



Minnesota Vikings (5-4) 14, Green Bay Packers (3-5-1) 10
Sunday November 10th 1968 (at Minnesota)



Mistakes Plague Pack Again; Vikes Win 14-10

GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(MINNESOTA) – Plagued by their own misadventures and the capricious football fates, the Packers continue to defy the law of probability. The defending world champions, frequently so near and yet so far in this weird 1968 season, had been last minute victims of an interference penalty, a fumble and a free kick prior to encountering the surging Minnesota Vikings in frosty Metropolitan Stadium Sunday afternoon. This time they unhappily returned to their original "script" - or so it might appear. A fumble with 51 seconds remaining deprived them of a final scoring chance as the Vikings, reeling in the stretch, clung to an early lead to cache a 14-10 victory. But that climactic development was only one of four glittering opportunities to evaporate in the second half of this bruising struggle. A dramatically different 30 minutes than the first two periods had been, they saw the Packers mount massive statistical superiority (16 first downs to 2) but fail to cash on the scoreboard and thus fall 1 ½ games behind the co-leading Vikings and Bears in the NFL's Central Division race. Spurred by a 14-3 halftime deficit, the Bays charged deep into Minnesota real estate on five occasions but came away with a lone touchdown, Donny Anderson bolting the last yard to cap a 66-yard, 7-play drive shortly past the midpoint of the third quarter. That, of course, was insufficient, the Vikings having crunched 69 and 89 yards, respectively, to two first half touchdowns by Bill Brown after Mike Mercer, the Packers new placement specialist, had lifted the invaders into a temporary 3-0 lead in the opening quarter with a 32-yard field goal. The picture brightened appreciably when the Packers, keyed by Anderson's 28-yard sweep

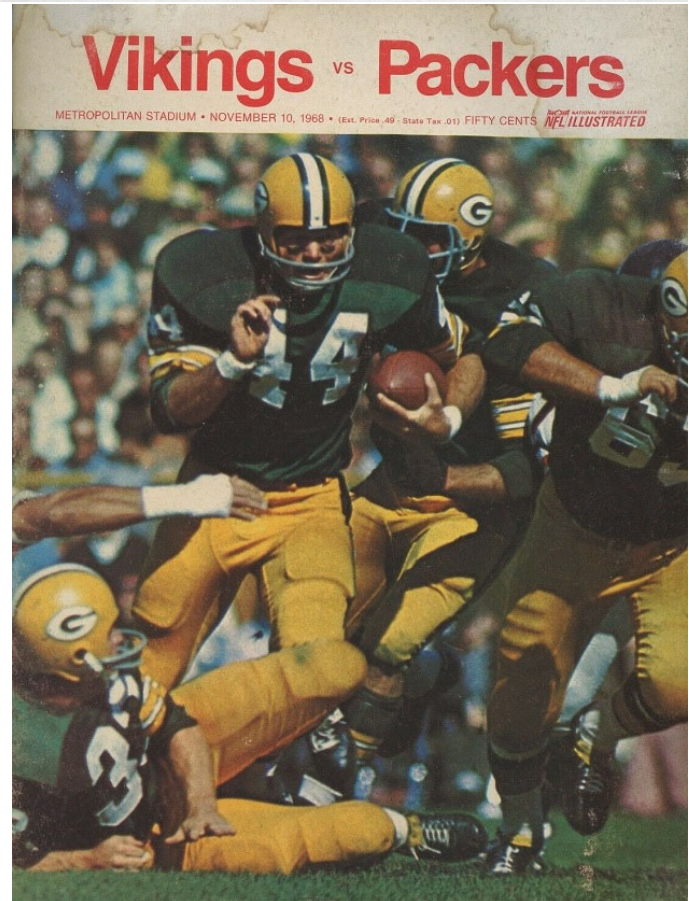
left and a 13-yard Bart Starr pass to Elijah Pitts, inched to within four points of their hosts' and the defense immediately forced a Viking punt. The Packers, in fact, began to resemble their championship selves as Jim Grabowski, en route to game rushing honors in staged a bristling one-man offensive but three fumbles and two major penalties combined to thwart our heroes. With Grabowski crashing for 35 yards on four successive sorties – successive except for an assisting interference call on the Minnesotans' Ed Sharockman - the champions swept to the Viking 21. But a holding penalty on that fourth carry set the Packers back to the 40.

OFF AGAIN

Starr then was thrown for a 9-yard loss, a pass to Boyd Dowler missed fire when he was "pinched" by two Minnesota defenders, and Starr again was felled, this time by the rampaging Carl Eller, and shaken up in the process as the drive stalled. The defense, with Herb Adderley making a spectacular play on a Joe Kapp pass intended for Gene Washington, again returned the football with admirable dispatch and the resurgent Pack was off again. This time, Starr cleared the cobwebs sufficiently to trigger a march from the Green Bay 33 to the Minnesota 5, an 11-yard scramble by Mr. Quarterback bringing it to that point, but a clipping penalty pushed the Bays back to the 20. They thus were forced to settle for a 25-yard field goal attempt by Mercer and Eller burst through to block it with 4:56 gone in the fourth quarter. The defense grudgingly yielded the Vikings' first first down in 28 playing minutes – dating back to the middle of the second period - but then closed the door and the Packers began another major excursion.

ANDERSON FUMBLES

During a series interrupted by two incompletions, the revitalized Grabowski barged 34 yards through and around the Norsemen with some skillful maneuvers to daylight, setting the stage for a three-yard third-down stab at left guard by Anderson which left the Packers a half yard short. With only 3:40 left, they took the gamble and Andy bit off 2 more to the 31. The Golden Palomino fumbled on the next play, however, and the Vikings' Paul Krause recovered the much-bobbled ball at the Viking 18 with 2:54 left. Despite this latest frustration



the resilient Packers regrouped to forge one last bid. Regaining possession with 1:43 left following a Pitts fair catch of King Hill's punt at the Green Bay 32, they quickly moved to a first down on a 13-yard pass from Zeke Bratkowski, who had replaced the woozy Starr, to wraith-like Claudis James. But James, jarred from behind, fumbled. The Vikings' Earsell Mackbee picked up the loose ball and maneuvered 28 yards to the Packen 26, where he was finally run to earth by Dowler, and the transported Vikings had swept a season series from Green Bay for the first time in their eight-year history.

GREEN BAY - 3 0 7 0 - 10
MINNESOTA - 7 7 0 0 - 14

	<u>GREEN BAY</u>	<u>MINNESOTA</u>
First downs	21	15
Rush-yards-TDs	32-172-1	42-160-2
Comp-Att-Yd-TD-INT	13-23-131-0-1	8-16-80-0-0
Sacked-yards	5-40	1-14
Net pass yards	91	66
Total yards	263	226
Fumbles-lost	3-3	1-1
Turnovers	4	1
Penalties-yards	3-35	5-62

SCORING

1st - GB - Mercer, 32-yard field goal GREEN BAY 3-0

1st - MINN - Bill Brown, 1-yard run (Fred Cox kick) MINNESOTA 7-3

2nd - MINN - Brown, 2-yard run (Cox kick) MINNESOTA 14-3

3rd - GB - Anderson, 1-yard run (Mercer kick) MINNESOTA 14-10

RUSHING

GREEN BAY - Jim Grabowski 11-89, Donny Anderson 11-48 1 TD, Elijah Pitts 8-23, Bart Starr 1-11, Travis Williams 1-1

MINNESOTA - Bill Brown 21-83 2 TD, Jim Lindsey 10-48, Joe Kapp 4-19, Clint Jones 7-10

PASSING

GREEN BAY - Bart Starr 19-12-118 1 INT, Zeke Bratkowski 4-1-13

MINNESOTA - Joe Kapp 16-8-80

RECEIVING

GREEN BAY - Boyd Dowler 4-50, Elijah Pitts 3-24, Donny Anderson 2-22, Jim Grabowski 2-13, Claudis James 1-13, Marv Fleming 1-9

MINNESOTA - Jim Lindsey 3-36, Tom Hall 2-18, Gene Washington 1-10, John Beasley 1-8, Bill Martin 1-8

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NOV 11 (Minneapolis-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - How, Phil Bengtson was asked, does he feel about the race at this point? Bengtson, who had just seen the Packers shaded by the Minnesota Vikings (14-10) despite a dazzling second half comeback, soberly admitted, "It puts us quite a ways out." Did he think, a Twin Cities scribe wanted to know, any of the world champions' three Central Division rivals had an edge? "No, I can't see that any of them have an advantage," said the former University of Minnesota All-American, who 24 hours earlier had returned to his old hometown with

high hopes of a Packer breakthrough in the hectic Central scramble. Commenting on the Bears' loss of Gale Sayers, mentioned at this point, Bengtson said, "I think that's the secret - to stay healthy...Detroit loses Farr...(Mel)." He didn't elaborate but the inference was obvious - the Lions have dropped three straight since Farr suffered a leg injury and currently share third place with the Packers, a game and a half to the rear of the co-leading Vikings and Bears. The Packers chief strategist had no occult explanation for his athletes' second half revival...NO CHANGES: "We just played better, that's all," he said. "We should have played that way in the first half. We just executed a little better, I guess...We didn't make any changes." "Right at the beginning," he added, "I felt our defense was playing pretty well but 86 (Tom Hall) made a couple of fantastic catches. Kapp (quarterback Joe) also made a couple of good scrambles to keep drives going." This prompted mention of his own Jim Grabowski and he conceded, "Grabowski was running real good - about as well as he has all year." Why hadn't quarterback Bart Starr, who had returned for one series after being shaken up, guided the Packers' ill-fated final bid?...A LITTLE FUZZY: "He had a headache," Bengtson explained. "He was a little fuzzy...The first time he went back in he felt all right." Discussing the block of Mike Mercer's second field goal attempt by the Vikings in the fourth quarter, he said, "I couldn't tell what happened on it. I thought that one was a little low, but I couldn't be sure. I didn't see anybody break through. The first one (a 32-yard kick) was fine, of course." Asked why the Packers had decided to ask for a re-kick when the Vikings were offside on a second quarter kickoff, Bengtson replied, "We thought that he is not the greatest kicker in the business and also that it is a little bit fatiguing for the men covering to do it over again that soon. And we had a pretty good effort on the first one. By the way, how many yards did we lose on that?" Informed it had been nine, he exhibited a wry expression. Had the Vikings sprung any surprises in the first half?...NO SURPRISES: "No, they came with

National Football League

Capitol Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Dallas	7	2	0	.778	268	122
New York	6	3	0	.667	225	194
Washington	4	5	0	.444	163	231
Philadelphia	0	9	0	.000	125	256

Century Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Cleveland	6	3	0	.667	217	178
St. Louis	5	3	1	.625	233	203
New Orleans	3	6	0	.333	161	212
Pittsburgh	2	6	1	.250	161	235

Western Conference

Coastal Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Baltimore	8	1	0	.889	266	108
Los Angeles	8	1	0	.889	197	111
San Francisco	4	5	0	.444	177	200
Atlanta	1	8	0	.111	123	277

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Minnesota	5	4	0	.556	203	147
Chicago	5	4	0	.556	167	222
Green Bay	3	3	1	.375	174	143
Detroit	3	5	1	.375	154	175

Sunday's Results

Baltimore 27, Detroit 10
 Minnesota 14, Green Bay 10
 Los Angeles 17, Atlanta 10
 Cleveland 35, New Orleans 17
 New York 27, Dallas 21
 Pittsburgh 28, St. Louis 28, tie
 Chicago 27, San Francisco 19
 Washington 16, Philadelphia 10

Sunday's Games

Atlanta at Chicago
 Cleveland at Pittsburgh
 Dallas at Washington
 Detroit at Minnesota
 Los Angeles at San Francisco
 New Orleans vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee
 Philadelphia at New York
 St. Louis at Baltimore

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
New York	7	2	0	.778	257	184
Houston	4	6	0	.400	175	184
Miami	3	5	1	.375	159	234
Boston	3	6	0	.333	145	244
Buffalo	1	8	1	.111	145	264

Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Kansas City	8	2	0	.800	246	133
Oakland	7	2	0	.778	296	137
San Diego	7	2	0	.778	269	170
Denver	4	5	0	.444	147	224
Cincinnati	2	8	0	.200	149	214

Sunday's Results

New York 26, Houston 7
 Kansas City 16, Cincinnati 9
 Miami 21, Buffalo 17
 Oakland 43, Denver 7
 San Diego 27, Boston 17

Sunday's Games

Boston at Kansas City
 Cincinnati at Miami
 Denver at Houston
 New York at Oakland
 San Diego at Buffalo

their regular stuff." Bengtson said. "We had chances to break their drives. If we could have got Kapp back there once or twice when we were close, we could have done it. And, of course. Brown (Bill) made some key runs." How had he seen the pass to Claudis James, in the closing seconds? "I don't know, of course, how long he had the ball," he said, "but he sure didn't have much possession."

JAMES 'HAZY' ABOUT LAST MINUTE FUMBLE

NOV 11 (Minneapolis-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Still a trifle groggy, wiry Claudis James was the picture of dejection. Tugging on his socks in a quiet corner of the Packers dressing room here late Sunday afternoon, he recalled the details of his last-minute fumble with great difficulty, minutes after the world champions' 14-10 loss to Minnesota. A jolting tackle which had shaken a Zeke Bratkowski pass from his grasp at the Vikings' 45-yard line had left him hazy about the circumstances. James, who had had the same fate befall him in the closing seconds of the Packers 14-14 tie at Detroit three weeks ago, said numbly, "I don't know...I'm not sure what happened. When I turned around, he was behind me." Did he think he had had possession long enough to constitute a catch? "I can't remember," he replied in a low voice. "I was shaken up...I'm still a little dizzy."...ANDY MYSTIFIED: Donny Anderson, author of the Pack's lone touchdown, was equally mystified about his fumble at the Viking 18-yard-line with just under three minutes remaining. "I really don't know what happened," he said. "Somebody may have hit on the top of the ball...I cut up field and I slipped. That's all I can say." Bruising Ray Nitschke, who had been the recipient of a happier bounce, said his third quarter recovery merely had been a matter of location. "I was just trying to pursue," he said. "Somebody made a heckuva hit - I don't know who it was, and the ball bounced toward me - I was just in the area." The Packers made capital of his contribution, moving 66 yards in seven plays to score...MORE AGGRESSIVE: Asked if any changes had assisted in the defense's vastly improved second half showing, he shook his head and replied, "No, we must have played a little bit more aggressively. The first half we weren't too aggressive and they were making the big play." Elsewhere, it was noted that new placekicker Mike Mercer's blocked second field goal attempt had been "straight as an arrow." He flashed a rueful smile and said, "That was the problem - it was straight as an arrow. He (the Vikings' Carl Eller) got up awful high and hit with his hand, I guess." Could the kick have been low? "I don't think so," Mercer said. "It was higher than the first one (a 32-yard success in the opening quarter)." Boyd Dowler, assessed with a clipping penalty at the Minnesota 5-yard-line just prior to Mercer's second kick, said, "I don't know if I clipped on the play or not. I'll have to see (the film)...BORDERLINE CALL: "It was a borderline, but he (the official) was on the play, I guess...I'd been on the other side and when Bart started to run, I came back. Warwick (Lonnie) was the man I hit." Across the room, Starr, like James, was still trying to clear the cobwebs. "I got my bell rung, I guess," said Mr. Quarterback, severely shaken up on a tackle by Ellerr late in the third quarter. Two doors down, Bob Jeter wasn't conceding a thing to the Vikings or the Bears, present co-tenants of first place in the NFL's Central Division. "The Vikings," he pointed out, "still have got some tough games (Detroit, Baltimore, Los Angeles and San Francisco). And the Bears have lost Sayers (Gale). That will hurt them. "This race isn't over yet - not by a long shot."

LUCK PART OF GAME, ELLER, KRAUSE AGREE

NOV 11 (Minneapolis-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Luck. It's all part of the game...and Carl Eller, the murderous defensive end of the Minnesota Vikings, was quick to concur with that here Sunday. With Minnesota leading Green Bay, 14-10, and just over 10 minutes left in the game, Eller produced one of the key plays of the game by blocking a Packer field goal attempt from the 25. A successful kick would have left the Pack a point behind but within field goal winning range. "I was extremely lucky," Eller bashfully...or perhaps modestly...admitted after the Viking victory. "I just happened to get through and stuck my hand up. The ball hit it. As a matter of fact, I didn't even get in that far. I just sort of got through sideways and put my hand up," he explained. "It was a big break for us." Safety Paul Krause had much the same sort of tale to tell about his recovery of Donny Anderson's

unfortunate fumble on the Viking 31 with three minutes still to play. Anderson had run wide and Krause explained, "I knew he could throw the ball and I was sort of watching for it. I laid back a little." This put him in position to pounce on the elusive leather as it jiggled all the way to the Viking 18 after escaping Andy's clutches when the pesky Eller hit him from the blind side. "I don't know who but a couple of our guys jumped at it. One of our guys seemed to have it and then one of the Packers seemed to get it. But then there it was. That ball is funny. It bounces all different ways." But that was the way it bounced here Sunday.

SCORE DIDN'T BOTHER 'OLD' PACKERS

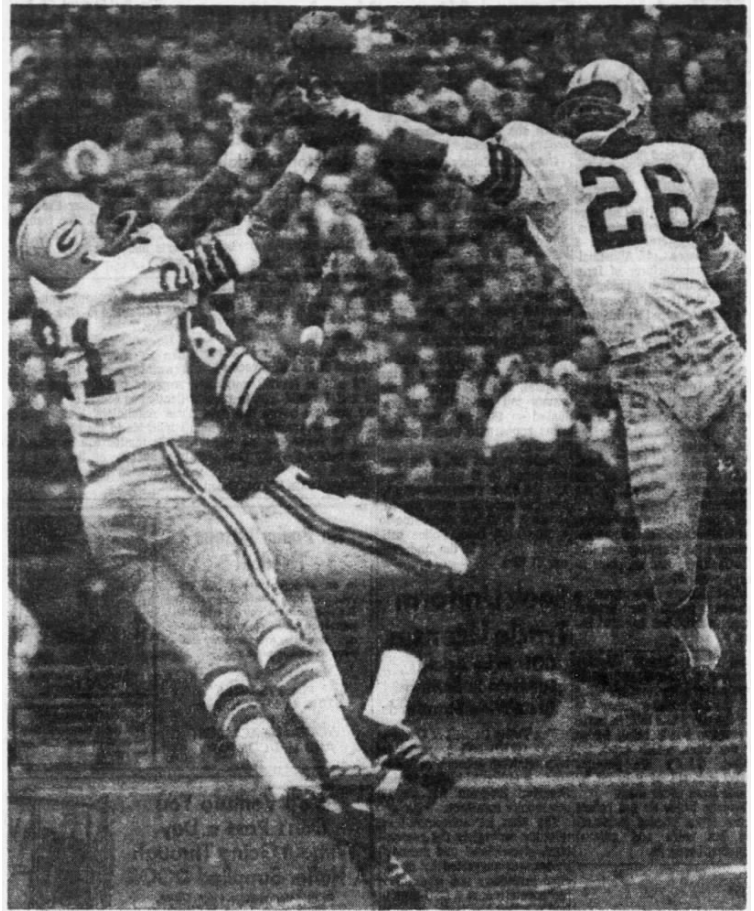
NOV 11 (Minneapolis-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Bill Gleason, that notable gentleman of wit and words who collects his paycheck from the Chicago Sun-Times, gazed at the scoreboard at halftime here Sunday and volunteered, "If these were the old Packers, that score (14-3) wouldn't bother them a bit. They'd come out and get about three touchdowns." Naturally, some other press box comedian came

back with "But these are the OLD Packers." This guy didn't know it, but he was right. The Packers that came out for the second half gave every appearance of being the old Packers, in Gleason's meaning of the word. The Packers kicked off and in two plays the Vikings had lost two yards back to their own 19. They gained three on the third play but it was a moral victory for the Pack because Minnesota had to punt. Somehow, a feeling that a tide had turned swelled up inside the Green Bay delegation at The Met, as Minnesotans are fond of calling their stadium...PAINFUL MOMENTS: And, indeed, the way the Packers defended and attacked through most of the second half, the swelling was well founded. The defense was magnificent. The Vikings could manage only two first downs...two first downs. The offense charged precisely and with highly encouraging consistency. But the key word is "most." For there are a few moments that "most" doesn't cover. And in those few moments, the Packers suffered the same painful blows that have been bringing them to a slow death all season. Namely penalties, fumbles, missed field goals and other assorted "breaks" as they are so incorrectly called. For example, just after Henry Jordan, Ray Nitschke and Willie Davis had provided the impetus for that swelling feeling, Ken Krause intercepted a Bart Starr pass, largely because he happened to be standing 10 yards behind the play and the ball only accidentally rocketed right at him. That instance, however, was squared when the Vikings fumbled the leather right back...a happening that helped out the feeling that things were finally going the Packers way. And the touchdown that resulted from that fumble stirred even more anticipation of delightful things to come. With the help of an interference penalty on the Vikings that prolonged the tide turning trend, the Packers skipped to the Viking 25...OLD TIMES AGAIN: That's when "most" temporarily bowed out of the scene. A holding penalty and two losses by Bart Starr pushed the ball all the way back to the Green Bay 42. Moments later, however, the Packers were right back at the Viking 6 as they charged beautifully downfield. But...and here we go again...with Marv Fleming wide open on the right side, Starr was dropped for a 10-yard loss. When he apparently made that up with a nifty scramble, the Packers were called for clipping. Then Eller blocked the field goal try and it seemed like old times again. Only the Packers weren't ready to concede to that haunting yet. They came back once again and appeared to be racing for the winning touchdown...when Donny Anderson was hit by Lonnie Warwick and fumbled. Krause recovered on his own 18. Then Claudis James...But why go on. These were indeed the old Packers...old as in last year for the most part but also old as in previous games last year.

CONSERVATIVE VIKINGS PUT THEIR FAITH IN 'BIG D'

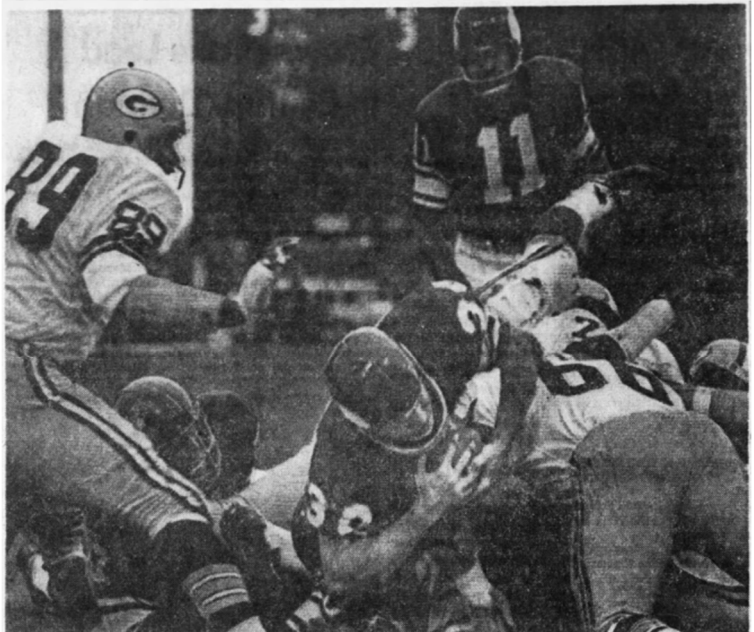
NOV 11 (Minneapolis-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – "In Dallas they call it the "Doomsday Defense." Ram fans herald the "Fearsome Foursome." Minnesota's defensive unit has no

gaudy title, nor is it as rich in tradition as a Green Bay or a Chicago or a Detroit. It calls itself "Big D" or simply "D." But it is becoming one of football's young giants...standing in the front rank, with the elite, and without apologies." These words are from a special feature in the game program for Sunday's Packers-Vikings game here. They were most appropriate in the Minnesotans' 14-10 conquest of the Packers. The Vikings picked up a 14-3 lead relatively early in the game and then, in an outlandish expression of confidence in their "Big D," seemed content to sit on that advantage. Though the Packer defense suddenly produced a bevy of magnificent shackles, there is no question but what the Vikes turned very conservative after acquiring the lead. And quarterback Joe Kapp said the strategy came right from Coach



Bob Jeter (21) and Herb Adderley (26) of the Green Bay Packers are shown leaping for a pass thrown by Joe Kapp, quarterback for the Minnesota Vikings. In back is Gene Washington (84) of the Vikings. The pass

fell incomplete. The action took place in the second half of play and the Vikings scored a 14-10 victory over the Packers. (AP Wirephoto)



Minnesota Fullback Bill Brown (30) goes over the top of the Green Bay Packers' Ray Nitschke (66) to score his team's first touchdown in the opening quarter of Sunday's NFL game in Minneapolis. Brown took the

handoff from quarterback Joe Kapp in the background. The Packers' Dave Robinson is at the left. The Vikings won, 14-10. (AP Wirephoto)



Star(r) Gazing? — An unidentified Packer fan, bravely exhibiting his partisanship in enemy country, sports picture of quarterback Bart Starr as he scans action in Sunday's game with the Vikings in the Twin Cities. (AP Wirephoto)

Bud Grant. After using the pass as a weapon equally as explosive as the run in compiling that lead, the Vikes actually threw only seven passes the rest of the game and totaled 16 for the entire contest...**CALLS FROM BENCH:** "Coach was calling quite a few of the plays in the second half," the muscular Canadian refugee admitted. He recalled, "It was pretty much like my first game last year against the Packers. We threw only 10 passes in that whole game." The Vikes also won that encounter, 10-7. After it was pointed out that he had thrown six passes in a row in the first half but that the Packer defense seemed to tighten up in the second half, Kapp acknowledged that "They were mixing up their defenses more than ever before but the difference was we just didn't throw six passes in a row in the second half. If we had to, we could have opened up more, but I have every confidence in our defense." Grant, thoroughly enjoying the victory while holding court for a huge press corps, offered much the same explanation but added, "We only had field position once in the second half. We got the pass interception (Ken Krause's steal on the Packer 38) but lost it on the fumble (Bill Martin's bobble three plays later). Ordinarily we would have thrown more. Or if we were behind. But we were ahead and cautious. We were reluctant to make a mistake on our own end of the field. We have a lot of confidence in our defense. If they were going to beat us, they were going to have to do it legit. We weren't going to give them the ball on our side of the field."...**PRAISE FOR STARR:** Grant agreed, however, that "They did a fine job of defending us. They played a fine game. They moved the ball real well. Starr (Bart) was magnificent. He must have eyes in the back of his head the way he picked out the second, third and even fourth receivers." The Viking coach pointed out, though, that on the Packers' last ill-fated drive, cut off sharply by Donny Anderson's fumble, Minnesota had employed a version of a prevent defense, dropping the secondary back just a bit and putting the burden on the front four. "Sure, they

hurt us but they didn't kill us. The idea was to either stop them or wait for the fumble or interception." Grant's gray-green eyes sparkled and he smiled at the thought. Contrary to the conservativeness, Kapp explained the Vikes' early success by pointing out "there were some passes that were there...in the Packer defense." Fullback Bill Brown, who shredded the Packer defense in those two touchdown drives but was stopped with regularity after that, took the same view as the rest of the Vikes. "We played conservatively and the defense came through," he declared. Grant, asked if the Vikings' victory had killed the Packers' chances for a repeat title in the NFL's Central Division, turned serious and snapped, "not at all. This will go right down to the wire." And Brown insisted that the Packers were "as tough as they always are. Which, in the Vikings' case, may or may not be a compliment.

'IT WASN'T ENOUGH' GRABO SAYS OF RUSHING EFFORT

NOV 11 (Minneapolis-Green Bay Press-Gazette) — Under other circumstances, Jim Grabowski would have been exuberant. Rebounding at long last from knee surgery, he had cut and crashed for 89 yards to capture the day's ground gaining honors here Sunday afternoon. But, reviewing his performance in the wake of the Packers' 14-10 loss to the Vikings in Metropolitan Stadium, the 24-year-old fullback glumly asserted, "it wasn't enough." It must feel good, though, it was suggested, to be running like the Grabowski of old again...**KNEE ABOUT SAME:** "It doesn't feel that good," he said, A little sadly. "It would have if we'd won. But this way it doesn't make a bit of difference." Grabowski, who averaged a plush 8.1 yards per try on 11 attempts, noted that improvement in his leg had little to do with his success. "It's a funny thing," he said. "It didn't feel any better than it has in the last couple weeks. Commenting on his breakaway potential during the course of the afternoon, the former University of Illinois luminary dryly observed, "probably if I was faster I would have gone...If I could run faster, I would have at least once. I was clear - I just got caught. Somebody had the angle on me and caught me." How did he explain the Pack's second half revival? "I guess people decided we'd better get on the stick and go," he replied. "We moved the ball all right but," Grabo unhappily concluded, "we always make those mistakes that kill us."

LONG INJURED IN AUTO CRASH

NOV 12 (Atlanta) - Bob Long, leading pass catcher for the Atlanta Falcons of the NFL, was recuperating at his home today from injuries suffered Monday when another car crashed head on into the one he was driving. Doctors who treated the 6-foot-3, 205-pound flanker said Long was badly cut on the face and arms. Despite reports which indicated Long might have a broken elbow, the physicians said X-rays showed no broken bones, a Piedmont Hospital spokesman said. Long. was treated there after the 11:30 a.m. crash and then sent home. There was no immediate indication whether Long, formerly one of the Green Bay Packers, will be able to play against the Chicago Bears Sunday.

BROWN OUT! CARROLL IN?

NOV 12 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) — It is expected that rookie Leo Carroll will be activated from the Packers taxi squad to replace defensive lineman Bob Brown, lost for the season with a broken leg suffered in Sunday's 14-10 loss to the Minnesota Vikings, Publicity Director Chuck Lane reported today. There also is a possibility, however, that a replacement will be obtained elsewhere in the NFL via

the waiver route. The loss of Brown leaves the world champions with only three able-bodied defensive tackles, starters Ron Kostelnik and Henry Jordan and reserve Leon Crenshaw, and Kostelnik is still hampered by an ankle hurt. If activated Carroll presumably would back up Willie Davis and Lionel Aldridge at defensive end. Brown filled in at both positions, as well as at tackle. Although he suffered the injury in the first quarter, Brown played the entire game. "A couple of times Kapp (Viking quarterback Joe) scrambled and I got hit," he said, "there was nothing I could do. I didn't have any strength in the leg."

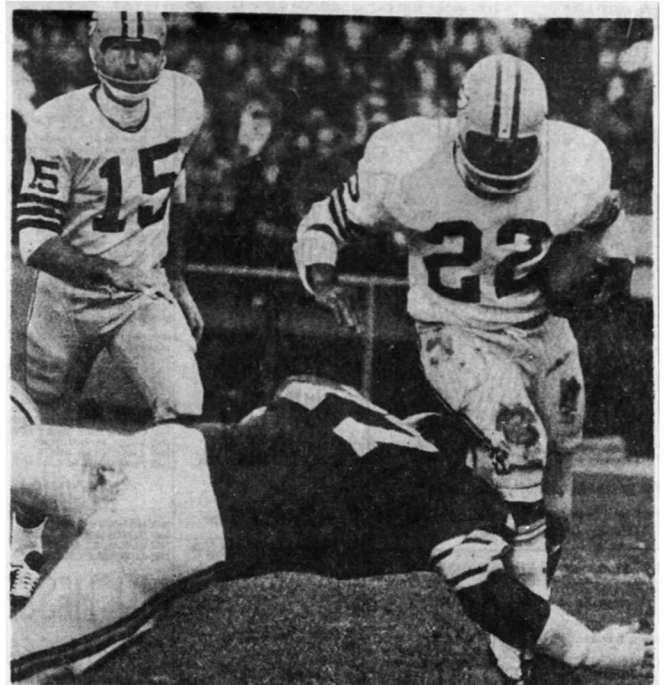
BOB BROWN LOST FOR REST OF '68 SEASON

NOV 12 (Green Bay) - Saddled with the possibility of not gaining a fourth consecutive NFL title, the Green Bay Packers realized Monday they were running low on defensive horsepower. Bob Brown was placed on the injury list for the balance of the season, and Coach Phil Bengtson acknowledged that Green Bay's reserve of defensive linemen is near the barrel's bottom. "I don't know what we're going to do," he said when asked if he thinks it's time to dip into the taxi squad. The Packers lost their fifth game of the season Sunday when Minnesota's Vikings downed the champions 14-10. Brown, a defensive lineman who had been filling in for injured Ron Kostelnik at left tackle, played out the game despite breaking a leg bone in the first half... **BROKEN FIBULA:** "The doctor had a strong suspicion that Bob was more seriously injured than he admitted," Bengtson reported Monday. "When we got back to Green Bay, X-rays showed he had broken the fibula," a small bone below the knee. Jim Weatherwax has been out with knee surgery, and Kostelnik is down with knee and ankle problems. Leo Carroll and rookie Francis Winkler are on the taxi squad. Leon Crenshaw is the only defensive lineman left on the active roster, and he's been on standby duty for regular Henry Jordan. "I hope Kostelnik will come back, but you never know," Bengtson said. Not only was Brown playing on bravery against Minnesota in the second half, Bengtson said, but linebacker Ray Nitschke stayed in the battle "on sheer nerve" with what later proved to be a shoulder weakened by a pinched nerve. Nitschke's potential replacement, Jim Flanigan, had not suited up for the game. He was out with a knee injured last week in a drill. Quarterback Bart Starr was assisted from the field after being tackled by a Viking in the third quarter. "He was very dizzy, but after he rested, he thought he could play again," Bengtson said. "Then his headache got worse, and we replaced him" with Zeke Bratkowski. Starr presumably will be playing in Milwaukee next Sunday when the Packers (3-5-1) meet the New Orleans Saints (3-6).

SCHEDULE KEEPS PACK IN CENTRAL RUNNING

NOV 12 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The prognosis is not encouraging but the patient, despite repeated setbacks, is still alive. This is how it is with the embattled Packers, presently struggling to save the longest dynasty in pro football history. Despite recent adversity, more specifically Sunday's 14-10 unhappiness with the Vikings in Minnesota, hope of a recovery has not been abandoned, Coach Phil Bengtson assures. Although the reigning world champions presently are 1 1/2 games to the rear of the co-leading Vikings and Bears in the NFL's frenetic Central Division race, it is felt the potential for a radical revision of the current format is more than mere wishful thinking... **NEED MORE POINTS:** As a result, Bengtson indicated Monday after viewing the film of the Pack's third last-minute loss of the season, there is no disposition at 1265 Lombardi Ave. to concede the '68 title at this juncture. "If there's the slimmest chance," the lanky field leader declared, "we're going to go after it. "Along with that," he pointedly appended, "we're just going to have to play more inspired and more consistent football. And we're going to have to score. You can't win many football games on 13 points or 10, certainly not on 10." Hope of a title repeat necessarily based upon a perfect finish by the Pack, stems from several pertinent items, among them the staggering schedule which confronts the Vikings and the sudden removal of Gale Sayers, perhaps the greatest running back of all time, from the Bears' attack by injury... **SPLIT FOR VIKINGS:** In order to seal their first Central Division title, the Minnesotans must get past such imposing opponents as the Detroit Lions, Los Angeles Rams, Baltimore Colts and San Francisco 49ers - all but one of them on foreign soil. Realistically, the Vikings will do well to split those four assignments. If this should come to pass, they would finish with no better than an 8-6 record. The Bears, meanwhile, will be confronted by the Rams, Dallas Cowboys and the Packers in the stretch - without, of course, the incalculable services of Sayers... **ROOKIE QUARTERBACK:** They also will be entering this pressure period with a rookie quarterback, Virgil Carter. Although he has escorted the Bruins to four straight victories, his obvious inexperience could betray him - and the Midway Monsters - at any time. Like the Vikings, the Chicagoans thus will presumably be fortunate to win three of their last five ventures, which suggests they, too, well could emerge with an 8-6 mark. The Packers' other Central Division rivals, the Detroit Lions, have been on the toboggan of late following an injury to their brilliant young runner, Mel Farr. They have, however, a comparatively easy schedule the rest of the way, meeting Atlanta, Washington, New Orleans and Philadelphia after next Sunday's showdown with the Vikings in Detroit... **PACKERS ON TOP:** The Packers thus must hope the Lions, who share third place with

Bob Brown Lost for Rest of '68 Season



The Packers' Elijah Pitts (22), who will face New Orleans Sunday, in Milwaukee, Minnesota. Pitts took the hand-off from Gary Larson in last Sunday's game at is shown being stopped by the Vikings' Bart Starr. (AP Photo)



LOOKING FOR A 'PLACE'—Minnesota Viking fullback Bill Brown (30) holds the ball high in one hand and looks for a gap in the Packer defense as Clint Jones tries to hold off defenders Willie Davis (87) and Herb Adderley (26). Brown, however, was hauled down after a one-yard gain on this fourth-quarter play. The Viking fullback did manage 83 yards in 21 carries and scored two touchdowns.

our heroes at the moment on a 3-5-1 record, lose at least one of those five to assure a no better than 7-6-1 record. Preferably, of course, it should come against one of the Motor City operatives' last four opponents, since a Viking victory in Detroit would not be especially helpful to the Packer cause. If these possibilities should materialize - and the Packers sweep their last five - the standings would look like this:

	W	L	T
Green Bay	8	5	1
Minnesota	8	6	0
Chicago	8	6	0
Detroit	7	6	1

INJURIES HAVEN'T HELPED: As Bengtson noted, however, the Bays will have to be somewhat more artistic than they have been of late to hold up their end of the hypothetical "bargain." "I don't like to say anything about injuries," he observed in this connection, "but they haven't helped much." This last was an obvious reference to the Packer' latest casualty, defensive lineman Bob Brown, who suffered a broken leg in Sunday's game and will be out for the season. "We've got a lot of others that are bruised up," Bengtson admitted, "but we've just got to keep going and hope that they'll hold up." "I think Tom Brown's going to be all right now," he added, "and Kos (Ron Kostelnik) should be all right, although he was still favoring that leg pretty much as of Sunday."...**PEAY COMING ALONG:** Strong safety Brown, troubled by a shoulder injury, sat out the Viking match except for a lone punt return and gave way to Doug Hart while Kostelnik was withheld completely in the hope his ankle will mend for next Sunday's collision with the New Orleans Saints in Milwaukee County Stadium. On another personnel point, Bengtson said Francis Peay had held forth at left tackle the last quarter and a half Sunday because "he's been coming along real well and we just felt we had to play him." Asked if he thought his athletes might be less "hungry" after winning an unprecedented three straight titles, the Packer headmaster shook his head. "I think it's more that they're a little over-anxious really, a little tense," he said...**GOOD**

YOUNG PEOPLE: They will have little opportunity, he further noted, to

relax in Milwaukee Sunday. Reviewing what he had seen of Tom Fears' Saints on film, he informed, "They've got some fine football players. Looking over their roster, you can recall they had some age there last year. And they still 'have a mixture of experience, but they now have some young people, second- and third-year men, who are doing a good job. They have good receivers. Dave Parks, for example, is about as good as there is. And they also have Stickles (Monte) and Abramowicz (Dan). He (Abramowicz) is a spectacular receiver. And they've got some good backs. Like Tony Lorick, he's a good one. They run the ball real well - Stickles is a good blocking end. Defensively, Doug Atkins is doing a fine job for them and Whitesell (Dave) is playing real well. He's at safety and he's been making the big play for them." There are not, then any "breathers" on the horizon? "Not any," Bengtson wryly rejoined, "that I know of."

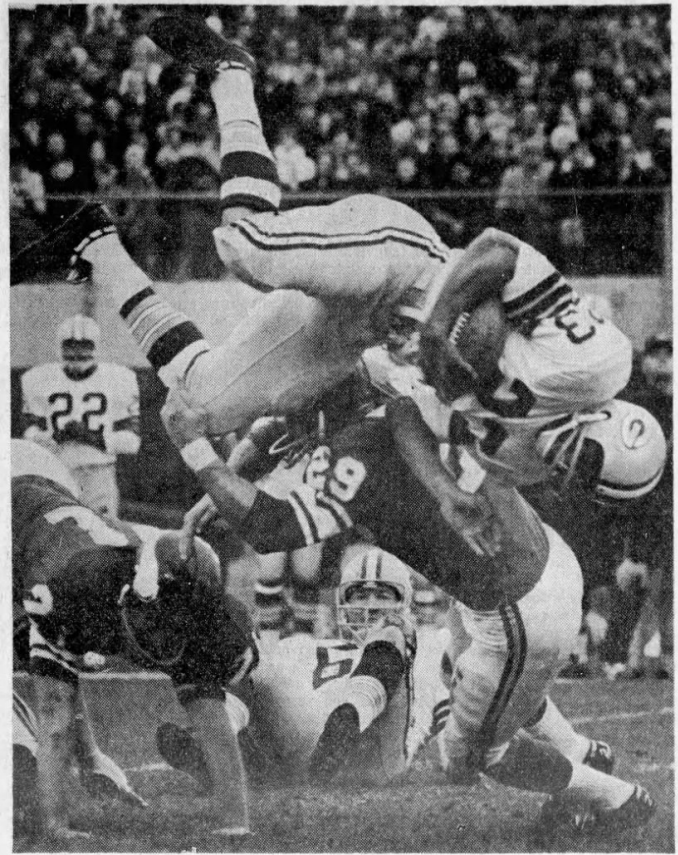
RILEY PAID IN BANANAS

NOV 12 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Don Riley has apparently let the Vikings' success go to his head. It did not have any trouble getting in. There was lots of room. He's acting pretty haughty now. But like the Ozark heiress, his upbringing continues to show through. Riley has all the couth of an overweight and hungry pig pen inhabitant. His needle is not only blunt, it's as flat as his head. He comes on with all the niceties of a crazy Ho Chi Minh. For the uninformed, Riley is Green Bay's favorite sports...whoops, I almost said sportswriter. He is not that. We of the profession have put him out on waivers but nobody has picked him up. He toils for the St. Paul Pioneer Press and Dispatch, an organization which suffers considerably in the image department for keeping him on the payroll...though his pay envelope is filled only with bananas. In his Sunday gospel for the Viking fans, Riley aimed his gun at Packer fans. He's apparently turning a bit chicken because he usually aims it directly at the Packers themselves. But this time, he mentioned only a few, like Nitschke, Jordan, Davis. If he ever has the guts to meet these guys, the name of his column will change from Eye Opener to Blind Man's Bluff...**NEED DEODORANT SPRAYS:** Ray, Henry, Willie and the rest of the Packers can take care of themselves. For that matter, the Green Bay fans can too. If Howie Blindauer or Fred Fan ever catch Rockhead Riley, he'll wish he never heard of Green Bush, as he calls it. "With 1,000 slap-happy Busher fans cluttering up the premises today, we can only warn the Vike loyalists to replace the flasks with bargain sized deodorant sprays," he wrote Sunday. "Throw in a loud voice, uncouth manners, hob nail boots. 5 o'clock shadows at noon, bleary hangovers and bad taste and you have the Busher crowd," he continued. "It's the only bunch of dehorns that bring along last week's

programs and look over your shoulder for Vike numbers to save 50 cents. Most of them still think there's only two divisions and that the American League leader is the Detroit Tigers. Half of them who went to the Super Bowl in Miami are still on the missing persons blotter. Expect to get your feet stepped on today. The only time Bushers say pardon me is when they are talking to the warden," Riley went on...and on...and on. They say this guy has lots of readers in the Twin Cities. I doubt it. If he did, it would only prove that the nice thing about being stupid is that you never get lonesome. I don't think the Viking fans are stupid. As a matter of fact, they seemed to be nice people. Walking around the stadium after the game, the purple capped fans appeared to be normally delighted with the fact that their team had beaten the Packers] I kept looking for the Mortimer Snerd of the Minnesota typewriter set but he must have skipped out the back door...NO BOOS IN PACKERLAND: In contrast to Riley, Chicago American columnist Harry Sheer wrote last week: "There have been two encouraging morsels of evidence recently which lead one to believe our society may not be so sick after all. The first was the sight of a black man, George Foreman, happily waving a tiny American flag and singing the Star Spangled Banner after he had won the Olympic heavyweight boxing championship. The second came last Sunday in Green Bay. Errol Mann, an obscure placekicker, missed two close-in, vital field goals and veteran Chuck Mercein missed one - any of which might have won or tied for the Packers - and not a single boo or catcall came from the 50,000-plus highly partisan fans. The two incidents have to go down as landmarks, especially the incredible lack of booing. To me the boo birds are the undisputed champs of the ingrate league."

NOTES AND NOTATIONS

NOV 12 (Appleton Post-Crescent) - A football-minded comedian might begin his monologue this way: "A funny thing happened to the Packers on their way to the winning touchdown." Though some NFL followers might find it funny, most Packer fans wouldn't regard the remark as rib-tickling in view of the Bays' serious plight in the Central Division. If Green Bay's quest for a potential winning TD at Minnesota Sunday wasn't funny, it certainly was in the realm of the unbelievable. Four times, the current world champions appeared to be well on their way to the go-ahead (and probably winning) TD....and four times, they were sidetracked. Two of the derailments can be attributed to major penalties (although a 10-yard loss on a pass play actually preceded a clipping penalty) and the other two to fumbles. Those four second-half frustrations typify the kind of season it's been for the Packers. Their last four losses have come by an aggregate of 14 points - an average of 3 1/2 per defeat. Is the party over? - as Bob Skoronski indicated, in a pre-game statement, it would be if the Packers lost. Well, pretty nearly - but not quite. Very few, if any, observers are ready finally to pronounce the Packers out of the race despite the fact that it will take five straight Green Bay wins and considerable outside assistance to send them into the Western Conference playoff. Though I was tempted to take the Bays "off the board" in the latest Super Bowl Index, I decided against it, because the wild Central division race could get still wilder. The Packers, however, can't be rate any higher than 50 (out of a possible 100), just at the survival point for Super Bowl consideration. At the top of the scale, Baltimore stands alone currently, with a 92. The Rams remain at 90, but Dallas drops to 88. Next, in order, come Cleveland, 85; New York, 80; Minnesota, 75; Cardinals, 70; Chicago, 60; and Detroit and Green Bay, 50...Though most analyses of this year's Central race have been exercises in futility, further speculation is at least interesting hot stove fodder, if nothing else. This, then, is roughly what would have to happen for the Packers to repeat as Central titlists. They'd of course, have to win all five games. In four of them - New Orleans, Washington, San Francisco and Chicago - the Bays will be favored, or even choices, at worst. In the other - against Baltimore - they'll probably be underdogs. Now about the probable "outside" help. Both the Rams and the Colts would have to beat Minnesota. Either Dallas or the Rams would have to beat the Bears. And the Vikings would have to beat the Lions Sunday. Realizing that some of the also-rans could further complicate the picture with upsets, we'd best not belabor this particular subject...The Packer defense has had early-game troubles a number of times this season - but the first-and second-half contrast was never as evident as it was Sunday. On the two early touchdown drives, the Vikings made hash out of the Packer defense - especially the Bays' forward wall. Minnesota wasn't doing anything the Packers hadn't seen before. It was a case of sloppy tackling and lack of charge. At the start of the second scoring drive, for example, two or three Packers should have had Joe Kapp pinned on his own 10-yard line on a third-down play - but Kapp (who is no Fran Tarkenton) slipped away for a first down. In the second half, the Packers got back to the fundamentals and tied the Viking offense in knots. But, because of the afore-mention offensive frustrations, this effort proved too late. Not even Ray Scott - ordinarily, a good-luck charm on Packer telecasts - could pull this one out... Three of the four NFL races have become conveniently reduced to 2-team contests. Baltimore and Los Angeles are continuing their annual Coastal Division struggle, while Cleveland and St. Louis have yet



NO RUNNING ROOM IN AIR EITHER—Green Bay Packer back Travis Williams (23) heads for the turf after returning a Viking kickoff from the 3 to the 26 in the second quarter of Sunday's game at Metropolitan Stadium. That's when he ran into Jim Lindsey (left, on ground), flew into the air, and was continued on his "flight" by Karl Kassulke (29). (Post-Bulletin Sports Photos by Merle Dalen)

to decide Century honors. Dallas is no longer the sure thing it appeared in the Capitol Division but is still favored. The Giants, because of their big win Sunday over the Cowboys, seem ready to keep the pot boiling until the final day of the season. How many teams are realistically the Central race? One would be tempted to say, two since Minnesota and Chicago have edges of 1 ½ games over the other two entries. But, in view of the tough schedules ahead and the Bears' loss of Gale Sayers, it could be that all four teams are still in the running. Though Sayers' injury was a cruel blow, the Bears could become crusaders on Gale's behalf. Sayers was unquestionably the

Misses Player Contact

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big gun, but they still have potent offensive weapons in Virgil Carter and Mac Percival. It doesn't seem likely that the Bears can win it now – but it's folly to count them out yet.

VINCE DENIES LATEST RUMORS ABOUT LEAVING POST AT GREEN BAY

NOV 13 (Green Bay) – The "elation in winning, resolution in losing" may be gone, but Vincent T. Lombardi says he has no intention of being a fair-weather friend to Green Bay. The Packer general manager, who led his club to three consecutive NFL titles before abandoning his coaching duties last year, denied Tuesday the recent rumors that he may be considering a job elsewhere on the pro gridiron circuit. "No

one's contacted me, and I haven't contacted anyone," he said. "Besides," he added, "there would be a better chance of luring me away from here if we were successful here. It would be easier in those circumstances - if I had any inclination about leaving."...SOMEWHAT LONESOME: Lombardi said he feels somewhat lonesome away from the coaching role and having to watch the games from a press box rather than the sidelines. "I'm strictly a viewer on Sundays. I made up my mind not to interfere, and I haven't. But I know what I'm missing: there is a rapport with the players I no longer have. And that's one of the great things in coaching, the closeness with the people," he said. "There's a great satisfaction in putting things together and seeing them work out," he continued. "There's elation in winning, resolution in losing - two great emotions any man would want. That's gone now." Even so, "I doubt I would ever go back to coaching," he said. "I have no offers, and right now, no intentions of seeking any," he said. "As far as being general manager, I'd just as soon stay here in Green Bay." "But I don't know of anyone perfectly happy," he said, "and this is not a Utopia. Nothing is." "If the opportunity presented itself - for me to get some equity, then that would be different position entirely," he said. "But I haven't heard of any angels ready to give anything away."

SAINTS BREAK RULE, FIND QUICK SUCCESS

NOV 13 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Experience and success tend to go together in the NFL. But there is one outstanding exception - outstanding even though admittedly relative – to the customary pattern. That is the case of the New Orleans Saints, the NFL's newest expansion team, who Sunday hie themselves north to confront the Packers for the first time in Milwaukee County Stadium. Although only in their second season of operation, the Saints currently own a better record than two of the league's old guard, the Pittsburgh Steelers and Philadelphia Eagles, as well as their fellow expansionists, the Atlanta Falcons, and are just a half-step behind the Packers and Detroit Lions...LIST KILMER: Under the deft leadership of ex-Packer coaching aide Tom Fears, the Saints have forged a 3-6 record in the Century Division - they were 3-3 before losing quarterback Bill Kilmer with a knee injury - and have earned universal respect. Statistically, the Louisianans' status is even more respectable than their won-lost ranking. Once fifth, they presently stand tenth on team defense, ahead of such as the Chicago Bears and St. Louis Cardinals, and 12th on offense in the 16-team circuit. Moreover, they lead the NFL in percentage of pass completions allowed, 42.4, a figure which is likely to give the Packers some concern in their preparations for Sunday's match...ROOKIE IN SECONDARY: And, for purposes of comparison, the Saints have gained only 132 yards less in nine games than have the world champions, presently 10th in the league on attack. Their leadership in pass defense is particularly surprising because the Saint secondary includes a rookie, former Langston, Okla., College athlete Gene Howard, and two second year men, Bo Burris and John Douglas. The only veteran member of the quartet is Dave Whitsell, the former Chicago Bear, an 11-year performer who is holding forth at free safety...ATKINS A KEY: Much of New Orleans' defensive success is attributed to the amazing Doug Atkins, a venerable campaigner of 38 summers who has been prominently mentioned as a leading candidate for all-league honors in his 16th season. A devastating pass rusher, the ex-Bear colossus won citation as NFL "player-of-the-week" for his performance in the Saints' opening game against the Cleveland Browns, in which he made 13 unassisted tackles. The offense, basically representative, has been hampered in recent weeks by the absence of Kilmer, Publicity Director Ed Staton reports. "Losing him has made a big difference," he confided over long distance Tuesday. "He's a leader and a smart quarterback - he reads defenses well. Bill isn't the best passer in the world but he just beats you by sheer determination and desire." Still out with a fractured ankle, Kilmer is not expected to return to active duty for at least 10 days, which means that former Detroit Lion Karl Sweetan is likely to draw the starting assignment against the Packers. "Karl has a sprained ankle himself, which he got in the Cleveland game last Sunday," Staton informed. "It's still swollen, so I don't think he'll work out this week. But he is expected to start...EX-COLT FULLBACK: "With Sweetan hurt, it means we have only one quarterback, rookie Ronnie South of Arkansas, who is healthy. He completed five out of 15 passes for 50 yards and one touchdown in last Sunday's game after relieving Sweetan." Sweetan has some imposing weapons at his command, among them former University of Southern California luminary Don McCall and ex-Baltimore Colt Tony Lorick. "McCall, who played behind Mike Garrett at USC, has given us a pretty good outside threat," Staton said. "He's gained 409 yards in 98 carries, a 4.1 average, and Lorick has come along real well lately. He has 201 yards in 64 attempts." The Saints also own one of the league's leading receivers in sophomore Dan Abramowicz tied for third place in

NFL in dividual figures at this point with 35 catches for 578 yards plus the veteran Dave Parks...**EARLY FIREWORKS:** Summing up the Saint situation, Staton said, "We were 3-3 at one stage and making a pretty serious bid for the title. Along the way, we lost both games against St. Louis, after leading, when they scored 21 points in the fourth quarter. That's kind of been the story - we fall apart in the fourth quarter. We've scored 32 points during that time to our opposition's 84." He didn't say so but the Packers would be advised to exercise particular caution in the first 15 minutes. Explosive early birds, the Saints have outscored the enemy 51-10 in the first quarter to date.

PACKERS PAD DEFENSE LINE

NOV 13 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The Packers have dipped into their offensive platoon to strengthen the injury-ridden defensive line, which Sunday lost end-tackle Bob Brown for the season with a broken leg. Coach Phil Bengtson announced today that he has shifted rookie Dick Himes to defensive tackle and tight end Phil Vandersea to defensive end. The 6-foot-4-inch, 255-pound Himes is no stranger to defense, having played defensive tackle during his first two years at Ohio State. Vandersea, 6-3 and 240, has never played his new position but he has had defensive experience, having been employed at linebacker with the New Orleans Saints last season. The Packers were unable to bring up defensive end Leo Carroll from the taxi squad, a spokesman explained, because he recently was continued in deactivated status for a second four-week period. As a result, he said, it is likely the world champions will go into Sunday's game against New Orleans one under the NFL player limit of 40.

PACKERS STILL FIRST IN NFL PASS DEFENSE

NOV 13 (New York) - In the all-important vital statistics of touchdowns scored by the enemy and points against, the Baltimore Colts' defense leads the parade in the NFL. In average yardage statistics, the Los Angeles Rams' defense has done the best job, permitting only 214 yards per game overall and only 77 yards per game on the ground. Green Bay is first in pass defense with 116. Baltimore ranks fourth in total defense, third against the rush and sixth against the pass but the big figure is only 13 touchdowns against them and 108 points in nine games. The weekly NFL statistics show Dallas on top in total offense with an average of 368 yards and 215 in passing. The Chicago Bears are first in rushing with an average of 188 yards

'JUST AS HUNGRY,' SAYS RAY

NOV 13 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The Packers comparatively low estate in the NFL race at this point, it is being bruited about in the coffee shops, is traceable to a surfeit of success. Three consecutive championships, some of the faithful safely conclude, have taken the edge off their competitive appetite. This suggestion draws a moderate but categorical denial from that fearsome warrior, Raymond Ernest Nitschke, who has become one of the Pack's elder statesmen by virtue of 11 seasons in green and gold and impressive dedication to the task at hand...**'JUST AS HUNGRY':** "I think we're just as hungry and have just as much pride," he insists, "as we did in the years when we have won the championship." "We have a lot of pride," Nitschke re-emphasized, "and we don't know what it is to lose... Things just haven't been going our way." "If you could explain it," the Packers already legendary middle linebacker noted with an ironic smile, "you would be a remarkable individual." "We've had a lot of things happen to us that haven't happened in the past," he points out. "It seems like the other teams have been making the big plays and capitalizing on our mistakes... Still, we've played pretty good football." The Nitschke jaw firmed and he added, "We're not at all going to give up hope - we still have a good football team." Last Sunday's 14-10 loss to Minnesota, which dropped the Packers 1 ½ games behind the Central Division's co-leading Bears and Vikings, had been a psychological as well as artistic blow, he admitted, but not a mortal stroke...**'FIVE BIG GAMES':** "Naturally, we had a mental letdown after losing that one, as you do every time you lose a game," he said. "But I believe the fellows don't feel the world is coming to a halt." Then, proceeding to document his point, Nitschke analyzed what lies ahead. "We have five big games to play, the Vikings have a tough schedule ahead of them (Detroit, Baltimore, Los Angeles and San Francisco in addition to Philadelphia) and the Bears lost their great back, Sayers, so we hope to be in contention for the Central Division championship." He still has confidence, then, in himself and his colleagues? "Yes, I do," came the prompt affirmative. "We've had a lot of injuries which possibly have handicapped us." The indestructible former Illini, seldom sidelined during his long and bruising career, continued, "Overall, I still believe this is one of the best teams I've played on, if not the best all around."...**'JUST AS GOOD':** Asked how he assesses his own contributions, the 31-year-old Nitschke replied, "I think I'm just as good a football player as I've ever been. I've had minor injuries, which are part of the game. I naturally would have liked to have made some bigger plays over the season than I have." "And, of course, you always want to get better and improve," he concluded with a faint smile. "I still have the zest and the zeal to play the game - so I haven't given up on myself or the Green Bay Packers."

DISPLAY OF PATRIOTISM SNOWBALLS HERE

NOV 14 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Because a young Green Bay housewife had an idea and a few friends were ready to go along with her, the largest patriotic demonstration since World War II, if not the greatest in the city's history, will be held at Lambeau Field prior to the Packer-Baltimore Colt game on Pearl Harbor Day. Plans revealed Tuesday call for a massive display of the American flag, a special

Yardmaster			
OFFENSE			
	Yards Rushing	Yards Passing	Total
Dallas	1373	1940	3313
Baltimore	1159	1847	3006
Cleveland	1333	1669	3002
San Francisco ..	1078	1804	2882
New York	1282	1557	2839
Chicago	1696	1115	2811
Detroit	1162	1577	2739
St. Louis	1140	1584	2724
Pittsburgh	1064	1602	2666
Green Bay	1155	1496	2651
Los Angeles	1166	1382	2548
New Orleans	1019	1500	2519
Minnesota	1344	1127	2471
Washington	835	1575	2410
Philadelphia	893	1454	2347
Atlanta	809	1370	2179
DEFENSE			
	Yards Rushing	Yards Passing	Total
Los Angeles	698	1230	1928
Dallas	771	1546	2317
Minnesota	1208	1116	2324
Baltimore	906	1422	2328
Green Bay	1361	1047	2408
Cleveland	1198	1365	2563
San Francisco ..	1227	1429	2656
Detroit	1059	1665	2724
Washington	1390	1383	2773
New Orleans	1373	1428	2801
New York	1187	1687	2874
St. Louis	965	1940	2905
Chicago	1152	1758	2910
Pittsburgh	1068	1913	2981
Philadelphia	1446	1597	3043
Atlanta	1499	2073	3572

National Football League Statistics

LEADING PASSERS (Thru 9 Games)

	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yards	TD	LP	Int.	Pct.	Avg.
Tarkenton, N. Y.	195	112	57.4	1586	14	84	6	3.1	8.13
Starr, G. B.	153	98	64.1	1433	14	63	8	5.2	9.37
Meredith, Dallas	228	130	57.0	1841	16	54	10	4.4	8.07
Munson, Detroit	204	120	58.8	1546	10	86	5	2.5	7.58
Jurgensen, Wash.	215	125	58.1	1461	12	99	8	3.7	6.80
Morrall, Balt.	212	120	56.6	1947	17	84	13	6.1	9.18
Brodie, S. F.	264	154	58.3	1887	16	65	15	5.7	7.15
Nelsen, Cleve.	175	90	51.4	1306	13	68	8	4.6	7.46
Shiner, Pitt.	144	74	51.4	1001	10	61	6	4.2	6.95
Gabriel, L. A.	236	119	50.4	1488	12	55	9	3.8	6.31
Hart, St. L.	196	91	46.4	1500	12	80	9	4.6	7.65
Kilmer, N. O.	203	112	55.2	1319	9	47	12	5.9	6.50
Kapp, Minn.	186	96	51.6	1146	7	61	10	5.4	6.16
Carler, Bears	109	46	42.2	624	4	50	5	4.6	5.72
Johnson, Atl.	114	53	46.5	694	2	71	6	5.3	6.09
Snead, Phil.	163	83	50.9	902	5	48	14	8.6	5.53
Nix, Pitt.	104	46	44.2	593	3	61	6	5.8	5.70

Standings based on completion percentage, touchdown passes, interception percentage, and average yards gained. LP-Longest pass (yards).

LEADING SCORERS

	TR	TP	TT	EP	FG	T
Brown, Minn.	11	1	12	0	0	72
Kelly, Clev.	7	4	11	0	0	66
Percival, Bears	0	0	0	17	16	65
Clark, Dall.	0	0	0	34	10	64
Gogolak, N. Y.	0	0	0	27	12	63
Michaels, Balt.	0	0	0	32	10	62
Bakken, St. L.	0	0	0	29	10	59
Durkee, N. O.	0	0	0	17	14	59
Gossett, L. A.	0	0	0	23	12	59
Cockroft, Clev.	0	0	0	25	10	55
Jefferson, Pitt.	1	8	9	0	0	54
Cox, Minn.	0	0	0	24	9	51

TR-Touchdowns by runs. TP-Touchdowns by passes. TT-Total touchdowns. EP-Extra points. FG-Field goals. T-Total points.

LEADING RUSHERS

	Att.	Yds.	Av.	L	TDs
Kelly, Clev.	173	890	5.1	45	7
Sayers, Bears	138	856	6.2	63	2
Hoak, Pitt.	107	569	5.3	77	2
Woodeshick, Phil.	118	566	4.8	54	2
Brown, Minn.	146	556	3.8	32	11
Farr, Det.	113	525	4.6	46	3
Anderson, G. B.	111	516	4.6	42	3
Willard, S. F.	132	504	3.8	18	2
Perkins, Dall.	118	478	4.7	15	1
Crenshaw, St. L.	116	466	4.0	19	3
Jones, Minn.	105	450	4.3	43	1
Matte, Balt.	117	441	3.8	23	6
Lewis, S. F.	109	438	4.0	22	1
McCall, N. O.	98	409	4.2	48	2
Allen, Wash.	112	582	3.4	20	4

L-Longest run.

LEADING PASS RECEIVERS

	No.	Yds.	L	TDs
McNeil, S. F.	51	767	45	6
Williams, St. L.	37	628	71	6
Hayes, Dall.	35	597	54	6
Abramowicz, N. O.	35	578	47	5
Rentzel, Dall.	35	544	36	3
Jefferson, Pitt.	34	681	62	8
Warfield, Clev.	33	666	65	7
Taylor, Wash.	33	382	37	1
Smith, St. L.	32	563	65	2
Hawkins, Phil.	32	560	92	3
Jones, N. Y.	31	744	84	6
McCullough, Det.	31	611	80	5
Washington, Minn.	30	511	61	5

L-Longest (yards).

program before and during the customary raising of the colors, a mass recital of the pledge of allegiance and the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner." Taking part will be the Southern Illinois University Band from Carbondale, Ill., the Packer Band and some 51,000 fans. Everyone entering the stadium will be presented with an American flag, all the stadium flagstaffs will fly the colors and the crowd will be encouraged to continue to display the flag throughout the game. Spearheading the demonstration are the Mmes. Larry Fuller, 1195 Shadow Lane; Aldo Santaga, 1262 Ridgedale Court, and Lowell Dollar, 1185 Shadow Lane. The three women are being assisted by the sports committee of the Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, the city and the Packer Corporation. The chamber committee, under the co-chairmanship of Al J. Schneider and Tom Hutchison, has already ordered 51,000 American flags, 8 by 12 inches, which will be distributed by Boy Scouts at the turnstiles. The stadium will be copiously decorated in red, white and blue and it is hoped that the pregame ceremony will be covered on the CBS national telecast of the game itself. The plan for the demonstration, which its sponsors informally call the "Pride in Patriotism Crusade," began about a month ago when Annette Fuller became disturbed about repeated incidents around the nation of disrespect and mutilation of the

American flag through public burnings and other acts of destruction...WAS 'DEEPLY DISTURBED': "I was deeply disturbed by this lack of respect," Mrs. Fuller explains. "There seemed to be so much disrespect. But I also felt that most Americans didn't feel that way. At the same time, too many Americans seemed to have forgotten about the respect due to the flag and weren't doing anything to counteract the other incidents. I felt sure that if someone would only suggest a way, almost everybody would be happy to do something positive." She talked it over with friends, all of whom were enthusiastic, especially Ann Dollar and Janet Santaga. The trio approached Tom Miller, assistant to Packer general manager Vince Lombardi. Miller needed no urging and neither did Lombardi...IDEA SNOWBALLED: They at once contacted the Chamber committee, a meeting was held with the mayor

about two weeks ago, and the idea began to snowball. The day of the Colt game, the Packers final home appearance and the 27th anniversary of Pearl Harbor, was unanimously considered the ideal time to make the idea a reality. Detailed planning is now under way in subcommittees of the sports committee, with almost more volunteers for assistance than they need. Schneider emphasizes, however, that the idea is entirely that of the three women and that his group is only providing assistance to carry it out.

NEW POSITIONS GIVE HIMES, VANDERSEA MIXED EMOTIONS

NOV 14 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) — Phil Vandersea and Dick Himes are men of mixed emotions these days. Transferred to the Packers defensive platoon in the wake of Bob Brown's latest injury, they hope their services will not be required against New Orleans in Milwaukee this weekend, for obvious reasons. But, understandably, both are somewhat titillated by the prospect, however remote, of playing their new positions in Sunday's skirmish, particularly Vandersea because he is a former Saint. "I'm looking forward to playing against them," says Vandersea, also a key member of the Pack's special teams. "Anytime you play against a team you've been with it kind of gets you psyched up a little"...EX-FULLBACK: A tight end until Tuesday, the brawny ex-University of Massachusetts fullback accepts the emergency transfer philosophically. "I don't mind it," he said, pointing out, "I've played defense before. I played linebacker the last two seasons, at New Orleans last year and with the Packers the year before...I understand a lot of it - it's not like starting from scratch." "I think I've got the size to play the position," the 6-foot-3 inch New Englander added. "I weigh about 245 now. "It's different than playing linebacker, of course. As a linebacker, you read the tight end. As a defensive end, you've got to read the tackle and the back. And, of course, there is the pass rush, which you only have to perform occasionally as a linebacker...REACT TO TACKLE: "On the other hand, I don't have the pass coverage responsibility that I had as a linebacker. As an end, I just react to the tackle. If he sets up, you know it's going to be a pass. If he comes at you, it's usually going to be a run." The rugged blond, who says he "walked through" his new position for the first time in Tuesday's practice, reported, "Lionel (Aldridge) and Willie (Davis) have helped me a lot. And Coach Hanner (Dave) has talked to me quite a bit." "They have to keep talking to me," he smiled, "I don't have much time. "There is a possibility I could play Sunday if one of the others gets hurt, but it would be sort of a last resort."...USED TO SWITCHING: If it should come to pass, Vandersea will welcome the test, he says. "I've changed positions a few times," Phil pointed out, "and it gives you a new life...It's a real challenge." Like Vandersea, Himes accepts his new assignment with equanimity. Previously an understudy at offensive tackle, the strapping Ohio State alumnus observed, "I guess I'm used to being switched around. In college I switched around, back and forth, between offensive

and defense." "I think I'd rather play offense," Dick admits, "but I don't know how long this being on defense is going to last. It's a completely different approach, of course, so right now it's just learning a new position...WAITING AND WATCHING: "Because I'm trying to learn I'm waiting and watching too much when I should be reacting...But it takes time to learn. Henry Jordan has helped me quite a bit and Crenshaw (Leon), too. So has Coach Hanner." Although looking forward to the possibility of combat in his new role, Himes confessed with a smile, "It's kind of soon to be playing. "But," he appended, "after a brief pause for consideration, "it would be exciting."...PACKER PATTERN: Although shelved for the second time this season by a broken bone, Bob Brown has been spared the discomfort of a cast. Brown, out for the year, suffered a hairline fracture of the fibula in his left leg but is able to walk (limp) unaided. The explanation, Dr. E. S. Brusky reported, is that the point where the break occurred "is not a support bone." Bob, who earlier was sidelined for eight weeks by a broken arm, reported Wednesday, "The leg feels a little better."...Another Packer casualty, linebacker Jim Flanigan, did not take part in yesterday's practice but was running along the sidelines with relative freedom. Flanigan, who incurred a knee injury late last Thursday, sat out Sunday's game with the Vikings. As a result, Ray Nitschke went the distance at middle linebacker despite twice being hampered by a pinched nerve during the course of the afternoon. Bart Starr, severely shaken up by a jarring Carl Eller tackle Sunday but now fully recovered, continues to rank second among NFL passers, according to latest official figures. He has a 64.1 percentage on 98 completions in 153 attempts for 1,433 yards and 14 touchdowns. Teammate Donny Anderson continues to rank among the league's leaders in two categories. He is seventh in rushing with 516 yards in 111 carries and sixth in punting with a 41.6 average for 36 kicks.



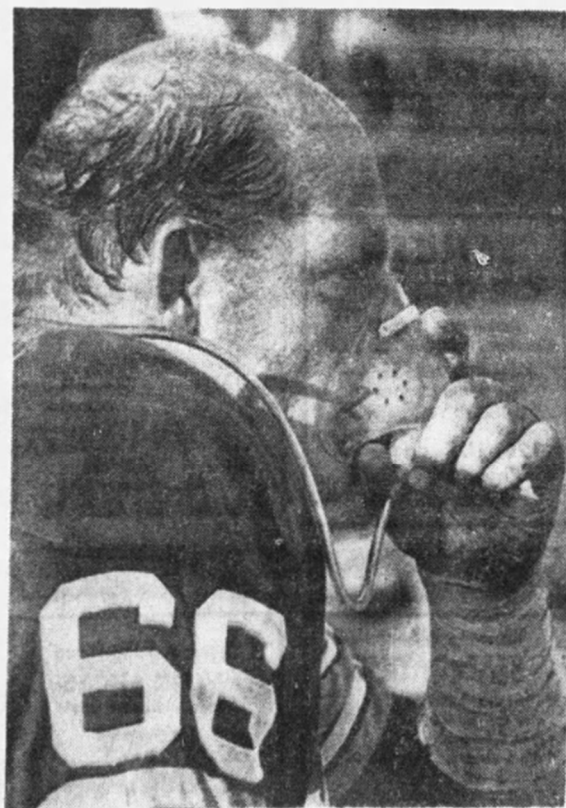
Ted Fritsch (second from right), former Green Bay Packer, was the guest speaker at the Little Chute High School football banquet Wednesday night. Shown with him, from left, are Dave Neiling, Coach Bill Fitzpatrick and Steve Bevers. (Post-Crescent Photo)

GREEN BAY FAN-CHAPTER II

NOV 14 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The fella on the phone Wednesday morning wanted to know the address of the Chicago Bears. He wanted to send a get well card to Gale Sayers. Yes, he was a Green Bay fella...a Packer Backer...and he wanted to wish Sayers well. And that incident brings us to Chapter II of "The Green Bay Fan." You recall Chapter I ran in this space Tuesday, spiced by the cage rattling of Don Riley and the sensible outlook of Harry Sheer. Now comes the considered opinion of Yours Truly. Green Bay fans are the greatest. They are the greatest pro football fans in the country for two reasons: 1, They are dedicated to their team, win, lose or draw; 2, They enjoy pro football, win, lose or draw...IT'S MATTER OF HISTORY: The first point has been proven through the years. It's a matter of history. The Packers are the oldest one city pro football franchise in existence. Talk about the Miracle of Milwaukee...there is no miracle in sports greater than the Miracle of Green Bay. But the second reason is equally important. Have you heard any boos for the Packers in Lambeau Field? If you did, they were probably from the enemy fans. Or, if there were a scattering of them from Packerland citizens, they were drowned out and killed by the cheers. This, despite the Packers troubles this year. We haven't even heard any serious grumbling about Coach Phil Bengtson. Maybe it's surprising to many of you that we even mention that here. But in a lot of cities you would see Fire Phil signs by now. And do you know why there haven't been any boos or any grumbling or any signs? Because Green Bay fans love pro football. True, they love their Packers, They worry, sweat, revel and cry with them. But they also appreciate the other team and they appreciate the drama of a game even when the Packers lose...FANS EXPRESS SYMPATHY: The fella on the phone...he thinks the world of Gale Sayers. A Bear, a bitter foe, no less. And he's not the only one. We've heard many fans express sympathy for the injured Chicago star...even knowing that his being hurt can only help the Packers. Then there's the fella who came home from the Bear game and actually smiled. It took a little effort at first. After all, the Pack had lost. But eventually the corners of his mouth curled up, his eyes brightened and he exclaimed, "You know, that was a heck of a game. I really enjoyed it." He didn't enjoy the outcome mind you...but he enjoyed the game. All this is not to say that we don't have a few of those "Bushers" that Riley writes about. We have them. But not many. And even those Bushers are usually just enjoying themselves. Perhaps the height of enjoyment for the P-G sports staff is our weekly "prediction race." It always amazes us how many people talk about it. We take a lot of kidding. But what surprised me was that when I picked Dallas to beat the Packers...and was warned that this was not "proper" for the sports editor...only one feller jumped on me for it. The rest took it in stride, offering a few good natured jibes. The one guy, however, was Bob Skoronski...and he waited until after the game to accost me in the Packer dressing room. But when I asked him if the prediction had needled him a bit, he said yes. I rested my case.

SAINT ROOKIE QB TO START AGAINST BAYS

NOV 14 (New Orleans) – New Orleans Coach Tom Fears has no illusions about Sunday's NFL game against Green Bay here, although the teams both have three victories. "The Packers will kick the daylight out of us," said Fears, who either remembers his days with the Packers too well or doesn't want to say anything to get the defending world champions mad. "They still have all that potential." Fears coached Green Bay's receivers in 1959 and from 1962 through 1965. He said Green Bay's poor showing this year was due to injuries.



Ray Nitschke, Green Bay Packer linebacker, inhales oxygen on the sidelines during a recent game. Nitschke will play against New Orleans Sunday in Milwaukee County Stadium. (AP Wirephoto)

"When have they been beaten up like that?" he said. "I don't think Elijah Pitts has returned to form after suffering that Achilles tendon last year and the same has been true for Jim Grabowski." Fears will have a rookie quarterback with him when he brings the Saints to Milwaukee. "It will be like throwing him to the wolves when we meet the Packers," Fears said of Ron South, who was promoted from the taxi squad when starter Bill Kilmer got hurt and handed the starting assignment when No. 2 quarterback Karl Sweetan ran into the same problem... NOBODY LEFT: "It was a darn good thing he was activated," Fears said about South. "When Sweetan got injured, we had nobody left." The Saint coach said Sweetan, who has an ankle injury, will suit up for the Packers game. "But we'll use him only if South gets hurt. About the only thing he can do now is hand the ball off." It will be the second time in three weeks the Packers have faced a rookie quarterback. Virgil Carter led Chicago to a 13-10 victory Nov. 3. Carter had a healthy Gale Sayers to take the pressure off him. But the Saints have shown they can be devilish. They knocked off the Minnesota Vikings this year - something Green Bay couldn't do in two tries."

ABRAMOWICZ NEW PROBLEM FOR ADDERLEY

NOV 15 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Packer fans, certainly among the most knowledgeable in all of football, are fully conversant with the talents of Jimmy Orr, Lance Rentzel and Bernie Casey. But how about Dan Abramowicz??? Chances are only the most extensively informed of the faithful are familiar with his principal assets and accomplishments. And even some of these may be surprised to discover that he, like Orr, Rentzel and Casey, is one of the NFL's most feared flankers and, statistically, ranks among the NFL's top four receivers at the moment...MUST BE TOUGH: They are little less in the dark about his abilities, however, than the Packers Herb Adderley, who will most often have the responsibility of shadowing the New Orleans' Saints, second year star in Milwaukee County Stadium Sunday afternoon. "I've never seen him in my life,"

the world champions' all-league left cornerback explained following Wednesday's practice. "I can't tell anything about him from the films - I can't tell anything about his speed." "But he must be a tough receiver because he's been up near the top," Adderley pointed out, "both years he's been in the league." "The only thing I know is that I am going to try to shut him out."...TALL CHALLENGE: That promises to be a tall challenge, considering Abramowicz has caught 85 passes in 23 NFL appearances, but Coach Phil Bengtson and his aides undoubtedly would be happy to settle for a repeat of Adderley's performance against the Vikings' Tom Hall and Gene Washington last Sunday. Herb, who twice made leaping, acrobatic "saves" of Joe Kapp bombs along the way, limited each of them to one harmless 10-yard reception during the course of the afternoon. Abramowicz will not be his only responsibility, Adderley pointed out. "They flop their receivers, so I'll be on Dave Parks some of the time," he said, "and I've never covered him either..."TIED WITH HAYES: "When Parks was with the 49ers, they didn't flop their receivers, so I always covered Bernie Casey. Most teams are righthanded teams so they usually put the flanker on my side." Abramowicz, the Saints' 17th draft choice in 1967, has speared 35 passes to date for 578 yards which figures out to a 16.5 average per reception, and 5 touchdowns. Tied with the Dallas Cowboys' Bob Hayes for third place in the league's individual statistics at this point, the former Xavier athlete finished 13th in the NFL a year ago as a rookie with 50 catches for 721 yards, a 14.4 average and 6 touchdowns... PACKER PATTERN: It is doubtful, Bengtson reported, that anyone will be activated for the Saint skirmish to fill the vacancy left by last Sunday's injury to Bob Brown. "We probably will save that spot for Francis Winkler or Leo Carroll when they become available," he said. Both presently are ineligible to return because their four-week "terms" on inactive status have not expired...Packer placekickers normally practice at distances from 17 to 47 yards. Wednesday, however, Mike Mercer asked Kicking Coach Ray Wietecha for more long range work and promptly connected on three of six attempts from 52 yards out, a fair country average from that distance. Jerry Kramer also hit on two of six and Chuck Mercein on one of three... Future Book: The Packers' farm club, the Hartford, Conn., Knights of the Atlantic Coast Football League, again is the top rated ACFL team in this week's Dunkel Index.

HAPPINESS IS - DOUG ATKINS

NOV 15 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Happiness, normally a benevolent emotion, is not usually associated with the violence required to excel in professional football. Yet this circumstance, the New Orleans Saints' venerable Doug Atkins reportedly insists, is responsible for his consistently remarkable performance for the Louisianans, remarkable considering he is burdened by the weight of 38 years and 16 NFL seasons. An erratic athlete during his latter years with the Chicago Bears, when he was a frequent and prolonged holdout, Atkins has been quoted as saying, "I'm happy down here - I've had ideal playing conditions in New Orleans. I wish I could have hooked on with a team like this 15 years ago."...ATKINS WASN'T HAPPY: Saint Publicity Director Ed Staton explains, "When he played up at Chicago Doug wasn't happy because they weren't paying him enough. He's well paid here now and he's satisfied." Whatever the case, the change in pasture has had an electrifying effect upon the behemoth Atkins (he's 6-foot-8 and 275 pounds) who is said to be having his best season since 1963 when he was a consensus all-pro selection with the Bears and currently is rated a leading candidate for all-league

honors. If this last should come to pass, the one-time Cleveland Brown would be the second oldest player ever to be so cited. Only the Baltimore Colts' awesome Gino Marchetti, named at 39, ever was chosen at a more advanced age. Atkins, who was honored as the NFL's defensive player of the week after making 13 unassisted tackles in the Saints' opening victory over the Browns, also is zeroing in on a longevity record for full-time performers. Cleveland's Lou Groza, presently inactive, is the only player in NFL history who has been around longer and he, of course, was exclusively a placekicker for the last several seasons of his 18-year career...SHARES PLATEAU: At the moment, Atkins shares the 16-year plateau with Washington Redskin immortal Sammy Baugh but Doug's teammate, Dave Whitsell, freely forecasts the giant Tennessean will be sporting Saint silks again in 1969. Tom Fears, the ex-Packer aide who now is the Saints' resident genius, says, "It's incredible that he's still playing. I don't know what keeps him going but there's no telling how long he'll go. When we traded for him last season, we were just looking for one year from him, but he just keeps going on." Atkins himself termed by Fears "the best pass rusher we have," is making no predictions about the future. "I'm just playing it game by game," he asserts. He has survived the increasingly violent tempo of NFL warfare despite an imposing list of physical problems, among them two knee operations, a broken collar bone, numerous cracked ribs and 6 ripped groin muscles. He also has broken both hands, sprained both ankles and torn a bicep muscle that required surgery. As a result, the former Bruin takes a practical and impersonal approach to his assignment. "Quarterbacks get paid well to take a beating," he declares. "Defensive linemen take their lumps and bruises and nobody worries about them."

PACKER PRECAUTION: HANDLE 'DUKE' WITH CARE AGAINST SAINTS SUNDAY

NOV 16 (Milwaukee-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Handle with care. This might be a prudent watchword for the Packers whenever they acquire the football in Sunday's match with the New Orleans Saints at Milwaukee County Stadium. The world champions have had their problems with the elusive leather this somewhat bizarre 1968 season, most recently in Minnesota last Sunday where two fumbles frustrated substantial drives and loomed large in their 14-10 loss to the Vikings. And, the record suggests, they can ill afford to be separated from the "Duke" against the Saints, who have proved to be the most predatory ballhawks in the NFL. The opposition has fumbled 23 times in nine games against the Louisianans and they have recovered 18 of them, which is some indication of the alertness ex-Packer aide Tom Fears has developed in his fledglings' defensive platoon. The Packers, it should be noted in this connection, are under .500 in recapturing their own fumbles, having lost 10 of 19 to date. Sunday's guests have been less successful at "ball control" on attack, having lost eight of the 13 fumbles they have committed. Possession will not be the Packers only concern against the southerners. Bart Starr's considerable passing skills also are likely to be taxed by the Saints, who take the lowest completions-allowed average in the NFL, 42.4. Along the way, the Saint secondary has engineered 11 interceptions, four of them by former Chicago Bear Dave Whitsell, who shared the NFL individual lead last season with Lem Barney of the Detroit Lions. Starr and his colleagues on the offensive platoon also will have to contend with one of the league's most varied defenses, reminiscent of the Bears when George Allen tutored their defensive unit...PACKER PATTERN: Ronnie South, the rookie from Arkansas who may start at quarterback for the Saints, is not without a sense of humor. He averaged only 31.7 yards against the Browns last Sunday but none of his seven high end-over-end boots was run back. Two of them, as a matter of fact, were fumbled by the Ohioans and recovered by New Orleans' Bill Cody. South later drawled, "I guess they'd never seen punting like that in the NFL before and didn't know how to handle them. I was disappointed with my punting"...Karl Sweetan, who had been holding forth at quarterback in the absence of the injured Bill

Movie Star, Saints' Owner Give to Fund



CHARLTON HESTON (center), star of the motion picture "Pro," now being filmed, and John Mecom Jr. (left), owner of the New Orleans Saints, give to the Navy Relief Benefit Fund. Lt. Comdr. William E. Aylward, public affairs officer and chairman of the

Navy Relief Drive, accepts. A Navy Relief Benefit Performance will be presented by the Repertory Theater's production of George Bernard Shaw's "Arms and the Man" Saturday at 8 p. m. at the Civic Theater.

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"PRO" MIGHT BE CAUSE OF BAD LUCK---Since Charlton Heston, left, portraying an aging Saint quarterback, arrived on the scene, injuries have plagued the real New Orleans Saints. Not only has Heston been injured, but also first- and second-string quarterbacks Bill Kilmer and Karl Sweetan. Let's hope the script changes for a happy ending. Photo by Charles Byrne.

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Pitts, Pack	52	211	4.1	12	0
Lorick, Saints	64	201	3.1	36	0
Schultz, Saints	42	149	3.5	12	0
Barrington, Saints	29	106	3.6	22	0

PASSING					
	No.	C	Yds.	Int.	TD
Starr, Pack	154	98	1,433	8	14
Kilmer, Saints	203	112	1,310	12	9
Sweetan, Saints	56	21	229	6	1
Bratkowski, Pack	52	25	301	3	1
South, Saints	15	5	50	1	1

RECEIVING					
	No.	Yds.	Av.	L	TD
Abramowicz, Saints	35	578	16.5	47	5
Dowler, Pack	29	384	13.2	55	4
Dale, P. ack	26	567	21.8	63	7
Anderson, Pack	20	225	11.3	30	0
Fleming, Pack	18	204	11.3	32	3
McCall, Saints	18	200	11.1	18	1
Lorick, Saints	18	193	10.7	29	2
Pitts, Pack	15	133	9.0	19	0
Stickles, Saints	14	199	14.2	35	2
Parks, Saints	11	73	6.6	22	0

Kilmer, tested his sprained ankle by throwing for 15 minutes in practice but, Fears said, "Karl won't start unless he improves." The Saints are attempting to construct a special helmet for offensive tackle Jerry Sturm, who suffered a cracked cheekbone against Cleveland and underwent surgery Monday. If a satisfactory headgear cannot be improvised, former Dallas Cowboy Jim Boeke will start in his place...Roy Schmidt, the only ex-Packer on the Saint squad, currently is out with a broken and dislocated elbow but is expected to return to active duty next week...The wife of Saint fullback Tony Lorick is terminally ill with cancer in Baltimore but he is expected to play Sunday if r condition does not worsen... New Orleans' talented sophomore, Dan Abramowicz, leads both teams' receivers with 35 catches for 578 yards and 5 touchdowns...Boyd Dowler paces the Packers with 29 for 384 yards and 4 TDs, followed by Carroll Dale with 26 for 567, a plush 21.7 average, and 7 scores. Donny Anderson holds a 107-yard edge on his New Orleans counterpart, Don McCall. Andy has gained 516 yards in 111 attempts, McCall 409 in 98 carries.

PACKERS HAVEN'T WON AT STADIUM THIS YEAR

NOV 16 (Green Bay) - "It's simple now," Phil Bengtson said. "We have to win them all." Bengtson, coach of the Green Bay Packers, sends his team against the New Orleans Saints Sunday in a NFL contest. If the Packers are to repeat as NFL champions, they will have to follow his advice. "The schedule gives us a great opportunity to get started," Bengtson said. Following the Saints game in Milwaukee County Stadium, Green Bay travels to Washington next week to take on the Redskins.

Green Bay is tied for last place in the Central Division race with Detroit. Both have lackluster 3-5-1 records. But the co-leaders, Minnesota and Chicago, are only 5-4...TOUGH SCHEDULE: Chicago has lost the services of running back Gale Sayers for the season, and Minnesota has a tough schedule remaining. The Packers will be attempting to break a nasty habit Sunday. They have yet to win this season in the stadium. A pre-season loss to Chicago was followed by regular season defeats by the Minnesota Vikings and the Los Angeles Rams. Some observers feel the Packers will take out their year of frustration against New Orleans. The offense, which has been strangely throttled all season, is expected to get into high gear and rub out the taste of defeat with a big game. A victory would get Green Bay back on the right track. But a lopsided win would show not only Packer backers but the Packers themselves that they aren't as old as their detractors may believe...THREE VICTORIES: Where Green Bay depends on the experience that comes with age, New Orleans has collected its three victories on the exuberance of its youth. The Saints are expected to give quarterback Ronnie Lee South his first start as a pro. South was elevated first from the taxi squad then to the No. 1 team when injury struck down the Saints' two experienced signal callers. The youthful tinge also carries over into the defensive secondary where only Dave Whitsell has more than two years' experience in the NFL. Of course, New Orleans Coach Tom Fears isn't depending entirely on youngsters. Doug Atkins, in his 16th year of pro ball, anchors the defensive line while the first team receivers are all battle tested.

PERPLEXED TITLETOWN STILL BACKING PRESSING PACKERS

NOV 17 (Green Bay) - "The Green Bay Packers," said Olive Jordan, "are like your own children. You want perfection from them, without pushing them. So when you know they have the capacity to do something, but aren't doing it, you don't reprimand them - you sort of just question in your own mind why it isn't coming out right. Naturally, then, the people are taking it hard. But there's no animosity." That's the way the wife of the Packer defensive tackle tried to put into words the pulse of the people of Green Bay, a town of 80,000 that still takes as much pride in its Packers as its children and has made total commitments to both. That was evident this particular Sunday, which turned out to be no different from any other Sunday in Green Bay when the Packers are on the road - despite the fact that the aura of invincibility surrounding the team has been completely shattered. It was 1:30 p.m. The streets were deserted. In hotels, stores, bars, homes, people were clustering about their television sets, making last-minute tuning adjustments. For, on Sunday when the Packers are on the road, there are two things you do in Green Bay: 1. Go to church with your family. 2. Return home and watch the Packers on television. At the Jordan household, Mrs. Jordan and 10 other Packer wives, dressed in a very relaxed manner in slacks, eating and snacking, prepared to watch their husbands against the Minnesota Vikings. At the same time, Mrs. Jordan tried to explain further the feeling in Green Bay about the sudden misfortunes of the Packers, who after three straight NFL championships, now are tied for last place in the Central Division with a 3-5-1 record. "It's all very frustrating," said Mrs. Jordan. "We keep wondering why, what, how, what's going on. It's been a most frustrating season for all the girls. We'd like to know what we can do-to find the key. The men don't understand it either. But we have the mutual understanding together that the blame is placed on no one. If something goes wrong, it's the team. The girls will be the first to criticize their own husbands, but then immediately someone will say, 'Don't be silly.'" Mutual understanding. That's what Green Bay has for its Packers now. A questioning certainly, but no great decline in enthusiasm in this strange setting where hearts rise and fall with the success of a professional football team. "There's a different aura in town on Mondays depending whether we win or lose," explained drug store owner John Holzer. "If we win, everybody's happy. If we lose, it's Oh woe, Oh woe, Oh woeful, lamentable day. Sure some of the people are questioning things, but they're tin-horn sports. They're the ones who have been waiting for the roof to fall in so they'd have something to gripe about. Some of them are jealous that the players are overpaid, overendorsed, overexposed. So many people here don't know what it is to take a loss. They're just used to win, win, win. A loss is a bitter pill. But I can remember when we used to go out and pray for a first down." That was years ago. It hasn't been that way since Vince Lombardi took over as coach, and no one expected it to be that way when the reins were passed on this season to Phil Bengtson. "We're spoiled, I guess," said Larry Erickson, manager of a taxicab company. "We're down in the mouth a little - good winners, poor losers. But there's no less enthusiasm.

You can tell. The Packers are on television, so the cab business has dropped way off...CAN'T WIN FOREVER: "We should have expected this. You can't win forever. The Packers used to be good for three points before they even went on the field just like you always figured the Yankees were one run ahead before they got out on the field. Now you sit in front of the television with a lump in your stomach wondering what's happening. I think it's because the players are under a lot of pressure trying to prove they're the same Packers whether they gained a couple of years in age or not. They're trying too hard, they're fouling up."...PROTECT BENGTON: At the same time the people are somewhat upset by the sudden fall of the Packers' fortunes, there is a protective shield being thrown around Bengtson. "A lot of people feel sorry for Bengtson," explained Charles Brock, the president of the Packers alumni group. "He came into this situation with the team having won three championships and everyone expecting with the same personnel they should win again. But any team that wins three is fortunate. There are a few died-in-the-wool fans who have started hollering at Bengtson, but mostly there's sympathy for him." Mayor Don Tilleman feels much the same way. "I haven't felt any change in the people's enthusiasm. It's back the Packers - win or lose. But there is a growing sympathy for Bengtson. He's as good a coach as Lombardi, but teaches and coaches in a different way...PULLING AS HARD: "I think, though, the players are pulling just as hard, only in a different way. Someone said recently, and it's probably the best way to put it, that you go out and tear your arm off for Bengtson; Lombardi would tear it off for you." No less of enthusiasm. A protective shield of sympathy for Bengtson. And, possibly an effort to maintain pride in the Packers, if that becomes necessary. "I think we'll have more enthusiasm now," said Norm Chernik of the chamber of commerce. "This has jarred the community out of its complacency and should give vent to more loyalty. You can't really measure the extent of the sentiment for the Packers unless you live here...EXPERIENCE NEEDED: "You have to be here to sense it, feel it. You don't know what it is unless you experience it." But, while Green Bay hasn't changed its attitude about the Packers, the attitude of visitors has. At the local hotel, desk clerk Win Melotte found that out quickly when the Chicago Bears came into town, just a bit more self-assured than they might have been in the past. "We haven't lost our enthusiasm," said Melotte. "But we feel their losses as much as they do. We get the visiting clubs in here and we sit right in the middle of the thing. When the Bears came in we really got it. "See those Packer helmets hanging over the desk? Well, the Bears wanted me to hang black crepe over them."

PACKERS SOLID FAVORITES, BUT UNEASY ABOUT MEETING SAINTS

NOV 17 (Milwaukee-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Although they have had their artistic problems of late, the Packers will be solid favorites to dispatch the infant New Orleans Saints in County Stadium this afternoon and preserve their flickering title hopes, which is as it should be. But, perhaps because of their recent frustrations as much as the impression they have gleaned of the Louisianans on film, the home forces are more than faintly uneasy about their first meeting (1 o'clock, WNFL and Channel 2) with the NFL's newest members. And not without legitimate cause. Though only in their second season of NFL operation, the Saints (3-6) are just a half game worse off than the world champions in the won and lost column at this late point in the 1968 season, an eloquent indication of their competitive quality...CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE: The Packers, a game and a half to the rear of the co-leading Minnesota Vikings and Chicago Bears in the Central Division race, also cannot help but be somewhat fretful over a game they cannot afford to lose. Whatever the opposition, they are only too well aware - in the wake of recent tribulations - how erratically the football can bounce. And they also have to be impressed with the knowledge the Saints have achieved something they were not able to accomplish in their previous exertions, defeat the Minnesota Vikings. While the Packers twice were victimized by the Minnesotans, second time only last Sunday, the southerners own a 20-17 decision over the Vikings in their only encounter..."THROWING TO WOLVES": As might be expected, Saint Coach Tom Fears insists the Packers have no grounds for apprehension, presumably because the invaders are likely to be going with a rookie quarterback, one Ronnie Lee South. "It will be like throwing him to the wolves," Fears says of South, elevated from the taxi squad when starter Bill Kilmer was injured two weeks ago and presented with the starting assignment when Karl Sweetan, the Saints' No. 2 quarterback, sprained an ankle against the Cleveland Browns last Sunday. Sweetan may play, and could start, but latest word from the New Orleans camp indicated his ankle had not improved sufficiently for him to do other than hand off the ball or pass from a stationary position...EYE ON ABRAMOWICZ: Regardless of who is at the visitors' trigger, the Packers will have to keep a wary eye on flanker Dan Abramowicz, who Fears claims has "the best hands in the league." The second year receiver from Xavier, drafted 17th a year ago, has caught 35 passes for 578 yards and 5 touchdowns to share third place in the league's individual race with "the world's fastest human," Bob Hayes of Dallas. The Saints, as a matter of fact, have a skilled pass catching corps as a whole. Dave Parks, the former San Francisco 49er, is their split end and Monte Stickles, another former 49er, the tight end...1-2 RUNNING PUNCH: To complement this trio Fears can field a highly respectable one-two running punch in sophomore Don McCall, presently 14th in the league with 409 yards in 98 carries, and former Baltimore Colt Tony Lorick, who has led

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	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Chicago	5	4	0	.556	167	222
Minnesota	5	4	0	.556	203	147
Detroit	3	5	1	.375	154	175
Green Bay	3	5	1	.375	174	143

Coastal Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Baltimore	8	1	0	.889	266	108
Los Angeles	8	1	0	.889	197	111
San Francisco	4	5	0	.444	177	200
Atlanta	1	8	0	.111	123	277

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Capitol Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Dallas	7	2	0	.778	268	122
New York	6	3	0	.667	225	194
Washington	4	5	0	.444	163	231
Philadelphia	0	9	0	.000	125	256

Century Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Cleveland	6	3	0	.667	217	178
St. Louis	5	3	1	.625	233	203
New Orleans	3	6	0	.333	161	212
Pittsburgh	2	6	1	.250	161	235

Today's Games: Cleveland at Pittsburgh; Dallas at Washington; Minnesota at Detroit; Los Angeles at San Francisco; Philadelphia at New York; Atlanta at Chicago; New Orleans vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee; St. Louis at Baltimore.

NEW ORLEANS GREEN BAY

OFFENSE

Parks	SE	Dowler
Sturm	LT	Skoronski
Kupp	LG	Gillingham
Wendryhoski	C	Bowman
D. Williams	RG	Kramer
J. Jones	RT	Gregg
Stickles	TE	Fleming
South	QB	Starr
McCall	RB	Anderson
Lorick	RB	Grabowski
Abramowicz	FL	Dale

DEFENSE

Tilleman	LE	Davis
Cordileone	LT	Kostelnik
Rowe	RT	Jordan
Atkins	RE	Aldridge
Davis	LLB	Robinson
Whittingham	MLB	Nitschke
Brewer	RLB	Caffey
Douglas	LH	Adderley
Howard	RH	Jeter
Burris	LS	T. Brown
Whitsell	RH	Wood

up 201 in 64 attempts. On attack, the Packers will be required to cope with one of the NFL's most complex defenses. Like the Bears of the early and middle 1960s, the Saints move into a variety of setups, including a 5-1 alignment as opposed to the standard 4-3, which should prove a worthy challenge for the Packers] scholarly field general, Bart Starr. Although he is now just on the sunny side of 40, mastodonic Doug Atkins is likely to prove a particular problem for Starr's pass protectors, especially Offensive Capt. Bob Skoronski, who will be paired with the 6-foot-8-inch, 275-pound Tennessean in the individual matchups. For the first time in several weeks, the Packers will lead with their early season "regular" lineup, Coach Phil Bengtson indicated, with the return to starting status of left tackle Ron Kostelnik and left safety Tom Brown on the defensive platoon. Kostelnik has been troubled with an ankle injury and Brown, replaced by Doug Hart last week, with a sore shoulder.

PACK FACING RAIN, SNOW, FRIGID 40S

NOV 17 (Milwaukee-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The atmospheric odds indicate the Packers and the New Orleans Saints will have an opportunity to demonstrate their respective talents as mudders here this afternoon. The Milwaukee weather bureau says there is a 70 percent chance of rain or snow. The high temperature, it is predicted, will be in the frigid 40s. The Packers had a foretaste Saturday morning of what is supposed to come. They staged a mercifully brief 20 minute warmup before 5,000 soggy but boisterous Milwaukee Cub Scouts in County Stadium, which was swept by a driving rain. The scouts, who were in their seats a half hour before the Packers appeared, ignored their discomfort to cheer the World Champions' every move.

SAINTS MEET PACKERS TODAY

NOV 17 (New Orleans Times Picayune) – Tom Fears returns "home" Sunday, but there's little chance he and his Saints will be extended the welcome mat. The "homecoming" activities begin at 1 p.m. (New Orleans time) when the limping Saints take on the down, but still dangerous Packers in this "suburb" of Green Bay. Fears, who once helped coach the Packers, isn't letting those defeats on Green Bay's record fool him - or his squad. "They are still very much in the running for the championship," Fears opined, "and I just don't mean mathematically. They still have a genuine shot at the Central Division title. You can bet Phil Bengtson (Green Bay coach) has his team aware that they must beat us to keep alive. You know, the Packers might think that because of our injuries, we'll be an easy mark. But Bengtson isn't going to let them have such an attitude. Believe me, there is nothing more dangerous than having to play Green Bay after they've lost a game or two. Look, they've had their troubles with injuries this year. I mean a rash of them. But they're dangerous as Hades." Injuries are something Fears has to live with, too. With Bill Kilmer on the shelf with a fractured ankle, Tom went with Karl Sweetan against Cleveland last week, only to have the ex-Lion quarterback suffer a sprained ankle. But Sweetan showed encouraging signs of coming around late in the week and he will start Sunday with rookie Ronnie South waiting in the wings. Running back Tom Barrington was given a cram course in quarterbacking just to be on the safe side. The Saints are nursing bumps, bruises and shattered bones, but all, save Kilmer, should be patched up enough to see combat. The walking wounded include lineman Jerry Sturm, who cracked a cheekbone last week. Early-week surgery put the bone back together and the big blond has been fitted with a special mask. He's played with more severe hurts, so he shouldn't sit this one out. Tony Lorick missed some work this week because of a leg hurt, but he says he'll be ready. Milwaukee weather wasn't exactly what you'd call good. It's been raining almost daily and the temperatures have been hovering around 40. More of the same is expected Sunday, so County Stadium, former home of the departed baseball Braves, won't be exactly like your front room.

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- 10 Stevens, BillQB
- 12 Bratkowski, ZekeQB
- 15 Starr, BartQB
- 21 Jeter, BobDB
- 22 Pitts, ElijahFB
- 23 Williams, TravisHB
- 24 Wood, WillieDB
- 26 Adderley, HerbDB
- 27 James, ClaudisFL
- 30 Mercein, ChuckFB
- 33 Grabowski, JimFB
- 37 Vandersea, PhilTE
- 38 Mercer, MikeK
- 40 Brown, TomDB
- 43 Hart, DougDB
- 44 Anderson, DonnyHB
- 45 Rowser, JohnHB
- 50 Hyland, BobC
- 55 Flanigan, JimLB
- 57 Bowman, KenC
- 60 Coffey, Lee RoyLB
- 62 Lueck, BillG
- 64 Kramer, JerryG
- 66 Nitschke, RoyLB
- 68 Gillingham, GaleG
- 70 Crenshaw, LeonDT
- 71 Peay, FrancisT
- 72 Himes, DickT
- 74 Jordan, HenryDT
- 75 Gregg, ForrestT
- 76 Skoronski, BobT
- 77 Kostelnik, RonDT
- 81 Fleming, MarvTE
- 82 Aldridge, LionelDE
- 83 Carr, FredLB
- 84 Dale, CarrollE
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No. Name Position

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- 11 South, Ronnie Lee K-QB
- 12 McNeill, TomPunt
- 14 Sweetan, KarlQB
- 16 Burris, BoDB
- 17 Kilmer, BillQB
- 20 Youngblood, George DB
- 21 Douglas, JohnDB
- 23 Whitsell, DaveDB
- 24 Nevet, ElijahDB
- 29 Howard, GeneDB
- 30 Kelley, LesLB
- 32 Barrington, TomRB
- 33 Schultz, RandyRB
- 34 Lorick, TonyRB
- 35 Davis, TedLB
- 36 McCall, DonRB
- 37 Stonebreaker, Steve ..LB
- 39 Wheelwright, Ernie ..RB
- 42 Gilliam, JohnSE
- 45 Kimbrough, Elbert ...DB
- 46 Abramowicz, DanFL
- 50 Kupp, JakeG
- 54 Wendryhoski, JoeC
- 59 Whittingham, Fred ...LB
- 60 Schweda, BrianDE
- 61 Williams, DelG
- 66 Cody, BillLB
- 72 Leggett, EarlDT
- 73 Sturm, JerryT
- 74 Tilleman, MikeDT
- 76 Rowe, DaveDT
- 77 Boeke, JimT
- 78 Jones, JerryT
- 79 Cordileone, LouDT
- 81 Atkins, DougDE
- 82 Brewer, JohnnyLB
- 83 Parks, DaveSE
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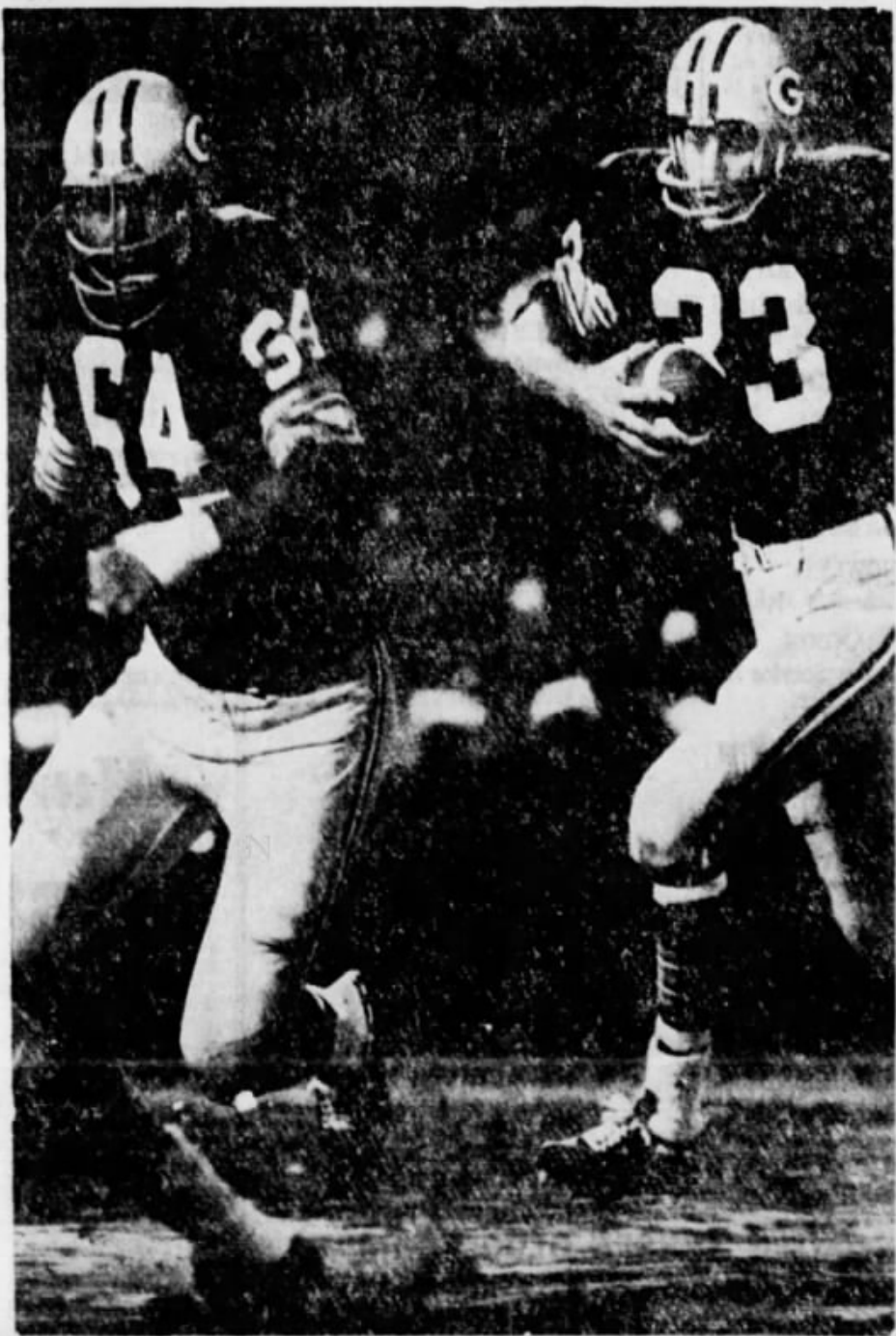
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FILMS REVEAL ALL TO PRO GRIDIRON'S SPIES

NOV 16 (The Sporting News) - The figures on the screen begin to move. They stop, scramble crazily back to their original positions, begin again, halt in midflight, and the pencils begin to scratch. The intelligence agents of professional football are at work. The room is dark and the windows are shaded, but there is nothing clandestine about this operation. This is the film room of the Green Bay Packers of the NFL. On the abilities of the men who work here will depend much of the success of the strategies the Packers will carry against the Dallas Cowboys, or the Detroit Lions or the Chicago Bears, in the next game. Film is no stranger to athletic teams. Baseball players use it to find flaws in a batting swing. Basketball coaches use it to determine rebounding positions, track men to polish their starts. But it is in football, with its unique combination of carefully conceived formations and rapidly improved action, that film manufacturers have found their greatest sports market. Football teams use movies to determine what is wrong with their team and what is right with their opponents. They use film to teach their own business and to pry into others' businesses, to plot moves and to plot countermoves. The Packers' version of this game is among the most sophisticated in football. They are one of three teams in the NFL to employ their own film expert, a former news cameraman named Al Trembl, who coordinates the process of producing movies of every Packer game, often from two angles, and whose film library serves as a record of, as well as a reason for, Packer excellence in recent years...

EVERY CLUB STRESSES MOVIES: Green Bay's film operation is not unique. Every team in pro football relies heavily on film, and in the NFL there is a formalized system of film exchange. But Trembl's job begins merely with the actual filming of a game on Sunday, and it does not end until he begins again by filming the next one. The flickering figures on the screen are part of his job. He prepares prints which are run and rerun endlessly by Packer coaches, with a dogged persistence that requires heavy-duty projectors. "A regular projector wouldn't last a half hour under the kind of beating we give it," Trembl said. "The coaches will run every play 15 or 20 times before they get everything they want out of it." What they want is a diagram showing the destination of every player on every play, and often his success at his job besides. When the coaches are through, the Packers will have a stack of diagram cards, punch coded so that with one thrust of a selection stick a coach can separate every pass play, for instance, in the game, or every blitz by the defense, or every example of zone coverage on a pass. The opportunities for work are staggering. The NFL requires that every Packer opponent be provided with films of the last two Green Bay games, while the Packers get films of the opponents' last two games. "And usually we pull out the film of our last game against the team," Trembl said. "You can pretty well figure that there are going to be about 60 offensive plays by a team in a game, and 60 defensive plays. So with three games to work with, we have 180 plays to diagram every week, just on offense, and the same number on defense." Nor is that the extent of Trembl's part in the operation. He personally films a side view of every game from a vantage point in the press box. An associate films every home game from an end zone position, offering two views of the action. All kicking plays are combined to form a separate film. Trembl clips and stitches and splices his film to provide still another composite...

CANS OF FILM CAREFULLY STORED: This one is a succession of short-yardage situations-plays begun near the opponents' goal, all the ones likely to result in touchdowns or first downs. So complete is the film coverage, in fact, that Trembl is hard put to think of some new use of football film which has not already been devised. "I don't know what it would be," he said. "For one thing, the coaches' time is so full now I don't think they could find time for any more operations than we already have." The accumulation of all this work rings Trembl's storeroom. Cans of film are stored tidily, row upon row of them-blue identifying strips for offense, red for defense, green for kicking, purple for the special end zone angles. The habits of the Dallas Cowboys through the years are cataloged in one group of film cans, for quick reference before the Cowboys are met again. For football teams, like cat burglars, have a favorite way of doing things, and modus operandi can be as valuable to the Packers in this instance as it is to the police in the other. The common denominators of strategy and performances in a half-dozen games of the past can sometimes provide a valuable weapon in the future...

CATALOGING 76 CATEGORIES: If the Packers have their way, Trembl will find those denominators. On another wall are cans labeled with the jargon of the business - "Sarah," "Rollout," "Blitz." "These are the composites, compiled by the coaches and myself in the spring-after the draft," Trembl said, "and before the coaches go out on the spring trips to see the players we've drafted." Here are all the best examples of the Green Bay sweep, to be shown to the new men in July as instruction on the way the play is to be run. Here are properly run blitzes, here is a reel of exceptionally good tackling; here are, in all, 76 different categories, the end result of months of research, the raw material of weeks of teaching to come. Trembl is no more intimidated by the work than the coaches who join him in it. "I like football and I like filming," he said. "When you can get paid for doing two things you like to do, you have no complaints coming."