. Lambeau threw a forward pass to Malone for a gain of six yards. Novak intercepted Lambeau's forward pass and raced to Rock Island's thirty yard line. Conzelman was injured. Nichols replaced him. Bridgeford made a first down over Coughlin. Vanderloo put the ball in midfield by a smash over guard. Wagner replaced Schmael. Vanderloo made a first down over Coughlin. The ball was on Green Bay's forty yard line. Novak went around end for three yards. Nichols on a double pass play traveled to Green Bay's twenty yard line. Novak fumbled, Lambeau recovering for

Green Bay. Malone failed to gain through Healy. Wagner made a yard through right tackle. Rock Island lost five yards for offside. Lyle stopped Barry. Wagner slid through center for two yards. Buck punted out of bounds on Rock Island's forty yard line. Novak made a yard through center. Bridgeford added three over Coughlin. Time up for the half. Rock Island ball on forty eight yard line. Green Bay kicked off to Rock Island. Nichols ran Murray's kickoff back to thirty yard line. Novak was halted on a center smash. He then got around DeMoe for five yards. Vanderloo failed to gain. Packers lost five yards for offside. Nichols was dumped in his tracks and Novak couldn't gain around Hayes. Wenig punted to Wagner who was downed on Green Bay's twenty-five yard line. Malone was thrown for a loss of a yard by Lyle. Barry was spilled without a gain by Healy. Wagner made a yard off tackle. Buck punted to Novak in midfield. He dropped the ball and in the free-for-all Wenig covered it on Green Bay's forty-five yard line. Vanderloo made three yards. DeMoe intercepted Nichol's forward pass. It was Green Bay's ball on her own forty-five yard line. Lambeau attempted two forward passes and they both went astray. Buck punted to Rock Island's ten yard line. Nichols hit center for a yard. Wenig punted to Green Bay's forty yard line. A penalty for holding gave the ball to Rock Island on their forty-eight yard line. Nichols made a yard through center. Hayes turned Bridgeford back without a gain. At this stage of the game both teams were roughing it up. Novak hit a brick wall. Wenig punted to Malone, who was downed on the Packers' 20 yard line. Rock Island lost 15 yards for roughing the carrier. It was the Packers' ball on their own 35 yard line. Buck caught a forward for a gain of eight yards. Wagner added two over Lyle. Barry lost five, Buck punted to Novak, who was down on Rock Island's 35 yard line. Vanderloo got outside of right tackle for a yard. Nichols hit Murray for four. Bridgeford walked over Coughlin for a down. Novak broke through the line and traveled down the right side of the field to Green Bay's 20 yard line. When tackled the ball slipped from his grasp but Healy hopped on it, Nichols made a yard around end. Time is up for the quarter. It was Rock Island's ball on Green Bay's 18 yard line.

FOURTH QUARTER

Schamel in for Wagner. Vanderloo gained a yard through center. Schmael knocked down Nichols' forward pass. Nichols' placekick from the 27 yard line was low and wide of the uprights. Green Bay scrimmaged on her own 20 yard line. Buck punted to Nichols, who was downed on Rock Island's 40 yard line. Wenig kicked out of bounds on Green Bay's 20 yard line. Buck punted poorly and the ball went out of bounds on Green Bay's 30 yard line. Nichols on a criss-cross from Vanderloo went around end for nine yards. Bridgeford hit Coughlin carrying the ball to Green Bay's ten yard line. He smashed the same spot for another nine yard gain. Nichols hit center for one yard and a touchdown. Wenig failed to kick the goal. Rock Island kicked off, Schmael running the ball back to Green Bay's 30 yard line. Malone gained two yards around Smith. Lambeau lost four. Interfering with Hayes when he was sent to receive a forward pass lost Rock Island 15 yards on a penalty. It was Green Bay's ball in midfield. Lambeau shot a forward pass to Hayes for a 20 yard gain. Lambeau was smeared for a loss of five yards on an attempted forward pass. Nichols intercepted a toss and traveled ten yards before he was dumped. Wenig made four over Coughlin. Bridgeford smashed Buck for two yards. Nichols made it first down. The ball was on Rock Island's 36 yard line. Bridgeford hit Powers for four. Nichols fumbled but regained the ball. Wenig punted to Lambeau on Green Bay's 30 yard line. Lambeau got around left end for five yards. Buck punted to Rock Island's two yard line. Nichols made three over Carey. Wenig punted to Lambeau on Rock Island's 40 yard line. Lambeau tossed a forward pass to Hayes for a gain of seven yards. Once more Rock Island lost 15 yards for roughing. It was the Packers' ball on Rock Island's 12 yard line. Lambeau's pass to De Moe was incomplete. Bridgeford batted down another attempted forward. Lambeau's pass to Hayes was not completed. On the fourth down Travis batted the ball away from Hayes on an attempted forward pass. It was Rock Island's ball on her 12 yard line. Wenig failed on a fake punt formation. Nichols got around left end for eight yards. Wenig's punt fizzled, the ball going out of bounds on Rock Island's 32 yard line. Lambeau's toss to Hayes was knocked down by Novak. Barry made three yards after catching the forward from Lambeau. Wheeler replaced De Moe on left end for the Packers. An incompleated forward resulted in no gain. Schmael made three yard. Rock Island blocked another forward and secured the ball on their own 35 yard line. Nichols made a yard outside of tackle. Novak went three yards over Buck. Wenig punted to Lambeau on Green Bay's 35 yard line. Vanderloo knocked down a Packer pass. Time up. Packers' ball on their own 35 yard line.

ROCK ISLAND	-	7	0	0	6	-	13
GREEN BAY	-	3	0	0	0	-	3

SCORING

1st - GB - Curly Lambeau, 30-yard field goal GREEN BAY 3-0

1st - ROCK - Jimmy Conzelman, 3-yard run (Obe Wenig kick) ROCK ISLAND 7-3

4th - ROCK - Sid Nichols, 1-yard run (Wenig kick failed) ROCK ISLAND 13-3

Mathys' Eleven Wants to Joust Chicago Cardinals Before Facing Green Bay

WATCHING THE PARADE

OCT 31 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Blooie! Upset No. 1. The bubble burst. It was some game at that. Individual stars can't be a machine. And that's just what crimped the Packers. The Islanders defense was just like a stone wall. Green Bay made only one first down on straight football. Those victory-bent invaders had a nasty way of blocking passes. One completed pass in that fourth quarter would probably have meant a score...Novak carrying the ball in his hand displayed heaps of class as a broken field runner...Art Schmael sidestepped and wiggling his way 25 yards down the field only to be called back on a technicality...The officials ran off the game with an iron hand. They followed the ball closely and were on top of every scrimmage...The Packers players claim Holway missed one, when Murray covered a fumble on the 25 yard line. He gave Rock Island the ball. This same Murray played a whale of a game for the Packers. He was in every play at the bottom of the heap besides passing well at center...Conzelman, Rock Island quarterback and captain, will probably be on the sidelines for a month. He threw his knee out and was carried off the field while in intense pain...Some of the De Pere fans were riding Cub Buck. They did not know that the Packer star's legs were hardly fit for play. Buck's extremities are covered with a mass of bruises...Football enthusiasts all over this part of the state flocked to the game. Delegations from all the neighboring towns attended and even Escanaba sent down about two dozen spectators...It was the first time that a Packer team ever took a defeat at Hagemeister park. The players fought to the finish and when the final whistle blew they had no excuses to offer for their upset.

HAMMOND'S GAME WITH PACKERS SET BACK TO NOVEMBER 13

NOV 1 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - On the request of Doc Young, the manager of the Hammond Professionals, the team that Charlie Mathys leads, the game scheduled here Sunday with the Packers has been set back one week to November 13 so as to play before the contest with the Chicago Cardinals before tackling the Green Bay team. The Hammond-Cardinal clash was booked for last Sunday in the Windy City but a downpour of rain for two days made the gridiron unfit for play. This switch in dates leaves the Packers without an opponent but the management assures the football fans that a contest will be booked within the next 36 hours. An S.O.S. call has been set forth to President Bob Carr of the American Professional Football league explaining conditions here which caused the open date and he has wired back that he will line up one of the league elevens...GET COLD FEET: The elevens in this part of the state who have been questioning the Packers' claim to a championship appeared to get a bad attack of cold feet when asked to fill in on the open date. The Lauerman Twins of Marinette claim to have a game booked with Marquette and what's more they added that a few of their stars including Erdlitz were on the injured list. The Racine All Americans also backed down. Manager Jandill stated that he did not want to play away.

PACKER TEAM TO SEE RAY PLAY FOOTBALL

NOV 1 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Manager Ferrell E. Butler, Strand theater, announced on Monday that an invitation has been extended to the Packer football squad and their families to be guests at the Strand some evening next week when a picture featuring Charles Ray and an aggregation of California football stars will be the principal attraction. Captain Curley Lambeau accepted the invitation in behalf of his men. Butler stated on Monday that he would reserve at least fifty seats for a part, on whatever night is chosen.

GREEN BAY ROOTER HAS HIS SAY ON THE ROCKFORD GAME

NOV 1 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Sports Editor, Green Bay Press-Gazette: In reference to the Packer-Rock Island game of last Sunday, as a spectator who in a position to notice certain things, I am writing you today in the form of a grievance as to what occurred at this game. I, as I presume all other Green Bay boosters, am for the Packers, first, last and all the time. Incidentally, when I go to see a game, I like to hear the crowd root for the home team. Imagine my discomfort to hear the remark as the Packers stepped upon the field, "You'll get yours today, you big stiffs, all you got coming to you." I could hardly believe my ears, as this came from a De Pere businessman, sitting there with his wife. So, naturally, I figured that there must be some mistake, as this party's father is the manufacturer of a well-known product, that has a wide sale in Green Bay. As the game progressed, this continual boosting for Rock Island, so open and deliberate, by this De Pere Rock Islandite, is the direct cause of this letter. And now for the grievance, Why is it, that when Green Bay is fortunate enough to put upon the field a team that has not its peer in Wisconsin in fact the only one from this state in the National Professional Football league, that any full-blooded Wisconsinian, let alone De Pere, our closest neighbor should crave that an outside team from some other state should get the Packer scalp? Is this fair play, and good sportsmanship, coming from De Pere, as this remark was not the only one, as on the other side of the field De Pere was there en masse ready at all times to cheer for Rock Island and ride the Packers? I trust that all Green Bayites will not show any narrowness when De Pere runs an affair similar in fact I feel assured it is beyond us. Yours for the Packers, Just as good as ever, Yes, Better, I.B. Padway

**WABASH COLLEGIAN
FIELD GENERAL OF
EVANSVILLE SQUAD**



"Flash" Lindsay.

"Flash" Lindsay is one of the greatest quarterbacks in professional football circles. He will be seen in action against the Packers Sunday. After three years at Wabash, he joined the ranks of the Evansville Giants and has been making good with a vengeance.

Lindsay is a brilliant open field runner and a classy thrower of the forward pass. He hasn't dropped a punt since he has been in a Giants' uniform. The "Flash" can step off the hundred in less than eleven seconds.

**FORMER TEAM MATE
OF CHARLIE MATHYS
TO BATTLE PACKERS**



"Rip" Spiegel.

Two years ago at Indiana, when Charlie Mathys wanted to make a first down, he would shoot a play through right tackle. That's where "Rip" Spiegel played. Now he is the mainstay of the Evansville Giants' forward line and going as good if not better in his collegiate days.

Spiegel is a smashing type of forward. He can make a hole about a mile wide and is generally down the field as fast as the ends. Evansville counts on "Rip" to cause the Packers a lot of trouble in tomorrow's game.

CAL'S COMMENTS

NOV 1 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The football fans in this neck of the woods are still talking about the Packer-Rock Island game. Sooner or later the Green Bay squad would be in for a whipping on their own field. It was the first time in four years - let's hope it won't be again for another four. Some of those who took in the fistic argument pulling the team leaders over the fire for not making more substitutions. However, there is more than one side to the story and some of the other details may be put before the public later.

PACKERS BOOK GAME WITH EVANSVILLE GIANTS SUNDAY

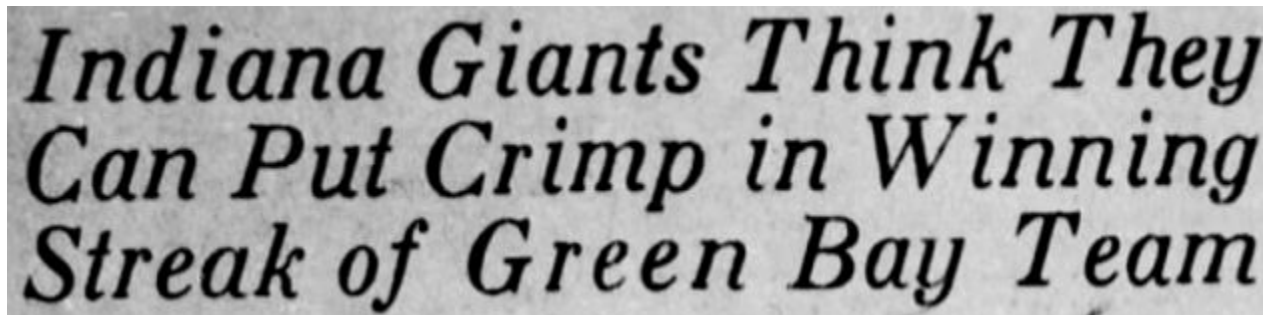
NOV 2 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Evansville Giants will face the Green Bay Packers at Hagemeister park Sunday afternoon. The game will start at 2 o'clock. This aggregation which is one of the strongest in Indiana is a member of the Professional Football league and their lineup is composed entirely of former college stars. Their record this season shows a 14 to 0 victory over the Cincinnati Colts. They have also defeated Muncie, Elgin and the Thorn Tornadoes of Chicago. Their lone reversal was a 3 to 0 defeat at the hands of Hammond. Charlie Mathys kicking a field goal against them from the 35 yard line. According to the Evansville management, this was the first upset the Giants had suffered in three years...STARS IN LINEUP: Included in the lineup of the Giants is the following former college stars: Henderson of Ohio State, Ruel of Oklahoma, Garnjoss of Columbia, Rosenberger of Wisconsin, Bondurant, Williams, Spiegel and Goldsmith of Indiana, Windbid of Detroit, Zeller of Purdue and Lindsey of Wabash, Henderson, the ex-Buckeye star, and Lindsey, who made a rep at Wabash, have been frequently mentioned on all western selections during the past three years...PACKERS TO PRACTICE: The Packer squad will start their drill for this game Thursday. Malone, Berry, Hayes, Coughlin reach here tomorrow morning and twice daily workouts have been ordered by Coach Joe Hoeffel. Cub Buck will be down from Appleton and Jab Murray and Buff Wagner are slated to blow in from Marinette. Every effort will be made to whip some teamwork in the Packer aggregation.

THINK IT OVER

NOV 2 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Two weeks ago the Packers took the Minneapolis Marines into camp, 7 to 6. Last Sunday the Marines walked all over the famous Columbus Panhandles, Nesser brothers and all, to the tune of 28 to 0. The Chicago Cardinals beat the Columbus team by a two touchdown margin.

CAL'S COMMENTS

NOV 2 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - New York is going in for professional football. Games will be played at the Polo Grounds on Sundays and Charlie Brickley will coach and manage the squad which is being backed by Billy Gibson, fight promoter and sporting man. The Gothamites will play under the name of the Giants and they have some of the greatest footballers in the country signed up but if Novak or some of those other Rock Islanders ever get started running around their ends we have a hunch the New Yorkers would change their names from the Giants to the Dwarfs.



*Indiana Giants Think They
Can Put Crimp in Winning
Streak of Green Bay Team*

EVANSVILLE EXPECTS TO TAKE PACKERS INTO CAMP

NOV 3 (Evansville-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Evansville Giants are working day and night to get in shape for the game with the Green Bay Packers in the Badger city Sunday. The Giants came out of their grueling contest with the Cincinnati Colts in good shape not a player being on the injured list. The defeat of the Redland stars to the tune of 14 to 0 was quite a feather in the hat of the local team. Manager Flanigan of the Rock Island Independents has promised the Giants a game if they can take a fall out of the Wisconsin champions this weekend. For the past two years Rock Island has kept clear of Evansville. However this season, the Giants have been going so good that the Islanders could not very well afford to pass up the demand for a game. Evansville will bring a line to Green Bay averaging over 190 pounds while the backfielders all go above 175 except Lindsey, the Wabash flash who plays quarterback. Bondurant, Williams, Spiegel and Goldsmith, the quartet of former Indiana stars, are counted on to rip holes in the Packer line. The Giants will leave here Saturday and are scheduled to arrive in Green Bay Sunday morning. While in the Wisconsin city, they will be quartered at the Beaumont hotel...PACKERS AT WORK: The Packer squad went through a long drill this afternoon at Hagemeister park. Some of the big fellows were on the job and Coach Hoeffel impressed upon the players the necessity of building up a machine. Long interference drills were gone through and it looked as if the Green Bay squad was beginning to work as a unit. The booking of the Evansville game is being well received by the fans and every indication points to another good turnout of spectators at Hagemeister park Sunday afternoon.

CAL'S COMMENTS

NOV 3 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Football fans in this neck of the woods are breathing easier. The Green Bay Packers are going to play at home instead of journeying abroad. And what's more they have booked another real bangup attraction. The Evansville Giants,

although little heard of here, rank high among the professional football aggregation in the middle west. Unless all signs fail the Packers will have to show a lot of class to get back into their winning stride in the weekend game.

PACKERS IN GOOD SHAPE FOR EVANSVILLE GAME

NOV 4 (Chicago-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Four important games in the American Professional football league are scheduled for this week. The Decatur Staleys and the Hammond Professional meet the Chicago Cardinals. Both of these contests will be played in Chicago. The Minneapolis Marines travel to Rock Island for a fracas with the Independents while the Evansville Giants will play in Green Bay against the Green Bay Packers...The Green Bay Packers will be "right" when they prance out on the gridiron at Hagemeister park Sunday afternoon to give battle to the Evansville, Ind., Giants in an American Professional football league game. Coach Joe Hoeffel gave his charges two long drills Thursday and he followed this up with a blackboard talk at the armory last night. Hayes, Malone, Coughlin, Murray, Howard and Buck were on the job and it is a good bet that the Packer team play will be very much in evidence in the weekend game against the Indiana footballers. Special plays with the forward pass have been worked out and the Packers' aerial attack will once more again be hitting on "all four". Hoeffel took up the defensive game and there may be a difference forward wall formation in Sunday's argument. No changes in the lineup are planned. Sunday's game will be started at 2 o'clock. The contest has been set forward a half hour so to prevent the final quarter being played in semi-darkness. Tickets are on sale at the usual places around town. A number of requests for reservations from out of town fans have already been received and the hometown football enthusiasts are warming up to the game in good shape. Another good sized crowd is looked for.

DE PERE FAN MAKES ANSWER TO NOTE ON ROCK ISLAND GAME

NOV 4 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Dear Sir: The undersigned feels that he is voicing the opinion of the greater part, if not all, of the De Pere football fans when he condemns the stand taken by Mr. I.B. Padway of Green Bay in reference to last Sunday's football game. Mr. Padway's "razz" is uncalled for and very much more unsportsmanlike than he calls the De Pere actions. De Pere, contrary to his view and knowledge of the sport shown, has always stood by Green Bay and always will, as should any neighbor. It is to be regretted by all De Pere fans that such a stand should be taken by a man who was unfortunate enough to see things of only the "unpleasantest nature." The statement that "De Pere was there en masse ready at all times to cheer for Rock Island and ride the Packers" is a falsehood and the writer stands to back it. Even should we not call it so and take for granted that De Pere was there "en masse" is it not a good sign that De Pere is supporting the Green Bay team? We do not object to being called "Rock Islandites" for the reason that we were able to become pretty well acquainted with the boys during their stay in De Pere and found that they were a fine bunch of sportsmen. Please let it be understood that we have always, and do yet, think the same of Green Bay as a rule, and it hurts the local fans to be compelled to make an answer all on account of the poor hearing and the small view shown by one certain Green Bay fan. Referring to the statement "I trust that all Green Bayites will not show such narrowness when De Pere runs any affair similar in fact I feel assured it is beyond us" we would say that "narrowness" is beyond Green Bay and we wouldn't expect it of them, any more than De Pere showed it down there, and trust that De Pere's sportsmanship and loyalty to Green Bay and Brown county will not be questioned by someone not acquainted with the dictionary to such an extent that he loses all meaning of the words "sportsmanship" and "narrowness". Yours, for clean sportsmanship and a better Brown County football team and less personalities, Harry H. Menerath, De Pere, Wis.

EVANSVILLE GIANTS AND PACKERS PLAY HERE SUNDAY

NOV 5 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - When the whistle blows Sunday afternoon, 2 o'clock, at Hagemeister park, one of the greatest football aggregations in the middle west, the Evansville, Ind., Giants, will give battle to the Green Bay Packers in an American Professional Football league game. This Indiana team, although little heard of in this part of Wisconsin, has long cut a prominent figure in the pro football world. This season they have piled up victories, defeating the Cincinnati Celts, Muncie, Elgin, and the Thorn Tornadoes of Chicago. They met a 3 to 0 defeat at the hands of the Hammond Professionals. This is the squad that will play here next Sunday...PRESENT CLASSY LINEUP: Evansville will present a classy lineup. Every man on the team has had college experience and a number of the players have been rated high in midwest football. Flash Lindsey captained the Wabash team for two years and several

Game Starts at Two o'Clock; Indiana Squad Has All Star Line Up; Bays Are in Best Shape of Season.

SUNDAY'S GAMES.

- Evansville vs. Packers.
- Marines vs. Rock Island.
- Hammond vs. Cardinals.
- Detroit vs. Staleys.

Line Up of Teams.

Packers.	Evansville.
DeMoe, l. e.	l. e. Goldsmith
Coughlin, l. t.	l. t. Bondurant
Carey, l. g.	l. g. Fishman
Murray, c.	c. Windbile
Wilson, r. k.	r. g. Garnjest
Buck, r. t.	r. t. Spiegel
Hayes, r. e.	r. e. O'Neill
Lambeau, q. b.	q. b. Lindsey
Malone, l. h. b.	l. h. b. Zeller
Barry, r. h. b.	r. h. b. Henderson
Schmael, f. b.	f. b. Fausch

Packers.

Howard, f. b., Wagner, q. b. Ladrone, h. b., McLean, q. b., Martell, e., Wheeler, e., Abrams, e., Powers, l. Klaus c., M. Zoll, g.

Evansville.

Jackson, g., Spain, c., Mullen, e., Rosenberger, t., Lenseny, g., Strome, h. b.

Referee: Murphy, Green Bay. Umpire, Morgan, Evansville. Head linesman, Coffeen, Green Bay.

experts mentioned him on all western selections. Bondurant and Goldsmith played for Indiana, the first season Charlie Mathys was holding down the quarterback's job. The Packers can be counted on to be out there fighting every minute. The Green Bay squad has got in some good practice licks during the past week and Coach Hoeffel has laid special stress on interference for the backfielders. No changes will be made in the lineup. The same men who played last week against Rock Island will be in action again...EXPECT BIG CROWD: Another good sized turnout is looked for. The Packers' games are drawing football fans from all over this part of the state and Michigan and many requests for seat reservations from the out of towners have been received by the management. There is no change in prices. The kickoff is scheduled for 2 o'clock. The starting hour has been set ahead 30 minutes so as to finish up the contest before darkness sets in. Regulation periods of 15 minutes are scheduled.

CAL'S COMMENTS

NOV 5 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Tomorrow the Packers swing in action against the Evansville, Ind., Giants who are said to be as good as their name would indicate. They come here with a good record and may surprise the fans who appear to be doubtful of their ability.

*Crack Gridiron Elevens to
Clash at Hagemeister Park
in "Pro" League Argument*

VANSVILLE GIANTS AND PACKERS PLAY HERE SUNDAY



THE ROCK ISLAND INDEPENDENTS

The Rock Island Independents were a professional American football team based in Rock Island, Illinois. One of the first professional football teams, they were founded in 1907 by Demetrius Clements as an independent club. They later played in what is now the National Football League (NFL) from 1920 to 1925. They joined the first American Football League in 1926, but folded along with the league in 1927. They played in Douglas Park (1907–1925) and Browning Field (1926). Walter Flanigan owned the team from 1915 to 1923; Dale Johnson took over and owned the team until 1926, when the team eventually folded. The Independents' overall NFL record was 26–14–9, with five winning seasons in six years. However, after finishing fourth initially, their best overall finish in the National Football League standings was fifth, which they accomplished three times: in 1921 and 1922 under Jimmy Conzelman, and in 1924 under Johnny Armstrong.

Origins

The Independents were first formed in 1907, when a group of men formed an independent team with no athletic club affiliation, no social club ties and no corporate company backing or sponsorship. As a result, the team was named the Independents. The team went undefeated and unscored upon in five games. Many of the same players from that 1910 team reunited in 1912; under the leadership of John Roche, they won eight games without giving up a score.

Walter Flanigan era

In 1913 Walter Flanigan joined the Independents as a backup end. By 1915, Flanigan was the owner of the team. During his tenure, Flanigan promoted the Independents by scheduling two games in 1917 against the Minneapolis Marines, who were considered one of the toughest teams in the Midwest. This contest helped the Independents gain national attention. Rock Island lost to the Marines by a score of 7–3. However they were defeated by a wider margin, 33–7, in the second game at Minneapolis.

Rock Island Independents 1919 "Champions of the USA"

Flanigan then brought in players from outside the Rock Island area to build on the team. In 1919, he hired Rube Ursella of the Marines to serve as a player-coach. Ursella brought several other Minneapolis players with him. These new players would later help get the team an invitation to join the NFL. The Independents lost only to the Hammond Pros, led by George Halas in 1919. Flanigan then challenged the Canton Bulldogs to a "championship" game, offering a \$5,000 guarantee if they would come to Rock Island for the game. But Canton, which had already won the "Ohio League" championship by defeating their arch-rivals, the Massillon Tigers, turned down the offer. It is likely that Canton's Jim Thorpe and Ralph Hay learned that Rock Island's game against the Akron Indians had drawn only 1,700 spectators and felt that Flanigan could not deliver on his \$5,000 guarantee, that was money that came primarily from the gate. However the Independents still had defeated the Columbus Panhandles 49–0 and the Indians 17–0 that season. In 1919, prior to the establishment of the National Football League, they claimed to be "Champions of the USA".

NFL

Flanigan eagerly joined the new American Professional Football Association (renamed the National Football League in 1922). He was present at the September 17, 1920, meeting at Ralph Hay's Hupmobile dealership which established the league. Flanigan made his team a card-carrying charter member of the league and he was named to a committee charged with framing the league's constitution. On September 26, 1920, the first game featuring a team from the APFA was played at Douglas Park. The Independents were victorious as they defeated the St. Paul Ideals 48–0. October 3, 1920, was the first day that games were played exclusively between APFA teams. At Douglas Park in Rock Island, as 3,100 fans looked on, the Rock Island Independents swamped the Muncie Flyers by a lopsided 45–0 score. Arnie Wyman, former Minnesota great, made a glittering debut for the Islanders, scoring three touchdowns. This might have been the 1st NFL game ever played. However, NFL historical records don't indicate the kickoff time for this game or the other APFA game played that day between the Dayton Triangles and the Columbus Panhandles in Dayton.

Dale Johnson era

In 1923 Flanigan left the team to concentrate on his real estate and insurance businesses. Dale Johnson, another local businessman, took over as the team's owner, with the team's backup quarterback Vince McCarthy acting as manager. Rock Island went 2–3–3 that season, however they did post winning seasons in 1924 and 1925. Jim Thorpe, considered "the World's Greatest Athlete", joined the Independents in 1924 and the team went 5–2–2 in league play. After the 1925 season they toured nationally to promote pro football, often under the name "Tampa Cardinals".

First AFL

In 1926, Red Grange and his manager, C. C. Pyle, formed the first American Football League after a dispute over granting Pyle ownership of an NFL franchise in New York City. Thinking that having a league centered on Grange would lead to higher profits, McCarthy pulled Rock Island out of the NFL and joined the new league. The Independents were the only NFL team to make the jump to the rival league. However the new league did not pay as much as the NFL did a year prior. Several players left the Independents for bigger salaries with other teams. As a result, the Independents ended their season with a 2–6–1 record. The AFL folded and the Independents did not rejoin the NFL. They played as a minor, semi-pro team in 1927, then went out of business. (SOURCE: Wikipedia)

The twisted fates of Green Bay & Rock Island - Were the forces of evil at play?

In 1921, the Green Bay Packers' maiden season in what is now the National Football League, four players joined them after starting out with the Rock Island Independents. A year later, the Packers acquired four more players from the Independents. Also in 1922, with the Packers literally drowning in red ink, George Whitney Calhoun, the team's co-founder and secretary of the Green Bay Football Club, wrote with envy about the support Rock Island received from its fans. "Rock Island is the best supported professional football team in the middle west," Calhoun wrote in the Green Bay Press-Gazette. "At least that is what Manager Flannagan(sic) claims and he has the evidence to back up his statement... The Rock Island merchants consider the team an asset to the city and every fall they cut loose the purse strings and tell Flannagan(sic) to spare no expense to put a winner on the field. The Islanders have their own practice field, they are housed together in a 'two family' apartment and their own chef prepares all the meals for the pigskin stars." That season, the Green Bay Football Club lost \$1,500 when a game-long downpour held down attendance for the Columbus game and took another bath when a Thanksgiving "Booster Day" game against Duluth was ruined by a comparable rainstorm and wind gusts up to 46 miles per hour. However, Calhoun later described the Thanksgiving Day disaster as "the turning point" in Packers history. It set in motion the events that led to the Packers becoming a community-owned team through a public stock sale. Rock Island, on the other hand, was reeling not long into the 1923 season and its death spiral might have been triggered by an extended road trip to Green Bay and other parts of Wisconsin. Study the circumstances and interactions of the two franchises while they coexisted and one can't help but wonder if they didn't get caught up in the same vortex of history and nothing more than fate smiled on one, but not the other. Perhaps even the forces of evil were at play: the likes of John Barleycorn and Mother Pierre's roadhouse. When the Rock Island Independents joined the American Professional Football Association as a charter member in 1920, they had been in existence for eight straight years and represented a city of 35,177 people. Together, the Quad Cities – Rock Island and Moline, Ill.; and Davenport and Bettendorf, Ia. – had a population of 115,574. Much like the Packers, they also had the full support of their local newspaper. If there was any paper in the country that covered

pro football at the beginning better than the Press-Gazette, it was The Rock Island Argus. In the days before radio broadcasts of pro football games, the Argus also took credit for being the first newspaper in the country to hook up a special wire at the site of an out-of-town game so a play-by-play could be transmitted and announced at a public gathering back home. In fact, the Press-Gazette subsequently stole the idea from the Argus. While the play-by-plays were delivered indoors in Green Bay to crowds of 1,000 or so, at best, an estimated 4,000 fans jammed Second Avenue in Rock Island to follow the results when the Independents played the Chicago Staleys at Cubs Park on Nov. 13, 1921. Before the season, the Argus also produced an eight-page football and advertising supplement and turned the proceeds over to the Independents. Meanwhile, when Green Bay joined the year-old APFA it had a population of 31,017, second smallest in the league, and its team had only two years of semipro experience. The Independents also had the better team, beating the Packers, 13-3, on Oct. 30, 1921, at Green Bay's Hagemeister Park. But soon thereafter things started to change. As the Packers replaced their homegrown players with more experienced hands, they claimed four from the Independents: Frank Coughlin, Dave Hayes, Emmett Keefe and Grover Malone. All four had played collegiately at Notre Dame around the same time as Lambeau, but not with him in 1918. Why did those players abandon the Independents in midstream and join the Packers? It all depends on whose story you believe. After Hayes, Malone and Coughlin, who doubled as coach of the Independents, were released on Oct. 18, 1921, the Argus explained Hayes and Malone were living in Chicago, 170 miles away, and Coughlin in South Bend, Ind. "There(sic) names were stricken from the roster yesterday afternoon when Manager Walter Flanigan announced a new policy calling for the residence in Rock Island of every player," sports columnist J.L. Hughes wrote in the Argus. "The three in question were notified by wire that they are free to look elsewhere for employment." Hughes further explained the Independents were practicing daily and Flanigan was no longer willing to jeopardize "teamwork and harmony" by playing big-name players who weren't part of the team except on game day. Hughes also criticized Coughlin for being a "big disappointment." Hughes added, "His work in three games indicated he had no intentions of risking injury if it could be avoided." When the Packers quickly signed Hayes and Malone, the Press-Gazette declared the team's "stock has taken a big rise." When Coughlin signed a week later, the paper labeled him "one of the greatest footballers in the country." The downside was that by the third league game, the Packers had to wait until Thursday to hold practice before facing Evansville at home because so few of their players were living in Green Bay. Prior to their final two league games, both played in Chicago against the Cardinals and Staleys, the Packers didn't practice until Friday and had to hold their workouts in Chicago because it was more convenient for their players. Rock Island finished, 4-2-1, losing both of its games to the champion Staleys, who became the Bears the next season; while Green Bay finished, 3-2-1, in what was a 21-team league. In 1922, the Packers signed Jug Earp, Eddie Usher, Dewey Lyle and Dutch Lauer off the Independents' roster. Earp was the first to join the Packers after being released by Rock Island on Oct. 10, 1922. "Earps(sic) grew heavy and fat during the off-season and after nearly a month showed no promise of return to the form which characterized his play last season," Hughes wrote. The Press-Gazette, on the other hand, stated that Earp had asked for his release from the Independents. "According to Dame Rumor all is not well with Flannagan's(sic) aggregation and there is a lot of internal friction between the players," the paper added. "Picking up discards seems to be the favorite sport of the Green Bay management," Hughes countered. Earp would play 11 seasons for Green Bay and is a member of the Packers Hall of Fame. Nine days before Earp was released, he had started at center for the Independents when they beat the Packers, 19-14, at Rock Island's Douglas Park. When they met again on Oct. 29, 1922, in Green Bay, the game ended in a scoreless tie, despite the Packers playing without an injured Lambeau. The outcome raised more than just suspicions in Rock Island. The year before, the Independents spent five days before their game against the Packers practicing at the fairgrounds in Manitowoc and then headed to De Pere the day before the game. They were the toast of the town in both cities, according to several newspaper accounts. This time, the Independents arrived in De Pere on Saturday morning and spent the night there at the Broadway Hotel. They also stayed for three nights after the game before heading to Manitowoc to prepare for their next scheduled encounter against the Milwaukee Badgers. The Independents clearly enjoyed their time in the Green Bay area. And they weren't the only NFL team that did during Prohibition, no matter how paltry the crowds in Green Bay were at times. "Green Bay in the '20s was the most popular stop in the league," Dan Daly and Bob O'Donnell wrote in "Pro Football Chronicle," their thoroughly researched book about the game's history. "Visiting players loved the place. Teams made it a point to schedule several days there. It had a bustling bar scene, and its red-light district in the northeast section was famous." It was no secret Green Bay never stopped serving alcohol during Prohibition, which spanned from 1920-33, and also didn't shut the doors of its houses of ill repute for years after. In 1928, Green Bay's City Council even passed a resolution protesting a federal raid where 48 speakeasies were padlocked. In its wording of the resolution, the council openly confessed saloons were operating within the city under the watchful eye of the local police department. Mother Pierre's, on the other hand, was located beyond the city limits and no madam in the area was more famous. "(Johnny) Blood once checked into the Packers huddle with a pass play from coach Curly Lambeau," Daly and O'Donnell wrote. "He made the call, then turned to quarterback Arnie Herber and said, 'Arnie, throw it in the direction of Mother Pierre's whorehouse.' Herber, no stranger to the Green Bay nightlife, knew Blood was heading for the goal post at the northeast end of the stadium. The pass was there, and so was Blood." While the Argus didn't cover the game in Green Bay in 1922, it received enough feedback from Rock Island fans who were there to suggest the Independents might have been the victims of Green Bay's bright lights, or red lights, if you will. "Another thing, ugly rumors are being circulated," Hughes wrote the day after the scoreless tie. "It is said some of the members of the team are finding late hours and 'soda pop' poor physical conditioners. If this is true, it's time for reckoning." The next day, Hughes offered this note: "One fan who made the trip north names four players who fought at every turn of events. The others, he says, didn't know they were in a football game." Meanwhile, the Press-Gazette reported Usher, Rock Island's star halfback, had asked for his release following the game so he could remain in Green Bay and play for the Packers. Four days later, Hughes informed his readers that Flanigan had ceased providing the Argus with updates about his team. In turn, the

paper's reduced coverage reflected it. On Sunday, Milwaukee cancelled its game with Rock Island at the last minute rather than play in a driving rain and lose a bundle of cash. That way the Badgers owners also avoided paying Rock Island its guarantee. On Nov. 22, Flanigan was forced out as Rock Island's manager. Lyle and Lauer asked for their release and joined the Packers. On another front, the financial records of the Rock Island franchise were audited and the Argus reported, "so far the books are found to be in good condition." The Packers finished 7-2-1 and had a better record than the 2-3-3 Independents for the first time. Rock Island survived two more seasons in the NFL and actually finished ahead of the Packers both years. In July 1926, the Independents dropped out of the NFL and joined Red Grange's upstart American Football League, only to fold before the season ended. Pro football was dead in Rock Island, despite the Independents compiling a 27-14-12 record in their six NFL seasons, including 3-1-1 vs. the Packers. In 1927, the NFL pared its membership from 22 to 12 teams and bid adieu to most of its small towns. Green Bay not only survived, but also hosted one of three league meetings where the cuts were made. To this day, it's the only NFL meeting ever held in Green Bay. Not surprisingly, a good time was had by all, or so it seemed. "I knew when the league meeting was arranged for Green Bay that we would have an enjoyable time," President Joe Carr gushed, "but the hospitality of everybody has exceeded my fondest expectations." (SOURCE: Cliff Christl, March 30th 2017, <https://www.packers.com/news/the-twisted-fates-of-green-bay-rock-island-18696320>)