

**Green Bay Packers (7-4) 13, San Francisco 49ers (6-5) 0**  
**Saturday December 10th 1960 (at San Francisco)**

# Packers Slosh Near Title, 13-0; Colts, Bears Lose

## GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

### Goo-reat!

#### NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE Western Conference

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Green Bay	7	4	0	.643	297	188
Baltimore	6	5	0	.545	278	200
San Francisco	6	5	0	.545	174	195
Detroit	6	5	0	.545	203	212
Chicago	5	5	1	.500	194	263
Los Angeles	4	6	1	.400	244	262
Dallas	0	11	1	.000	177	369

#### Eastern Conference

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
x-Philadelphia	9	2	0	.818	283	218
Cleveland	7	3	1	.700	314	183
New York	6	3	2	.667	237	213
St. Louis	5	5	1	.500	250	223
Pittsburgh	5	5	1	.500	244	237
Washington	1	8	2	.111	150	271

x—Clinched conference title.

#### Saturday Result

Green Bay 13, San Francisco 0.

#### Sunday Results

Los Angeles 10, Baltimore 3.  
 Cleveland 42, Chicago 0.  
 New York 17, Washington 3.  
 Pittsburgh 27, Philadelphia 21.  
 Detroit 23, Dallas 14.

#### This Week's Games

##### Saturday

Green Bay at Los Angeles.

##### Sunday

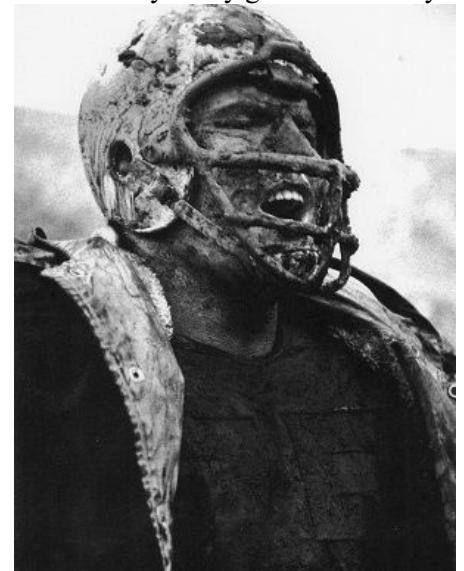
Baltimore at San Francisco.  
 Chicago at Detroit.  
 Cleveland at New York.  
 Philadelphia at Washington.  
 Pittsburgh at St. Louis.

(SAN FRANCISCO) - The Packers are just 60 minutes and 38 revitalized Rams away from the Western Division championship. They took over undisputed possession of the Western lead by blanking the San Francisco 49ers in Kezar Stadium Saturday afternoon 13 to 0. And they never lost first place - thanks to the Rams' 10 to 3 upset victory over the world champion Colts in Los Angeles Sunday afternoon. The Packers now have a 7-4 record, the seven wins matching the 1959 output, while the 49ers, Lions and Colts trail by one full game with one game left. The formula is now pure and simple. They can win the first division title for Green Bay since 1944 by defeating the Rams in Los Angeles Saturday afternoon. Or they can be plunged into a tie. The Packers watched the Rams' big victory on television in their rooms in Rickey's Studio Motel in Palo Alto.. Promptly at 4:06, the players burst out of their rooms and started to whoop it up. Most of them (many were in San Francisco for the weekend) gathered at the motel's main office to revel in the good news. Coach Vince Lombardi was beaming like a cat that just stole the milk right after the game. "First place," he let loose, and then remembered: "We have 60 tough minutes ahead of us yet. And it's all up to our kids right out there. If they want it, they can have it." He pointed to the cottages below his "tower" room. This was a fabulous position and a fabulous comeback. "And now it's all wrapped up in one weekend - weeks of preparation," Vince said. Jim Ringo, who co-captains the Bays along with Bill Forester, yipped: "Isn't this something? We get a second chance and we won't blow it. We blew that first chance but not this one." Jim referred to the Bays losing the lead on two straight losses to the Rams and Lions. John Symank said he could not believe it. "Who would have thought the Colts would lose three straight games? They didn't even score a touchdown. They really got beat." Today's big surprise from sunny southern California added sugar and spice to the celebration

over the Bays' tremendous victory over the 49ers before 53,612 in the rain and slop. It was a record-breaking triumph and easily one of the club's finest wins of the season because of the horrible playing conditions. The center of the gridiron was a sea of mud and the players were covered from head to foot. Quarterback Bart Starr emerged with a uniform dirtied only by the other players wiping their hands off on his jersey. The two dirtiest belong to Paul Hornung, who scored all the points, and Jim Taylor, who gained 161 yards. The Packers dug their noses right in the mud and fought it out. They were tough and strong. The 49ers, with their shotgun offense, never got beyond the 50.

### 'GAVE THEM MIDDLE'

"We gave them the middle and rushed hard from the outside," Lombardi said in explaining the Pack's handling of the weird spread formation. Lombardi and his defense aide, Phil Bengtson, both praised the entire defense and noted that Willie Davis did an "excellent job." The quick Davis is "made for that spread," Bengtson said. Eleven men went the distance on defense, with Ray Nitschke playing his

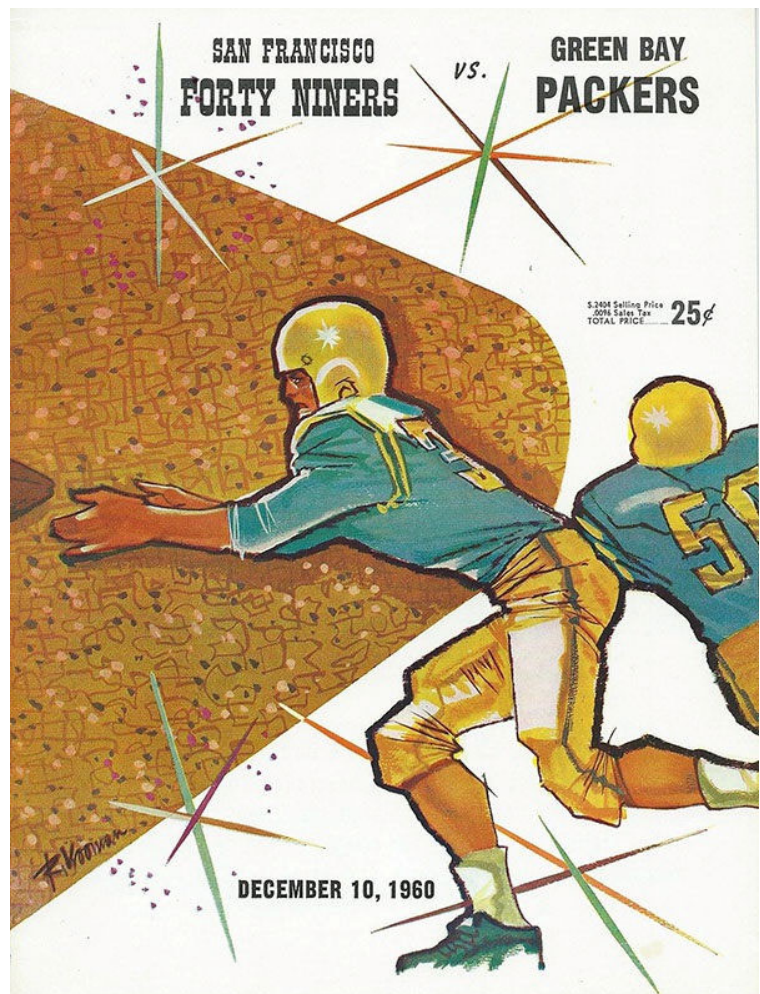




second straight game at middle linebacker. This tough unit held the 49ers to a total of 81 yards, including only 10 by rushing, and six first downs. The 49ers were forced to punt nine times and the Bay intercepted two passes - by Hank Gremminger to set up Hornung's first field goal and Jess Whittenton. Despite the conditions, there wasn't a fumble by either team. The Packers scored three points in the first half, added the game's only TD and another field goal in the fourth quarter. Only two replacements were made by the offense - Tom Moore, who replaced Hornung on a few plays, and Ken Iman, who went in for Ringo for several plays at the end of the game. Taylor stepped on Ringo's hand in the action and three stitches were required to close the wound. The Packers' story was Hornung and Taylor, who gained 247 yards of the Packers' amazing 251 yards rushing. These two guys were great. Hornung had a bad knee to start with and he had it twisted during the game, and Taylor lugged 27 times. And don't forget each was carrying an extra 20 pounds of mud and water. Taylor developed a leg cramp on the last play of the game. Taylor gained 60 yards in the first half and then turned the mud for 101 in the second as Starr deserted the forward pass. The 161 total broke Tony Canadeo's all-time rushing record of 1,052 set in 1949. Jim now has 1,059. The 27 times he carried and his 213 rushes for this season broke Canadeo's records of 26 and 208, both in '49. Hornung's 13 points boosted his record total to 165, which is only 17 less than the 49ers' scoring total of 182. "We adjusted our offense in the second half and put the emphasis on running. The receivers just couldn't get in good position to continue passing," Lombardi said, adding: "We have a quick line and got in our blocks faster than the 49ers."

#### A PICTURE PLAY

Hornung's 28-yard touchdown run was a picture play. Guards Fuzzy Thurston and Jerry Kramer were five yards in front of the ball carrier and Gregg and Taylor also added good blocks. So did Boyd Dowler around the 10-yard line. Hornung leaped the last three yards. "His leg was hurting him," Lombardi quipped. That touchdown came on the end of a 84-yard drive that consumed just nine plays. It started on the Packer 16 near the end of the third quarter. Here's how the Bays ran: Hornung



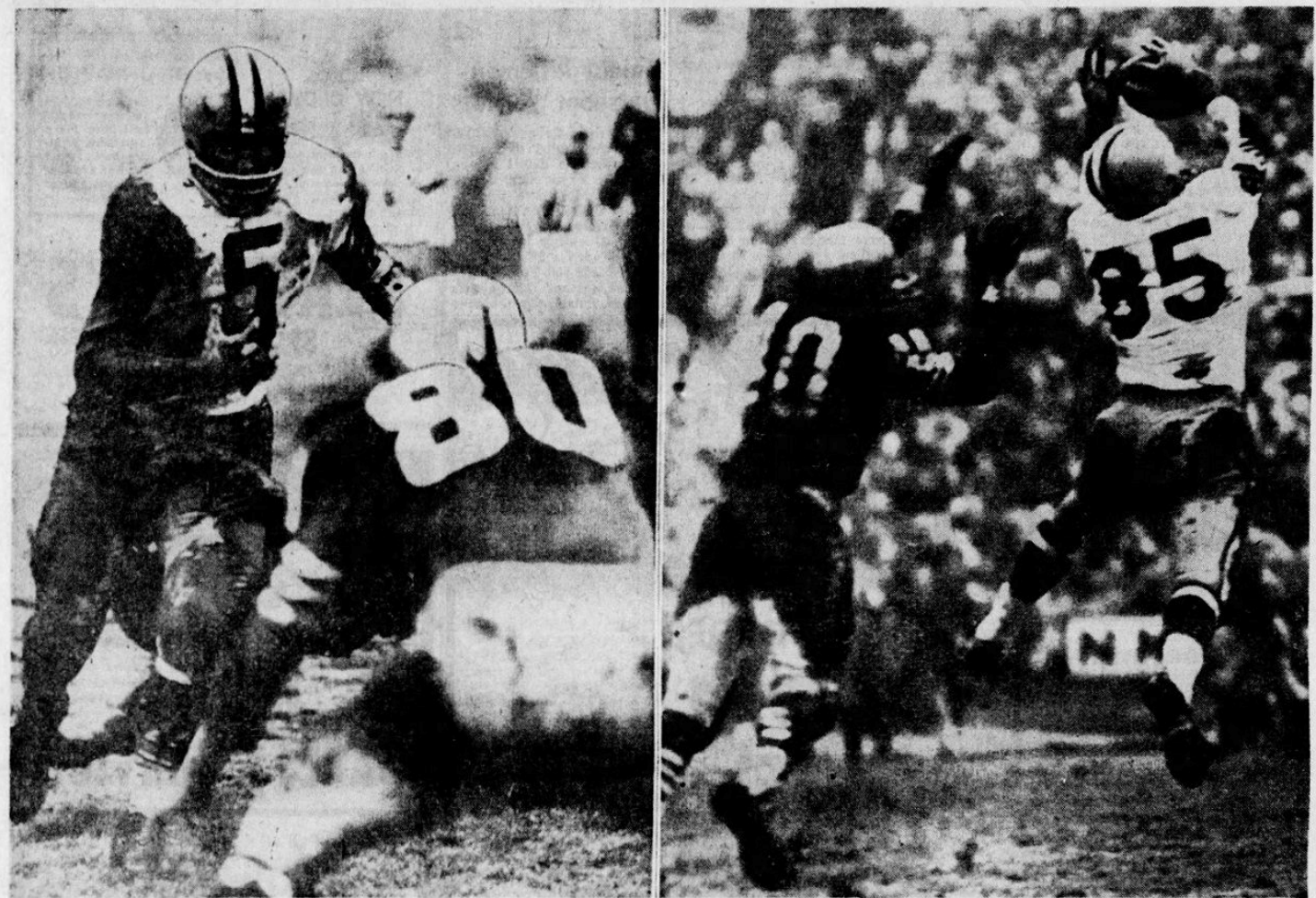
**It Was Early**—The boys hadn't been completely submerged in mud when these pictures of Packer-49er action were taken in swampy Kezar Stadium

in San Francisco Saturday. In the left photo Leo Nomellini, 49er defensive tackle tries to bat down pass (circle) thrown by Packer quarterback Bart

Starr in the second quarter. At right Hugh McElhenny, San Francisco back, seems about to break away in the first quarter but the play netted only

three yards. He was nabbed by Hank Gremminger (46) while Em Tunnell (45) was taken out of the play. Packers won, 13-0. (AP Photos)





**Muddy Road to Victory**—A short thrust and a leaping try are recorded in these two photographs of the Packers' 13-0 victory over the San Francisco 49ers in the muck and mud of San Francisco's Kezar Stadium Saturday. In the left photo Paul Hornung,

who scored all the points and ran his NFL record total to 165, churns for a mud-spattered six yards. Getting set to tackle Paul is 49er defensive back Jerry Mertens (80). At right Max McGee goes high as he makes a futile effort to snatch a pass from

quarterback Bart Starr in first period action. The 49er defender is Abe Woodson (40), halfback. Packers easily outyarded 49ers in mire 292 to 81, piling up 251 yards on the ground. (AP Photofax)

three, Taylor six, Taylor three, Hornung six, Taylor 25 off left end to the 49er 41, Hornung 3, Taylor nine, Hornung one and Hornung 28 to the touchdown.

#### MC GEE-DAVIS DUEL

Hornung missed his first field goal attempt from the 30 on the opening kickoff. He booted a soggy ball for a 3-0 lead from the 38 with 51 seconds in the half. Gremminger intercepted on the 20 and raced to the Packer 38 with three minutes left. The Bays moved to the 49er 31 on seven plays and Hornung hit from the 38. Other than the TD drive and the Bays' final field goal drive, the game was a punting duel between Davis and McGee. Hornung made his second field goal with two minutes left in the game. The two backs blasted from the Packer 48 to the 49er 16 in 10 plays where a third and one situation brought out a field goal success from the 23.

#### AMAZING BALL CONTROL

The Packers did it with amazing ball control. Starr called 48 rushes, all but two by Taylor and Hornung, and they averaged 5.2 yards a crack. Including passes, the Packers averaged four yards a play compared to a measly 1.6 for the 49ers. The 49ers tried 25 passes, mostly off the spread, and completed nine. Brodie went until near the end when old Y.A. Tittle came forth with no success. The Packer defense was amazing and old Em Tunnell played one of his finest games - sore shoulder and all.

<b>GREEN BAY</b>	-	0	3	0	10	-	13
<b>SAN FRANCISCO</b>	-	0	0	0	0	-	0

	<u>GREEN BAY</u>	<u>SAN FRANCISCO</u>
First Downs	16	6
Rushing-Yards-TD	48-251-1	22-71-0
Att-Comp-Yd-TD-Int	17-6-41-0-1	25-9-34-0-2
Sack Yards Lost	0	24
Total Yards	292	81
Fumbles-lost	0-0	1-0

Turnovers	1	2
Yards penalized	3-15	5-55

### SCORING

2nd - GB - Paul Hornung, 28-yard field goal GREEN BAY 3-0  
 4th - GB - Hornung, 28-yard run (Hornung kick) GREEN BAY 10-0  
 4th - GB - Hornung, 23-yard field goal GREEN BAY 13-0

### RUSHING

GREEN BAY - Jim Taylor 27-161, Paul Hornung 19-86 1 TD, Tom Moore 2-4  
 SAN FRANCISCO - J.D. Smith 13-40, C.R. Roberts 8-17, John Brodie 1-14

### PASSING

GREEN BAY - Bart Starr 17-6-41 1 INT  
 SAN FRANCISCO - John Brodie 19-7-41 1 INT, Y.A. Tittle 6-2-(-7) 1 INT

### RECEIVING

GREEN BAY - Paul Hornung 4-25, Max McGee 1-10, Jim Taylor 1-6  
 SAN FRANCISCO - J.D. Smith 3-8, C.R. Roberts 3-(-6), Clyde Conner 1-21, Dee Mackey 1-7, Hugh McElhenny 1-4

## A Playoff? It Still Could Happen—Here's How:



AP Wirephoto  
**Green Bay Packer Halfback Paul Hornung goes for another mud-spattered six yards against San Francisco Saturday. Hornung was a big gun in the Packers' march to a 13-0 victory. He scored all 13 points. Getting ready to tackle him is 49er back Jerry Mertens.**

### A PLAYOFF? IT STILL COULD HAPPEN - HERE'S HOW:

DEC 12 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packers could simplify matter greatly by dispatching the Los Angeles Rams in Saturday's season finale on the West Coast, in which case they would automatically become the NFL's Western Division champions, but if they should not, five possibilities exist for a divisional playoff. There are, for example, two three-way tie possibilities. One could find the Packers finishing in a knot with the San Francisco 49ers and Detroit Lions. This would develop if the Packers lose and 'Frisco and Detroit win. A three-way tie also would result if Baltimore and Detroit win Sunday, in the wake of a Packer defeat. In the first instance, the Packers would meet the Lions in a playoff at Detroit, with San Francisco drawing a bye. In the second, the Packers would also invade Detroit, with Baltimore drawing the bye. There also are three chances of a two-team tie, both likewise predicated on a Packer loss Saturday. Two of these would involve the winner of the Baltimore-San Francisco game. Detroit also could qualify in this situation, should Baltimore and San Francisco tie. If either Baltimore or 'Frisco should tie, the playoff game would be staged in Green Bay; if Detroit should tie, it would be played in Detroit.

### PACK'S SUPERB CONDITION PAID OFF: VINCE

DEC 12 (San Francisco-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packer dressing room in Kezar Stadium is living room size, with a shower room and latrine attached. It is hardly enough for 38 players - much less five coaches and the streams of press, radio

and TV people. It was really something to remember - these quarters. Look: The players were dripping with water and mud. They were tugging to get off their uniforms. Reporters were asking them questions. They ran out of towels because so many were used during the game. Coach Vince Lombardi was jammed in the "bathroom" behind a dozen writers. He had to yell above the players who actually were quiet because of all the problems involved in getting undressed. Jim Ringo was stretched out on a table in the middle of the room. He was grimacing in pain. Dr. Jim Nellen was putting three stitches in his hand which had been cut under Jim Taylor's cleats in action. Some of the boys couldn't watch the "surgery." Others writhed with Jim. Somebody figured Jim Taylor might have set a new rushing record but the statistics weren't down yet from the press box. Tony Canadeo, who set the old record in 1949, grabbed muscular Jim and hugged him. "I'm glad you got it, Jim, it helped us win. Congratulations," Tony rasped. Tom Miller fought his way in with a pack of statistics. "He (Taylor) got 161 yards and that's a new record," Miller yelled. And everybody ran over to pump Taylor's mud-caked hands.

	W	L	T	GBx	GTPxx
Green Bay	7	4	0	—	1
Baltimore	6	5	0	1	1
San Francisco	6	5	0	1	1
Detroit	6	5	0	1	1

x—Games behind  
 xx—Games to play

#### Saturday's Game

**Green Bay at Los Angeles**

#### Sunday's Games

**Baltimore at San Francisco**

**Chicago at Detroit**

**Green Bay can win title by defeating Los Angeles, but would tie with winner of Baltimore-San Francisco game and possibly Detroit if Los Angeles wins.**

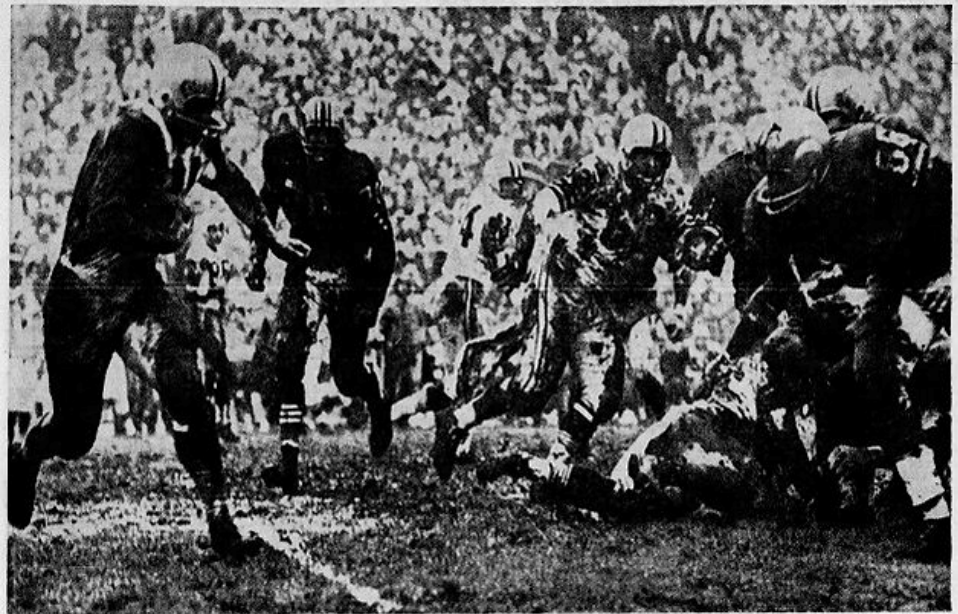


He was mud from head to foot. Hornung finally found a seat. "It hurt my leg again. Twisted the same one," he said. Paul wasn't a pretty picture. Half his face was mud." Lombardi got loose from the big group of Scribes and tried to get some of the "strangers" out of the room. He finally sat down with the statistics. The biggest mud pie was Fred Thurston, the guard. He couldn't be recognized - for the mud. Forrest Gregg admitted that "we had a little fun near the end." "Jerry Kramer and I were throwing mud at each other," he said. The Packers' superb condition helped win the game. "They had to be in great shape to carry around all the water and mud. I think we were stronger than the 49ers as the game wore on," Vince said. Taylor gave credit for his runs to "those blockers. They were standing up there and knocking 'em all over. We just followed behind them. And they were trapping them all day." The 49ers dressing room wasn't so dismal as you might expect. They had no alibis. Coach Red Hickey, a real fine gent, put it this way: "They beat us on a dry field, too. I take nothing away from them. But a good solid power team like Green Bay would win every game it played on mud like that. I'm not trying to alibi, but I wish we could play them again on a dry field." The 49ers all had praise for Taylor and Hornung and for the Pack's fine blocking. Hog Harrison put it this way, "I planted my feet solidly, wide apart when Taylor came at me one time. He hit me so hard that he knocked me right off my feet and on my back. That never happened to me before. Then he picked me up." Phil Bengtson was particularly excited after the game, having coached the 49ers for so many

years. We remarked to him that it was our fourth straight win over 'Frisco, Phil corrected: "That's five," referring to the exhibition win here in '59. Before the game there was plenty of worry that the rain and mud would hurt the Packers, who were favored by five points. The old rule says that inclement weather helped the underdog. It's an equalizer. What no: The Packers had a meeting scheduled for today. "I don't think we'll work on the field. We're a tired bunch, you know, with that kind of game and maybe it would be better if we just relaxed," Lombardi said. The squad will see movies of the game today and the coaches will dive into preparation for the "game of the year" next Saturday.

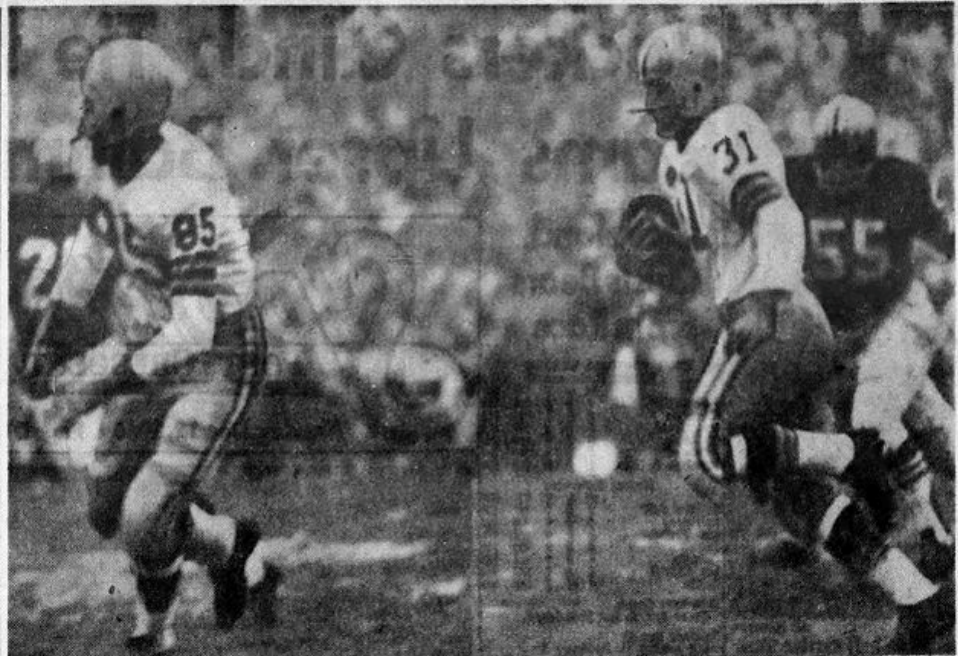
## PACKERS' HOMECOMING PLANS ROAR INTO GEAR

DEC 12 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packer Homecoming celebration, scheduled for Austin Straubel Field next Sunday evening, stepped into high gear over the weekend. Even the most dedicated Packer Backer couldn't have visualized the team in sole control of first place in the western division three weeks ago and the dizzy heights is doing fantastic things for all Packerland. A special session of the Packer Homecoming Committee met at the Beaumont Hotel this morning to assess the situation and to make adequate preparation for a "welcome home" that the team and the community will not soon forget.



**Nice Goo-ing**—Mud-caked Jim Taylor is off on a six-yard gain against the San Francisco 49ers in the goo of Kezar Stadium Saturday. Moving in for a block during the second period action is Fred Thurston (63), Packer guard. No. 70 is Charlie Krueger, 49er end. Taylor pounded through the quagmire for 161 yards in

27 carries to set a new all-time Packer rushing record of 1059 yards, breaking Tony Canadeo's mark of 1058, set in 1944. The Packers' 13-0 victory gave Green Bay undisputed possession of first place in the Western Division with one game to go. They invade Los Angeles for finale Saturday. (AP Photofax)



**Jim Taylor, Green Bay Packer fullback, on the first play of the game against San Francisco Saturday, takes off on a 20-yard gain. Running interference is**

**Max McGee (85) while cutting in from the side is the 49ers Matt Hazeltine (55). The Packers clinched a title tie in the Western Division with a 13-0 victory.**

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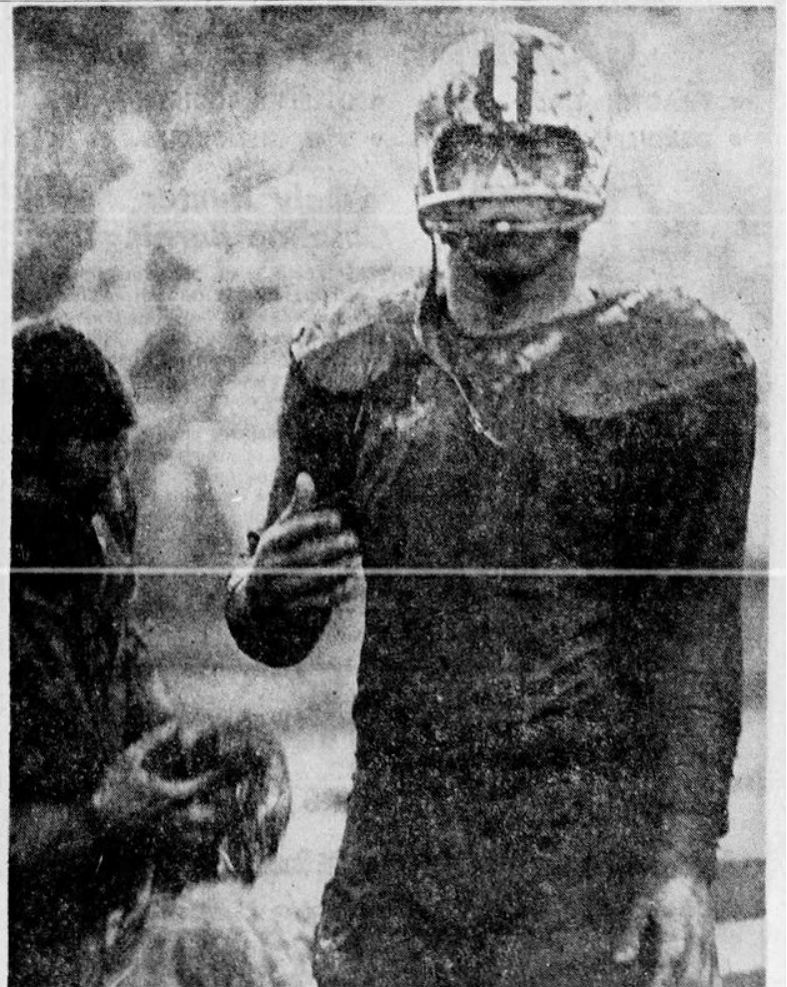


Meanwhile, the committee doubled its efforts to get every Packer fan aware of the importance of a pregame telegram to be sent the squad on the west coast Saturday. Planned to arrive at the Packer locker room just before the team takes the field in the season windup against the Rams, the telegram will contain the names and best wishes of Packer fans everywhere. "We think that the telegram from fans back home will be one of the best shots in the arm that the team could possibly get," said a member of the Packer Executive Committee. Names are being requested from fans, along with a \$1.00 donation. The money will be used to defray the cost of the telegram and to pay for suitable gifts for each member of the playing squad. The gifts are to be presented to the team during ceremonies at Austin Straubel field starting at approximately 7 p.m. Sunday. Checks or money orders should be sent to: Telegram, Green Bay, Wis.

## Packers Chant \$6,000 Countdown, Request Special Drill

### PACKERS CHANT \$6,000 COUNTDOWN, REQUEST SPECIAL DRILL

DEC 13 (Palo Alto, CA-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packers continued a \$6,000 countdown today. It was 5 Monday, 4 today, 3 Wednesday, 2 Thursday, 1 Friday and "fire away" Saturday when they battle the star-graced Rams in the Los Angeles Coliseum, with the Western Division championship in the balance. The Packers win the prize outright if they whip or tie LA. The win would send the Pack into the title playoff in Philadelphia Dec. 26 - a chore that could bring each Bayer around \$6,000. As Hank Jordan shouted out during the murderous sprints Monday, "Let's go, go, go, this is the big money game." And the Packers, incidentally, didn't have to sprint. Coach Vince Lombardi had planned to give the Bays Monday off but the Packers requested at breakfast that "We practice today." Lombardi was pleased to grant their wishes and they were on the fog-shrouded drill field at Stanford University promptly at 10 o'clock after watching films of the 13-0 victory over San Francisco last Saturday. Monday practice was no picnic. The coach sent them through those lung-cracking sprints and he got after a few of the boys who weren't stretching all the way out. And they liked it. Lombardi asked them to do their best in Monday's light drill "so you're ready for Tuesday." Tackle Dave Hanner remarked that the unscheduled practice was "good for everybody because I guess we've all been 'celebrating' a little bit over the weekend." That was an understatement. The Bays went through a brief offensive passing drill, with Bart Starr and Lamar McHan hitting the target exceptionally well. Joe Francis is back throwing now and gets in his licks even though he's not eligible to play. Green Bay's aerial game may be a major factor against the Rams. The Packers' few victories over LA in the last few years have been accomplished by great passing - by Starr in LA in '59 and by Tobin Rote in 1954-55-56. Green Bay has beaten the Rams only four times in the last 22 games since '49. To make it worse, the Rams have come up with a big pass defense lift - one Ollie Matson, who was a key figure in the Rams' 10-3 upset victory over the Colts Sunday. Packer assistant coaches Phil Bengtson, Norb Hecker, Red Cochran and Bill Austin were in LA for the Ram-Colt battle. They praised the Rams' stout defense and gave Matson credit. "Matson replaced Sherman ( a defensive



**Portrait of a 'Mudder'**—Jim Taylor, Packer fullback, gets wiped down after coming off the field in the fourth quarter in San Francisco Saturday. Rain had turned the gridiron into a quagmire, but Jim sloshed through it

for a record-breaking 161 yards to play a major role in the 13-0 victory over the 49ers that catapulted the Pack into first place in the Western Division standings. Taylor broke Tony Canadeo's mark. (AP Photofax)



veteran) and was all over the field. He finally got Berry out of there," Bengtson said. Matson was playing defense for the first time since he went both ways for the Chicago Cardinals in 1953. Ram Coach Bob Waterfield had this to say, "When Shofner went out (for the season) early in the game, it put more pressure on Ollie. He not only was terrific on pass defense but he belted a few guys, too." Matson was playing defense for the first time this season. Ram QB Bill Wade, who went in when Frank Ryan suffered a shoulder separation, called Matson's play "the finest individual showing I've ever seen." Matson was stationed at right safety, which means that he'll be looking after Max McGee, possibly Gary Knafelc - plus the pass receiving backs. Two Packers stayed out of the hard running Monday and they're both fullbacks - Jim Taylor and Larry Hickman. Taylor suffered several muscle pulls in the 49er game, in which he gained 161 yards, and is limping some. Hickman never played fullback but got a charley horse returning the opening kickoff 17 yards. Hornung, the Packers' major injury case last year who was still limping with a knee bruise on Friday, had no trouble with them Monday. Despite some misery in San Francisco, he ran 19 times for 86 yards, caught four passes for 25 yards, kicked off four times, kicked two field goals and an extra point and scored 13 points. And just to show you Hornung's really versatile, he jogged the two blocks from the dressing room to the field with a bag of footballs over his shoulder. The fog was really bad at the start of practice. Lombardi laughed: "I can't see how many players are out here." It lifted shortly and the sun was out the rest of the

day, though the temperature never got above 50, it's been cold here - for California, that is. Frost on the roof in the morning. The Packers will move on down south after practice Wednesday. They'll headquarter at the Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica.

#### **AD IN 'FRISCO PAPER HELPED TO SPARK PACK**

DEC 13 (Palo Alto, CA-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Pro football players like to feed on something, as it were. "Anything will help, any remark," John Symank said one time. They got one made to order for the occasion. On the morning of the game, there appeared in the San Francisco Herald-Examiner an advertisement by a local radio station. It read: "Congratulations 49ers for beating the Green Bay Packers." The Bays didn't need much keying but things like that always help. That was the tone of the heavy press last week. It just didn't seem that the Packers had a chance. The Monday papers made interesting reading. Thought you might like to see some of the headlines: "Bang! 49ers Shot, 13-0." "Hornung and Rain Drench 53,612 Fans" "49ers' Shotgun Offense Goes Poof" "49ers' Name: Mud" "It Came Up Mud and Taylor" "How Special Defense Won Game" There were many others. And they were all appreciated by the players who ate up every word while relaxing Sunday. It would have been interesting to see how the Bays' defense worked against the 49ers' spread attack on a dry field. Various Packer players thought



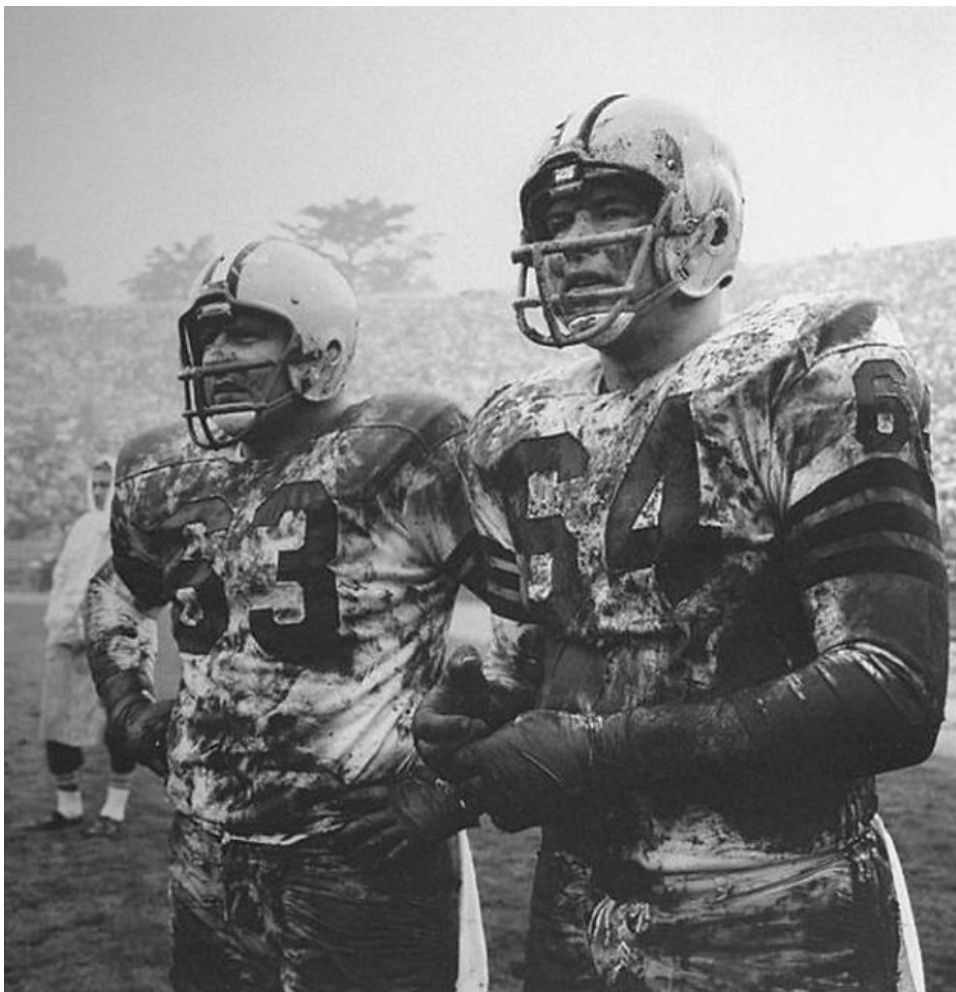
**Forrest Gregg (75) seated on sidelines bench during game vs San Francisco 49ers (CREDIT: Hy Peskin /Sports Illustrated via Getty Images)**

the final score would have been around 28 to 7, Green Bay, with the 49ers getting a touchdown or field goal. Coach Vince Lombardi gave special credit to the three linebackers, Bill Forester, Dan Currie and Ray Nitschke, with holding the 49ers to only 81 yards, including only 10 in the air. They spread out with the spread and Nitschke roved between one or the other. The 49ers tossed out a teaser on the first play of the game. They spread practically the width of the field, with the center having five-yard open spaces on each side of him. The guard, tackles and ends were each spaced about three yards apart. John Brodie hurred to Hugh McElhenny on the first play, for a four-yard gain, with Hank Gremminger making the stop. The 49ers never spread that way again. They used the "normal" spread 30 times, the straight T 23 times. The Packers still like to talk about the mud and slop of Saturday's game. Forrest Gregg said, "Bart's clean uniform was just like waving a red

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**Green Bay Packers Fuzzy Thurston (63) and Jerry Kramer (64) on sidelines, covered in mud during game with rain, weather vs San Francisco 49ers (Photo by Hy Peskin/Sports Illustrated via Getty Images/Getty Images)**

in the NFL, it would be played at City Stadium Monday, Dec. 26, with kickoff time at 12:06 p.m. Tentative plans for such a game, including ticket prices and sales, were announced this morning by Packer President Dominic Olejniczak after conferring with Commissioner Pete Rozelle, General Manager Vince Lombardi and the Packer executive committee. The game would be played under the supervision of the league, but the Packers would be in charge of the ticket sale. Prices would be the same as for league games at City Stadium, including the children's section. Priority on tickets would be given season ticket holders for league games in Green Bay and Milwaukee, except for duplication. Season ticket holders can reserve all or part of their number of tickets now by mailing or bringing in a check or money order to the Packer ticket office in Green Bay. There would be a deadline of Tuesday midnight, Dec. 20, after which any remaining tickets would be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. In the event no playoff game is necessary, checks or money orders would be returned. Orders cannot be taken over the telephone and cash will not be accepted. Columbia Broadcasting System has cleared the earlier starting time of 12 noon because of the early darkness this time of the year. Should the weekend's final games result in a playoff game in Green Bay, the Packer ticket office would be open Sunday and nights as well as days next week.

#### **FOUR RAM REGULARS LOST FOR PACK TILT**

DEC 13 (Los Angeles) - The Los Angeles Rams are badly hobbled for their final game of the NFL season Saturday against the Green Bay Packers. Four regular will be out of the action. Frank Ryan, starting quarterback, is in St. Joseph Hospital, Burbank, suffering from a serious shoulder injury, sustained last Sunday in the 10-3 Ram victory over Baltimore. Both Ram ends, Gene Brito and Del Shofner, are out with leg injuries, and lineman Lou Michaels has a bad ankle that is not responding to treatment. The Rams will go all out in an effort to upset the Packers and prevent them from winning the clear cut championship of the Western Conference. They upset the Packers 33-31, in Milwaukee, mainly because of Packer errors. If the Packers win Saturday in the Coliseum, they will meet the Philadelphia Eagles for the NFL championship. If the Rams win, a postseason playoff could be necessary. Green Bay, Detroit, and either San Francisco or Baltimore could be 7-5 for the regular season.

flag in front of a bull." Bart Starr never hit the turf once - his protection was so good. "They wanted to get at Bart if for no other reason than to blacken his uniform," Gregg said. The only dirt QB Starr got was when the other players wiped their hands on his jersey. Gregg said he once blocked out Dave Hanner - "thought it was a 49er." The mud was real sticky. Lombardi lost his shoes three times on the sidelines. "They just stuck there," he said. Paul Hornung lost one shoe. Late in the game, a punt came down and never took a bounce. Maybe the Packers will bring the rain to Los Angeles Saturday? "Perish the thought," Starr said. Speaking about LA, the Colts were held to only three points on the fine green of the Coliseum. What would have happened to them on the slop of Kezar Stadium? The two games on the West Coast only produced two touchdowns and four field goals - just 26 points. The Packers scored 41 themselves in Chicago and they'd like to get that many in LA next Saturday.

#### **PLANS SET FOR POSSIBLE DIVISION PLAYOFF HERE**

DEC 13 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Should there be a playoff game in Green Bay for the western division title



# Packers Confident They Have Poise To Clinch Title

## The Record

<b>BALTIMORE</b>	0—Detroit	24
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31—Los Angeles	17 30—Baltimore	22
20—Washington	0 23—Los Angeles	7
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24—Bears	20 41—Philadelphia	24
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## PACKERS CONFIDENT THEY HAVE POISE TO CLINCH TITLE

DEC 14 (Palo Alto, CA-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The business of winning a championship during a given game can be ticklish. This is a pressure-packed battle - that tangle between the Rams and our Packers in Los Angeles Saturday night. As Jim Ringo put it "that's 22 weeks of work all wrapped up into 60 minutes." Thirty-two of the 38 players have never been through this sort of wringer. Six of them have fought in a championship-clinching game - Fuzzy Thurston, Lew Carpenter, Em Tunnell, Hank Jordan, Bill Quinlan and Willie Davis. Green Bay can take the Western Division title outright by winning or tying Saturday. Thurston, for one, doesn't think it make any difference "to our gang" that they're playing for all the Western marbles. "We've got the ability and we all way to win it. They can't stop us now," Fuzzy said in defense of those who never picked up a championship game check. He added: "All you need is poise and we've all got that. It's like old times for Em, Hank and the others who made a playoff. We didn't have much poise last year. Well, we lost five games in a row. We showed we had poise in Chicago and out here. It won't be easy Saturday, but we'll win." Thurston played with the title Colts of 1958 and then came to Green Bay in a trade for linebacker Marv Matuszak. The other five were all involved in the Eastern Division playoff that year between the Browns and Giants. Tunnell, not to mention Coach Vince Lombardi, was with New York and Jordan, Quinlan and Carpenter were with the Browns. Quinlan actually missed the playoff because he had broken his leg. "I got my money, anyway," Bill said. The Giants won the playoff and then battled the Colts in that historic overtime game. Carpenter has been through title shots with two different teams - Detroit in '54 and Cleveland in '57. "If experience helps, I've got it and I'm sure the others (without playoff experience) will have no trouble Saturday," Lew said. "If anybody's excited before the game, they'll get over it right after the kickoff," Quinlan added. Jordan reminded the squad during a noisy drill Tuesday that "this is a money game, let's go." He rings it out all over the field in his Virginny drawl every day. Packer practices have always been high-schoolish in spirit. These this week are more so. If anybody drops an easy pass, the rest of the squad will let him know about it on the spot. The same goes for a good play...PASSING CALLED KEY: The Packer defense is making the offense work for every completion. The emphasis is on passing since the Packers' major hope is based on scoring a hatful of points. It is expected that the Bay defense will react to its greatest performance Saturday. The more-complicated offensive machinery is being oiled and fed. Passing is the key and this is based on the assumption that the Two Horsemen, Jim Taylor and Paul Hornung, will be averaging close to four yards per attempt or more. Green Bay's aerial game had to be set aside in last Saturday's mud bath against the 49ers in San Francisco. Only 17 passes were tried, in the first half. Bart Starr is expected to increase pass production considerably against LA. The Packers, incidentally, received a late compliment on their performance vs. the 49ers. It came from 49er coach Red Hickey who spoke thusly after watching films of the game: "Mud or no mud, we were outknocked both ways and there was no excuse for it. Unless we changes we won't have a chance against the Colts." Earlier, Hickey had been inclined to blame the field conditions, for the most part, for the shotgun offense breakdown. Packer injuries are now one - fullback Larry Hickman, who jogged by himself around the field while everybody else strained hard. Hickman has a charley horse and bruise. Taylor is back running hard, including the sprints, and Ringo isn't bothered by his bandaged hand. Taylor stepped on Ringo's hand late in the 49er game and three stitches were required to close the gap. In fact, Taylor ran so hard on one play in practice, everybody cheered him. They're getting ready! The Packers left after practice today by United Airlines charter for the Los Angeles area. They'll headquarter and train at Santa Monica.





**Ray Nitschke (second from left) sits on the bench with teammates (Photo by Robert Riger/Getty Images)**



**49er players sit on the bench (Source: San Francisco Examiner)**

## **TAYLOR CAN OVERTAKE BOWN, CAPTURE NFL'S RUSHING TITLE**

DEC 14 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Bruising Jim Taylor, the Packers' record-breaking fullback, who has moved into the exclusive class of players who have gained more than 1,000 yards in a season, with luck may overtake Jimmy Brown of the Cleveland Browns for the NFL rushing championship. Brown has gained 1,147 yards, compared with 1,059 for Taylor. But in the season finale Sunday, Brown runs into his jinx team, New York, while Taylor faces the Los Angeles Rams Saturday with the added incentive of the Western Division championship at stake. The Giants held Brown to only 29 yards in his latest game against New York. Taylor slogged into the "1,000 Club" at San Francisco's muddy Kezar Stadium last Saturday, churning for 161 yards in 27 attempts. The bayou bronco set three records in the process. By running his grand total to 1,059 yards, he eclipsed by 7 the old Packer standard of 1,052 set by Tony Canadeo in 1949. He also broke Canadeo's records for most attempts in a season, 208, and most attempts in a single game, 26, likewise set in '49. Taylor now has carried 213 times, including that record-breaking 27 thrusts last Saturday. In scoring, Paul Hornung added 13 last Saturday and swelled his record total to 165. He has scored 14 touchdowns, and kicked 36 conversions and 15 field goals. Neither Taylor nor Hornung is a slouch in the other's most successful endeavor. Taylor is ranked eighth in NFL scoring

with 66 points, while Hornung is the sixth rated ground gainer with 649 yards. John David Crow of the St. Louis Cardinals was third in the ground-gaining standings with 868 yards, followed by Nick Pietrosante of the Detroit Lions with 768 and J.D. Smith of the San Francisco Forty-Niners with 689. Bart Starr and Willie Wood are two other Packers who rank among the league elite. Starr, though grievously handicapped by a muddy ball at San Francisco Sunday, ranks eighth among the passers with 90 completions in 163 attempts for 1,157 yards and two touchdowns. His average gain per pass has been 7.10. Wood's punt returns gained 100 yards, to place him sixth in that category. Cleveland's Milt Plum still leads the league's passers with a 62.9 percentage, is first in average gain with 9.53, and in percentage of interceptions with .05. having had only one pilfered all year.

## **RAMS TO USE DEFENSE THAT UPSET COLTS**

DEC 14 (Los Angeles) - The Green Bay Packers have one of the soundest ground games in the NFL, but the Los Angeles Rams hope to upset them here Saturday and scramble the Western Conference race. If the Packers win, they are divisional champions and face the Philadelphia Eagles in the NFL playoff. If they lose, there will have to be a playoff, with the Baltimore Colts, San Francisco 49ers, Detroit Lions and Green Bay in the picture. Green Bay was better in the mud than





**San Francisco 49ers QB John Brodie (12) in action vs Green Bay Packers**  
(Photo by Hy Peskin/Sports Illustrated via Getty Images)



**Paul Hornung (5) making catch vs San Francisco 49ers** (Photo by Hy Peskin /Sports Illustrated via Getty Images)

San Francisco last Saturday, but the Rams upset Baltimore, playing superlative defensive football. "We're getting our defense set for the Packers," said Line Coach Don Paul. "Jim David and I figure on using somewhat the same defense we employed against Baltimore - lots of hard tackling and a hard charge." David, defensive backfield coach, said Ollie Matson, veteran ball carrier, will be called upon again for defensive duty. Matson's play against Baltimore was instrumental in crimping Johnny Unitas' passing. Head Coach Bob Waterfield is convinced that the Rams are going to be winner in another year or so, but he is pessimistic about the Green Bay game. He says that quarterback Frank Ryan, ends Del Shofner and Gene Brito and tackle Lou Michaels are sidelined and that the physical condition of the team is the "worst it has been all year." ...PACKER GUARDS 'BEST': Middle guard Les Richter says Green Bay's strong running game, spearheaded by Paul Hornung and Jim Taylor, is working because of the great work of blocking guards Fred Thurston and Jerry Kramer. "They're the best guards we've seen all season," says Richter. "Their performance last Saturday against San Francisco was the big equalizer in that mud. I don't want to take anything away from Hornung and Taylor, but they get going behind some really fine blocking. We want to spoil things for the Packers, though, because we owe them nothing."

# **COLTS HAVE HAD IT? SO SAYS STEEDS' BIOGRAPHER**

DEC 14 (Palo Alto, CA-Green Bay

Press-Gazette) - The Colts have had it. Hail the new champs (?). Those are opinions from John Steadman, sports editor of the Baltimore News-Post and former Colt publicity chief who authored two books on the Colts. John called from Los Angeles Tuesday. He wanted to write about Green Bay. He reported on the Colts along the way: "They're ready to die. It's an awful thing to think about after winning it twice in a row, but I had dinner with a couple of them last night and they're consigned to defeat. They won't give up, and they'll give the 49ers a great game, but they're totally exhausted. Right now, they seemed relieved that it's over. Sure, they'd welcome another chance - if you lose, but the Colts think the Packers will win it. We're all banged up. Injuries have never been so bad. Raymond (Berry) never should have dressed in Los Angeles. We need that good halfback, too. Alex (Hawkins) has been great for us, but wouldn't you know, your old player (Hawkins was sold by Green Bay to Baltimore) was the one who killed our last chance. His fumble near the end. Like I always said, if Baltimore can't win it, we hope Green Bay does." Incidentally, most teams around the league feel that way about Green Bay. Papa Bear George Halas, owner-coach of the Packers' greatest and oldest and most respected rival, likes Green Bay as his perennial championship choice - if the Bears can't win it, of course...The Packers, understandably, don't talk much about possible Western Division playoffs. They aren't talking much about Philadelphia, either, as the week wears on. The major



topics are the Rams and the weather. The big snows and near-zero temps out east are a source of laughter, since some folks around the league have been jabbing at Green Bay for being too cold for a playoff - just in case. At last report, there hasn't been any snow in dear old Green Bay and the temps has reached up to 30. Blizzards damaged three games on the eastern seaboard last Sunday...Jim Temp had hoped to make the active roster for the final game, but, due to a technicality, he can't be put on the list. He has been out for four weeks with an injury. John Miller, who was called to his home in Revere, Mass., by the death of his father, was scheduled to arrive today...Dale Hackbart, the former Wisconsin star, feels his trip to southern California will be more pleasant than the last one - just a year ago when the Badgers were smothered in the Rose Bowl. Hackbart will see defensive action if Jess Whittenton has trouble with his legs.

## Packer Rookies Stand Ready, If Needed; Lead Cheers, Too

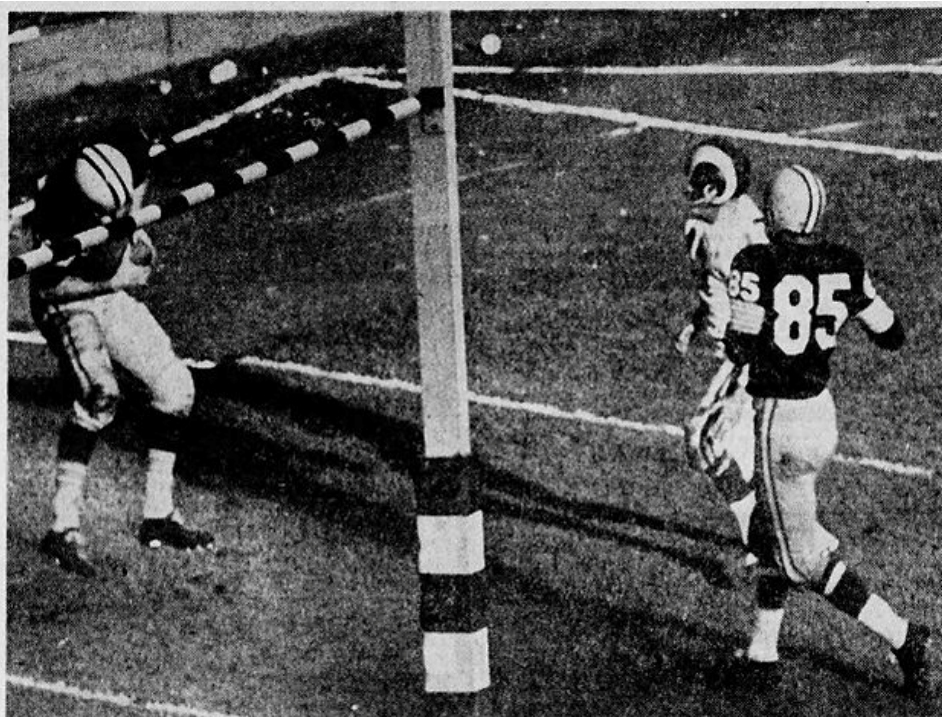
### PACKER ROOKIES STAND READY, IF NEEDED, LEAD CHEERS, TOO

DEC 15 (Santa Monica, CA-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packers have several rookies who came out of the amateur ranks last June - Dick Pesonen, Tom Moore, Dale Hackbart, Paul Winslow, Willie Wood and Ken Iman. They never dreamed last July, when they reported for camp, that they'd be just 60 minutes from the Western Division championship. And none of them figures to play much in Saturday's classic. What's their approach to this big chance? What can they do? We cornered Pesonen and Hackbart first. "I'll let Dale be the spokesman for us," said Pesonen. Hackbart speaketh: "Why, most of us are on the defensive platoons and Jim Ringo always tells me how important it is to keep them (the opponents) down in there with good tackling or blocking. And we're ready to do our own jobs if necessary. I'd like to play but not at the expense of somebody getting hurt." Hackbart plays behind Jess Whittenton at right corner. He played the entire Dallas game. Pesonen plays as a general utility man in the defensive secondary. Moore is king of the rookies, as it were, in that he has played and starred. This fine No. 1 draft choice plays behind Paul Hornung or Jim Taylor. In the first Ram game, he took up for injured Taylor and ripped off 105 yards, including a 60 yard touchdown romp. "Oh yes, I'm ready at all times to go in there," Tim said. Otherwise he added, "I just keep up the chatter on the bench. I guess I'm like a fan, getting up and down and yelling to help our cause." Moore is also back on kickoff returns. Wood, who fills in anywhere in the defensive backfield, goes back with Lew Carpenter on punt returns. "I just have to make sure nothing goes wrong on returning punts. Was scared to death with that slippery ball at Sam Francisco. We keep busy on the bench, helping anywhere we can." Iman

plays behind the best center in the league, Capt. Jim Ringo. "I don't get in much but I appreciate every minute I do. Otherwise, it's making sure on the tackles on the platoons. All we can be on the bench is cheerleaders. Keep the bench going." Iman, a hard and willing worker, reeled off his playing time - "the last 7 minutes of the final Detroit game, the last 8 minutes of the Dallas game, the last 6 minutes of the second Bear game, and the last three plays of the 49er game." Winslow, a real tough tackler and blocker on the platoons, played only briefly against Dallas. "I'm hoping," Paul said. If the Packers win Saturday, they'll be the happiest rookies in the Western Division.

### PACKERS FLASH FIRE BUT ERRORS WORRY VINCE

DEC 15 (Los Angeles-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packers are now only 17 miles from the scene of their big Saturday action against the Rams at the Coliseum. They are camping in



**More of the Same?**—This is the sort of thing the Packers are hoping for in Saturday's showdown against the Rams in Los Angeles. The above depicts the second Pack touchdown in the comeback that just missed in Milwaukee. Boyd Dowler comes down

in the end zone with the TD pass from Paul Hornung after eluding Charley Britt, whose arm can be seen at the extreme left. Max McGee is also shown. Packers lost that one in the final seconds, 33-31.

(Press-Gazette Photo)



# Set Schedule For Packer Homecoming

A timing schedule, planned to take in all eventualities, was arranged today for the Packer homecoming celebration Sunday evening at Austin-Straubel Field.

With the expected arrival of the team from the West Coast at approximately 7 o'clock, festivities will get underway at approximately 6:30.

**A highlight of the early ceremonies will be the recognition of the West High School football team and coaching staff, which has received unanimous recognition as the state championship football team of Wisconsin for 1960.**

Meanwhile, bulletins on the position of the arriving Packer plane will be relayed to the expected thousands at the airport.

Immediately upon the arrival of the chartered aircraft Packer coaches and players will be escorted to a special platform for introduction to the fans.

It is at this time that each of the Packer players will receive mementoes of the occasion from representatives of the Sports Committee of the Association of Commerce in the name of contributing fans.

While the actual planning and preparation for the homecoming continues by the large homecoming committee, another phase of the "big weekend" continues to grow.

That is the collection of money for the large telegram to be sent to the team on the coast. It will be delivered to the Packers just before their game with the Rams Saturday afternoon.

Adult fans are urged to take part in the telegram idea by sending one dollar and their names to: Telegram, Green Bay, Wis. Kids, too, are invited to have their names included and they can for only one dime.

All money remaining after the payment for the telegram will be used to defray expenses for the homecoming gifts.

If it is more convenient, fans can drop their donations off rather than mail them. Several convenient locations can be used: The Association of Commerce office, the Peoples Trust and Savings Bank, Western Union, or the Packer office.

nearby Santa Monica, which is on the ocean front, and training at Santa Monica Junior College under the especially-interested eye of Carl Mulleneaux, the former Packers who is SMJC football coach. The Packers moved down from Palo Alto in northern California in a two-hour United Airlines charter flight Wednesday afternoon after a stiff workout at Stanford University. This was the Packers' last big workout of the week - the one that really counts. But Coach Vince Lombardi was none too pleased. Strolling off the drill field he commented: "This wasn't a good drill. We had plenty of enthusiasm, sure, but we weren't doing well on offense. Making too many mistakes. It's important that the offense has a good practice week because they generally play like they practice. Games are won right out on the practice field during the week. But I've done all I can. It's up to them now." The Bays taper off with a light drill today, which is like the normal 45 minute Friday practice, and then just loosen up briefly on Florida. This is a most unusual game to figure - practicewise. The players are just bubbling with fire, and they'll go into action on the fly. But Vince wants to make sure the team, in its good intentions, doesn't stumble on the mechanics of scoring. The Packers don't appear to be overconfident. This kind of sickness could ruin them. Actually, they have a revenge motive since it was the Rams who snapped Green Bay's heart in Milwaukee 33-31 Nov. 20. Green Bay has been installed as a 10 point favorite. And the experts are thus naming the Packers as an overwhelming choice to win the Western Division title. Writers out here claim the Rams will have an invisible advantage in a game of this sort. They will be loose, with nothing to lose and everything to win. They can gain great glee among themselves, plus prestige around the country, by knocking off the potential champs and gumming up the Western race. The Packers could be the opposite of this, which would be tight. Hate to even mention it but this disease has stricken clubs in similar positions. Ram Coach Bob Waterfield made some interesting observations today, comparing the Pack with the Colts: "Against the Colts our chief concern was to stop the passing of John Unitas. If we are to beat Green Bay, we must stop their running game - the soundest in the league as far as I'm concerned. Don't get me wrong. The Packers have a real potent aerial attack and we always have to respect it or most assuredly we'll get burned trying to load up against the bread and butter phase of their offense - their powerful running game." Waterfield noted that the Packers were not at full strength in their earlier meeting, adding: "But all of the Packers are disgustingly healthy now." Actually, reserve fullback Larry Hickman is the only injured player. He still has a bruised knee and charley horse. Em Tunnell is really aching - that right shoulder. He could hardly move in practice yesterday and threw the ball left handed - or kicked it. "This damp weather kills the old man," he laughed. Em vows he'll be ready for the Rams. You can bet on that. The Packers are staying at the Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica...**BRIEFS:** Paul Hornung hit the left upright in a practice 40-yard field goal Wednesday and it bounced over the crossbar. Somebody yelled, "Keep that luck." Hornung, incidentally, received the game ball after the Packers' 13-0 victory at 'Frisco...Coach Aide Red Cochran went through the before leaving Rickey's motel and reminded the boys to turn in their keys. He grabbed seven keys from the first ten players. "That's par," Red said...A letter with nearly 60 signatures from the folks at Bay West Paper has been noted in the training room. The letter led off: "Good luck and God speed from the gang at Bay West Paper. Packer Backers all the way."...The Bays wore their shoulder pads in practice yesterday and some of the players noticed that the mud of last Saturday's game had crept away under the pads.

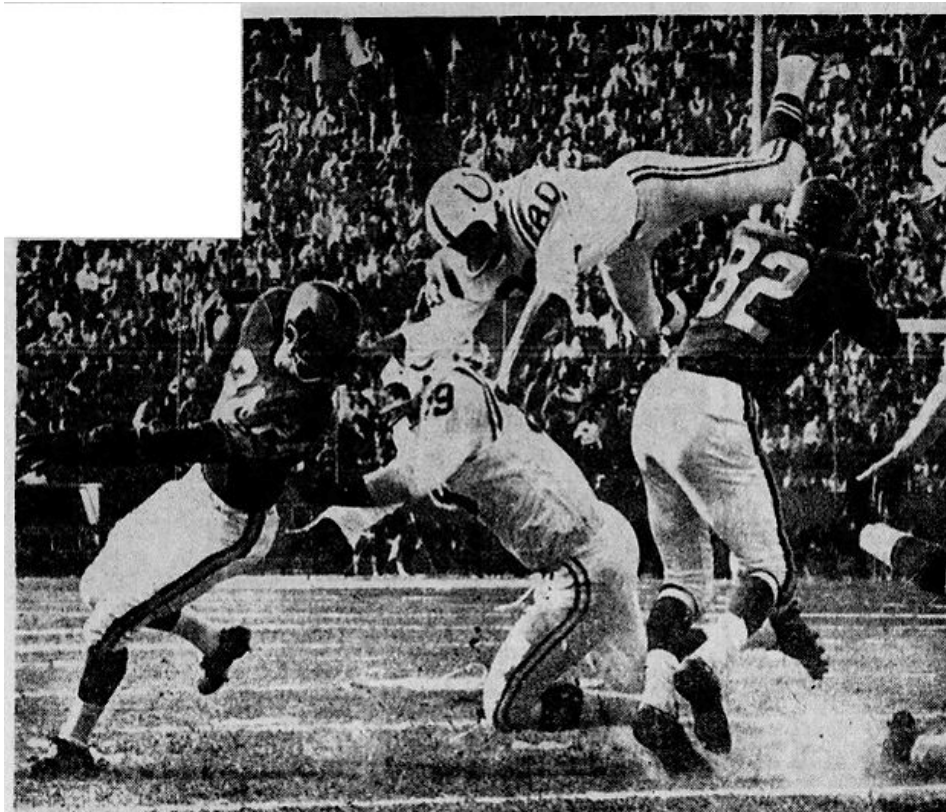
## **TUNNELL TO PLAY 145TH STRAIGHT GAME SATURDAY**

**DEC 15 (Los Angeles)** - Emlen Tunnell, defensive halfback for the Green Bay Packers, expressed surprise today when told Saturday's vital game with Los Angeles would be his 154th consecutive game during the 13 years he has been in pro football. "Is that so?" Tunnell said. "I knew I had some sort of a streak going, but I don't bother to keep track of the number of games. I doubt if even my family knows the exact number." But Green Bay publicity director Tom Miller said Tunnell had played 153 games since he started the streak in his rookie year in 1948 with the New York Giants. He was traded to Green Bay two years ago...**TOP PASS STEALER:** The former University of Iowa star, however, says he has played games when he was sore and bruised but not because he wanted to preserve the consecutive game streak. "I played because I felt I could help the team and the coaches believed I could also," he said. "I wouldn't want to be in there just to keep a streak going if I would hurt the team." In addition to the NFL's consecutive game record, Tunnell has added other records in his lengthy career. He tops the





**Jim Taylor in action, rushing vs San Francisco 49ers during game with rain, weather (Photo by Hy Peskin/Sports Illustrated via Getty Images)**



**One Way To Stop Rams** — If everything else fails, the Packers might try this method of stopping the Los Angeles Rams Saturday. With the fingers of his right hand hooked into the mask of ball carrier Tom Wilson (left) of the Rams, back Andy Nelson (80) of the Baltimore Colts sails through the air in this first period action in Los Angeles last Sunday.

End Gino Marchetti of the Colts moves in to lend a hand in stopping the ball carrier. Number 82 of the Rams is end Jim Phillips. The Rams won 10 to 3, knocking the defending champion Colts out of a tie for first place in the National Football League's Western Division race, possibly out of a third straight title. (AP Photofax)

NFL in pass interceptions with a career mark of 79. And he has returned those interceptions almost a complete mile, 1,282 yards to be exact. Another mark held by Tunnell is that of returning the most punts in one season, 38 in 1953 when he gained 924 yards although he did not play a minute on offense, getting his yardage on interceptions and kick returns. Tunnell started out as an offensive halfback with the Giants, but the New York club soon found he was not a passer and the single wing system it employed then required him to pass. "But they got a pretty good man to take over the passing job," Tunnell chuckled, "the great Charlie Conerly. So I shifted to the defensive squad and I've been on it ever since." "People ask me if there's as much satisfaction playing on defense as on offense. And my answer is that there's an inner satisfaction over doing a job well as a team effort. Every one of the guys back there on defense gets the same feeling of satisfaction when any of us makes a good stop." Tunnell doesn't like to admit his age and when asked he replied, "I'm 35, going on 41." As to his future, he says he would like to keep playing pro football "another 30 years if they would let me. I know that isn't possible, but I'll keep on as long as the team feels I'm of value."

#### **DEL SHOFNER, RYAN LOST TO LA FOR FINALE**

DEC 15 (Los Angeles) - Coach Bob Waterfield of the Los Angeles Rams is a gloomy man today. "Eight of our players, as of right now, aren't in condition to play Saturday against Green Bay," said Waterfield Wednesday. "We barely squeaked by the Packers when we met them in Milwaukee, and only then because they made several mistakes. But with some of our vitally necessary players unable to play this week, we really are strapped."...BRITO ON CRUTCHES: Waterfield said that quarterback Fran

Ryan and end Del Shofner definitely are out, Ryan with a shoulder separation and Shofner with a hamstring pull. End Gene Brito is on crutches with a badly twisted ankle. Lou Michaels, tackle, guard and-or linebacker, can barely walk because of a leg injury. Linebacker Jack Pardee has a badly bruised and pulled foot muscle and cannot walk, and Waterfield said he sees no chance of him playing. Fullback Joe Marconi has a deep thigh bruise and is confined to bed. John Baker, who was scheduled to start for Brito, has a shoulder point and a pinched nerve and hasn't been able to practice. Defensive tackle John Kennerson has a hip injury. These injuries have necessitated these changes, Waterfield says. Tom Wilson will start at



fullback for Marconi. Charley Janerette will start at defensive left end. Bob Long, acquired from Detroit, will take over at Pardee's linebacking spot. If Wilson cannot play (he has some stitches in his left arm, hurt in the game against the San Francisco 49ers), Ollie Matson may have to be taken from the defensive backfield and returned to fullback. "If I sound gloomy, I am," said Waterfield...General Manager Elroy Hirsch of the Rams announced the addition of two semi-pro players to the Los Angeles roster to replace Shofner and Ryan. The two are fullback Charles Longo and guard Angelo Brovelli. Longo attended the San Jose State College and has been playing with the Montebello Rhinos. Brovelli went to Glendale

College and has been playing with the Eagle Rock Athletic Club. Both will be in uniform for the Green Bay game.

#### **GOOD SIGN: PACK ENDS DRILLS ON SUCCESSFUL NOTE**

DEC 16 (Santa Monica, CA-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - It's good to finish practice on a success note. The Packers closed out thusly in three departments in a sun-drenched drill witnessed by 500 students of Santa Monica City College Thursday. The offense drill went smoothly and closed with

Paul Hornung completing a pass to ??? (wait'll the game). The defense got its drill next and near the end Coach Lombardi yelled "three more plays." On the second play, John Symank made a fine interception and Vince yelled: "We'll quit on that one." It was time to kick field goals. Hornung started from the 30 yard line. He hit pretty good for the most part and finally backed up to the 50. He missed two from there and then sailed one over. "Let's go in," Vince said. Bart Starr rolled out for a pass on one practice play and seemed extremely fast. Quizzed later, Bart laughed: "I know I'm not any faster. Maybe it just the weather." Starr, incidentally, receives

help at times from the Bays' defensive players. Hank Jordan noticed the other day that Starr was making an extra move on going back for a screen pass, possibly tipping it off. "That's good consecutive criticism," Starr noted. "And it surely does help. Henry (Gremminger) has given me many tips when he noticed I might be moving my eyes or head in practice. I consider him the best and that's good advice." Pete Rozelle, commissioner of the NFL, will fly out for the game. He saw the Packer-49ers mud battle in 'Frisco last Saturday. If the Packers win, he can congratulate the new Western champs on the spot. This headline in a morning paper greeted the Pack yesterday: "Waterfield

#### **Sports Cocktail: 'Rams Will Rise'**

## **Good Sign: Pack Ends Drills on Success Note**



**Nitschke**



**Currie**



**Whittenton**



**Gremminger**

Vows Rams Will Rise." Closer inspection showed it didn't necessarily mean for the big game - but for the next couple of years. The Rams added two semi-pro players - just for the last game, and they don't figure to play except in the extremest emergency. Signing of the two fill the vacated spots of Frank Ryan and Del Shofner might have been a "psycho" weapon against the Pack. Anyhow, the semi-pros are Angelo Brovelli, a guard, and fullback Charley Longo, both of whom play on area teams. After the Rams held the Colts to three points, it was suggested to Waterfield that the defense might be catching up to the offense. Bob reminded the press that the last coach who said that was Clark Shaughnessy of the Bears. "His team gave up 83 points in the last two games," Waterfield said. Packer coaches and Verne Lewellen, who is handling most of the duties of the late Jack Vainisi, are working almost every night on the draft. "And we're far from done," Vince said. The draft is scheduled in Philadelphia Dec. 27 - it is hoped. If a division playoff is necessary (horrors), the draft will be delayed until the day after the new championship game day. Forrest Gregg has lost five pounds in the last two weeks. "He doesn't smack

## **Plan 'Special' To Philadelphia**

A special train to Philadelphia for the NFL championship playoff is being planned here, it was announced today by William Ferrari, who is in charge of arrangements.

The round trip fare will be \$74.75 per person, including a game ticket and transportation to and from the park in Philly. The train will leave Green Bay at 10:25 a.m. Dec. 25 and begin the return run two hours after the game. The travel time to Philadelphia will be between 14 and 15½ hours.

Reservations, accompanied by payment, must be made by 2 p.m. Monday at Pappy's Liquor Store, in the Marquette Shopping Center, 719 Redwood Dr. At least 400 people will be required to make up the special.



# NFL Individual Stix

## LEADING SCORERS

	TdR	TdP	TT	EXP	EXPM	FG	FGA	Pts.
Hornung, Green Bay	12	2	14	36	0	15	26	165
Walston, Philadelphia	0	4	4	34	1	13	19	97
Moore, Baltimore	4	9	13	0	0	0	0	78
Baker, Cleveland	0	0	0	38	2	12	19	74
Randle, St. Louis	0	12	12	0	0	0	0	72
Davis, San Francisco	0	0	0	17	0	17	29	68
McDonald, Philadelphia	0	11	11	0	0	0	0	66
Taylor, Green Bay	11	0	11	0	0	0	0	66
Tracy, Pittsburgh	5	4	9	0	0	3	6	63
Villanueva, Los Angeles	0	0	0	27	0	12	18	63

BEST PERFORMANCE ONE GAME: 24 Points — Lenny Moore, Baltimore vs. Los Angeles Oct. 16, 1960.

## LEADING GROUND GAINERS

	Attempts	YG	LG	Ave
Brown, Cleveland	201	1147	71	5.7
Taylor, Green Bay	213	1059	32	5.0
Crow, St. Louis	159	868	50	5.5
Pietrosante, Detroit	146	768	57	5.3
Smith, San Francisco	153	689	41	4.5
Hornung, Green Bay	150	649	37	4.3
Tracy, Pittsburgh	179	647	28	3.6
Johnson, Pittsburgh	111	613	87	5.5
Casares, Chicago	150	531	35	3.5
Triplet, New York	117	501	33	4.3

## \*LEADING PASSERS

	Std	Att	Comp	Gain	TdP	Pct	Comp	LP	Int	Ave	Pct
Plum, Cleveland	1	210	132	2001	17	62.9	86	1	9.53	0.5	
Unitas, Baltimore	2	342	178	2939	24	52.0	80	21	8.59	6.1	
Van Brocklin, Philadelphia	3	269	145	2281	22	53.9	57	17	8.48	6.3	
Layne, Pittsburgh	4	201	99	1722	12	49.3	70	17	8.57	8.5	
LeBaron, Dallas	5	225	111	1736	12	49.3	76	25	7.72	11.1	
Wade, Los Angeles	6	156	87	1016	9	55.8	63	9	6.51	5.8	
Guglielmi, Washington	7	201	110	1351	7	54.7	50	18	6.72	9.0	
Starr, Green Bay	8	163	90	1157	2	55.2	50	8	7.10	4.9	
Ryan, Los Angeles	16	128	62	816	7	48.4	61	9	6.38	7.0	

## \*PUNT RETURN LEADERS

	Stdg.	No.	YR	Ave.	L	TDs.
Woodson, San Francisco	1	13	174	13.4	48	0
Butler, Dallas	2	13	131	10.1	46	0
Carpenter, Pittsburgh	2	11	111	10.1	20	0
Stis, New York	4	18	166	9.2	38	0
Sample, Baltimore	5	14	101	7.2	26	0
Wood, Green Bay	6	15	100	6.7	33	0

## LEADING PASS RECEIVERS

	Recd.	YG	LG	TDs
Berry, Baltimore	72	1275	70	10
Randle, St. Louis	57	778	57	12
Gibbons, Detroit	50	595	65	2
Phillips, Los Angeles	45	803	61	8
Deweall, Chicago	43	804	91	5
Cogdill, Detroit	42	634	63	1
Retzlaff, Philadelphia	41	716	39	4
Dial, Pittsburgh	39	959	70	9
Moore, Baltimore	39	844	80	9
Rofe, New York	38	670	71	8

LONGEST COMPLETION: 91 yds., Willard Deweall, Chicago vs. San Francisco Oct. 16, 1960.

BEST PERFORMANCE ONE GAME: 11 received, 186 yards, 1 TD. Ray Berry, Baltimore vs. Detroit Oct. 23, 1960. 11 received, 146 yards, 3 TDs. Sonny Randle, St. Louis vs. Washington Nov. 20, 1960.

## \*LEADING PUNTERS

	Stdg.	No.	Ave.	L
Norton, St. Louis	1	38	45.6	62
Green, Pittsburgh	2	56	45.1	75
Lary, Detroit	3	58	44.0	63
Van Brocklin, Philadel.	4	55	43.9	70
Davis, San Francisco	5	55	43.8	74
Baker, Cleveland	6	51	42.7	64
Shofner, Los Angeles	7	54	42.6	63
Sherer, Dallas	8	57	42.5	67
Lay, Washington	9	56	42.2	56
Brown, Chicago	10	48	40.8	65

LONGEST PUNT: 75 yds., Robert Green, Pittsburgh vs. Cleveland No. 20, 1960.

\* Standings computed on average distance.

## INTERCEPTION LEADERS

	No.	YR	TD	L
Norton, St. Louis	10	96	0	26
Burroughs, Philadel.	9	124	0	46
Baker, San Francisco	9	77	0	28
Franklin, Cleveland	8	131	2	37
Shofner, Los Angeles	8	75	0	23
Boyd, Baltimore	7	132	0	74
Parrish, Cleveland	6	238	1	92
Moegle, Pittsburgh	6	49	0	31
Weber, Philadelphia	6	48	0	13

LONGEST RETURN: 92 yds., Ernie Parrish, Cleveland vs. Chicago Dec. 11, 1960.

like he does at home," laughed Bob Skoronski. Gregg says he feels "great" at 236. Skoronski goes about 242 and the two guards are bigger than the tackles - Jerry Kramer 248 and Fred Thurston 245.

## FIRE PACKERS DUEL RAMS, SCENT TITLE

DEC 16 (Los Angeles-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packers are all fired up for Saturday's "championship" game against the Rams in the Coliseum. But so are the Rams. Los Angeles isn't going anywhere. Green Bay can win the Western Division title by winning or tying. Packer Coach Vince Lombardi learned, via a good source Thursday night, that the Rams are "all fired up." This is a rather unexpected development although it always was figures that the Rams would do their best to sidetrack the Packer pennant party. The Rams have their reasons. Chiefly, they want to repay the fans who have been extremely loyal. This will be the Rams' third straight home game and their third 70,000-plus crowd. They drew 77,359 in a loss to the 49ers and filled 75,461 in beating the Colts last Sunday. That's fabulous attendance for a team out of the running and the Rams are grateful. Kickoff is set for 3:35, Packerland time. Millions will view the battle on national television and the Packers, in the doldrums for so many years, will be a sentimental favorite to win here and then go on to a triumph in the championship game in Philadelphia Dec. 26. The game also will be broadcast over radio station WJPG. Playing in that classic could mean anywhere from \$4,500 to \$6,000 to each player, lose or win. What's more, the Packers would be getting a shot at the College All Star game in Chicago next summer. That's worth a game salary to each player. A good way to start the '61 season. The Packers will play it "straight" in their crucial bid. Lombardi has indicated no drastic changes in the boom-boom Paul Hornung-Jim Taylor cannon fire, except to fit the Rams' particular style of defense. Bart Starr picked the Rams to death out here last year and in the 33-31 loss in Milwaukee this season rallied the club from a 30-10 deficit to a 31-30 lead. The Rams won in the last 22 seconds on Danny Villanueva's field goal. The heady signalist expects to keep rocking the Rams with Hornung and Taylor and then throw strikes to Max McGee, Boyd Dowler or Gary Knafelc. The Packers' offensive line, pivoted by Jim Ringo, has been exceptional in the last two games, giving Bart an easy chair. This protection is the offense's key. The Rams gave the Bay offensive line a tough time in Milwaukee - at least for three quarters. Starr has a "surprise" up his sleeve - the passing of Hornung. Paul has not thrown at all in the last three games and it's possible the Rams might have forgotten. Tsk tsk. Hornung drove the Rams crazy out here last year, completing two out of two to Dowler for 56 yards and two touchdowns. The Rams defense has a new spark, one Ollie Matson, who drilled the Colts' air and ground game. And then there's big John Lovetere, who split the Bay offensive line many times in Milwaukee. The Packer defense will have to wreck an old Packer tormentor - Bill Wade, and all his stars, including Jon Arnett, Red Phillips and Tom Wilson...REASON FOR REVENGE: Green Bay's defenders have a perfect reason for gaining revenge. This unit was



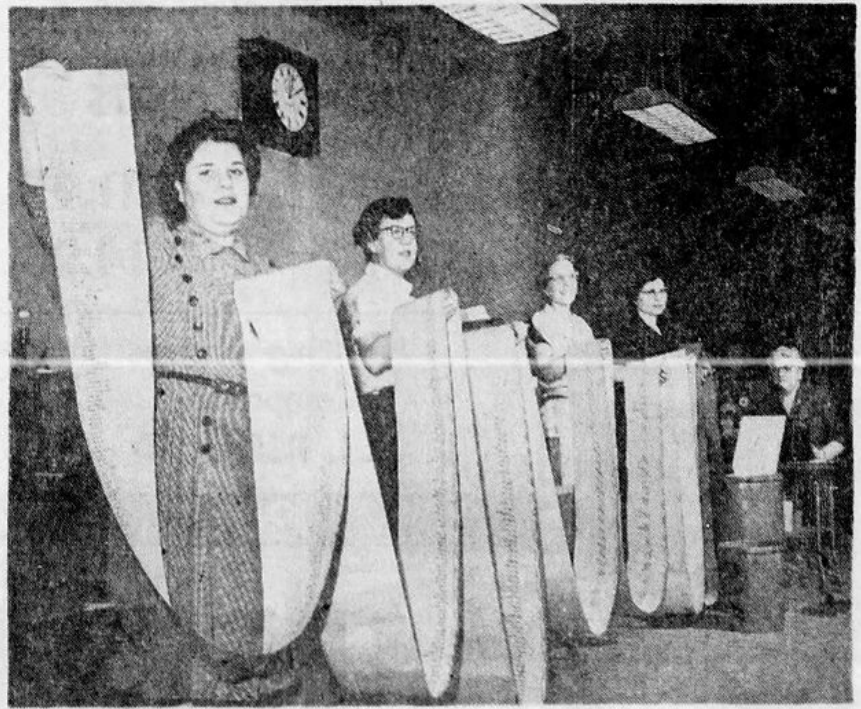
punched back 58 yards in the last two minutes, thus submitting to the final three points. And the Packer defense is embarrassed by that 93 point total. The ringleaders on defense are tackles Dave Hanner and Hank Jordan. They've been talking it up all week, and, of course, they'll get the extreme in cooperation from Bill Quinlan, Willie David, Bill Forester, Ray Nitschke, Dan Currie, Jess Whittenton, John Symank, Em Tunnell and Hank Gremminger. This group has permitted only 14 points in the last two games. Two members are aching - Tunnell, who has been bothered by a chronic bad shoulder, and Tom Bettis, whose twisted knee started kicking up worse than ever Thursday. He injured it in practice Monday...**HICKMAN ONLY CASUALTY:** There is one injury on offense - fullback Larry Hickman, who has a knee bruise. He was scheduled for platoon duty. The top replacement for Taylor or Hornung will be Tom Moore, who gained 105 yards, including a 60-yard TD run, in the last Ram game. He filled in for injured Taylor that day. The Rams have yelled "injury" all week but the only sure thing is the official action of Coach Bob Waterfield, who put Frank Ryan and Del Shofner on the injured list for this last game. Six others are reportedly hurt but, like Lombardi says, "We play with the same injuries." Others hurt at Joe Marconi, Gene Brito, John Baker, Lou Michaels, John Kennerson and Jack Pardee. The Rams starting backfield will have Wade working with Wilson, Arnett and Dick Bass. The Packers held their last drill of the scheduled league season - a 20 minute sweat breaking exercise at Santa Monica City College.

#### **CITY BUILDS 'FIRE' FOR PACK WELCOME**

DEC 16 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - There's a tinder pile of enthusiasm being built in Green Bay today. Expectant thousands just can't seem to wait until the big spark hits it along about 7:00 Sunday evening. Nowhere along the frigid Fox River does there seem to be any doubt that the Green Bay Packers will be coming home with their first division title since 1944. And that presumption is setting into motion one of the most gala homecoming plans ever. Scene for the occasion will be Austin Straubel Field. This afternoon a crew of workers were busy putting together the platform from which the conquering heroes will be introduced. Special lighting systems are already in place. Extensive public address wiring has been completed. Throughout the day, several committeemen from the Sports Committee of the Association of Commerce could be seen traversing the rolling airport acres planning parking spaces, figuring out bottlenecks and preparing for the most smoothly operating occasion as humanly possible. One common worry of the average fan who will be driving to the airport Sunday night is the traffic and parking tie up. Toward this end, the committee today requested that fans "double up" in cars to cut down on the number of vehicles which will be streaming out the airport road...**PACKER BAND PRACTICING:** Elsewhere, the highly able Green Bay Packer Lumberjack Band was heard practicing special numbers for the occasion. The band, an integral part of Packer planning for years now, will be a featured part of the homecoming celebration. Another musical unit well known in this area, the D.A.V. drum and bugle corps, also will be on hand to loan a backdrop to the exciting moment. Meanwhile, the eyes and ears of a sometimes fickle public are riveted in Los Angeles, where all of the marbles ride on 60 minutes of football tomorrow afternoon.

#### **EAGLES SCOUT PACKERS FOR TITLE PLAYOFF**

DEC 16 (Philadelphia) - The Philadelphia Eagles, Eastern Conference champions in the NFL, have sent assistant coach Charlie Gauer to Los Angeles to scout Green Bay. The Packers need a victory over the Rams Saturday to win the Western Conference title and the right to play the Eagles in Franklin Field Dec. 26 for the NFL title. If the Packers lose, Gauer will go to San Francisco Sunday to watch the 49ers and Baltimore Colts battle. A Packers loss would throw the Western Conference into a tie and give San Francisco, Baltimore and Detroit a chance at the divisional title. This would mean



**Telegram History** — The longest telegram ever sent out of the Green Bay office of Western Union went to the Green Bay Packers in 1954, when more than 3,000 signatories put their names on a message 102 feet long. This week a new telegram is being created which is to be sent the Packers just before their final game of the season. The team will receive it in the locker room of Los Angeles' Coli-

seum just before it takes the field against the Rams Saturday afternoon. Should the Packers win it would mean the first divisional title for Green Bay since 1944. Fans who want to be included in the telegram should send their name and \$1 to: Telegram, Green Bay, Wis. The money thus collected will be used to pay for the telegram and to buy suitable gifts for the Packer players.



playoffs and moving the title game ahead to another date. Meanwhile, the Eagles worked out indoors again Thursday in preparation for their final game at Washington Sunday. The club hasn't worked out outdoors all week because of heavy snow which hit Philadelphia. "The regular will start the same as last week in Pittsburgh," said coach Buck Shaw. "And I hope they do a lot better. I'm hoping we can use a lot more people than we did against the Steelers."

## Will History Repeat?

# The '29 Champs Come Home

**SPECIAL ON WJPG**

**3:30**

**Sunday Afternoon**

**Baltimore**

**COLTS**

**vs.**

**San Francisco**

**49ers**

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**On the Spot!**

**Sunday Evening at 7**

**WELCOME  
HOME  
PACKERS!**

Broadcast from  
Austin Straubel Field  
**WJPG MOBILE UNIT**  
**BILL HOWARD, Emcee**  
with VAN PATTON



## THE '29 CHAMPS COME HOME

DEC 17 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packers are coming home to another civic welcome tomorrow night, and by the time most subscribers get around to unfolding today's Press-Gazette they will know whether it is a greeting to the city's first Western Division champions since 1944, or a club still facing a battle for the Little Casino. Jack Yuenger, chief drum beater for the airport welcome, is talking of the "greatest" homecoming in the team's history and hoping for a crowd of "10,000 or more." I have news for Yuenger who, apparently, could use some of the "historical fact and fancy" he loves to needle me about. If he doesn't produce more than twice 10,000, he's fired a blank. Although Green Bay was only about half its present size and the Packers hadn't attained the institutional status they now enjoy, a yelling mob of over 20,000 turned out in freezing weather 31 years ago when Green Bay's first pro champions came home the night of Dec. 9, 1929. The city has staged a number of spectacular celebrations in its long history. None compared with the greeting to the first of its six world championship football teams. And the best thing about that 1929 welcome was its explosive spontaneity. Green Bay had been a member of the NFL since 1921, and had more than held its own in competition, but it hadn't been accorded big league status by the rest of the circuit. As the organization grew from sandlot to major league proportions, the smaller cities had been shoved aside by metropolitan centers until Green Bay was the only little guy left...ATTITUDE RANKLED: Gradually the Packers had been relegated to the status of country cousins, and the patronizing of the larger members rankled. The undefeated champions of 1929 changed all that - small wonder the citizenry was popping its shirt buttons all over the place. Nobody - unless it was Curly Lambeau - had seriously entertained championship visions when the season began, but eyes began to open as the Packers bowled over one opponent after another. The town was in a fine frenzy when the club went east late in November, undefeated and headed for a showdown with the unbeaten Giants in New York. As every fan old enough to recognize a picture of Vince Lombardi knows, the club met the challenge, but the championship wasn't in the bag yet. Green Bay still had three games to play, and the Giants five, and a single defeat coupled with a Giant sweep could still cost the Packers the title. New York did win them all, while the Packers almost came a cropper against the Frankford Yellowjackets and were lucky to escape with a scoreless tie. The championship wasn't nailed down until the final conquest of the Bears in Chicago on Dec. 8. By that time, the city was ready for a rousing whing. The team was due home via North Western train at 8:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 9. Long before then the crowd began to converge th4e station, and by 8 o'clock

every street leading to it was solidly plugged by an estimated turnout of 20,000 cold but cheerful citizens and 6,000 automobiles...IMMOVABLE MASS: People was packed in an almost immovable mass around the station, overflowing into



the yards and perching on tops of roofs, box cars, in every available window - some even climbed telephone poles. The size of the crowd took the police by complete surprise and if it hadn't been for its good-natured cooperation things would have been an utter mess. As it was, traffic was at a standstill for blocks in every direction. The train rolled into town through lanes of blazing red flares and an ever increasing bedlam of sound. People welled at the top of their lungs, sirens wailed, locomotive and industrial plant whistles screamed, and every one of those 6,000 auto horns was going full blast, too. Between Mason Street and the station, the crowd was so dense the train had to crawl along behind brakemen and volunteers walking ahead to clear the right of way. The press was thickest at the station, and police had a lot of trouble moving the players from the train to waiting buses. The platform lighting being no better than it is now, it is doubtful if more than a handful actually saw the players get off, but that made no difference. Every movement brought another round of cheers. Finally, the transfer was completed and the American Legion band and Battery B leading the way the cavalcade swung slowly over to Broadway, south to Walnut and across the bridge. The parade turned down Washington to Main, over to Adams, back to Walnut and thence to city hall. The entire route was lined with cheering people. At city hall, which was also surrounded by a whooping mob, the players were escorted to the council chambers where Mayor John V. Diener greeted them with the unprecedented gesture of the "freedom of the city" -

whatever that meant - for 24 hours. There were congratulatory speeches back and forth, although the player spokesmen were so choked up, the oratory wasn't very sparkling, and the ceremonies closed with a rising vote of thanks from the city council to the team for bringing the championship to Green Bay...ONLY THE BEGINNING: That was only the beginning of a round of celebrating that lasted for three days. The following evening the team was given an elaborate banquet at the Beaumont Hotel, attended by over 400, at which each player received a watch and \$220 from a hastily subscribed purse of over \$5,000. There were, inevitably, more speeches and this time the players gave as good as they received, especially the irrepressible Johnny Blood, the Vagabond Halfback's talk nearly stole the show, something of a habit with Johnny under most circumstances. The banquet was also noteworthy as the first current events program by radio station WHBY with Harold T.I. Shannon at the microphone. Harold still has the papier-mache football that topped the elaborate cake baked as a centerpiece by the old Bohemian Bakery - one of the very few if not the only souvenir of the event still in existence. There wasn't much serious business transacted in town the rest of the week. People went through the motions but their hearts weren't in it. Everybody had more fun adjourning to the nearest oasis, there to assure each other they had known all the time the boys would come through. The celebration even stopped the rugged Packers, whose ability to win football games exceeded only by their enthusiasm for the roles of conquering heroes. Traveling jauntily down to Memphis, Tenn., the following Sunday for an exhibition game against a pick-up team, the new champions were dumped unceremoniously on their hangovers. The score was 20-6, the same count by which the big boys from the small town had chopped down the Giants' beanstalk.

# Pack Title Rivals In Waiting Game



## PACK TITLE RIVALS IN WAITING GAME

DEC 17 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Green Bay Packers' rivals for the NFL's Western Division championship played the waiting game today. All the Packers needed was a win or a tie against the Los Angeles Rams to clinch the title, but their closest pursuers, the Baltimore Colts and San Francisco 49ers,





were ardently hoping for a Ram upset, which would force a divisional playoff. The Packers, however, were 10-point favorites. Only a loss could keep Green Bay (7-4) from a Dec. 26 meeting with the Eastern champion Eagles at Philadelphia. And even that might only change the date because the Packers could do no worse than end up in a two-way or three-way playoff in the West. The Eagles, who clinched the Eastern Division title two weeks ago, will be rooting for the Packers to win so they can get down to the business of the title playoff as soon as possible. Coach Buck Shaw of the Eagles felt that a long delay awaiting the settlement of the Western Division race would cause his players to lose their fine edge...The Lions, if tied with either San Francisco or Baltimore, get the Miami bid because they hold a 34-14 point edge in a seasonal split with the 49ers and a 2-0 games won edge over the Colts. A two-way first-place tie in the West forces the title game back to Jan. 1, a three-way finish makes it Jan. 8. Sunday's favorites are the Colts (by 5 points), the Lions (by 4), the Browns (by 1), the Cardinals (by 1), and the Eagles (by 7). Paul Hornung of Green Bay (165 points) is a cinch for the league scoring title. And also virtually certain of individual crowns are Jimmy Brown of Cleveland (1,147 yards) in ground gaining, teammate Milt Plum, the passing leader, and Raymond Berry of the Colts in pass receiving (72). Jerry Norton of the Cardinals and Abe Woodson of the 49ers can take two individual titles. Norton leads in pass interceptions (10) and punting (45.6) yard average.

### PACKERS MAY LAND SEVEN IN BOWL; HORNUNG NOT ALL-PRO?

DEC 17 (Los Angeles-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - This is the day. And while you're sweating around that TV set

#### Five Games Sunday

Five Sunday games remain on the NFL's final weekend schedule and here's what they mean:

**Baltimore (6-5)** at San Francisco—If the Packers lose, a share of first place for the winner. Otherwise, at least a share of second.

**Detroit (6-5)** at Chicago (5-5-1)—If the Packers lose, a share of first place if the Lions win. Otherwise, a share of second for a Lions victory and a certain berth in the NFL Miami.

**The Cleveland Browns (7-3-1)** at New York (6-3-2).—The winner will clinch second place in the Eastern Division and a berth in the runnerup Bowl.

**Pittsburgh (5-5-1)** at St. Louis (5-5-1)—Fourth place in the East for the winner.

**Philadelphia (9-2)** at Washington (1-8-2)—Nothing.

this afternoon, here's some quick and easy reading: The Packers may have as many as seven players in the 12th annual Pro Bowl game out here Jan. 15. The names likely will be announced after today's game. Vince Lombardi is the logical and right choice as coach of the Western Division stars, but he may pass the honor. Almost sure to receive bids are Paul Hornung and Jim Taylor, the Bays' twin turf terrors...The scribes out here are starting to pick all-pro teams. One, chosen by Max Stiles, included Hornung, Taylor, Jerry Kramer, Forrest Gregg and Jim Ringo on the offensive team and Hank Jordan on defense. The Hearst service picked an all pro team last week and left Hornung out of the backfield. Can you imagine that?...Let's give a thought today to Jack Vainisi, Packer business manager who died shortly before noon Sunday, Nov. 27. Death has robbed him of realizing a championship moment for which he aimed all of this work...Howie Blindauer, the Packers' travelingest fan who popped up in New Orleans for the Bays' first non-leaguer, arrived at the Bays' hotel in Santa Monica last night. All good Packer alumni on the West Coast are gathering in the Coliseum today...We had intended to write this note earlier on an incident aboard the United Airlines charter coming down from San Francisco Wednesday. The crash out east reminded us. About two-thirds of the way, the crew spotted an Air Force plane flying the same altitude as the Packer charter. It was off to the left - a distance that seemed like a couple of blocks. The AF plane was going north, the Packers south. We happened to be up front at the time, and remarked in no uncertain terms: "What in blazes is he doing in our altitude? Did you know he was coming?" The co-pilot admitted that the charter crew didn't know it was there until actually seen and, by way of explanation, added: "That's one of life's little imperfections."...The Packers have this distinction. When they say everybody back home is pulling for them, they mean



it. A scribe out here got this quote from Dave Hanner: "The Packers have waited too long for this chance to blow it. Besides, everybody in Green Bay is counting on us - and when I say everybody I mean all 65,000 of them, every man, woman and child."...Win or lose today, the Packers will train in Green Bay next week. And Lombardi would like for the weather to stay moderate. Most of the Bays already have taken their families home and, of course, won't be home for Christmas. "It'll be worth it if we win," said Bill Forester Friday night...The Packers are scheduled to leave here via United Airlines charter, with Capt. Don Smith of Green Bay at the controls, at noon Sunday, Green Bay time, and arrive at Austin Straubel Field at 6:40 p.m...Paul Hornung is a good bet to receive honors as the league's most valuable player. It could be a tossup between Paul and the Eagles' Norm Van Brocklin. Let's hope that argument can be settled right out at Philadelphia Dec. 26. Two of the many rookies of the year prospects could be battling in Philly - the Pack's Tom Moore and Ted Dean of the Eagles. Dean got famous when he filled in for injured Clarence Peaks, pacing the Eastern champs to three straight wins...Sunshine and warmth is scheduled for today's game. The natives add: "As usual." Rain is so rare out there that the transplants from our east actually like to see a good old thunderstormer. It's been cooler ocean-front at Santa Monica where the Packers are training.

# Fired Packers Duel Rams, Scent Title





## A STEP UP IN THE MUD

The field was a quagmire, but hard-charging Green Bay ran over San Francisco to take first place in the West

by **TEX MAULE**

**T**HE Green Bay Packers, a rather small pro football team with admirable balance and boundless determination, very likely will play the Philadelphia Eagles for the National Football League championship December 26.

Green Bay has only to defeat the Rams in Los Angeles Saturday to assure this. The Rams, an unpredictable and often emotionally unstable football team, on Sunday won an almost unbelievable 10-3 victory over the Baltimore Colts, the tired and jittery defending champions, but suffered grievous injuries which should make them easier game for the Packers.

In San Francisco, the day before, Green Bay waded ankle deep through mud and 49ers to whip the third of the three teams that went into this weekend tied for the Western Conference lead. Now, with only a game to go, the Packers are a game ahead. "We are positive thinkers," says Packer Coach Vince Lombardi. "We can't see defeat ahead."

Nor can anyone else who watched Green Bay plaster San Francisco 13-0. The 49ers, depending for offensive thrust on a wide-spread triple wing designed to take advantage of fast backs, excellent pass catchers and accurate passing, never recovered from

the dismay they felt when they came out to test the footing in Kezar Stadium. They found they could barely stand in the goo. But they found later that standing was preferable to being dumped in the mud—as they were, often and violently—by one or another of the Packers.

The 49ers' passing was completely nullified by the weather, and the 49er running backs, who are gifted more with mobility than power, were hobbled. On the other hand, the precise, power-operated Packer offense moved surely, if slowly, when it had to score. Bart Starr, the Green Bay quarterback, eschewed any artfulness in favor of pure, straight-ahead force.

"The field was so sloppy we decided to forget most of our passes and sweeps and trust to draw plays and traps," Lombardi said. "Paul Hornung busted their left side and Jim Taylor their right. We trapped their tackles, Leo Nomellini and Monte Clark. We have a quick line and we moved a little faster on that rain-

soaked bog than the 49ers and we got our blocks in quicker than they could react. On Hornung's touchdown run, we cleared out the whole left side of their defense."

Taylor, the stocky, immensely strong Packer fullback, paddled for 161 yards during the afternoon. Paul Hornung, who has already set a league scoring record this season, slithered 28 yards for his touchdown—the only one of the game—and added two field goals. Said he: "That offensive line of ours—what a pleasure to work behind it, even in the mud. Those guys give you a little room."

"They were standing up the defensive line," Taylor said. "In this kind of goo, if you stand 'em up they slip and slide when you're running past 'em."

The Packer defense, which has developed this season into one of the best in the league, so thoroughly plugged the San Francisco shotgun offense that the 49ers crossed midfield

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MUD-SPATTERED PAUL HORNUNG RESTS ON BENCH AFTER 28-YARD TOUCHDOWN



only once—and that time to the Packer 49-yard line. Indeed, this Packer team is notable for its almost flawless combination of talents on both offense and defense. The defensive line is quick; the linebackers are among the best in the league, and, with the development of Ray Nitschke, Lombardi now has four of them, which means he can rest one all the time.

#### Soft spot

The only soft spot discernible recently in the Packer defensive unit is against long passes. The Chicago Bears completed two, but the game was already won by the Packers when the Bears managed this. If this is truly a weakness, it spells trouble for the Packers should they represent the West against the Eagles in the championship game—and against Norman Van Brocklin, the most accurate long passer in football.

But before Green Bay begins devising means for stopping the Eagles, they must face the Rams, and the Rams—on the basis of the resourceful, spirited game they played in beating Baltimore—are not exactly dead yet. Bob Waterfield, the stoical Ram head coach who was quarterback on four Ram championship teams, came up with one big surprise for Baltimore. He put Ollie Matson, his fine fullback, on defense. Matson performed there with verve and enthusiasm, if not with consummate skill.

"The only way to beat the great Colt pass catchers is with speed and defense," Waterfield said. "Matson has the speed."

Matson, tackling with abandon and effect and consistently outrunning the Colt receivers on deep passes, once jarred the ball loose from Lenny Moore with a rousing tackle. When the Colts drove down to the Ram five early in the game, it was Matson who smashed through the Colt line on successive plays to tackle Moore and Fullback Billy Prier for short losses. A third-down pass fell incomplete in the end zone and the Colts settled for their only score of the game, a field goal, thus ending at 47 the string of games in which John Unitas has thrown touchdown passes.

Waterfield took a calculated risk in designing his defense. He noticed in the pregame warmup that the Colts' league-leading pass catcher, Ray-

mond Berry, was not moving well. He decided to cover Berry with one man while assigning two to the very dangerous Moore. The crippled Berry—he has a pulled hamstring muscle—caught only one pass all day and that for just 11 yards.

The Ram touchdown must be regarded as something of a fluke. Frank Ryan, who has been shouldering most of the Los Angeles quarterback chores, was injured early in the game. He was replaced by Billy Wade, a big, pigeon-toed, rather awkward passer. Wade has been known to trip himself while retreating to pass. For obvious reasons, he almost never runs.

On this day, however, he ran 66 yards to score the touchdown which brought victory. He rolled out to his left on an option play, with Fullback Joe Marconi and End Red Phillips protecting him.

"On that play, if the linebacker drops back, the quarterback runs," Waterfield said. "If he comes up, the quarterback throws. It's not a new play but it sure worked like hell."

The Colt linebacker, well aware

that Wade very seldom runs, dropped back. Marconi, leading the way for the Ram quarterback, motioned frantically for Wade to run and the big, gangling passer lumbered downfield. Marconi erased one would-be tackler and Wade galloped down the sideline behind Phillips. As they neared the Colt goal line, Milt Davis came over to make the tackle. Phillips, herding his ungainly charge along with all the protective concern of a sheep dog, managed to stay between Wade and Davis almost to the goal line, when Davis made the tackle—too late.

"The Packers present a little different problem," Waterfield said thoughtfully, after the game. "We got four key players hurt today—Gene Brito, Lou Michaels, Del Shofner and Ryan. And they are a very tough club."

They are indeed. In the Packer dressing room, after their victory over the 49ers, Nitschke, the linebacker, patted Taylor, the fullback, on the shoulder. "You," he said, "are as tough as a rat."

So is he.

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### NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

#### THE WEEK'S GAMES

	Pts.	Yds. Rush.	Yds. Pass.	Pass Comp.
Steelers vs. Eagles	27	275	209	14-20
Lions vs. Cowboys	21	37	274	16-40
	23	213	130	12-14
	14	114	172	18-27
Giants vs. Redskins	17	—1	52	6-11
	3	109	—0	0-7
Browns vs. Bears	42	131	84	7-12
	0	103	90	11-32
Packers vs. 49ers	13	251	41	7-16
	0	71	10	9-25
Rams vs. Colts	10	113	135	12-23
	3	91	181	17-38

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
Philadelphia	9	2	0	.818
Cleveland	7	3	1	.700
New York	6	3	2	.667
Pittsburgh	5	5	1	.500
St. Louis	5	5	1	.500
Washington	1	8	2	.111

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
Green Bay	7	4	0	.636
San Francisco	6	5	0	.545
Baltimore	6	5	0	.545
Detroit	6	5	0	.545
Chicago	5	5	1	.500
Los Angeles	4	6	1	.400
Dallas	0	11	1	.000

### AMERICAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

#### THE WEEK'S GAMES

	Pts.	Yds. Rush.	Yds. Pass.	Pass Comp.
Chargers vs. Broncos	41	142	205	15-32
	33	100	291	17-35
Texans vs. Patriots	34	99	201	14-32
	0	18	133	18-39
Oilers vs. Bills	31	112	207	8-22
	23	156	184	11-35
Titans vs. Raiders	31	96	375	29-48
	28	88	187	16-31

#### EASTERN DIVISION

	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
Houston	9	4	0	.692
New York	7	6	0	.538
Buffalo	5	7	1	.417
Boston	5	8	0	.385

#### WESTERN DIVISION

	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
Los Angeles	9	4	0	.692
Dallas	7	6	0	.538
Oakland	5	8	0	.385
Denver	4	8	1	.333

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