



**Preseason: Cleveland Browns 14, Green Bay Packers (0-2) 13
Saturday August 21st 1954 (at Green Bay)**

Packer Resurgence Brightens 14-13 Cleveland Win

Bays Get Off Floor, Barely Miss Victory

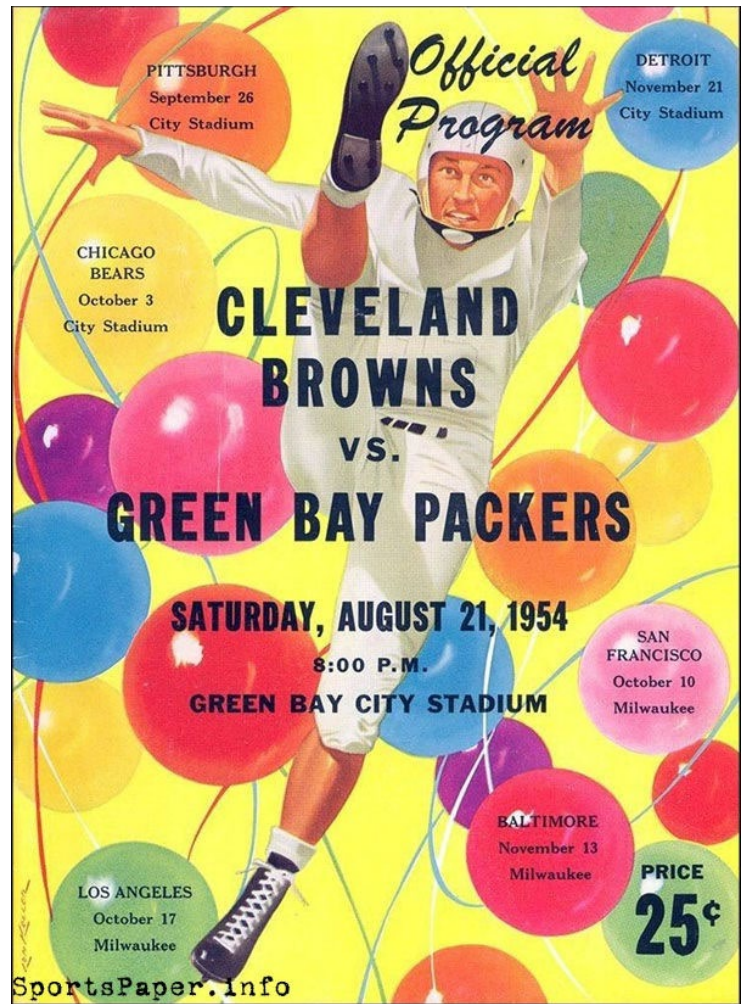
**Browns Take 14-0 Lead in First;
Rote Fire to Howton for Teepees**

GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(GREEN BAY) - This, indeed, is a new era in Packer football. The 1954 Packers, unfolding for the first time before the home folks Saturday night, demonstrated the speed, the scoring potential and - above all - the devil-may-care desire that could carry Green Bay out of the NFL woods. As you well know today, the Packers lost the non-championship game 14 to 13 to the Cleveland Browns - a skillful band of killers who have been in the league playoff game for four consecutive seasons. But the story this bright Monday isn't the loss by the resurgence of the Packers, themselves, and the 15,747 fans who saw

with their own 31,494 eyes the team's remarkable spirit - college spirit, if you will - the brilliant young rookies headed by Veryl Switzer, the revived veterans, and the smooth working of the new coaching staff, headed by Liz Blackburn. It's been many a year since City Stadium jumped as it did Saturday night. And by the same token it's been many a year since the Packers - as a unit - displayed the raw courage needed against the flawless Browns. The Packers were on the canvas in the first quarter to the tune of 14 to 0, but in the end it was the Browns who were hanging on the ropes with the Bays just 17 yards from a winning touchdown or field goal. A deflected try for the extra point by left-footed kicking Bobby Garrett after the Packers' second touchdown robbed the Pack of a well-deserved tie. Moral victories are supposed to be non-existent in pro football but this loss seemed just that - especially coming as it did on the heels of a 27 to 10 setback to the Chicago Cardinals the previous Saturday night. The scoring, briefly, went like this: The Browns drove 80 yards in nine plays, with Sherman Howard scoring from nine yards out at 7:50 of the opening heat. Five minutes and 10 seconds later, Fred Morrison bulled over from seven yards out to cap a 44-yard march. Lou (The Toe) Groza kicked both extra points. Quarterback Tobin Rote passed to end Bill Howton for both Packer touchdowns. The first went 18 yards in the third period to end a 40-yard push and the second went 31 yards to close a five-play, 80-yard scramble in the fourth quarter. Garrett converted after the first TD. The Browns lined up for three field goals, tried a fake on the first and Groza missed from the 50 and 22 on the other two. The Packers tried one, with Garrett's effort being blocked on the 25. Most amazing, among the many amazing factors about this struggle, was that the Packers dominated action after the Browns had taken a 14-0 lead. Even after the Pack cut the margin in half in the third quarter, the Browns, famous for their bounce-back and rage after an enemy score, became guilty of holding and clipping and finally fumbled the ball away. It was at this stage that the Packers encountered the first of two heartbreaks. After the fumble recovery on the Brown 10, a Rote pass was intercepted, thus cutting off a second touchdown in the third frame. Then, with less than three minutes left in the game, the Packers reached the Brown 17 in a furious comeback but another Rote pass was intercepted on the 10. The most talked about rookie on the turf was the aforementioned Switzer. This 190-pound streak of right halfback lightning ripped off 65 yards in five carries, including a 44-yard dash that set up the "tying" touchdown. In addition, he had a 30-yard run nullified by penalty. The Kansas Kid demonstrated that he has the heart of a real pro, once taking a punt on the dead run not five yards from a stack of Browns and crashing headlong into the group. Then there was left halfback Joe Johnson, a fine knifer who raced 32 yards in two tries through the enraged Browns on the ill-fated third touchdown journey. Many other rookies starred - fullback Clyde Sanders, who bulled 13 on the second TD go; Max McGee, the punter who actually out-averaged Horace Gillom 45 1/2 yards to 45 on three boots each; Hosea Sims, whose quick charge might have upset Groza into missing his 22-yard field

goal – not to mention three goal line kickoffs; Nick Adduci, a tough rabbit as a linebacker; Gene White, the former offensive end who showed much savvy as a defensive halfback; Al Barry, the offensive guard; tackle Art Hunter – to mention a few. It would take eight columns to review the improvements the Packers showed against the Browns over the previous Saturday night vs. the Cards. But the No. 1 “change” came on the ground. The Packers were limited to a minus three yards by the Cards, but ripped off 190 against the Browns – thanks largely to some fine running by Rote on faded pass situations and Switzer and Johnson. As it turned out the Packers outgained the Browns on the soil 190 to 165 but the Clevelands had the edge in the air 160 to 125. In total yardage, it was fairly even, with the Browns chalking up 325 yards to the Pack’s 315. Rote, calling his second entire game in three years and facing the top pass defense in the league, completed only five out of 22 but two went for TDs. Otto Graham completed 13 out of 22 for 142 yards but none went for TDs – a tribute to the Pack’s pass defense. The Packers made the first big break of the game. After receiving the kickoff, Rote found Al Carmichael for a 34-yard screen pass play but McGee soon had to punt. The Browns loosened up the Bay defense by throwing three straight passes to Brewster (two) and Morrison for 34 yards and the TD. A Graham pass to Lavelli for 23 yards set off the second TD to the Pack 21. An offside penalty on the Pack, Reynolds’ four-yard gain and Graham’s toss to James set up Morrison’s TD run. The Packers made their first TD bid late in the first period. Rote threw to Ferguson for 21 on a screen. Switzer went eight



and Rote 36 in two ties before the attack stalled early in the second quarter, after which Garrett’s field goal try was blocked. A holding penalty plus some sharp line play forced the Browns to punt but they got the ball right back when Len Ford forced Rote to fumble and Walt Michaels recovered on the Brown 47. The Browns raced to the Packer 21, but on fourth down James, holding for a Groza field goal, took the ball and missed a first down on the fake. John Martinkovic and Bill Forester tossed George Ratterman for a 12-yard loss to force the Browns to punt early in the third period, Carmichael returning eight yards to the Brown 40. The Packers scored in six plays. Ferguson and Reid banged for 12 to the 28. Ferguson carried twice more for 10 to the 18 but was hurt and Sanders replaced him. On the next down, Rote hit Howton along on the five and Bill stepped into pay dirt. The enraged Browns made a first down but Ratterman fumbled and Dave Hanner recovered on the 10. After two running plays lost one yard, Bradley intercepted Rote’s running throw. The Browns quickly charged to the Bay 20, but Elliott and Martinkovic tossed Atkeson and Graham for losses of 26 yards in two plays. On the first play of the fourth quarter Groza was wide with a field goal try from the 50. After an exchange of punts, Colo waded in unmolested to recover Rote’s fumble and give the Browns’ possession on the Bay 19. The Packers played it tough and held, finally forcing Groza to miss from the 22. The Packers gained new confidence and swept to a TD in five plays. Switzer exploded over left tackle for 44 to the Brown 36. Sanders went up the middle for 13, Rote was smeared for an eight yard loss, Sanders was held for no gain at right end by on third down Howton, with Lahr hugging him took Rote’s perfect pass in the end zone for the score. The Browns, with Graham at the throttle, missed a first down by two yards and Switzer called for a fair catch of Gillom’s punt on the Packer 32. On the first play, the Packers goofed up in the backfield as Rote, apparently looking for somebody to hand the ball to, pitched to Carmichael in the left flat. Al couldn’t go that way and finally reversed his field for a 19-yard advance. Johnson then hit right end for 12 and right tackle for 20 to the Brown 17. With two minutes left, linebacker Catlin intercepted a Rote pass aimed at Mann on the 10 to end the threat. The relieved Browns rushed out the clock.

CLEVELAND - 14 0 0 0 - 14
GREEN BAY - 0 0 7 6 - 13

	<u>CLEVELAND</u>	<u>GREEN BAY</u>
First Downs	18	16
Rushing-Yards-TD	40-165-2	29-190-0
Att-Comp-Yd-TD-Int	24-14-160-0-0	22-5-125-2-2

Total Yards	225	315
Fumbles-lost	2-1	3-2
Turnovers	1	4
Yards penalized	6-87	3-20

SCORING

1ST - CLE - Sherman Howard, 9-yard run (Lou Groza kick) CLEVELAND 7-0

1ST - CLE - Fred Morrison, 7-yard run (Groza kick) CLEVELAND 14-0

3RD - GB - Bill Howton, 18-yard pass from Rote (Bobby Garrett kick) CLEVELAND 14-7

4TH - GB - Howton, 31-yard pass from Rote (Garrett kick failed) CLEVELAND 14-13

RUSHING

GREEN BAY - Veryl Switzer 5-65, Tobin Rote 6-46, Joe Johnson 2-32, Howie Ferguson 6-26, Al Carmichael 4-19, Clyde Sanders 2-13, Breezy Reid 4-9

CLEVELAND - Fred Morrison 12-46 1 TD, Bill Reynolds 7-40, Sherman Howard 7-26 1 TD, Tom Pagna 4-23, Dale Atkeson 3-12, Tommy James 1-6, Chet Hanulak 1-5, Otto Graham 2-3, Tom Cardoine 2-3

PASSING

GREEN BAY - Tobin Rote 22-5-125 2 TD 2 INT

CLEVELAND - Otto Graham 22-13-142, George Ratterman 2-1-18

RECEIVING

GREEN BAY - Bill Howton 2-49 2 TD, Al Carmichael 1-33, Bob Mann 1-22, Howie Ferguson 1-21

CLEVELAND - Fred Morrison 4-64, Pete Brewster 3-37, Dante Lavelli 1-10, Sherman Howard 1-12, Tom Pagna 1-11, Horace Gillom 1-7, Dale Atkeson 1-2, Chet Hanulak 1-1



Green Bay Packers end Billy Howton (86) scores a touchdown against the Cleveland Browns during a preseason game at old City Stadium on Aug. 21, 1954. Browns safety Ken Konz is at right. (SOURCE: [Green Bay Press-Gazette archives](#))

Brown Unhappy But Liz Pleased With Showing

BROWN UNHAPPY BUT LIZ PLEASED WITH SHOWING

AUG 23 (Green Bay) - Peerless Paul Brown, ever one to speak his mind, was unhappy in victory Saturday night. Brown, detachedly watching his players remove the grime of battle in the East High dressing room, had been asked: "Were you satisfied with the Browns' performance?" His reply, though indirect, was eloquent. Permitting himself a wry smile, he inclined his head toward the players (he had been closeted with them privately for 10 minutes immediately following the game) and queried: "Do they look very happy?" Brown, possibly striving for effect since a number of his players were within earshot, went on, "We looked poor. But let's not take anything away from the Packers. They played fine ball - and they should have won the game." Switching to another tack, he volunteered, "I never saw so many guys get tackled for losses and then pass or run for big gains - improvised play and they came out in good shape. They sure made a lot of ground when they were supposed to pass." Any particular reason why he had started George Ratterman at quarterback at the start of the second half instead of Otto Graham? "No, we just wanted to give everybody a chance to play." Paul, predicting that the Packers "will be a good ball club," indicated he felt that the 1954 club is the best Green Bay entry his Browns have faced in four meetings. Injuries, he intimated, had handicapped his Browns to some extent. "Billy Reynolds got bumped in the first half and we didn't use him the rest of the game," Paul pointed out. "He could have played but we didn't want to take a chance on him. Tom Pagna got hurt, too, and we didn't use him after that, and, of course, Ray Renfro didn't play at all. We were starting to run out of halfbacks. Mike McCormack, our starting right tackle, got bumped early and we held him out, and Marion Motley, of course, wasn't even in uniform." Brown, in keeping with his reputation for candor, hinted that the Packers' second touchdown could have had an assist from the lighting system. "Lahr (defensive halfback Warren) told me he couldn't see the ball," Paul confided. "Said he didn't know it had been thrown." Bill Howton, the receiver, was encircled by Lahr's arms when he caught the ball. At this point, Packer line coach Lou Rymkus, a former Brown, and his twin sons, Pat and Mike, arrived upon the scene. Paul greeted them warmly and jocularly asked Rymkus, "Why don't you send us some of your ball players? It looked like a few of them earned their letters out there tonight. And I'll tell you something else - that quarterback of yours (Tobin Rote) can run."...Liz Blackburn, making his debut before the home fans, was generally pleased with the Packers' performance - with almost everything, of course, except the result. "We were too conservative the first quarter, we didn't let go enough," Blackburn observed, "but I was very well pleased with the comeback. It was something we needed. More than anything, our general all-around toughness pleased me. But, of course, a lot of work still remains to be done," Liz continued. "We've just got to keep working and try to get a little smoother. I think one thing is certain. I don't think we will run into another pair of ends (Len Ford and Doug Atkins) like that again this season. They were so hard to block it was, well, amazing." "Offensively, the running of Veryl Switzer and Joe Johnson, as well as Clyde Sanders the one time he carried the ball, was encouraging," Blackburn volunteered. "I also was well pleased with Nick Adduci's work on defense because he is so new to it. And Sims (Hosea) kicks off well. That will be a help to us. He'll also be a help to us defensively."...Earlier Blackburn had been presented with a key to the city by Mayor Dominic Olejniczak in pregame ceremonies. Blackburn's only comment was, "I hope this will be a good game," a wish that was shortly granted. Olejniczak was introduced by Jerry Atkinson, chairman of the Association of Commerce Sports Committee. Players of both teams were introduced individually by Jug Earp during the ceremonies...Seldom has any players captured the fans' fancy so immediately and so completely as did Switzer, the Kansas State rocket. He received a rousing ovation when he was introduced before the game and lavish applause whenever he entered or left the field during the contest. His name, too, was heard everywhere as the 15,000-odd spectators filed from the stadium. The din rivaled in volume the "go, go" chant now standard at Milwaukee Braves' home games after Switzer. Joe Johnson and Sanders had carried the Packers to the Browns' 23 midway in the fourth quarter what all fervently hoped would be the game's deciding touchdown...Tom White, who

One Point!

CLEVELAND

Ends — Brewster, Lavelli, Rado-sevich, Atkins, Gillom, Ford, Carson.
Tackles—Groza, Sandusky, Kissell, King, Colo.

Guards — Gibron, Noll, McCormack, Forester, Raiff, Michaels, Bradley.

Centers—Gatski, Catlin, Armstrong.
Backs—Graham, Reynolds, Morrison, Gorgal, Lahr, James, Konz, Ratterman, Howard, Carodine, Hanulak, Shields, Pagna, Atkeson, Bassett.

GREEN BAY

Ends—Mann, Howton, Elliott, McGee, Davis, Martinkovic, Knutson, Sims, Frank.

Tackles—Szafaryn, Ruzich, Bauer, Buford, Hunter, Cifelli, Helluin, Hanner, C. Johnson.

Guards—Barry, Brown, Zatkoff, Tackacs, Timberlake, Forester, Haupt.
Centers—Ringo, Stephenson, Tonemaker, Pop Hall.

Backs — Rote, Reid, Carmichael, Ferguson, Garrett, Falkenstein, J. Johnson, Curran, Switzer, Adduci, Sanders, Burkhardt, Self, Carlson, Walker, White, Maccioi, Roffler, Miller, Mihajlovich, Dillon, M. Johnson.

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Green Bay 0 0 7 6 — 13

Scoring: Cleveland: Touchdowns—Howard, Morrison. Extra Points — Groza 2. Green Bay: Touchdowns — Howton 2. Extra Point — Garrett.

Officials: Referee — Ronald Gibbs; Umpire — Joseph G. Crowley; Head Linesman — Warren S. Knight; Back Judge — James E. Hamer; Field Judge — James A. Kane.

Team Statistics Pack Browns

Total First Downs 16 18
First downs rushing 10 10

First downs passing	5	8
First down penalties	1	0
Yards gained rushing	190	165
Yards gained passing	125	160
Total Yards Gained	315	225
Passes: Attempted	22	24
Completed by	5	14
Intercepted by	0	2
Yards intercepted passes returned	0	5
Yards lost attempting to pass	24	33
Punts: Number by	4	4
Average distance punts	45½	45
Number of punts returned	4	1
Yards punts returned	19	0
Kickoffs: Number returned	2	2
Yards kickoffs returned	42	39
Fumbles: Number by	3	2
Balls lost by fumbles	2	1
Penalties	3	6
Yards lost by penalties	20	87

Individual Statistics

Rushing:

Cleveland: Morrison gained 46 yards in 12 attempts, Reynolds 40 in 7, Howard 26 in 7, Pagna 23 in 4, Atkeson 12 in 3, James 6 in 1, Hanulak 5 in 1, Graham 3 in 2, Carodine 3 in 2.

Green Bay: Switzer gained 85 yards in 5 attempts, Rote 46 in 6, Ferguson 26 in 6, J. Johnson 32 in 2, Carmichael 19 in 4, Sanders 13 in 2, Reid 9 in 4.

Passing:

Cleveland: Graham attempted 22, completed 13 for 142 yards; Ratterman attempted 2, completed 1 for 18 yards.

Green Bay: Rote attempted 22, completed 5 for 125 yards, 2 intercepted 2 touchdowns.

Pass Reception:

Cleveland: Morrison caught 4 for 64 yards, Brewster 3 for 37, Lavelli 1 for 19, Howard 1 for 12, Pagna 1 for 11, Gillom 1 for 7, Atkeson 1 for 2, Hanulak 1 for 1.

Green Bay: Howton caught 2 for 49 yards, Carmichael 1 for 33, Mann 1 for 22, Ferguson 1 for 21.

performed a similar capacity for the Bluejays for 10 years, made his debut as the Packers' public address announcer. It marked the first time that Gentleman Jim Coffee, himself an original Packer, hadn't been at the microphone since the P.A. system was first used at City Stadium. Jim was on hand, however, to watch proceedings from a chair on the sidelines...Though it's early, the private eyes were out in force. Chuck Drulis, Packer line coach last year, Pete Halas of the Bears and Head Coach Jim Trimble and aide Charles Gauer of the Philadelphia Eagles were present to chart the Browns, while Jack Lavelle, chief scout of the New York Giants, and the Pittsburgh Steelers' Chuck Cherundolo analyzed the Packers...Brown seldom overlooks a detail. This was again evidenced by the fact that his charges were sporting orange jerseys, used only for night games, instead of the customary brown or white. Also all of his players are equipped with metal face guards...The Peshtigo Boy Scout Drum and Bugle Corps performed between halves while the Packer Lumberjack Band, a fixture since 1921, entertaining during timeouts.

WRITERS ASK FOR WIDER STATE PACKER COVERAGE

AUG 23 (Green Bay) - Expanded coverage of Packer doings throughout Wisconsin, as well as high school and college football, was the keynote for the annual fall meeting of the Wisconsin Associated Press Sportswriters' Assn., at the Northland Hotel over the weekend. The sports editors of nearly 30 Wisconsin newspapers favored stepped-up coverage of Packer affairs throughout the club's season and the Associated Press plans to follow through with the help of Bonnie Ryan, Packer publicity chief. Continuance of the high school football "honor roll" was recommended, but the association suggested a more selective basis. The writers also favored expanded statewide coverage of the teams of the small colleges, Marquette University and the University of Wisconsin.

PACKERS CUT FIVE; TRAIN FOR PITT

AUG 23 (Stevens Point) - Five rookies were cut from the Packer squad today, leaving a roster of 49. Released were Roger Carlson, fullback from Gustavus Adolphus College, Bill Buford, Morgan State tackle; Dale Haupt, a guard from Wyoming whose home is in Manitowoc, Bob Burkhart, Washington State fullback and quarterback, and Cotton Hall, North Texas State end. Coach Liz Blackburn said no more cuts were expected this week. The Packers launched practice today for their battle against the Steelers in Pittsburgh Saturday night.

LAMBEAU LET OUT IN 'GET TOUGH' SHAKEUP

AUG 23 (Detroit) - Joe Kuharich, a man who has worked with the Washington Redskins football team for only 33 days, Monday took over here as head coach under a "get tough" policy which led to coach Curly Lambeau's dismissal Sunday. The Redskins lost to San Francisco in Sacramento Saturday, 30-7, and arrived here Sunday to meet the Detroit Lions Friday



Watch Out Below—Packer Halfback Al Carmichael gets a lift after gaining 19 yards in third quarter against Browns at City stadium Saturday night. The Brown is Warren Lahr (24) and unable to help is Packer Buddy Brown.



Going for a Ride—Cleveland Brown Tom Carodine is lifted off his feet by Packer Roger Zatkoff in this fourth quarter action Saturday night. Converging on play are Packers Jerry Helluin (73), Clarence Self (28) and Bill Forester (69).

night. General Manager Dick McCann said the move was made after Lambeau and fiery George Preston Marshall, Redskin owner, had a heated argument in the lobby of a Sacramento hotel after Saturday night's game. Kuharich, 37, is the sixth Redskin coach in eight years. Sources close to the team said that Marshall was displeased with the "easy going" approach Lambeau had taken with the club. "Players liked Lambeau because he let them get into shape the way they saw fit," said one source. "Now you can bet they will really have to hustle." Kuharich joined the club about the month ago as assistant line coach. He was head coach of the Chicago Cardinals in 1952 after piloting the University of San Francisco to an undefeated season in 1951. He played guard for the Cardinals in 1940, '41 and '45. The San Francisco Chronicle wrote that the hotel incident leading to the dismissal began while Lambeau was sitting in a bar talking with friends when two Redskin players, Hugh (Bones) Taylor and Johnny Paul, walked in. The Chronicle said Lambeau told them to leave because NFL rules prohibit players in a bar after a game and threatened them with a fine. Marshall, who was in bed, got a call and witnesses speculated that he was unhappy because the players were not immediately fined. Lambeau took over in August of 1952 when Dick Todd resigned on the night of the Redskins' opening game of the season with the Los Angeles Rams. Lambeau won five games in 1952, and lost seven. Last year he won six, lost five and had one tie. Lambeau coached the Green Bay Packers for 31 seasons before leaving in 1950 to pilot the Cardinals.

BAYS CUT 5; DRILL FOR STEELERS

AUG 23 (Stevens Point) - With five less players in camp, the Green Bay Packers went to work Monday on their passing work in preparation for Saturday night's non-league game against the Steelers in Pittsburgh. Coach Liz Blackburn reduced the Packer roster to 49 with the release of rookies Roger Carlson, Gustavus Adolphus fullback; Bill Buford, Morgan State tackle; Dale Haupt, Wyoming guard whose home is in Manitowoc; Bob Burkhart, Washington State quarterback-fullback; and Ken (Cotton) Hall, North Texas State end. The early passing workout resulted from the club's aerial showing in the 14-13 loss to Cleveland Browns in Green Bay Saturday night. Veteran quarterback Tobin Rote completed only five out of 22 passes, although two of them went to end Billy Howton for touchdowns. Throwing in the drill were Rote and rookies Elry Falkenstein and Bobby Garrett. Rookie Hosea Sims, who surprised with three booming kickoffs against the Browns, practiced field goal kicking and connected on six from far out. Clarence Johnson, the former Northwestern defensive end, was switched to fullback to assist rookie Clyde Sanders. The club's two veteran fullbacks, Howie Ferguson and Fred Cone, are injured.

LAMBEAU WANTS SALARY

AUG 23 (Los Angeles) - Curly Lambeau said Monday he expected to be paid the "full salary for my 1954 contract" with the Redskins even though he has been ousted as head coach. The only comment Lambeau would make was: "I expect to be paid full salary for my 1954 contract and I wish Marshall, the Redskins and their new head coach, Joe Kuharich, only the best of luck." He did not mention the amount of the contract.



Block and Tackle — Packer defensive halfback Bobby Dillon, back in action after being sidelined with injuries since the start of practice, upends Cleveland Brown Fred Morrison after short gain in third quarter at stadium Saturday night.

Rushing Clicks, Bays Now Throwing



Hold That Ball—Packer Rookie Joe Johnson streaks for 20-yards through Brown line on this play but almost lost the ball when Browns Don King and Ken Gorgal tried to remove his pants. Johnson's run put Packers in position to win game in fourth quarter. Browns won 14-13 at City stadium Saturday night.

RUSHING CLICKS, BAYS NOW THROWING

AUG 24 (Green Bay) - It would appear that the Packers get a lot out of their practices. A week ago yesterday, Coach Liz Blackbourn - taking note of the minus three yards rushing against the Chicago Cardinals - ordered plenty of practice on rushing plays. The workouts paid off to the whistle of 190 yards rushing against the stone-walled Cleveland Browns at City Stadium Saturday night. But the passing tailed off against the Browns - five completions in 22 attempts by Tobin Rote. So, Blackbourn started concentrating on that phase of action in Monday's field activity and likely will continue aerial emphasis for the Steeler game in Pittsburgh Saturday night. Of the five completions, only three were downfield throws, the other two being screens near the line of scrimmage. Two of the other three went for TDs to Bill Howton, which is what they pay off on. In all, the five passes gained 125 yards. Against the Cardinals, Rote completed 15 out of 33 for 211 stripes. In each game, Rote had two intercepted...**WORK UNTIL AUTOMATIC:** The Packers' biggest headache on passing against the Browns was lack of adequate protection for Rote. And Blackbourn took special note of

that phase this morning: "The boys are going to work until it's automatic - passing and protection for the passer," he said. Rote and rookies Ely Falkenstein and Bobby Garrett all pitched in yesterday afternoon's passing drill, conducted with the players wearing shorts. The morning practice was split, with late arrivals and some of the rookies drilling outdoors and the others inside looking at pictures of last year's Steeler game. Clarence Johnson, the 220-pound defensive end from Northwestern, worked into the Packer offense as a fullback yesterday to offset injuries to veterans Fred Cone and Howie Ferguson. Cone was hurt against the Cardinals and Ferguson vs. the Browns, leaving Clyde Sanders as the only able-bodied FG. Johnson is now in his third position. He opened as a defensive end and recently was shifted to tackle. Hosea Sims, the rookie from Marquette, who did do well with his kickoffs against the Browns, practiced his left toe on the field goals and extra point kicking yesterday. He hit a good percentage of boots from 25 to 30 yards out. Cone may be ready for kickoff duty against the Steelers...Asked what he told the players during the intermission of the Brown game when the Packers were behind 14-0, Blackbourn said "we didn't have to give them any sort of going over. If you recall, we began looking better already in the second quarter. That's when the boys pulled themselves together and started playing football." As to Pittsburgh, Liz said he expects much better action but, he added, "it takes work - hard work to get a team in shape; there just isn't any other way. If there were the game wouldn't be worthwhile."

ROTE THROWING ON THE RUN; SIMS' KICKOFFS BIG SURPRISE

AUG 24 (Green Bay) - The Packer veterans are rapidly becoming "new men" under the guidance of the new coaching staff - Liz Blackbourn and aides Tom Hearden, Ray McLean and Lou Rymkus. Many of the veterans are doing things differently and as a result becoming, it seems, much more expert. One of Blackbourn's biggest and most important projects is Tobin Rote, the gallant Texan. "There is a fine quarterback," Liz pointed out the other day, "and he's all football every day of the season." Sometime later - in fact, after the Cardinal game, Liz said that "the only thing that Tobin lacks is confidence; somewhere he has lost just about all confidence in himself." Blackbourn, his assistants and every Packer player want to return that confidence to the hard-pitching and hard-running Lone Star Stater. Rote isn't the calmest quarterback in football; he gets just as excited as you do in the stands at times. To help combat this excitability, Blackbourn is having Rote throw on the run occasionally. The theory is that it's harder to get excited while exerting the body in the process of running than it is when standing still. (Try it sometime.) Which is why Rote ran to his right or left on several plays against the Cleveland Browns! Tobin didn't have the best pitching average on the field, nailing only five out of 22, but the big guy was working on that confidence and operating something new - throwing on the run. Rote, however, had the distinction of throwing two touchdown passes - two more than did the great Otto Graham. But he had two intercepted - the last of which killed off a chance to win the game...Old Joe Phan, besides seeing a terrific game, had himself a fine chance to exercise his proverbial right to a second guess on Rote's intercepted pass in the fourth quarter. The Packers had rushed from their own 32 to the Brown 17 in three plays - a 19-yard go to Al Carmichael and gains of 32 yards on two bangs by Joe Johnson. Everybody in the park, and especially the Browns, figured the Packers would rush because the Clevelanders, remember, had been knocked loose by the ground attack; they were forced to tighten up around the line. The only surprise for the Packers was a pass. The

Browns were bunched up behind their wall on the first down play and it took a miraculous stop and catch by linebacker Tom Catlin to get the ball in front of Bob Mann, the intended receiver. In addition, the Packers were virtually without a field goal kicker - due to the absence of injured Fred Cone. With Cone in there, the Packers might have just run the ball toward the middle and kicked if they couldn't make a first down...It really does seem funny to even comment on a second guess. The way the game started out nobody in the park - but the Packers - had much hope for a close contest, much less a chance to kick around strategy. Any loss isn't good, but the result was still wonderful!...Rookie Packer end Hosea Sims must have surprised even Blackburn's No. 1 kickoff man at Marquette last year, but, as Liz puts it, "Hosea had been doing well in practice last week." His three kickoffs sailed a total of 181 yards - just seven yards less than the three delivered by The Toe, himself, Lou Groza. All six KOs, incidentally, went into the end zone. Bill Forester, Packer middle guard, played for the first time against brother Herschel, Brown offensive guard. "Yeah, he knocked me down once," Bill drawled Sunday. "I had a kind of a funny feeling about running into him; one time Clayton (Tonnemaker, defensive captain) had me going into Herschel on a red dog but we just switched assignments on that play," Bill laughed...Blackburn was amazed by the Browns' giant defensive ends - Doug Atkins and Len Ford. "They are just Things; that's the only way to describe 'em - Things. If you go into them low, they'll leap over you and if you hit 'em high, they'll knock you into the quarterback," Liz chuckled. Atkins stands 6-8 and packs 250 pounds; Ford goes 6-4, 250.

PACKERS' GREAT SURGE MAY BE AN INDICATION THAT TEAM HAS JELLED

AUG 24 (Milwaukee Journal) - The strong second half by the Packers in their 14-13 defeat by the Cleveland Browns at Green Bay Saturday night might be traced to two things:

1. Lisle Blackburn' first pro team, liberally sprinkled with rookies, began to jell. 2. The Browns, after a ridiculous easy first quarter in which they took a 14-0 lead, tried to coast and could not get back up when the Packers began to roll. The question is, which point was more important? Toward the end, the Browns were certainly on the run. They hardly looked the same as in the first quarter. But neither did the Packers, only with them it was slow start, fast finish. One thing is for sure. The Browns without Otto Graham at quarterback hardly resemble the Browns with him. George Ratterman came in at the start of the second half to direct operations and from that point the Packers provided almost the whole show. It may be recalled that in the exhibition between the two teams last fall at Cleveland, the Browns started with Ratterman, fell behind, brought in Graham in the second half and won, 13-7. Encouraging, though, was the way the Packers continued to manhandle the Cleveland offense even after Graham returned. Graham came back after Tobin Rote's pass had been intercepted on the Cleveland three in the third quarter with the Packers going for a possible tie. Otto pulled the Browns out of that hole by directing them clear to the Packer 20, but even Graham could not do anything. Stretch Elliott broke through to smear Tom Carodne for a 12-yard loss, then smashed through the usually impregnable cordon of blockers to nail Graham 11 yards farther back. That forced a field goal attempt which Lou Groza barely missed from the 50. Midway in the fourth period, Don Colo picked up Rote's fumble and got to the Packer 18. The Packers' defense again stopped Graham and Groza missed a field goal from the 23. On the next play, Veryl Switzer, an explosive 190-pound bundle, whipped through the left side for 44 yards. Clyde Sanders, another rookie, went for 13 more and two plays later Rote connected with Howton for the touchdown to make it 14-13. Here the injured Fred Cone would have been extremely useful. His inexperienced place kicking replacement, quarterback Bobby Garrett, missed the point. The Packers stormed right back, however, this time with Joe Johnson, another rookie, carrying to first downs on Cleveland's 37 and 17 on successive plays. Two minutes remained, but



Key to the City — New Packer Head Coach Liz Blackburn (left) receives the traditional key to the city from Mayor Dominic Olejniczak in brief ceremonies before Packer-Cleveland Brown game at City stadium Saturday night.

Rote chose to try to cross up the Browns' defense. They appeared ready for the "surprise", but Tom Catlin intercepted Rote's pass and that was that. Rote's passing left much to be desired. He completed only 5 out of 22 passes, although two were to Howton for touchdowns. The two interceptions ruined excellent opportunities. Only one other of his completions was downfield to Bobby Mann. The two others were screens. Switzer, Sanders and Johnson gave much promise as ball carriers. They burst through the line in a manner quite differently from what has been seen of Packer backs in recent years. To do this, however, they needed blocking which they received from the Packer forwards in the second half. Garrett certainly should prove helpful in the quarterback spot, once he has learned the plays. The Stanford graduate, obtained from the Browns in the Parilli deal, only reported after the All-Star game. Max McGee of Tulane wound up with a better punting average than Horace Gillom, the Browns' super booter (45.5 yards to 45 even). Late in the first half, he kicked one 43 yards out of bounds on the Cleveland three. Booting like that will help plenty. Switzer provided two extra thrills on punt returns. Once he caught the ball running full speed and carried back 10 yards. The other time, Al Carmichael let a punt go through his hands but Switzer was right there to pick it up and return 15 yards.

PACKERS SHOWED HOW TO WIN FRIENDS IN DEFEAT

AUG 24 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - It takes something to win new friends and influence people the right way while losing a football game. That's exactly what the Packers did in their home opener Saturday night - exhibition game No. 2 against Cleveland's big, rough and highly skilled Browns. It wasn't only the score, 14-13, which means the final deficit was the absolute minimum of one point. More important were the pattern of the spirited game and what the more than 15,000 fans saw in the way of individual accomplishments under the dim lights of Green Bay's chummy little City Stadium. The Browns had all their points before the end of the first quarter and seemed well on their way toward running up just about as many points as they wanted. Then came the pleasant about face. Liz Blackburn's boys pulled themselves together to hold their own through the scoreless second period and continued to pick up steam in the second half, which saw them in command of the situation. They scored a touchdown in each of the last two periods, and came within an eyelash of connection again during each 15 minute stretch. A pass interception inside the enemy 10-yard line slammed the door in the third, and another aerial shot went astray from the 17 in the closing minutes. Although the Tobin Rote-Billy Howton passing combination clicked for the scores, the big noise - the real point of encouragement - was the running game. The bellringer was Veryl Switzer, the hard running halfback from Kansas State who joined the Packers only last Monday. There's a man who apparently has what it take to become a star among pro league stars - the type of runner they've

been praying for at the Bay for years. All real football people apparently knew what they were doing when they hung the can't-miss label on Switzer last year as he got his first real collegiate experience as an offensive back because of the rule change that brought back the single platoon. He was a defensive specialist his first two years at K-State. Needless to say, he will be lugging the ball from now on. His defensive days are at an end. Joe Johnson, left halfback from Boston College, is another live newcomer. Ditto Clyde Sanders, who shifted from halfback to fullback and did a surprisingly good job as relief man for Howie Ferguson. Rote, of course, is a good runner. Add Al Carmichael, Breezy Reid and Fred Cone, veteran fullback who is recuperating from a back injury, and the Packers should do some real business on the ground. That, in turn, means they won't be a pass-and-pray type of club that puts comparatively little pressure on the defense. Better blocking all around, especially in the line; improved pass protection and stepped-up defensive play also marked the tussle with the Browns. So the first week of practice with a full squad brought results - pleasing results. Switzer did more than make the talent scouts look good in their late 1953 rating. He also gave the Packer fans assurance they weren't short-changed in the deal of a year ago that sent Arnie Galiffa to the Giants in exchange for this year's No. 1 draft choice. Switzer was that No. 1. Veryl naturally stood out over the other pro freshmen who got into the act officially only last Monday at the Stevens Point training camp. Bobby Garrett, bonus choice quarterback obtained in a swap with Cleveland, got into Saturday's game only as a point after touchdown kicker. Blackburn, of course, is looking to him as a passer primarily, although the coach naturally won't mind if the ex-Stanford star blossoms out in the toe department. Others like Art Hunter, Notre Dame's All-



GREEN BAY PACKERS will play the Steelers tonight at Forbes Field. These Packers are, left to right, Veryl Switzer, Bobby Garrett, John Bauer and Art Hunter. At the right is Victor Smith, Schenley Hotel room clerk.

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American tackle, and George Timberlake, big guard from Southern California, showed enough to indicate they will be of real help. Lack of weight handicaps Hosea Sims, former Marquette star, as a defensive end. Quickness and aggressiveness should help make up for the poundage deficiency. Kickoff ability, a newly discovered talent, is an added assist. If he should channel that same skill into the field goal and conversion departments, he can sew up a place on the squad without question.

STEELERS FACE TROUBLE ON SATURDAY

AUG 24 (Olean, NY) - If the Pittsburgh Steelers thought last Sunday's tussle with the Baltimore Colts wasn't exactly a tea and crumpet affair, then they better dig in and get ready for another shock wave. Chuck Cherundolo, the team's super sleuth, arrived in training camp today with the word that the Green Bay Packers, who will provide the

opposition at Forbes Field Saturday night, should have beaten the Cleveland Browns. As it was, the Browns scored a 14-13 victory when freshman quarterback Bobby Garrett missed both an extra point and a field goal. "The Browns got away to a 14-0 lead in the first half," Cherundolo reported, "and the Packers came charging back to score twice in the second half. With less than three minutes to go, the Packers took the ball on their own 20 and marched, all on the ground, to the Browns' 18. Then, for some reason, Tobin Rote, the quarterback, decided to switch strategy and threw a pass. The Browns intercepted and then held onto the ball until the clock ran out. I think if the Packers could have gotten possession again, it would have been an upset for the Eastern Division champions." Like the Colts, according to Cherundolo, the Packers have a tough defensive club. Players like Clayton Tonnemaker, John Martinkovic and Art Hunter, the great Notre Dame tackle, make it difficult for any extensive offensive operations. "And I think their offensive unit is a lot better than most experts think it is," Cherundolo points out. "They have dangerous pass receivers in Bill Howton, who looks like he is making a big comeback, and Bob Mann, the veteran who has given us a fit in a number of games." The scout said Garrett, this year's bonus baby who was traded by the Browns to the Packers, probably will see plenty of action against the Steelers. "He has just gotten to camp," Cherundolo said. "He played in the All-Star game. But there was a fellow who played in the All-Star game and who played against the Browns and who will cause every team in this league plenty of king-size headaches," the scout continued. "That's Veryl Switzer, the fast little back from Kansas. He was great in the East-West game, great in the All-Star game. He'll make a great pro." Here's the injured list, compiled by trainer Mayo Donnelly - Joe Zombeck, Pug Pearman and George Hughes, all have injured knees, Popcorn Brandt has a badly bruised side; Jack Wagner and John Lattner, muscle pulls; Eddie Kissel, a pulled groin muscle; Ray Mathews, a cracked rib; Joe Fulwyler, a sprained ankle; Ernie Cheatham an injured foot; and Tom Calvin a fractured wrist.

PACKERS' TIMBERLAKE SUFFERS BROKEN ARM

AUG 24 (Stevens Point) - More tough luck descended on the Green Bay Packers in camp here Tuesday when George Timberlake, rookie Southern California guard, who joined the club only a week ago after his hitch with the College All-Stars, broke his arm in blocking practice. He will be out of action from six weeks to two months. Timberlake's was the second serious injury to befall the squad. Deral Teteak broke a bone in his leg two weeks ago. Both men are linebackers. Both were counted upon for heavy duty. Offensive and defensive passing were emphasized in Tuesday's drills. Coach Lisle Blackbourn said he would take 44 men to Pittsburgh for the exhibition game with the Steelers there Saturday night. The team will take a bus to Oshkosh Friday morning and board its plane there. With 49 men in camp, Blackbourn did not indicate what three boys, besides Teteak and Timberlake, would be left behind.

49ERS OBTAIN GALIFFA IN SWAP

AUG 24 (San Francisco) - The San Francisco 49ers Tuesday acquired a reserve quarterback, Arnold Galiffa, from the New York Giants for Bob Van Doren, defensive end, and an undisclosed draft choice at the next league meeting. Galiffa, 27, joined the Giants last year after a hitch in the Army. He played only two games for the Giants, then suffered a back injury which sidelined him for the rest of the season. Galiffa was originally drafted by the Packers, who turned him over to the Giants, for Val Joe Walker and the Giants' No. 1 draft choice last winter.

Packers Present Rookie, Veteran Backfield Stars



DRILL IN TECH BOWL—The four backs seen above will play for the Green Bay Packers against the Steelers tonight in the last local exhibition game scheduled here. Left to right are Clyde Sanders, rookie from Bethune-Cookman; Fred Cone, veteran from Clemson; Bobby Garrett, bonus choice in last year's NFL draft and ex-Stanford star, and Veryl Switzer, recruit from Kansas State. Sanders and Switzer are halfbacks, Cone is a fullback and Garrett plays quarterback.

LIZ A REALIST! ROOKIE BREAKS ARM IN PRACTICE

AUG 25 (Green Bay) - The Packers' new head coach, Liz Blackbourn, is a real realist. Blackbourn has faced one crisis after another since July 1, but in each case there has been no noticeable leap for the crying towel. In each instance, he went ahead as if nothing had happened. The first sock was Babe Parilli's sudden and unexpected skip into the Air Corps. This was real cause for woe but Liz made a polite "that's a real loss" and went to work on the top brass deal in the history of the NFL, getting Bobby Garrett, Don Miller, John Bauer and Chet Gierula for Parilli and Bob Fleck. While there are many other "setbacks" along the way, the next big crisis was the loss of Deral Teteak, the veteran linebacker. Teteak fractured a small bone in his ankle, breaking up the Bays' tough linebacker trio, the other two being Clayton Tonnemaker and Roger Zatkoff. Blackbourn didn't go into a crying spell. He felt worst about the personal blow to Teteak himself, "because Deral loves the game so much." Liz had another chance to moan yesterday when rookie linebacker and offensive guard George Timberlake fractured a bone in his right forearm while taking part in blocking practice. George will be lost several weeks. But there was no complaining about the second break in two weeks. "We'll have to leave both Teteak and Timberlake behind on the trip to Pittsburgh," Liz commented. Blackbourn, obviously pleased that the Packers are starting to take shape after conducting what amounted to two separate camps, said he plans to take 44 athletes to Pittsburgh - "all we can get on the plane." Which means that five, including the two breakees, will be left behind. The team will fly out of Oshkosh at 9:30 Friday morning. Teteak, incidentally, did a little running by himself yesterday - cast and all. "Doesn't hurt a bit," he smiled. He hopes to have the cast removed soon. The Packers had a four-ring circus going for a while in practice Tuesday afternoon. At one end, line coach Lou Rymkus worked the guards and tackles on blocking fundamentals, designed chiefly to produce better protection for the passer...**HOLD INTERCEPTION DRILL:** In another spot, defensive backfield coach Tom Hearden worked with the defensive ends and kept one eye on the defensive halfbacks who were holding a pass interception drill in another area. Marv Johnson did the throwing while the backs leaped all which ways for the ball. At the other end, Blackbourn and offensive backfield coach Ray McLean worked the offensive backs and ends in a sharp passing drill, with Tobin Rote, Elry Falkenstein and Bobby Garrett tossing and all of the backs and ends receiving. The meat of the drill followed - a special combined workout for the passing offense and the defensive halfbacks, with offensive and defensive lines participating. The defensive halfbacks were permitted to get rough on knockdown passes. The double drill showed considerable improvement on the part of the defenders who knocked down some well aimed pitches and smothered a number of intended receivers. In the usual after-school session, Max McGee worked on his punting and Hosea Sims, whose kickoffs surprised Saturday night, practiced field goal kicking along with veteran Fred Cone. Sims seemed to be wide on several kicks but had considerable distance. Cone, the Packers' regular FG kicker, had no trouble with the back injury he received in the Cardinal game.

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AUG 26 (Green Bay) - The Packers were boiled down to eight ends today with the departure of Dave Davis, the lanky one from Georgia Tech. Davis was traded yesterday to the Philadelphia Eagles for an undisclosed draft choice in next winter's NFL draft. Chosen No. 9 in the picking last January, Davis may be of some service to the Eagles, who are in need of offensive ends. The Packer end corps now is composed of veteran Carleton Elliott, Bill Howton, Bob Mann and John Martinkovic and rookies Gene Knutson, Hosea Sims, Max McGee and Ed Frank. McGee, the club's top punter, has been showing considerable sharpness as a pass catcher in practice and may see some action against Pittsburgh Saturday night. Knutson, Sims and Frank has been working mostly on defense. Sims came to the front as a kickoff man against the Browns and undoubtedly will get an additional test against the Steelers. Since passing was the keynote in practice this week, the Packer ends probably will get a good workout vs. Pitt, particularly Howton and Mann. The Bays tapered off in practice today after a scrimmage Wednesday afternoon for 26 of the 49 players in camp. The team will leave by bus at 8 o'clock Friday morning for Oshkosh, where they'll board a Capital Airliner and fly direct to Pittsburgh. They'll drill in Carnegie Tech park later in the afternoon. The squad will headquarter at the Hotel Schenley - a long punt from Forbes Field. Rookies

and late arrivals participated in the snappy scrimmage, while the remainder of the team concentrated on offense, with Coach Liz Blackburn keeping his eye on both. Three "touchdowns" were scored in the rough stuff – on a 20-yard run by Breezy Reid behind a good block by rookie John Bauer; a short plunge by fullback Clarence Johnson; and a 30-yard run by Clyde Sanders. Showing up well on defense were Nick Adduci, linebacker, and middle guard Pop Hall...FIGURINES: The Packers have a zero in the pass interception department – for two games. Like defensive halfback Clarence Self said after the 27-10 loss to the Chicago Cardinals – "We didn't intercept a pass; that's what hurt us." The Packers also drew a PI blank in the Cleveland Brown game last Saturday night, but the result was much closer, 14-13. An interception in the first quarter as Otto Graham's pin point pitching led to two touchdowns might have spelled a Packer victory in the end. Anyhow, the Packers get another chance in Pittsburgh. Their defensive backs will be stacked up against Steeler quarterback Jim Finks, one of the league's better accuracy experts. Finks had only 14 intercepted in 292 throws in '53. By comparison, Tobin Rote had 15 stolen in 85 passes and Babe Parilli lost 19 in 166 hurls. Graham, incidentally, had only nine intercepted in 258 passes. While this week's drilling featured pass offense, the hurling also gave Blackburn and aides Tom Hearnden, Ray McLean and Lou Rymkus a good opportunity to polish the pass defense. The Bays have 10 defensive outfielders in camp, although all of them aren't likely to make the trip to Pitt. They are veterans Self, Bobby Dillon, Val Joe Walker and Marv Johnson and newcomers Gene White, Don Miller, Bill Hoffman, Lou Mihajlovich, Mike Maccioli and Langon Varicalo. Of the new interceptionists, White is the most promising. This character, who bears a striking facial resemblance to Los Angeles Ram Elroy Hirsch, played offensive end at Georgia. His pass catching in college makes him a good ball hawk and, what's more, he's rugged and a good tackler.

PACKERS THROW ROOKIES AT STEELERS

AUG 27 (Pittsburgh Press) - Four of the first 12 men drafted in the NFL last January will be in the Green Bay Packers' lineup tomorrow when they meet the Steelers at Forbes Field. In addition to Bonus Choice Bobby Garrett, the Packers have Art Hunter of Notre Dame, their own first draft choice; Veryl Switzer of Kansas State, the New York Giants' No. 1 choice, and John Bauer of Illinois, the Cleveland Browns' selection in the first round. It's the biggest landslide of talent into Green Bay since Curly Lambeau was winning NFL championships there in the early thirties. Despite the migration of stars to the northwoods, however, the oddsmakers rate the Steelers three-and-a-half point favorites, a spread that may have even the most cautious Packer fan reaching for his wallet. Switzer is the players who may pull the Pack out of its recent doldrums. The chunky, hard-running halfback has starred in the three post-graduate games he's been in - the East-West Shrine game in San Francisco, the College All-Star game in Chicago, and last week's Packer battle with the Cleveland Browns. Against the Browns, Switzer, with his blazing start, tremendous speed and reckless running spearheaded a second half drive that moved the Packers from a 14-0 deficit to a 14-13 loss. Yet Green Bay might have won had it not been for a Cleveland interception with a minute-and-a-half to go and the Packers on the 17 yard line. Garrett, who missed most of Green Bay's training season, will get his first test tomorrow. So far, Tobin Rote has been doing the quarterbacking, but the Stanford all-American is rated a sure comer by Coach Lisle Blackburn. Blackburn, who succeeded Gene Ronzani, has been experimenting with his new team. His latest move was to switch 230-pound Clarence Johnson, a tackle from Northwestern, to fullback. It's designed to give added protection to the passer. Moving is nothing new to Johnson. He was a defensive end with Northwestern in 1952, a tackle with Toronto of the Canadian League last year, and now a fullback. Another promising rookie, although not a draft choice, is Nick Aducci, stumpy, 205-pound halfback from Nebraska. Balckbourn moved to Aducci into a linebacking berth where he turned in an excellent job against Cleveland. The rookie came at the right time. Deral Teteak, a good one, and George Timberlake, both linebackers, are out with a broken foot and arm respectively. Meanwhile, the Steelers' Joe Bach continues to overwork Franny Rogel rather than experiment with a lineman in the fullback role. Rogel faces another "emergency" tomorrow for Leo Elter, slated to work with him, has reinjured his heel. Another veteran who must go all the way, risking injury, is Bill McPeak, an end who doesn't have a substitute. McPeak isn't the type to squawk, but he hardly relishes the 60-minute treatment, particularly since he knows he'll have to do it the entire 19-game schedule. Both teams are looking for their first victory. The Steelers lost to the Bears and Colts, the Packers to the Cards and Browns.

The Figures

(Two Games)	Pack.	Opp.
First Downs	29	29
Rushing Yardage	187	250
Passing Yardage	336	291
Total Yardage	523	541
Passes Attempted	55	45
Passes Completed	20	26
Passes Intercepted By	0	4
Punts	10	9
Punting Average	39.1	41.1
Fumbles Lost	3	3
Yards Penalized	35	137

Rushing						
	Att.	Yds.	G.	Yds.	L.	Avg.
Johnson	2	32	0			16.0
Switzer	5	65	0			13.0
Sanders	2	13	0			6.5
Ferguson	11	37	4			3.00
Cone	6	14	1			2.17
Carmichael	6	26	14			2.00
Rote	14	56	39			1.21
Reid	5	11	9			0.40

Passing				
	Atts.	Comp.	Int.	Yds.
Rote	55	20	14	336

Punting			
	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Max McGee	10	391	39.1

Pass Receiving			
	No.	Yds.	TD
Howton	10	162	2
Ferguson	5	81	0
Mann	2	44	0
Carmichael	1	33	0
Johnson	1	11	0
Cone	1	8	0

Scoring				
	TD	Xpts.	FG	T. Pts.
Howton	2	0	0	12
Rote	1	0	0	6
Cone	0	0	1	3
Garrett	0	1	0	1
Burkhart	0	1	0	1

Owner Needles Steelers For Packer Tilt Saturday

Hay-Makers?

NATIONAL GRAPEFRUIT LEAGUE					
	W	L	Pct.	PS	OP
Los Angeles	3	0	1.000	95	24
Baltimore	2	0	1.000	37	21
San Francisco	2	0	1.000	73	42
Detroit	2	0	1.000	54	21
Chi. Cardinals	2	1	.667	37	36
Chi. Bears	1	1	.500	21	24
Cleveland	1	1	.500	24	51
New York	1	2	.333	68	73
Pittsburgh	0	2	.000	35	48
Green Bay	0	2	.000	23	41
Washington	0	3	.000	21	94
Philadelphia	0	2	.000	14	27

Friday Night's Results

Detroit 37, Washington 7.
Los Angeles 38, Cleveland 10.

Tonight's Games

GREEN BAY AT PITTSBURGH.
Philadelphia vs. Bears at Little Rock, Ark.

Sunday's Game

Cardinals at San Francisco.

Probable offensive lineups:

GREEN BAY		PITTSBURGH	
Mann, le		le, Butler	
Szafaryn, lt		lt, Gaona	
Barry, lg		lg, Schweder	
Ringo, c		c, Walsh	
Brown, rg		rg, Ladygo	
Hunter, rt		rt, Stautner	
Howton, re		re, Nickel	
Rote, qb		qb, Finks	
J. Johnson, lh		Lt. Mathews	
Carmichael, rh		re, Chandnois	
Reid, fb		fb, Rogel	

OWNER NEEDLES STEELERS FOR PACKER TILT SATURDAY

AUG 27 (Pittsburgh) - Some of the worst game of football the Packers ever played was the showing they made against the Steelers in Forbes Field here last Oct. 24. The Steelers won that NFL contest by 31 to 14 and the nation saw the debacle since it was on coast-to-coast television. The Steelers were hot that night - under the collar, that is. Owner Art Rooney had just given them his Irish tongue for losing a 23-7 game the previous week. They were a wicked gang of Coal Diggers that night and the Bays didn't have a chance - no how. Something similar took place here this week. Likeable Art gave the Steels the needle for losing two consecutive non-championship games at home, 21-14 to the Chicago Bears and 27-21 to the Baltimore Colts on a last-minute run by George Taliaferro. "We're not going to lose three in a row," Rooney reportedly told his chattels, referring of course to the visit by the Packers Saturday night. The Packers, as a result, are expecting to meet a slightly chagrined Steeler ensemble. In addition, the Steelers likely will be getting some extra support from one of their assistant coaches - Gene Ronzani, who stepped down as Packer head coach late last November after three years and 10 games. Ronzani is serving as Pitt's backfield coach under Joe Bach. Both clubs will be looking for their first victory, the Packers having lost to the Chicago Cardinals 27-10 and Cleveland 14-13. Saturday night's game won't be a life-and-death matter - nothing like the league opener between the two groups in Green Bay Sunday afternoon, Sept. 26. But both coaches, Liz Blackburn and Back, are anxious to find out a bit more about some of their rookies and at the same time soothe their followers with Victory No. 1. Blackburn plans to stick pretty much with his veteran quarterback, Tobin Rote, but he may also use rookies Elry Falkenstein and Bobby Garrett against a league opponent for the first time. Falkenstein is more likely to get a longer shot since he has been with the club since practice started. Garrett reported only a week ago Monday... The Packers arrived here this afternoon with 44 players. Not making the trip were Deral Teteak and George Timberlake, both of whom are

recovering from bone fractures, and halfback Dick Curran, who sprained his knee in scrimmage Wednesday. Released earlier were Clarence Johnson, end, tackle and fullback, while Langan Varicalo, released recently by Ottawa of the Canadian League, left camp without reason. Blackburn sent the club through a workout at Carnegie Tech park this afternoon and planned to take the squad to a movie tonight. The team is staying the Hotel Schenley, just a block from Forbes Field. Blackburn said he plans to give three rookies their first starting chance - tackle Art Hunter of Notre Dame and halfback Joe Johnson of Boston College on offense and halfback Gene White of Georgia on defense. Johnson takes Breezy Reid's place and Hunter will work in place of Steve Ruzich.

PACKERS ARRIVE TODAY FOR GAME WITH STEELERS

AUG 27 (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette) - The Green Bay Packers, headed by their new coach, Lisle Blackburn, will arrive here early this afternoon and stage their final practice session in the Carnegie Tech Bowl for tomorrow night's exhibition game against the Pittsburgh Steelers. Both teams have already lost in two preseason contests but the oddsmakers have established Rooney U. as an early 3 1/2 point favorite. Green Bay was whipped by the Chicago Cardinals, 27-10, then was nosed out by the Cleveland Browns, 14-13. The Steelers have been on the short end with the Chicago Bears, 21-14, and the Baltimore Colts, 27-21. Packer travel plans today call for departure from their Stevens Point, Wis., training camp early this morning by bus for Oshkosh where they will board a chartered plane which arrive here at 2:30 p.m. They will be quartered in Hotel Schenley Park. Three rookie backs, Veryl Switzer from Kansas State, Joe Johnson from Boston College and Clyde Sanders from Bethune-Cookman, ran wild last Saturday night as the Packers outgained the Browns overland, 190 yards to 147. This trio will provide a stern test for the Steelers' defense. The big attraction, of course, will be Bobby Garrett, the bonus pick of

the NFL last winter. The Stanford University quarterback star was grabbed by the Cleveland Browns but traded recently to Green Bay for Vito (Babe) Parilli, at present in the Armed Forces. Tommy Allman, fullback of West Virginia University's Sugar Bowl team last season, has quit the Packers. He joined them after the College All-Star game in Chicago but has given up quest of a regular pro job. Garrett isn't expected to start but Coach Blackburn said he will see plenty of action under the center. More discouraging news came from the Steeler camp at Olean, N.Y. yesterday. Leo Elter, fullback from Duquesne and Villanova, who resumed practice after a long layoff due to a bruised heel, was again sidelined with a recurrence of the same hurt. He's lost for the Packer tussle. Coach Joe Bach will bring the Steelers here from Olean tomorrow. They will stay at Hotel Schenley Park.

PACK, STEELERS MEET TONIGHT

AUGUST 28 (Pittsburgh) - The Green Bay Packers will seek their first victory under their new coach Lisle Blackburn tonight when they meet the Pittsburgh Steelers in their third exhibition football game of the season. The game, in Forbes Field, will be a preview of the Packers' NFL season opener September 26 when the Steelers visit Green Bay. Game time is 6:30 p.m. (CST). The Packers lost their first exhibition game to the Chicago Cardinals, 27-10, at Minneapolis August 14 and were edged, 14-13, by the Cleveland Browns at Green Bay last Saturday. Blackburn and a 44-man squad arrived here by plane on Friday. The only men left behind at the Packers' training camp at Stevens Point State College are three injured players. Linebacker Deral Teteak has a broken ankle, linebacker George Timberlake

has a fractured arm and halfback Dick Curran has a severe knee sprain. Two other injuries have forced a change in the offensive lineup. Halfback Floyd (Breezy) Reid will start at fullback because Fred Cone and Howie Ferguson are on the injury list. Cone, who hurt his back in the Cardinals' game, probably will enter the game only for placekicking. Ferguson, suffering from bruised ribs, is not expected to play at all. Rookie Joe Johnson of Boston College is slated to start in Reid's regular spot. Joe Bach, coach of the Steelers, has announced that all but four of his injured players will be available to play. The four are Tom Calvin, Jack Zachary, Ray Matthews and Joe Zombek. Bach has decided to give Johnny Lattner, a Notre Dame All-American, a chance to play defensive right halfback against the Packers.

STEELERS GET FIRST TASTE OF BLACKBOURN

AUG 28 (Pittsburgh Press) - Green Bay Packer Coach Lisle Blackburn prefers the Split-T, but like every other coach in the NFL, he'll depend on the Straight-T against the big, burly pros. The graying Blackburn, the Paul Brown of Wisconsin's high school ranks, send his first pro club against the Steelers tonight at Forbes Field. The kickoff is at 8:30. Alternately discussing football and glancing out of the corner of his eyes at the sweating gridgers working out at Tech Bowl yesterday, the new Packer coach said he'd like to use the Split-T but admitted that he'd probably run out of quarterbacks before he could make it work. "The defenses," remarked Blackburn sadly, "would knock the quarterbacks out of commission, particularly on the option plays." Otherwise, the smiling, hard-working organizer behind the Packers is thrilled with his work with the pros. A little easier than coaching collegians perhaps, but much more intriguing and much more demanding as far as defenses are concerned. The new Packer coach, an unknown in this part of the country, made quite a name for himself in Wisconsin as his Milwaukee high school team won 11 championships in 22 years. He moved on to the University of Wisconsin in 1948, but lost out at the end of the season when Harry Stuhldreher's regime fell. Following Stuhldreher's resignation, Blackburn took over at Marquette where he was in the process of building the Hilltoppers into one of the midwest's most powerful independents. Blackburn has faced obstacles with the Packers. But he is beating them down one

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Two Touchdowns . . . Double Take—Packer End Bill Howton (86) is shown as he scored first touchdown in third quarter in 14-13 loss to Cleveland Browns at City stadium Saturday night. Browns are Ken Konz (22) and Ken Gorgal (in



front of official signaling touchdown). Two cameras caught Howton's second TD catch in the fourth quarter at about the same time. At the left, Brown Warren Lahr hugs Howton just behind goal line as ball hits. Right, Lahr bores in.

by one. To begin with, he signed 85 players this year - 25 over the league limit - but just as he got to worrying about the rules infraction, training camp started and only 43 players showed up. That put Blackburn in the clear, yet in hot water, too. It required him to further canvass his candidates and talk them into coming to Green Bay. In that respect, he proved as adept a recruiter as he is a coach. Shrewd trading landed the bonus choice and three first draft choices in Green Bay and three free agents have further enhanced the looks of the Green and Gold squad. The free agents, all of whom have been impressive so far, are Nick Aducci of Nebraska, Don Miller of Southern Methodist and 212-pound Clyde Sanders of Bethune-Cookman. But Blackburn realizes he has a long way to go, particularly in tonight's game with the Steelers. Two days ago, he was looking at the game movies of last year's game between the two teams. "I had to turn them off in a hurry," he said. But at the same time, he promised a debacle like that won't occur again. "Not against this ball club," he said. "We're coming along and we'll cause somebody some trouble this year."

STEELERS FAVORED OVER PACKERS BY 3 POINTS

AUG 28 (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette) - The Pittsburgh Steelers will stage a preview of their NFL opener tonight at Forbes Field when they oppose the Green Bay Packers with the kickoff at 8:30. A crowd of 16,000 is expected. Odds favoring the Gold and Black have dropped slightly to three points. Both teams have lost a pair of exhibitions thus far. This is the last of three games here from which the local daily newspapers will receive part of the proceeds for their charities. Coach Joe Bach's proteges are scheduled to open the NFL season against the Packers in Green Bay on Sunday, September 26. Poor starts have handicapped Rooney U. for years; they haven't won an opener since 1949. That's why tonight's result means so much to the victory-hungry players and the long-suffering fans. There's another angle which adds a bit more interest than the ordinary preseason affair. Gene Ronzani, backfield coach of the Steelers, was fired late last campaign by Green Bay and he is eager to knock off the Wisconsin eleven. The Steelers will field their strongest possible lineup of veterans at the start in hopes of grabbing a lead and then inserting recruits. They have numerous injured players in both offensive and defensive platoons but are counting on a lot of help from halfbacks Johnny Lattner and Paul Cameron, who have made only token appearances thus far after reporting late from the College All-Star game. The Packers flew here yesterday, hurried to Forbes Field to don grid togs, then went to the Carnegie Tech Bowl for a final drill. Lisle Blackburn, new Packer coach, had to shift Floyd (Breezy) Reid, 5-foot-11, 190-pound halfback, to the fullback slot due to injuries suffered by Howard Ferguson and Fred Cone. The latter will be available for placekicking duties only. Otherwise the Packers are ready and eager for action. Bob Garrett, the NFL bonus pick last winter, will spell off the veteran Tobin Rote at quarterback. Veryl Switzer, sensational rookie from Kansas State, promises to pep up the running attack. And Bob Mann and Bill Howton, veteran pass-snatching ends, will make trouble for the home aerial defense, which has proved leaky in the two previous tests. This is the last chance to see the Steelers here until Saturday night, October 2, when the Washington Redskins are at Forbes Field for the local NFL opener.

PACK SHOOTS FOR FIRST WIN AGAINST STEELERS TONIGHT

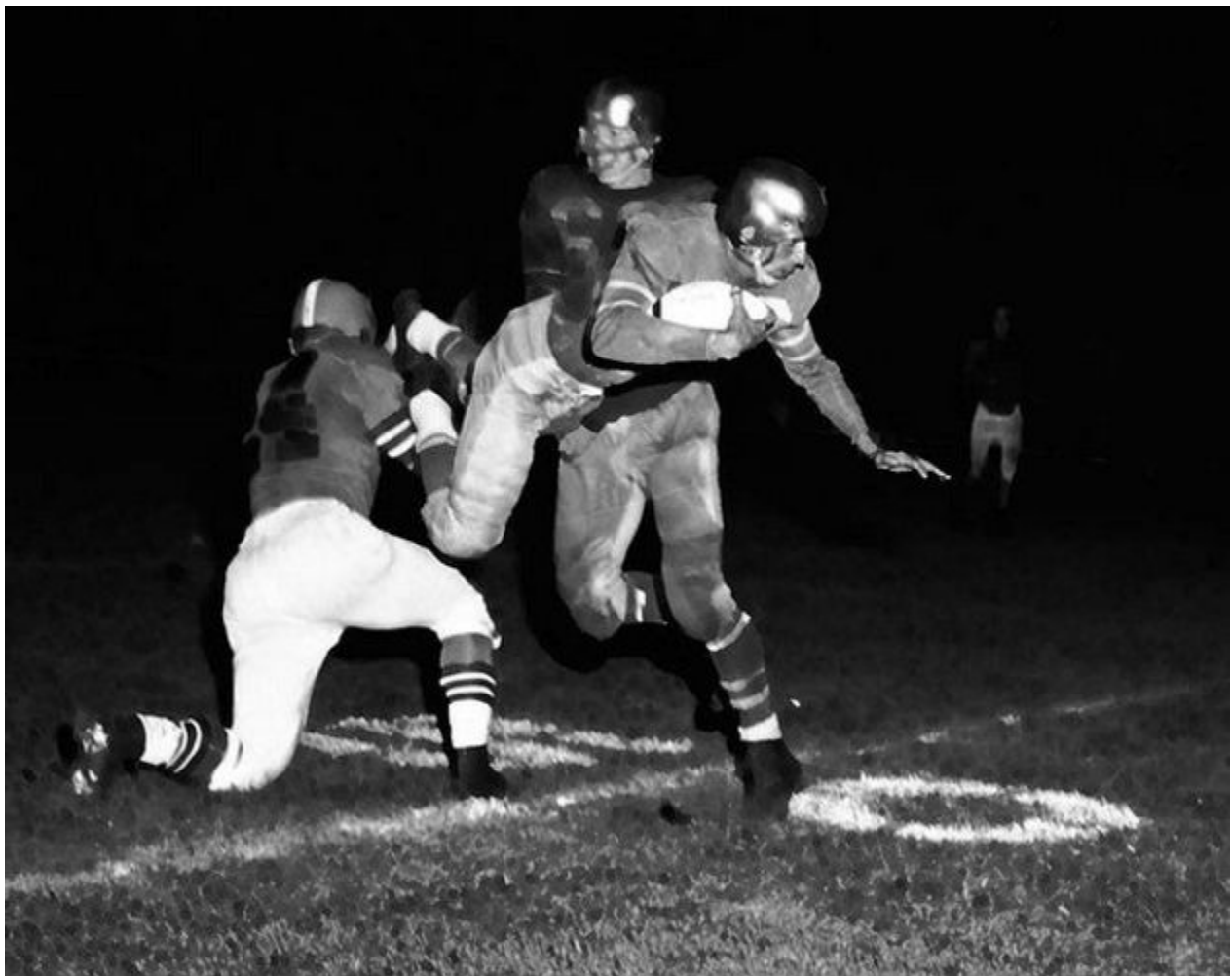
AUG 28 (Pittsburgh) - Back in the old days, the big city scribes would kid about the farmer Packers from Wisconsin, the hay in their ears, and such like. Time have changed, the Packers discovered here Friday afternoon when they tested Pittsburgh "soil" in preparation for tonight's non-championship game against the Steelers in Forbes Field. Coach Liz

Blackbourn, a farmer himself in his boyhood days, led the Packers through drills on a field covered with a foot to 15 inches of hay and just chuck full of grasshoppers. It was the Carnegie Tech field and it hasn't been cut since last football season. Fortunately, the earth out of which the tall grass grew was flat, relieving the coaches of a lot of worry over ankles. But it was rough on the pass catchers as the blades ganged up on 'em. When it came time for Fred Cone and Hosea Sims to practice field goal kicking, sections of the growth had to be batted down. If any of the squadmen were tight about tonight's game, the hayfield incident, funny as it was, helped to relieve the tension – especially when a few of the boys almost swallowed grasshoppers. Blackbourn helped relax the squad by taking the players to a movie across the street from the Hotel Schenley last night. Close to 20,000 fans are expected for the contest – a match which has received unusually heavy advance billing. The Steelers are in hopes of having their best season. Kickoff is set for 6:30 Green Bay time. Working against the Packers tonight will be Gene Ronzani, who resigned as Packer head coach with two games to go in 1953. Gene is now Steeler backfield coach...BIG DATE FOR ROOKIES: Tonight's contest, the third for each team, will be a big date for at least three Packer rookies, who have been honed with starting assignments. On offense, giant Art Hunter will open at right tackle above Steve Ruzich and Gus Cifelli, and Joe Johnson will start at left half in place of Breezy Reid. Making his second start will be rookie Al Barry, the offensive guard. On defense, the lone rookie opener will be Gene White, the end from Georgia who will start at defensive right halfback instead of Marv Johnson, who won't play because of an injury suffered in the Cleveland Brown game. He'll work the defensive outfield with veterans Clarence Self, Val Joe Walker and Bobby Dillon. Blackbourn will use a number of other rookies freely, especially halfback Veryl Switzer, who wheeled for 65 yards against the Browns, fullback Clyde Sanders and linebacker Nick Adduci, who gave the Browns Darrell Brewster a fit, pinning him down at the line of scrimmage...ACHING AT FULLBACK: Another to be tested for the first time will be tackle John Bauer, the Browns' No. 1 draft choice last year, who was obtained in the Parilli-Fleck deal. Bauer will play behind Len Szafaryn at offensive left tackle. Blackbourn plans to stick pretty well with veteran Tobin Rote at quarterback, but he indicated yesterday that rookies Bobby Garrett and Elry Falkenstein will be used sparingly. Elry has shown considerable improvement in practice, while Garrett is somewhat unfamiliar with the Bays' offense. The Packers are really aching at fullback. Howie Ferguson won't play at all and Cone probably won't see much action. Reid has been shifted to FB and Sanders will play under him. Sanders, shifted from high half just a week ago, still needs more work on the fullback plays. Coach Joe Bach of the Steelers, anxious to give the home folks a win after losing two straight exhibitions here, plans to give his rookies a good shot tonight, but, as one paper put it, "he wants to build up a lead before he starts experimenting." The Steelers will go with a veteran backfield composed of Jimmy Finks at quarter, Ray Matthews at left half. Lynn Chandnois at right half and Fran Rogel at fullback. The oddsmakers have picked the Steelers to win by 3 ½ points which makes the Packers underdogs and that's okay with Blackbourn. The Packers will leave here at 9 o'clock Green Bay time Sunday morning and arrive in Oshkosh at noon. The squad will arrive in Stevens Point at 1:30 Sunday night; they'll start work for the Philadelphia Eagle game in Hershey, Pa., next Saturday night.

Pack Shoots for First Win Against Steelers Tonight



Two Green Bay Packers defenders get ready to lower the boom on a Cleveland Browns runner during a preseason game at old City Stadium on Aug. 21, 1954. (SOURCE: [Green Bay Press-Gazette archives](#))



Green Bay Packers halfback Al Carmichael is stopped by Cleveland Browns defensive back Warren Lahr (24) during a preseason game at old City Stadium on Aug. 21, 1954. (SOURCE: [Green Bay Press-Gazette archives](#))