
Green Bay Packers (3-3-3) 13, Milwaukee Badgers (2-2-3) 0 Sunday November 19th 1922 (at Racine)

GREEN BAY KNOCKS OFF MILWAUKEE BADGERS 13 TO 0

Battling Invaders Beaten Down in Scrappy Struggle; Aerial Attack Cuts Figure

GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(GREEN BAY) - Green Bay strengthened its claim to the Badger state professional championship here Sunday afternoon by defeating the famous Milwaukee Badgers by the score of 13 to 0 in a NFL gridiron argument before a fair sized turnout of fans. Aside from the fourth quarter when the invaders, through a series of "Trust-to-luck" forward passes worked the ball down in Green Bay's territory, the much vaunted invaders were outclassed by the big blue team.

A "MEAN" BATTLE

It was a "mean" battle. The players went at it hammer and tongs. The gridiron feud, which was in evidence at the early season game, was still in evidence and it was fanned further by the addition of Rock Island players. Conzelman was with Milwaukee while Lyle and Lauer were in the Bay lineup. Several times it looked as if war had been declared but referee Cahn, who handled the game perfectly, was right on the job and, despite the fact that he wasn't much bigger than a pint of cider, he jumped in between the glowering giants and was partly successful in keeping peace in the family. But at that it was a difficult task.

PLAYED HARD FOOTBALL

Both teams played hard football. The players blocked hard and they were cutting each other down whenever the opportunity presented itself. Despite the grueling struggle, injuries were not numerous. Fallon pulled a tendon in his leg while Mathys got a bat in the mouth which forced his retirement from the combat. The crowd went home contented. The majority of the spectators were a bit skeptical about Green Bay's ability to knock off the much vaunted invaders but when the final whistle blew and the Bays had administered the worst licking of the season to the Plunkett-McGuirk tribe, the fans woke up to the fact that the Bay as got as good a team as there is in the country.

PLAYED SUPERB FOOTBALL

The Bays played superb football. The line could be likened to a stone wall while the backfielders displayed no end of aggressiveness every minute of the game. Green Bay's forward passing combination lived up to advance notice. Both Mathys and Mills did splendid receiving on the long tosses from Captain Lambeau. Charlie grabbed one in the opening period which put the Bays within scoring distance while in the second quarter, Mills connected for a 40 yard gain. This paved the way for the first touchdown. Usher played his best game since entering the Bay fold. He was a demon on defense and gained his share of ground advancing the pigskin. As usual, Mills did everything that was asked of him. Lauer only worked a few minutes but looked good while in the fray.

ENDS SHOW CLASS

The Green Bay ends, Hayes, Wheeler and Howard, were in there fighting every minute. Little ground was gained around the extremities. Buck and Earps appears to be enjoying themselves immensely and their play could not have been improved upon. Dewey Lyle celebrated his appearance in a Green Bay uniform with a perfect exhibition of football and Woodin faced everything that came his way. Gloom Niemann was in the midst of every play. Milwaukee played good football individually but their machinelike play didn't set the world on fire. Conzelman looked pretty good at quarter, while Robeson, the giant negro end, and Dufft, the huge guard, were in there fighting every minute.

CONZELMAN IS OUTKICKED

Cub Buck easily outkicked Conzelman. The Bay bootsmith placed his punts beautifully and generally the Milwaukee safety was chasing the pigskin out of bounds, far down the field. Milwaukee didn't hardly run a punt back while Mathys would generally come back at least a chalkmark before he was dumped. Although the game was roughly played, there were but few penalties. Milwaukee lost five yards for offside and another "V" on a technicality. Penalties cost Green Bay five yards twice for offside and once 15 yards for illegal use of hands.

MILWAUKEE KICKS OFF

Pigskin hostilities were opened by Milwaukee kicking off to the Bays. After three rushes Buck booted far down the field and the visitors launched an offense in their own territory. Conzelman and Doane were good for a first down but the invaders drive was soon halted. Conzelman kicked to Mathys. After the oval had changed hands several times, Green Bay got the ball in midfield and Lambeau hurled a forward pass to Mathys for a 20 yard gain. This put the Bays in scoring distance. Three plays netted but little yardage and the lanky Robeson then proceeded to block a placekick from the 30 yard mark.

PASS TO MILLS

Early in the second quarter, Lambeau cut loose with a long crossfield forward to Mills, who was downed in the shadow of Milwaukee's goal. It was a beauty play. It took the Bays four rushes to make a first down and the ball rested about two feet from a score. The first drive was halted in its tracks but Lambeau, on the next formation, smashed across for a touchdown. The goal was kicked. For the remainder of the quarter, the Bays had Milwaukee on the run and the play was entirely within the visitor's danger zone. Two attempts for field goals were blocked by the orange sweated gridders.

THE THIRD QUARTER

Milwaukee opened the second half by kicking off again and the teams settled down to slam bang football. The Badgers attempted to open up but their forward passes were pretty badly smeared up. Buck's well placed kicks kept pushing the for farther back in their own territory and what little they made in rushing was more than wiped out on the exchange of kicks. Shortly after the start of the fourth quarter, Buck let loose with a well placed kick which rolled out of bounds on Milwaukee's ten yard line. The visitors attempted to punt out of danger. Conzelman's kick was blocked by one of his own teammates. It was the fourth down and the Bays were given the ball. On the second smash, Lambeau went over for the score. The try for goal was blocked.

MILWAUKEE OPENS UP

During the rest of the game, Milwaukee opened up and Conzelman hurled pass after pass to his charging forwards. The visitors gained some yardage and with but two minutes to go, they had the ball on Green Bay's 25 yard line, fourth down five. Conzelman shot another forward but it was captured by a Bay backfielder. On the next scrimmage the Bays lost 15 yards on a penalty and two downs later were set back 5 yards for offside. However, there was no damage done. The Bay backfielders played it safe against a fumble and final time was called after two more rushes.

MILWAUKEE	-	0	0	0	0	-	0
GREEN BAY	-	0	7	0	6	-	13

SCORING

2nd - GB - Curly Lambeau, 1-yard run (Curly Lambeau kick) GREEN BAY 7-0
 4th - GB - Lambeau run (Lambeau kick blocked) GREEN BAY 13-0

BOOSTER DAY COMMITTEE SPEED TICKET SALES FOR THANKSGIVING DAY CLASH

NOV 27 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - With the Booster Day game but three days off, the ticket selling committee are in the midst of their final drive to get a record breaking crowd out to the ball park, Thanksgiving Day, to see Green Bay and the famous Duluth K.C.'s rub elbows in a gridiron tilt. The committees report that there is a good demand for tickets. The factory and plant workers together with the railroad shopmen are doing their bit to make the game a success. In the downtown district, the game is being talked of on all sides and the one pointed question is: "Have you got your Booster ticket yet?"...MUST KEEP TEAM: "I couldn't help but think Sunday afternoon as I sat there watching that remarkable exhibition of football," said Dr. W.W. Kelly, prominent Green Bay physician. "What a shame it would be if Green Bay had to get along without postgraduate football. It was one of the best games that I was ever fortunate enough to witness. The players were listed among the best in the country and it was the kind of a game that the clean loving sport fan loves to see. Football is a 'man-making' game and when we see it played like it was yesterday, we realize that we can't get along without it."...IS PROUDER STILL: "I was proud of our team for its victory and this morning felt

Big Blue Team Shows Best Form of Season; Line Like Stone Wall; Back Display Lots of Class.

STATE PRO STANDING

	W.	L.	T.	Pct.
Green Bay	1	1	2	.500
Racine	1	1	1	.500
Milwaukee	1	1	1	.500

THE LINE-UP

The teams lined up as follows:

Green Bay (13)	(9) Milwaukee
Hayes l. e.	l. e. Fallon
Buck l. t.	l. t. Webb
Woodin l. g.	l. g. Tomlin
Niemann c.	c. Pierrotti
Lyle r. g.	r. g. Dufft
Earpa r. t.	r. t. Alexander
Howard r. e.	r. e. Robeson
Mathys q. b.	q. b. Conzelman
Usher l. h. b.	l. h. b. Purdy
Lambeau r. h. b.	r. h. b. Green
Mills f. b.	f. b. Boane

Referee: Cahn, Chicago; Umpire, Sylvester, Appleton; Head Linesman, Poettiger, Kenosha; Linesmen, Bernhard, Green Bay, and Mooney, Milwaukee; Timers, Abrams, Green Bay, and M. McQuirk, Milwaukee; Time of periods, 13 minutes.

Substitutions, Milwaukee, Collins for Fallon; Green Bay, Wheeler for Hayes, Hayes for Howard, Nadolny for Woodin, Gardner for Lyle, Lauer for Mathys.

Score by periods:

Green Bay	0	7	0	6-13
Milwaukee	0	0	0	0-0

HAMMOND ELEVEN LOSES TO RACINE; BEARS WIN AGAIN

Cardinals Walloped by Canon; Toledo Noses Out Columbus Team.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS.

Green Bay 13, Milwaukee 0.
 Chicago Bears 20, Akron 10.
 Canton 20, Chicago Cardinals 3.
 Racine 6, Hammond 0.
 Toledo 7, Columbus 6.

prouder still when I glanced at a streamer line in a Milwaukee paper playing up our victory. Then I looked over two Chicago morning papers and stories of the game were found there also. Our team is keeping Green Bay in the national eye and we want to stay there. We are the smallest city in the league but have a team which right now, I think is second to none. Thursday will be our chance to show our appreciation to those who have put football "over" in Green Bay, and I feel confident that we won't fall down."

CAL'S COMMENTS

NOV 27 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Old Man Dope found the going pretty rough during the 1922 football season and, probably not in years, have there been so many surprising upsets. The dopesters simply could not pick 'em right and in many games the much despise "undergo" team licked the tar out of the odds-on favorite. And these unexpected turn of affairs help greatly to make football a sport that will soon be crowned king of 'em all...Football fans in Northeastern Wisconsin will probably jam the ball park at Green Bay Thanksgiving Day to see the Bays and Duluth clash in the final game of the season on the Green Bay gridiron. This will be the Booster Day game at Green Bay and preparations have been made to handle an enormous throng. Early in the season, Duluth beat the Bays, 6 to 2. Revenge is sweet.

LOTS ON INTEREST SHOWN IN THANKSGIVING DAY GRIDIRON GAME AT LEAGUE BALL PARK

NOV 28 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Booster Day football game at the ball park Thursday afternoon between Green Bay and Duluth is going over successfully. At least that is the way it looks to the committees who have been out working in the ticket selling campaign. The town is talking, eating and sleeping football. The splendid showing of the team since the first game with Milwaukee has stirred up the gridiron fans and this, coupled with the great victory last Sunday over the Cream City All American combination, has put the football spirit at the bubbling over point...MUSICIANS ON HAND: Musicians of Green Bay are going to do their bit on Booster Day. They have offered their services gratis for the afternoon and a fifty piece band is expected to be on hand to help enliven the afternoon with stirring tunes. The musicians are asked to meet at the park clubhouse Thursday afternoon at 1:15. Everyone who can toot a horn, ticked a fife or beat a drum is asked to be on hand. The committee from the Association of Commerce is hard at work selling the booster tickets. This ground is composed of George De Lair, chairman, Ed. Schweger, Ed. Krippner, Earl Fisk, Harold Joannes, Chris Dockry, Bob Lynch, A.C. Witteborg, Dick Sager and Frank Basche. They have reported good success...REGULAR PRICE PREVAIL: A mistaken impression is going the rounds about the admission prices. Although the Booster tickets are selling at \$5 and \$2, the regular charges, \$2.20, \$1.65 and \$1.10, will prevail at the gate. Those not caring to buy the booster ducats can purchase tickets at regular prices. Sturgeon Bay wants Green Bay to retain its Big League football. At least that is the opinion of Earl La Plante, prominent sportsman of Door county, who in a letter to the Bay management, says: "We consider the Packers like our own. Door county is strong for the high class of football being played at Green Bay. Every Sunday hundred of fans from here take in the game. You can count on us to do our bit to help out. The football teams does more to keep Green Bay and Northeastern Wisconsin in the public eye more than anything else. It's too big a proposition to pass up. We'll be down a hundred strong on Thursday to help put over the booster game."

CAL'S COMMENTS

NOV 28 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - "Why don't Green Bay play the Bears this season?" This is the question that is going the rounds in Northeastern Wisconsin football circles. It is impossible for the Bay management to bring the Bears to Green Bay due to the heavy financial demand and Manager Halas, to date, hasn't been much interested in booking the famous Green Bay team in Chicago. However, he may have a change of heart before the pro season ends.

ROCK ISLAND SELLS ED HEALY TO BEARS

NOVEMBER 28 (Rock Island) - The first sale of a player's contract ever recorded in professional football was made today between the Rock Island Independents and the Chicago Bears which Ed Healy, 1919 Dartmouth star, was sold for \$100. Healy played a star game for Rock Island for the last three seasons. The Independents have started to rebuild their team for next season, and this sale is one result.

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DULUTH TEAM WILL MAKE BAY TRIP IN SPECIAL PULLMAN

NOVEMBER 28 (Duluth) - The Duluth K.C.'s football squad, 22 strong, will hop for here Wednesday afternoon in a special car over the Northwestern road for Green Bay where on Thanksgiving Day they will clash with Green Bay in a game on which the pro championship of the northwest hinges. The Duluth team is slated to arrive at the Badger town early on Thursday morning. There will be eighteen players in the squad, two coaches, Trainer Smith and Manager Dewey Scanlon. The "Fighting Irish" are determined to repeat their early season win over the sterling Wisconsin team. With but two exceptions, all of the regulars are in the pink of condition, and the club has been strengthened by the addition of several crack gridders from the Copper country. The Duluth team will probably take the field at Green bay with the following lineup: Ends, O'Donnell, McDonald and Woodward; tackles, Cauldwell, Johnson and Kiley; guards, Strand, Komjak and Denfield; center, Williams and Stein; quarter, Bratt and McCormick; backs, Gilbert, Coughlin, Cole and MacDonald.

THE BOOSTER GAME

NOV 28 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - It has taken a lot of time and work to bring professional football here up to the point it has attained. Several years have not been spent in the creation not only of one of the best football teams in the the country, but of genuine interest and enthusiasm for this sport. It has been an unusual undertaking for a city of this size, and it is all the more creditable and praiseworthy on that account. When a city builds up something that is wholesome and good for it, it ought to retain it. Due to a combination of circumstances quite beyond the control of the management, including adverse weather, the Packers' football team faces the close of the season with a deficit of approximately \$4,000. The situation was frankly laid before public-spirited citizens and they have responded. These men have gone into the facts thoroughly and they have satisfied themselves not only of the worthiness of the cause, but of its

relation to Green Bay's progressiveness. Twenty-five representative man have been appointed a committee to go out and sell tickets for a booster day game to be played Thanksgiving day, in an effort to raise enough money to wipe out the deficit and close the season on the right side of the ledger. The fact that these men have interested themselves in the aid of the football team to this extent ought to satisfy the public at large that what they are attempting to do is a good thing and that it ought to get back of them. Green Bay has for generations been a leading center of sport. It has long been considered one of the greatest football cities of the country, and it has lived up to this reputation. The Packers team, which stands well in the NFL, and organization composed of elevens representing important cities of the country, is certainly a civic asset. It has placed Green Bay more prominently than every on the national sport map. It has broken Green Bay into the leading papers of the nation and the team has made many thousands of persons in the middle west feel that Green Bay is a live community. Here in Wisconsin we think it is a fair statement to say that the entire state looks to Green Bay in matters of football. The Packers have a strong following throughout the state and they have made their reputation by clean and keen sportsmanship. Now the question is, whether Green Bay, having developed football to the extent it has, and made good so far as the creation of a real football team is concerned, is going to retain and maintain it. Like any other successful undertaking, it requires money to make it go. The best costs money in everything, and football is no exception. In other section of the country, football attracts crowds of thirty to nearly a hundred thousand people. It has a wonderful hold on people who like to see a man's competition in the sport field. The Press-Gazette hopes the public will get back of the men who have taken off their coats to see that Green Bay does not lose its place in the football world. We hope they will come forward and do what is obviously the public-spirited and right thing to do, not only for the team and football, but for the city's substantial interest.

BAYS BATTLE DULUTH IN TURKEY DAY FRAY

NOV 29 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Revenge is sweet and the Bay footballers hope to get even with Duluth for the early season trimming when the two teams clash Thursday afternoon at the league grounds in the Thanksgiving Day Booster game. Gridiron hostilities will start at 2 o'clock and regulation 15 minute periods will be played. The Turkey Day fray promises to be quite a pigskin combat. The invading squad from the Gopher state is a classy looking football machine. They have a stone wall forward line while their backs headed by the brilliant Coughlin have ripped many a scrimmage front to pieces this season...READY FOR FRACAS: The Duluthians, headed by Coach Solon, the former Minnesota state, left for Green Bay this afternoon in a special car. They

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Big Blue Team Determined to Wipe Out Early Season Defeat; Visitors Are Fast

are traveling in big college style and will be fit for the argument when the whistle blows. It is said that Duluth has spent the last week building up a secondary defense in view of stopping Green Bay's aerial attack. Remembering what happened September 24, the Bay players will prance out on the gridiron determined to wipe out that 6 to 2 upset with plenty to spare. Every man on the Green Bay club is fit for the fray. Three days of practice have worked out the sore sports of the grueling Milwaukee game last Sunday and when the whistle blows the big blue team will jump into action confident of victory. Captain Lambeau expects to work every man on his squad as the state title fray with Racine at Milwaukee is only three days off...**BAND WILL BE ON HAND:** The Booster band will cut loose at the park about 1:30. The musicians have volunteered their services and it is expected that there will be a big turnout. The high school youngsters will also be on hand to jazz it up a bit. The gates at the park will be opened about 12:45. Reserved seats and box holders are asked to use the north and south entrances as the "home plate" grandstand is for general admission ticket holders only. Inclement weather conditions will not halt the game.

CAL'S COMMENTS

NOV 29 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Professional football for the season of 1922 sings its swan song tomorrow afternoon at the league park when the big blue team gives battle to Duluth. It will be the last game of the season at home. The Green Bay eleven will probably continue in action several weeks longer but the contests will be staged on foreign gridirons...To the victor belongs the spoils and we doff out lid to the Canton Bulldogs, who have a stanglehold claim on the NFL title. So far this season, they have yet to taste defeat and they have mowed down all the strongest contenders with due regularity. Guy Chamberlain has done wonders with this club. The former Nebraska star end profited by his experience with the Bears during the season of 1921 and it was mainly due to his brilliant leadership that the Bulldogs are on the top of the heap.

MILWAUKEE LOOKS FORWARD TO GRID CLASH ON SUNDAY

NOV 29 (Milwaukee) - Football fans from all part of the state are gathering here Sunday to witness the state title gridiron argument between the Racine Legion and Green Bay Packers. The game will be played at Athletic park, the home field of the Milwaukee Brewers, rain, shine or freeze and the opening kickoff is scheduled at 2:15. Big

Booster Day Game at Ball Park Will Attract Huge Throng; Both Elevens in Shape; Kick Off at 2 P. M.

PRO LEAGUE STANDING

	W.	L.	T.	Pct.
Canton	7	0	2	1.000
Toledo	4	0	2	1.000
Bears	8	1	0	.889
Cardinals	5	2	0	.750
Rock Island	4	2	1	.667
Racine	5	3	1	.625
Buffalo	4	3	1	.571
Green Bay	3	3	3	.500
Akron	3	3	2	.500
Milwaukee	2	2	3	.500
Dayton	3	3	1	.500
Rochester	2	5	0	.285
Minneapolis	1	3	0	.250
Louisville	1	5	0	.167
Marion	1	6	0	.143
Hammond	0	4	1	.000
Evansville	0	5	0	.000
Columbus	0	7	0	.000

delegations of rooters are coming here from Racine and Green Bay. About 2,000 will be here from Horlickville, according to Manager Babe Ruetz and arrangements are now being made to have the famous Racine Legion drum corps on the job. It is said that about 700 Green Bay rooters will make the trip here for the game. The football fans at the Bay always follow their team wherever it plays. Seat reservations for the game are being snapped up quickly and many request have been received from out of town. Beloit is coming here with a big delegation while Kenosha, Oshkosh, Fond du Lac and Waupun have asked that seats be set aside for them. The Green Bay squad will arrive here Saturday and headquarters will be established at the Wisconsin hotel. The Racine team will stay at home until just before the game. Bobbie Cahn, considered one of the best pro officials in the country, has been named by President Joe Carr of the NFL to handle the game.

ADMISSION PRICES

There will be no change in admission prices at the gate for those who do not care to buy "Booster" tickets. Reserved seats will be \$2.20; the first base grand stand, bleachers and standing room space around the gridiron are \$1.65, and the "home plate" stands \$1.10.

PLAY BY PLAY

NOV 29 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - A special wire direct from Athletic park, Milwaukee, to the Elks club, Green Bay, will enable the fans at home to know everything hot off the wire as to what is going on in the Racine-Green Bay football game which will be played Sunday afternoon at Otto Borchert's playground. A loop has been set up for the game and the happenings in Milwaukee at the Sabbath Day grid fray will be flashed to the fans here a second after they are pulled off. The wire will start "talking" about a half an hour before the whistle blows.

Author Michael Benter discusses his book about Milwaukee's early NFL team

By Bob Wolfley of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (<https://archive.jsonline.com/blogs/sports/198479111.html>)

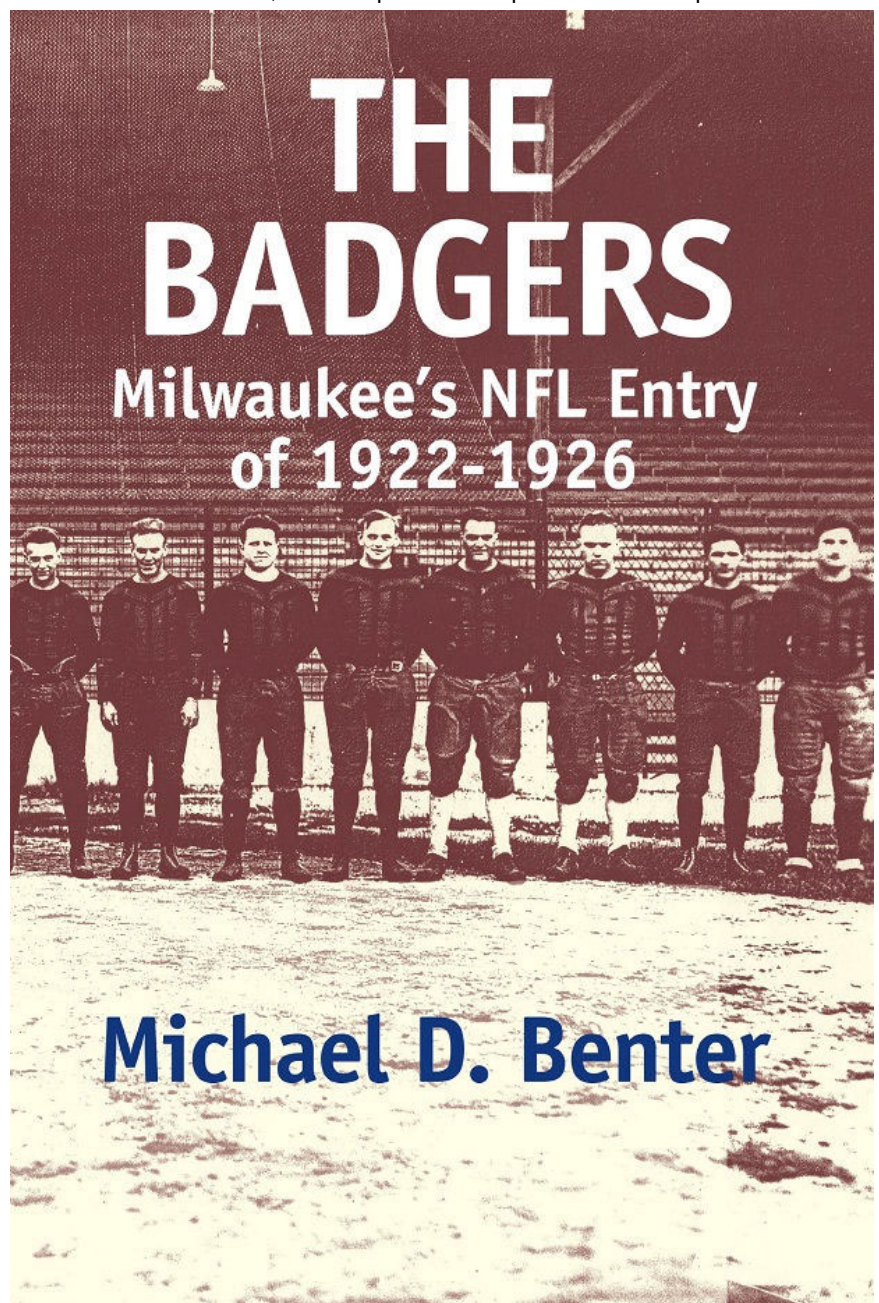
In the 1920s, Milwaukee had a team that competed in the fledgling years of the National Football League. Author Michael Benter has written a book about that team that was recently published, "The Badgers: Milwaukee's NFL Entry of 1922-1926" (St. Johann Press, 388 pp.). Another team in that league, the Green Bay Packers, did survive those early years and became one of the more unlikely stories in professional team sport. We asked Benter, a Milwaukeean, some questions about the Milwaukee Badgers:

Did the players share common backgrounds? - Many of the players in the early '20s were from the East Coast. The Ivy League was the strongest conference then. You had Yale and Harvard as dominant teams, national powers. People that followed pro football in its early days wanted to see the Eastern stars and Milwaukee's 1922 team, their inaugural team, was stocked with Eastern players. Jim Dufft of Fordham, Fritz Pollard of Brown, John Alexander, Paul Robeson and Budge Garrett of Rutgers were fairly well-known and very skilled players on the first Badgers' squad.

What kind of coaching did these players get? Did they practice frequently? - A player, usually an exemplary player, was the team's coach. Budge Garrett and most likely Fritz Pollard - a story within itself - coached the '22 Badgers, until Jimmy Conzelman took over for the last three games. Before the season Earl Potteiger, another player, organized and coached what would be known as preseason practices today. Coaches couldn't coach from the sidelines back then, so it was natural that a player took that role. . . . (Back) then were "managers," they concentrated on administrative and personnel duties. In Milwaukee's case, Ambrose McGurk one of the team's owners was the manager.

Where did the Badgers play their home games? - Athletic Park, home of the AA Milwaukee Brewers and owned by Otto Borchert. After Borchert passed in 1925 it was called Borchert Field. The Badgers paid a few hundred dollars game rent to Borchert for use of the field. Sometimes the team couldn't practice there on Saturday's because there would be an attractive high school doubleheader grid contest that superseded the pros. Can you imagine Green Bay Preble playing West at Lambeau negating a Packers' walk-through the day before a game today?

What was the biggest game in the team's brief history and how many fans attended it? - A November 1922 game with the Oorang Indians of LaRue, Ohio drew the biggest crowd in Badger history, 6,500. The Indians were led by Jim Thorpe and were made up of Native Americans who played football at Carlisle Indian School or Haskell



University. Sponsored by a company that sold Airedale dogs, the Indians were the brainchild of Walter Lingo, the kennel's owner. During halftime of some of their games the Indians performed rope tricks, did tricks with Airedales and on a few occasions had a team member wrestle a bear. There is no evidence that the Indians put on a halftime show of that nature in their two appearances in Milwaukee in 1922 and 1923. The Indians were a good draw because of their uniqueness and reputation. They got Milwaukeeans who never would attend a pro game to come out for reasons other than football.

Who was the best player on the Badgers? - A player who got his due more for his coaching ability with Milwaukee and later with a couple of other NFL teams was Jimmy Conzelman. He was a triple threat back who could pass, run and kick. He was a fiery competitor who hated losing. Red Dunn was a great player and had the same skill set as Conzelman and losing him after only one season, 1924, hurt the Badgers on the field and in the stands, because he was a native Milwaukeean and had starred at Marquette. Those two are probably 1 and 1A. There were others who showcased their talents before or after their stays in Milwaukee. Robeson, later an icon of stage and screen and a human rights activist, and Pollard were superior players, but during their one year with the Badgers they were often injured. Johnny Blood McNally was with the '25 team, an awful team that scored only one touchdown that year, and that was by way of a fumble recovery in the opponent's end zone. He never got a chance to show the skills he later did with Green Bay. Same for Lavvie Dilweg, another fine player who played with the '26 Badgers.

How much were the players paid? How much did the highest-paid player get? - The average player made around \$100 a game. The stars, like Paddy Driscoll of Chicago, \$300. I have a copy of one NFL contract for a Badger player, Clem Neacy, an end. He was paid \$110 a game.

How was it at the time that the Badgers came to have African-American players when that was not the case for some other team sports? - Some people actually came out to see the novelty of blacks and whites competing on the field. Some to heckle. Pollard, who spent time with the Akron franchise once said Milwaukee was "as bad" as Akron, where he had to dress at the team owner's cigar factory before games, instead of with his white teammates, though he never elaborated as to why. On the field, Pollard would raise his spikes and do a "bicycle kick" to keep some of the more racially intolerant players from piling on him. The Badgers had four of the 13 players African-American players that played in the NFL between 1920 and 1933. Garrett was half Native American. Alexander was Jewish. The team was truly diverse. The diversity in the league took a hit when more of the college game's stars started coming into the league, especially after Red Grange signed with the Bears in 1926. Before that almost anyone was welcome. People came to pro football games for their novelty, to see the Oorang team, guys try to pile on Pollard. It was akin to pro wrestling. In fact, the pro game had such a less-than-stellar reputation that when it came time to note his occupation on his children's birth certificates George Halas listed "engineer," his course of study in college, probably because he felt being the owner of an NFL team didn't reflect well on him.

The Badgers were 0-9-1 against the Packers. Was that because the Packers were the more talented and superior team in all those years? - Consistency. Green Bay had fine players like Curly Lambeau, Charlie Mathys, Cub Buck, Milt Gardner and Jug Earp who were with the team year after year. Milwaukee's roster virtually changed each season. Lambeau was always the coach of the Packers each year. The Badgers had four coaching changes in five seasons. Due to financial woes, Milwaukee couldn't afford to keep decent players like Dunn and Hal Erickson, among others.

How is it the Milwaukee Badgers lasted only five seasons in the NFL, but the Packers, in a much smaller market, were able to survive and then thrive? - The Packers were had great support in the community and the press. George Whitney Calhoun, the Packers' manager and a whiz at keeping the Packers in the public eye, he was one of the game's first skilled PR men. Trainloads of fans followed the Packers down to cheer them on against the Badgers. In fact, the Packers even scheduled a game against another pro team in Milwaukee's own market while the Badgers were out of town one weekend in 1922, much to the chagrin of Milwaukee's owners. Owner McGurk was a yardsman at the Chicago stockyards when he wasn't running the Badgers. He really wasn't financially set. He also wasn't the most forthright guy and at least one member of the Milwaukee press, George Downer, seemed to especially dislike him. His partner, Joe Plunkett, was also a Chicagoan. Plunkett was the better businessman, but he got out after a year, probably because he saw no future in the franchise. The Chicago roots of the two and the fact that they apparently did little to cement relationships in Milwaukee's sporting scene hurt the club immensely. Milwaukee had thriving amateur and semi-pro football scenes as well as numbers of people who followed the football teams of Marquette or the Wisconsin Badgers. If I could make a comparison in today's terms, it would be like the popularity of an arena team compared to the Packers or Wisconsin Badgers. The fact that McGurk's '25 team was involved in an ineligible players scandal that rocked the pro football world and drew the ire of Commissioner Joe Carr all but guaranteed the demise of the franchise.

Are there any similarities between the game played then and the game played now? - Well, it's still a game of blocking and tackling on a 100 yard field. Back in the '20s teams definitely didn't pass all that much, though Green Bay with Lambeau, a former Notre Dame player at the helm, passed more than the average team. That's because Notre Dame had a passing game as part of its arsenal for almost a decade before Lambeau ever came to South Bend. The Badgers probably put the ball up 7-10 times a game. They mostly ran out of sets like the Notre Dame Box, the T-formation, single wing. Old sets you hardly ever see today, unless they're a gimmick. Defenses weren't overly complex either. They were seven man fronts with either the four backfield players aligned in a box or diamond pattern. The players on the field were two-platoon performers for the most part. Players that were linemen on offense simply switched to the defensive line when their team was defending. The offensive backfield players usually made up the secondary. The game is vastly different in almost every phase now.

TWO OF DULUTH'S LINE STARS WHO WILL FACE GREEN BAY IN THURSDAY'S BOOSTER DAY FRAY



Denfield, Guard; Williams, Center.

In Denfield and Williams, Duluth has a pair of linemen who could catch on with any pro league team in the country. Denfield was chosen by Walter Camp for his All American team while holding down a front wall berth on the Navy squad. Williams hails from Northwestern where he won his letter three years at center.

These two gridders caused the Bays a lot of trouble in the opening game of the season. They were in every play and frequently smeared the Green Bay backs when they reached the scrimmage line. Their brilliant play cut a big figure in the 6 to 2 upset which the Green Bay team suffered.

DULUTH'S FIRST STRING BACKFIELDERS TO PLAY HERE THURSDAY AGAINST BAYS



Coughlin, Halfback.



Gilbert, Fullback.



Cole, Halfback.

In Denny Coughlin, Jay Gilbert and Larry Cole, Duluth has three corking good backfielders. The Bay players know this by experience. In the opening game of the season which the big blue team lost 6 to 2, this trio of great stars played a big hand in the defeat. It was the agile Coughlin who

nabbed a forward pass out of the air and dashed 50 yards for a touchdown. Cole is fast, like Coughlin, while Gilbert, the fullback and captain, is a line-plunger extraordinary.

Coughlin is a Notre Dame product but he is a different "Coughlin" than the one who played with Green Bay

last season. Cole is a graduate of Minnesota, where he played football on the varsity two years. Gilbert was on the Nebraska team. He is also a star baseball player and has been signed for a tryout with the Minneapolis team next spring.

MAIN COGS OF DULUTH'S FORWARD PASSING MACHINE; EXPERTS IN AERIAL ATTACK



O'Donnell, End.



Bratt, Quarter



MacDonald, End

Like Green Bay, the famous Duluth team has a splendid forward passing attack and the brunt of the aerial offensive falls upon the shoulders of O'Donnell and MacDonald, the crack

ends, who do the receiving and Quarterback Bratt, who is the "tosses." O'Donnell and MacDonald are also basketball stars and their experience at grabbing the oval on the court plays them in good stead on the grid-

iron. Quarterback Bratt can shoot the pigskin like a bullet and in the game against the Minneapolis Maroons he completed one pass which was good for a 50 yard gain.

