

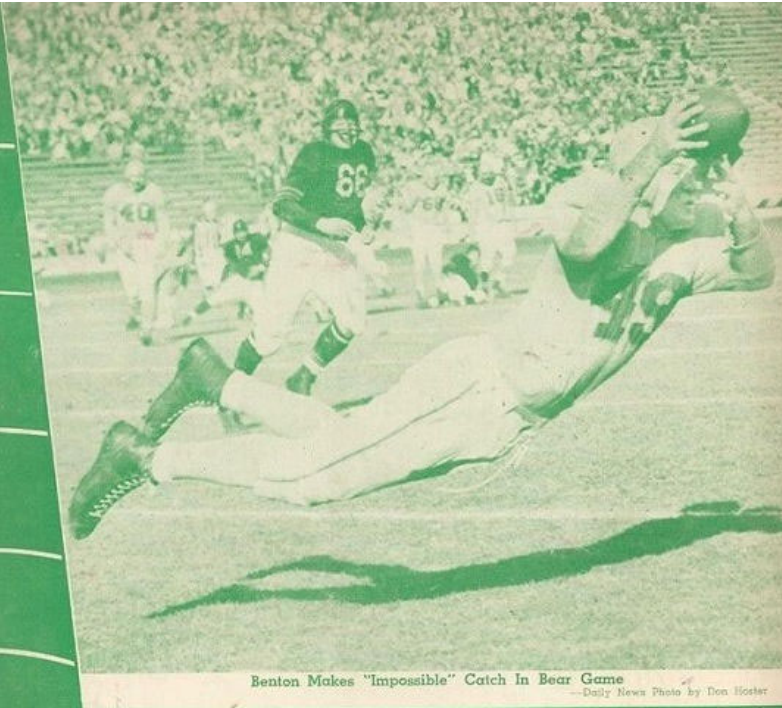
Los Angeles Rams (6-4-1) 38, Green Bay Packers (6-5) 17
Sunday December 8th 1946 (at Los Angeles)

Fritsch Runs Scoring Total to 100 Points in Final Contest

46,838 Watch Packers Bow Before Rams, Waterfield by 38-17 Count

GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(LOS ANGELES) - The Los Angeles Rams grabbed second place in the Western division of the NFL by trimming the Green Bay Packers, 38-17, before 46,838 fans here Sunday afternoon. Bob Waterfield, sharpshooting Ram quarterback, fired three touchdown passes of 13, 45 and 28 yards, placekicked five extra points to run his perfect season conversion string to 37 straight, and chipped in a 28-yard field goal for good measure. Green Bay's aerial game, both offensive and defensive, helped in the Ram victory. The Packers tried 21 passes but completed only seven for 128 yards while four were intercepted. Los Angeles completed 10 of 17 for 175 yards and only one was intercepted. The Rams were at their best and they limited big Ted Fritsch to 23 yards net in 11 tries. However, the fullback from Stevens Point collected 11 points to bring his season total to 100 in 11 games, best in the league. The Packers roared into a 7-0 lead when Charley Brock, who played one of his best defensive games of the season, recovered a fumble on the Ram 11. Three plays later Fritsch bulled over from the five and then added the extra point. The Rams put on a hot 56-yard drive but Larry Craig stole the ball from Waterfield to close it on the Packer 30. Minutes later Jack Wilson



Benton Makes "Impossible" Catch In Bear Game
Daily News Photo by Don Hooper



returned Roy McKay's punt 69 yards to set up the tying touchdown brought about by Waterfield's 13-yard toss to Wilson. But Green Bay bounced back into the lead as Fritsch got off a field goal kick from the 40-yard line - his ninth of the season. The Packers threatened throughout the second quarter but Waterfield intercepted a Comp pass to stop one of the more serious threats. Los Angeles pulled into a 14-10 halftime lead when Tom Harmon went over from the five after Waterfield pitched 44 yards to Jim Benton, highlighting an 80-yard march. The Rams stretched their lead to 21-10 early in the third period as Waterfield pegged 15 yards to sub end Howard Hickey who scooted 30 for another score. The second Packer touchdown in the third period ended a 70-yard drive. Walt Schlinkman returned the kickoff 23 yards to the 30 and Bruce Smith broke away for 11 and Tony Canadeo made 10 at the ends. The Rams stiffened so Canadeo dropped back and heaved a 21-yarder to Clyde Goodnight who got behind Tom Farmer and dashed 30 yards down the sidelines to score. Fritsch then booted his 100th point of the season. Los Angeles held a slim 21-17 margin as the fourth quarter opened and Green Bay was very much in the game until center Riley Matheson choked off two rallies by intercepting Packer passes. After Waterfield's field goal boosted the Rams' lead to 24-17, the Packers roared back with Canadeo hitting Goodnight for 24 yards and Nolan Luhn for nine, taking the ball to the Rams' 24 on third down. Matheson bobbed up to steal Canadeo's pass on the Ram 29 and run back 12 yards. Waterfield's 29-yard punt out of bounds on the Packers' 12 set the stage for Bouley to block McKay's kick, but the Packers, after the touchdown by Bob Hoffman, kept coming back. Bob Nussbaumer returned the kickoff 44 yards to midfield but on third down Matheson intercepted Herman Rohrig's toss on the 37. A moment later, Waterfield again tossed to Hickey for the final touchdown. Cliff Abernson completed two long passes to Luhn as the game ended with Green Bay on the Rams' 19. Comp, with 39 yards in four carries, led Packer carriers while Canadeo was the leading passer, completing four of nine for 92 yards.

Pro Nutshell

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Western Division							
(Final)	W	L	T	Pct	PS	OP	
Chicago Bears	8	2	1	.800	289	193	
Los Angeles	6	4	1	.600	277	260	
Chicago Cards	6	5	0	.545	260	198	
GREEN BAY	6	5	0	.545	148	158	
Detroit	1	10	0	.091	142	310	

Eastern Division							
(Final)	W	L	T	Pct	PS	OP	
New York	7	3	1	.700	236	162	
Philadelphia	6	5	0	.545	231	220	
Washington	5	5	1	.500	171	191	
Pittsburgh	5	5	1	.500	136	117	
Boston	2	8	1	.200	189	273	

Sunday's Results
 LOS ANGELES 38, GREEN BAY 17.
 Chicago Bears 45, Detroit 24.
 New York 31, Washington 0.
 Philadelphia 40, Boston 14.

Next Sunday's Game
 (Championship)
 Chicago Bears at New York.

The Starting Lineups	
GREEN BAY	LOS ANGELES
Goodnight, le	le, Benton
Ray, lt	lt, Schultz
Wildung, lg	lg, Lear
Brock, c	c, Naumetz
Pregulman, rg	rg, Matheson
Lipscomb, rt	rt, Bouley
Luhn, re	re, Pritko
Craig, qb	qb, Waterfield
Canadeo, lhb	lhb, Gehrke
Rohrig, rhb	rhb, Wilson
Fritsch, fb	fb, Ruthstrom

Replacements
 Green Bay: Ends — Wells, Miller, Riddick. Tackles—Ray, Croft, Odson, Loe, Lipscomb. Guards—Sparlis, Letlow, Kuusisto, Adkins, Neal. Centers—Gateway, Flowers. Backs — Smith, Comp, Nussbaumer, Schlinkman, Abernson, McKay, Keuper, Forte.
 Los Angeles: Ends—Hickey, Hamilton, Shaw, Strode. Tackles—Johnson, Pasqua, Fawcett. Guards — Lazetich, Mergenthal, Delauer, Levy, Eason. Center—Harding. Backs — Harmon, Banta, Hoffman, West, Farmer, Holovak.

Score By Periods

Green Bay	7	3	7	0-17
Los Angeles	7	7	7	17-38

The Scoring
 Green Bay: Touchdowns — Fritsch, Goodnight. Points after touchdowns—Fritsch 2. Field goal—Fritsch.
 Los Angeles: Touchdowns — Nilson, Harmon (Gehrke) Hickey (Benton 2). Hoffman (Ruthstrom). Points after touchdowns—Waterfield 5.

The Officials
 Referee — Thomas Dowd. Umpire—James Biewett. Field Judge—Orlan Landreth. Head Linesman — Ross Bowen.

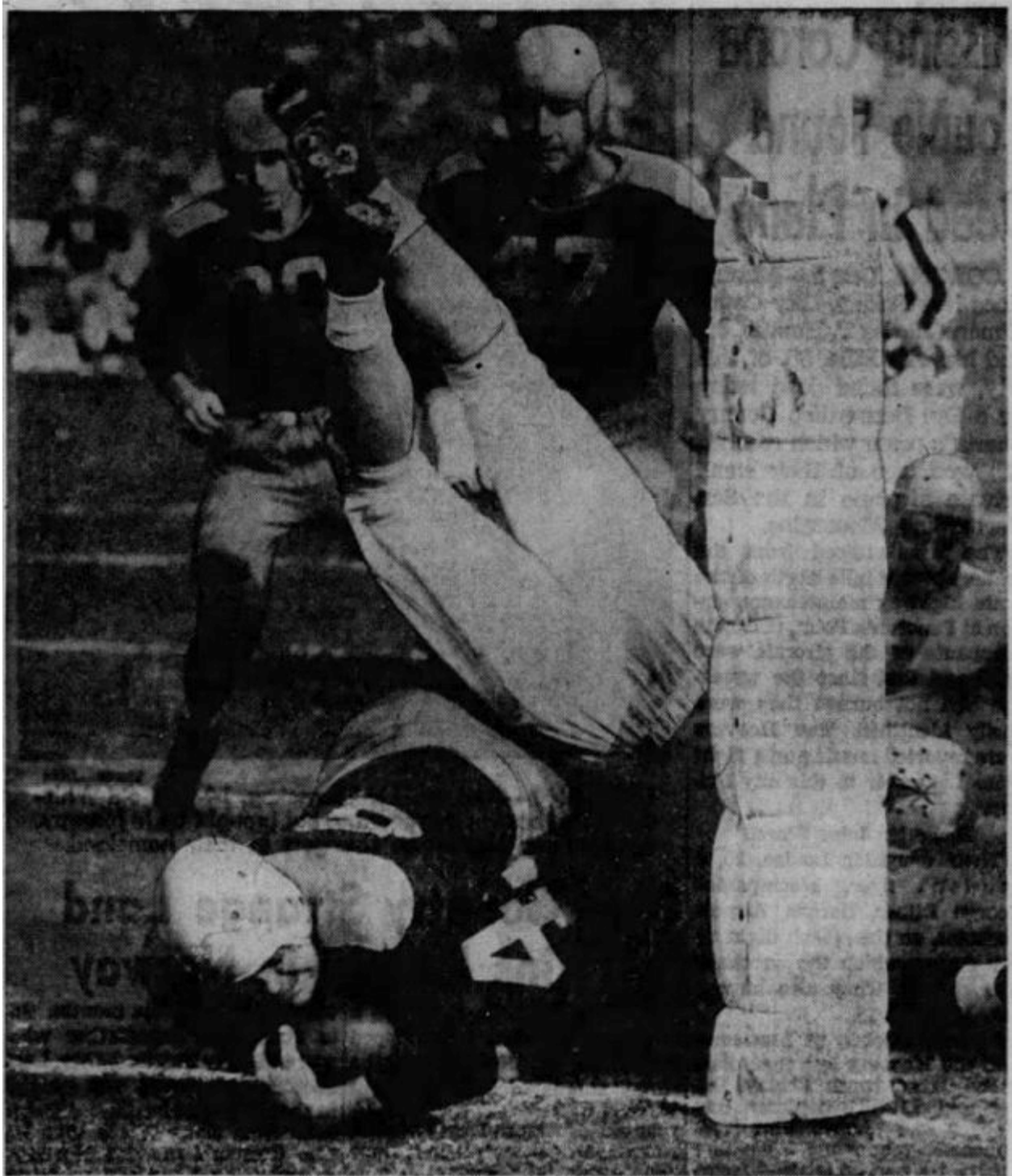
Team Statistics

	G. Bay	Rams
First downs	12	15
Yards gained rushing	101	143
Forward passes attempted	21	17
Forward passes completed	7	10
Yards, forward passing	128	174
Forward passes interc. by	1	4
Yards runback int. passes	18	50
Punting average	51	53
Total yds. all kicks return.	209	161
Opp. fumbles recovered	2	0
Yards lost by penalties	56	135

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 LOS ANGELES - 7 7 7 17 - 38

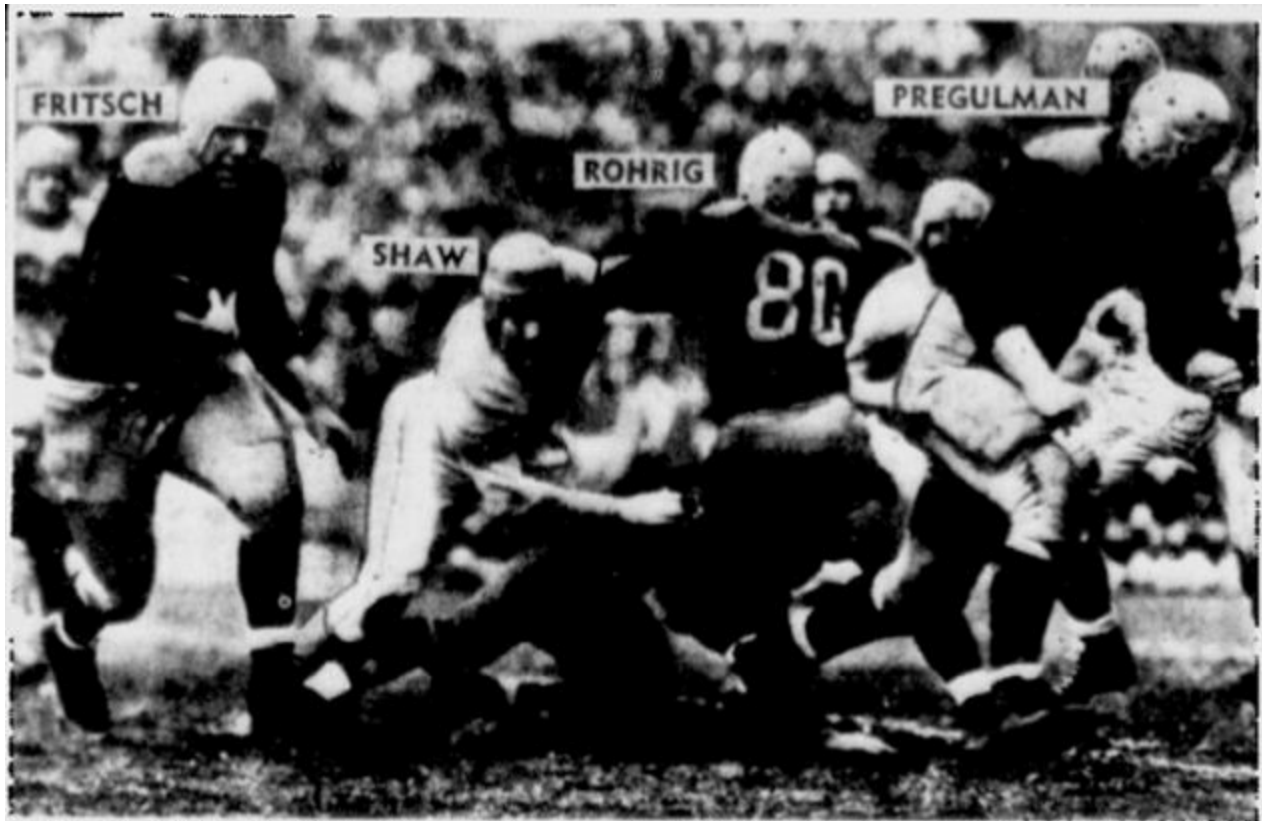
SCORING

- 1ST - GB - Ted Fritsch, 5-yard run (Fritsch kick) GREEN BAY 7-0
- 1ST - LA - Jack Wilson, 13-yard pass from Bob Waterfield (Waterfield kick) TIED 7-7
- 2ND - GB - Fritsch, 40-yard field goal GREEN BAY 10-7
- 2ND - LA - Tommy Harmon, 5-yard run (Waterfield kick) LOS ANGELES 14-10
- 3RD - LA - Red Hickey, 45-yard pass from Waterfield (Waterfield kick) LOS ANGELES 21-10
- 3RD - GB - Clyde Goodnight, 51-yard pass from Tony Canadeo (Fritsch kick) LA 21-17
- 4TH - LA - Waterfield, 28-yard field goal LOS ANGELES 24-17
- 4TH - LA - Bob Hoffman, 2-yard run (Waterfield kick) LOS ANGELES 31-17
- 4TH - LA - Hickey, 28-yard pass from Waterfield (Waterfield kick) LOS ANGELES 38-17



TOPSY-TURVY — Ted Fritsch submarines through' for Green Bay score in opening moments. Legs in air belong to Fred Gehrke. Other Packers are Luhn (38,) Lipscomb (47.)

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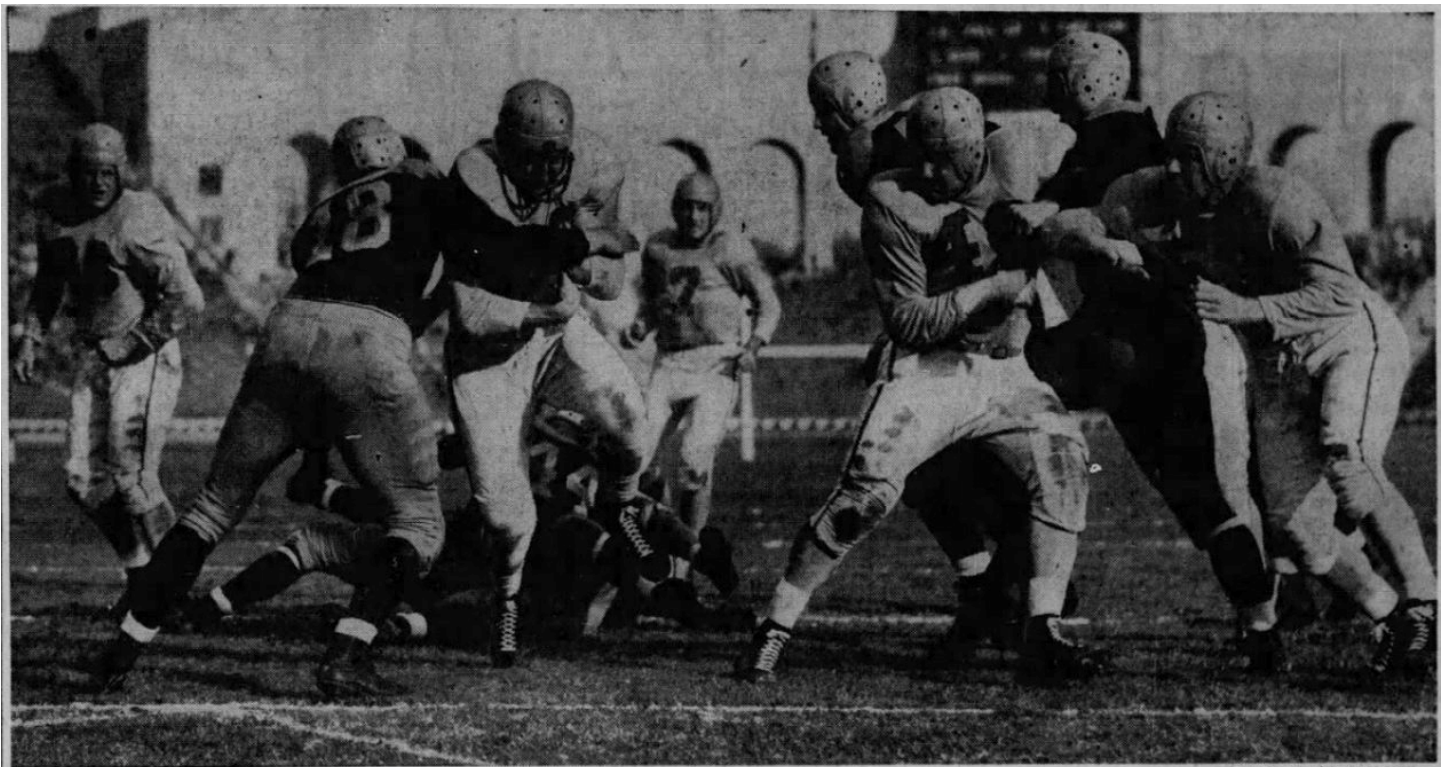


FOUR YARD GAIN — Green

Bay's Ted Fritsch is shown reeling off a four-yard gain to his own 35-yard line yesterday in the fourth quarter of the Packers' game with

the Los Angeles Rams. Herman Rohrig blocked out Rams' Bob Shaw while Murv Pregulman is leading the interference for Fritsch. The Rams won, 38-17.

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RAMS GO IN FRONT—Tommy Harmon, Ram halfback, powers through Ken Keuper (18) for second touchdown to give L.A. eleven lead it nev-

er lost. Other Rams are Pat West (36,) Bob Waterfield (7,) Roger Eason (43,) Howard Hickey (53.) Rams went on to win, 38 to 17.

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