

Green Bay Packers (6-2) 17, Milwaukee Badgers (4-5) 10

Sunday November 16th 1924 (at Milwaukee)

PACKERS TRAMPLE ON MILWAUKEE BADGERS 17 TO 10

GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(GREEN BAY) - Backed by a thousand Green Bay rooters, the Packers triumphed over the Milwaukee Badgers in the Cream City Sunday afternoon by the score of 17 to 10 in a thrilling exhibition of pigskin chasing before the biggest crowd that had wended their way to Athletic park this season to see a pro league game. Some 3,800 spectators paid their way into Otto Borchert's backyard. From the opening kickoff until the final whistle, it was a real "He-man's" football game. Both teams were keyed to the highest pitch for the encounter and the spectators saw a superb exhibition on the gridiron.

CINCH STATE TITLE

By the victory, the Bays cinched the Badger state professional football title for the eighth year in succession. It was a well deserved win as the better team won. Even the Milwaukee sport scribes admitted this. George Downer, who is a football authority, was an interested spectator and after the game, the Milwaukee Sentinel sport scribe handed out this bit of praise to Captain Lambeau and his Packers: "I have seen many professional football teams but never saw an eleven that went the way Green Bay did against Milwaukee. The Packers offense was wonderful while that stand in the final period on the 2-yard line was worth going miles to witness. There is a certain spirit to the Packers which is missing in other pro teams. Green Bay has got mighty good reason to be proud of its Packers and I guess it is from the turnout at this afternoon's game."

MADE TO ORDER DAY

Conditions were ideal for football. There was enough zip in the air to keep the players moving fast. The playing field was in superb shape, being mighty fast under foot. The Green Bay crowd jammed the section set aside in the west stand. The Bayites came early and they kept up a continual din all through the fracas. The Milwaukee rooters led by a cheerleader sat directly across the gridiron and the battle cries of the rival rooters echoed back and forth across the field. "Come on Dunn" was the rallying cry of the Milwaukee crowd. But Dunn didn't come on to any great extent except once in the fourth quarter when he topped off a Milwaukee drive by scooting around end to the Packers' 2 yard line.

BAYS BRILLIANT DEFENSE

This play led to the greatest bit of defense ever uncorked by a Packer team. It was first down and the touchdown only 2 yards away. Dinger Doane, one of the best line plungers on the postgraduate grid, was stopped without a gain. Winkelman gained about a yard. Once again, Doane failed to gain. On this play, a Milwaukee forward was way offside, even the spectators saw but Head Linesman Engel must have been suffering from blind staggers. Finally, Winkelman slid oozed over with but an inch to spare and "Come On" Dunn kicked the goal. After this touchdown, the Packers kicked off. Two Milwaukee passes went into discard and then Dutch Hendrian nabbed a toss from Dunn and the Badgers' goose was cooked. It was Green Bay's ball well in Milwaukee's territory. With but a minute to go, Lewellen advanced 2 yards; Hendrian got 3 yards, and followed with 13 as the final whistle blew.

BUCK GETS FIELD GOAL

In the first quarter the play was pretty well even up for seven minutes. Mathys put the Packers on the road to a field goal by a sensational play. It was the Bays' ball on their own 23-yard line. Buck stepped back to kick, but instead tossed to Mathys, who grabbed the ball with one hand and dashed to Milwaukee's 30-yard line before he was dumped. Lambeau gained 13 yards on an ends run. Three plays netted scant yardage and Buck brought joy to the Green Bay rooters by pushing through a placekick from the 30-yard line. Milwaukee kicked off. The Bays made several yards and Buck punted. The ball was in midfield when quarter time was called.

DUNN TIES COUNT

On the third play of the second period, Dunn passed to Swanson for a 20-yard gain. This put the ball on the Bays' 25-yard line. Conzelman couldn't advance but Dunn brushed the dust off his educated toes and booted a field goal, knotting the count. The Bays kicked off. Soon after Swanson was injured and Mooney took his place. Several exchanges of kicks gained considerable yardage for the Packers. With

Bulldogs Joust Columbus Sunday; Independents Play Kenosha; Quakers Meet Milwaukee; Bays Battle Bears.

PRO LEAGUE STANDING

	W.	L.	T.	Pct.
Cleveland	5	1	1	.833
Rock Island	5	1	2	.833
Philadelphia	8	2	1	.800
Green Bay	6	2	0	.750
Chicago Bears	3	1	4	.750
Duluth	3	1	0	.750
Buffalo	5	2	0	.714
Chicago Cards	5	3	0	.625
Racine	4	3	2	.571
Columbus	4	3	0	.571
Hammond	2	2	1	.500
Milwaukee	4	5	0	.444
Dayton	3	5	0	.286
Kansas City	2	6	0	.250
Akron	1	6	0	.143
Louisville	0	0	0	.000
Kenosha	0	4	1	.000
Minneapolis	0	6	0	.000
Rochester	0	6	0	.000

Saturday's Game

Milwaukee at Philadelphia
Buffalo at Rochester

Sunday's Game

Racine at Chicago (Cards)
Green Bay at Chicago (Bears)
Akron at Dayton
Milwaukee at Buffalo
Columbus at Cleveland
Kenosha at Rock Island.

five minutes to play, the Packers started a march down the field but it was cut short when Head Linesman Engel saw well enough to slap a penalty of 15 yards on the Packers for holding. Two passes went astray and Buck kicked over the goal line. Milwaukee scrimmaged on its twenty but was soon forced to punt. The Packers chalked up a first down and they had the ball on Milwaukee's 28-yard line when the whistle piped for halftime.

LEWELLEN REPLACES BASING

Lewellen replaced Basing at the start of the third quarter. Milwaukee opened hostilities by kicking to the Bays. After three rushes Buck kicked far down the field. The Badgers counted gain and Dunn got off a wretched punt. It went out of bounds on Milwaukee's 44 yard line. And then the Packer touchdown march started. Lambeau and Hendrian made a first down. Lewellen pierced the line for another ten yards. Hendrian got 9 yards in two plays and Lewellen smashed for a first down, putting the ball on Milwaukee's 5 yard line. Lewellen got three and followed along with one more. Then Hendrian crashed for a touchdown and Buck kicked the goal. Milwaukee kicked off again. Three rushes netted little and Buck booted to the Badgers' 25 yard line. Dunn made five yards and a pass to Winkelman advanced the pigskin ten. Conzelman grabbed a toss for a 15 yard gain and the ball was on the Packers' 45 yard line. Winkelman tried a placekick but the ball was blocked. Milwaukee recovered in the melee. Voss intercepted a Milwaukee pass and rushed it back to the Bays' 47 yard line. Soon after Buck kicked to Dunn who made a free catch on his 19 yard line. Dunn lost a yard than got two when the quarter ended with the ball in Milwaukee's possession on its own 20 yard line.

PACKERS SCORE AGAIN

Milwaukee was soon forced to kick and, after three plays, Buck returned the compliment. Voss downed the ball on the Badgers' 5 yard line. Milwaukee kicked at once and Lambeau was dumped on the Badgers' 40 yard mark. Lambeau got eight yards and a pass to Voss netted 15 more. Lewellen made three, Hendrian smashed for five and Lewellen made it a first down, 7 yards from Milwaukee's goal. Lambeau added two. So did Lewellen and Hendrian. Lewellen than plunged through for a score. Buck kicked the goal. The Bays kicked off and Milwaukee opened up with a "prayer" passing game. The prayers worked and the Badgers gained considerable yardage which led up to Dunn's skirt around end, the Packers' brilliant stand on the 2-yard line and Winkelman's touchdown.

PLAY GREAT FOOTBALL

The Packers played great football. O'Donnell and Voss turned in a neat job at the ends while Buck and Rosatti couldn't be improved upon at the tackle. Woodin, Earps and Gardner, the Bays' center trio, could be likened to a stonewall. Despite the rough treatment, Mahtys weathered the storm at quarter and carried off his share of glory. Basing gained ground consistently. Hendrian was in the thick of the fight all the time while Captain Lambeau continued his super brand of football. Lewellen came into his own and proved to be a sensation of the game. "Come On" Dunn was the Milwaukee ace. Jimmy Conzelman bobbed into the limelight frequently while Swanson went well until he was injured.

PLAY BY PLAY

FIRST QUARTER

Milwaukee chose to defend the north goal and received the kickoff. Woodin kicked off to Weller, who returned about two yards, the ball being on Milwaukee's 30-yard line. Conzelman made two yards around left end. Dunn punted to Mathys who was downed on Green Bay's 33-yard line, about five yards from the sidelines on the east side of the field. Lambeau was held for no gain on a run around left end. Hendrian made one yard through center. Buck gets back to punt. Buck punted 40 yards to Dunn who was downed in his tracks. Milwaukee's ball on its own 31-yard line. Conzelman made two yards through right tackle. Doane hit right tackle for six yards. Green Bay was offside on the play and was penalized five yards, giving Milwaukee first down on its own 40 yard line. Dunn lost two yards on a wide end run, O'Donnell stopping him. Doane gained three yards through center, third down nine to go. Dunn's forward pass to Conzelman was incomplete. Dunn punted to Mathys who returned 15 yards running out of bounds. The ball is on Green Bay's

Hendrian and Lewellen Score Touchdowns While Buck Boots Field Goal; Victory Cinches State Title.

STATE PRO STANDING

	W.	L.	Pct.
Green Bay	3	0	1.000
Racine	1	1	.500
Milwaukee	1	3	.250
Kenosha	0	1	.000

Sunday's Result

Packers 17 Milwaukee 10.

THE LINE UP

Green Bay (17)	(10) Milwaukee
O'Donnell l. e.	l. e. Neacy
Buck l. t.	l. t. Widerquist
Woodin l. g.	l. g. Jean
Earps c.	c. Larson
Gardner r. g.	r. g. Usher
Rosatti r. t.	r. t. Weller
Voss r. e.	r. e. Swanson
Mathys q. b.	q. b. Dunn
Basing l. h. b.	l. h. b. Conzelman
Lambeau r. h. b.	r. h. b. Winkelman
Hendrian f. b.	f. b. Doane

Referee: Cahn, Chicago; Umpire, St. John, Chicago; Head Linesman, Engel, Chicago; Timers, Gavin, Green Bay, and Zaden, Milwaukee. Time of periods 15 minutes; Linesmen, Sauber, Green Bay, and Wolf, Milwaukee.

Substitutions: Green Bay, Lewellen for Basing; Milwaukee, Mooney for Swanson.

Score by periods:

Green Bay	3	0	7	7—17
Milwaukee	0	3	0	7—10

Touchdowns: Hendrian, Lewellen, Winkelman; goals from touchdown, Buck two, Dunn 1; field goals, Buck, Dunn. Attendance, 3800 (paid.)

CLEVELAND WHIPPED

BY YELLOWJACKETS

RACINE TIES BEARS

Chicago Cardinals Turn Back

Akron; Rock Island Downs

Kansas City.

Pro League Results

Chicago Cardinals, 13; Akron, 0.
Chicago Bears, 3; Racine, 3.
Columbus, 16; Rochester, 0.
Buffalo, 14; Dayton, 6.
Green Bay, 17; Milwaukee, 10.
Philadelphia, 12; Cleveland, 7.
Rock Island, 17; Kansas City, 0.
Saturday
Philadelphia, 39; Minneapolis, 7.

28 yard line. First down ten to go. On a fake buck, Milwaukee was offside, five yard penalty. First down for Green Bay, ten to go. Lambeau made one yard through right tackle. Basing made three yards through right tackle, third down six to go. Buck punted 50 yards, the ball rolling to Milwaukee's five yard line, where Voss fell on it. Milwaukee's ball on its own five yard line. Dunn punted 50 yards to Mathys who was downed with no gain on Milwaukee's 49 yard line. Lambeau made five yards around left end. Basing on a right end run slipped and fell with no gain. Lambeau forward passed out of bounds, fourth down five to go. Ball on Milwaukee's 44 yard line. Buck goes back to punt. Buck punts to Dunn who is downed in his tracks by Gardner on Milwaukee's eight yard line. Dunn punts to Mathys who is downed by Swanson. There was a penalty against the Packers. Milwaukee received the ball on their own 39 yard line. Dunn on a wide end run was held for no gain. Second down, ten to go. Winkelman gained two yards through right tackle. Dunn's pass to Neacy was incomplete. Third down eight to go. Dunn punted to Lambeau and Swanson downed him on Green Bay's 22 yard line. Hendrian gained two yards through center. Buck's passes to Mathys and he caught the ball with one hand and ran to Milwaukee's 30 yard line before being forced out of bounds. Mathys was hurt on the play. First down ten to go. Mathys resumes play. Lambeau's pass to Voss was incomplete. Lambeau on a wide end run around right end gained 13 yards, putting the ball on Milwaukee's 17 yard line. First down ten to go. Hendrian goes out of bounds for no gain. Second down ten to go. Lambeau passes to Hendrian. It was incomplete but there was no gain. It was a lateral pass. Third down ten to go. Basing on a wide end run around left end lost a yard. Buck goes back for a placekick. Basing too the ball out in the center of the field for the kick. Buck made the placekick from the 30 yard line. It went clean through the uprights. Milwaukee kicked off to Green Bay. Weller kicked over the goal line. It's Green Bay's ball on its own 20 yard line. Basing makes one yard through right tackle. Lambeau made two yards through right tackle. Third down, seven to go. Time out for Green Bay. Hendrian makes three yards through left tackle. Fourth down, four to go. Buck gets back to punt. Buck punted 40 yards to Conzelman who returns it one yard. Ball is on Green Bay's 47 yard line. End of first quarter.

SECOND QUARTER

Milwaukee's ball, first down ten to go. Dunn tried right end, and is held for no gain. Dunn's pass to Swanson was incomplete. Third down ten to go. Dunn gets back to punt. Dunn passes to Swanson for a gain of 23 yards. The ball is now on Green Bay's 25-yard line. Doane makes 3 yards through center. Second down seven to go. Conzelman is held for no gain. Dunn gets back for a placekick. Conzelman holding the ball. Dunn makes the kick, tying the score, 3 to 3. Green Bay kicked off to Milwaukee. Woodin kicks off to Dunn, who returns 27 yards to Milwaukee's 33-yard line. Conzelman loses 3 yards around right end. Conzelman gains a yard around left end. Third down, 12 to go. Dunn punts to Mathys who ran out of bounds on Green Bay's 43 yard line. Time out for Milwaukee, Swanson was hurt and Mooney took his place at right end. Lambeau gained 1 yard around right end. Lambeau's pass to Basing was incomplete. Second down ten to go. Lambeau passed to Mathys, but he caught the ball out of bounds. Buck punts to Dunn who returned the ball 5 yards to his own 28-yard line. Doane was held for no gains at center for Earps. Conzelman makes one yard around right end. Third down, nine to go. Dunn punted to Mathys who ran out of bounds on Green Bay's 47-yard line. Lambeau's pass to Hendrian was incomplete, the ball going over his head. Second down, ten to go. Hendrian made 2 yards through center, third down 8 to go. Lambeau passes to Voss for 12 yards. Ball on Milwaukee's 35-yard line. Basing goes around right end for 11 yards. Ball on Milwaukee's 27 yard line. Basing goes around right end for 3 yards. Green Bay is penalized 15 yards for holding. Ball is brought back to 42-yard line. Second down, 25 to go. Lambeau's pass over left end is incomplete. There was no one there to catch it. Lambeau threw a long pass to Voss, but it was just a trifle out of his reach. Second down, 25 to go. Lambeau passes out of bounds on the third down. Buck gets back to kick. Buck punts over the goal line. It's Milwaukee's ball on its own 20-yard line. First down ten to go. Winkelman on a wide end run gained 1 yard. Hendrian dropping him. Doane goes out of bounds, with no gain. Ball is on Milwaukee's 21 yard line. Dunn gained 2 yards through right tackle. Fourth down, 7 to go. Dunn gets back to punt. Dunn punts to Lambeau who returns about 3 yards to Milwaukee's 48 yard line. First down 10 to go. Basing was held for no gain through right tackle. Basing gained 5 yards around right end, third down 5 to go. Ball on Milwaukee's 43 yard line. Lambeau passed to Mathys for a first down on Milwaukee's 38-yard line. Hendrian was held for no gain at center. Lambeau is held for no gain at right tackle. Third down ten to go. End of half.

THIRD QUARTER

Milwaukee kicked to the Packers, who are defending the north goal. Lewellen is in in place of Basing. Weller kicks over the goal line. It's Green Bay's ball on its own 20-yard line. Lambeau gets three yards around left end. Lewellen makes 3 yards around right end. Third down 4 to go. Ball on Green Bay's 26 yard line. Buck's pass to Lambeau is incomplete. Buck punts to Milwaukee's 37-yard line, where Lewellen downed the ball. Doane gets 1 yard through left guard. Conzelman goes around left end and lost a yard. Dunn from a punt formation goes over right tackle for 2 yards. Milwaukee is penalized 5 yards for offside. Fourth down 14 to go. Dunn gets back to kick. Dunn punted out of bounds on Milwaukee's 44 yard line. Lambeau goes through center for 7 yards. Second down 3 to go. Hendrian goes through left tackle for 2 yards. Third down 1 to go. Hendrian goes through center for 3 yards, putting the ball on Milwaukee's 31 yard line. First down 10 to go. Lewellen goes through right tackle for 10 yards. Ball on Milwaukee's 21-yard line. Hendrian goes through left tackle for 7 yards. Second down 3 to go. Hendrian goes through right tackle for 2 yards. Third down 1 to go. Lewellen makes 7 yards, putting the ball on Milwaukee's 5-yard line. First down 5 to go. Lewellen goes through right tackle for 3 yards. Second down goal to go. Lewellen goes through right tackle for 1 yard. Ball is 1 yard from goal line, third down. Hendrian goes through center for a touchdown. Buck makes the point after touchdown. Score: Green Bay 10, Milwaukee 3. Weller kicked off to Lambeau who returned the ball 30 yards to his own 40-yard line. Hendrian made two yards through left guard. Lewellen gets through right tackle for 3 yards. Third down 5 to go. Lambeau is held for no gain on a left end run. Buck gets back to punt. Buck punted to Milwaukee's 25-yard line, where Lewellen downed the ball. Dunn goes around left end for 25 yards. Dunn passes to Winkelman for a gain of 10 yards. Ball now on Milwaukee's 45-yard line. Time

out for Green Bay. First down 10 to go. Winkelman loses one yard on a wide end run, Hendrian tackling him. Dunn passes to Conzelman for a 5 yard gain. Conzelman fumbled the ball afterwards but Milwaukee recovered. Third down 6 to go. Dunn passes 15 yards to Conzelman. Ball on Packers' 45-yard line. First down 10 to go. It looked like Conzelman caught the ball on the ground, but the officials allowed it. Dunn went through left tackle for 3 yards. Second down 7 to go. Dunn passed to Neacy, but it was incomplete. Third down 7 to go. Dunn's pass to Mooney was incomplete. Fourth down 7 to go. Winkelman goes back for a placekick. Conzelman holding the ball on the Packers' 45 yard line. The kick was blocked and Milwaukee recovered. Ball is on Milwaukee's 45 yard line. Earps blocked the kick. First down 10 to go. Doane gets four through center. Winkelman passed to Dunn, but Voss intercepted it and returned the ball 10 yards to Green Bay's 47-yard line. Lambeau was held for no gain through left tackle. Lambeau gained four yards. Third down, six to go. Buck punted to Dunn, who signaled for a fair catch on his own 19-yard line, Milwaukee's ball. First down 10 to go. Dunn lost one yard on a wide end run. Buck got the tackle. Second down 11 to go. Dunn got two yards through right tackle. End of the quarter. Ball is on Milwaukee's 20 yard line.

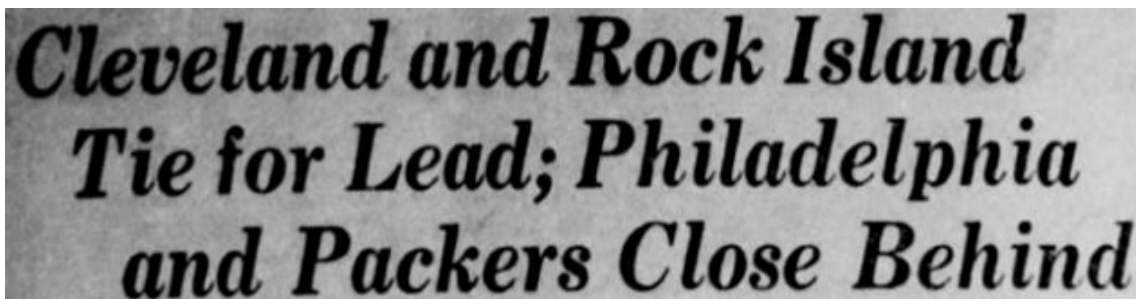
FOURTH QUARTER

A pass, Conzelman to Dunn, was completed. Dunn was tackled by Lewellen for no gain. Dunn punts to Hendrian who returns it 5 yards to Milwaukee's 45-yard line. First down ten to go. Green Bay's ball. Lewellen goes through right tackle for two yards. Lewellen picked up three yards around right end. Ball on Milwaukee's 40 yard line. Third down, five to go. Lambeau's pass to Hearden was incomplete. Buck punted to Milwaukee's five yard line, where Voss downed the ball. Dunn punted to Lambeau who returned it five yards to Milwaukee's 40 yard line. Lambeau goes through center from a kick formation for eight yards. Second down, two to go. Lambeau passed to Voss for fifteen yards. Ball is now on Milwaukee's 20 yard line. Time out for Milwaukee. Lewellen goes through right tackle for three yards. Second down, seven to go. Hendrian gets five yards through right tackle. Ball on Milwaukee's 11 yard line. Lewellen goes through right tackle for four yards. First down on Milwaukee's 7 yard line. Lambeau goes around right end for two. Second down, five to go. Lewellen goes through right tackle for two yards. Hendrian makes two yards through center. On the next play Lewellen carried it over for a touchdown. Buck makes the kick after touchdown. Score: Green Bay Packers, 17; Milwaukee, 3. Green Bay is going to kick off to Milwaukee. Woodin kicks off to Doane who returns the ball 10 yards to Milwaukee's 19 yard line. Dunn passes to Winkelman for 14 yards. He ran out of bounds on Milwaukee's 33-yard line. Dunn makes a long pass to Conzelman who is downed on Green Bay's 35-yard line. Time out for Green Bay. Dunn passes to Conzelman for a nine yard gain. Ball on Green Bay's 27 yard line. Second down, one. Doane goes through center for half a yard. Third down half a yard to go. Both sides were offside on this play. On the next play Green Bay was offside. First down, Milwaukee's ball on Green Bay's 22 yard line. Dunn goes around end, running out of bounds on Green Bay's 2 yard line. First down two yards to goal. Doane was held for no gain at center. Second down two to go. Winkelman made a yard and a half. Third down goal to go. Doane was held for no gain. Fourth down. Winkelman goes over for a touchdown around right end. Dunn makes the kick. It was partially blocked, but went over anyway. Rosatti touching the ball. Score: Green Bay, 17; Milwaukee, 10. Woodin kicked off to Dunn who fumbled the ball but recovered it and gains five yards. Milwaukee's ball on its own 20-yard line. Dunn's pass to Winkelman was incomplete. Second down ten to go. Dunn's pass to Conzelman was incomplete. Third down ten. Dunn's pass to Neacy was intercepted by Hendrian on Milwaukee's 37-yard line. Green Bay's ball, first down. Lewellen goes around right end for two yards. Hendrian gets three yards through left guard. Third down five. Hendrian gets three yards through left guard. Third down five. Hendrian goes through right tackle for 12 yards as the game ended. Score: Green Bay, 17; Milwaukee, 10.

GREEN BAY	-	3	0	7	7	-	17
MILWAUKEE	-	0	3	0	7	-	10

SCORING

- 1st - GB - Cub Buck, 30-yard field goal GREEN BAY 3-0
- 2nd - MIL - Red Dunn, 22-yard field goal TIED 3-3
- 3rd - GB - Dutch Hendrian, 1-yard run (Cub Buck kick) GREEN BAY 10-3
- 4th - GB - Verne Lewellen, 1-yard run (Buck kick) GREEN BAY 17-3
- 4th - MIL - Ben Winkelman, 1-yard run (Dunn kick) GREEN BAY 17-10



CAL'S COMMENTS

NOVEMBER 17 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - A new star is dazzling in the Packer football sky. Lefty Lewellen arrived with bells on in the Milwaukee game. The former Nebraska captain sure went like a house-on-fire in the second half. Lew did everything that was asked of him and a little bit. "When Lewellen arrives, look out." That was the tip handed out here all season. He arrived Sunday with bells on.

'Nough said...It looked like fireworks when the Packers made their game stand on the two yard line. The Milwaukee offside was seen by nearly everybody in the park but Head Linesman Engel. When he refused to call the penalty, the Packers went after him on all eleven. Several of the Big Bay Blues were pretty hostile but cooler heads prevailed and the mob act was prevented. Bobbie Cahn proved to be a pretty good peacemaker...The Packers drew the top crowd that had attended a pro game in Milwaukee this season yet the house was about 2,000 below the turnout last year when the Big Bay Blues performed in Milwaukee. Dame Rumor has it that the Badger management is having a dickens of a time these days steering clear of the financial rocks. McGurk & Co., sure would have been up against it if Green Bay hadn't sent down about a thousand rooters...The Bayite followers came early and stayed late. The corridor of the Wisconsin hotel was jammed with Green Bayians and it seemed as if there couldn't have been anybody left in the old hometown. The Badger followers held tight to their coin bags and the few bets secured were either at top heavy odds or the number of points the Packers would score...The Big Bay Blues showed a consistent line smashing game. Both touchdowns came after steady marches down the field and the punch was there when a yard or two was needed for a score. The much famed Milwaukee line, headed by Widerquist and Weller, All-American stars, was literally ripped to shreds by the crashing attack of the Packers' backfielders...Next Sunday, it is the Bears in Chicago at Cubs park and the Big Bay Blues are determined to continue their pigskin glide along victory row.

BEARS TO SEEK REVENGE ON GREEN BAY ELEVEN

NOV 18 (Chicago Tribune) - Determined to make amends for a beating received in an exhibition game, the Chicago Bears will meet Green Bay's Packers on Sunday at Cubs park in a National Pro league encounter. The Wisconsin eleven is tied with Philadelphia's Yellow Jackets for fourth place.

PRO LEAGUE FOOTBALL RACE IN BLANKET FINISH

NOV 18 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The race for National football honors in the pro league tightened up considerably as a result of the Philadelphia Yellow Jackets victory over the Cleveland Bulldogs. The percentage table, up to date, shows Rock Island and Cleveland tied for the top of the heap with the Quakers close on their heels and the Green Bay Packers in fourth place, still very much in the race. If the Big Bay Blues had won either the Duluth or Cardinal games, they would be perched on the top rung of the pro football ladder...**PACKERS MUST WIN:** Some shakeups in the standing are forecast as a result of the weekend games. The Packers play a crucial game in Chicago against the Bears and Lambeau's team must win this game to keep in the hunt for postgraduate football honors. Cleveland will have to step some Sunday as the Bulldogs meet Columbus. The Tigers polished off Rochester last week and they are said to be in tip top shape to give Chamberlain's crew quite a fight. Philadelphia has it out with Milwaukee on Saturday and, if the Quakers run true to form, they should take a fall out of the McGurk-Conzelman combination. Rock Island is in soft as the Independents mingle with the Kenosha Maroons...**THANKSGIVING DAY GAMES:** On Turkey Day, the Packers play in Kansas City. Cleveland will tackle Milwaukee while Dayton has it out with Philadelphia. The Rock Island Independents are idle on Thanksgiving. November 30, the Big Bay Blues are slated for action in Racine. Minneapolis will do their stuff in Rock Island. Philadelphia plays a return game with Dayton while Buffalo travels to Cleveland to tackle the Bulldogs. If the Packers win all their remaining games, the Bays' percentage table standing will read as follows:

	W	L	.PCT
Green Bay	9	2	.818

MANY GREEN BAY FOOTBALL FANS WILL FOLLOW PACKER TEAM INTO CHICAGO SUNDAY

NOV 19 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - From all indications, the Packers will have a husky representation in the stands at Cub park, Chicago, on Sunday when the Big Bay Blues have it out with the Bears in a pro league football game. The reduced fare on both railroads, the C. M. & St. P., and the Northwestern, has paved the way for a much larger turnout. The roundtrip fare is \$9.48 and the tickets hold good from Friday night until Monday...**LEAVE FRIDAY NIGHT:** Many of the football fans who can get away for two days will hit the trail for the Windy City on Friday so that they can take in either the Wisconsin-Chicago or Notre Dame-Northwestern games on Saturday. Tickets for these games are at a premium but a lot of strings are being pulled to get the much-wanted ducats. The game with the Bears on Sunday is the first of a three game road trip undertaken by the Green Bay eleven. Following the joust with the Bears, the Packers on Monday night board a train for Kansas City, where they will play on Thanksgiving Day. After the Turkey Day affair, the Big Bay Blues will head for Racine. The Bays meet the Legion team in Horlickville Sunday November 30.

EXPECT BIG CROWD

NOV 19 (Chicago) - Manager George Halas of the Chicago Bears is making arrangements to handle a big crowd on Sunday when the Green Bay Packers, champions of Wisconsin, meet his club at Cubs park. The Packers are placed fourth in the pro league percentage table and they are coming into Chicago with a record of six straight wins. Early in the season the Packers defeated the Bears 5 to 0 in an exhibition game. It is likely that Manager Halas will extend an invitation to the Notre Dame football squad to be his guests at the game. Two Green Bay boys, Jimmy Crowley, one of the famous "Four Horsemen" and Tom Hearnden, a brother of a Green Bay Packer player, are members of the Notre Dame team.

PACKER SQUAD IS RIGHT ON EDGE TO CLASH WITH BEARS

NOV 20 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - With all of the players on the Packer squad in good physical condition, hopes for a Green Bay victory over the Chicago Bears are growing more rosy every day. The players know what a victory over the Windy City Bruins means and when the whistle blows at Cub park in Chicago on Sunday the Big Bay Blues will be a bunch of fighting gridders. The Packers have trimmed the Bears once this season and they are determined to do it again. True enough the Bears have improved a lot since the game here on September 21 but it must be remembered that the Packer squad has been molded into a machine which is hitting on all

elevens...NEGOTIATE FOR GAMES: If the Big Bay Blues knock off the Bears, it is quite probable that the Racine game on November 30 won't be the closing date of the season. Negotiations have been opened with several of the crack eastern clubs and there is a good chance that the Green Bay squad may show its wares in Ohio and Pennsylvania. During their stay in Chicago, the Packer headquarters will be at the Parkway hotel, located at 2100 Lincoln park west. This is one of the exclusive Chicago hotels. It is located not very far from the Cubs' park. By staying at the Parkway, the Packers will get away from all the noise of the Loop and this should enable the players to sleep well on Saturday night...PLAY-BY-PLAY SERVICE: Play-by-play service on the Packer-Chicago game Sunday will again be furnished to the fans at home in Turner hall. A direct wire from Cub park has been arranged for. The Press-Gazette Playograph board has again been loaned to the Green Bay Football corporation for the game. A nominal admission will be charged and the profits will go into the coffers of the Packer treasury.

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NOV 21 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Green Bay football invasion of Chicago is underway and by Sunday it is expected that there will be at least 500 gridiron followers from around this neck of the woods in the Windy City. There is a triple attraction in Chicago to draw the fans from Northeastern Wisconsin. Many will see Chicago and Wisconsin battle at Stagg field Saturday, while others are going to take to the Notre Dame-Northwestern affair at Grant stadium. In this game, Jimmy Crowley, a Green Bay boy, one of the Notre Dame's famous "Four Horsemen", will perform. Sunday, the Green Bay Packers rub elbows with the Chicago Bears in a pro league football game at Cubs park. This is the crucial game on the season's schedule for the Big Bay Blues and a victory over the Bruins will put the Bays in line for the national championship series...TRAINED TO MINUTE: The Packer squad is trained to the minute for the game, according to Captain Lambeau. "We know what a victory means in Sunday's game," said the Packer leader. "And our club is in tip top shape for the mix up with George Halas and his aggregation of all stars. The Packers have been going better in each game and I feel confident that we will look better than ever against the Bears." During their stay in Chicago, the Packers will headquarter at the Parkway hotel, located at 2100 Lincoln park west. Monday night, the Big Bay Blues will leave Chicago for Kansas City where they will meet the Blues on Thanksgiving Day. After this game, the team jumps to Racine for an engagement on November 30.

PRO FOOTBALL NOTES

NOV 21 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Columbus Tigers took picks on the Rochester Jeffs to the tune of 16 to 0. The Kodak City combination was unable to cope with the Columbus air attack in which Winters and Rapp were the outstanding stars...Jim Welsh and Charlie Wray played the lead for the Philadelphia Yellowjackets in their win against Cleveland. Wray ran 48 yards for a touchdown while Welsh contributed two timely goals from the field...The Quakers are proving capable double weekenders as the day before their success at Cleveland, the Pennsy aggregation taught the Minneapolis Marines a football lesson. The final score was 38 to 7...Buffalo got even with Dayton for the early season upset as the Bisons turned back the Triangle, 14 to 6. It was a bitter battle all the way. Watters and Calac scored for Buffalo while Marht got the Dayton marker...For the second time this season, the Chicago Bears and Racine Legion played a tie game. It was a duel between field goal experts with Joe Sternaman featuring for the Bruins and old Hank Gillo for the Legion squad...Columbus is going into Cleveland on Sunday gunning for bear. The Tigers want to pull the Bulldogs down another peg but they will have a battle on their hands as Chamberlain's crew wants to start a new winning streak...A number of important pro league games will top off the gridiron fans' appetite on Thanksgiving Day. One of the feature attractions is the Cardinal-Bear engagement in Chicago. This is always a battle royal...Rube Ursella led his Rock Island eleven to a well deserved 17 to 0 win over Kansas City. The veteran quarterback was in the midst of every play and it was his driving tactics that put the victory across...Green Bay and the Bears will have it out at Cubs park in Chicago. The Halasmen hope to get even with the Bays for the 5 to 0 trimming received at the hands of the Packers in an exhibition game early in the season...The ancient enemies, Akron and Dayton, will lock horns in a gridiron tussle on Sunday. These clubs are nip and tuck in the percentage table. Both elevens will have their strongest battle front in action...Among the other Turkey Day games are: Dayton at Philadelphia, Green Bay at Kansas City, Milwaukee at Cleveland, Buffalo at Akron. These contests should shake up the percentage table...The race for the postgraduate championship is developing into a blanket affair. Cleveland and Rock Island are tied for the top of the heap. Philadelphia is close behind and the Packers and Bears barking at their heels...The breaks of the game sort of went against Akron and the Chicago Cardinals copped the verdict, 13 to 0. Bennan scooped a fumble and scampered for a touchdown while Paddy Driscoll got a pair of field goals...The Rock Island Independents will have a task on their hands Sunday as the game with Kenosha has been sidetracked and a contest arranged with the Duluth Kellys. The Northerners are a tough club to beat and they may make things interesting for the Islanders...Kansas City sure is the hard luck team of the pro wheel. Injuries have proven a handicap to

the Kaws all season. From the opening game Manager Andrews has had two of three players on the hospital list continually...Buffalo and Milwaukee clash this weekend in the Bison City. The gridders from Horlickville are going good these days but, aside from Gillo's educated toe, they haven't showed any too much scoring strength...The Green Bay Packers made sure of the Badger state championship again by taking a fall out of Milwaukee, 17 to 10. A thousand fans followed the Big Bay Blues into the Wisconsin metropolis for the pigskin fray...Two pro league contests are scheduled for Saturday. The Milwaukee Badgers are slated for action in Philadelphia while Buffalo will invade Rochester and tackle their ancient gridiron rivals, the Jeffs.

PACKERS IN GOOD SHAPE TO MEET BEARS IN CHICAGO

NOV 22 (Chicago) - When the Green Bay Packers step out on the gridiron at Cubs park in Chicago Sunday afternoon to battle the Bears in the most important pro league contest of the day, they won't lack support from the old hometown as pretty close to 500 rooters will be in the stands. The Green Bay invasion of Chicago hot underway on Friday and there has been a continual stream of Green Bayians towards the Windy City. Special trains are being run on both railroads while several caravans of autos will make the pilgrimage into the Illinois metropolis...READY TO GO: The Big Bay Blues are primed to the minute for the fray and Captain Lambeau's warriors are confident of handing the Bears the same dose of medicine that they did early in the season - a 5 to 0 licking. The Packers plan no changes in their battle front. They will stand pat on the same lineup that has won six games in a row. Packer headquarters during the Chicago stay will be at the Parkway hotel, 2100 Lincoln park west. The Bears are looking for revenge. Halas and his gridders didn't like the trimming they received at Green Bay and they want to even the score. The teams are tied for fourth place in the percentage but two games behind the leaders. The winner of this game will probably have the opportunity of making an eastern tour after the pro league season has been completed...BATTLE ON HANDS: The Chicagoans realize they have a battle on their hands. The Packers are always a dangerous club. In Buck, the Badger state champions for eight yeas have one of the best kickers on the postgraduate gridiron. He is a wonderful punter and can kick with the best of them. The Packers boast of a classy air drive while in Hendrian, they have a hard hitting line plunger.

PLAY BY PLAY

NOV 22 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Press-Gazette Playograph board will be hitting on all eleven Sunday afternoon at Turner hall and the fans who stay at home will be able to get the Packer-Bear game hot off the gridiron. A special wire has been arranged for between Cub park, Chicago, and Turner hall, Green Bay. Fritz Gavin, Marquette varsity football center, will file the wire in Chicago, direct from the press box. Admission will be charged to the to the "Play-by-Play" game and the profits will be turned over to the Green Bay Football corporation.

BEARS TO TAKE ON GREEN BAY PACKERS TODAY

NOV 22 (Chicago Tribune) - Green Bay's Packers, Wisconsin champions since 1917, clash with the Chicago Bears this afternoon at the Cubs park. Early this fall these teams met in an exhibition battle up in Green Bay, the Packers beating the Bears, 5 to 0. Both elevens are tied for fourth place with the Philadelphia Yellow Jackets in the postgraduate football league. The kickoff is schedule for 2:15. A kicking duel is looked for between little Joe Sternaman of the Bears, who average of more than one dropkick per game this season, has made him a headliner in the league, and Cub Buck, former Wisconsin tackle, who is booting many successful ones for the Packers. Green Bay brings one of the most versatile backfields to tackle the Bears that has visited Cub park in years. Hendrian, Princeton's All-American fullback, and Lewellen, Nebraska's captain last year and a superb halfback, have joined the Packers this season. They have Captain Lambeau at one half, a former Notre Dame star, and the ex-Indian quarterback, Mathys, to round out the outfit. The Bears will send the full strength of their backfield on the field in an effort to work out of fourth place. Joe Sternaman will be at quarter. Dutch Sternaman and Larry Walquist at halves and Knop at full, all ex-Illini stars. Red Bryan of Chicago, Kendrick of Texas A. and M. and Lanum of Illinois will be in before the battle is over.

Crucial Contest for Both Elevens; Big Bay Blues Confident of Defeating Windy City Opponents Again.

Saturday's Games

Milwaukee at Philadelphia.
Buffalo at Rochester.

Sunday's Games

Racine at Chicago (Cards).
Green Bay at Chicago (Bears)
Akron at Dayton.
Milwaukee at Buffalo.
Columbus at Cleveland.
Duluth at Rock Island.

Thanksgiving Day

Kenosha at Racine.
Bears at Cardinals.
Dayton at Philadelphia.
Buffalo at Akron.
Milwaukee at Cleveland.
Green Bay at Kansas City.

The teams will line up as follows:

Packers	Bears
O'Donnell, Murray, le.	le., Hannay
Buck, lt.	lt., Healy
Woodin, lg.	lg., McMillen
Earp, Neimann, c.	c., Trafton
Gardner, rg.,	rg., McMillen, La Fleur
Rosatti, rt.	rt., Blacklock, Scott
Voss, re.	re., Halas, Mullen
Mathys, qb.	qb., J. Sternaman Bryan
Lewellen, Basing, l.h.b.	l.h.b., Walquist
Lambeau, Hearnden, r.h.b.	r.h.b., E. Sternaman
Hendrian, Duford, fb.	fb., Knop
Referee: Cahn; Umpire, Whitlock;	
Head Linesman, Coffeen. Time of	
periods, 15 minutes. Kick off 2 o'clock.	

Pro League Argument to Be Staged at Cubs Park; Many Fans Going to Game

Milwaukee's NFL history a blip in Packers' rise - The 1920s Badgers are all but lost to history, but they needed to fail for the Packers to succeed

MILWAUKEE — The ghosts of Milwaukee football linger around this makeshift baseball diamond in Milwaukee's Clinton Rose Park. But you'd never know it unless you were looking. It's a shabby field, five blocks from the expressway, and its actual location has very little to do with football or the sport's beginnings in the city of Milwaukee. But shortly beyond the outfield, where overgrown grass brushes up against the metal fence in center field, stands a sign — the only obvious remnant of a National Football League team all but erased from the consciousness of Wisconsin's largest city. The sign is a commemoration of Borchert Field (known as Athletic Park until 1927), a stadium that used to sit pristinely, just a few blocks away, between W. Chambers St. and W. Burleigh St., N. 7th St. and N. 8th St. — home to what once was Milwaukee's one and only entrant in the NFL. But just one line on the sign — a short, rather insignificant reference — publicly indicates that the Milwaukee Badgers ever existed. "The NFL's Milwaukee Badgers and Green Bay Packers also played football at Borchert Field," it reads. The park surrounding the sign is mostly empty on this day, except for a handful of neighborhood kids who walk along the outfield fence. One stops to read the commemoration and says he's never heard of the Milwaukee Badgers. He's wearing a Packers T-shirt. The kids gather in right field and break into two teams, tossing around a football. They have no idea that legends of the early 1920s NFL — players like Red Grange, Lavvie Dilweg, Jimmy Conzelman, and Fritz Pollard — starred just blocks away from their pickup game. It's been almost 90 years since the Badgers last played at Borchert Field, their disappearance seemingly dooming any hopes of professional football being a staple in Milwaukee. Green Bay, even after almost a century, continues to flourish as a rare remaining vestige of the early NFL even though it's roughly 15 percent of the size of Milwaukee. Meanwhile, the mere memory of the Milwaukee Badgers — beyond a meager mention on a sign — is a ticking clock, it seems. "The NFL really isn't focusing much on their history," says Ken Crippen, executive director of the Pro Football Researchers Association. "It's rare that you see them acknowledge anything before Super Bowl I. A lot of people don't even know it was played in the 1920s. It doesn't surprise me that it's disappeared. I wish people out there would realize that there is a storied history to a lot of these teams." But as time slowly passes, and the football landscape continues to change, are the Badgers and the history of professional football in Milwaukee destined to be forgotten?

Bright sunlight pours out of bay windows in the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee alumni house as Michael Benter carefully pushes six years of work in a binded manuscript across a long oak table in front of him. Benter had always had an acute interest in the beginnings of pro football. Since he was young, he has collected newspapers that included major events in Green Bay Packers history — a copy of the paper from the day Green Bay won Super Bowl I still hangs in his house today. He's written books on other things besides football, but for six years of his life the beginnings of the sport were at the forefront of his mind. He doesn't give much other reason for having chosen the Milwaukee Badgers — and their brief five-year stint in the NFL — as the subject of his most recent book, other than the fact no one had written about them before. In fact, he said, not much record of the Badgers exists outside of hard-to-find newspaper clippings and peculiar snippets of information available only to those specifically looking for them. So for six years, Benter went digging. He searched through old collegiate yearbooks, public records, newspaper archives, Chicago cemeteries and phone books looking for clues. He described it as a "10,000-piece jigsaw puzzle." Soon, he had consumed himself with the history of a team that its city had largely forgotten. For six years, he felt like he could transport himself to that time through his research. There, in his mind, were the paint-chipped walls of Borchert Field and the crowds of a few thousand lining the bleachers of the rectangular field. But it was a piecemeal vision, one that took years for him to formulate. Benter treasures the minute details and eccentricities; you can hear it in his voice as he shares stories about the team. As he speaks, he puts faces to the names, the records and the numbers. He speaks organically of the football scene in Milwaukee in the 1920s, as the town fell in and out of love with the sport. The city questioned pro football then, wondering if it would last. One hundred miles up I-43 — the highway that paved over the former grounds of Borchert Field — a professional football team that may not have survived if Milwaukee's Badgers had remained still flourishes today. The Green Bay Packers are a staple of the NFL, while the Badgers exist only on the fringes of folklore, with Benter as one of their few remaining storytellers.

Eighteen working class men are lined up in three rows at the beginning of football season in 1924, most of them wearing leather helmets and dark sweaters. They pose for a team picture in front of a scoreboard at Milwaukee's Borchert Field, all of them sternly looking at the camera. For the Milwaukee Badgers in this picture, things seemed to be looking up. They finished the 1923 season in contention for the NFL championship with a 7-2-3 record, led by quarterback, head coach and future Hall of Famer Jimmy Conzelman. Conzelman had been the key cog for a fledgling team that had seemingly started to put its roots down in the new NFL. Just two years earlier, Ambrose McGurk — a young former player for the Chicago Cardinals — had gone in with his friend and former teammate Joseph Plunkett to put together a football team north of Chicago. They were by no means rich men — Plunkett came to the NFL meetings in Chicago with his \$100 team entrance fee in his shoe, too nervous to carry that much money around — but they sought to make Milwaukee a natural rival to the Bears and Cardinals in their former town. McGurk and Plunkett struggled at first to garner interest in the Badgers. But after a banner 1923 season, the team seemed to be on the right track. In a city with a strong football structure — from youth leagues through the college ranks — the Badgers looked as though they might find a place. The team also had support of NFL commissioner Joe Carr, who had hoped to expand the league to bigger markets. But after one season of relative success, Milwaukee began to stumble. The media displayed a dislike toward McGurk, and crowds started to shrink. College football still was king, and pro teams without a leading attraction, like the Badgers, were often left hanging by a thread. Then, in 1926, the NFL cut the lifeline. With the 1926 NFL championship

on the line for the Chicago Cardinals, they suspiciously scheduled an extra game — against the Badgers — to strengthen their resume for the title. But with Milwaukee's team mostly disbanded for the season and the owners short of money, the Badgers were talked into using a ragtag group of fill-ins that included four local high school players recruited by the Cardinals. Milwaukee lost, 59-0, igniting the ever-lasting controversy of who rightfully deserved the 1926 NFL title while also dooming the Milwaukee franchise. Soon Carr uncovered the deception, fined McGurk \$500 for using amateurs, ordered him to sell the Badgers and banned him from ever returning to the league. "At that point, they were so far dead, they had no choice but to pack up and say that was it for Milwaukee," Crippen says. "And it never truly came back." It wasn't unusual for an NFL team in that fledgling period of the league to fold, but Milwaukee was a large market that loved football. It had seemed like a good investment. After being barred from the league, McGurk more or less disappeared. Records, according to Benter, indicate he went back to Chicago to become a stock yardsman, making no more than \$100 per week. He was never heard from again in NFL circles. Some Badgers players, Benter found, seemed to follow suit. "Some guys were forgotten, fell off the map," Benter says. "There's three players out of the five years of rosters that I just couldn't find anything on anywhere." Plenty tried to rejuvenate football in Milwaukee over the years, but all were unsuccessful. Green Bay began to thrive, and the market was taken over by the Packers, whom the Badgers never managed to beat in all 10 of their tries. Some even believe Milwaukee's demise gave the Packers just what they needed to stay afloat. To this day, the Packers — who played some home games in Milwaukee from the early 1930s until 1994 — recognize former Milwaukee ticket holders when they hand out season tickets. There's ample reason to believe the teams could never have coexisted. "Even without the Badgers around, talk of moving the Packers to Milwaukee always seemed to surface during trying times," says Eric Goska, a columnist for the Green Bay Press Gazette. "Had the Badgers been in the picture, I think the push to consolidate the two would have carried the day, and the resulting entity would have continued to operate as the Badgers in the larger market. Right or wrong, the thinking probably would have been that Wisconsin wasn't big enough to support more than one pro football team." But as the Badgers faded, pro football history in Wisconsin was to be written by the Packers, who won the first of their league-high 13 championships in 1929. "(Milwaukee) made some attempts (to return)," Benter says. "They still had the Eagles, an independent pro team, they called it. Then, the Nighthawks. Then, the Milwaukee Chiefs, but it never stuck. The Packers came and they did well. The Packers just came out ahead."

With its start before the turn of the century, a few decades before professional football, pro baseball has already gone through a process of clinging to its distant past. Historians have tried to keep track of anyone and any team associated with the majors, but there's no doubt some memories and some players records have fallen through the cracks. The NFL, Crippen says, has focused very little on the beginnings of the league, before the Super Bowl and television began to spike its popularity. Players and teams from before that time, he explains, will continue to be forgotten. He lists off at least a half-dozen NFL players who probably deserve to be in the Hall of Fame but aren't because of the lack of common knowledge from that era. "As time goes on, more and more of those older teams and older players are just going to be forgotten," Crippen says. "No one is really pushing to keep those memories alive." It's the product of the age we live in, as technology has made for an interesting paradox in remembering the teams and players that have long faded away. The Internet provides the information necessary to at least remember pieces of the Milwaukee Badgers. But the wealth of knowledge available about today's NFL drowns out the trickle of history from nearly a century ago. There's little interest in looking back as the NFL moves forward at a break-neck pace. "You really don't have people focused on the history," Crippen says. "You take a lot of the newer players, newer people, newer generations, they just don't care. There's fantasy football and what they see on YouTube, and if it's not on any of those media, they're not going to know about it, and they're not going to care." Crippen will champion the cause of recognizing history, but even he admits that the Milwaukee Badgers — and other teams like them — may be destined to be forgotten. And maybe that's the cruel truth in all of this: The history of one team is sacrificed so that another can be remembered. If any of the three other NFL teams that called Wisconsin home — Kenosha and Racine also gave it a go — would have survived, would the Green Bay Packers be what they are today? It's an impossible question to answer, but it intrigues Benter. He agrees that the result of only a few games could have very well changed the course of pro football history in Wisconsin. But now, the only proof exists in his orange, binded manuscript. Benter's book will be published soon, but even the publishers understand how little in demand stories of the NFL's early history are. They held publishing his book because the subject "isn't temporally hot." It's the last line of his last chapter that perhaps represents the forgotten time of the early NFL and a professional football team slowly slipping from consciousness. "They played football because they loved it as much as they hated the Bears and Cardinals and Packers; all for maybe a hundred bucks a game, a few beers and a ham sandwich or two after the game. They played in Milwaukee at weathered, old Athletic Park, 1922-26. "Some of the fortunate noticed." SOURCE: Foxsports.com