



PRESEASON

Green Bay Packers (2-2) 27, Cleveland Browns 17
Saturday August 30th 1969 (at Cleveland)



Packers Rally to Stop Browns, 27-17

GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(CLEVELAND) – The comebacking Packers cracked a frustrating two-game losing streak in sultry Municipal Stadium Saturday night, storming from behind to whip the previously unbeaten Cleveland Browns, 27-17. After spotting the Browns a 14-0 lead before a record Cleveland football crowd of 85,532 fans, the Packers rebounded to forge a 14-14 halftime tie on a 19-yard Bart Starr pass to Boyd Dowler and Travis Williams five-yard burst up the middle.

MERCER BREAKS TIE

Mike Mercer shot the Bays into a 20-14 lead in the third quarter with 42 and 21-yard field goals and, after Don Cockroft retaliated with a 46-yarder for the Browns, the Pack sealed the verdict early in the fourth quarter when Williams slashed over left guard from eight yards out. Herb Adderley triggered the winning score with a 17-yard runback of an interception to the Cleveland 33. It was the Packers' fifth straight triumph over the Browns in this pre-season doubleheader, which saw the Bears beat the Bills 23-16, in the opener. The Packers and Browns each mounted a budding threat in the early minutes but both were short-circuited by penalties. The Packers' miscue was costly, however, because it not only killed their momentum but triggered a 7-0 Cleveland lead.

OFFSIDE STOPS MARCH

The Browns fashioned a pair of first downs following the opening kickoff, reaching the Packer 41 before an offside penalty on Paul Warfield interrupted their march. Taking heart, the Packers held Kelly to two yards, rookie Rich Moore and Willie Davis hurled Bill Nelsen for a nine-yard loss and Ray Nitschke broke up a Nelsen pass to Warfield, forcing a punt. With Bart Starr at the throttle the Packers responded with one first down and appeared to have another when Starr hit Marv Fleming with a 15-yard strike at the Green Bay 46. But Gale Gillingham was called for holding and the Bays started over from their own 11.

STARR LOSES NINE

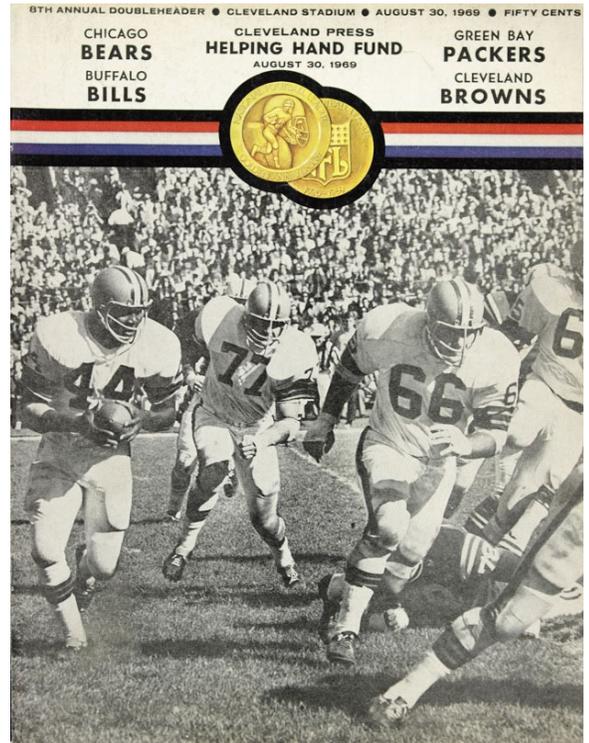
Three plays later, Starr was dropped for nine-yard loss on the Packer 2 by the Browns' Max Snidow, forcing a punt. Reece Morrison returned Donny Anderson's kick to the Packer 32 and four plays later Kelly burst up the middle for 16 to the Packer two, setting up a two-yard sweep of the Pack's left flank for the touchdown by Ron Johnson. A 51-yard punt return by Morrison late in the first quarter triggered another Cleveland TD. Morrison, a sophomore running back, rambled to the Green Bay 13 before being run to earth by Jim Flanigan. It took only three plays from there, Nelsen hitting Gary Collins in the right corner of the end zone from six yards out the first play of the second quarter. Don Cockroft's second conversion padded the Browns' lead to 14-0.

PACKERS SCORE TWO

Retaliating briskly, the Packers struck for two successive touchdowns to forge a 14-14 tie going into the intermission. Starr first sparked the Gold and Green 73 yards in seven plays to cut the Browns' margin in half. The major item was a 33-yard pass-run maneuver with Dave Hampton, which carried the Bays to Cleveland's 28-yard-line, where Ernie Kellerman knocked the Packer rookie out of bounds.

DOWLER SCORES FIRST

Three plays later Starr lofted a strike to Boyd Dowler in the left corner of the end zone at the 3:23 mark. The Browns appeared en route to rebuilding that two-TD edge when Nelsen hit Warfield with what would have been a first down pass at the Green Bay 5, but Cleveland tackle Joe Taffoni was detected holding and the Browns' drive stopped. Heartened by this turn of events, the Packers proceeded to strike again. With the help of a 20-yard Starr pass to Hampton and a 10-yard pitch to Dowler, they reached the Cleveland 29 when Bill Lueck was called for holding and the Pack had to start over again from its own 41. Starr quickly got most of those yards back with a 24-yard flip to Carroll Dale. Travis Williams next hit for 10 off left tackle, then took a 17-yard pass up the middle to reach the eight with only 51 seconds remaining in the half.



WILLIAMS SCORES

Williams then took it the rest of the way, hitting right tackle for three, then bolting over left tackle into the end zone behind an incisive block by Francis Peay. The Packers barged into the lead for the first time at the start of the third quarter, quickly converting Hampton's 50-yard kickoff return into a field goal and a 17-14 bulge. Taking Cockroft's kickoff at the Green Bay 7, Hampton broke to his left and into the open, wheeling to the Cleveland 43 before being run out of bounds by Mike Howell. Jim Grabowski and Anderson settled for three yards apiece and a Starr to Grabowski swing pass yielded two more, bringing on Mike Mercer, who drilled home a 42-yard field goal. The Packers soon added three more points by way of a slightly different route.

HAMPTON LEADS WAY

This time they had to start from their 27 following a punt. A 21-yard Starr to Hampton pass was the catalyst, after which Williams and Grabowski took over, parlaying their rushes into a second-and-one situation at the Cleveland 13. But Bob Matheson broke through to fell Hampton for one yard loss, then held the explosive rookie for no gain. This brought on Mercer, who connected from the 21 to erect a 20-14 lead.

FOUL HELPS BROWNS

The Browns pared the Packers' margin following the next kickoff with the aid of a 15-yard personal foul penalty on Willie Wood, which gave the Browns a first down at the Green Bay 45. The Bays held for downs, but, on fourth down, Cockroft lofted a 46-yard field goal with 1:42 left in the third quarter. Early in the fourth quarter, the Packers converted a highly opportune interception by Herb Adderly into a more comfortable, 10-point lead. Adderley returned his theft 17 yards to the Cleveland 33, from where Starr escorted the Packers to paydirt in four plays. After Starr hit Dowler with a 15 - yarder, Elijah Pitts bit off 4 and Williams 8 for a first down at the 8. On the next play, Williams burst over left guard and charged into the end zone. Mercer's conversion made it 27-17.

GREEN BAY - 0 14 6 7 - 27
CLEVELAND - 7 7 3 0 - 17

	<u>GREEN BAY</u>	<u>CLEVELAND</u>
First downs	18	12
Rush-yards-TDs	33-188-2	25-79-1
Comp-Att-Yd-TD-INT	23-13-172-1-0	26-12-141-1-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-18	3-25
Net Passing Yards	154	116
Total yards	342	185
Fumbles-lost	0-0	0-0
Turnovers	0	1
Yards Penalized	8-89	5-60

SCORING

- 1st - CLE - Ron Johnson, 2-yard run (Don Cockroft kick) CLE 7-0
2nd - CLE - Gary Collins, 6-yard pass from Bill Nelsen (Cockroft kick) CLE 14-0
2nd - GB - Boyd Dowler, 19-yard pass from Bart Starr (Mike Mercer kick) CLE 14-7
2nd - GB - Travis Williams, 5-yard run (Mercer kick) TIED 14-14
3rd - GB - Mercer, 52-yard field goal GB 17-14
3rd - GB - Mercer, 21-yard field goal GB 20-14
3rd - CLE - Cockroft, 46-yard field goal GB 20-17
4th - GB - T. Williams, 8-yard run (Mercer kick) GB 27-17

RUSHING

GREEN BAY - Travis Williams 11-65 2 TD, Dave Hampton 5-37, Elijah Pitts 6-36, Jim Grabowski 8-32, Donny Anderson 3-18

CELEVELAND - Leroy Kelly 13-45, Ron Johnson 6-20 1 TD, Reece Morrison 1-9, Charlie Harraway 2-3, Bill Nelsen 2-2, Dick Davis 1-0

PASSING

GREEN BAY - Bart Starr 20-12-160 1 TD, Don Horn 3-1-12

CLEVELAND - Bill Nelsen 22-11-118 1 TD 1 INT, Jerry Rhome 4-1-23

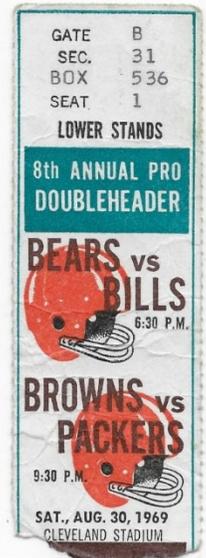
RECEIVING

GREEN BAY - Boyd Dowler 3-43 1 TD, Jim Grabowski 3-14, Travis Williams 2-30, Marv Fleming 2-20, Dave Hampton 2-41, Carroll Dale 1-24

CLEVELAND - Gary Collins 4-56 1 TD, Ron Johnson 2-30, Chip Glass 2-14, Eppie Barney 1-16, Leroy Kelly 1-10, Charlie Harraway 1-8, Reece Morrison 1-7

BRADLEY PUT ON TAXI TEAM

AUG 31 (Cleveland) - The Packers Saturday reduced their training camp roster to 47 by waiving rookie guard Dave Bradley of Penn State as injured. Bradley cleared waivers and was placed on taxi squad status until he returns to health. The



Green Bay's Forrest Gregg Comes Out of Retirement



STARR CLICKS—The Green Bay Packers' Marv Fleming (81) is brought down by Bob Matheson (56) of the Browns, after catching a 15-yard pass from quarterback Bart Starr. At left is the Browns' Walt Summer. The gain was nullified, however, because of a holding penalty. Plain Dealer photo (George Heinz)

Packers' official roster remains at 45 since All – Star rookies, Rich Moore and John Spilis need not be included until the second NFL cutdown Sept. 8.

GREEN BAY'S FORREST GREGG COMES OUT OF RETIREMENT

SEPT 2 (Green Bay) – Confirming rumors that have swirled about him since the opening of training camp, Forrest Gregg came out of retirement today to rejoin the Packer's offensive line. Gregg, an 8-time all-pro selection who has been a member of the coaching staff since last January, was persuaded to return to active duty by Coach Phil Bengtson. Bengtson and his aides have felt ever since completing their study of the 1968 film games, that the 35-year-old SMU alumnus still is the premier offensive linemen in the NFL. Gregg, who will continue as an assistant coach, is expected to make his '69 debut in Saturday night's pre-season game against the Steelers in Lambeau Field. The Packers sent veteran defensive end Leo Carroll to the Washington Redskins Monday for an undisclosed draft choice. The trade reduced the Packers roster to 47, including 37 veterans. Earlier Monday, Coach Phil Bengtson announced that two players had suffered injuries in Saturday night's pre-season victory over the Cleveland Browns. Bengtson said tight end Ron Jones severely sprained his ankle and running back Perry Williams, a fourth round draft choice from Purdue, suffered a dislocated thumb and a broken bone in his hand. Both rookies are expected to be out indefinitely.

PACKERS BACK? PHIL CAUTIOUS

SEPT 2 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - "It's the same old Green Bay

team as far as I'm concerned." This somewhat rueful proclamation had come from Browns defensive end Jack Gregory in the wake of the Packers' resounding 27-17 conquest of the Ohioans in the wilting heat of Cleveland's Municipal Stadium over the weekend. Although he appreciated the implied compliment, an ever conservative Phil Bengtson was not inclined to rhapsodize, not at least, at this early date. "It was only one game," the Pack's head coach and general manager cautiously observed as he watched his athletes take their weekly run around the S. Oneida Street practice field Monday in preparation for hosting the Pittsburgh Steelers at Lambeau Field Saturday night...PERCEPTIBLE PROGRESS: He admitted, however, there had been perceptible progress. "Our performance was better than the week before (a 31-13 loss to the Cowboys in Dallas)," he said, "when everybody was a little bit discouraged and wondering what was going to happen." It had not come entirely as a surprise, he added. "We've had the feeling they were coming along every week and I think that will continue...The encouraging thing about it was coming back from a 14-0 deficit to win. It showed we are maturing. "And we didn't waste too much time doing it," he noted with satisfaction. "Scoring just before the half in the time we had was a big thing and a lot of credit for that should go to Bart Starr for his poise in engineering that drive."...PASS PROTECTION: This last was only one of several developments that had rewarded his confidence in the green and gold. One of them was the pass protection, vastly improved over the Dallas venture in which Packer quarterbacks were felled eight times. "The whole thing was better coordinated," said Bengtson, reflecting upon what he had seen on film a few hours earlier. "We were sharper on our pass patterns, we did a better job on pass protection and the quarterbacks were throwing more on rhythm. It was just what you might expect after several weeks of preparation...The offensive line made some very good holes for the running backs – the blocking was good overall." He conceded, in this connection, that sophomore Bill Lueck "didn't do badly at all." Lueck, a first round draft choice a year ago, went the distance at left guard after making his first pro start...HYLAND INJURED: Bob Hyland, who had started the three previous games, "had a pulled groin muscle," Bengtson said. "He centered only on punts but he could have played if necessary." "Bart played real well, too, of course, but that was no surprise to us. And we're fortunate to have good running backs who also can catch the ball." The play of those backs might pose something of a problem for him, it was suggested. "I never thought there was anything wrong with having fresh ones in there," he quipped. "I never thought you could have too many football players...If that's a problem, I welcome it." In this connection, Phil noted, "I don't think who the starters are is that important. I think we will find we will be interchanging

more than we have before ... the idea of having two fresh ones all the time. "It could be an advantage for us. Some people don't think so, but I do." Bengtson alternated five runners over the route, a comebacking Travis Williams leading the way with 65 yards in 11 attempts. Rookie Dave Hampton added 37 in 5, Elijah Pitts 36 in 6, Jim Grabowski 32 in 8 and Donny Anderson 18 in 6. He didn't have an opportunity to use rookie Perry Williams, who suffered a fractured thumb on the Packers' first punt in the opening quarter...**CREDITABLE GRADE:** The defense also had earned a creditable grade in the film critique, Bengtson said. "We misjudged a couple of passes," he said, "but other than that we did a pretty good job defensively. We were satisfied with it." Old pro Henry Jordan and Rich Moore, along with Willie Davis and Lionel Aldridge, had done "a good job" against the potent Cleveland running game, the Packer headmaster conceded, in restricting the Browns to a meager 79 yards rushing. "Leroy Kelly broke through one time, when we were in a particular maneuver, to set up a touchdown, but other than that we did a pretty good job on him. He didn't break way, which is kind of a rare thing for Kelly." Bengtson was understandably pleased with the way the Packers, who were strong at the finish despite temperatures in the 70s, had taken command in the second half. "I thought it was a pretty good test of our conditioning," said Phil, who installed a rigorous running program last spring. "It was a hot and humid night and we played quite a few players for a long time. Several of them played the whole game, in fact...I thought the endurance was real good...**RELATIVELY FRESH:** "We had several plays late in the game in which we had long, pursuit types of maneuvers on the part of the defense and they made them without any hesitation, which is an indication that we were relatively fresh. The same thing on offense - we had some wide type plays in the fourth quarter and we moved out there well and ran with authority."

PACKERS' DRY 1950S SHOWN IN 'ALL' PICKS

SEPT 2 (New York) - The 1950s was a dry period for the Green Bay Packers, a fact reflected in the "greatest players of the decade" team chosen by the NFL. Defensive end Len Ford and Safety Emlen Tunnell, both of whom spend their best years with other teams before winding up with Green Bay, were the only Packers selected for that period by the NFL, which is announcing all-star teams for each decade since the 1920s. Tom Fears, later a Packer assistant coach, and end Elroy (Crazy Legs) Hirsch, now the University of Wisconsin athletic director, both made the team as wide receivers. They starred for the Los Angeles Rams during their playing days. One of three fullbacks chosen was Alan Ameche, the Kenosha product who starred for the UW and Baltimore Colts.

START OF STREAK: ADDERLEY

SEPT 2 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - "That," Herb Adderley said with conviction, "is the start of a winning streak for us." His subject it goes without saying, was the Packers' second pre - season success of the year, a 27-17 disposition of the previously unbeaten Cleveland Browns which ended a two-game losing streak and balanced the Pack's grapefruit league record at 2-2. The catlike cornerback was the only one to put it into those words but there can be little doubt he summed up the sentiments of his colleagues, who appeared similarly confident they have coalesced as a team after three weeks of experimentation. Defense Capt. Willie Davis, who seems to have found the fountain of youth, termed it "a big victory for us...It wasn't a must game for the Browns, but they sure would have liked to win it. "We're still making too many mistakes," Davis noted, "but I'm hoping we're going to eliminate 'em in these exhibition games."...**GOOD AS ANY:** The five - time all - pro was encouraged, he said, because "guys came in off the bench and did a great job for us, and that's what you've got to have. "Our running backs have to be as good as any in the league." Even that customary conservative, Bart Starr, admitted this one had been a little special. "It's always a big kick to play the Browns and, of course, to beat them, because they are well coached and an extremely well disciplined team," Mr. Quarterback said. "From an offensive standpoint, they don't give you anything. They're like Dallas - you earn everything you get...They're a class team." Paying tribute to his pass protection, Starr observed, "They got us a couple times early but not after that...It was excellent."...**HAD ENOUGH TIME:** Boyd Dowler, whose touchdown catch launched the Packers' second quarter comeback from a 14-0 disadvantage, "was not the primary receiver on the play," Bart further confided. "They did a good job of covering the play and Boyd did a good job of getting to an open spot. Fortunately, I had enough time to spot him." Describing the maneuver from the other end. Dowler reported, "I was supposed to be clearing out. They double covered Carroll (Dale) and they double covered me. The guy who ended up covering me was covering the post - the middle. There was no sense in my going there, so I broke out and Bart saw me."...**REALLY TOOK OFF:** The re nascent Travis Williams, who scored the Pack's last two TDs, reported, "The first one was off left tackle - right over big Francis Peay. Gale Gillingham threw a block in there, too. "The second one was between guard and center. It was a short dive play. Big Sam (Ken Bowman) and Bill Lueck and Gillie were leading the way. They really took off. "They did it for us," Travelin' Trav appended with fervor, "for all the backs." Dazzling Dave Hampton, author of a 33-yard ramble that keyed the Pack's first score, noted, "I just ran out of room along the sidelines - I couldn't go anywhere."...**TOPPED FIRST ONE:** Mike Mercer, now a spectacular 12-for-14 in field goal attempts, reported, "I topped the first one (a 42-yard bullseye). Of course, we didn't have any warm up for this

OFFENSE

Ends — Raymond Berry, 1955-'67, Baltimore Colts; Tom Fears, 1948-'56, Los Angeles Rams; Bobby Walston, 1951-'62, Philadelphia Eagles.
Tackles — Roosevelt Brown, 1953-'65, New York Giants; Bob St. Clair, 1953-'63, San Francisco 49ers.
Guards — Richard Darwegan, 1947-'54, New York Yankees, Baltimore Colts, Chicago Bears; Jim Parker, 1957-'67, Baltimore Colts.
Center — Chuck Bednarik, 1949-'62, Philadelphia Eagles.
Quarterbacks — Otto Graham, 1946-'55, Cleveland Browns; Bobby Layne, 1948-'62, Chicago Bears, New York Bulldogs, Detroit Lions, Pittsburgh Steelers; Norm Van Brocklin, 1949-'60, Los Angeles Rams, Philadelphia Eagles.
Flankers — Lenny Moore, 1956-'67, Baltimore Colts; Elroy (Crazy Legs) Hirsch, 1946-'57, Chicago Rockets, Los Angeles Rams.
Halfbacks — Frank Gifford, 1952-'60, 1962-'64, New York Giants; Ollie Matson, 1952, 1954-'56, Chicago Cardinals, Los Angeles Rams, Detroit Lions, Philadelphia Eagles; Hugh McElhenny, 1952-'64, San Francisco 49ers, Minnesota Vikings, New York Giants, Detroit Lions.
Fullbacks — Alan Ameche, 1955-'60, Baltimore Colts; Fletcher (Joe) Perry, 1948-'62, San Francisco 49ers, Baltimore Colts.
Kicker — Lou Groza, 1946-'67, Cleveland Browns.
Ends — Gino Marchetti, 1952-'64, 1966, Dallas Texans, Baltimore Colts; Lenny Ford, 1948-'58, Los Angeles Rams, Cleveland Browns, Green Bay Packers.
Tackles—Art Donovan, 1950-'61, Baltimore Colts, New York Yankees, Dallas Texans; Leo Nomellini, 1950-'63, San Francisco 49ers; ERnie Stautner, 1950-'63, Pittsburgh Steelers.
Linebackers — Joe Fortunato, 1966-'66, Chicago Bears; Bill George, 1952-'66, Chicago Bears, Los Angeles Rams; Sam Huff, 1956-'67, New York Giants, Washington Redskins; Joe Schmidt, 1953-'65, Detroit Lions.
Halfbacks—Jack Butler, 1951-'59, Pittsburgh Steelers; Dick (Night Train) Lane, 1952-'65, Los Angeles Rams, Chicago Cardinals, Detroit Lions.
Safeties — Jack Christiansen, 1951-'58, Detroit Lions; Yale Lary, Los Angeles Rams, Chicago Cardinals, Detroit Lions; Emlen Tunnell, 1948-'61, New York Giants, Green Bay Packers.

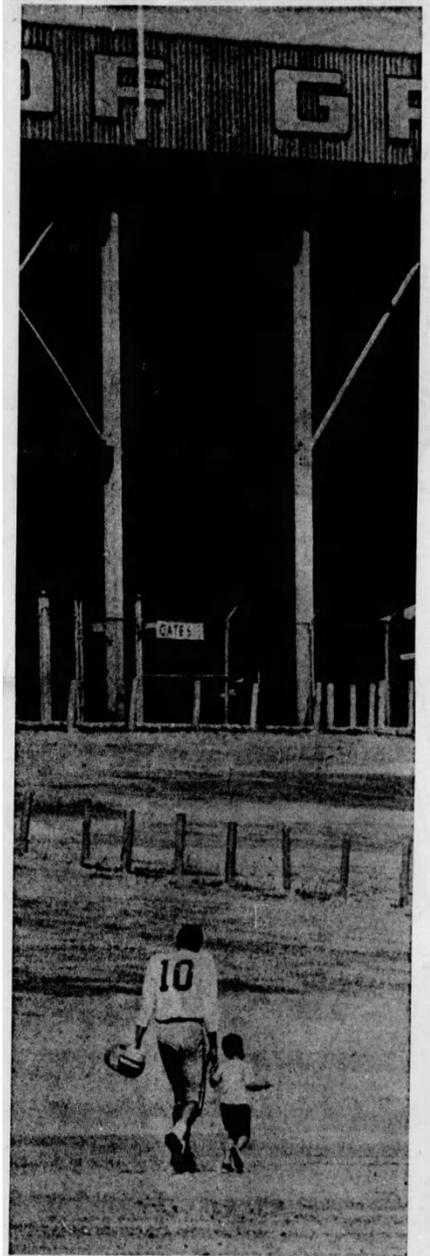
game because of its being the second game of the doubleheader. "But I'll take it anyway," said Mike, who later toed a 21-yarder home, with a grin. "As long as they go through ... " Adderley, whose fourth quarter interception led to the Pack's final touchdown, explained, "I kind of felt for that one. I recognized the pattern as it developed and just ducked in there (ahead of Gary Collins) and got in the right place at the right time." Cleveland linebacker Bob Matheson, among other Browns, was impressed with the '69 Pack. "Green Bay's young offensive line worked well together," he said. "They have great backs and there's no better quarterback than Starr." Defensive end Jack Gregory was equally complimentary. "It was sort of discouraging," he said. "We came so close on the rush and yet couldn't get there. Starr is a smart quarterback. He gave us the draw, the short out pattern, a lot of play passes. That slows down the rush ... It's the same old Green Bay team as far as I'm concerned."

OVER 70 PACKERS OF PAST EXPECTED FOR ANNIVERSARY

SEPT 3 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - At least 70 former Packer players will ride in the Packer 50th Anniversary parade Saturday, Sept. 20, it was announced today by Dewey A. Decker, parade marshal. Decker said, however, that the committee is still recruiting firms to put floats in line. It is hoped that up to 100 floats will roll, sponsored by organizations and industries in the area. Among them will be many detailing the half century of Packer history. Bands in the area are being lined up as well, Decker said, but a number are still wanted. Any high school or other organized musical marching unit in the state interested in participating is urged to contact Calvin E. Siegrist, band committee chairman, who is band director at Bay Port High School...15 BANDS WANTED: The ultimate goal in musical ensembles, including drum and bugle corps, is about 15 bands and five drum units. A number have already been engaged. Ken Esslinger of the Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce is in charge of floats. Esslinger announced that a professional float maker has been engaged to build floats to specification and that any business interested should get in touch with him. The parade, highlight of the two-day observance the weekend of the Chicago Bears game, will leave the Elks Club at 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 20 and march through the downtown area, with a reviewing stand on the courthouse lawn. The West Side Lions Club is in charge of the parade route, Decker said, and the American Legion will supervise the reviewing stand area...CONVERTIBLES NEEDED: A major need at the moment, Decker declared, is for convertible automobiles to carry the Packer veterans. Most new cars have air conditioning, he said, and rounding up enough attractive convertibles has proven to be more of a problem than anticipated. A special marching unit Decker is anxious to have in line is a revived original Packer Lumberjack Band, outfitted in lumberjack clothes and led by a drum major swinging a cant hook. The original band, a pickup outfit, enlivened Packer home and Milwaukee and Chicago games for many years prior to the official organization of the present Packer Band...SESSIONS PLANNED: The anniversary observance, which will include get-together sessions for all attending dignitaries and former players, will be climaxed by the traditional meeting with the Bears in Lambeau Field Sunday, Sept. 21. A 50th Anniversary Committee Corporation headed by Al Schneider, Tom Hutchison and Verne Lewellen is directing the event. Members of Decker's parade committee are Esslinger, Siegrist, John Neville, Jim and Bill Brault, Ron McKenzie, Les Rose, Louis M. Becker, Bud Witte, Bill King, Wilner Burke, John Rickert, Hutchison and Clinton Spielbauer. Funds for financing the celebration are being raised through the sale of football-shaped buttons depicting the Packer headgear and name. They will be sold at Lambeau Field and Milwaukee County Stadium for 75 cents each, the committee has announced, and mail orders will be filled by Proski Concessions, 1020 E. Walnut St.

'ROOKIE' GREGG IMPRESSED BY FELLOW OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

SEPT 3 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - "All the guys were calling me a rookie today," Forrest Gregg chuckled. "They kept telling me I was going to have to sing for my supper." Gregg, the most honored offensive lineman in NFL history, had just run through his first practice since coming out of retirement Tuesday to augment the Packers' forward wall. Forrest, openly happy to be back on active duty, admitted his return to combat hardly had been a spur of the moment decision...STILL CAPABLE: "After looking at the films of the 1968 season last winter, Coach Bengtson and the other coaches told me they thought I was still capable of playing in the NFL and that they felt I should play this year. And, after thinking it over, I decided I would like to play another season...I knew all along I was going to play but we decided a couple of weeks ago about the definite time." Gregg, who thus begins his 13th season in green and gold, added, "I want to do anything that will help the ball club. And, since I am back, I'm looking forward to playing." The 35-year-old SMU great, scheduled to continue as an assistant coach, wanted to make one point clear...LINE IMPROVING: "Everybody thinks this is a sign the offensive line is not doing too well," he said. "That's not so. They've been improving every week. Dick Himes has been doing an excellent



C'mon Daddy

Billy Stevens and his son head for dressing room after practice
—Press-Gazette Photo

job (at Gregg's old post, right tackle) and so has Francis Peay at the other tackle. Last Saturday night's game at Cleveland was a good indication. They did a great job against a very good defensive line." In sleek trim, Gregg is not concerned about his endurance." "I've kept myself in shape," he said, "but it's going to be tough until I get used to the contact. I'm anxious to play a game and see how I feel. I feel good physically - my legs feel good. I've been running nearly every day since I started coaching in mid-February, although there have been times I've been off for two or three weeks for one reason or another...SEES GOOD TEAM: "Zeke (fellow Coach Zeke Bratkowski) and I have been averaging about 11 miles a week. Four miles is our longest run at one time - we've been doing that on Friday." Optimistic about the 1969 Packer attack, Gregg said, "I think we have the makings of a real fine offensive football team. We have good, young linemen, fine backs, experienced receivers and we're strong at quarterback with Bart Starr, Don Horn and Billy Stevens. If nothing happens, we should have a real good team." Commenting on Gregg's "addition," GM-Coach Phil Bengtson noted, "It really is not a return for Forrest as such, because he has been on our roster all the time. And the idea of his playing is something we've been thinking about all along. "In the next couple of weeks, we're going to give him some playing time. If, at the end of that time, we feel he can strengthen the team as a player, he will play. If we feel he can strengthen the team as a coach, he will be exclusively a coach. If we decide we want him as a player, he will have had some game experience. He's in real good shape. It's more a question of his getting used to the bumps and bruises." The Packer chieftain made no mention of it but it is reasonable to assume that Gregg's return to active status was desired as much for his leadership, which should be invaluable to the talented but relatively inexperienced line, as well as for his considerable physical contributions. The offensive platoon has been without a formal leader to date in the wake of Bob Skoronski's retirement. Skoronski had captained the at tacking unit since 1965, sharing the responsibilities with Willie Davis, who remains as the defensive captain...PACKER PATTERN: "I had a great honor today," Dan Davis, the Packers temporary assistant trainer, proudly announced following Tuesday's practice. "I taped number 75." That, of course, is Gregg's number, just taken out of mothballs. Davis, a student at the University of Indiana, returns to the Bloomington campus following the Pack's appearance against the Pittsburgh Steelers in Lambeau Field Saturday night...A feature of the morning's drill, as the Bays turned their attention to the Steelers, was the sight of towering Francis Peay (6-foot-5 and 250 pounds) portraying Pittsburgh tight end John Hilton (6-5 and 220) in the defensive drill against the Pennsylvania's anticipated offense.

ANDY DRILLS AS 'EMERGENCY' FLANKER

SEPT 3 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The Packers had a new face at flanker Tuesday. It belongs to Donny Anderson, customarily seen at running back, where he last season was the Pack's leading ground gainer. Although the development had the railbirds in something of a tizzy, GM-Coach Phil Bengtson indicated it was not a permanent transfer. "It's just kind of in preparation for an emergency, should one arise," Bengtson said. "If we should have an emergency at flanker, he would be the logical one to move, and should it occur, he will have had some experience in training camp." Anderson, who was the Packers' No. 3 receiver in 1968 with 25 catches for 333 yards and one touchdown, said he wasn't sure how he would feel about playing the position on a regular basis. "I don't know how I'd like it," he said, adding with a grin, "I'd probably live longer. A guy's got to be a little crazy to want to get in the middle of it there as a runner. "I don't know what I'm doing, of course, but it made practice a little different."

EVERYTHING BUT SIZE

SEPT 3 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – "When somebody says you can't do something, something in me says, 'I'd like to at least give it a try.'" Rookie receiver Dan Eckstein, who is a highly compact 5-foot-9 1/2 and 178 pounds, was explaining how one of his modest dimensions came to essay a professional football career with the Packers. "The thing that has sort of been my motivation," says the already distinguished alumnus of South Carolina's tiny Presbyterian College, "is that when I finished high school in Atlanta, Georgia and Georgia Tech were the big football schools around there, and everybody told me I was too small to play college football. "Then when I graduated from Presbyterian, everybody said I was too small to play pro football." Dan, who looks more like an aging choir boy than a NFL flanker in his street clothes, long since has established that those earliest "experts" were slightly in error. He not only won four letters at Presbyterian but was an all-conference choice, on both offense and defense, his last three years...PLAYER OF THE YEAR: And, as a senior, he was chosen "South Carolina's College Football Player of the Year," the Carolinas' "athlete of the year" and "player of the year" in the Carolinas Conference. In addition, he was selected to play in the Coaches' All-America game last June. Now the articulate Georgian ardently hopes to prove a point with those who disparaged his professional prospects. "I have seen a lot of those who were too - something or other who have succeeded," says Dan, an engaging young man who is the son of a Salvation Army minister. "I just try to make up for my lack of size with desire and hustle." And don't be the homestead against him. Bob Schnelker, the former New York Giant star who coaches the Packers' passing game, has been impressed with Eckstein's assets. "Dan has fine speed," Schnelker points out. "He also has good moves and excellent hands. He has everything but size." Eckstein's difficulties in crashing the Packers' final 40 have been compounded by the fact that he is learning a new position. "I was actually drafted as a safety," Dan, tabbed by the Packers in the 15th round last January, explains. "I was a Little All-America choice at defensive back, so flanker was real new for me. I'd been a runner in college on offense and caught passes coming out of the backfield, but very seldom was I set out wide like a flanker is. "I'm recognizing defenses better than running a better pattern now but I still have a long way to go. I rely on speed more than anything. I ran track in college and was timed at 9.6 in the 100 and 4.55 in the 40... PART-TIME SCRIBE: "I hope that makes up for my lack of size. As far as a flanker is concerned, of course, if you can get open and catch the ball, that's the name of the game." If he doesn't make the Packer grade, Eckstein will not be unemployed for long. A part-time sportswriter, he currently is writing a daily column on his training camp experiences for the Greenville, S. C., News and reports he has been promised a job by the editor if he should be released. A psychology and Christian education major at Presbyterian,

The NFL All-1960s team (name, years played, teams):

OFFENSE

ENDS

Del Shofner, 1957-67, Los Angeles Rams, New York Giants.
Charley Taylor, 1964-present, Washington Redskins.

TACKLES

Bob Brown, 1964-present, Philadelphia Eagles, Los Angeles Rams.
Forrest Gregg, 1956, 1958-1968, Green Bay Packers.
Ralph Neely, 1965-present, Dallas Cowboys.

GUARDS

Gene Hickerson, 1958-60, 1962-present, Cleveland Browns.
Jerry Kramer, 1958-1968, Green Bay Packers.
Howard Mudd, 1964-present, San Francisco 49ers.

CENTER

Jim Ringo, 1953-67, Green Bay Packers, Philadelphia Eagles.

QUARTERBACKS

Sonny Jurgensen, 1957-present, Philadelphia Eagles, Washington Redskins.
Bart Starr, 1956-present, Green Bay Packers.
Johnny Unitas, 1956-present, Baltimore Colts.

FLANKERS

Gary Collins, 1962-present, Cleveland Browns.
Boyd Dowler, 1959-present, Green Bay Packers.

TIGHT END

John Mackey, 1963-present, Baltimore Colts.

HALFBACKS

John David Crow, 1958-68, Chicago Cardinals, St. Louis Cardinals, San Francisco 49ers.
Paul Hornung, 1957-62, 1964-66, Green Bay Packers.
Leroy Kelly, 1964-present, Cleveland Browns.
Gale Sayers, 1965-present, Chicago Bears.

FULLBACKS

Jim Brown, 1957-65, Cleveland Browns.
Jim Taylor, 1958-67, Green Bay Packers, New Orleans Saints.

FIELD GOAL KICKER

Jim Bakken, 1962-present, St. Louis Cardinals.

PUNTER

Don Chandler, 1956-67, New York Giants, Green Bay Packers.

DEFENSE

ENDS

Doug Atkins, 1953-present, Cleveland Browns, Chicago Bears, New Orleans Saints.
Willie Davis, 1958-present, Cleveland Browns, Green Bay Packers.
David (Deacon) Jones, 1961-present, Los Angeles Rams.

TACKLES

Alex Karras, 1958-62, 1964-present, Detroit Lions.
Bob Lilly, 1961-present, Dallas Cowboys.
Merlin Olsen, 1962-present, Los Angeles Rams.

LINEBACKERS

Dick Butkus, 1965-present, Chicago Bears.
Larry Morris, 1955-57, 1959-66, Los Angeles Rams, Chicago Bears, Atlanta Falcons.
Ray Nitschke, 1958-present, Green Bay Packers.
Tommy Nobis, 1966-present, Atlanta Falcons.
Dave Robinson, 1963-present, Green Bay Packers.

HALFBACKS

Herb Adderley, 1961-present, Green Bay Packers.
Lem Barney, 1967-present, Detroit Lions.
Bob Boyd, 1960-1968, Baltimore Colts.

SAFETIES

Ed Meador, 1959-present, Los Angeles Rams.
Larry Wilson, 1960-present, St. Louis Cardinals.
Willie Wood, 1960-present, Green Bay Packers.

Dan assures, "I don't write like Jerry Kramer did. There are a lot of things you have to eliminate. I'm real afraid being a rookie, anyway...I don't write anything bad. I talk more about how a rookie feels, the pressures and uncertainties...I sort of write it to encourage other kids who might want to give up, because it's certainly been uphill for me. It's had a real good response. I guess I must have received more than 100 letters already. I answer each one with a little note."

THIRTEEN PACKERS ON ALL-60S TEAM

SEPT 3 (New York) – Thirteen players who at one time or another were members of the Green Bay Packers, including quarterback Bart Starr and running back Paul Hornung, were named today to an all-1960s team commemorating the 50th anniversary season of the NFL. The all-1960s team is the last of five all-star teams spanning the five decades of NFL history commemorated by the NFL, in conjunction with Simon and Schuster, in a book called "The First Fifty Years." The decade teams lead to an all-time all-star team to be announced shortly. That the '60s are the era of Vince Lombardi and the Packers is attested to by the fact that almost one-third of the selections on the 40-man, all-1960s team are past or present players who did things the Green Bay way. On offense that includes Starr and Hornung, tackle Forrest Gregg, guard Jerry Kramer, center Jim Ringo, flanker Boyd Dowler, running back Jim Taylor and punter Don Chandler. On defense the line-up shows end Willie Davis, linebackers Ray Nitschke and Dave Robinson, halfback Herb Adderley and safety Willie Wood. All were part of the tradition Lombardi instilled during the Packers' reign at the top—a tradition based in power and precision plus total emotional commitment. They are, however, not alone in gaining distinction. Also earning spots on the team were two other quarterbacks - Sonny Jurgensen and Johnny Unitas – and running backs Jim Brown, Leroy Kelly, Gale Sayers and John David Crow. The receiving corps is bolstered by Del Shofner, Charley Taylor and Gary Collins, plus the peerless tight end John Mackey. Among the defensive standouts named were Deacon Jones, Alex Karras, Merlin Olsen, Bob Lilly, Dick Butkus, Tommy Nobis, Lem Barney and Larry Wilson.

OFFICIALS ARRIVING AT FOOTBALL STAMPING GROUNDS

SEPT 4 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Postal officials began arriving in Green Bay today in preparation for the unveiling of the Football Commemorative Stamp Friday at 1 p.m. in the Brown County Veterans Memorial Arena. The 6-cent stamp will honor 100 years of football, and following the unveiling, its first issuance is scheduled in New Brunswick, N.J., where the nation's first game was played Nov. 6, 1869 between Rutgers and Princeton. Mrs. Phil Bengtson, wife of the Packer coach and general manager, will officially unveil the stamp design. Coach Bengtson, Captain Willie Davis and other Packer team members will participate in the ceremony, which coincides with the Packer's 50th anniversary. The principal address at the ceremony, which is open to the public, will be delivered by Dr. Arthur Moss, deputy assistant postmaster general. Raymond Blozis, the Postal Department's philatelic specialist, and Clarence Giels, director of the Post Office's Minneapolis regional office, will also be on hand for the nationally publicized unveiling. At the conclusion of the event, the Packer Hall of Fame in the arena will be open free of charge until 3 p.m. Approximately 40 Packer alumni are expected to be on hand throughout the day and will be available for autograph seekers. The commemorative stamp unveiling is being sponsored by the Green Bay Chamber of Commerce's Postmaster's Advisory Committee. The De Pere Chamber of Commerce will also participate in the ceremonies. Chamber President Martin Krach said all members are invited to the festivities. Collectors desiring first day cancellations of the stamp may send addressed envelopes, together with remittance to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed, to the Postmaster, New Brunswick, New Jersey, 08901. The outside envelope should be addressed "First Day Covers Football Stamp," and postmarked no later than Sept. 26, 1969. A day after the stamp comes out, Princeton and Rutgers will renew their old rivalry in a game played near the site of the original game and close by the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame. 100 years ago Rutgers defeated Princeton to begin intercollegiate football competition.

VIKINGS FOIL PLANS FOR ZEKE

SEPT 4 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The Minnesota Vikings today threw a roadblock in the Packers' plans to keep Coach Zeke Bratkowski available for emergency duty at quarterback. Bratkowski, who has been kept on the Packers' official roster despite his announced retirement as a player to join the coaching ranks, was claimed by the Vikings when the Packers attempted to waive him through the league and give him free agent status. They immediately withdrew Brat's name and GM-Coach Phil Bengtson attempted

to persuade Viking General Manager Jim Finks to withdraw his claim. But Finks refused to do so. That forced the Packers to put Bratkowski on their reserve list, meaning he remains their property while not on the official roster but the Packers must still pass waivers before he can be activated. Every team but Minnesota was willing to pass up the 37-year-old signalist. In addition to effectively blocking the Packers' plans, Minnesota forced the Pack to use up one of its seven legal reserve list spots for Bratkowski. The reserve list is, in effect, the team's taxi squad. Two others, veteran defensive tackle Jim Weatherwax and rookie tight end Ron Jones, were also placed on the reserve list Wednesday but, unlike Bratkowski, they were waived as injured through the entire league first and can be activated without going through the process again. This brings the Packer roster to 45, including 36 veterans and nine rookies. It also brings the reserve list to five, Bratkowski, Weatherwax, Jones, Claudis James and Dave Bradley.

NOLL HAS PITTSBURGH FLYING HIGH

SEPT 4 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Pittsburgh's regrouping Steelers are something of an unknown quantity at the moment. The Pennsylvanians, who canter into Lambeau Field Saturday night for a pre-season exchange with the Packers, are revamping their collective personality under a new head coach, youthful Chuck Noll. But one thing appears relatively certain. The Steelers, 1-2 in grapefruit league competition to date, are likely to be highly combative, regardless of whatever artistic problems they may have...UNBELIEVABLE NOLL: In fact, if rookie Warren Bankston's reaction to the new regime is a reliable barometer, the invaders could be several feet above terra firma when they emerge from the dressing room. "The spirit is tremendous," Bankston, a Tulane fullback who was the Steelers' third round draft choice, noted with fervor in a recent interview, "and Chuck Noll is unbelievable. Everybody likes the man - he is so consistent and fair. He plays no favorites and he never embarrasses anyone...Our practices are something to marvel at. No time is wasted needlessly. I've never seen a man like him." The subject, only 37 years old, is a former Cleveland Brown who was an assistant coach last year at Baltimore where he was co-architect of the Colts' miserly defense...SUCCEEDS AUSTIN: Noll, who succeeded former Packer Bill Austin in his present assignment, appears to have taken to his rebuilding task decisively. He has traded linebacker Bill Saul to Dallas and waived veteran defensive back Clendon Thomas as well as fullback Bill Asbury, something of a Packer tormentor the last two years. Like Bankston, longtime Steeler publicist Ed Kiely is sold on the ex-Dayton University athlete's approach. "Our lineup may not look too different Saturday night from a year ago," Kiely said via long distance Wednesday, "but this is going to be a different football team...BEAT NEW ORLEANS: "How well we do this year depends on how we get off, but I think he knows where he's going. If a few things happen, we could do all right. "I think Chuck is a good coach, which I can't say for all of them, who is going to be heard from. To date, Noll's Steelers have submitted to the St. Louis Cardinals, 27-12, dispatched the New Orleans Saints 34-21, and lost to the Cincinnati Bengals, 23-13. After that loss to the Bengals, coached by Noll's old "teacher," Paul Brown, Chuck reportedly observed, "We did not look good, but all is not lost if we profit in defeat"...SHINER AT QB: He thus far has used every player on his roster in every game but, Kiely reported, "expects to establish his team this week." This means that Lambeau Field patrons are likely to see Dick Shiner starting at quarterback and former Packer Earl Gros and Dick Hoak at the running backs. To date, Noll has divided the quarterbacking duties among another ex-Packer, Kent Nix, Shiner and rookie Terry Hanratty of Notre Dame. Larry Elkins, the former Baylor Bearcat who was the Pack's No. 1 draft choice in 1965, is expected to open at split end because of injuries to J.R. Wilburn and Marshall Crawford. Elkins, in his first season with Pittsburgh following an injury-ridden tenure with the Houston Oilers, is the Steelers' leading pass receiver at the moment with nine catches for 102 yards. The accomplished Roy Jefferson will be operating at flanker and strapping John Hilton (6-foot-5 and 220) at tight end. Joe Greene, the Steelers' hulking No. 1 draft choice, will not be in the opening lineup but he is expected to see heavy action at defensive tackle before the night is over. Another rookie from North Texas State, Charles Beatty, will start at left safety. The balance of the defensive unit is largely veteran, including ex-Packer Lloyd Voss at left end... PACKER PATTERN: Donny Anderson, stationed at flanker Tuesday for the first time, continued to toil there in Wednesday's practice. After the Golden Palomino made a particularly deft "touchdown" catch, one of his colleagues sang out, "Attaway to go, Hands" Bart Starr and Carroll Dale also collaborated in a picture TD. At one point in the defensive drill, Packer defenders faced the most substantial tight end in NFL history...Rookie offensive tackle Bill Hayhoe, 6-foot-8 and 265 pounds, was running through Pittsburgh plays as the Steelers' John Hilton.

'NICKEL & DIME' KIDS MAKE PACKERS GO

SEPT 4 (Green Bay) – The Million Dollar Backfield still is around; but it has been the five-and-10 variety that has put the go in the Green Bay Packer attack this year. That go, coupled with youth and experience, may lead the Packers to the top of the heap again. The Million Dollar Backfield is Donny Anderson and Jim Grabowski, both of whom signed huge contracts with Green Bay during the days of the bidding war between the two football leagues. The dollar-and-cents men include rookie Dave Hampton, a ninth-round draft choice out of Wyoming; veteran Elijah Pitts, a 13th-round pick from Philander Smith in 1960; and third-year man Travis "Road Runner" Williams, a bust last year following a sensational rookie season. Add to that quarterback Bart Starr, who has completed 57 per cent of his passes during his 14 years in the NFL, and Boyd Dowler and Carroll Dale, two of pro football's top receivers, and it's not hard to figure a potent attack...INJURIES BROUGHT SLIDE: After ruling the roost for three consecutive years and dominating the league for nine straight seasons, the Packers slipped to third place in the Central Division last year. Among the reasons for the sudden slide were injuries to Starr and the entire defensive line. Now, all are healthy again, although defensive tackle Jim Weatherwax still hasn't fully recovered from knee surgery. But, Coach Phil Bengtson can call on veterans Lionel Aldridge, Henry Jordan, Bob Brown and Willie Davis and rookie Rich Moore, a 6-foot-6, 285-pound alumnus of Villanova. The defensive secondary – all veterans - is made up of Willie Wood, Herb Adderley, Bob Jeter and Doug Hart. Two years ago, Travis Williams made his debut in the league by returning four kickoffs for touchdowns. But last year, Travis, like the Packers, fell on hard times and averaged only 1.7 yards



Football Stamp Unveiled—With postal and civic officials, Packer players and coaches on hand, Mrs. Phil Bengtson, wife of the Packer coach and general manager, today unveiled the new Football Commemorative

Stamp in Green Bay. The stamp commemorates the 100th anniversary of football in the United States. The issuance will coincide with the Packers' 50th anniversary.



carry from scrimmage...**RETURNS TO FORM:** Now, the 6-foot-1, 212-pound speedster from Arizona State has looked like the Road Runner of two years ago. Against the Cleveland Browns last Saturday in an exhibition game, Travis reeled off 65 yards in 11 carries and two touchdowns. Hampton, an unknown before the draft, has been an exciting runner in scrimmages and

pre-season exhibitions. With Williams and Hampton available, Bengtson has moved Anderson to a wide receiver spot where he presumably will back up Dale and Dowler. Last week's victory over Cleveland squared the Packers exhibition record at 2-2. "The game did indicate that we have people who can block, who can carry the ball, who can catch the ball and who can pass," Bengtson said. The game also helped settle a question about the offensive line, which had been riddled by retirements. But, just in case he's needed, Bengtson Monday revealed that tackle Forrest Gregg has been re-activated as a player. Gregg was named an assistant coach last February when he apparently retired. But Bengtson emphasized that the 13-year veteran never had retired and "was always on the roster." The eight-time All-Pro will join tackle Francis Peay, guards Bill Lueck and Gale Gillingham and center Ken Bowman in the offensive line. "The biggest change that I see in this club from last year is the quiet confidence that they can get the job done," Bengtson said. "There's a feeling that we can win regardless of the score or the time remaining." That pride and confidence is what carried Green Bay to Super Bowl victories against the Kansas City Chiefs and the Oakland Raiders.

FREDENBERG INKS WEST ALLIS PACT

SEPT 5 (West Allis) – Terry Fredenberg, flanker cut last week by the Green Bay Packers, signed Thursday with the West Allis Spartans of the Central States Professional Football League. Fredenberg, 6-foot-3, and 190 pounds, was given a tryout by the Packers as a free agent after a brilliant career at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He will be eligible for the Spartans' next game-against the Sheboygan Redwings here Saturday night.

PACKERS MAY FACE PITT'S FAST MATURING HANRATTY

SEPT 5 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - A quarterback, pro football's pundits long have maintained, takes a minimum of five years to mature. The much heralded Terry Hanratty, a collegiate kingpin with Notre Dame's Fighting Irish the last three seasons, has been with the Pittsburgh Steelers only five weeks but there already is the distinct impression he is well ahead

Packers May Face Pitt's Fast Maturing Hanratty

of schedule. Terry, who is certain to be on exhibit when the Packers oppose the Steelers in a pre-season match at Lambeau Field Saturday night, reportedly is already threatening to dislodge ex-Packer Kent Nix as their No. 2 signal caller...**VERY MATURE:** "Hanratty is really coming on strong," Joe Gordon, Pittsburgh assistant publicity director, informed while relating the 1969 Steeler story here Thursday. "He's a very mature young man. Our new coach, Chuck Noll, has been impressed with him right from the start. He held a quarterback school in June and he was very pleased with Terry's mental agility. He absorbed the system very well. Of course, he then had to join the College All-Stars, and that set him back quite a bit. As a result of reporting late, he didn't play at all in our first game against the St. Louis Cardinals. But he played the whole fourth quarter against New Orleans in our second game. And he got bombed for a 10-yard loss on his first play. He came right back to complete his first pass and moved the team 60 yards before we gave up the ball...**PLAYED FOURTH QUARTER:** "Terry also played the entire fourth quarter against the Cincinnati Bengals in Pittsburgh last week and he moved the team to our only touchdown. He completed four of seven passes for 87 yards while he was in there. Hanratty, Gordon added, "has shown a pretty good ability to hit secondary receivers, which is something that has seemed to trouble both Nix and Dick Shiner, who will be our starters Saturday night. "The team also responds to him. There seems to be a lot of enthusiasm. When we scored against the Bengals," Gordon appended with a grin, "Hanratty just went wild. He jumped up and down." These are not Hanratty's only assets, Joe observed. "He has a tremendous arm - he can really throw the ball...He's pressing Kent Nix right now for the No. 2 job..."**KNEE NO PROBLEM:** The Steelers' No. 2 choice in last January's draft, he presumably was bypassed in the first round because of having suffered a knee injury last season which required surgery. Thus far, the knee has failed to bother Hanratty, who shattered the immortal George Gipp's total offense record during his three-year varsity career at Notre Dame, despite missing the last three games because of that injury. "It's just a matter of time before he comes of age in the

NFL," Gordon confidently predicts. "In fact, he could win the number one job this year. It's not out of the realm of possibility. The veterans already seem to accord him a certain amount of respect which is not usually accorded a rookie. It's as though the vets expect that he eventually is going to be number one."...PACKER PATTER: A brisk offensive session against the expected Pittsburgh defense highlighted the Packers' final heavy workout Thursday for Saturday night's skirmish, their next to last pre-season venture...Defensive back John Rowser, excused from Wednesday's practice because of personal business in his native Detroit, returned to duty. The Steelers, in training at Latrobe, Pa., are scheduled to arrive at Austin Straubel Field at 5 o'clock this afternoon. They will headquarter at the Hotel Northland.

ROONEY ONE IN A MILLION

SEPT 5 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The recent passing of George Preston Marshall, flamboyant owner of the Washington Redskins, left pro football with only two of the pioneers who built the game from a sandlot shoestring into a national institution. One of them, of course, is the Packers' longtime antagonist, Chicago Bear owner George Halas. The other is Pittsburgh's friendly philanthropist, Art Rooney, who comes to Titledown tonight with his beloved Steelers. Marshall made his greatest contributions as a showman and Halas with his vision. Rooney's, in the main, have come from a warm Irish heart, the likes of which may never be seen again-in or out of sports. "He has to be the softest touch in the world," Joe Gordon, Steeler assistant publicity director, said Thursday during a fond discourse about the Steelers' 68-year-old owner, whose largesse has become legendary. "They say a great part of the reason he's never had a championship team in Pittsburgh (Rooney founded the Steelers in 1933) is because he's too nice to his players and the other teams...CLARK AN EXAMPLE: "Mike Clark, who is one of the top three kickers in the league, is a prime example. He came to Mr. Rooney and told him that, because he was in business in Dallas, he would like to be traded to the Cowboys. If not, he said he would have to quit football, although he didn't say it in the way of an ultimatum. Most owners would have told him to forget it, that he would play for his ball club or not at all. But Mr. Rooney arranged to trade him to the Cowboys. If any of our players have a problem of any kind, particularly the veterans, they will go to him because they always know they're going to get some kind of satisfaction, whether the problem is related to football or not. He's helped a lot of players get started in business...For example, Brady Keys, who used to be with us, got into a chain of chicken drive-ins. His company recently went public and he's now on the border of being a millionaire, simply because Mr. Rooney got him started. Art has the reputation among the players of being the fairest of owners...He'll do anything for anyone." This last, it might be added, is literally true. "Mr. Rooney always has been very generous to the underprivileged and to charities with Steeler tickets," Joe reported. "Last week this boy comes into our office in Pittsburgh and wants to pick up 40 tickets to last Saturday night's game against Cincinnati...RESCUES RETARDED BOY: "The boy is retarded and he is having trouble expressing himself. The secretary, meanwhile, is trying to explain to him that, because we are playing in Forbes Field, which is smaller than Pitt Stadium, the 40 tickets he normally gets for his school are not available. Art's office is near the reception desk and he was listening. He comes out and says 'What's your name, son?' "The boy tells about his problem in halting speech...he adds that he and the other retarded children at the institute where he is a patient received special permission to stay out the night of the game...Needless to say, the boy got his tickets. This is a typical Art Rooney story. So many people come to see him with their financial or ticket troubles and none of them leave empty-handed...I don't know exactly how much he does but I'm sure he gives thousands and thousands of dollars to charity every year, almost always anonymously. He's just a one-in-a-million guy, believe me."

GREEN BAY GETS TRIBUTE AT STAMP UNVEILING

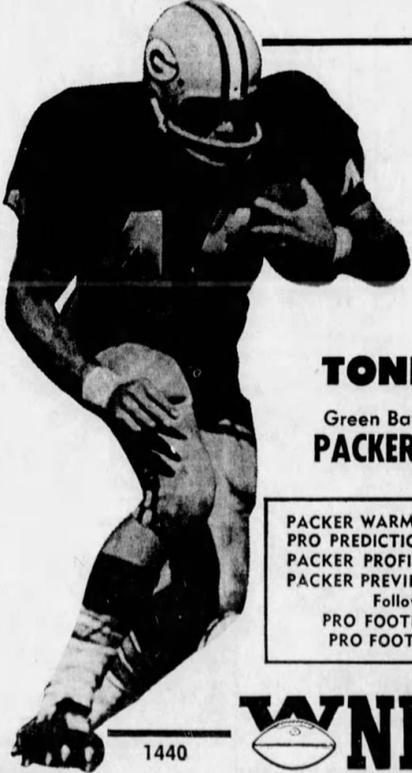
Sept 6 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - A major kick-off in football and philatelic history took place in the Memorial Hall of the Brown County Veterans Memorial Arena Friday with the unveiling of the first Football Commemorative Stamp. Postal Department officials, Mrs. Phil Bengtson, the Packers, Packer Alumni, city officials and members of the Green Bay Philatelic Society witnessed the first view of the 6-cent stamp honoring the 100th anniversary of inter-collegiate football. The Green Bay site, a tribute to the Packers' magnificent football record in their 50th year of play, was obtained following many months of work by the Green Bay Philatelic Society, the Postmaster's Advisory Committee, Congressman John W. Byrnes, and a host of others. Jackson Skog, a member of the Postmaster's Advisory Committee who worked to obtain the ceremony for the city, said the idea of attempting to obtain the unveiling was presented to him by John Woodhouse, a Green Bay Philatelic Society member who knew of the prospective stamp. Since then the



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Football Commemorative Stamp Is Unveiled

Dr. Arthur Moss, left, Deputy Assistant Postmaster General, and Mrs. Phil Bengtson, wife of the Packer coach, lift the veil while Packers Bart Starr and Willie Davis watch.

Green Bay Gets Tribute At Stamp Unveiling



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Committee and many others have worked for a Green Bay unveiling. Packer history literally sat in the audience of 300 as alumni, old friends and supporters, and lifetime fans applauded when the stamp was revealed. Dr. Arthur Moss, Deputy Assistant Postmaster General, delivered the principal address, in which he noted the significance of the Green Bay site. "Certainly there is no city in the United States whose interest in this great game mounts to a higher degree than here in Green Bay, or where there are more football fans per square mile," he said. Football hasn't always been the sport it is today, Moss explained. "Football in its early days was so brutal that President Roosevelt threatened to abolish the game by executive edict, after a West Point cadet had died from the result of injuries received in a game with Harvard. Teddy Roosevelt's threat led to drastic revision in football rules, and it might be said that modern football began to evolve. Standardized rules emerged in 1873, following a convention of representatives from Princeton, Columbia, Yale and Rutgers." Moss also cited legendary football figures Jim Thorpe, who kicked goals of 22, 15, 34 and 48 yards against Harvard with a sprained ankle, and Red Grange, the Galloping Ghost of Illinois. Among notable football coaches Moss listed John Heisman, whose Georgia Tech team in 1916 defeated Cumberland College by the comfortable margin of 222-0. The commemorative stamp, Moss explained, was designed by Robert Peak of Westport, Conn. 120 million of the stamps have been printed by the Bureau of

Engraving and Printing, which will be issued Sept. 26 in New Brunswick, N.J., where the first game was played. Rutgers beat Princeton in the first game, which was a combination of rugby and soccer, by six goals to four, but a week later Princeton won a return match eight to nothing in a rugged game witnessed by 90 people. From then on football was accepted, although its early days were somewhat dubious until stricter rules were set up concerning the play. Dr. Moss concluded, "I hope the issuance of this stamp will remind everyone of the values inherent in this great American game - the zest for hardy competition, the cultivation of sportsmanship, the necessity of teamwork, and the acceptance of victory or defeat, as the case may be, with grace." The stamp was unveiled by Dr. Moss and Mrs. Phil Bengtson while Willie Davis and Bart Starr stood nearby. Mayor Don Tilleman delivered the response, in which he expressed appreciation of the honor of the ceremony site and of the support of the people of Green Bay for their team and football as well. Ceremonies were arranged by the Green Bay Postmaster's Advisory Committee.

JUST SMART BUSINESS?

Sept 6 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The man on television didn't understand why the state's sportswriters were making such a big thing of the roadblock set up by the Minnesota Vikings along the Bratkowski Waiver Route. It was just smart business on the part of the Vikings, he said. Uh huh, it was smart business...at the moment. After all, the Vikings prevented the Packers from keeping a fourth quarterback, a 37-year-old one at that, available in case of an emergency this year...in case Bart Starr, Don Horn and Billy Stevens all were laid up. Presumably it was smart because the Vikings expect to be fighting for retention of their Central Division championship and one of their primary challengers figures to be the Packers. Keeping Bratkowski inactive is bound to be a major stratagem in the battle. "There is nothing personal in this," Minnesota General Manager Jim Finks said. "I have the greatest respect and admiration for Phil (Bengtson). But the mechanics of the waiver rule are spelled out, and we felt it was unfair not to abide by them." Indeed it would be unfair...so unfair that every other team in the league simply blinked as Zeke's name came by. Of course the Vikings' claim was not illegal. The biggest rap you can put on it is that it was unsportsmanlike. Sportsmanship, though, is often crossed out by dollar signs in the big business that is pro football. And, as the TV man said, the Vikings' move was good business...at the moment. But I can't help wondering what might happen if Minnesota's Carl Eller or Alan Page or Bill Brown becomes injured and the Vikings try to waive him through the league as injured. There is a gentleman's agreement among the teams that when a player is injured, he will be allowed to pass through waivers. This "agreement" is sometimes violated, of course. But I might suggest that there would be no "sometimes" involved if Eller were put on injured waivers. I suspect that the Packers...like Packerderms...have long memories and the "sometimes" would be very definitely erased by a fast Green Bay claim. So was it really good business?

PACK SEEKS CONFIRMATION VS. STEELERS IN 'CHAPTER 5'

SEPT 6 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Chapter Five in the continuing serial, "The Pack Will Be Back," unfolds in Lambeau Field tonight. And GM-Coach Phil Bengtson, for one, is hopeful the plot will take proper shape against the "new" Pittsburgh

Pitt-fall?

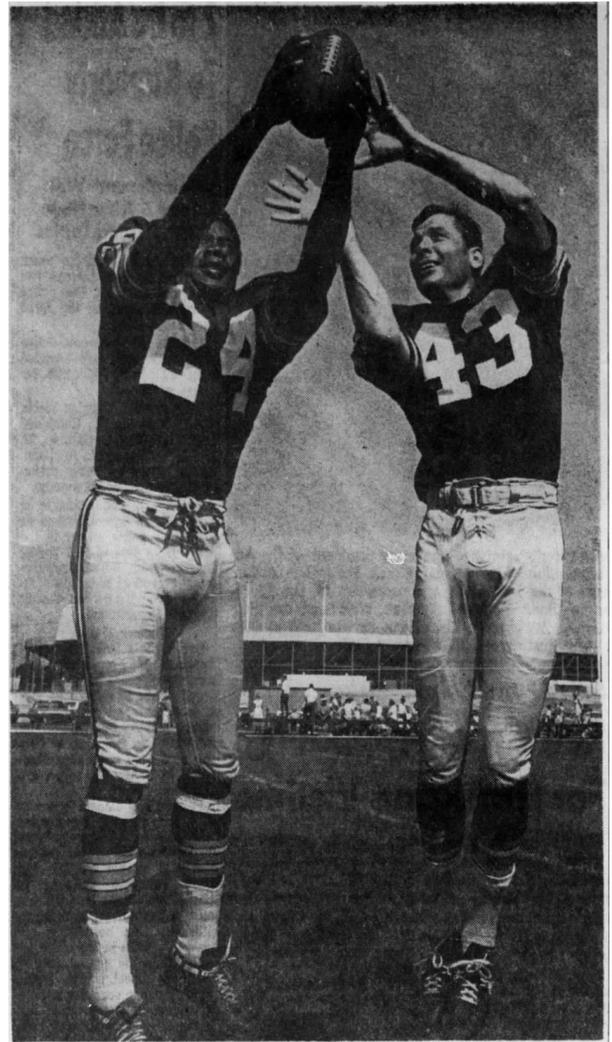
Probable Starting Lineups:
OFFENSE

Pittsburgh	SE	Green Bay
Elkins	SE	Dowler
Brown	LT	Peay
Gagner	LG	Lueck
Mansfield	C	Bowman
Van Dyke	RG	Gillingham
Taylor	RT	Himes
Hilton	TE	Fleming
Shiner	QB	Starr
Hoak	RB	Anderson
Gros	RB	Grabowski
Jefferson	FL	Dale

DEFENSE

Pittsburgh	LE	Green Bay
Voss	LE	Davis
Parker	LT	Moore
Hinton	RT	Jordan
McGee	RE	Aldridge
Hillebrand	LLB	Robinson
May	MLB	Nitschke
Stenger	RLB	Caffey
Hohn	LH	Adderley
Shorter	RH	Jeter
Beatty	LS	Hart
Martha	RS	Wood

Steelers, presently regrouping under ex-Cleveland Brown Chuck Noll. There was evidence in Cleveland last week that the necessary ingredients are in hand, following the Packers' crisp 27-17 decision of the previously unbeaten Browns, but there is understandable reluctance to base an assessment on a single success, particularly since it came in the wake of consecutive misadventures against the Bears and Cowboys. A convincing performance tonight (8 o'clock, WNFL) thus would suggest the home forces, who will be playing to another capacity house of 50,861, are likely to be serious contenders in the NFL's Central Division race, which begins for our heroes on the same soil just two weeks hence. To achieve a third grapefruit league triumph, however, the Pack will be required to shackle a potentially potent attack featuring some of the NFL's leading receivers and one of its most bruising runners in ex-Packer Earl Gros. Taking note of the task ahead, strong side safety Doug Hart points out, "The Steelers have some explosive people. They probably have a better pass receiver at tight end in John Hilton than we've faced this year. He's better than Pettis Norman of the Cowboys, for example. And, of course, they've got Larry Elkins, our old number one draft choice, at split end, and Roy Jefferson, the league's No. 2 receiver last year, at flanker. They've gone to a more wide open passing attack to utilize these people." With veterans Dick Shiner and Kent Nix and much publicized rookie Terry Hanratty of Notre Dame sharing the passing assignment, the Pennsylvanians have amassed 568 air yards in their three appearances to date. As indicated, they also have a respectable running game, headed by the 6-foot-3 inch, 220 - pound Gros, who has ground out 142 yards in 17 attempts, a bulging 8.4 average. Workhorse Dick Hoak, his 190- pound running mate, has contributed 57 yards in 20 tries. Impressed with what he has seen of the invaders on film, Bengtson says, "The Steelers have a lot of hustle, with good receivers and a good passing attack. They also have a young, veteran line which has played together three or four years now and has matured. "Defensively, their front four is big and they have a good, active middle linebacker in Ray May. He's not real big but he has a lot of speed and he covers a lot of ground he's a good tackler." The Steelers feel they have a potential all - league selection in May, a third year performer who was required to take over his challenging assignment last season when a crippling leg injury felled veteran Bill Saul. "There is no question that they're a representative football team," Bengtson asserted. "They just toyed with New Orleans two weeks ago in beating the Saints 34-21. Things didn't go too well for them against Cincinnati last week but they're a good football team and apparently their morale is very good." Tonight's collision will be marked by the return to action of Forrest Gregg, rated by many the premier offensive tackle in NFL history, who came out of retirement last Tuesday to reinforce the Pack up front. "I don't know whether he'll start," Bengtson said, "but he'll play." Dick Himes, a rapidly maturing sophomore from Ohio State, has started the first four pre-season games at right tackle, Gregg's old position. The Packer chieftain also announced that Donny Anderson, employed at flanker in practice during the week, will see some action there, but not as a starter. Anderson, the team's leading ground gainer and No. 3 pass receiver a year ago, is expected to open at left halfback opposite his "touchdown twin," Jim Grabowski. Bengtson indicated that Bill Lueck, who made his first NFL start in Cleveland last week, again will get the call at left guard. The Steelers could get more than they bargained for in this one, which will be a preview of a "championship" rematch in Pittsburgh Nov. 2. Bengtson has let it be known he is more than slightly miffed over the Steelers' Friday refusal to withdraw a claim for Perry Williams, when the rookie running back was waived as injured. All other NFL clubs had permitted Williams, who suffered a fractured hand and dislocated thumb in last week's game at Cleveland, to pass through. Pittsburgh's maneuver forced Williams' return to the active roster, which now numbers 46. This figure includes Zeke Bratkowski, upon whom the Minnesota Vikings declined to waive Thursday. All NFL teams must cut their rosters to 44 players, including All-Star rookies, by Monday...PACKER PATTERN: Three new Steelers, running backs Don McCall and Sam Price and defensive halfback Steve Barrett, will make their debuts tonight. McCall was acquired in Thursday's trade with New Orleans, which sent Don Shy and Ken Kortas to the Saints, while Price and Barrett were acquired Friday on waivers from the Miami Dolphins and Baltimore Colts, respectively...Jim Ryun, the famed Kansas miler, will be seen in another role at kickoff. He will be performing along the sidelines as a photographer for a Topeka newspaper. Ryun is a weekend house guest of the Bart Starrs.



Willie Wood (left) and Doug Hart will man the safety positions for the Green Bay Packers when they face Pittsburgh at Lambeau Field Saturday night. (Post-Crescent News Service)

LOMBARDI HAS NEVER FORGOTTEN CARROLL'S PLAY IN ALL-STAR TILT

SEPT 6 (Appleton Post-Crescent) - As the heads are rolling fast and furious off the pro football chopping block we should take a last look at some sundry victims who though gone ought not to be completely forgotten. The Giants chopped

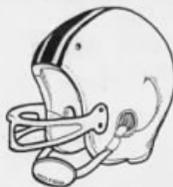
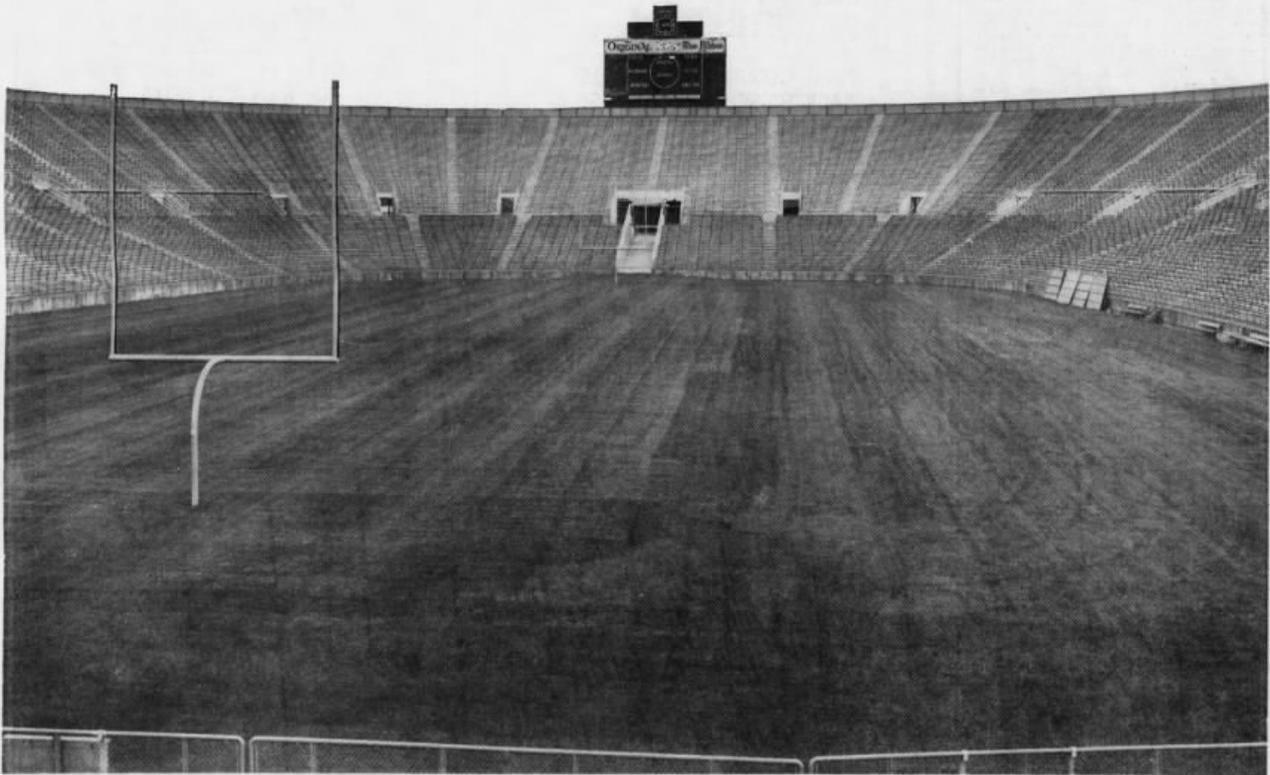
linebacker Ken Avery because he wasn't putting out. Avery, whose parents run a dance school in Miami, received reams of publicity when, as a rookie, he disclosed that his ballet background contributed mightily to his agility at linebacker. Ken also disclosed that, during his ballet training, he had refused to wear leotards. Avery should have spent more time on stretching exercises. He never was tall enough to lineback. Professing to be 6-1, Avery must have been measured on his toes. The Jets chopped a sophomore lineman, Karl Henke. Karl is so good looking that he had trouble walking around Long Island without damsels accosting him for his telephone number. Henke's older brother Ed toiled for the Steelers a decade ago and still holds the Steeler taping record. Ed Henke, before a game, would start at his neck and tape downward, stopping only when he heard the Star Spangled Banner. Vince Lombardi snatched Leo Carroll off the Packer waiver list, which is the second time Vincent has rescued Leo. Leo was a top draft choice at Atlanta two years ago. Between him and, later, Claude Humphrey the Falcons confidently expected they had drafted a pass rush. But Carroll was hurt his rookie year and quit the Falcon training camp in 1968. Months later Lombardi grabbed him for Green Bay. In the 1967 All-Star Game, against the Packers, Carroll was a sensation, whirling at Bart Starr like an all-star dervish. Lombardi never forgets, and Vince doesn't always give second chances...ALSO TOO SHORT: Rich Stotter, like Ken Avery, was too short for linebacker. Stotter, whose well-to-do family lived in a chic Cleveland suburb, surprised everyone when he chose far-away University of Houston over the Ivies. The Oilers surprised everyone when they drafted Stotter, the small guard. The Stotter family over the past five years had gone absolutely gung-ho football and became a united front rooting for Rich, reading about Rich, and traveling to Rich's games. At the Oilers he was converted to linebacker, was hurt and never had much hope. His family is probably taking his axeing harder than Rich. As for Olympic sprinter Jimmy Hines at Miami, but for all the publicity Hines would have been long gone. Hines had the bad hands. With Tommy Smith striking out at the Rams and Bengals, John Carlos might well reconsider his impending retirement from the track. Two years ago Green Bay drafted Dave Dunaway out of Duke on the second round, and Dunaway was touted as the next Boyd Dowler. But Dunaway languished on the bench and his attitude was often described as soft-nosed. Last season Atlanta picked him up from the Packers and Dunaway hasn't been heard from since, until the Falcons cut him...GLITTERING PROSPECT: The Saints cut Lou Cordileone. Remember him? Cordileone was such a glittering prospect at the Giants that, when the Giants were trying to get Y. A. Tittle away from San Francisco, the 49ers jumped for Cordileone, and what a Lou Lou! Cordileone has played for heaven knows how many teams twixt the Giants and Saints. Jeff Richardson, a Bengal reject, came out of Michigan State as a member of Webster. Richardson blossomed in his senior year but had always basked in the shadow of Big Bubba. But in the Michigan State-Notre Dame game Richardson made 16 unassisted tackles and Sonny Werblin, who was then running the Jets, was at that game in person. Werblin was there to scout Bubba, Jones and Webster, which is outlandish in itself, but Werblin decided that Richardson was better. Sonny scouted Richardson, drafted him, and signed him, all by himself. Richardson was Werblin's discovery, perhaps the new Sinatra of linemen. Perhaps, as anything is possible. But Richardson, who flopped at the Jets, flopped quickly at the Bengals. Which isn't easy.

PACKERS, STEELERS CLASH

SEPT 6 (Green Bay) - If the Green Bay Packers seem to be playing with vengeance tonight, the Pittsburgh Steelers will have only themselves to blame. The two NFL teams clash at 8 p.m. in an exhibition game at Lambeau Field. The Packers announced Friday they had withdrawn waivers on rookie running back Perry Williams, a fourth-round draft choice from Purdue, after the Steelers claimed him. Williams suffered a fractured hand and dislocated thumb last week at Cleveland and had been waived injured. Pittsburgh was the only NFL club unwilling to let Williams pass as injured, forcing Green Bay to return the rookie to its active roster. The Packers are coming off a 27-17 victory over the Cleveland Browns, a game in which Green Bay finally put everything together. The win evened the Packers record at 2-2. Pittsburgh, on the other hand, lost to the Cincinnati Bengals of the AFL last week. Cincy's rookie quarterback, Greg Cook, had a field day shredding the Steelers' defensive secondary with pin-point passing. Green Bay, of course, has Bart Starr at the quarterback spot. He's considered by many as one of the top signal-callers in the pro ranks, and has completed 57 per cent of his passes in his 14-year NFL career. Although Starr and his backup man, Don Horn, received excellent protection in the Cleveland contest, Packer Coach Phil Bengtson re-activated Forrest Gregg, a veteran offensive tackle who retired after last season and who has been serving as an assistant coach. Gregg is expected to start tonight at one tackle spot with Francis Peay at the other. Dick Himes and rookie Bill Hayhoe will spell the two starters. Veteran running back Donny Anderson, who has been working out at flanker this week, may not see much action because of bruised ribs. Starting alongside Jim Grabowski in the Green Bay backfield will be either speedy Travis "Road Runner" Williams or shifty rookie Dave Hampton. Also sure to see plenty of action will be veteran Elijah Pitts...MAY START: Pittsburgh's new coach, Chuck Noll, is expected to go with last week's starter, rookie quarterback Terry Hanratty of Notre Dame. Although the Steelers lost, Hanratty succeeded in moving the team well at times. Also in the starting lineup will be flanker Larry Elkins. In 1965, the Packers drafted Elkins in the first round, but he signed instead with the Houston Oilers of the AFL. The Oilers released him after last season and he signed on with Pittsburgh. Two other Packer first-round draft choices are on the Steeler roster. They are running back Earl Gros, picked in 1962, and defensive end Lloyd Voss, chosen in 1964.

Pack Seeks Confirmation vs. Steelers in 'Chapter 5'

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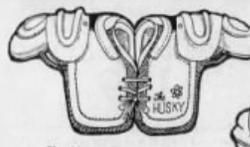
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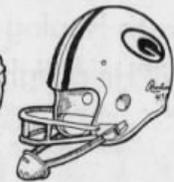
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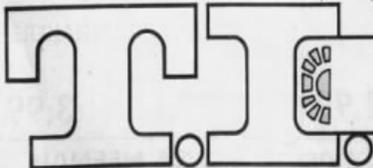


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