



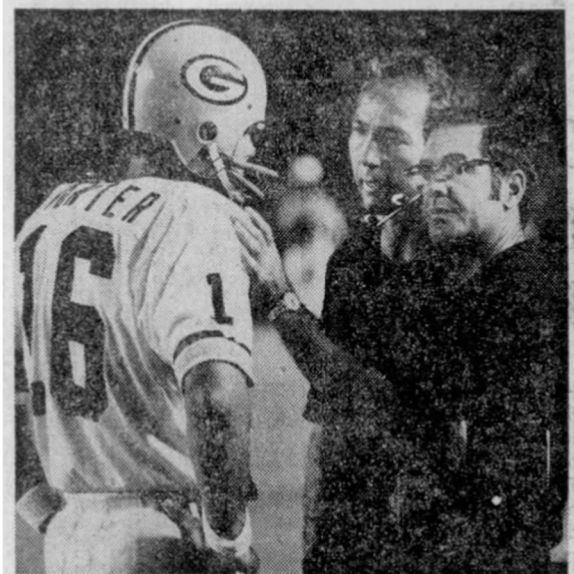
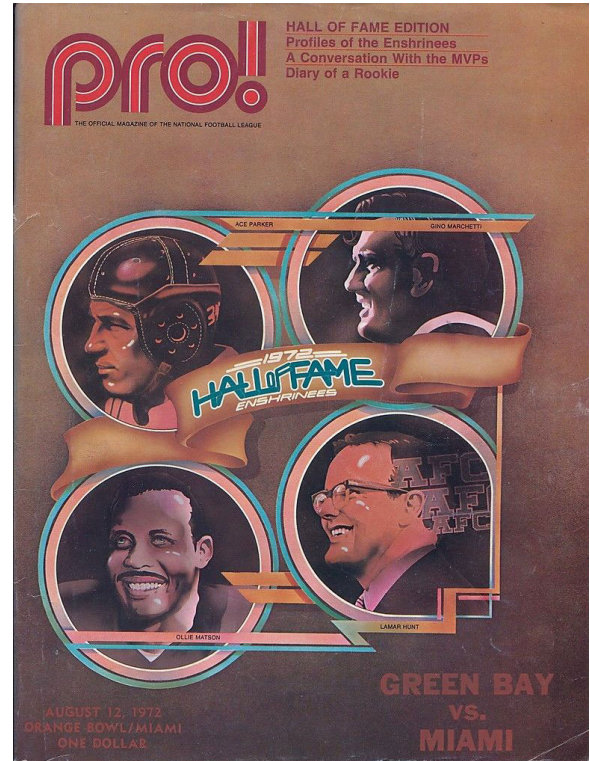
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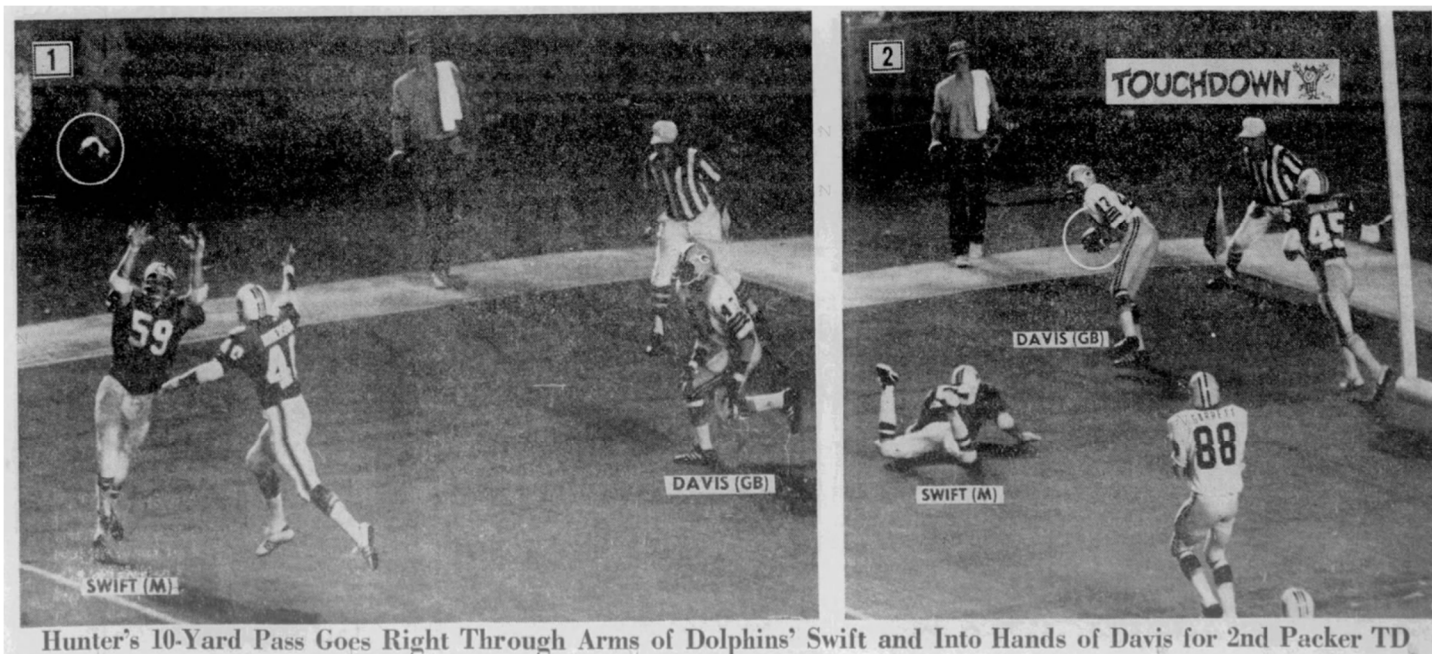
Pack Stops 'Snappy' Dolphins 14-13

GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(MIAMI) - The Miami Dolphins triumphantly ran up their American Football Conference flag before the opening kickoff in the Orange Bowl here Saturday night, to the raucous approval of a partisan, capacity house. But Dan Devine's surprising Packers, showing impertinent disregard for Miami's credentials, spoiled "Homecoming" for the Dolphins, making their first Miami appearance of the season. Unveiling a potential long ball threat in the person of sophomore Dave Davis, they shaded Don Shula's 1971 Super Bowl finalists 14-13 leaving 75,372 customers in subdued shock at the finish. Davis making only his fourth start as a pro, scored both Green Bay touchdowns on passes from Scott Hunter. The first was a 79-yard pass which stunned the Dolphins in a third down-and-one situation in the first quarter. The second came midway through the second quarter on a 10-yard pass which was deflected by Dolphin linebacker Doug Swift into Davis's hands in the left corner of the Miami end zone. Rookie placekicker Chester Marcol, who had a third quarter field goal blocked, added what proved to be the winning conversion. The Dolphins saw a chance to escape with a tie evaporate in the last two minutes when an errant snap from center Bob DeMarco foiled Garo Yepremian's extra point attempt following Miami's second touchdown, registered on a two-yard sweep by Hubert Ginn. DeMarco's erratic contribution also proved costly for holder Karl Noonan. Desperately attempting to retrieve the ball, Noonan was violently flattened by Rookie Willie Buchanon's tackle. It was the second straight victory for the Packers, 24-14 conquerors of the Cincinnati Bengals last week, and the second consecutive pre-season loss for the Dolphins, 31-23 victims of the Detroit Lions in their first venture. The game began in a manner unpleasantly reminiscent of the Packers' most recent visit to the Orange Bowl, which saw the green and gold absorb a season-ending, 27-6 loss at Dolphin hands last December. Taking over at their own 20 following Marcol's kickoff deep into the Miami end zone, the Dolphins charged down field with awesome power and precision. They rolled up four consecutive first downs, each requiring only two plays, before the Packers' Jim Hill fortuitously took a hand. Hill, Willie Wood's successor at free safety, put a crushing tackle on Warfield at the Packer five following a 15-yard completion by Griese. The ball squirted loose and Hill came up with it at the 12. Reacting with impressive dispatch, the Packers covered the intervening 88 yards in just three plays, the last 79 of them on a dramatic 79-yard collaboration between Hunter and Dave Davis. Davis, who was later to provide the Packers with their second touchdown, maneuvered behind Dolphin cornerback Curtis Johnson at the Miami 35 on a third-down-and-one situation, a maneuver which patently caught the Dolphins defense slumbering. Taking Hunter's perfect pitch in stride, Davis cut back to his left and angling for the coffin corner, outran the pursuing Johnson to the end zone. The sudden stroke, which came at 7:26 of the first quarter, was more than faintly reminiscent of Bart Starr's glory days. The impression was underscored when Hunter, wearing a broad smile, threw his arms around Starr's shoulders upon reaching the sidelines to confer with the new Packer quarterback Coach following the score. Although it took them a little longer, the Packers outstripped that first TD push with a 91-yard drive to their second touchdown. That started inauspiciously at the Green Bay nine, following a tripping penalty which accompanied Ken Ellis's reception of a Miami punt at the 18. Another big third down play triggered this one. It saw John Brockington break off a 21-yard draw up the left side with the aid



Hunter Receives Devine's Guidance
... Starr (C) lectures successor



Hunter's 10-Yard Pass Goes Right Through Arms of Dolphins' Swift and Into Hands of Davis for 2nd Packer TD

of a block by Leonard Garrett, holding forth at tight end in place of the injured Rich McGeorge. Rookie wide receiver Leland Glass shortly followed with a 33-yard-end around, also down the north sidelines, before being run out of bounds at the Miami 30. The eighth round draftee was sprung by Bill Hayhoe's block. Three plays later, a 17-yard pass from Hunter to Sam Dickerson carried the Packers to the 8-yard-line. The maneuver was made possible when Brockington picked up a safety blitz by Jake Scott with crunching authority. Knocked groggy by the impact, Scott was solicitously helped to the sidelines by Brockington. After Lane settled for a yard and Hampton lost three on a pitchout right, courtesy of Dolphin middle linebacker Mike Kolen, Hunter hit Davis for a touchdown - with a slight delay en route. Bob Swift, Miami's weak side linebacker, tipped the ball behind him - volleyball style - into the hands of Davis in the left corner of the end zone. The Dolphins, obviously nettled by this turn of events, retaliated briskly. Aided by Marcol's short kickoff, and a 43-yard return by Mercury Morris, they moved 52 yards in eight plays, cutting the Packers lead to 14-7 at halftime. Major item for the Dolphins was a 21-yard Griesse pass to Warfield, which carried them to the Packer 31. Seven plays later, the Dolphins scored on a fourth down gamble, Larry Csonka sweeping left for the final yard after shaking off Hill at the 3. Both teams, experimenting liberally, misfired on 35-yard field goal attempts in a scoreless, somewhat desultory third quarter. Marcol, making his second try as a pro, saw a 35-yard effort blocked by the Dolphins' Lloyd Mumphord. Marcol picked up the loose ball but was felled at the Miami 44. The rookie's ill-fated launching capped Tagge's debut as a pro quarterback. The former Green Bay West and Nebraska star guided the Packers from their own 28 to the Dolphin 28 in eight plays. Miami promptly drove to the Green Bay 28 with sophomore Jim Del Gaizo at quarterback, a point from which Garo Yepremian's 35-yard attempt bounced off the right upright and back onto the field.

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MIAMI - 0 7 0 6 - 13

	<u>GREEN BAY</u>	<u>MIAMI</u>
First downs	16	19
Rush-yards-TDs	42-223-0	30-149-2
Comp-Att-Yd-TD-INT	10-6-128-2-0	21-14-153-0-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-5	2-16
Net Passing Yards	123	137
Total yards	346	286
Fumbles-lost	1-1	2-1
Turnovers	1	1
Yards Penalized	1-9	3-25

SCORING

1st - GB - Dave Davis, 79-yard pass from Scott Hunter (Chester Marcol kick) GB 7-0

2nd - GB - Davis, 10-yard pass from Hunter (Marcol kick) GB 14-0

2nd - MIA - Larry Csonka, 1-yard run (Garo Yepremian kick) GB 14-7

4th - MIA - Hubert Ginn, 2-yard run (Kick failed) GB 14-13

RUSHING

GREEN BAY - John Brockington 11-77, MacArthur Lane 12-53, Leland Glass 1-33, Dave Hampton 9-19, Perry Williams 6-18, Jerry Tagge 2-12, Dave Davis 1-11

MIAMI - Larry Csonka 8-44 1 TD, Charles Leigh 7-41, Hubert Ginn 6-26 1 TD, Mercury Morris 6-24, Jim Kiick 2-7, Paul Warfield 1-7

PASSING

GREEN BAY - Scott Hunter 6-3-106 2 TD, Jerry Tagge 4-3-22

MIAMI – Brian Griese 14-10-109, Jim Del Gaizo 7-4-44

RECEIVING

GREEN BAY – Dave Davis 3-106 2 TD, Sam Dickerson 1-17, John Brockington 1-3, Len Garrett 1-2

MIAMI – Paul Warfield 6-78, Otto Stowe 1-20, Larry Mandich 1-9, Marlin Briscoe 1-8, Mercury Morris 1-8, Jim Kiick 1-6, Hubert Ginn 1-0

'ANY' WIN OKAY: DAN

AUG 13 (Miami-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - It was a strange way to win a football game, on a bad snap, a Miami sportswriter ventured during Dan Devine's post-game press conference in a jubilant Pack- er dressing room here Saturday night. "I take 'em any way I can get 'em," the Packer coach shot back. "I've been in this business too long...I appreciate a victory." "This game means a lot to us," he added. "We haven't had momentum in Green Bay for awhile and this gives us some momentum. We can't be too optimistic, however. We couldn't stop their sweep when we knew it was coming. And they were stopping our sweep when they didn't know it was coming. That has to question your defense and we've got to work on items such as that."

On the subject of Scott Hunter's 70-yard scoring pass to Dave Davis in the first quarter, Devine said, "It was called by the quarterback. We practiced that particular play this week and it was a good call, whether it worked or not." He attributed Chester Marcol's blocked field goal attempt in the third quarter to a bad snap. "The snap was on the ground - it was low and the kick was low," he said. Jerry Tagge, making his pro football debut, enthused, "It was great, great. The hardest thing for me right now is to speak up and get the cadence down. I still have to master the system. There is a great deal more to think about in the pros. I told Bart Starr before the game I wasn't so concerned about the system or what I was going to do but that I was very nervous because it was my first game for the Packers and something that I've dreamed about since I was a kid in Green Bay."

TAGGE AVOIDS ERRORS, GRADES WELL

AUG 14 (Ft. Lauderdale-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – "The things that were going through my mind," Jerry Tagge confided, "were don't fumble, don't make any mistakes...and don't throw any interceptions." Tagge, the Packers' first locally grown quarterback since the days of storied Arnie Herber, was candidly reconstructing his pro football debut as the team bus rumbled back to the Packers' temporary training base here Saturday night from Miami following a 14-13 victory over the Dolphins. The former Green Bay West athlete, who had worked the entire second half in relief of Scott Hunter, earned perfect marks on two of those three concerns and an entirely adequate grade on the other. He also drew a favorable critique from his immediate coaching superior, Bart Starr. "I thought Jerry did pretty well," Starr said. "He kept the momentum going in the second half that had been established in the first half. If we hadn't fumbled one time there in the fourth quarter, I think we would have had even more momentum...all in all, Jerry did pretty well for his first game." Tagge, trying to be as objective as possible, also was generally satisfied with his baptismal performance. "I thought I did okay," he said. "I made a couple of mistakes, I know that. One time, I called the wrong receiver on a pattern and another time I called the backfield flow the wrong way. That's when I ran 11 yards," he confessed. "The backs went the other way and I had nobody to give the ball to...it was a weird feeling. I just kept moving and, luckily, I made a first down." Taking himself to task for the latter, he added, "It worked out all right, but a good football player doesn't make mistakes, which proves I still have a long way to go. I feel I can play in this league, though. I have a lot of confidence in that. "If there was anything I did wrong, it was not speaking up loud enough in the huddle calling the plays...and, of course, calling those two wrong plays. Outside of that, I felt pretty comfortable in there." Actually, Tagge could have been dealt a better hand by the football fates. He guided the Packers 44 yards to Chester Marcol's 35-yard field goal misfire on his opening series in the third quarter and then took them on a 79-yard march on his second takeover, this one abruptly ended by Dave Hampton's fumble at the Miami 11. The former Nebraska star's closest collaborator, center Ken Bowman, was impressed. "I thought Jerry ran the team well," he said. "He didn't get flustered in the huddle and he stuck pretty well to what we had decided to use at halftime. Our defense calls him the linebacker who throws passes," Bowman chuckled. "He's a big kid - and he's a good kid." Co-captain Gale Gillingham also was taken with Tagge's command. "He showed me more confidence," Gillie said, "than I thought he had." Tagge, enthusing "it really felt good to get out there," reported, "Bart told me before the game to calm down, relax and use my head. I told him I wasn't worried about the offensive game plan, or what I was going to do, but that I was just nervous about it being my first game for the Packers and thinking about how long I'd dreamed about it. "My time was there."

CAUTION: IT WAS ONLY AN EXHIBITION

AUG 13 (Ft. Lauderdale-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – How Much...or how little...did it mean? That was the prevailing question at the Packers' Galt Ocean Mile headquarters here Sunday as Coach Dan Devine and his staff began a day-long

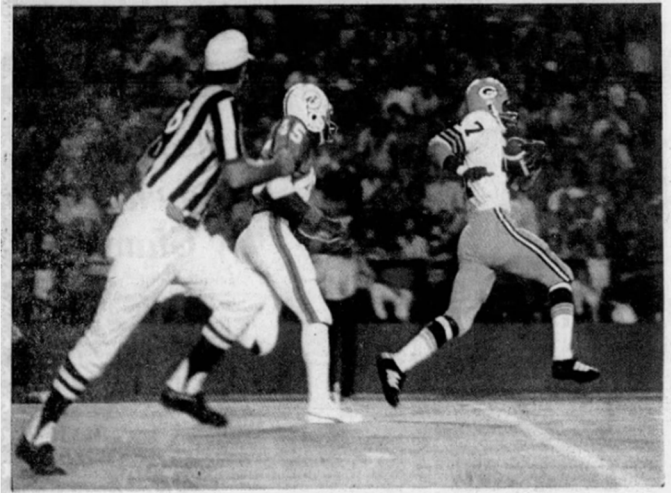


Al Jenkins #60 of the Miami Dolphins tries to tackle Jim Hill #39 of the Green Bay Packers during a preseason game on August 12, 1972 at the Orange Bowl in Miami, Florida. (Photo by: Kidwiler Collection/Diamond Images/Getty Images)

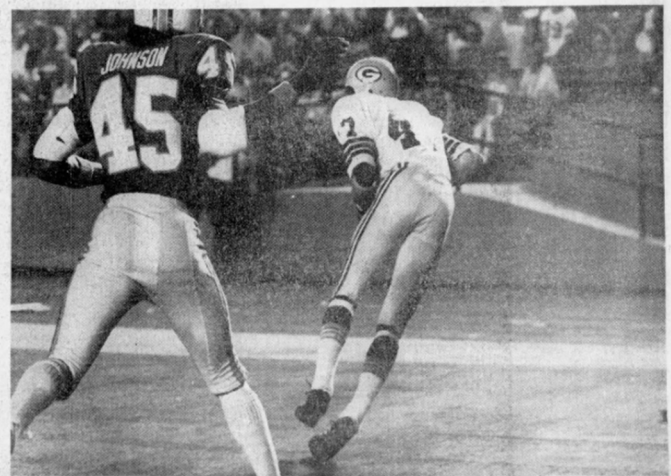
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analysis of Saturday night's somewhat unexpected victory over the AFC champion Dolphins in neighboring Miami. Even to the arch-conservatives, that 14-13 decision had to be of salutary significance. But the general tenor was one of caution, predicated on the obvious premise that it was "only an exhibition game." Devine, quietly pleased to find his team 2-0 at this pre-season stage, did admit, however, that it should have a positive effect upon his massive rebuilding project. "I think it's got to mean something." He said during a leisurely appraisal over Sunday brunch. "We started off with the idea that we were going to look at people and I think the players knew we were going to substitute. We started three different guys on offense (Bill Hayhoe, Dave Davis and Len Garrett) to begin with. All I asked of whoever played was their top effort and I promised we'd still try to do what we planned to do. Of course, the Dolphins played a lot of people, too, although I thought they played most of their best people defensively most of the way." What struck him most forcibly, Devine confided, was the overall approach. "The guys seemed to want to win," he said. "It's not the same ball club that played down here last winter (and lost, 27-6). But, before I get too carried away. I have to say I had some disappointments, too. The biggest one was our failure to stop their sweep on the goal line twice. Really, that's the only thing I talked about at halftime was the defense. Everybody judges a football team differently. To me, the sweep is one of the measuring sticks of football. Last night, the Dolphins could run one when we knew they were going to run one and we couldn't run one when we surprised them with it. You can't compete for championships that way." The impression that his athletes are rapidly becoming "physical" - a lack of zest for contact was one of his continuing concerns in 1971 - was manifestly encouraging to Devine. "I was pleased with the hitting," he conceded. "I noticed in the paper here today that some of their players mentioned they also were impressed with our hitting." Devine also heartened by the success of the reverse and option maneuvers employed in

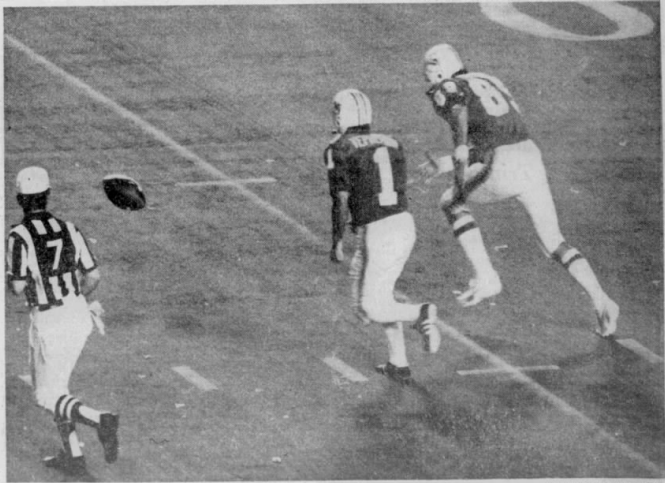
Saturday night's triumph, notably among them a 33-yard excursion by rookie Leland Glass en route to the Packers decisive touchdown in the second quarter. "I think opposing defensive teams are going to have to defense us a little bit more in the future as a result. We went about 20 games last year without running a reverse. That 33-yard run by Glass was a heck of a run, too. A field with artificial turf, like the Orange Bowl, has a much higher crown than the average field of natural turf, so you have a real tendency to go out of bounds. Glass had a tough time staying in. He showed me something on that run." Devine, reiterating a pre-game commitment to a liberal substitution policy, said he had given "no thought whatsoever" to replacing rookie Jerry Tagge in the closing minutes, even if Miami had tied the score. "Tagge was going to play the whole second half," he said, "unless he got hurt." Expressing satisfaction with the Green Bay West product's pro debut, Devine said, "I thought Jerry did a good job." Also pleased with the performance of starter Scott Hunter, who guided the Packers to both of their touchdowns in the first half, he said, "Scott did an excellent job of following our game plan." Sophomore wide receiver Dave Davis likewise had enhanced his Packer security, Devine indicated, by flagging down those two TD passes from Hunter. "Dave has had a pretty average fall until now," he said. He also commended the contributions of newcomer MacArthur Lane, asserting, "MacArthur adds a lot to the ball club. He doesn't fumble - knock on wood - and he blocks like hell. He's a high spirited talkative guy - he's good for morale." Devine took the responsibility for rookie Chester Marcol's short kickoff in the second quarter, which resulted in a 43-yard runback by Mercury Morris and, ultimately, in the Dolphins' first touchdown. "What Marcol was first trying to do was kick it away from Morris earlier, which he did a heckuva job on," the Packer coach said, dryly appending, "Then coaching came into it. I told him to kick one straightaway. But that was poor coverage on that kick, although Morris made a good run." Commenting on Dave Hampton's fourth quarter fumble at the 11 in light of Hampton's fumbling problems of a year ago, Devine noted, "We haven't been able to work with Dave on this thing like I'd like to, and like I will. We're giving up on him," he continued in reply to questions, "just like the Dolphins are giving up on Paul Warfield. Warfield had a fumble that stopped a drive in the first quarter, too, you know. He also had a fumble against us in our game here last December." Devine listed among his major concerns failure to put heavy pressure upon Miami quarterback Bob Griese. "I felt we should have a better rush," he said. At the same time, he admitted the fact the



—Herald Staff Photo by JOHN WALTHER
Davis Speeds Away From Dolphins' Johnson on 79-Yard Pass for Packers' First TD



—Herald Staff Photo by JOHN WALTHER
Davis Has Johnson Beat Again as He Hugs 10-Yard Hunter Pass for 2nd Packer TD



Yeplemian and Noonan Chase DeMarco's Bad Snap on Point Try That Went Awry

defense has yet to yield a touchdown pass was "an improvement. The fact that we haven't thrown an interception in our first two games also is an improvement." The fact that there had been almost exclusive emphasis on the running game – the Packers attempted 42 rushes compared to just 10 passes - gave Devine little pause. "I'm never going to be a coach who counts plays," he said. "I look at the scoreboard, the clock, what we're doing, and what defense we're playing. But I never worry about how many times we run or pass." He found that his team had survived the contest, played in wilting 85-degree temperature pretty well, except for a lot of cramps from the heat. The most serious thing about that is it might prevent some from practicing this week. The Packers who invade Houston's Astrodome Saturday night for their third pre-season assignment, were scheduled to work out twice today - morning and night. Although it was "only an exhibition," Devine's coaching rival admitted to some irritation over a second straight

defeat. "No, no, hell no, I'm not happy," said Shula, whose Dolphins lost their first start to Detroit last week, 31-23. "You don't see me smiling, do you? We lost it and we're still zero and two." Shula blamed most of Miami's tribulations on Warfield's first quarter fumble. "We were going good then and we really couldn't capitalize on that first drive. We had the game under control until that fumble."

DEMARCO CALLS BAD SNAP HIGH SCHOOL PLAY

AUG 14 (Miami Herald) - "A high school play," an angry Bob DeMarco said. "There's no excuse for something like that." The veteran center, in his 12th year as a pro and third as a Miami Dolphin, was talking about the snap that aborted the potential tying point late in a 14-13 loss to the Green Bay Packers Saturday night. "The ball just didn't come up off my hands right. It stuck. Consequently, the trajectory was high." Asked the last time that had happened, he said, "It's never happened...never." DeMarco's concern wasn't so much over the play, however, as over its aftermath, the stunning collapse of end and placekick holder Karl Noonan on the sideline. "A Mickey Mouse play like that and then to have a guy like him (Noonan) hurt..." DeMarco's voice trailed off. Bob Griese, Noonan's close friend and partner in a summer boys camp, was headed for the hospital with Noonan's clothes and possessions. "I don't know what happened," Griese said. "I just looked down and there he was." Noonan chased after DeMarco's snap, and kicker Garo Yepremian said Karl "got crushed" in the scramble. "He just had a severe blow to the chest," Dolphins team physician Dr. Herbert Virgin Jr. said. "He had difficulty breathing, and we sent him to the hospital for further tests." Dr. Virgin administered oxygen on the sideline while teammates huddled worriedly around the prone Noonan, who was partially on the field. He was conscious but in severe pain. DeMarco's error was one of many, the most crucial Paul Warfield's fumble after a leaping pass reception and the two pass defense breakdowns on Packer touchdowns. Warfield confirmed that he had momentary possession of the Griese pass that would have given the Dolphins a first down inside Green Bay's 10-yard line on an impressive game-opening drive. "The only problem was that I was not able to pull the ball into my body. I caught it turning, the guy made a tackle and it popped out," Warfield explained. "It's tough to lose a ball like that, especially when the team is moving so well." Coach Don Shula confirmed that cornerback Curtis Johnson was the victim on the 79-yard touchdown pass from second-year Packer quarterback Scott Hunter to Dave Davis. Shula gave Hunter credit for "a heckuva call" but added, "Again, for the second week in a row, we give up a cheap touchdown. It's something we can't let happen." The displeased Johnson said, "He (Davis) just caught a ball on me. I wasn't fooled by the play." On the 10-yard Hunter-Davis TD hookup, Shula said, "We had linebacker help out there, but we didn't get much done." Strongside linebacker Doug Swift said he didn't touch the pass. "It went through my hands." Jim Del Gaizo, impressive in a relief role for the second straight week, put his finger on the Dolphins' second-half problem. "I think we moved the ball, but I just wish we could have played more," Del Gaizo said. "It seems they had the ball the whole second half. We just got out there three times. Once we got down there for the field-goal attempt that hit the crossbar. Once we just got bogged down. And the third time we got the TD. "I feel I'm doing what's expected of me, and I like to think I have a chance to be the backup quarterback." The man he has to beat, of course, is 38-year-old Earl Morrall, sidelined with a strained stomach muscle. Another casualty, though he was in good spirits after the game, was all-pro safety Jake Scott. "Jake just got hit in the head, and the doctor said he was a little fuzzy," Shula said. Allowing himself weak grin, he added, "Of course, with Jake, that's nothing new." Scott, asked what happened, replied, "TKOd. I remember the safety blitz call and then waking up on the sidelines." The Dolphins were TKOd as a team Saturday. Defensive end Bob Heinz also got his bell rung, running back Hubert Ginn needed stitches to close a gash over his right eye, and linebacker Bob Matheson's right eye was swelling shut. He thought he had a finger jammed into it. "We lost it and we're zero and two," said Shula summarily.

PACKER DRILLS NO 'VACATION'

AUG 15 (Ft. Lauderdale-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Fort Lauderdale - A Florida vacation? Not for the Packers... not in August. The sun was burning down from above, the temperature nudging 90 and the humidity a sauna-like 92 per cent when they cantered onto the practice field here Monday morning to begin perspiring for Saturday night's invasion of

pretty sure I could get by him."...The Packers were briefed on the Oilers Monday afternoon by veteran game scout Wally Cruice, who flew here over the weekend after watching the Bears shade Houston 20-17 in the Astrodome last Thursday night...Although there have been no overt indications, the feeling persists that the Packers will be making a trade in the near future, presumably for a defensive lineman.

MATTHEWS SEES 'LONG' NIGHT AHEAD

AUG 16 (Ft. Lauderdale-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Alvin Matthews sees a "long" night ahead in Houston. Not that the genial, ever-smiling Texan has had a premonition of disaster in next Saturday night's pre-season date with the Oilers in the storied Astrodome, first meeting ever between the two teams. "If you give them time, they'll throw that ball up in the dome lights every chance they get," said Matthews, succinctly summing up the Oilers' favorite modus operandi while relaxing between team meetings at the Packers' temporary training camp headquarters here Tuesday. As a resident of Austin, Tex., located only 160 miles northwest of Houston, the Packs' starting strong safety is better acquainted with the Oilers personnel and philosophy than most of his colleagues and thus speaks with some degree of authority. "The Oilers have always had a great passing team, ever since the team came into the league in 1960 when George Blanda was their quarterback," he said. Even though Houston has a new head coach, former Rice University mentor Bill Peterson, this hasn't changed, Matthews assured. "Peterson like to put the ball in the air so he fits right in." By way of illustration, he pointed out, "Dan Pastorini passed for 200 yards in the first half alone against the Bears last week...In fact, on the Oilers first play from scrimmage, Pastorini hit Ken Burroughs with a 45-yard touchdown pass. Judging by our scouting reports, they run a lot of deep patterns - they throw very few short passes. That's because of

the receivers they have, Burroughs and Charlie Joiner. I know both of them well and they both have great speed. Burroughs is 9.3 in the 100 and Joiner is 9.5 which is 9.3 to me," Matthews quipped, obviously alluding to his relative lack of swift. "I think in two games they've played this pre-season, the quarterback has been trapped only twice, I might add. They'd rather overthrow the ball, throw it away than underthrow it. Plus Coach Hanner says both Lynn Dickey and Pastorini have strong arms. The fact that they throw a lot of play action passes and do a good job make them tough to defense. If they make a run fake and then throw deep, its hard to defense. It certainly keeps you honest - you can't just assume they are going to pass. They've got two good running backs in Robert Holmes, who used to be with Kansas City, and Woody Campbell. If you play pass, they'll run on you every time." Reflecting upon the Packer secondary's somewhat surprising immunity to the long ball thus far, Matthews noted, "It'll be a good test for us because in the first two games, nobody has tried to go deep on us, tried to throw the bomb." "The Dolphins, for example, ran mostly out and squareout patterns against us, nothing long...In fact, this last game is the first one anyone scored a touchdown against our defense." Matthews, who has set foot upon the Astrodomes artificial turf sees the synthetic surface presenting no special problem to the Packers, aside from the basic one of unfamiliarity, although he expressed mild concern about the lighting. "It's astroturf if you want to call it that," he chuckled. "It looks more like a worn out shag rug. But I don't think it should give us any particular trouble. And there's no wind, of course, with the dome, so there's no advantage to either team. The only thing that might be a little tough to adjust to is the lights. They could be a little tricky because we've never played under these lights before. I don't like to play night games anyway, It's easy to lose a ball in the lights – you get spots in front of your eyes...But I guess that could be said of the receivers too I suppose. It works both ways. The big thing is I know Burroughs and I know Joiner. I know what they can do, so it's going to be a challenge. We just came off playing two of the best receivers in the game, though in Paul Warfield and Marlin Briscoe, so it was pretty good preparation for playing the Oilers. One thing is certain. You just can't line up 15 yards deep because you are worried about somebody getting behind you. You have got to play both Burroughs and Joiner at your regular depth." Taking an overall look at Saturday night's struggle, Matthews volunteered, "We need to have a good game against them now because we have to come back to play them again in a league game later on. It would make it a helluva lot easier in November if we beat 'em now...everybody says this game doesn't count, but I feel it will have a definite effect on our game in November."

1ST START EARLY FOR BUCHANON

AUG 16 (Ft. Lauderdale-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Willie Buchanon will make his first pro start Saturday night – slightly ahead of schedule. Buchanon, the heir apparent since he was drafted in the first round last February, will open at left cornerback against the Oilers in Houston, Packer Coach Dan Devine announced following Tuesday night's hour-and-45 minute practice in Lockhart Stadium. Buchanon's debut was hastened by an injury to second year cornerback Charlie Hall, who suffered a sprained arch in a practice collision with teammate Jim Hill Monday morning. "I think you could write Charlie

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off for this week," Devine reported. He also said that Leonard Garrett will make his second start at tight end in place of Rich McGeorge, plagued by a hurting thigh muscle, and that veteran Carroll Dale will return to starting status at flanker after giving way to Dave Davis last week for experimental purposes. Devine said he had "pretty much decided about how I'll play our quarterbacks against Houston, but I'm not as definite about it as I was last week. We'll start off with Scott Hunter, but I want to give Frank Patrick a good shot and I also want to see Jerry Tagge again." Asked if he might play Hunter the first half and divide the second half between Patrick and Tagge, he replied, "That's a perhaps. I'd like to give Frank a full half, but it kind of depends on how much we have the ball. Tim Webster also will do our placekicking this game - at least he will start off kicking." Touching upon the night's practice, staged in 70-plus-degree temperatures, Devine said, "It wasn't great, about the kind you have this time of year. We made a lot of mistakes, but we put in a lot things, offensively and defensively, for the season. They are not necessarily things we'll be using against Houston, but we've put them in, anyway. We have put in more than three-fourths of our offense already and each week we'll put a little something in when we see the film of the other team. "I'm a great believer in polishing," DD added. "For example, we practiced the reverse we used against the Dolphins last Saturday all last season and all this season before we used it. When we did, it went for 33 yards and 11 yards. I like to work on a play. In fact, I get kidded about it by my staff. I put in a draw one time when I was coaching at Missouri and didn't use it and didn't use it. Finally we did and it went for a touchdown when we beat Oklahoma at Norman for the first time in 23 years. We'll keep on adding things through our final pre-season game against Kansas City. This is a young team. Everything is new to them. If I'd had this team for five years, we wouldn't have had to break into practice for a 10 minute session on punt returns. I could just have shown a veteran team on the blackboard what I wanted done." Turning his attention to the Oilers, Devine asserted, "I won't say the Cowboys were lucky to beat Houston in their game, but they won by only 26-24 and the game was closer than the score would indicate. And last week's game, which they lost to the Bears, should have been a 17-17 tie. The Bears tried a free kick right at the end and the Oilers didn't know what to do with it. All they had to do was touch it and the game would have been over. I'll tell you one thing about Houston - they're hitters. And they have unbelievable speed."...PACKER PATTEN: Devine indicated any further reduction of his 62-man roster is not likely to come until next week. All NFL teams must cut to 49 players, not including College All-Stars, by Aug. 28...Former Preble High School star Bob Kroll intercepted fellow townsman Jerry Tagge an ex-crosstown opponent from Green Bay West, while the Packer offense worked against the Houston defense. It came by way of a third party, Kroll picking off the ball after it glanced off the hands of rookie wide receiver Dave Bailey. Kroll also made a second interception as the Packer defense worked against the anticipated Oiler offense, this time waylaying a bomb intended for "Ken Burroughs," portrayed by Moody Jackson...Rookie receiver Leland Glass also enlivened the workout by making a dazzling, one handed catch of a long ball from Frank Patrick as he sprawled to the turf. Guarding him on the play was Jackson, being given a trial at cornerback...The Packers, who continued their preparations with a workout this afternoon, will close out their Florida regimen with a session under the lights Thursday night. They enplane for Houston Friday morning and will work out in the Astrodome Friday night.

PASTORINI TO GO MOST OF WAY AGAINST PACK

AUG 16 (Houston Post) - Notes from the Oilpatch. Dan Pastorini will start and probably play most of the game against Green Bay Saturday night in the Astrodome. After Tuesday's two workouts Bill Peterson said Lynn Dickey will start the following Thursday night against the St. Louis Cardinals. Probably Charley Johnson will make his season debut sometime in the Packer game...The Oilers put Phil Abair, a rookie receiver from Florida State, on waivers and were awarded Jim Harvey, an offensive lineman from Oakland's injured waiver list. Harvey is a 6-5, 245-pound graduate of Mississippi...With Tom Regner still ailing from a sprained toe and bruised thigh, tackle Walter Highsmith was moved to guard. The Oilers also started working Paul Magalski at both halfback and fullback. The Florida State rookie worked overtime Tuesday morning running plays from the halfback slot...Although Peterson praised the receiving of Rhett Dawson, he said Tuesday's overall practice "was kind of sloppy. They tried to push themselves today, but they're tired and that's to be expected after two days of two-a-days"...Kicker Mark Moseley, who has field goals of 47 and 20 yards this year, has a bruised thigh but is expected to be fit for Saturday's 7:30 p.m. kickoff...Safety Ken Houston rejoined his teammates but didn't participate in workouts. "My toe (dislocated) doesn't hurt at all right now, but I can't run on it," said Houston. "I'll need to wait another week before I give it a good test."

PACKER SLEEPERS DUE FOR LOOK-SEE

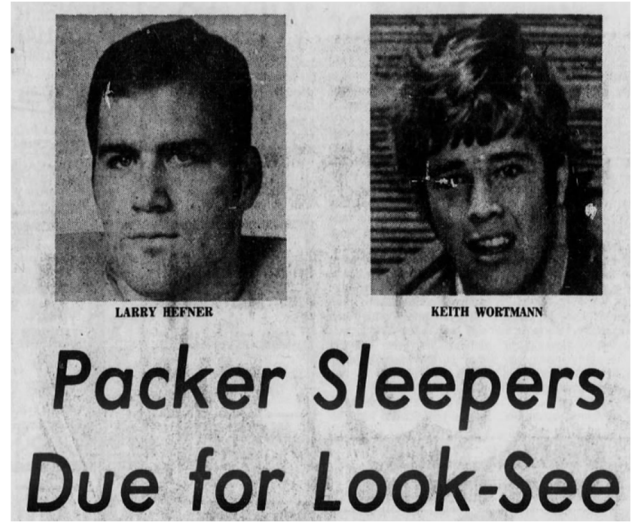
AUG 17 (Ft. Lauderdale-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Sleeper of the year? In the Packer camp, currently a road show, it could be Bob Hudson...Keith Wortmann...or Larry Hefner. Or all three. Despite the obvious odds against it, this trio might well survive among 1972's final 40, a figure which must be reached by Sept. 11, the Monday prior to the Packers National Football League inaugural against the Browns in Cleveland. That would be an unexpected bonanza for Coach Dan Devine and his tireless staff, considering all three were chosen below the fifth round, generally considered the point beyond which any selection is something of a gamble. A more accurate reading on their respective prospects is likely to come in Houston Saturday night, where the undefeated Packers will be in search of a third straight exhibition victory. Devine announced following Wednesday afternoon's practice, staged at Fort Lauderdale's Lockhart Stadium in 90 degree temperatures, that Hudson will play a lot against the Oilers and Wortmann "possibly will start" in place of Bill Lueck at left guard. Hudson, a running back, is a sixth round selection from Northeast Oklahoma College. Wortmann, a guard, is a 10th round pick off the University of Nebraska's reigning collegiate champions. Hefner, a 14th round choice from Clemson, may already have forged a foothold at linebacker. He played nearly a half on the outside during last Saturday night's 14-13 victory over the Miami Dolphins and received a favorable critique from the coaches. Red Cochran, the Pack's veteran offensive backfield coach, also feels Hudson has good credentials. "Bob is as good a running back prospect as I've seen who was drafted down the list in the last couple of years," Cochran said. "Usually, you know about all the good ones, but Hudson has to be

an exception. He's shown he can run our offense. "He has good quickness and he's explosive. He's 5-11 and 34 and 202 pounds, he has run the 40 in 4.6 in full pads. He can get to the holes. Bob also has shown an awful lot of courage on special teams. And he has good hands, so we are going to use him on punt returns Saturday night. He's a good athlete. When he came to us this year, his chances didn't look good with John Brockington, MacArthur Lane and Dave Hampton already around, but he's shown he's a good enough football player to warrant consideration. He hasn't made the ball club yet, but his chances are much better. The nature of our first two games against Cincinnati and Miami is the only thing that has kept us from using him more." The Packer coach said two other rookies, wide receivers Leland Glass and Dave Bailey, also should see considerable action against the Oilers. "We'll keep looking at people through this game and the Bear game next week," DD said. "After that, we are going to have to get down to what we feel are our best 22, although we are not going to play anybody who is hurt."

Hudson, who hails from a small Oklahoma town with the improbable name of Hominy, may have been bypassed in the early rounds of the draft but not because of his statistics. He just missed breaking the NAIA career rushing record, rolling up 1,740 yards during three varsity seasons at Northeast Oklahoma. Apprised that his debut is at hand, Hudson asserted, "I'm in pretty good condition. I'm ready for it. I've learned my plays pretty well. If they put me in there, I think I'll do a pretty good job." Fellow running back Dave Hampton, sitting nearby as the players relaxed following a luau at the team's Galt Ocean Mile Hotel headquarters Wednesday night, agreed. "He will," he said, nodding his head in approbation. "He'll do a good job. Hudson is contending with Larry Krause and Perry Williams for survival at the moment and it is entirely conceivable a trade could be triggered here if he develops as anticipated." Although Wortmann is likely to draw the starting call only if it is deemed necessary to hold out Lueck because of a shoulder injury, he is scheduled to get an extensive test in any case. Offensive line coach Rollie Dotsch, taken with what he has seen of the 6-3, 248 pound Californian, noted, "For the little that Wortmann played against Miami last week, he did a good job. He's a good scrappy kind of kid who'll try to do a good job for you." Elated over hearing he is a potential starter, the good looking Rio Hondo Junior College product enthused, "that's amazing." Sobering quickly, Wortmann simulated a tremor with his hands and rhetorically queried, "who's nervous?" Like Hudson, he is involved in a three-way struggle for employment with veterans Dave Bradley and Randy Winkler. In his case, he doesn't pretend to know where he stands at this point, now little more than a month removed from opening day. "I've just been working hard and trying my best," he said. "All the offensive linemen have been helping me - they've helped me a lot. They are a close unit here, all of the offensive linemen. They know little things, and they tell you about them. On some teams, they might not do that. But Gillie (Gale Gillingham), Lueck, Bradley and Winkler all help you." Hefner, the other potential sleeper, appears to have a decided edge over the more heralded Eric Patton at this point. "Patton," Devine also announced Wednesday, "is going to play quite a bit at middle linebacker Saturday night." That could be the nature of a final examination for the former Notre Dame luminary, a fourth round choice last February, who thus far has not approached Devine's expectations... **PACKER PATTERN** : Devine, who shepherds his squad to Houston Friday morning via United Airlines charter, pronounced himself pleased with the results of the temporary training camp here. "It's been a good week," he said. "I'm very glad we came down here to work. Tom Miller (Packer assistant to the general manager) figured it out and he discovered there was only a \$2,000 difference in cost overall between staying down here this week and flying back to Green Bay, training there and then flying to Houston and back. It was worth it just to break the monotony of training camp."...Following the workout, linebacker Dave Robinson and defensive end Bob Brown took some extra laps around the field, presumably at somebody's suggestion. Both are carrying around slightly more suet at this point than the coaching staff considers desirable.

EACH DAY A NEW PAGE

AUG 18 (Houston Chronicle) - Being coached by Bart Starr, says Scott Hunter, "is like working with an encyclopedia. Each day is a new page. And you never finish reading." Hunter and Starr and the rest of the Green Bay Packers make their first visit to the Astrodome Saturday night for a nose-to-nose meeting with the Oilers. It will be a matching of wits between two former outstanding college coaches who are part of the trend from campuses to the playing fields of the National Football League. Before going to the Packers last season, Dan Devine made the University of Missouri one of the most respected college teams in the nation. Bill Peterson served his apprenticeship for his present position as head coach of the Oilers at Florida State and Rice. Both brought their basic football philosophies with them. Devine's Missouri teams were basically running teams who ran the football down opponents' gullets. Peterson's college teams lived by the pass. They threw the ball all over the lot...**HARDENING OF ARTERIES**: One thing that Devine and Peterson have in common is that neither inherited a warm bed in his new position. Devine inherited a team with the most glamorous name in football, but one suffering from hardening of the arteries. Peterson fell heir to a team of hope, a football puzzle with a lot of pieces missing. The Packers started to wear out during the final season under the late Vince Lombardi. But as long as Lombardi was around, no one ever dared admit that Father Time was lurking outside the dressing room door. For sure he was never permitted inside. When Phil Bengtson moved up as head coach, some of the Packers began to feel the weight of the years and it showed in their performance on the field. Their hearts said yes, but their legs and arms screamed no. A complete overhaul



was needed and Devine was tapped to do the job. The team that he brings to town today will be one with a bright future. You won't be able to tell the Packers without a program...**FEW HOLDOVERS:** Wide receiver Carroll Dale, center Ken Bowman and guard Gale Gillingham are the only offensive holdovers from the days when the Packers were a living legend under Lombardi. Linebacker Dave Robinson is the only regular left over from the glory days. Tackle Bob Brown plays off and on. Six players starting on defense are mere babies with only two years of pro football behind them. The Packers paid the price of rebuilding last year when they won only four games, their worst record since 1958. They were their own worst enemies. Against Minnesota they got inside the Vikings' 20 six times and failed to score. They dropped the football. They missed assignments. They beat themselves as often as the other side beat them. Devine, who is a lot like Lombardi in that he is a perfectionist and a fundamentalist, decided some changes had to be made. He exposed himself to criticism by swapping Donny Anderson, former Texas Tech All-American halfback, to St. Louis for MacArthur Lane. Why? Lane has better outside speed. He has a reputation for being able to run tough and not fumble. Earlier Devine had swapped quarterback Don Horn, an understudy to the immortal Bart Starr, to Denver for defensive end Alden Roche and Denver's No. 1 pick in the 1971 draft. Roche was voted the team's No. 1 defensive player last year and the No. 1 draft pick brought running back John Brockington from Ohio State, the No. 1 rookie in the NFL last year. In the glory days when the Packers were winning and Don Chandler was kicking, he converted 60 percent of his field goal attempts. A parade of nine would-be successors made good on only 46 percent of their attempts. So this past year Devine used his No. 3 draft pick to grab Chester Marcol, a soccer type kicker from Hillsdale College, who kicks the ball far and accurately. The Packers had two first-round picks, thanks to other trades, and took Willie Buchanon, an All-America cornerback from San Diego State, and Jerry Tagge, an All-America quarterback from Nebraska. Tagge is the No. 2 man behind Hunter. Starr, who has retired, is their tutor. If some of the Starr dust rubs off on Hunter and Tagge, the Packers are set. Victories over Cincinnati and Miami in their first two pre-season games were welcome signs to Devine and to Green Bay's followers. The Pack may not be back, but it's getting there.

PERSONALITY PARADE (BILL PETERSON)

AUG 18 (Houston-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Voluble Bill Peterson, latest in a long line tapped by an impatient Bud Adams to lead Houston's Oilers out of the artistic wilderness, should be a refreshing addition to the National Football League. Peterson, lured from crosstown Rice Institute to resuscitate a team which has won only four games in each of its last three seasons, is hardly a "plastic man," as fellow Texan Tom Landry has been characterized. Fourth former college man to be plucked from the halls of ivy for head coaching duty in the NFL during the last two years, he has immediately endeared himself to both the fans and players, not to mention the fourth estate, with a droll sense of humor. It was best illustrated during a discussion of the 10-year contract he was awarded to become the Oilers' newest resident genius, a pact which would appear to represent admirable security for one in his precarious profession. "It's supposed to be for 10 years, but Bud Adams probably will have me declared legally dead after a couple of years," he quipped. Peterson, who displays his restructured Oilers against the Packers in the Astrodome Saturday night, also has exhibited an entirely human idiosyncrasy which, curiously enough, has only served to enhance his popularity with his players: "Bill has trouble with names," says Jim McLemore, the Oilers' cherubic publicity director. "Our number one draft choice is Greg Sampson, the all-American defensive end from Stanford, and Peterson calls him 'Simpson' all the time. He also calls Ron Billingsley, one of our defensive tackles, 'Billinger'...but that doesn't seem to bother the players. They know who he is talking about it. They find it amusing, but they don't make fun of him." That would seem appropriately diplomatic, considering that Peterson is not to be confused with the stereotype of the absent-minded professor, McLemore assures. "He is a very strong disciplinarian," he says, "but he is also very fair. He tells them the way it is." "One of his biggest assets is that he communicates, which is important. He's communicated better in the short time he's been here than anybody else we've ever had...he has a great Esprit de corps - they've really taken to him." Peterson, who built Florida State into a football power before moving to Rice a year ago, shares Dan Devine's opinion about the transition from college to pro football. "He doesn't feel there is a great difference between them," McLemore said, "Just that there are fewer bodies to work with. A lot of people think he doesn't know what he's doing because he is new to the NFL, but he hasn't made any hasty trades. They think they're going to be able to fast talk him, but they haven't been able to." Peterson has found adapting to the so-called pro style attack a particularly simple matter. "Bill felt that his offense in college was probably more geared to pro football than to college anyway," McLemore says. He has to play the wide open style at Florida State because of the talent he was getting there. It had been a girls' school until the year he took over there, when it went co-ed, and he built it into a pretty good independent football team." So good, in fact, he took his team to bowl games in four of his last seven seasons - and caught the roving eye of Bud Adams.

DUNCAN TRYING TO 'HOLD ON'

AUG 18 (Houston-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Scott Hunter, rapidly being molded in No. 15's professional image, is not Bart Starr's only heir apparent...Not that the supremely confident Alabamian is in present danger of being unseated as the

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Packer's No. 1 quarterback, although he will have to fend off an incipient challenge fast maturing from Jerry Tagge. But Starr, now a member of the coaching staff, was more than a field general. In addition to being an exceptional leader, he also was considered by those who know best, the placekickers themselves, to be the best holder available for extra points and field goals. His probable successor in this assignment, so often taken for granted by the casual observer, is ex-Minnesota Viking Ken Duncan, whose degree of permanence will depend to a large extent upon how well he does in his other specialty, punting. More light will be shed upon his Green Bay future in the Astrodome Saturday night when Duncan will be setting down the ball for Tim Webster if and when the Packers get a field goal opportunity against the Oilers. If time and effort expended are any barometer, the former University of Tulsa athlete should be a resounding success. Every practice, he and Webster endlessly repeat a tedious ritual, devised for them by special teams Coach Hank Kuhlmann. Both drop to one knee, facing each other at a seven yard distance and Webster flicks an underhand pass to Duncan, much like a softball pitcher. Duncan palms the simulated snap from center and quickly sets it to the turf, as though holding for a field goal attempt. Duncan then fires the ball back to Webster and the process is repeated...and repeated...and repeated. This, in large part, is necessary because it is a new role for Duncan, who had never performed this delicate but somewhat rewarding task until he was handed the assignment this year. "Coach Kuhlmann has me taking 200 snaps a day," says the lithe, muscular blond, who also is being worked at wide receiver. "The idea is repetition, so it becomes automatic." "Like in the case of Bart Starr - after 15 years or so, it became a reflex to him. He's helped me a lot with my holding, showing me some techniques and giving me encouragement. He tells you what worked best for him, although he says you should do what works best for you. But his way is usually the best." Duncan admits the daily catch-and-hold routine "does get a little monotonous, but it depends on whether we win the ball game or not. If we win, then its worth it. So far, I've held for two field goals, both for Chester Marcol. One we made against Cincinnati and the other one, against Miami last Saturday night, was blocked. There was a low snap from center on that one. I got the ball down in time but the hold wasn't steady enough. We had good timing on it - I got it straight up with the laces facing the goal posts - but I hurried the hold a little. Whether it was from inexperience, I don't know. You've got to expect things like that, of course. But if you can't handle the rough spots, you are not going to be around." Duncan, a quiet, soft-spoken citizen, said, "The most difficult thing for me is getting the strings straight. If the threads are off to one side or the other, it weighs the ball down and its liable to drift that way. Tim and I practice that a lot - getting bad snaps from center. And no two snaps are alike, anyway. Fortunately, Ken Bowman and Cal Withrow usually snap with the strings perfect, but you have to be prepared for the time when they don't." Duncan, acquired on waivers last season after being released by the Vikings, assured, "I like holding. The more things I can do, the better off I am. It's pretty important, obviously, and I'd like to do well at it. I'd never done it before until they told me in June that I would be doing it. So I worked on it a little bit at home in Tulsa before coming to camp. I had my wife throwing me some balls, so I could kind of get the hang of it," he said, appending with a grin, "but she was kind of erratic so it probably did me more harm than good." "Basically, I feel you are never as good as you are going to be tomorrow, if you work at something." Insisting that he has never thought of himself as Starr's successor in this capacity, Duncan declared, "I don't think anyone, in whatever he's doing, is ever going to replace Bart Starr. He's an exceptional individual...I think of myself as replacing the Packers' holder, but not Bart Starr." The likeable Californian, two time Missouri Valley Conference punting champion at Tulsa, is encouraged by a recent upturn in his kicking success. "I figure I'm coming around" said Duncan, sidelined most of the 1971 season with a torn muscle in his kicking leg. "In this last game at Miami, I had three punts with a 40 yard average." I felt a lot better about it. It wasn't as good as I'd like, but it was a lot better than against Cincinnati (a 34.7-yard average), which was ridiculous. I think there's a little bit of rhythm coming back. For a while there in June, I'd have to take two days off after every day I punted because my leg would swell up. It's coming around to a point now where I'm getting good extension in the leg. It's just a matter of getting confidence."...PACKER PATTERN: The Packers, who flew here from Fort Lauderdale this morning via United Airlines Charter, closed out their week long Florida stay with a 90 minute workout in shorts under Lockhart stadium lights Thursday night. The practice was devoted to polishing the week's work for the Oilers, including a review of offense and defense, plus a session on the two minute offense and the two minute "prevent" defense...To while away the daylight hours between meetings, some of the players experimented with sailing, since the Atlantic Ocean was literally on their Galt Ocean Mile doorstep. In a few cases, the results were somewhat startling. Jim DeLisle said, "a sailboat was not made for Mike McCoy and me...at least not the same one. We got dunked three times." MacArthur Lane and Sam Dickerson, who went out in another small craft, also capsized. "We just turned it back up and got back in," Lane said, adding, "I never got away from that boat." Dickerson indicated it was a good thing they hadn't, asserting, "we were all the way to the Bahamas."...The Packers will work out in the Astrodome tonight to acclimate themselves to its artificial turf and lighting system. More than 40,000 fans are expected for Saturday night's game, according to Jim McLemore, Oiler publicity director. "We may do better," he added. "It may go all the way.(43,000 is the capacity). The Packers still have a good name and people have never seen 'em here before."

OILERS HUNT THE PACK HERE TONIGHT

AUG 19 (Houston Chronicle) – Bill Peterson looks at opportunity like buses - if you miss one then plan on catching the next. In two exhibition losses the Houston coach hasn't exactly scrutinized the Oilers' running game, last year's most throbbing problem. Peterson's preoccupation with the pass, however, is understandable. Against Dallas and Chicago the Oilers

completed 57 per cent of their passes, covered 492 yards and scored five touchdowns. Still, even pass-oriented Peterson says it's high time the Oilers ground forces get a full-fledged opportunity when Green Bay comes to town Saturday. Kickoff is 7:30 p.m. in the Astrodome for this first game ever between the two clubs. "Of course if we see the pass open again we're going to use it but at least we're going into the game with the idea of running more," says Peterson. "We really haven't seen enough of our running backs to see what we have or what we can do." The Oilers returned to two-a-day drills Monday and Tuesday primarily to hone a rushing game that netted only 55 yards in each of the pre-season defeats. The Oilers have tried only 37 rushing plays while the Cowboys and Bears combined for 78. Success may well hinge on fullback Robert Holmes, last year's team rushing leader with 323 yards, and shifty rookie Willie Rodgers from Kentucky State. Woody Campbell, the Oilers regular starting halfback may not play due to a death in his immediate family. If not, Rodgers probably will start and be spelled by Mike Richardson, Paul Magalski, Lewis Jolley and Ward Walsh. Despite a thigh bruise, guard Tom Regner is expected to start, keeping intact the same offensive front - tackles Tom Funchess and Levert Carr, guard Ron Saul and either Guy Murdock or Calvin Hunt at center. Dan Pastorini will make his second start and likely play most of the game. Charley Johnson was to play sparingly against Dan Devine's Packers but the 12-year veteran was traded to Denver Wednesday for a high draft choice. Probably Dennis Hughes will again be at tight end but regular starter Alvin Reed is expected to play some. For several weeks Reed's been in military reserve and also slowed by a foot injury. Defensively, Bob Atkins will be back at free safety after a rib injury that's kept him out of the lineup for both exhibitions. Spurred by a three-pronged running game the Pack comes to the Dome seeking its third straight exhibition win. Two weeks ago Green Bay stopped Cincinnati, 24-14, and followed with a 14-13 decision over Miami. John Brockington has totaled 100 yards, MacArthur Lane 96 and Dave Hampton 61. Scott Hunter probably will start but Devine plans to also use Frank Patrick and Jerry Tagge, rookie from Nebraska's national championship team. "Green Bay's a power team. They just line up and come at you," Peterson says. "Hunter is tough because he seems to like to use a lot of play action...they're a veteran team with good techniques."

PACKERS FACE HOUSTON

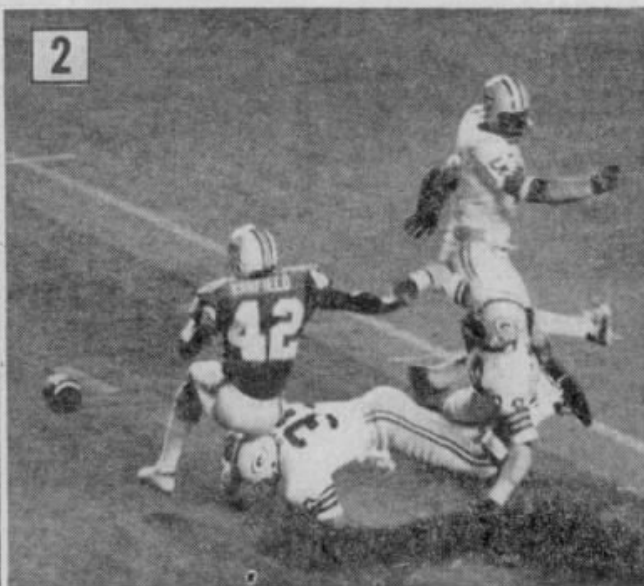
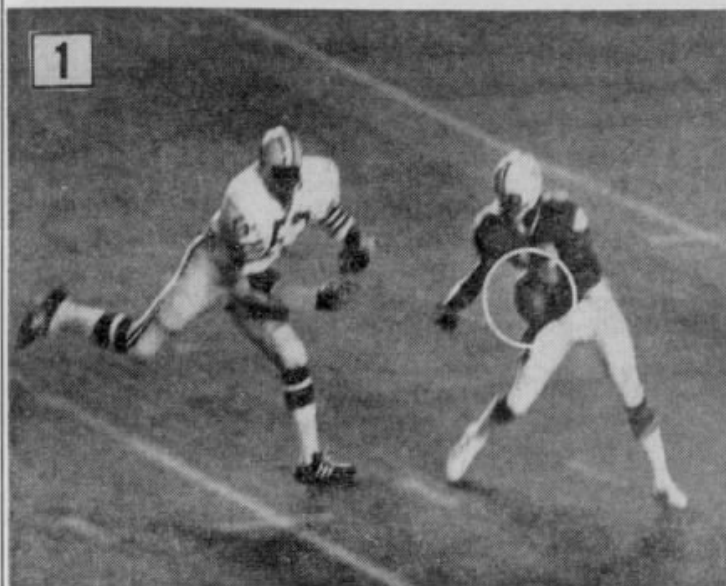
AUG 19 (Houston-Green Bay Press-Gazette) —It could be the shape of things to come in the Astrodome tonight. At left halfback for the Packers, that is, both offensively and defensively. MacArthur Lane will be making his maiden start in tandem with John Brockington, a development long awaited by the faithful, when the unbeaten Pack (2-0) goes on attack for the first time against the Houston Oilers. Willie Buchanon, whose starting debut has been awaited with equal anticipation since he was drafted No. 1 last winter, will open at the left corner in place of gimpy Charlie Hall, shelved by a sprained arch. Although there is little permanence in the fast changing world of pro football, the impression persists that this pair will be difficult to dislodge once they have been accorded first team status. As a rookie, however talented, Buchanon clearly will have the more traumatic assignment in tonight's contest (7:30, WNFL, WLUK-TV), first ever between the Packers and the Oilers, charter members of the "old" American Football League. It will be witnessed by a near capacity crowd of more than 40,000 fans, with a sellout of 43,000 still a possibility. Willie will be called upon to shadow Houston flanker Ken Burroughs, a former Texas Southern speedball who has to be one of the fastest men in football. "They're really breaking me in on a good night," Buchanon dryly noted Friday as he weighed the task at hand. "Burroughs' got good size - he's 6-foot-4 and 210 pounds - plus that good speed. He's 9.2 or 9.3 in the 100. "Their other starting receiver, Charlie Joiner, is good, too. He's about 9.5 in the 100. In fact, they've got four good receivers so the whole secondary will have to be on its toes," said the former San Diego State performer, rated the best cornerback prospect the Packers have had since Herb Adderley arrived upon the Green Bay scene in 1961. "Actually, I've had a little playing time (most of it against Miami last week) so I'm not totally in the dark. I've got the system down - pretty well." Lane, the multi-musclcd Californian secured from the Cardinals as the presumed successor to Donny Anderson, rolled up 53 yards in 12 carries against the Dolphins last week and that performance may have earned him tonight's nod over Dave Hampton. The fact that Hampton was the victim of a fumble that blunted a 79-yard Packer drive in the fourth quarter also may have figured in Dan Devine's decision. At the time of the trade, Devine stressed not only Lane's blocking ability as a complement to the 1,000-yard credentials of Brockington but the ex-Cardinal's low incidence of fumbles over his four-year pro career. The 6-foot-1, 223-pound Lane also is a sure-handed receiver, a department in which Hampton, himself an explosive runner and fine blocker, has experienced difficulty. Devine, who views tonight's affair with some trepidation, is expecting the Oilers to unfurl an aerial barrage - not only because the pass is their primary weapon but because of the Packers' "new" secondary. "I imagine they will throw a lot and start throwing at Willie right away," he said. "That group (the Packer outfield) is not only young but they've never been together before." Buchanon is paired with Ken Ellis, at the corners while Alvin Mathews has taken over - a strong safety, after opening the 1971 season at the right corner, and ex-San Diego Charger Jim Hill has supplanted the retired Willie Wood at free safety. "After they're together two years, it could be a pretty good secondary," Devine said, pointing out, "They all should be around for five or 10 years." Scott Hunter, who unloaded a 79-yard bomb to Dave Davis to key last week's 14-13 upset of Miami, will draw his third consecutive starting assignment at quarterback. He is likely to play only the first half, however. "I'm going to play it by ear," Devine said, "but I want to look at Frank Patrick and Jerry Tagge, in that or der. I want to get as much experience to Tagge as I can, but I'd also like to look at Patrick." Left guard Bill Lueck is troubled with a strained shoulder muscle which could limit his activity. "Bill is likely to start," DD reported, "but it could be Keith Wortmann." Wortmann, a 10th round draft choice who helped Nebraska win its second straight national collegiate title last season, has impressed the Packer coaching staff with his desire and the soundness of his techniques. Elsewhere, Carroll Dale and John Spilis will return to starting duty at wide receiver after yielding to rookies Sam Dickerson and Dave Davis last week for appraisal purposes. Devine indicated, however, that he will continue to look at the latter pair, along with fellow freshman Leland Glass of Oregon, author of a vital 33-yard end around in last week's win over Miami. "They're all pretty even at this

point," he said. "We're going to play a lot of linebackers, too. We're going to play Eric Patton at the middle quite a bit and Larry Hefner at the outside. We've got to get experience there." Another rookie, running back Bob Hudson, also is likely to see some action, particularly as a punt receiver. Tight end Rich McGeorge, still troubled with a refractory thigh muscle, is expected to sit out along with Hall. "McGeorge is very, very doubtful," Devine said, "although he could play in an emergency." The Packer coach, who had described himself as "very, very uneasy" prior to the Miami game, said, "I'm even more uneasy about this one, if that's possible. We've put so much in this week and, with a young team, you're not entirely sure what to expect. With a veteran ball club, they know what you're talking about. Plus I know how Houston feels with a new coach (Bill Peterson) after losing two close heartbreakers. They're going all out to win it – they have to. And we have to play people...I fully expect to see all of their first line people all the way." The Oilers' pre-season performances have been a tribute to their tenacity because they have been playing without four defensive starters – end Elvin Beathea, safety Ken Houston, tackle Mike Tilleman and cornerback Zeke Moore - all sidelined by injuries. Peterson, who came to the Oilers from crosstown Rice University after building a reputation as a freewheeling offensive coach at Florida State, also has lost the services of starting offensive tackle Elbert Drungo for the year because of knee surgery. The Oilers still boast some heavy artillery, however, in Dan Pastorini, a second year quarterback who is considered en route to NFL greatness, and former Kansas City Chief Robert Holmes at running back - plus the pass catching threat of Burroughs and Joiner... PACKER PATTERN: The Packers wrapped up their Oiler preparations with a brief tuneup in the much publicized Astrodome Friday night, a session that was confined primarily to a review of assignments, particularly special team duties. Unlike last week, when the temperature simmered at 85, heat will not be a factor tonight. The Astrodome is kept at a constant 72 degrees. The Packers aren't overly happy about playing in the dome, however. The Astroturf floor, which is zipped in and out to permit such things as rodeos and stock car races to be held is worn thin and reportedly feels not unlike concrete underfoot. A host of skin burns and bruises is anticipated.

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Lueck	L	G	Regner
Bowman	C	C	Hunt
Gillingham	R	G	Saul
Himes	R	T	L. Carr
Garrett	T	E	Hughes
Dale	W	R	Burrough
Hunter	Q	B	Pastorini
Lane	R	B	Rodgers
Brockington	R	B	R. Holmes
DEFENSE			
C. Williams	L	E	P. Holmes
McCoy	L	T	Brooks
Brown	R	T	Billingsley
Roche	R	E	Aldridge
Robinson	LL	B	Rice
Carter	ML	B	Pritchard
F. Carr	RL	B	Webster
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Oilers hunt the Pack here tonight

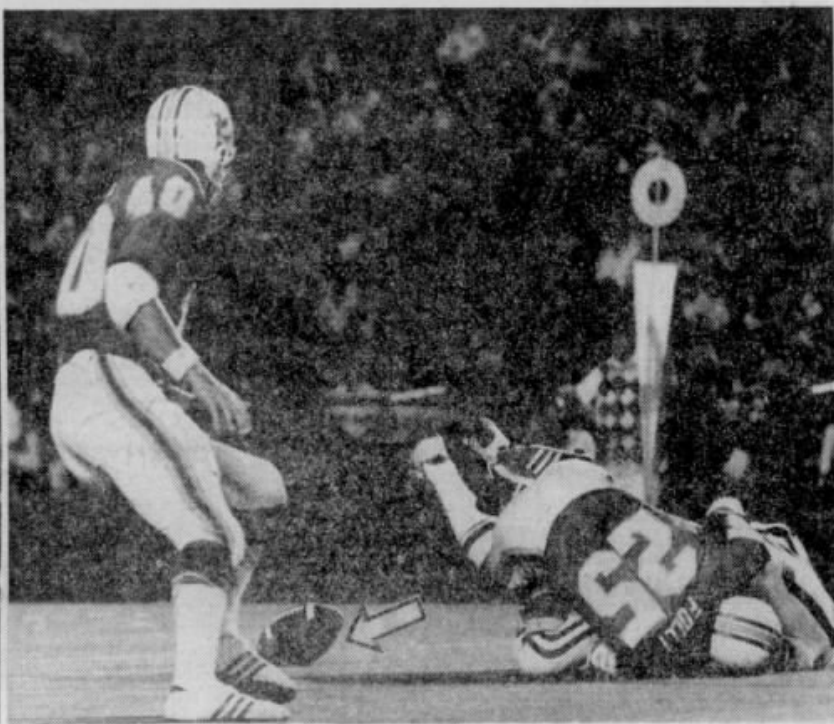
Officials Ruled That This Was a Fumble ...



... But They Ruled That This Wasn't



THE DOLPHINS looked to be on their way to a first-quarter touchdown when Paul Warfield grabbed a Bob Griese pass inside the Green Bay 10-yard line. But he was hit hard by Jim Hill and fumbled (top pictures). Hill recovered



and the Packers scored their first touchdown a moment later. In the second period, the Packers were driving when Scott Hunter found Sam Dickerson with a 17-yard pass. He was hit hard by Tim Foley (bottom pictures) and drop-

ped the ball. The Dolphins recovered, but the officials ruled that the whistle had blown. A couple of plays later Hunter passed to Dave Davis for the second Green Bay touchdown and a 14-0 lead.