



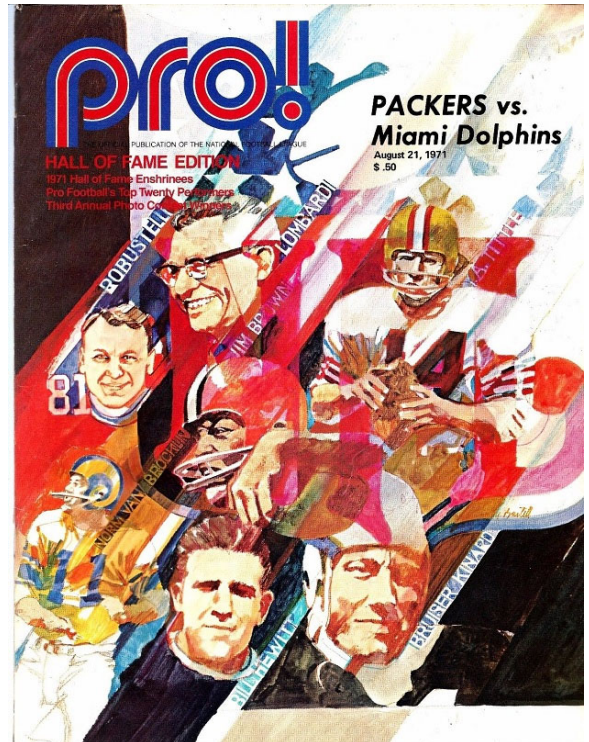
**Green Bay Packers (1-2) 10, Miami Dolphins (0-2-1) 7**  
**PRESEASON: Saturday August 21<sup>st</sup> 1971 (at Milwaukee)**



# It's Devine! Packers Defeat Dolphins

## GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(MILWAUKEE) - With rookie quarterback Scott Hunter serving as a brilliant last minute stand-in for the ailing Zeke Bratkowski, the Packers charged past the Miami Dolphins here Saturday night, 10-7, to present Dan Devine with his first pro coaching victory. Newcomer Dave Conway, latest contender for the Pack's long suspenseful placekicking assignment, provided the decisive points with a 27-yard field goal with 2:29 elapsed in the fourth quarter. The kick was set up on a 15-yard Ken Ellis return of a Miami punt to the Dolphin 37, followed by a 16-yard slant off tackle by Dave Hampton. The victory left the Packers with a 1-2 pre-season record, following losses to the Chicago Bears and Pittsburgh Steelers. With Hunter exhibiting masterful poise in his first National Football League starting assignment and John Brockington staging a remarkable exhibition of speed and power in the first half, the Packers stepped out to a 10-0 lead. Although they had a modest 7-0 lead to show for their considerable efforts, the Packers engineered more pyrotechnics during the first half than in their two previous pre-season ventures combined. The touchdown, forged on a 12-yard Hunter pass to tight end John Hilton, did not come until the final minute of the second quarter. But the Packers, who left for the dressing room with lusty cheers resounding in their ears, already had made their offensive presence felt to a startling extent. The Green and Gold, who had been unable to mount a sustained drive in their first two outings against the Bears and Steelers, drove 55 yards to the Miami 20 following the opening kickoff. With Hunter in impressive control and Brockington running with explosive abandon, they rolled up five consecutive first downs before Dolphin defender Curtis Johnson intercepted a deflection off the fingers of Dave Hampton at the Miami 3 to halt that first push. Hunter again had the Pack on the move on the next possession, picking up two quick first downs that carried the visitors' 34, one on a 19-yard pass to John Spilis and the other on an 18-yard bolt up the middle by Brockington, a fullback delay which saw him shake two would-be tacklers with some deft footwork. Those exertions also went unrewarded when Dale Livingston's 42-yard field goal attempt veered to the right with only 43 seconds remaining in the first quarter. The Packers shortly had another opportunity when Dave Robinson recovered a Jim Mandich fumble, following a Bob Griese pass, at the Packer 38 to short circuit Miami's most potent threat of the first half. But that one also proved unproductive. After two first downs, one by way of a 12-yard Hunter pass to rookie Dave Davis, Livingston again had to be summoned. This time he was wide to the left from the 39. The Dolphins unwittingly set the stage for the Packers touchdown by drawing three holding penalties on the next series, a parlay which forced Larry Seiple to punt from his own end zone. Ken Ellis returned the kick to the Miami 40 with 1:44 left in the half and Hunter quickly set about getting to paydirt. He first hit Hampton with a 15-yard pass, then Hampton again for 6 and, after being temporarily interrupted by an offside penalty on Hilton, hit Brockington up the middle for 9 to the 15. It was inches short but Donny Anderson hit the right side for the first down. On the next play, Hunter drilled a strike to Hilton, all but alone in the heart of the end zone. Newcomer Dave Conway, making his first appearance since joining the Packers Friday, added the extra point. Hunter's early magic temporarily deserted him in the third quarter which found the Packers unable to mount a threat. They had to settle for a total of two first downs on three possessions, the last on a 16-yard Hunter pass to Jim Johnson in the final minute of the period. The Packers tightfisted defense meanwhile was containing Dolphin quarterback Jim Del Gaizo, although the rookie lefthander did initiate one mild threat before being stalled by a holding penalty. They registered their second touchdown of the grapefruit season, now at its mid-point, in the final seconds of the first half on a Hunter pass



Perry Williams made it through this school of Dolphins for a first down.

—AP Wirephoto

to tight end John Hilton, isolated between two defenders in the end zone. It remained 10-0 until Conway connected, after which the Packers appeared in a fair way to emerge with a shutout. But with John Stofa at the Miami controls, the Dolphins moved 65 yards to a fourth quarter touchdown, recorded when sophomore running back Hubert Ginn swept his own right flank from seven yards out. Ken Ellis got a hand on Ginn at the 2, but he shrugged him off and continued on his way. Pocket-sized Garo Yepremian, the left-footed, soccer style kicker, added Miami's final point. The Packers had a final opportunity when Dave Robinson intercepted a fourth down, desperation pass and returned it to the Miami 35 with 1:15, but they contented themselves with running out the clock.

|                    |                  |   |   |               |   |                  |   |    |
|--------------------|------------------|---|---|---------------|---|------------------|---|----|
|                    | <b>MIAMI</b>     | - | 0 | 0             | 0 | 7                | - | 7  |
|                    | <b>GREEN BAY</b> | - | 0 | 7             | 0 | 3                | - | 10 |
|                    |                  |   |   | <u>MIAMI</u>  |   | <u>GREEN BAY</u> |   |    |
| First downs        |                  |   |   | 15            |   | 14               |   |    |
| Rush-yards-TDs     |                  |   |   | 29-126-1      |   | 36-142-0         |   |    |
| Comp-Att-Yd-TD-INT |                  |   |   | 34-16-117-0-2 |   | 22-10-104-1-1    |   |    |
| Sacked-Yards Lost  |                  |   |   | 0-0           |   | 1-7              |   |    |
| Net Passing Yards  |                  |   |   | 117           |   | 97               |   |    |
| Total yards        |                  |   |   | 243           |   | 239              |   |    |
| Fumbles-lost       |                  |   |   | 2-1           |   | 0-0              |   |    |
| Turnovers          |                  |   |   | 3             |   | 1                |   |    |
| Yards Penalized    |                  |   |   | 7-77          |   | 5-44             |   |    |

### **SCORING**

2<sup>nd</sup> – GB – John Hilton, 12-yard pass from Scott Hunter (Dave Conway kick) GB 7-0

4<sup>th</sup> – GB – Conway, 27-yard field goal GB 10-0

4<sup>th</sup> – MIA – Hubert Ginn, 7-yard run (Garo Yepremian kick) GB 10-7

### **RUSHING**

**GREEN BAY** – John Brockington 8-49, Dave Hampton 9-40, Donny Anderson 8-29, Perry Williams 6-13, Frank Patrock 3-7, Elijah Pitts 2-4

**MIAMI** – Jim Kiick 6-31, Hubert Ginn 6-25 1 TD, Larry Csonka 7-21, Mercury Morris 4-23, Stan Mitchell 4-15, Charlie Leigh 1-6, Frank Quayle 1-5

### **PASSING**

**GREEN BAY** – Scott Hunter 22-10-104 1 TD 1 INT

**MIAMI** – Bob Griese 12-7-59, Jim Del Gaizo 10-3-23, John Stofa 12-6-35 2 INT

### **RECEIVING**

**GREEN BAY** – Dave Hampton 2-21, John Spilis 2-12, Jim Johnson 1-16, Len Garrett 1-13, John Hilton 1-12 1 TD, Dave Davis 1-12, Donny Anderson 1-10, John Brockington 1-8

**MIAMI** – Dave Mandich 6-53, Karl Noonan 2-24, Marv Fleming 2-11, Larry Csonka 2-6, Hubert Ginn 1-7, Paul Warfield 1-7, Howard Twilley 1-5, Chris Meyers 1-4

## ***First Win, Game Ball Had Special Meaning for Devine***

### **FIRST WIN, GAME BALL HAD SPECIAL MEANING FOR DEVINE**

AUG 23 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - I wonder if Joanne Devine spent part of Sunday rearranging the prizes atop the fireplace mantle in her new suburban Pulaski home. Surely the game ball presented to her husband following Saturday night's 10-7 win by the Packers over the Miami Dolphins in Milwaukee will command at least a temporary place of honor in the Devine house since it represents Dan's first pro triumph. At least it will do until a similar regular season souvenir can supplant it...hopefully late Sept. 19. "You know, I've been pretty fortunate over the years and have received a number of these," the ex-Missouri strategist related rather slowly while fondling his most recent prize Saturday night. "And every one of them have a special meaning but we just finished boxing up eight of them because they didn't fit on our new mantle. One of them, we gave to my daughter Jill. It was supposed to be hers anyway. It was the Missouri-Air Force game...in 1960, I think. It was the day she was born and the players gave it to me for her." All of which little to do with the Packers first victory on the 1971 exhibition trail. But it was the sort of aside commentary that is Dan Devine. And in its own way is underlined the "special meaning" this game had. Though determined to carry out his program of taking a look at as many players as possible in anticipation of the regular schedule, Devine wanted a win. Anybody who is the sort of competitor he has been through his life must want a win. And in the cramped atmosphere of the tiny coach's dressing room in County Stadium, made even smaller by the presence of a platoon of reporters, Devine enjoyed the delicious satisfaction of victory. Stripped to his waist, sipping cola and wiping sweat from his forehead, he accepted congratulations and passed on the credit to his assistants and to the players. Scott Hunter played well, he acknowledged, but many others played equally as well or better, he insisted. Not wanting to but finally giving in to temptation, he called on what he admitted was the old cliché "team victory." Yet, despite all this, Devine also had continued to live up to his pledge of studying as many candidates as possible under game pressure. For instance, on the touchdown drive, he had Dave Davis and Mike Carter in the wide receiving positions instead of Carroll Dale and John Spilis. There were similar instances throughout the game. This had to be a difficult thing to do. For a perfect example of his desire to win came on the Packers first drive of the second period, an ill-fated march which eventually wound up with Dale Livingston missing a field goal attempt from the 39. Dave Hampton had just picked up

## Exhibition Grid

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National Football League  
American Conference

### Eastern Division

|               | W | L | T | Pct. | Pts. | OP |
|---------------|---|---|---|------|------|----|
| Buffalo       | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667 | 68   | 60 |
| Baltimore     | 2 | 2 | 0 | .500 | 72   | 93 |
| New England   | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333 | 46   | 57 |
| New York Jets | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333 | 71   | 83 |
| Miami         | 0 | 2 | 1 | .000 | 34   | 54 |

### Central Division

|            |   |   |   |       |    |    |
|------------|---|---|---|-------|----|----|
| Cincinnati | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 58 | 34 |
| Pittsburgh | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 16 | 13 |
| Houston    | 2 | 2 | 0 | .500  | 76 | 56 |
| Cleveland  | 0 | 3 | 0 | .000  | 44 | 84 |

### Western Division

|             |   |   |   |       |    |    |
|-------------|---|---|---|-------|----|----|
| Kansas City | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 49 | 24 |
| Oakland     | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667  | 85 | 52 |
| San Diego   | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333  | 43 | 72 |
| Denver      | 0 | 2 | 0 | .000  | 23 | 38 |

### National Conference

#### Eastern Division

|                 | W | L | T | Pct.  | Pts. | OP |
|-----------------|---|---|---|-------|------|----|
| Dallas          | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 97   | 57 |
| Philadelphia    | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667  | 76   | 73 |
| Washington      | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667  | 57   | 45 |
| St. Louis       | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500  | 29   | 34 |
| New York Giants | 0 | 3 | 0 | .000  | 34   | 82 |

#### Central Division

|           |   |   |   |       |    |    |
|-----------|---|---|---|-------|----|----|
| Minnesota | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 85 | 31 |
| Detroit   | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667  | 75 | 75 |
| Chicago   | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333  | 29 | 55 |
| Green Bay | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333  | 34 | 25 |

#### Western Division

|               |   |   |   |      |    |    |
|---------------|---|---|---|------|----|----|
| San Francisco | 2 | 0 | 1 | .667 | 83 | 58 |
| Atlanta       | 1 | 1 | 0 | .500 | 31 | 22 |
| Los Angeles   | 2 | 2 | 0 | .500 | 62 | 76 |
| New Orleans   | 0 | 3 | 0 | .000 | 38 | 77 |

the second first down of the drive at the Miami 35 and the Pack appeared to be rolling while the Dolphins were reeling. Suddenly, Hunter called for a timeout. As he moved to the sidelines, it was apparent that Devine was disturbed. The coach walked away from his quarterback, even when Hunter tried to reach out to grasp him. After a rather determined stroll, he returned for a few last second words with his quarterback. What had disturbed him was obvious. The rookie signalist had called time just when the momentum was building to a peak. Hardly a sound tactic. Actually, Hunter had called time because a play had been sent in from the bench and he didn't understand it and wanted to clarify it. It would have been better, however, if he had just ignored the instructions and gone ahead with another play, Devine pointed out later, still grimacing over what had transpired in that moment. But, of course, that is why the rookie quarterback was on the field. Experience is sometimes the toughest and most frustrating teacher...but also the best.

### MORE IMPORTANT TO PLAY WELL THAN TO WIN: DEVINE

AUG 23 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Purposeful Dan Devine is a perfectionist, above all. But he also knows the immutable facts of football life. He was thus able to say in the wake of the Packers' 10-7 surprise of Miami, "I wanted us to play well, not necessarily win. But it was really important to play well." Yet, despite that solid success, Devine could add in almost the same analytical breath, "I think we are still behind schedule...Of course, I've always felt that way about my teams." Whatever the artistic case, the Packers soft-spoken leader got more than he had a realistic right to expect on the sand scarred turf of Milwaukee County Stadium Saturday night, including his first National Football League victory. He readily conceded the point. "It's unfair to tell your players, 'You have to win,' and then play any odd assortment of players."...WINNERS ATTITUDE: But, happily, his enthusiastic "assortment" was more than equal to the Miami task. And, in the rewarding process, he discovered:

1. A "winning" attitude, quickly acquired in this baptismal triumph;
2. A quarterback for the future, even the present if need be, in rookie Scott Hunter, a highly skilled performer in his first pro start;
3. Further evidence he struck gold in drafting John Brockington, the Pack's leading ground

gainer for the second week in a row:

4. Good hope for the offensive line, a crisp, effective unit for the first time along the pre-season trail;
5. Renewed promise of a tight-fisted defense, which held the Dolphins scoreless until late in the final quarter;
6. And, mayhap, even a kicker in ex-Dallas Cowboy Dave Conway, whose 27-yard fourth quarter field goal provided the decisive points.

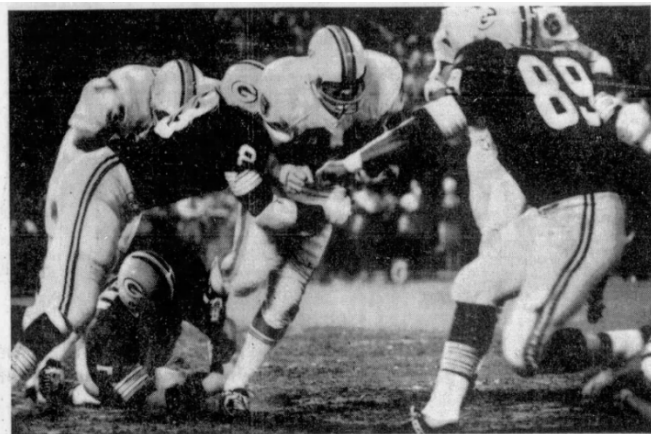
There also were other fringe benefits, not the least of them vastly improved kick coverage, particularly on punts where Dolphin returners were restricted to a mere 11 yards for three runbacks. This was due in part, of course, to Donny Anderson's towering punts. On the subject of the offense, Devine interjected a mildly cautionary note. "I hope we can score when we get down there," he said, an obvious reference to the fact the Packers once lost the ball on an interception at the Miami 3 and twice had to settle for unproductive field goal attempts in the first half. "But the encouraging thing is that the offense didn't quit and the defense didn't quit. It's pretty easy for the defense to do that sometimes when the offense isn't scoring. By the same token, the offense kept plugging together." "One pre-season game doesn't make a season," he noted. "I'm pleased over Scott's play, but I'm not elated." The decision to start the 23-year-old Alabamian was not as abrupt as it might have appeared, Devine suggested. "Even before Zeke hurt his back in the warmup, I had it in mind to start Scott to give him experience," he revealed. "I might have done it anyway." "As I said one day last week, what happens to us if Zeke happens to go down on the first play of the game and we're left with largely inexperienced people at quarterback? As it turned out," Devine dryly added, "Zeke wasn't even in there for the first play." "I pretty much kept my own counsel on starting Hunter," DD explained. "The last time I did this sort of thing was the last game of the season at Missouri last year. I started a kid who hadn't played for six games." "Some people close to the team were a little upset over my starting Hunter," he volunteered with a smile. "But I've stood in front of a lot bigger crowds than that and had 'em not like what I was doing." "I don't think Scott himself felt any more pressure than he has in a lot of other games." Bart Starr, another fair country judge of quarterback talent, emerged with a similar impression...BART IMPRESSED: "I thought Scott did a fine job," said Starr, who was assisting on the field phones in the press box while recovering from a second shoulder operation. "We sure didn't give him much help. He was doing everything on his own, especially in the first half." "He read everything well, went to the proper receiver, and showed a great deal of poise. I was very impressed with him. Several of the balls that weren't complete in the first half were dropped, I might add." Devine, pronouncing himself "encouraged" by the explosive running of Brockington, pointed out, "I don't think there are many teams that would have started two rookies in the same backfield." The 6-foot-1, 225-pound Ohio State product, exhibiting dazzling quickness and remarkable balance, amassed 49 yards in 8 attempts, all in the first half. On another point, his decision to call upon newcomer Dave Conway for a fourth quarter field goal after Dale Livingston had missed two earlier attempts, Devine explained, "I think you owe it to your team to get somebody else in there. You can't keep going with a guy who is missing."...GOOD ATTITUDE: "But Dale is improving. He's taken weight off and he even made a tackle on a kickoff in this one...I haven't given up on him." Overall, Devine was impressed with his team's mental attitude "for an exhibition game...I'm going to call it an exhibition," he said puckishly, "even though I guess the league office



frowns on that term. I thought the attitude was good - so much better than the other two games." "As far as the game plan is concerned, we ran pretty much the same type of plays we've run in the first two. We just ran 'em better." "I thought the blocking was a lot better than the running on the sweeps. I thought we did some very average running on the sweeps. I'm looking for a guy who can run the sweep - a guy who likes to run 'em." Brockington, he agreed, might be that guy. "When you come in and run hard against a pretty good team, as he did, it's a pretty good indication." Waxing philosophical at one point, Devine confided, "I talked to Don Shula (Miami head coach) before the game...I really respect Don...and he told me, 'You should do the same things that made you a successful college coach'...and that's what I'm doing..." **PRO PLAYS:** "Actually, the mistakes we've made to date were junior high school mistakes. Tonight, we made some pro plays, the kind I've been waiting for. For instance, Robby's interception in the closing minutes had to be an all-pro play." "The mistakes we've been making have been elementary, like calling timeout in the middle of a drive, as we did in the second quarter tonight." "I'm learning a lot," Devine asserted, appending with vigor, "I'll be a heckuva lot better coach next season. I'm learning things I should have known - that this is different from college football in the maturity of the players and the fact that it's fulltime and their job." The crowd's vocal enthusiasm, somebody ventured, had to have helped his team. "I like a crowd," he said, then added with a tongue-in-cheek chuckle, "I'm glad they had something to cheer about - for a lot of reasons - for their sake as well as mine."

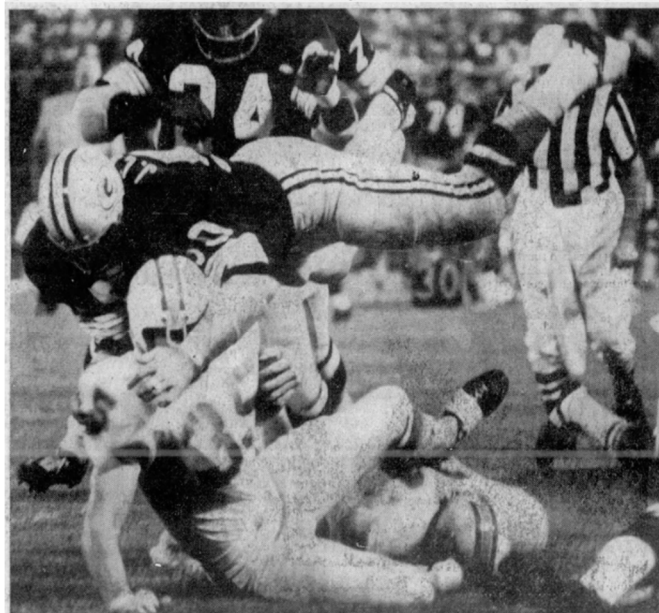
#### **HUNTER FEELS GOOD PLAYS, MISTAKES WERE ABOUT EQUAL**

AUG 23 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - "What are the words Paul Brown had? When you win, say little, when you lose, say nothing." Scott Hunter, not previously known for his reticence, patently was making an honest attempt to modify his image. The rookie quarterback, a surprise, last minute starter when back spasms sidelined Zeke Bratkowski, had emerged a winner in his first pro start and he was playing it cool. "Pat Peppler (Packer personnel director) told me about Brown's saying after the game," Hunter said, adding with a twinkle, "He was just kidding me."...**BECOMING DIGNITY:** Whether Peppler was jesting or not, Hunter wore the mantle of success with becoming dignity for one of his tender years (23). "You know what a balance sheet is?" he queried, countering a question with a question when asked to appraise his performance in the Pack's 10-7 decision of Miami at Milwaukee County Stadium. "You have debits and credits...I just about balanced it out. I made as many mistakes as good plays." Parrying congratulatory expressions with a quip, the freshman field general asserted. "When you play a good game and win, I say thank you...When you play a good game and lose, it's like kissing your sister. You don't get too much out of it." Hunter said he had not learned he would start until after the pre-game warmups and admitted, "At first, I was real nervous. But Gale Gillingham and Willie Wood (team co-captains) came over to me and said, 'Remember, this is just another ball game.' And everybody else said, 'Good luck.' That helped a lot."...**CASUAL ATTITUDE:** The voluble Alabamian said he promptly adopted the casual attitude. "It wasn't a funeral, it wasn't a car wreck," he very logically reasoned, "so I just played it like it was just another ball game. After all, it's just a game, just a football game. There's no point in getting shocked or worried." His teammates had assisted materially, he added. "We just moved the ball down that field in the first half. It's easy to play quarterback then. My mother could have played quarterback the way we were running the ball. Coach Schnelker (Bob Schnelker, passing game coach) helped a lot, too. At the start of a series, he always had a play ready for first down. Zeke was helping on the sidelines, too. I was only dropped once and that was my fault. I held the ball too long. The pass protection was excellent all night - I could have worn my Sunday suit out there." His preparation at the University of Alabama, which has turned out a collection of outstanding quarterbacks, chief among them Bart Starr and Joe Namath, also had been a factor, he said. "Steve Sloan was my coach at Alabama," Hunter reported. "He was exposed to the Green Bay system under Norb Hecker with the Atlanta Falcons. As a result, we were reading defenses in college, so it came to me pretty naturally after I joined the Packers." The Dolphins had attempted to complicate this project for him, he admitted. "They were blitzing me quite a bit, especially in the second half. And they're not a blitzing team. I guess they were trying to scramble me up."...**COLLAR BONE HEALED:** A collar bone injury which troubled him as a senior is no longer a problem, the curly-haired signal called assured. "I built the strength back up in the shoulder by lifting weights during the off-season. It kind of sabotaged me in the Senior Bowl game because it was bothering me then when the pro scouts were down



—Associated Press Wirephoto

**Packer Defenders Williams, Robinson (89) Lower Boom on Csonka**  
... but Dolphin back managed enough yardage for first down



—Associated Press Wirephoto

**Flying Tackle: Packers' Airborne Carter Stops Dolphins' Mitchell**





#### VICTORY CONGRATULATIONS

Packer Coach Dan Devine reaches to shake hands with Rookie Quarterback Scott Hunter Saturday after Green Bay beat the Miami Dolphins in exhibition play at Milwaukee. The 10-7 victory is the first since they joined the team. (AP Wire-photo)

there looking at the players. That's why I didn't go until the sixth round in the draft. But," he volunteered, "everything turned out for the best." The Packers, among them Willie Wood, massive Bob Brown and rookie fullback John Brockington, would be inclined to agree. "What was amazing to me," Wood marveled, "was Scott Hunter. He looked like a world beater out there." Brown was even more succinct. "I like that Scott Hunter," he enthused. "He's going to win some ball games for us." And Brockington, himself a crowd-pleasing breakaway threat in only his second pro starting assignment, declared, "Scott called his plays and never got rattled. He moved the team...He's going to be a helluva quarterback. I have a feeling we're going to take it this year...We're going to surprise a lot of cats."

#### BRATKOWSKI'S BACK SPASMS 'TEMPORARY

AUG 23 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – "One minute I felt great," Zeke Bratkowski said, a wistful note in his tone. "The next minute I was having spasms in my lower back. I'm sure it's just a temporary thing," insisted the 39-year-old veteran, who had to be replaced as the Packers starting quarterback just minutes prior to Saturday night's 10-7 victory over the Miami Dolphins in Milwaukee County Stadium. "I'm sure it's just a two, three or four-day thing. I had it once before, just before the Baltimore game in 1968. I don't think it's as bad this time, however. "This time, I got it taped up and took

some aspirin...I was going to play. But Coach Devine talked to Dr. (E. S.) Brusky and he said I'd better not play." Sitting out had not been easy, he confessed. "It was really tough to just watch, "the Brat said. "We felt we were just getting it put together, and you want to play...You feel so useless.

#### PACK CUTS THREE

AUG 23 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The Packers today placed veteran kicker Kark Kremser and rookie linebacker Steve Starnes on waivers and dropped recently acquired center Wayne Fowler from the "taxi squad."

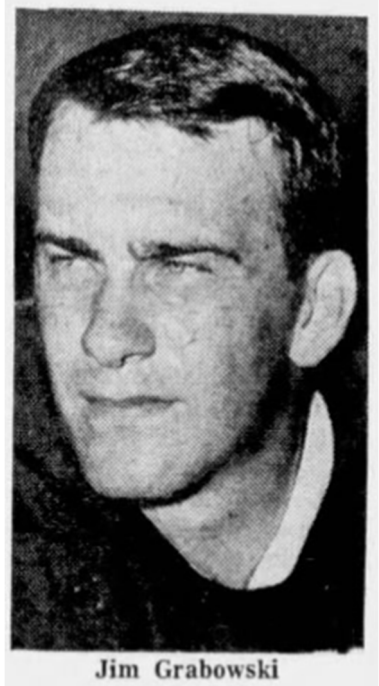
#### JIM SAYS HE FELT PACKERS TOOK HIM FOR GRANTED: THEISMANN, BARTON AND STILLWAGON HAPPY IN CANADA

AUG 22 (Toronto) - "There are problems in the United States," said quarterback Greg Barton, who thumbed his nose at the National Football League to sign with Canada's Toronto Argonauts. "I found we could walk the streets here at night safely. Don't get me wrong - I'm proud to be an American. But there are a lot of things Canadian cities have to offer that we just can't get at home." What Canadian cities have to offer is what lured Barton to Canada and what Barton has to offer as part of an American triumvirate now starring for the Argonauts is a major reason the Toronto club is unbeaten in seven games, including three in the regular season. Barton, quarterback Joe Theismann and defensive lineman Jim Stillwagon all were lured to Toronto by Argonaut Coach Leo Cahill in hopes that the American contingent could help bring this city its first CFL title in 19 years. In the weeks that have followed their arrival, each has played his role in the improvement of the club and tried to explain what motivated them to turn their back on offers from clubs in the NFL. Barton, traded by Detroit to Philadelphia and supposedly headed for the No. 1 job with the Eagles, apparently was influenced by several factors, including his appreciation of the Toronto street scene. "The whole place impressed me," Barton explained, recalling his first visit to Toronto. "The coaching staff is as good as any I've seen and I'm really impressed in the way the front office allows the right people to handle the players. There's no interference. I also think the Canadian Football League is a great league. It's growing and I believe has the possibility of being like the old American Football League." The AFL grew into parity with the NFL, then merged with the older U.S. league. Barton and Theismann, the Notre Dame star who refused to sign with the Miami Dolphins before joining Toronto, currently are alternating at quarterback - and neither is bothered by that arrangement. "When a system is working you can't knock it," said Theismann. "Greg and I are both compatible and when the coach told us he wanted us to play, well...It's the chance I wanted, so as long as we're successful with the system we'll just stick with it."...**'NO HARD FEELINGS':** Theismann says he ran into difficulty with the Dolphins in negotiations over his "bonus clause" and by the time Miami agreed to his wording he already was negotiating with the Argonauts. "There are no hard feelings," Theisman pointed out. "I don't want to say anything derogatory." Stillwagon, a Green Bay Packers draft choice after an outstanding Ohio State career, has become an anchor of the Toronto defense and a crowd favorite. He signed with Toronto when he got the feeling the Packers weren't too interested. "I was really pleased with the people here," Stillwagon said. "The club showed a lot of interest. I got the feeling that Green Bay just took me for granted. I really like it here." Stillwagon, as a matter of fact, doesn't yearn for either home or NFL football, now or in the future. I want to stay up here," he said. "There's nothing back home for me. As for a shot at the NFL, not if things are going well here. There's no sense to it."

#### BEARS LOSE MOORE; ADD GRABOWSKI

AUG 24 (Rensselaer, IN-Chicago Tribune) - Just as he promised, Head Coach Jim Dooley is going to "stop experimenting" and try to put his Chicago Bears together this week, even tho it sometimes seems like things are falling apart. This afternoon

the Bears added Joe Moore and Glen Holloway to the injured list, but by dinner it looked like the team was gaining bodies faster than it was losing them. They had expected Terry Williams, a free-agent halfback from Grambling, and he showed up. But in walked Jim Grabowski behind him and the former Green Bay fullback set off shock waves thruout the cafeteria. "Oh, no," said Dick Butkus, who had strolled right past his former University of Illinois teammate before seeing him. The fact that Grabowski and Williams were walking was encouragement enough for Dooley. Moore, their No. 1 draft choice and leading rusher, was hobbling on crutches, Craig Baynham was there with a cast on his arm, and the weight on Gale Sayers' gimpy knee had been looming larger. Moore suffered torn ligaments in his right ankle in Saturday night's 34-14 exhibition loss to the Minnesota Vikings. He'll be in a cast for four weeks and it could be well into the regular season before he is ready to run again. Holloway, the starting left guard, will miss the next two exhibition games because of a sprained shoulder. Grabowski came out of Dr. Theodore Fox's office with good news, however. "He passed our physical and we signed him," said owner George Halas, a visitor at practice today. "It was a vigorous physical, too," said Dooley, who did not rule out the possibility that Grabowski might play this week against the Cleveland Browns at Notre Dame. "I'm sure I can still play," said Grabowski, who has had no contact work this year. He was released last week by Green Bay, a team deep in running backs, and the Bears called him at his home in Palatine, Ill., yesterday, altho Dooley said they had decided to give him a try before Moore's injury. Grabowski, 26, hurt his right knee in 1967, his second year as a Packer. It was operated on in 1968 and again last January after it felt "loose" all last year. "It felt better than it ever had this summer until I pulled a hamstring muscle at camp," said Grabowski. "I didn't get to play but it will only take one or two days for me to tell how it will be." Sayers, Jack Concannon, Butkus and other previously wounded starters picked up the recovery pace today, but regardless of injuries, Dooley insisted "the experimenting is over." He has said for some time he wanted to begin to solidify his team by the fourth preseason game. "We expect a fine performance this week," Dooley said. "We're going to stop experimenting with the rookies. There will be no substitutions for three quarters." Then he rattled off the starting lineup. He said Randy Jackson would start at left guard in place of Holloway and Jeff Curchin will replace Jackson at left tackle. Dooley expects Concannon to start at quarterback, even tho Jack strained his left hamstring during today's workout and walked off the practice field early. His leg has been bandaged since the first game of the year against Green Bay. "He'll be all right," Dooley said. Dooley added he was "not disappointed" in the performances of Bobby Douglass at quarterback the past two weeks. "We just want to get Jack in there and let him go as long as he can," Dooley said. "Douglass had to play against two fine teams in Baltimore and Minnesota and I'd say he had pretty good performances." Dooley first said he thought Kent Nix's brief fourth quarter appearance at Minnesota was "adequate," but while talking about it he decided Nix "ran it real well." "The one long interception he shouldn't have thrown," Dooley said. "But considering the circumstances - this was the most we have been able to take a look at him-he ran it real well." Don Shy, last week's starting fullback, will move to halfback in Moore's place, with rookie Jim Harrison the fullback. Jim Seymour, who gained his fame at Notre Dame, may also get a chance to start at wide receiver in place of George Farmer. "After all, were going to the Golden Dome," said Bob Shaw, receiver coach. The starting defensive backfield will be Joe Taylor and Bob Jeter at the corners, Ron Smith at strong safety and rookie Jerry Moore at free safety. Jeter sat out last Saturday's game with a bruised foot. Last year's starting strong safety, Phil Clark, is nursing a sprained ankle. Dick Daniels, last year's free safety, is healthy but Moore apparently has beaten him out. Dooley said the linebackers will be Doug Buffone, Jimmy Gunn and Ross Brupbacher, but the defensive line depends on how End Ed O'Bradovich heals this week. "We've given all the rookies more than a fair chance," Dooley said. "We've looked at them longer this year than at any time since I've been here." The Bears have to cut their roster to 49 plus the three College All-Stars by Aug. 30, and Dooley indicated today he might not wait that long to do the trimming.



Jim Grabowski

#### **PACKERS' OFFENSE GAINED NEEDED CONFIDENCE ON TOUCHDOWN DRIVE**

AUG 24 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Leadership and confidence...One cannot exist without the other on a football team, as in almost any area of organized endeavor. Evidence the Packers are blessed with the former and rapidly developing the latter, as an inevitable result, surfaced in their latest pre-season exercise over the weekend. It came midway through the second period, after they had squandered three successive scoring opportunities, at which point their eventual 10-7 victory over the Miami Dolphins appeared anything but assured. Aware that lack of confidence is just as contagious as its opposite, Coach Dan Devine took instant action. He called the offense into an unscheduled huddle along the sidelines for a brief but important "conference."...MOVED 40 YARDS: The next time the Packers gained possession, they moved 40 yards in five plays to score their second touchdown of the exhibition season - on their first legitimate drive of the year. Field position, provided by Ken Ellis's 14-yard punt return, was an obvious factor. But the feeling persists that Devine's impromptu sideline session had more than a little to do with the happy consummation. Asked about the content of his extemporaneous remarks following Monday's practice, Devine replied by explaining, "This is a big thing, you know. You can't keep going down there and coming out with nothing. It can get to your offense. Part of it was to try to offset that kind of reaction, and part of it was that they weren't snapping out of the huddle as crisply as they had been. They were kind of losing it a little...MADE POINT: Later, on the same general subject, the Packer headmaster made another point. "The enthusiasm of the crowd was a factor Saturday night, I'm sure. The crowd really helps the team. I don't want people to ever underestimate the importance of that."

He had little fault to find with the quality of his athletes' effort, he noted. "We had some older people who played all out – like it was the Super Bowl," Devine said. "The funny part of it was they were the same people who were supposed to have lost their hunger for winning...You ask 100 per cent and they give you 100 per cent. I thought the defense did a fine job of adjusting to what we call a spread. There wasn't anybody on the defensive unit who didn't go all out to the extent of his ability to go all out."...PLEASANT CHANGE: Winning for the first time after two pre-season reversals had been a pleasant change, he conceded. "We're all human beings," Devine said, "and even though the game didn't mean anything, it's nice to win. But I think we've got a long way to go. Things sure are a heckuva lot better than last week," he said with significant smile, "but I'm realistic enough to know the kind of job that lies ahead of us. We're not as tough physically as we're going to have to be - at this point...This is a tough game. Offensively, our improvement will have to come in our downfield blocking. I'm not satisfied with our work downfield...All in all, the offensive line did a pretty good job, but we can expect a tougher defensive line this week against Oakland here...GO AFTER HUNTER: "We can expect that they will go after Scott Hunter a little heavier. I don't think Miami expected to see Hunter. I protected him to that extent by not announcing he would start until game time." Asked if he had been committed to the idea before he discovered that Zeke Bratkowski has suffered muscle spasms in his back, Devine rejoined with a chuckle, "It made the situation a little more explanatory. But I've been toying with the idea all week." Bratkowski, he was quick to note, "will be back with the first unit tomorrow. And he'll start Saturday night," DD assured, then laughed and added, "probably." The 39-year-old veteran had been excused from Monday's workout, he explained, "because we thought it would be better for him to take a treatment today."...FEWER MISTAKES: Analyzing what he had seen in a film review of Saturday night's success, Devine said, "We had some good hard play. And we made a lot of mistakes, but so did they. We did make fewer mistakes than in our first two games. I thought that our biggest area of breakdown Saturday was in kickoff returns. Our punting was good, the punt coverage was pretty good and the kickoffs were pretty good. The two areas where we broke down were field goals and kickoff returns. So much hinges on the kicking game. In fact, this game hinged so much on the kicking game. Like on the touchdown just before the first half ended. We get the ball on their 40 because they had to kick from the end zone, following some holding penalties, and we got a good return by Ken Ellis - our best return of the night. "That's why the field goal kicker is so valuable. The psychological factor is so great if you know that when you edge past midfield that you have a chance to score. It's a big help." Commenting in this connection on the successful debut of new placekicker Dave Conway, Devine said, "I'd go by what I saw Saturday night in evaluating him. At least," he smiled, "he made it. Not by much, but he made it...and I'll take it. It's a lot better than one of those high boomers that soars off into the seats and doesn't count." The issue has not been resolved however, he said, an indication that 1970 incumbent Dale Livingston still is very much in the race. "Whoever we go with, we're going to have complete faith in him," Devine declared. "But I don't know who it is yet."...PACKER PATTERN: Tight end Rich McGeorge, who had been sidelined since incurring bruised ribs in the Pack's 16-13 loss to Pittsburgh Aug. 14, returned to duty Monday. Bratkowski thus was the only absentee, aside from linebacker Steve Starnes, kicker Karl Kremser and taxi squad center Wayne Fowler, all placed on waivers. The roster now numbers 54 athletes, which means Devine and his board of strategy must reduce it by three before the next cutdown date, which falls Monday. That will leave the Packers with 51, of course, but ex-College All-Stars John Brockington and Charley Hall do not count at this point...Discussing Scott Hunter's performance, Devine said, "He did pretty well overall. We sent a few plays in, but the thing kind of balanced out. Most of the good work he did in the first half he did on his own. By the same token, Frank Patrick got into an impossible situation. He got into a snap count he couldn't audible out of, so it wasn't his fault the team didn't move when he was in there. We hadn't worked too much on that one."...The Packers will be checking out of their St. Norbert College training base this weekend because classes are about to start on the West De Pere campus. They fly to Duluth, Minn., Sunday morning, where they will practice at the University of Minnesota-Duluth next week in preparation for their Sept. 4 invasion of Cincinnati.

#### **THURSTON NAMED CHAIRMAN FOR CHARITY TELETHON**

AUG 24 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Fuzzy Thurston has been named the Green Bay chairman of the sixth annual Labor Day telethon to benefit Muscular Dystrophy Associations of America. Thurston is a former all-pro guard with the Packers. Comedian Jerry Lewis, national chairman of MDAA, will host the 20-hour program, which will originate live from New York City. The telethon will be carried over a national network specially put together for the program. It will be aired locally on Channel 11, beginning Sept. 5 and ending Sept. 6. Thurston will enlist the aid of business, professional and civic leaders to enroll volunteers to perform a variety of services at telephone centers.

#### **A TIME FOR ROOKIES**

AUG 24 (Oakland Tribune) - One consolation to the Oakland Raiders' alarming injury list is that many of the club's highly regarded rookies will see more playing time in Saturday night's confrontation with the Green Bay Packers in Green Bay. Defensive end Horace Jones, impressive against the Rams last Saturday in his first start, will probably split time with returning veteran Tony Cline against the solid Packer offensive line. And Phil Villapiano, the ubiquitous linebacker, will undoubtedly play more following Saturday's injury to linebacker Gerald Irons, who will be lost for a month. It is not yet clear who will start for Irons, although veteran Duane Benson may get the call if his injured leg has healed. Benson tore a muscle in his thigh against Philadelphia in the opener. Also, second-year pro Don Highsmith should continue to get the shot he's asked for at fullback with Hewritt Dixon lost for two months. Highsmith has been splitting time with Marv Hubbard. On the other side, Coach Dan Devine isn't the only new face in Green Bay's remodeled 1971 team. In fact, it may be a pair of rookies who get most of the Raiders' attention this week. Scott Hunter, a rookie quarterback from Alabama, and John Brockington the explosive running back from Ohio State who made Jim Grabowski expendable, have generated the majority of the Packer offense to date. Hunter had a touchdown pass in last week's 10-7 win over Miami. Previously, the Packers



had lost to Chicago 2-0 and to Pittsburgh 16-13. The loss of Bart Starr makes Hunter a key figure in the Packer plans for 1971. Zeke Bratkowski came out of retirement to play but it is doubtful how long he can go. In rather brief appearances, Hunter has completed 15 of 28 passes for 197 yards and the one touchdown. Brockington, the top draft choice, is the Pack's leading rusher with 135 yards on 32 carries, a 4.2 average. Dave Hampton is next with 65 yards on 19 rushes and leads the Packer receivers with six receptions for 62 yards. While the backfield is new, the Packers offensive line returns intact. John Hilton is at tight end, Bill Hayhoe and Dick Himes at tackles, Bill Lueck and Gale Gillingham at guards and Ken Bowman at center. Defensively, the Packers have allowed three opponents a total of 25 points, an average of 8.3 per game. Clarence Williams and Lionel Aldridge are at ends, Bob Brown and Mike McCoy at tackles, Dave Robinson, Jim Carter and Fred Carr at linebackers and Ken Ellis and Al Mathews at corners and Doug Hart and Willie Wood at safeties. This is, of course, the second pre-season meeting between the Raiders and Packers. Last year it was a nationally televised disaster with the Packers rolling to a 37-7 victory. It is expected that Daryle Lamonia will make his first start for the Raiders after missing three games because of a pulled muscle behind his knee. Nemiah Wilson and Eldridge Dickey will also return but Benson and Cline are questionable. Dixon, Irons, and Billy Enyart are all definitely out.

#### **DEPTH BIG REASON FOR CRUTCHER DEAL**

AUG 25 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Concern over linebacking depth prompted Tuesday's acquisition of Tommy Joe Crutcher from the Los Angeles Rams, Packer Coach Dan Devine reported. "You can't have too many linebackers," he said, "in light of what happened to Dave Robinson last year and the fact that he has not yet returned to full capacity."

Robinson suffered a torn Achilles tendon in his left leg early in the 1970 season and, following surgery, was lost to the Packers for the balance of the year. Crutcher, acquired in exchange for an undisclosed future draft choice, is becoming a Packer for the second time. Drafted by Vince Lombardi in 1964, when he was a third round choice, the former Texas Christian University fullback put in four seasons as a reserve linebacker behind Robinson and Lee Roy Caffey, now a Chicago Bear. He was traded to the Giants, along with Steve Wright, prior to the 1968 season for offensive tackle Francis Peay. Crutcher, now 30, was the Giants' starting left side linebacker in 1968 and moved to the right side in '69. He suffered a knee injury in the final game of the latter year and underwent off-season surgery. The McKinney, Tex., native, owner of a 1,000-acre farm in the Rio Grande Valley, was traded to Los Angeles prior to the 1970 season for two draft choices. Crutcher, who spent the year on the Ram taxi squad and became available to the Packers because Coach Tommy Prothro is blessed with an abundance of linebacking talent, including No. 1 draft choice Isaiah Robertson of Southern University and veterans Marlin McKeever, Jim Purnell, Jack Reynolds, Doug Woodlief and Rich Saul. Long impressed with Crutcher's competitive qualities, Devine said, "I remember Tommy from his days at Texas, as well as with the Packers as hard-nosed, sticker type of football player." Addition of the 6-foot-3, 235-pound rancher increases the Packers all-veteran linebacker complement to six - Fred Carr, Jim Carter, Ray Nitschke, John (Bull) Bramlett and Robinson in addition to Crutcher. Cleo Walker, presently listed at center, also could be considered a candidate. He spent most of the '70 season at outside linebacker, distinguishing himself in the Packers 37-7 exhibition victory over Oakland with a pair of interceptions.

#### **DEVINE STILL PLANS TO START WITH ZEKE**

AUG 25 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Basing his "prediction" in part on personal experience, Packer Coach Dan Devine expressed confidence in Zeke Bratkowski's availability against the Raiders. "I think he'll be able to play," he said. "These back spasms go away fairly quick...I'm no medical authority, of course, but I had one in '62 and one last winter, and neither one bothered me too long." Devine let it be known, however, that he will take no unnecessary physical risks against the Raiders. "We probably would take a dim view of playing any of those who have any kind of injury, even Zeke, if there's any question about it." This suggests tight end Rich McGeorge, still withheld from contact Tuesday because of bruised ribs, is a somewhat doubtful participant and center Ken Bowman may be in the same category. "Gillie (Gale Gillingham) had the best Monday and Tuesday he's had," Devine revealed, continuing his medical report, "but if his ankle doesn't look good next Tuesday, we'll just pull him out of the Cincinnati game. It's silly to keep re-injuring it...He'll have it all year." The Packer leader said he will continue to experiment liberally with personnel, confiding, "We're going to play a lot of people, even more than we have in past games. We're going to play Virgil Robinson (the Pack's No. 2 draft choice) for one. He's too good a prospect not to be played." Devine said he has not definitely decided whether Gary Lane will make his Packer debut at quarterback. "He sure works hard, though," he observed, nodding his head in the direction of an adjacent practice field where Lane was then in evidence although formal practice had been concluded. "He's out there throwing right now...For that matter, Dave Hampton's out there catching the ball on his own, too." Turning to the talents of the upcoming enemy, he pointed out, "Oakland made over 400 yards against Los Angeles, which has a pretty good defensive unit. I also have been trying to impress on our people the importance of the kicking game. In the Jets game, for example, Oakland scored 21 points on its kicking game - one touchdown on a punt return, one on a kickoff return and a third on a blocked punt. They do it both ways. The Raiders are extremely strong in the kicking game," he said, appending with a mirthless chuckle, "they scored 21 points in one game with it and we've scored 23 points overall in our three games."

#### **BATTLEFIELD REUNION SET FOR BLANDA, ZEKE**

AUG 25 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Those darlings of the Geritol set, George Blanda and Zeke Bratkowski, presently are priming for a battlefield reunion. It will be staged in Lambeau Field Saturday night...providing, of course, The Brat's back miseries subside as anticipated. The occasion, of course, will be the Oakland Raiders' first visit ever to Green Bay, being made in return for the Pack's explosive (37-7) invasion of the San Francisco Bay area a year ago...BLANDA WAS

## **Depth Big Reason For Crutcher Deal**

**STARTER:** The two oldest quarterbacks extant (Blanda is only two weeks shy of his 44th birthday while Bratkowski will turn 40 Oct. 20), they go back a long way, both mutually and professionally. Blanda, whose late-in-the-game heroics swept the Raiders into the American Football Conference playoffs last season, was already a five-year NFL veteran with the Chicago Bears when Bratkowski joined the Monsters of the Midway in 1954 by way of the University of Georgia. Zeke has reason to remember it well. "George was the Bear starter at quarterback in '54, my rookie year," he confided in a moment of fond reflection following Tuesday's practice. "He broke his collar bone in the eighth game and I was the starter the last four games of the season. We were 4-4 then and we finished 8-4. I went into service that year and when I got back in '57, the Bears had won the Western Division championship the year before and Ed Brown had been the league passing champion. So he and George sort of alternated at quarterback that year. We were known as the three 'B's,' in those days," Zeke added with the hint of a smile...

**LENGTHY INTERIM:** Both Blanda and Bratkowski have changed their affiliations twice in the lengthy interim but Saturday night will mark the first time their professional paths have crossed since. George, whose 1970 pyrotechnics gave new hope to the "fat and 40" fraternity, left the Bears following the '57 season and later began anew with Houston of the infant American Football League in 1960. He subsequently was traded to the Raiders in '67 after pitching the Oilers to AFL championships in 1960 and '61 and a division title in '62. Zeke, meanwhile, remained a Bear through the '60 season, then was dealt to the Los Angeles Rams. When Bart Starr suffered a broken hand in 1963, the late Vince Lombardi acquired Bratkowski's services for a stirring stretch drive which fell a scant half game short of the Western Division crown...

**HIT SIX OF EIGHT:** Bratkowski, who later was to earn the sobriquet of Super Sub for the quality of his relief performances in behalf of an injured Starr during the 1965, '66 and '67 title drives, is attempting something of a comeback this season after a two-year stint as a Packer assistant coach. Signs that it could be a substantial success came in the Pack's 16-13 loss to Pittsburgh 10 days ago when The Brat completed six of eight passes in a first half appearance. Obviously relishing Saturday night's prospect, Zeke informed, "George is a very close friend of mine...I've always admired his ability. I just looked up his record on the scouting report. He's been in the game 22 years," marveled Bratkowski, a superbly fit citizen himself. "He came up to the Bears in 1949. To have 22 years of experience and kick like he does is really something. I saw where he hit 42 and 46-yard field goals against the Rams last week..."

**UNIQUE PERSON:** "George is a great student of the game, too...He's quite a unique person." Packer scout Wally Cruice also is impressed with Blanda's talents after watching him lead Oakland to a solid 20-7 decision over the Rams in Berkeley, Calif., Saturday night. "He hustles out there and has all the desire of a young rookie," Cruice said. "He's a good leader, too, because they have so much confidence in him...And he's showing no characteristics of age." Although Coach Dan Devine has indicated he will not play Bratkowski if there is any uncertainty about the condition of his back, Zeke is hopeful of performing against his venerable rival. "It's progressing," he optimistically reported Tuesday after his first workout of the week, including a passing drill session, "It's loosening up considerably."

#### **DEVINE POND CASE DROPPED**

**AUG 25 (Madison)** - With the withdrawal of an objection filed earlier, a hearing on the application of Green Bay Packer Coach Dan Devine for a state permit to build an unconnected pond adjacent to Trout Creek in the Town of Hobart has been cancelled, the state Department of Natural Resources said Tuesday. In such situations, it is customary for the department to give routine approval to an application that is otherwise in order, a spokesman explained.

#### **KICKOFF AT 7:45**

**AUG 25 (Green Bay Press-Gazette)** – The kickoff for Saturday night's Packer Oakland Raider game in Lambeau Field is set for 7:45, or 15 minutes earlier than usual, GM-Coach Dan Devine reminded today. The advanced start, Devine said, "is a courtesy to Oakland because of their TV network commitments...They were caught pretty much in a bind on it, I understand."

#### **'NO REASON FOR MISSING'**

**AUG 25 (Green Bay Press-Gazette)** – To Dave Conway, his first Packer appearance was more than faintly reminiscent of a classic theatrical plot, the one which finds the aspiring stand-in thrust into the spotlight when the leading lady is suddenly stricken with laryngitis. "I didn't think I was going to kick," said the recent Dallas Cowboy, whose 27-yard, fourth quarter field goal edged the Packers past the Miami Dolphins in Milwaukee Saturday night to their first pre-season success. "When the Packers called me in Dallas Thursday and said they had claimed me on waivers, they told me I probably wouldn't be doing anything until practice Monday morning...I hadn't figured on kicking at all. I got in to Green Bay about 12:30 a.m. Friday," Conway confides, "so I was pretty tired...After practice Friday, they told me I'd be suiting up for the game." His clutch assignment had been even more of a surprise, he suggested, because of his practice performance. "I didn't feel I did particularly well Friday. As I said, I was pretty tired. In fact, I still am."...

**MILDLY APOLOGETIC:** Conway, a former University of Texas quarterback, was mildly apologetic about the quality of his decisive effort against the Dolphins. "I didn't hit it as well as I should have hit it," he said. "It had a little too fast a spin on it. But I had plenty of time, the snap was good and Scott Hunter's hold was good." The inevitable pressures of the situation had been compounded by the adjustment to new terrain, the blond, blue-eyed Texan admitted. "I was a little concerned about the long grass," he said. "I'd just come off the AstroTurf in the Cotton Bowl, which is easier to kick off of. You have to have a little lift off grass." Conway flashed a wry smile and added, "Kicking off the County Stadium infield is certainly different, too. I was practicing off it before the game and I was thinking. 'Goodness gracious, what happens if we have to kick off this stuff.' " He was quick to note, however, that such conditions should not prohibit success. "If the line gives you plenty of time, there is no reason for missing a field goal," said the 25-year-old pre-law student with impressive conviction. This show of confidence is a little surprising, considering the football fates have not been overly kind to Conway, who is a punter as well as placekicker...'

**SEPARATED MUSCLES:** "I

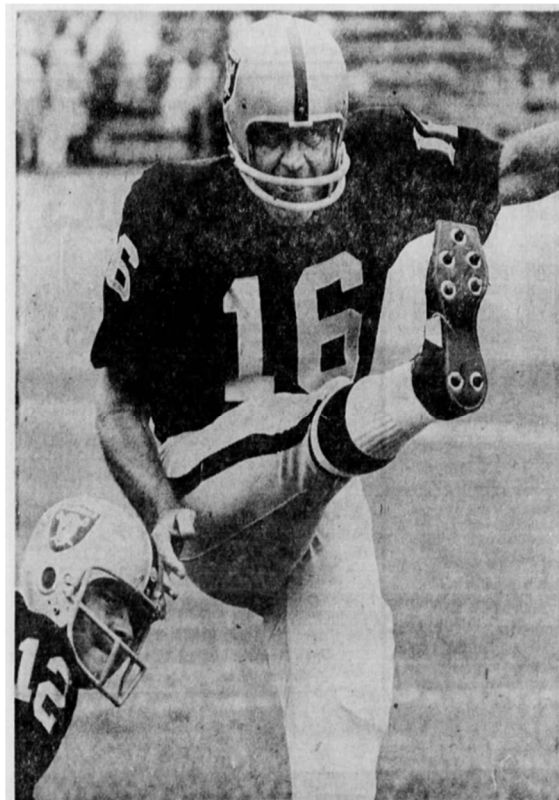
was drafted by San Diego in 1967," he said, "and I had a little personal dispute with management after four games and they put me on waivers. I went with the Denver Broncos for a little while and then, in 1968, I went back to San Diego as a free agent. That time, I separated two muscles in my right thigh and had a big tear in the major muscle. That is a little awkward," Conway observed with an ironic smile, "when it happens to be your kicking leg." His career apparently over, he returned to college to continue work on his degree, following six months in the National Guard. But the urge to give it another try ultimately surfaced, he said, "So I decided in February of 1970 to start working out again...I've kicked many a ball since then. Now my leg is as strong if not stronger than it originally was. The only difference now is that I have to warm up the leg more than I did before."...**'HAD DALLAS MADE':** "By March of this year, my punting was coming along real well - I was averaging about 46 yards and I was placekicking pretty well, so I called personnel director Gil Brandt of the Cowboys and asked if I could try out. He said I could and things started snowballing after that. To tell you the truth, I felt I had Dallas made (after hitting on two of three field goal attempts, including 48 and 49-yard successes). But Coach Landry called me in last Wednesday afternoon and told me that he had put me on waivers and the Packers had claimed me. He told me that he was going to go with his old, established kickers, Ron Widby and Mike Clarke. I think I can play in the NFL. And I'd certainly like to play here. I was a little discouraged over what happened in Dallas but I feel I'm here to do the best I can possibly do. Being in my circumstances, you don't have too many plays to recover...You have to do it the first time."

#### **PRO GRIDDERS SEEK FREEZE EXEMPTION**

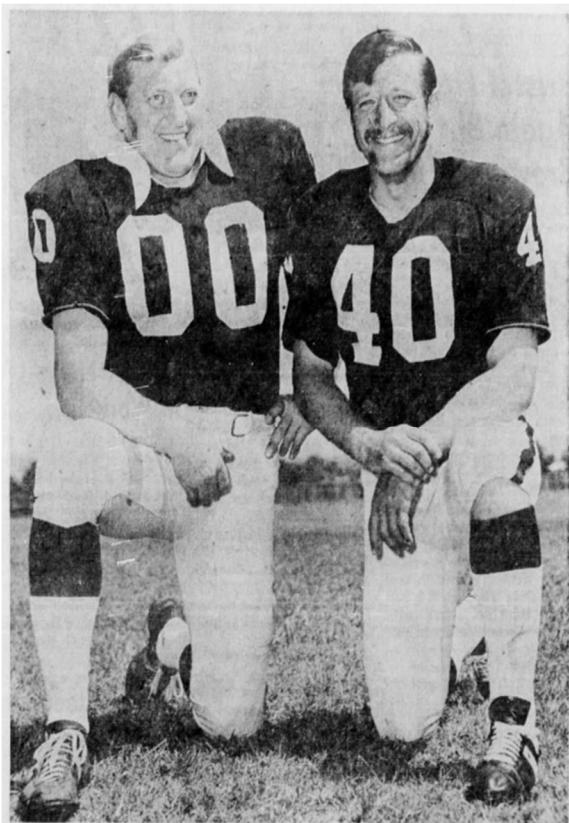
AUG 26 (Washington) – The National Football League Players Association has asked that its members be exempt from President Nixon's price-wage-rent freeze. "The average career of a professional football player is 4.6 years," said Ed Garvey, NFLPA executive director. "One-third of the players will never have an opportunity to make up the loss suffered by the freeze because of injuries, cuts and retirements." Garvey said athletes were able to get raises each year during the World War II freeze and were exempted from the freeze imposed during the Korean War. Dan Devine, rookie coach of the Green Bay, Packers, suggested the freeze might be more sweeping than first thought. When the freeze was imposed on Aug. 5, it was believed it would affect only those players who had not signed their 1971 contracts. "I have an idea they all might be playing for their 1970 salary while this thing is going on," Devine said, including the players who signed before the freeze was announced. "The reason is that the new salaries negotiated don't become operable until the first game, on Sept. 19," Devine said. "They aren't getting paid at the new rate yet, and it seems to me that might be an important point." A ruling this week on teachers, however, may also apply to professional athletes. The office of emergency preparedness said teachers could receive a raise if they were on a 12-month contract basis even though they actually are paid and work on a 10-month basis. Garvey said the key question is when the players' contracts go into effect. He said he has asked the OEP for a ruling. Although the football season ends in January, the standard NFL contract doesn't expire until May 1. Garvey feels the contract, therefore, should begin either on May 2 or on the first day of training camp.

#### **ROOKIE JIM DE LISLE: FORMER BADGER TACKLE REMAINS PACKER HOPEFUL**

AUG 26 (Green Bay) - No one ever seems to want Jim De Lisle - until they get their hands on him. Then nobody wants to let him go. De Lisle first was snubbed when the plethora of major college football coaches that scour the Midwest for talent failed to recognize his potential. So the Wausau Newman High School product ended up trying out for the University of Wisconsin team without a scholarship. He received a belated scholarship after his freshman year and went on to a distinguished career with the Badgers. Now the 6-foot-4, 254-pound defensive tackle may blemish the record of another segment of football's talent scouts. After his career at Wisconsin, all 26 pro clubs bypassed him in their selection of 442 players in the college draft last January. Once again De Lisle disregarded the slight and signed a free agent contract with the Green Bay Packers - one of the many teams which invest considerable money in a computerized scouting combine. "Jim is improving every week, and he has continued to improve since the first day he got here," said Dave Hanner, Packer assistant coach for the defensive line. "The only thing he needs is experience. But in tight games you can't go with your young people as much as you'd like to. As far as attitude and desire, he has come along real well." After being ignored in the draft, De Lisle wasn't sure he wanted to try pro football. "At first I didn't know the type of life I wanted," he said. "I thought of it as just a business, and I figured there are other ways to make a living that would be a lot easier. But now I really want to make this team. When I came to camp, I didn't know what to expect, I just wanted to give it a try and see what it was like. I was curious. This is quite a challenge. There are not too many times in life when you get a challenge like this. It is just about the same as when I went to Wisconsin as a walk-on. They must not have thought I had the raw ability, so I had to come to camp in shape and keep hustling." De Lisle, who performed in the All-American Bowl at Tampa, Fla., one of the many post-season hunting grounds for National Football League scouts, said he was surprised he wasn't drafted. "I really



*Old George Blanda Still Kicking*



Wausau's Jim Otto and Crivitz's Pete Banaszak

expected to get drafted, especially after Bill Gregory (defensive end and Badger teammate) went in the third round. I had a good game in the bowl game and I thought that would help - but obviously it didn't. I think they might have felt my speed was suspect," he said. De Lisle said he was well prepared at Wisconsin, "especially last season. 'They have a great staff down there and any Wisconsin player that doesn't go down to the university is crazy,' he said. 'It is a hell of an opportunity. I've learned a lot here, but the basics were there.' Why did he decide to seek his fortunes with the Packers? 'They treated me pretty good,' he said. 'I talked with Coach Hanner and he has a hell of a reputation as a coach. And if I'm going to make it, I want to be around here.'

#### **EXPECTED DEAL, CRUTCHER SAYS**

AUG 26 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - "It's a strange game, Tommy, isn't it?" The speaker, a smiling Francis Peay, had just paused before the locker of Tommy Joe Crutcher to offer a welcoming handshake following Wednesday's Packer practice. Crutcher, wearing pointed "cowboy" boots, had just checked into the dressing room upon arrival from Los Angeles. Donny Anderson, Tommy's new-old neighbor, joined Peay and Crutcher in a chuckle over the ironies of football's fates. The Packers, it may be recalled, traded Crutcher and Steve Wright to the Giants in 1968 for Peay, New York's No. 1 draft choice two years earlier. Tommy dealt to LA in the interim, had been re-acquired for a future draft pick in a Tuesday exchange with the Rams. Crutcher, who underwent knee surgery following the 1969 season with the Giants, assured that the once gimpy "wheel" is no longer a problem. "I haven't had to have it drained at all," he said. "I haven't even had it taped." The trade, Crutcher informed, "wasn't too much of a surprise. I didn't know where I'd be going but, ever since training camp opened, I had a feeling I wouldn't be staying

there."...PACKER PATTERN: Coach Dan Devine has listed quarterback Zeke Bratkowski, previously looked upon as a probable starter against Oakland here Saturday night, as "doubtful" for the Raider match. "His back isn't responding as well to treatments as we thought it would," Devine said, adding, "I just don't want to go into the opening game of the season against the Giants with four or five guys having physical problems."...Commenting on the shift of Cleo Walker from center to linebacker, the Packer headmaster said, "This is just a temporary thing, possibly only for this game. I had been a little concerned about Dave Robinson's availability but, actually, he looked better today than I thought he would."...The re-transfer of rookie Pat Houlton from the defensive line to the offensive line was not significant, he reported. "Pat goes wherever we need him," he said...Placekicker Dave Conway had been excused from practice "to get his military situation straightened out," Devine also informed.

#### **CRIVITZ PETE BANASZAK RETURNS HOME TO FACE PACKERS**

AUG 26 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Oakland Raiders have been the most offensive team in pro football for the last three years. The pun, needless to say, is intended. Along the way, Pete Banaszak has labored largely in the shadows of such as Daryle Lamonia, George Blanda and Hewitt Dixon, who have dominated the headlines with regularity in the Raiders' charge to total offensive honors in 1968, '69 and '70. But Pete will move smartly front and center in Lambeau Field Saturday night, when the Raiders make their first appearance on Green Bay soil...At least in the eyes of many a Northeastern Wisconsin Packer buff. It's no regional secret that Banaszak is the favorite son of Crivitz, where he was a three-sports star in high school before matriculating at the University of Miami. The Marinette County community long since has formalized its pride in Pete by way of a huge sign, posted at the southern edge of the village, which proclaims, "Home of Pete Banaszak, No. 40 of the Oakland Raiders." A sizeable Crivitz contingent already has been assured for the occasion, according to Tom Grimes, Raider publicity director. "Pete picked up 40 tickets from me for game," he reported, appending, "Jim Otto, our center, requested 50 others and Dick Romanski, our equipment manager, got another 35 or 40. That pretty well wiped out our allotment." Romanski, a Milwaukee native, starred at quarterback for St. Norbert College during the Tom Hearden era of the mid-1940s. It is safe to assume that hundreds of others, particularly those who followed Banaszak's exploits in the M-O Conference during the early 1960s, also will, be keeping a fond eye on their "hometown boy." And they have reason to point with pride. Although Pete seldom has been a starter during a pro career now in its sixth season, his contributions to the Oakland cause have been impressive. Banaszak (the original pronunciation was Ba-NAASH-ak but he is now known as BAN-a-zak in Oakland and environs) has amassed 1,208 yards rushing in 272 carries, a fat 4.4 average, to rank as the No. 4 grounds gainer in Raider history. He also has caught 50 passes for 506 yards and five touchdowns. "Those are really not bad totals for a player who has not been a starter except for six or seven games over his career," Grimes understatedly points out. "In 1967, when he did start for several games because Hewitt Dixon got hurt, he averaged 5.5 yards per carry. Pete's problem has been staying in one piece for 14 games. Every time he does get cranked up for a season, he seems to get himself hurt somewhere along the way. Actually, at 5-foot-11 and 205 pounds, he's really outlasted the odds against him in this game. Also, he's not blessed with blazing speed, although he has better than average speed.



# Crivitz' Pete Banaszak Returns 'Home' To Face Packers

His biggest asset is that he can play both halfback and fullback. He also catches the ball well and he's a capable blocker. In other words, he's just a good, all-around football player. He's also very likeable, a very popular player with his teammates," the Oakland publicist reported, adding with a grin, "They call him The Rooster because of his hair-do and the fact that he carries himself like one. The interesting thing about Pete is that he always looks better in a game than he does in practice...Not that he's a poor practice player. But he always plays better in a game - he's a game player."...Banaszak's fellow Badger, Jim Otto, is closing in on the National Football League's longevity record, currently the property of Packer immortal. Forrest Gregg...Otto, a native of Wausau, has played in 154 consecutive games, 33 shots of Gregg's mark. Teammate George Blanda also has a 154-game string going but, at 44, his chances of surpassing the record are not overly bright, all current indications to the contrary notwithstanding. Otto actually has played in 228 consecutive games, including pre-season activity. "Jim has never missed a game as a Raider," Grimes reports. The Raiders, on an almost perennial search for a breakaway threat, are slightly ecstatic over the pre-season pyrotechnics of Clarence Davis, a rookie from USC. Davis has stacked up 408 yards while handling the football only 17 times - from scrimmage and as a receiver and kickoff returner...That figures out to an average of 24 yards per "handle"...One of them was a 100-yard kickoff runback for a touchdown against the New York Jets.

## HERE COMES THE JUDGE...OF PACK'S OFFENSIVE LINE

AUG 27 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The emergence of the offensive line, a much maligned unit in the recent past, was a happily salient feature of the Packers' first pre-season success against Miami last time out. And, with all due respect to the considerable contributions of Scott Hunter and a miserly defense, it was the key to that 10-7 victory over the Dolphins. New found ability to move the ball alleviated the pressure on the defensive unit, which had been uncommonly long on the field in the Pack's two previous exhibition ventures and eased Hunter's pro starting debut at quarterback materially...INCISIVE BLOCKING: A performance which bodes well for the future, it was punctuated by some incisive blocking and virtually flawless pass protection on the part of Ken Bowman, Gale Gillingham, Bill Lueck and Dick Himes, along with Bill Hayhoe, Cal Withrow and Francis Peay. But the jury, necessarily, is still out. A more definitive test of Rollie Dotsch's young but experienced forward wall will come Saturday night in Lambeau Field, where the Packers encounter the Oakland Raiders, most successful team in pro football over the last four seasons. The magnitude of the challenge can be found in the grapefruit league statistics, which reveal Oakland has permitted its three opponents an average of just 2.7 yards per rush...PLEASANT SURPRISE: This miserly figure has not evolved entirely by chance. "Our defense has been more or less the focal point of our training camp," Raider publicity director Tom Grimes says. "And it has been a pleasant surprise. Last year, we did not tackle well and gave up long plays, which is something we had not been known for in the past...This year, no team has yet gained 100 yards rushing against us. In fact, we've allowed only 222 yards rushing in 82 rushes in the three games. We held the Eagles to 93 yards in 32 rushes, the Jets to 54 in 25 and the Rams to 75 in 25 last weekend." Bowman, rapidly returning to full strength after suffering a knee injury in the opener against the Bears, concedes he and his colleagues up front "have our work cut out for us...BIG AND STRONG: "We've been looking at them on film, of course, and they've got a real good defense. They're big and strong and understandably hard to move against. Carleton Oats, one of their defensive tackles, is 285 pounds and Big Ben Davidson (a former Packer) is about the same. And Tom Keating, who is the only light guy, is as quick as a jackrabbit. He's a fine football player." Fortuitously, in light of the task ahead, the Packers highly competitive center senses a developing cohesion up front. "We were coming off the ball together against the Dolphins," said Bowman, dean of the offensive line in both age (28) and experience (seven seasons). "Before, we'd have one or two coming off the ball and the rest holding back."...ONE BIG SURGE: It's something you've got to get used to - firing off the ball. You have to come off the ball in one big surge...We're starting to come in that respect. We're ahead of last year, I think." Last week's performance, which saw the Packers rush for 142 yards at Miami's expense, had come as no particular surprise, he said. "I've always felt we've had a good offensive line, even last year when we were drawing some criticism. It's a young line, yet one with good experience - we're all 25, 27 or 28 years old and have played four or five years in the league. We're finally getting to a point where we have played that long together, so we're starting to work a little more as a unit."...PACKER PATTERN: The Packers roster remained at 57 only briefly Thursday. Wide receiver Mike Savoy, who reported only Wednesday night, checked out again Thursday morning - without leave. Coach Dan Devine, mystified by Savoy's departure, said, "All I know is that he's not here." Claimed on waivers from the Cardinals, the former Black Hills State athlete had been expected to appear on the practice field after taking his physical...The other newcomer, former University of Wisconsin performer Danny Crooks, reported Thursday afternoon. A 5-foot-9, 175-pound defensive back, he had been released by the Atlanta Falcons...On the subject of quarterback Zeke Bratkowski, who has been troubled with muscle spasms in his back, Devine reported, "Zeke's loosening up a little more every day...There's a chance he will start Saturday night." Asked if Hunter would start if Bratkowski is not ready, Devine said, "I'm not sure who we'll start if that should be the case."...He said it is likely another recent casualty, tight end Rich McGeorge, will "play some." McGeorge sat out the second half of the Pittsburgh game and all of last week's contest after incurring bruised ribs on the final play of the first half in the Steeler match...Rookie fullback John Brockington will draw his third consecutive starting assignment, Devine said, pointing out, "We want to get as much experience to John as we can."...The only likely change in the lineup would be at outside linebacker, and that would be precipitated by a minor injury." The reference was to veteran Dave Robinson, who has been hampered by a pulled calf muscle. "Robby didn't do anything yesterday at all," Devine said, "but today he was pretty good." In this connection, the Packer chieftain said, "I haven't made up my mind on how many linebackers we'll carry,

# Sportlight . . . . . By LEE SUSMAN



five or six...But it would be difficult to carry six."...Frank Patrick and Gary Lane alternated in portraying Oakland quarterback Daryle Lamonica, who may get his first start of the season Saturday night, during the Packer defense's drill against the anticipate Raider offense. Lamonica has been withheld to date because of a pulled leg muscle... Rookie center Richard (Wimpy) Winther has come by his sobriquet honestly. The 6-foot-4, 260-pound Winther, acquired earlier in the week from New Orleans on waivers, once consumed 27 hamburgers at a single sitting while a high school junior...Greg Vergamini, an assistant trainer throughout training camp, closes out his summer stint Saturday. Greg, son of former Hurley High School coach Carl Vergamini, will return to his studies at Superior State...The most ardent Packer fanatic in the state of Texas, Keith Frentrup, is making his annual Green Bay visit. The 20-year-old Frentrup, who has attended every practice this week, will cap his stay by taking in Saturday night's struggle...The Raiders are scheduled to arrive at Austin Straubel Field at approximately 4:30 this afternoon. They will immediately repair to the Packers South Oneida Street field for a workout...Ken Stabler, the Raiders' No. 2 quarterback, has thrown six touchdown

passes in three games. With Lamonica sidelined, the strong-armed left-hander and the slightly phenomenal George Blanda thus far have passed for 560 yards between them.

## NFL SNUBBED 00

AUG 27 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – By and large, pro football scouts are shrewd judges of football flesh, which is as it should be. But, the human element being ever present, they have made occasionally monumental oversights in their annual assessment of college talent, formalized each January in the common draft. One that comes quickly to mind is the now classic case of Willie Wood, who not only was overlooked in the 1960 grab hag, but found it necessary to write the Packers for a tryout. The rest, of course, is happy history for both Willie and Titledown. But few negative judgments have been more unanimous or resounding than the National Football League's collective snub of Jim Otto, the highly durable Wausau native who will be feeding the football to Daryle Lamonica, Ken Stabler and, presumably, George Blanda in Saturday night's Packer-Oakland exchange at Lambeau Field...HISTORIC SLIGHT: Poetically enough, that historic slight also occurred in 1960, the year the American Football League was founded by youthful Lamar Hunt after he had been denied admission to the old, established NFL. The latter haughtily bypassed Otto in the draft and, to compound the ignominy, even the fledgling AFL did not deign to expend a choice on him until the 23rd round, hardly a vote of confidence. All of which adds undeniable lustre to his story. The big blond not only made the AFL grade, in spades, but has gone on to win all-league honors at center for 11 consecutive years, an all-time pro football record. As a consequence, he also has become the walking image of the AFL, absorbed in 1970 by the NFL and now known as the American Football Conference, a loss of identity which still is mourned by some of the AFL's more ardent faithful...NEVER MISSED GAME: And, as an ultimate irony, Jim never has missed a game, which has to be a source of considerable satisfaction to the uncommonly rugged Raider. He now has a 154-game regular season string going and has played in 228 consecutive contests, including pre and postseason games. "The NFL thought I was too small and I had injured my knees," explains Otto, who scaled a modest 200 pounds at the time he was drafted off the University of Miami campus. "It was very depressing not to be drafted by the NFL in those days, but I was very happy the AFL was starting and drafted me." The circumstances of that first season did little to foster a sense of security. "I was drafted by Minneapolis, but two weeks later, the franchise was dropped and the players were given to other clubs," he said. "Houston picked me up. Then Oakland bought the Minneapolis franchise and all the players drafted by Minneapolis went to Oakland...Heck, I never knew where Oakland was." A substantial 248 pounds today, Jim attracts attention from the fans because of the '00' jersey he wears, a number he says was suggested by an Oakland equipment aide to capitalize on the fact that his name begins and ends in 'O.' Incidentally, officials of the Pro Football Hall of Fame already have asked the Raiders to save Otto's old jerseys, suggesting that his famed double digit will one day grace a niche in the Canton shrine...Not too obscure a fate for a 23rd draft choice.

## YOUNG QBS MAY STEAL SPOTLIGHT

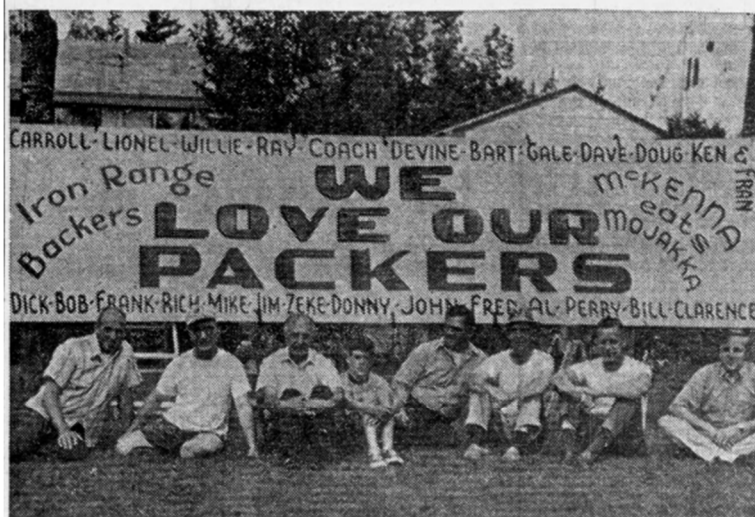
AUG 27 (Green Bay) – Everyone is talking about the matchup of middle-aged quarterbacks - George Blanda vs. Zeke Bratkowski - when the Oakland Raiders meet the Green Bay Packers Saturday night. But the spotlight may be on Kenny "Snake" Stabler and Scott Hunter. Blanda, who passed and placekicked the Raiders to the American Football Conference playoffs last year with a series of heroics, has been effective again this summer in the pre-season. Just last weekend, Blanda, who will be 44 in two weeks, passed 35 yards for a touchdown to Drew Buie as Oakland beat Los Angeles. But it has been Stabler - Hunter's predecessor as quarterback at the University of Alabama - who has sparked the Raiders to a 2-1 record. With regular quarterback Daryle Lamonica yet to see action this year because of a leg injury, Stabler has taken

over and passed for five touchdowns, including at least one a game. Stabler is expected to start Saturday night (7:45 p.m. CDT) and Hunter, the rookie who completed 10 of 22 passes for 104 yards against Miami last week, is expected to open as Green Bay's quarterback...**BRATKOWSKI DOUBTFUL:** Bratkowski, who will be 40 in October, injured his back in the pregame warmup last Saturday. Coach Dan Devine said Thursday there was a "chance" Bratkowski would start, but emphasized the word "chance." "The starting quarterback is really immaterial when you consider the importance of getting the entire team ready for the regular season," Devine said. Hunter was all of one year old in 1949, Blanda's rookie season with the Chicago Bears as a reserve quarterback, linebacker and kicker. Five years later, a college football glamour boy from the University of Georgia and known as "the Georgia Brat" joined the Bears as Blanda's backup. The brochures listed him as Edmund Raymond Bratkowski. Bratkowski had a memorable rookie season, pitching the Bears to four straight victories after Blanda broke a collarbone. Bratkowski then spent two years in service, returning in 1957 to share the quarterback job with Blanda and Ed Brown. Blanda left Chicago after that season, and Saturday night will be his first competitive meeting with Bratkowski since. The Raiders will bring a Wisconsin flavor of sorts. Perennial all-league center Jim Otto is a native of Wausau and running back Pete Banaszak hails from Crivitz. Assistant Coach Oliver Spencer was a Packer offensive lineman in 1957-58, after being acquired from Detroit in the trade for quarterback Tobin Rote. Bob Zeman, another assistant coach, was a star running back at the University of Wisconsin from 1957-59 and was a Badger assistant coach last year. Devine again plans to start No. 1 draft choice John Brockington, who sparkled with 49 yards in eight carries against Miami...**BRAMLETT CHANCE:** John Bramlett, veteran obtained from New England a few weeks ago, is scheduled to get a long look at outside linebacker. The addition of Tommy Joe Crutcher Tuesday gave Green Bay six linebackers, one over the conventional quota. Regular linebacker Robinson, who has a pulled calf muscle, was running better Thursday and tight end Rich McGeorge is ready again after injuring his ribs two games ago. The Packers now have 56 men on their roster after picking up former Wisconsin defensive back Danny Crooks, a rookie cut by the Atlanta Falcons this week. The Packers also claimed receiver Mike Savoy, the St. Louis Cardinals' No. 9 draft choice, but he left town shortly after arriving in Green Bay Thursday and is not on the roster.

**PRO FOOTBALL GAMES FIXED?**  
AUG 27 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Are you ready for this? "With \$139 million at stake for the owners, \$84 million for the television networks and up to \$66 billion for organized crime's bookmaking syndicates, and with what I learned as a player, no one will ever convince me that numerous NFL games aren't fixed?" That is a quote from the newest player-written book indicting pro football. This one is by Bernie Parrish, the one-time defensive back for the Cleveland Browns and it's entitled "They Call It A Game." Dial Press, the publisher, has sent us a publicity-scandal sheet on the book with the above quote the keynote. According to Dial, the book is "an indictment of the pro football establishment: how it manipulates and protects its billion dollar monopoly at the expense of the players and the public." Among the other little items, the publicity blurb says are touched on by Parrish are these: "Contrary to Pete Rozelle's testimony to Congress, a secret owner's agreement exists to implement pay television and add another \$400 million to owners' annual profits. Anyone who thinks he won't be paying to watch the game in his home in 1974 is in for a rude awakening. Says Carl Brettschneider, the former personnel director of the Detroit Lions: 'The Lions...practically ordered me to draft more colored guys than white guys. You know why? Cheaper, they sign cheaper.' Jack Christiansen, former head coach of the San Francisco 49ers, to the author on his being blacklisted: '...when someone above you tells you not to pursue a trade and he tells you in a certain way, you know not to pursue it.' The search for the magic potion leads into many dangerous situations. Drug misuses and medical malpractice cases go undetected and unchallenged inside the structure of professional football. During my career I can remember two players, Gary Lowe of the Detroit Lions and Ernie Stautner of the Pittsburgh Steelers, who almost died from improper shots prior to games." ...it is not uncommon for a pro football club to get players into and out of the army almost at will. Paul Bixler was the coach in the Browns organization who exercised that influence on the local branch of the army reserve." And there is more. They are strong statements and they will make headlines. If Parrish can prove them with solid, legal evidence, they will make even bigger and blacker headlines. Meanwhile, the book is selling for a mere \$7.95.

#### PRO FOOTBALL GAMES FIXED?

**BEN AIMS AT PACKERS**  
AUG 28 (Oakland Tribune) - "There are only two teams in football we've never been able to beat, and we get a chance at one of them tonight." Big Ben Davidson is not an unnecessarily emotional football player, despite the national ink he has



**PACKER BACKERS** — Believe it or not this picture was taken in northern Minnesota! But don't take it wrong — these are not renegade Minnesotans, but transplants from Michigan and Wisconsin who are welcoming the Green Bay Packers with this huge sign on their first visit to this area. The Packers will be in Duluth for one week, beginning Sunday and will hold regular morning practice sessions at UMD's Grigg's Field. This segment of "Pack" fans include, from left to right: Barney Kooyenga, Bob Webber, Joe Marcella, Jeff Marcella, George Mingo, Joe Miheve, Bill Koski and Gary Ruckdaschel, all residents of Aurora. This

sign was painted by Joe Miheve and will be presented to Ralph Romano, UMD athletic director. The Packers will arrive at Duluth International Airport Sunday noon following their Saturday night National Football League exhibition game with the Oakland Raiders Saturday night in Green Bay. The Packers will practice Monday through Thursday from 10-11:30 a.m. at Griggs Stadium before leaving Friday morning for next weekend's game against the Cincinnati Bengals in Cincinnati, O. All practice sessions at UMD will be open to the public. (Mesabi Daily News Photo)

stirred for a supposed vendetta with Joe Namath and for a standing invitations to a lynching party in Kansas City. But he hasn't forgotten that the Green Bay Packers sent him down the road, not good enough to play for them. He was en route to nowhere when he hooked on with the Oakland Raiders in 1964, a double castoff. Seven years later, he's back here looking for a little Homecoming Party tonight in Lambeau Field. He's right about the record, of course. Oakland has met the Packers twice and lost twice. Only the Baltimore Colts, with a championship game victory and three straight pre-season wins, can also say they've had the Raiders' number every time. Oakland lost 33-14 to the Packers in a traumatic 1964 Super Bowl, pitting a young and crippled team against the powerful Packers who had crushed the strong boys of the NFL for a 1967 title, one of 14 NFL championships they've won in an impressive history. The Packers took 'em again last year in a pre-season game, at least equally decisive about it in a 37-3 thumping. The Packers intercepted Daryle Lamonica four times and Ken Stabler three more and ran up a 24-0 lead in the first quarter. Tonight's encounter, for Davidson, isn't all that vital. He'd like to get another Raider win, just to break the 2-0 Packer string, but he's looking for a good game personally, to get ready for the 1971 American Football Conference season. He sees a Super Bowl ahead, and if it's Green Bay, Baltimore, San Francisco, or Little Sisters of the Poor, it's all the same to him, so long as Oakland is the other team in New Orleans next Jan. 16. "Did anyone ever stand up to tell our guys that 40 times \$25,000 is a million bucks?" he asked rhetorically. "That's what comes out of one lousy football game, in the Super Bowl. How many chances are we going to get?" The Raiders have won four straight Western Division Championships. Green Bay kicked them out of the big dough in that 1968 Super Bowl, and Baltimore stiff-armed them even earlier last year, in the AFC championship. Ben has no personal scores to settle here. "Hell, there are only two guys in the whole lineup that were playing when I was with the Packers," he said. "Ray Nitschke and Willie Wood. If you think that doesn't make you feel old, there are only two Raiders left who were here when I joined the club in 1964. Jim Otto and Dan Conners," he added. Ben is 31. His famous mustache is still bristly, but there are patches of white among the feathery frills of his long sideburns. He's far from a doddering old duck. Taking an insulting hint from a guy who scrawled "Ben's a bum" on the walls of the men's room in Ben's own bar in Hayward, the 6-8, 280-pounder has become a dedicated weight lifter, mixing the strengthening grind with a lot of off-season running. Never out of condition and rarely injured, Ben may have had his two best years back-to-back in 1969 and 1970. He says he's ready for 1971. "I was hoping you could hint to me that the coaches think I'm having a bad pre-season," he said, grinning. "Nothing gets me more fired up than to hear somebody thinks I'm going sour." The Packers, who lost a 0-2 pre-season opener to the Chicago Bears, then dropped a 16-13 game to the Pittsburgh Steelers, edged the Miami Dolphins 10-7 last week. They haven't scored much - 23 points - but they haven't been scored on much either - 25 points. New coach Dan Devine, up from the college ranks after an outstanding tenure at University of Missouri, has contended with some early injuries and is looking at several promising rookies in pre-season games. Scott Hunter, sixth round draft choice from Alabama, has inherited the quarterback job after an injury felled veteran player-coach Zeke Bratkowski, who is 39 and more brittle than George Blanda. John Brockington, the Pack's first round pick from Ohio State, got the starting fullback assignment last week for the second consecutive game, and emerged again as Green Bay's leading rusher while playing just a half, gaining 49 yards in eight carries.

#### **DEVINE FINDS PACKERS TOUGHEST CHALLENGE**

AUG 28 (Green Bay) - Dan Devine, a successful high school and college coach, is finding things are a bit rougher in the pro ranks. Not that it's any different. It is just that Devine, who led Missouri to some of its biggest wins, is finding out that it's just a little more difficult trying to build a winner out of a team that was on its way down. "I like challenges," Devine said shortly after joining the Green Bay Packers last winter. "I could have stayed (at Missouri) where, frankly, the money was about the same. But I wanted to see if I could do it." The "it" he was talking about was lifting the Green Bay Packers back to superiority in the National Football League. And, the job, he admitted, wasn't going to be an easy one. The veterans remaining from the team that had won five NFL championships in the 1960s were aging. Some of the younger players were not living up to the promise that had caused Green Bay scouts to go after them. And, most of all, the attitude in the Packers fold had changed from one of superiority to one of inferiority. It was Devine's job to change things and he was given a five year contract to do it. The choice of Devine, a native of northwestern Wisconsin and a Packers' "fan" since his childhood days, was a popular one. But, some grumblings were heard after the Packers had dropped their first two pre-season games. The Packer fans were brought up in the Vince Lombardi tradition of winning. "I've got a lot of practice," Devine said, acknowledging the fact that mistakes were being made. "I just hope the fans have patience too." Devine - departing from NFL policy - prefers to call the pre-season games "exhibitions." "That's what they are. Call 'em what you want to call them. But I want to be ready on Sept. 19. That's when the season starts," he says. He likes to use the exhibitions as a learning ground - sort of a classroom for both the players and himself. "We're doing two things," he said. "We're looking at people under pressure situations and we're giving experience to people. Of course, we like to win. But our objective is to try to play well. It's hard to tell players they have to win and then play an assortment of people." And, he adds, "I'm learning a lot. When I say I'm learning a lot, I mean I'm learning things I should have known." It's different - sure - the colleges and the pros. But it's not that much different. The players are more mature here. Their abilities are better. And, they're working at this as a job. But it's not that different. Basically, it's the same game." Devine said Miami Coach Don Shula had approached him before a recent game against the Dolphins and said: "You've got to do the same things that made you a success as a college coach. I thought about it and he's right," Devine said. "That's what I've got to do." Devine was known as a strict disciplinarian in his days at Arizona State and Missouri. And, he hasn't changed. The practices have been strenuous and long. Devine has earned the players' respect. Devine was born in Augusta, Wis., and was raised by relatives in Proctor, Minn., near Duluth. He was an outstanding athlete at the University of Minnesota-Duluth and after coaching at a Michigan high school, he joined the staff of Biggie Munn at Michigan State. His first head coaching job came at Arizona State, where

he guided the Sun Devils to a three-year record of 27-3-1, including an unbeaten season in 1957. In 1958, he went to Missouri, succeeding Frank Broyles, who had quit saying rigorous scholastic requirements would hurt the Tigers' football fortunes. Devine, however, lasted 13 years with the Tigers, winning 93 games, losing only 37 and tying seven. His teams appeared in six bowl games, winning four, and at 40 he was a full professor with tenure and lifetime security. Then, along came the Green Bay offer. Devine decided to go slow on the Packers' rebuilding. As assistants, he picked two members of the 1970 Green Bay staff, one former member of the Packers' staff and two coaches from the college ranks. Rather than trade for a quarterback, he gambled that veteran Bart Starr would return to the form that made him a superstar in the '60s. His biggest blow came when Starr reinjured his shoulder the first weekend of training camp and had to undergo surgery. He is lost for most, if not all, of the season. That left Devine with Zeke Bratkowski, a veteran who hadn't played in two years, and inexperienced signal callers. Frank Patrick, a second year man, and Scott Hunter, a rookie. Bratkowski had back problems the third game of the exhibition season and Hunter, like Starr an Alabamian alumnus, was advanced to the starting role. The quarterback problem, and other problems, have left Devine looking realistically at the coming season. "There'll be some changes made before the season starts but I don't guess they'll be major. Nobody's been any better than I expected and really, I don't guess anybody's any worse. I've pretty much elected to go with the guys we've got and do the weeding out after I've been with them a year. If there's any weeding out needed, I'll know it by then. As I say, I'm learning too. And I will be a better coach next year."

#### **PRIDE, POISE MARK RAIDERS FIRST LAMBEAU FIELD ENTRY**

AUG 28 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - To the average citizen, the alphabet begins with 'A'...But not to the Oakland Raiders. They lean toward 'P,' as in "Pride and Poise," the slogan originated for them by managing general partner Al Davis, the still youthful gutfighter who brought the National Football League to the conference table in 1966. This pithy motto, which again decorates Oakland's media guide this season, is likely to loom large for them in their maiden invasion of Lambeau Field tonight (7:45, WNFL,) a factor which could seriously complicate the Packers efforts to extend their mastery of the Raiders...PACKERS WON TWO: Our heroes, curiously enough, have had all the better of it in two previous meetings, the first which occurred in the 1967 Super Bowl at Miami. On that occasion, they charged to a 33-14 victory with the aid of a 60-yard scoring run with an interception by Herb Adderley and four field goals by Don Chandler. Tonight's match, to be viewed by another capacity house, 56,263, will mark the first "anniversary" of their last exchange which saw the Pack pilfer six Raider passes en route to a slightly incredible, 37-7 waltz in their first visit to Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum. The memory, Packer scout Wally Cruice reports, still haunts John Madden's men. "They haven't forgotten that we embarrassed them before a national television audience of 25 million people," says Cruice, who was on the scene when Oakland dispatched the Rams in Berkeley, Calif., last weekend, 20-7. "We not only hurt their prestige and their ego, but we beat them up pretty bad physically. They feel we ruined their whole season last year, because they had so many injuries after our game and got off to a slow start (0-3-1)...I think we're going to be in for a rough time."...LAMONICA READY: Certainly the Raiders have all of the necessary to make it interesting for the green and gold, who will be out to balance their record at 2-2 following a baptismal, 10-7 victory over the Miami Dolphins in their most recent exercise. Quarterback Daryle Lamonica, who has engineered the Raiders to pro football total offense honors the last three seasons, again is available after recovering from a pulled leg muscle that has kept him sidelined to date. But southpaw Ken Stabler, author of six touchdown passes during Lamonica's three-game absence, is likely to start. And behind him there is that geriatric marvel, George Blanda, giving the Raiders perhaps the most potent 1-2-3 quarterback parlay in pro football. Blanda, soon to turn 44, complements his field generalship with an impressively accurate toe. To date, it has produced five field goals in nine attempts. The trio's passing targets also rank among the most skilled around. Warren Wells was second in the NFL last season with 11 touchdowns and a 21.7-yard average per reception while Fred Biletnikoff ranked fifth in the American Football Conference with 45 catches for 751 yards. And tight end Ray Chester, who won a starting job and Pro Bowl berth in 1970 as a rookie, was right on Biletnikoff's heels with 42 receptions for 556 yards and seven touchdowns...GOOD RUNNING BACKS: To complete the potent blend, there is a veritable stable of competent running backs, chief among them Charlie Smith, who stacked up 681 yards a year ago behind a veteran offensive line anchored by Wausau's Jim Otto, an all-time all-pro. Also available are Marve Hubbard and Pete Banaszak, Crivitz's contribution to the NFL, both solid, bread-and-butter types, and sophomore Don Highsmith. In addition, the Raiders will unveil a new long ball threat in rookie Clarence Davis, a former USC speedball who has handled the ball only 17 times thus far and amassed 408 yards via kickoff returns, pass receptions and runs from scrimmage. If figures to be a thorough test for the Packer defense, which has allowed only 25 points in its three appearances, a yield which ranks second only to the Kansas City Chiefs in grapefruit league conservatism. The Chiefs have held their three opponents to 24. Oakland also owns a bristling defense, spearheaded by tackle Tom Keating, an all-AFC choice last season, middle linebacker Don Conners, a three-time AFL all-star, and cornerback Willie Brown, an AFC Pro Bowl selection in 1970...TIGHT DEFENSE: The Raider defenders, who also include ex-Packer Big Ben Davidson and the equally massive Carleton Oats, have limited their three opponents to an average of just 2.7 yards per rush. Packer Coach Dan Devine has not yet decided which quarterback he will expose to their tender mercies at the outset. Although old pro Zeke Bratkowski ran with the first unit in Friday's practice, Devine said he still had not decided who will start...HUNTER POSSIBILITY: Rookie Scott Hunter made his starting debut last weekend when back

| Probable Starting Lineups: |     |             |  |
|----------------------------|-----|-------------|--|
| OFFENSE                    |     |             |  |
| OAKLAND                    |     | GREEN BAY   |  |
| Wells                      | WR  | Spill       |  |
| Shell                      | LT  | Hayhoe      |  |
| Upshaw                     | LG  | Lueck       |  |
| J. Otto                    | C   | Bowman      |  |
| Buehler                    | RG  | Gillingham  |  |
| B. Brown                   | RT  | Himes       |  |
| Chester                    | TE  | Hilton      |  |
| Biletnikoff                | WR  | Dale        |  |
| Stabler                    | QB  | Hunter      |  |
| Smith                      | RB  | Anderson    |  |
| Hubbard                    | RB  | Brockington |  |
| DEFENSE                    |     |             |  |
| Jones                      | LE  | C. Williams |  |
| Oats                       | LT  | McCoy       |  |
| Keating                    | RT  | R. Brown    |  |
| Davidson                   | RE  | Aldridge    |  |
| Slough                     | LLB | Robinson    |  |
| Conners                    | MLB | J. Carter   |  |
| G. Otto                    | RLB | Carr        |  |
| Wilson                     | LCB | Ellis       |  |
| W. Brown                   | RCB | Matthews    |  |
| Atkinson                   | LS  | Hart        |  |
| Tatum                      | RS  | Wood        |  |



spasms felled Bratkowski shortly before the kickoff and he responded with an impressive performance. With the temptation to take the long range view and spare The Brat for the regular season, Devine may well lead with the Alabamian again, a move which would serve a dual purpose by providing Hunter with additional experience. It also is possible sophomore Frank Patrick and Gary Lane, still untried as a Packer will see action at quarterback. Devine has indicated he intends to take a long look at rookie running back Virgil Robinson and kicker Dave Conway, the former University of Texas quarterback who delivered a 27-yard game winning field goal against Miami in his Packer bow last weekend. In explaining the latter move, Devine said, "We're going to concentrate on one kicker in this game, I would guess, and it probably will be Conway." Dale Livingston, the 1970 incumbent, also is in the race. The balance of his format will remain largely the same as last week's, the Packer leader announced, which means that prize rookie fullback John Brockington will draw his third straight start. He said that linebacker Dave Robinson, somewhat questionable earlier in the week because of a pulled leg muscle, "will be ready." "In fact, everybody should be able to play. I'm sure there are guys we will just spot, but everybody on the squad could play."

# **Pride, Poise Mark Raiders' First Lambeau Field Entry**