

**Preseason: Washington Redskins 35, Green Bay Packers (2-3) 24**  
**Sunday September 18th 1949 (at Milwaukee)**

# Redskin Passes Check Packers in 35-24 Tilt

**GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)**

(MILWAUKEE) - Maybe Earl (Jug) Girard is the good luck charm the Packers need. The Jugger entered the Green Bay-Washington Redskin non-league football game here Sunday afternoon and led his teammates to a touchdown in the last three minutes despite an interception of one of his own passes and his own fumble. The final score was Washington 35, Green Bay 24. The charm wasn't working on Jug's first appearance late in the fourth quarter as the Redskins intercepted his throw intended for Bill Kelley and turned it into their last TD. However, with three minutes left, Girard got the rabbit's foot (Bear luck, some people call it) aworking, launching a 65-yard TD campaign. He opened from the 35 with a long pass to Kelley again but Dan Sandifer intercepted it. The officials accused the Redskins of roughing Jug. So it was first down on the 50. Ted Fritsch bulled over for four yards, and Girard snapped a pass to Clyde Goodnight for a first down on the Washington 39. Then, unable to find a receiver, Girard took off like a scared rabbit for 21 yards and then fumbled on the 18. Ed Smith was there to recover the ball. Again, Jug couldn't find a receiver and again he ran - this time for six yards to the 12. Girard still possessed the rabbit's foot because the Redskins were found guilty of roughing, thus moving the ball to the six.

**MATCHED PREVIOUS SCORING**

Fritsch and Tony Canadeo ate up the rest of the yardage in four plays, with Canadeo going over for the TD from the one. That one touchdown was made on the Packers' only sustained drive from their own territory all afternoon. The other two were set up by Redskin fumbles deep in their own territory - once on the 30 and another time on the 23. In closing their non-league schedule with two victories against three losses, the Packers scored as many points Sunday as they did in all of the other four games put together - 24 - but the defense, which permitted the last three foes only 19 points, collapsed and allowed a total of 471 yards - 242 by passing and 229 by rushing. The big rub was Harry Gilmer and his passes. The Alabama star hurled touchdown passes of 75, 3, 64 and 15 yards. The other Redskin TD came on a 19-yard run. In all, Harry completed only seven out of 18 throws.

This was supposed to be Stan Heath's "official opening" and the rookie quarterback had spots of success. He completed five out of 19 throws for 57 yards and one, an 18-yarder to Ted Cook, helped the Packers to their first touchdown. Heath had his moments - good and bad. Several times his receivers dropped perfect throws and other times the pitches went wide or high. Overall, Heath's protection was on the spotty side. Veteran quarterback Jack Jacobs played defense and did all of the punting.

## Who's Next?

**The Lineups:**

**GREEN BAY**

Ends—Goodnight, Canada, Kelley, Luhn, Wells, Cook, Orlich, Craig, Gagne.

Tackles—Ferry, Wildung, Lipscomb, Odson, Bell.

Guards—Tassos, Burris, Olsonoski, Davis, Vogds, Ethridge.

Centers—Olsen, Rhodemyre, Mastrangeli, Flowers, Neal.

Backs—Jacobs, Canadeo, Schlinkman, Forte, Cifers, Smith, Heath, Earhart Comp Fritsch, Lewis, Seno, Girard.

**WASHINGTON**

Ends — Shoener Berrang, Peebles, Taylor, Tereshinski, Crisler, Goldman.

Tackles—Adams, Roussos, Hendren, Sanchez.

Guards—Steber, Stovall, Badaczewski, Kathrsihen, Siegert, Lazor.

Centers—Ehrhardt, Demao.

Backs — Sandifer, Goode, Dowda, Livingston, Poillon, Cochran, Gilmer, Mont.

**Score By Quarters**

Washington ..... 7 14 0 14—35

Green Bay ..... 7 7 3 7—24

**The Scoring**

Washington: Touchdowns — Taylor, Dowda, Poillon, Sandifer, Goode. Points after touchdown—Poillon 5.

Green Bay: Touchdowns — Fritsch, Canadeo 2. Points after touchdowns—Fritsch 3. Field goal—Fritsch.

**The Officials**

Referee—Bill Downes, Illinois Tech. Umpire—Carl H. Brubaker, Ohio Wesleyan. Head Linesman—Dan Tehan, Xavier. Back Judge—Bob C. Austin, St. Ambrose. Field Judge—Charles A. Sweeney, Notre Dame.

**Team Statistics**

	Washington	G.B.
First downs rushing .....	14	9
First downs passing .....	5	5
First downs penalties .....	1	3
Total First Downs .....	20	17
Yards gained rushing .....	229	174
Yards gained passing .....	242	63
Total Yards Gained .....	471	237
Passes attempted .....	18	20
Passes completed .....	7	6
Passes intercepted by .....	2	2
Number of punts .....	4	8
Average distance of punts ..	42	48
Fumbles .....	7	3
Own fumbles recovered .....	2	1
Opp. fumbles recovered .....	2	5
Number of penalties .....	12	6
Yards penalized .....	111	60
No. of kickoffs returned .....	4	5
Yards kickoffs returned .....	104	100
Yards inter. returned .....	62	37

## ONLY 12,873 SEE GAME

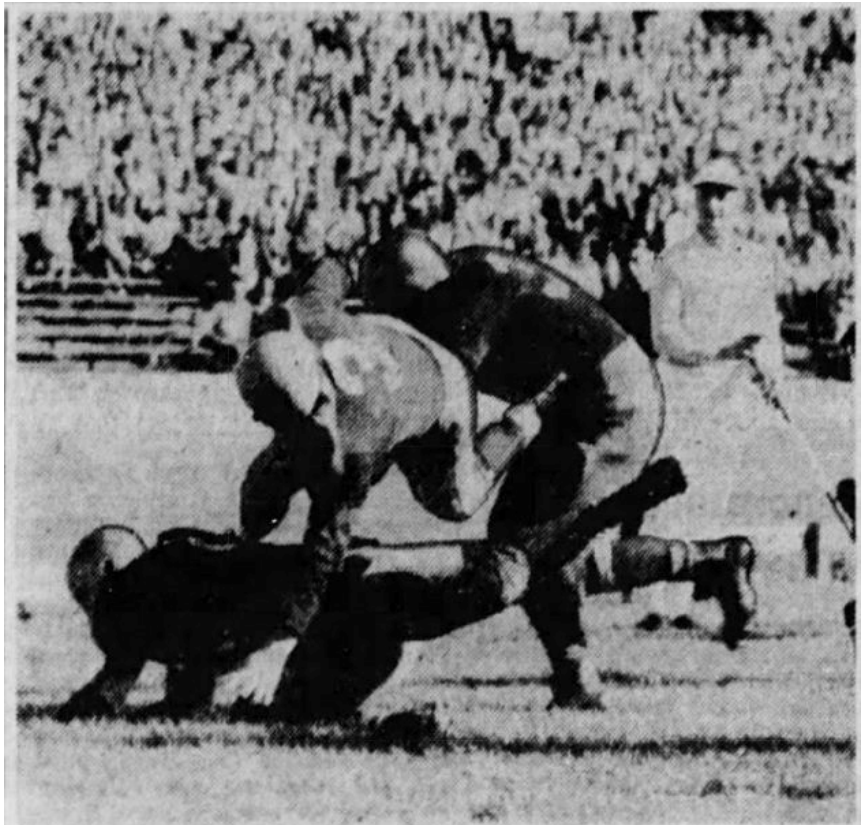
The contest, witnessed by a disappointing crowd of only 12,873 despite perfect weather, was something of a thriller. The Packers scored in less than four minutes on Fritsch's plunge but the Redskins knotted the score in the first quarter on a 75-yard Gilmer-Hugh Taylor pass play. The Redskins went ahead in the second quarter on Harry Dowda's 19-yard run, but the Packers knotted it in the same frame on Canadeo's nine-yard crawl. With two seconds left in the half, the Redskins went ahead on Gilmer's three-yard pass to Poillon. The Packers narrowed the margin to 21-17 in the third quarter on Fritsch's 44-yard field goal, but the Redskins iced the verdict in the fourth frame on two quick Gilmer passes - 64 yards to Sandifer and 15 to Bob Goode. Then Girard threw in the rabbit's foot. The battle marked the return of Canadeo, the Packer left half who has been out of action for six weeks with a fractured wrist. Tony showed no ill effects as he ripped off eight yards the first chance he carried. He scored two touchdowns - one on a seven-yard run and two-yard crawl on his back. Bolting Walt Schlinkman reeled off 66 yards in eight tries, including jaunts of 23 and 17 yards. Canadeo finished with 32 in eight attempts and fullback Fritsch got 27 in six. The Packer right halfbacks were stopped virtually cold. The Packers were pretty rugged with the bumps, forcing the Redskins to fumble seven times and recovering five of them. Ed Neal and Bob Cifers each recovered two fumbles and Smith got the other.

## PACKERS DRAW BLOOD

Dan Orlich delivered the blow that led to the Packers' first break and touchdown. The big end nailed Dan Sandifer after he received a punt and Cifers picked up his fumble on the Washington 23. After Earhart lost a yard, Heath hit Cook with a pass for 18 yards and a first down on the Redskin six. Fritsch bowled it over in two tries and then kicked the extra point, with Earhart holding. After an exchange of punts, the Packers drew blood again when Irv Comp intercepted Gilmer's pass on the Packer 45 and returned 25 yards to the Redskins 31. Canadeo made his first appearance of the 1949 season with a seven-yard slash off right tackle and Schlinkman made it a first down on the 21. That inevitable holding penalty cropped up again and the Packers were sent back to the 35. Fritsch finally tried a field goal from the 45 but the kick went wide. The Redskins, after gaining five yards on two tries, stunned the Packers with a 75-yard pass play for a TD. Hugh Taylor got behind Ken Kranz on the Packer 42 and went the distance. Dick Poillon booted the extra point. Washington started another touchdown drive shortly before the end of the first quarter as the Packer defense, rugged in three previous non-league games, started to collapse. Goode ripped off 20 in two tries, Stout added five and Gilmer pitched to Kirby for 18. After Stout moved the ball 10 yards to the Packer 19, Dowda virtually walked through a hole over the Packer's left side for 19 yards and a score. Poillon's kick was good again. Schlinkman started off a good afternoon with a 17-yard trip over his own right tackle to the Green Bay 47 after the kickoff but Heath's passes backfired again and Jacobs had to punt. The Packers tied the score again after an exchange of fumbles. First, Earhart fumbled and Stout recovered after Ralph returned a punt 25 yards to the Washington 20. Then, Sandifer fumbled on his own 30 and Neal recovered. In six plays, the Packers tied the score.

## PACKERS CAUGHT ROUGHING

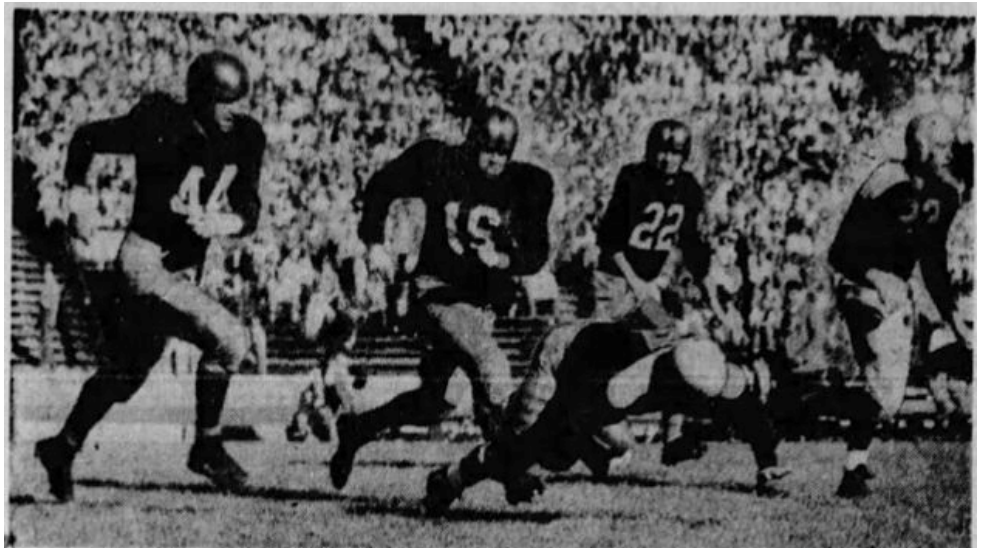
Schlinkman bolted off the right corner of his own line for 23 yards to the seven but the Packers were guilty of roughing, moving the ball back to the 21. Forte picked up the two yards needed for a first down. Schlinkman added two, Heath fired to Lewis for five and Canadeo banged for three to the nine. Then Canadeo belted the right end again and grasshoppered



Running with all his old time drive and skill after being sidelined for over a month with a fractured wrist, Packer Halfback Tony Canadeo is nailed by two Redskins in the second quarter—but not before he goes over for Green Bay's second touchdown at State Fair park in Milwaukee Sunday afternoon. The futile would-be stoppers are Halfback Bob Goode, on the ground, and Fullback Ed Quirk, who was later injured and taken away in an ambulance. The Grey Ghost scored again in the fourth quarter. (Associated Press Photo)



over from the two for the TD. Fritsch's kick was good. After an exchange of punts, the Washingtons drove 55 yards for a touchdown that came with only one second left in the half. The big bolt was a 28-yard run by Gilmer after the Alabama ace couldn't find a receiver. The payoff was a pass from Gilmer to Poillon for three yards. Poillon added the point. The Packers got the first break shortly after the second half started. Jacobs' punt was partially blocked and Poillon batted at the ball around the Washington 45 and Cifers recovered for the 40. On the Packers' second try, Schlinkman fumbled and the Redskins regained possession. The Washingtons drove deep into Packer territory on a 26-yard run by Gilmer but the flashy quarterback fumbled and Neal



**Packer Fullback Walt Schlinkman**, who had one of the best days of his career, stumbles in the van of three Redskins after churning for 15 yards in the fourth quarter of Sunday's Packer-Washington game at State Fair park in Milwaukee. The Redskins coming from behind are Tackle Mike Roussos (44), Guard John Steber (16) and Halfback Harry Dowda (22). The Packer at the far right is Left End Clyde Goodnight (23) (Associated Press Photo)

recovered on the 14. Again the Packer attack stalled and again, fortunately, the Redskins fumbled. This time Gilmer muffed on the Redskins 21 and Forte recovered. Earhart started the Packers on the way to a field goal with a five-yard run over right guard and Heath hit Clyde Goodnight for eight yards and a first down. The same air duo clicked again for 17 yards and, on Schlinkman's next try, the Redskins were guilty of unnecessary roughness, moving the ball to the Redskin 31.

#### **WILDUNG ASKS MEASUREMENT**

After Canadeo made six off right tackle, the Packer backs went in motion too fast and they drew a five-yard penalty. Heath fired to Cook for nine yards and what turned out to be a first down after Captain Dick Wildung requested the officials to measure. The attack bogged down when Heath was smeared for an eight-yard loss trying to pass and the Bays drew a penalty for too much time. Fritsch stepped back on the 44 to kick his field goal. Two plays later in the fourth quarter, Gilmer caught Sandifer on the 50 with a neat pass and Sandy outran the Packer defense for a TD. Poillon's kick was good. Fritsch belted for 13 yards but Sandifer intercepted Girard's pass intended for Kelley on the Packer 40 and returned to the 19. Bob Forte stopped this threat by intercepting Gilmer's pass on the eight. The Packers couldn't move so Jacobs had to punt. The Redskins launched a 52-yard drive into Packer territory but it ended when Jay Rhodemyre knocked down a fourth down pass by Gilmer. Heath went into action but Dowda intercepted on the 40 and lugged back to the Packer 14. This time Washington had a 35-17 lead in four plays. Gilmer caught Goode on the two-yard line and he stepped over with no interference.

**WASHINGTON - 7 14 0 14 - 35**  
**GREEN BAY - 7 7 3 7 - 24**

#### **SCORING**

1ST - GB - Ted Fritsch, 1-yard run (Fritsch kick) GREEN BAY 7-0  
 1ST - WASH - Hugh Taylor, 75-yard pass from Harry Gilmer (Dick Poillon kick) TIED 7-7  
 2ND - WASH - Harry Dowda, 19-yard run (Poillon kick) WASHINGTON 14-7  
 2ND - GB - Tony Canadeo, 9-yard run (Fritsch run) TIED 14-14  
 2ND - WASH - Poillon, 3-yard pass from Gilmer (Poillon kick) WASHINGTON 21-14  
 3RD - GB - Fritsch, 44-yard field goal WASHINGTON 21-17  
 4TH - WASH - Dan Sandifer, 64-yard pass from Gilmer (Poillon kick) WASHINGTON 28-17  
 4TH - WASH - Bob Goode, 14-yard pass from Gilmer (Poillon kick) WASHINGTON 35-17  
 4TH - GB - Canadeo, 1-yard run (Fritsch kick) WASHINGTON 35-24

# Packers Strike Redskin Coach As Being Rugged, Hard-Hitting

## Bears Purchase Center, Szymanski

LOCKPORT, Ill. —(AP)— George Halas, owner-coach of the Chicago Bears, announced today the purchase of Center Frank Szymanski from the Philadelphia Eagles for an undisclosed sum.

Szymanski, who was released on waivers by the Eagles, reported today to the Bears. He is in his fifth season in the National Football league. The 230-pound ex-Notre Dame pivot man played with the Detroit Lions, in 1945, '46 and '47. He joined the Eagles last year after starting the season with the Packers.

## BEARS HEAD FOR LOCKPORT BASE - GREEN BAY NEXT

SEPT 18 (Philadelphia) - The Bears, who saw their hopes of an undefeated exhibition season blasted by the champion Philadelphia Eagles in Philadelphia last night, left for their new training camp at Lockport, Ill., early this morning to start preparations for their NFL game with the Packers in Green Bay next Sunday. The Bears' offense which had met every other occasion in the four exhibition games, was definitely off stride against the Eagles. The only thing that kept them in the game at all was the alert play of the line and the defensive backs. Any of the Eagles' rivals, and all of them were represented at the game Saturday, who has an idea that the Philadelphians will run out of gas because of their early training start, now have lost all hope in that quarter. If the Eagles were weary against the Bears they gave no evidence of such a feeling and are apparently the team to beat again this year. The Bears are switching to Lockport from Rensselaer, Ind., where they did their early training at St. Joseph's college. The traffic at Rensselaer became too heavy with classes starting and the St. Joseph's team also in training, so Coach George Halas, after an extensive search for new quarters, settled upon Lockport, the home of Lewis Institute. The Bears will start work today for their first league game of the season, against the Packers in Green Bay's City stadium Sunday. Judging from the worksheet drawn up by Halas, any

resemblance between the routing followed at Rensselaer and the schedule confronting the north siderers this week is merely coincidental. Obviously, the Packer and Bear scouts have wasted considerable time this year as in previous seasons. Both of these clubs always have come up with plays for their meetings and they'll doubtless do the same this week. Luke Johnsos and Hunk Anderson of the Bears' staff flew from Philadelphia to Milwaukee Sunday to see the Packers engage the Washington Redskins. The game afforded them a final opportunity to see the Packers before the official opener. Even so, Halas' two assistants admitted they didn't expect to see anything startling displayed by Green Bay and if Wally Cruice, the Packers' scout hoped to see any new variations by the Bears against the Eagles, he wasted a long evening. The Bears' exchequer again failed to show any increase after the club's annual battle against the bulge. For several years every Bear has been weighed when he checked in at camp and given a poundage chart showing how much weight he must lose before the start of the league season. Failure of any athlete to make this weight means a \$50 fine. Every one of the burly Bears passed his weight examination. Some of the fellows who has to work overtime to make the prescribed weight were: Ed Ecker, 265 pounds; Joe Osmanski, 220; Jack Dugger, 235; Fred Davis and Walt Stickel, 245; George Connor and Paul Stenn, 240; and Washington Serini, 235. Johnny Lujack, who suffered a shoulder injury in the exhibition with the New York Giants September 10, expects to be ready for the Green Bay game.

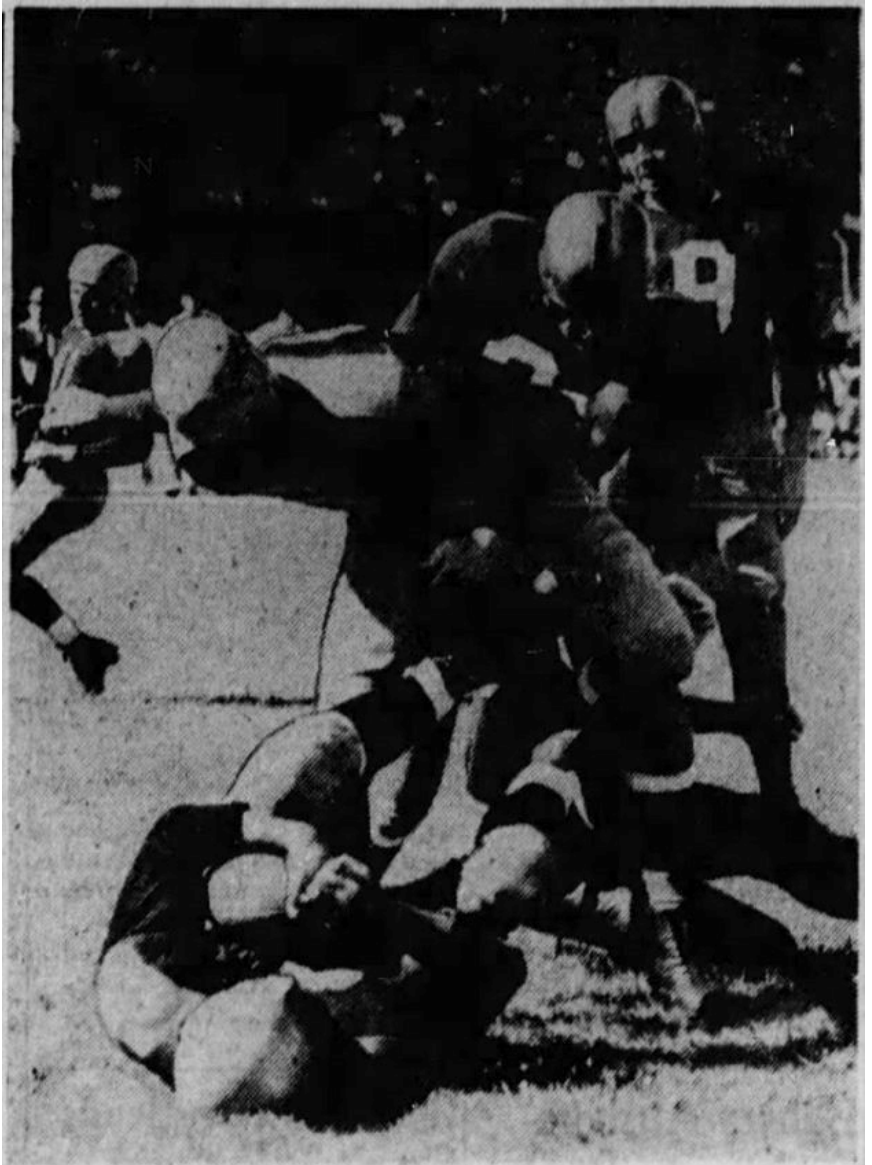
## PACKERS STRIKE REDSKIN COACH AS BEING RUGGED, HARD-HITTING

SEPT 19 (Green Bay) - "Like any close game, a little break here or there and they (the Packers) might have won it." This was the opinion of dignified John E. (Billick) Whelchel, retired Navy admiral who has left the sea to become head coach of the Washington Redskins, as he relaxed in his Ambassador hotel room here at dusk after Sunday afternoon's business between the Packers and his 'Skins at State Fair park. Calm and deliberate - he's obviously accustomed to having authority and using it - the admiral thought "it was a hell of a ball game" and contended that "Green Bay was up for the ball game. They went about it as though they wanted to win it." "They strike me," he went on, "as being rugged, hard-hitting, fast-moving ball club with a good ground game. They had a strong running attack, particularly outside." "We had several boys injured, which was indicative of what kind of a game it was," Whelchel claimed. "It was unusually hard. Our fullback, Ed Quirk, is out - for example - for several weeks. He has a leg injury. I don't know whether he has any broken bones or whether it's a torn ligament. But, in either case, he's out for several weeks. Besides that," the ex-seaman reported, "Tommy Mont, our second string quarterback, is injured and Dan Sandifer is hurt. He has a leg injury." How did he feel about Stan Heath? "I thought Heath looked all right - as good as you can expect him to look," came the considered reply. "You can't," he pointed out, "walk into this league and push everybody around, you know. No first year man does that. But he looks like he's going to be a great quarterback. I thought," Whelchel said, "that your defensive right end - what's his name (Don Wells, he was informed) played an excellent game. We couldn't do a thing with him."...A mile or two and a half an hour later, Packer Head Coach E.L. (Curly) Lambeau was not inclined to concur with Whelchel's resume of the contest. "Out ball club can do a lot better," Curly declared with some little emphasis. "We give Harry Gilmer a lot of credit - he played a great ball game and has a lot of heart - but we still should have won. We missed a lot of defensive assignments," the big mentor claimed, adding, "We should have had four more touchdowns. We had touchdown plays all set up and we couldn't execute them - simple plays. So. even giving Washington those 35 points, you can add 21 on those 24 and we would have had 45. Our team didn't operate on offense like we did in our last three ball games," he explained, "which probably didn't make us look too good." Turning to the Redskins again, Curly smiled ruefully and said, "I would much rather have Mr. Baugh in



there against us than Gilmer, I can tell you that." "But," back to the Packers again, "our failure to execute very simple plays - and there is no question about this - cost us the ball game," Lambeau summed up. "In fact, our timing was way off." Was he favorably impressed with Stan Heath's debut in Wisconsin? "Heath did fairly well," was his rejoinder. "His timing was off, but he has good possibilities. He threw many passes too fast - but it was only his timing that was off," Lambeau repeated, indicating that he was satisfied with the way they were thrown. "His anxiety to look good before his hometown probably made him try too hard." His last words were pointed: "Everything counts next week."...George Marshall, Washington's premier gift to professional football and the laundry industry, held his customary (customary though it is contrary to league rules) pregame conference with the officials. This time the Redskin owner's prime complaint appeared to be the frequency with which, he says, NFL coaches ignore the rule restricting them to pacing between the 40-yard lines. "You know who the offenders are" he was heard to say, and then, jocularly, "I used to be the worst one when I was on the bench." The officials listened to his many and varied suggestions with at least surface sympathy. That is all save one, who will, for obvious reasons, remain anonymous. The wetwash king told the arbiter, "You sure missed one on us at Memphis last week. (The Redskins played the Bears in the Tennessee city). The official said, with no little sarcasm, "No bull". "Yes, that Bear end was four yards offside," Marshall declared. "Suppose it cots you quite a few yards," the official quoted, now a little put out. "Cost us 18 yards," Marshall assured him. "Now isn't that too bad," the official snorted, turning on his heel and walked away...A new wrinkle in

scouting was demonstrated in the press box by Pete Halas, son of Bear Vice President Walter, who was scrutinizing the Packers on behalf of the Los Angeles Rams, whom the Packers meet here Sunday, Oct. 2. Halas was using an audiograph, similar to the dictaphone, to record his observations. "I get three times as much information on these records as I would writing," Pete explained. "Of course, I don't rely on the records along - I use them to make my charts from."...Wally Cruice, the Packers' chief scout who seldom sees the Bays play, flew in from Philadelphia, where he scouted the Bear-Eagle game Saturday night, to see yesterday's contest. "The Bears played a pretty good ball game," according to Cruice...Heartly (Hunk) Anderson, line coach of the Bears, and Assistant Coach Luke Johnsos probably were the two most interested press box observers. The pair, who like Cruice, planed here following Saturday night's game in Philadelphia, were industriously studying the Packers' activities in preparation for next Sunday's renewal of the immemorial rivalry at City stadium. The actual scouting was left to Walter Halas, who has been chief scout for the Bears since 1921. Others on hand to chart the game were Jack Lavelle of the New York Giants and Dick Plasman and Marshall Goldberg of the Cardinals and Walt Kiesling, former Packer line coach, of the Pittsburgh Steelers...Venerable Sammy Baugh, the Redskins' all-time passer, wasn't in uniform. Baugh, nursing an injury which the Redskins carefully neglected to describe, sat on the bench sporting elegant cowboys boots and a 10-gallon hat...No truer words dept.: After the Packers had lost the ball in the second quarter



**The Packers took the lead for the first and last time in the first quarter of their game with the Washington Redskins at Milwaukee's State Fair park when veteran Full-back Ted Fritsch rolled over the goal line (above). Right End Nolan Luhn (over Fritsch) gives an assist while Howard Livingstone, Redskin halfback, is too late to stop the score. (Associated Press Photo)**

when Ralph Earhart fumbled following a brilliant punt return, mountainous Ed Neal, who was on the bench, hollered, "I'll get the ball." He was sent in immediately and on the next play, the Packers took over on the Redskin 30. Who was on the ball after the referee got to the bottom of the pile? You're right...The game was televised - the Packers are one of but a few pro elevens who sanction video - by WTMJ-TV and the Redskin angle was presented for Washington consumption by Harry Wismer, ABC sports director who broadcasts all the Washington games. The halftime program staged by the Packer Lumberjack band drum major, Bruce Stengel, and the majorettes - Phyllis (Miss Wisconsin) Kessler, Carol Jean Collard, Pat Lison, Bernadine



When Harry Gilmer, the Washington Redskins' talented young quarterback, wasn't passing Sunday he was giving the Green Bay Packers trouble on the ground in their professional football exhibition at state fair park—won by the Redskins, 35-24. In the third quarter, Gilmer failed to find a receiver and so

took over on a 14 yard solo flight. Coming up to help him is center Clyde Ehrhardt (31); behind him is tackle John Sanchez. Ahead Herb Siegert, Washington guard, prepares to throw at Glenn Lewis, Packer back. Gilmer's passes represented plenty of trouble for the Packers. —Journal Staff

Boyere, Beth Gale and Dolores Vander Loop - also was televised. It was the first time the corps ever has appeared on TV...Dimensions dept.: The Redskins undoubtedly have the tallest team in the league. Only two of their number, halfbacks Howard Hartley and Eddie Saenz, are under six feet and two others, tackles Bob Hendren and John Adams, are 6-8 and 6-7, respectively. Hundred, incidentally, was thrown out of the game in the fourth quarter, along with Packer Dick Wildung, when he and the Green Bay tackle engaged in some impromptu fisticuffs...Biggest laugh of the day was produced by an unidentified spectator who grabbed the ball on Ted Fritsch's extra point following the final Packer TD and ran out of the park - with the police and some fans, in hot pursuit.

#### **ISELL RESIGNS AS COLT COACH**

SEPT 19 (Baltimore) - Cecil Isbell, former Purdue and Green Bay Packer passing star, has resigned as head coach of the Baltimore colts, the All America league club's board of directors announced today. Walter Driskill, the Colts president and general manager, succeeds the former Purdue mentor at the helm of the floundering Colts. The club has been winless in league competition this season. This is the second year of Isbell's contract - terms of which never were announced - and the board said he would be paid off for the remainder of the year. The announcement came after a huddle of Colts directors at a Baltimore hotel this morning.

*Sports Cocktails: Major Disappointment*

**Baugh Might Have Been Easier For Packers Than Harry Gilmer**

Alabama Ace Can Run; Gets 92 Yards on Plays That Started as Passes; No Telephone for Luke

#### **BAUGH MIGHT HAVE BEEN EASIER FOR PACKERS THAN HARRY GILMER**

SEPT 20 (Green Bay) - A week ago we wailed that the Packer offense needed polish. In the same breath we whispered the praises of the Packer defense. The offense must have been polished in Milwaukee Sunday because the Bays scored 24 points - the same number they registered in all four of their previous non-league games put together. The defense? That was the disappointment. Washington's Redskins ripped the Packers for 229 yards on the ground and 242 yards in the air, not to mention five touchdowns, four via the air. Harry Gilmer, the Redskin passing ace, was the second such individual the Bays faced in the five non-loopers. The other was Charley Conerly of the New York Giants and, statistically, Conerly did better



against the Packers than Gilmer. Conerly completed 12 out of 23 while Gilmer made 7 out of 18. But the Packers beat New York and lost to Washington. Maybe the Packer pass defense was just plain asleep down in Milwaukee! It's interesting to note that 92 of the Redskins' 229 yards by rushing came on runs by quarterback Gilmer that started as passes. Gilmer made runs of 15, 30, 16 and 32 yards by breaking out of the passing pocket. Few passers, unless they have terrific speed, can break out of the pocket after being hopelessly trapped or finding that their receivers are covered. The Packer defense, which calls for the ends to crash the passer, doesn't leave a passer much chance to throw if he finds his receivers covered. However, Gilmer was dancing back and off to either side and then running straight downfield. The old master, Sammy Baugh, probably would have had trouble breaking away like Gilmer because Sammy is slow compared to Gilmer. This is one time the Bays would rather have worked against the capable Baugh. Luke Johnsos, the Chicago Bears' press box telephone expert, viewed the Packer-Redskin game in silence; he didn't need a telephone. Asked about the Bear-Eagle game Saturday night in Philly, Like said: "We got out alive." In a game at City stadium a couple of years ago, Johnsos got a play onto the field in less than a minute; it gained 38 yards. With Packer Backfield Coach Bob Snyder, an ex-Bear and an expert on the T-formation, in the press box Sunday, maybe Johnsos will have some competition. Jay Rhodemyre, the Packer center, made the most tackles Sunday - nine, while Ted Fritsch made eight. Four players had four each - Bob Lipscomb, Dick Wildung, Paul Lipscomb and Larry Craig. Those with three tackles were Bob Cifers, Lew Ferry, Roger Eason and Ed Neal.

#### **PACKERS DIG IN FOR 62ND BATTLE WITH CHICAGO BEARS SUNDAY**

SEPT 20 (Green Bay) - The Packers dug in today for the battle of their 1949 lives. It was the opening practice period in preparation for their gigantic struggle with the Chicago Bears at City stadium next Sunday afternoon. The contest will be the 62nd between the traditional rivals who started their legalized murder back in 1921. Down through the years, the Packers won 22, lost 34 and tied five. The Bears are the only team in the NFL to hold a victory edge on Green Bay. All business at Rockwood lodge this week will be conducted in secret. During practice sessions, a guard will be posted at the highway entrance. Waivers were asked by the Packers today on eight players - center John Mastrangeli, ends Eugene (Bud) Canada and Verne Gagne, guards Damon Tassos and Ralph Davis, halfbacks Glenn Lewis and Bill Schroeder and fullback Ed Cody. Tassos, Davis and Cody are veterans, the other rookies. It was announced also that halfback Frank Seno, who joined the team last week for a tryout, has been sent to the Washington Redskins. Seno, a veteran of six season in the NFL, will be serving his second hitch with the Skins. His first two seasons were spent with the Washington club before going to the Chicago Cardinals and later, the New York Bulldogs. He is expected to plug the gap left by the injury to Redskin fullback Ed Quirk. Packer head coach Curly Lambeau revealed at the same time that Bob Cifers, secured from Pittsburgh earlier this season, has been shifted to right halfback to fill the vacancy left by the departure of Lewis. Cifers, who has had three years' experience with the Detroit Lions and Pittsburgh after gaining All-American honors at Tennessee, had previously operated at left half. Word also came today that the National league's player limit may be increased to 33 before this weekend's first league games. The present limit is 32.

The Bears, too, are working in secret. Coach George Halas moved his squad to Lockport, Ill., Sunday from St. Joseph's college at Renneslaer, Ind., where the traffic got too heavy with the arrival of students for the fall term...BEARS RANK AS FAVORITES: The Packers came out of the Washington Redskins non-league game Sunday in good physical condition - that is, as far as could be learned. As is usual before a Bear game, Trainer Bud Jorgenson rarely mentions injuries. Bud figures the Bears would be interested in knowing the "whereabouts" of Packer hurts. On the basis of preseason games, the Bears easily rank as the favorites for next Sunday - a situation that prevailed for the last several years. The Bears scored four straight non-league victories but then lost to the Philadelphia Eagles, 14 to 7. The Packers won two non-loopers and lost three. A comparison of the rivals can be made because both clubs played the same Eastern division teams. Let's take each Eastern division clubs: PHILADELPHIA EAGLES: The Packers battled the champions in what amounted to their first real

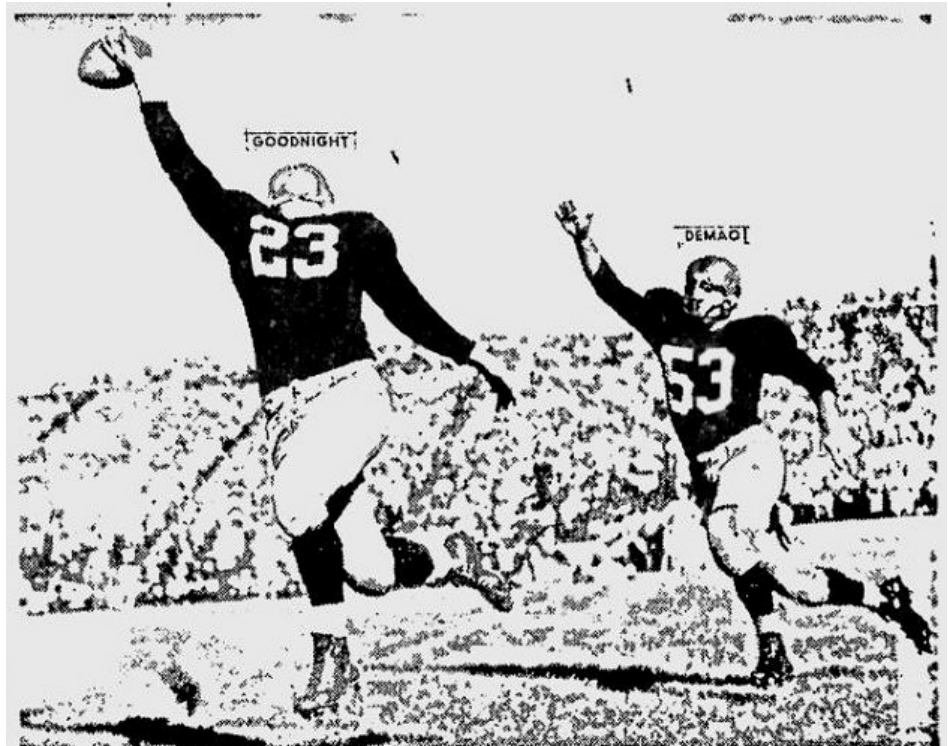
The complete 1949 schedule follows:

September 22—  
\*Philadelphia at New York Bulldogs  
September 23—  
\*Detroit at Los Angeles Rams  
September 25—  
Chicago Bears at GREEN BAY  
New York Giants at Pittsburgh  
September 26—  
\*Washington at Cardinals  
September 30—  
\*New York Giants at N. Y. Bulldogs  
October 2—  
Los Angeles at GREEN BAY  
Chicago Bears at Cardinals  
October 3—  
\*Philadelphia at Detroit  
\*Washington at Pittsburgh  
October 7—  
\*GREEN BAY at New York Bulldogs  
October 8—  
\*Detroit at Pittsburgh  
\*Chicago Cardinals at Philadelphia  
October 9—  
Los Angeles at Chicago Bears  
New York Giants at Washington  
October 16—  
Chicago Cardinals vs. GREEN BAY  
(At Milwaukee).  
Los Angeles at Detroit  
New York Bulldogs at Washington  
Philadelphia at Chicago Bears  
Pittsburgh at New York Giants  
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GREEN BAY at Los Angeles  
Chicago Bears at New York Giants  
Detroit at Chicago Cardinals  
New York Bulldogs at Pittsburgh  
Washington at Philadelphia  
October 30—  
Detroit vs. GREEN BAY  
(At Milwaukee)  
Chicago Bears at Los Angeles  
New York Giants at Chi. Cardinals  
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh  
Washington at New York Bulldogs  
November 6—  
GREEN BAY at Chicago Bears  
Chicago Cardinals at Detroit  
Los Angeles at Philadelphia  
N. Y. Bulldogs at New York Giants  
Pittsburgh at Washington  
November 13—  
New York Giants at GREEN BAY  
Chi. Cardinals at New York Bulldogs  
Detroit at Chicago Bears  
Los Angeles at Pittsburgh  
Philadelphia at Washington  
November 20—  
Pittsburgh vs. GREEN BAY  
(At Milwaukee)  
Chicago Bears at Washington  
Detroit at New York Giants  
Los Angeles at Chicago Cardinals  
New York Bulldogs at Philadelphia  
November 24—  
Chicago Bears at Detroit  
(Thanksgiving Day A. M.)  
November 27—  
GREEN BAY at Chicago Cardinals  
New York Bulldogs at Los Angeles  
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia  
Washington at New York Giants  
December 4—  
GREEN BAY at Washington  
Chicago Cardinals at Los Angeles  
New York Bulldogs at Detroit  
Philadelphia at New York Giants  
Pittsburgh at Chicago Bears  
December 11—  
GREEN BAY at Detroit  
Chi. Cardinals at Chicago Bears  
New York Giants at Philadelphia  
Pittsburgh at New York Bulldogs  
Washington at Los Angeles  
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scrimmage. The Eagles had an easy time, 35 to 0. The Bears scored first on the Eagles, but the champs had the Chicagoans on their heels the rest of the way in counting twice in the last half. NEW YORK GIANTS: The Packers beat this outfit, 14-7, with a last minute touchdown while the Bears had a narrow escape, too, winning on a last minute field goal, 21-17. PITTSBURGH: The Steelers went after the Packers with a purpose and came out with a 9-3 decision. This game was the first for "unready" Stan Heath since Jack Jacobs and Jug Girard were benched with injuries. The Steelers held the Bears scoreless for three quarters and then collapsed in the last heat, 34-0. NEW YORK BULLDOGS: The Dogs surprised both Western divisioners. The Bears scored twice in the first quarter and then came off with a 14-10 victory. The Packers beat the Bulldogs, 7-3, on Ralph Earhart's 42-yard run and a stiff defense. WASHINGTON: Here's the real reason why the Packers will be underdogs Sunday. The Bears had little trouble with the Redskins, 38-17, but the Packers melted under Washington's air attack to the tune of 35-24. The only redeeming feature for the Packers was that they scored 24 points, matching their total in the four previous non-loopers.

#### **NFL LAUNCHES 30TH SEASON ON THURSDAY NIGHT**

SEPT 20 (Green Bay) - The NFL will launch its 30th season Thursday when the New York Bulldogs entertain the Philadelphia Eagles, defending champions, in New York in a night game. Within the following four days, the other eight teams in the league will swing into championship action. The schedule includes: Friday night, Detroit vs. Los Angeles in the Coliseum in Los Angeles; Sunday afternoon, Chicago Bears vs. Green Bay at Green Bay, and Pittsburgh and the New York Giants at Pittsburgh; Monday night, Chicago Cardinals and Washington in Comiskey park. After 20 non-championship games and training periods of from six to eight weeks the players on the ten teams are fit and ready for the 60-game schedule that continues until Dec. 11. The championship game will be played on the gridiron of the Western division champion on Dec. 18, unless a playoff is necessary in either or both divisions. With a player limit of 32 for the season, the coaches of the various teams have been using the pruning knife the past week. Despite the cuts, approximately 50 of the stellar performers on college gridirons in 1948 will make their professional debuts in the opening game. Three teams will start the campaign with new coaches. Charley Ewart, who assisted Greasy Neale last year, will guide the New York Bulldogs. At Washington the reins will be in the hands of Rear Admiral John E.



Bay Veteran Clyde Goodnight goes into the air after one of Stan Heath's passes, but the Packer end couldn't

snare the ball. Al Demao, Redskin center, was close by just in case Goodnight made the catch.

Whelchel, former Navy academy tutor. Phil Handler and Ray Parker, both of whom were assistants to Jimmy Conzelman in 1948, are sharing the head coaching portfolio of the Chicago Cardinals. Of the seven other coaches, Curly Lambeau is starting his 30th season at Green Bay; George Halas his 24th with the Chicago Bears; Steve Owen, his 19th with the New York Giants; Greasy Neale, his ninth with the Philadelphia Eagles, and Clark Shaughnessy and John Michelosen, their second as head coach, respectively, of the Los Angeles Rams, Detroit Lions and Pittsburgh Steelers.

#### **BIG AIRLINER CHARTERED FOR PACKERS' TRIP**

SEPT 20 (Green Bay) - Capable of carrying 50 passengers plus a crew and three tons of freight at speeds of five hundred miles an hour, a Mainliner 300 of United Airlines has been chartered by the Green Bay Packers for their Oct. 6 trip to New York City, it was announced today. The plane will be largest yet to land at Austin Straubel field. It is one of the largest aircraft used today in commercial air travel and one of the speediest. Some idea of its speed can be gained from the fact that the trip to New York will require about three hours, a little less time than required to go from here to Chicago by train. The Mainliner 300 is a 45-ton plane. It can carry 50 passengers and 6,000 pounds of air freight, mail and express plus a crew of six, including a pilot, co-pilot, pilot engineer and two stewardesses. The plane travels at 300 miles an hour with this load. Its cabin is pressurized to provide low-level comfort at high altitudes. For example, "cabin altitude" is 5,300 feet when the



plane is at 15,000 feet; 8,000 feet when the plane is at 20,000 feet. Their ability to fly over and around the weather and still remain on time is credited with much of the new regularity and dependability with which the nation's major airlines are now operating. The plane is equipped with reversible pitch propellers. Its wing span is 117 ½ feet. Each of its four engines develop 2,100 horsepower, giving the plane a rate of climb of 1,300 feet per minute. The Packers will play the New York Bulldogs in the east the night of Oct. 7. They will return to Green Bay the following day by plane.

### SCORE LOOKED BETTER THAN THE PACKERS

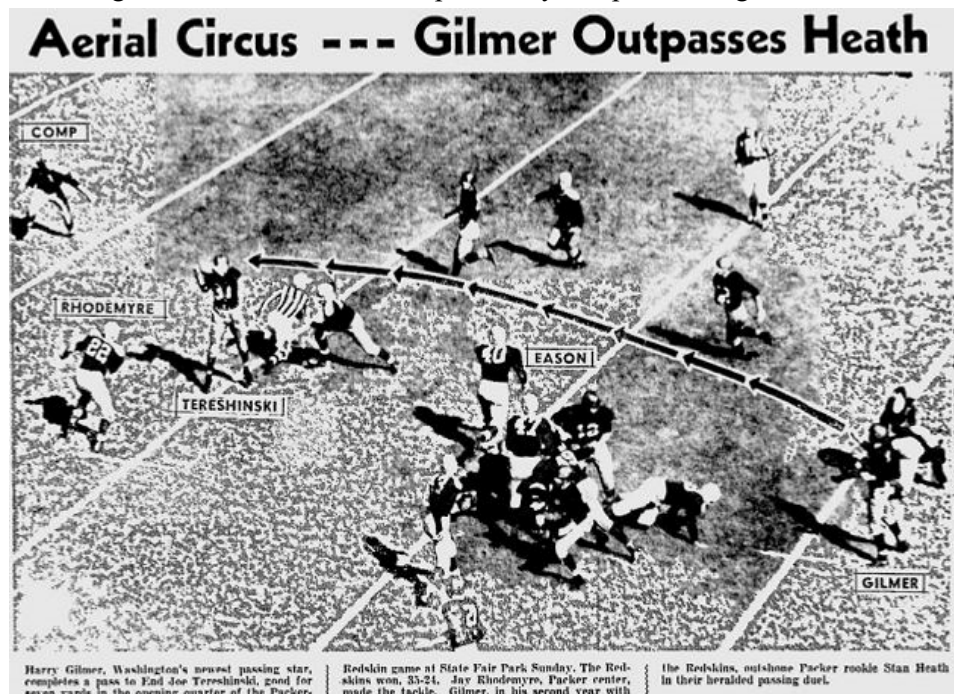
SEPT 20 (Milwaukee Sentinel-Lloyd Larson) - If there is a flicker of championship hope in the Green Bay Packer camp, even faint hope that the Bears can be handled in the league opener next Sunday, it can't be based on the 1949 Milwaukee debut against Washington. It wasn't the score, for a good ball club - even a high class ball club - can wind up on the short end of a 35-24 count, especially in football's big league where the emphasis is on touchdowns and lots of them. Rather it was the manner of doing that caused the 12,000 plus customers to shake their heads as if to say, "It looks like a long, rough fall." True enough - Curly Lambeau's charges almost matched their total points in the previous four exhibition games. But let's review the three touchdowns and lone field goal which, with three conversions, added up to 24 points. A fumble, recovered 23 yards from the Washington goal line, set up the first six-pointer. Another fumble recovery, on the Redskin 30, led to the tying touchdown. Still another recovery paved the way for the successful field goal shot by Ted Fritsch. The longest run in that drive was a modest six yards. But three of the six completed passes fortunately made up for the impotent ground attack...CAN'T BE LUCKY ALL THE TIME: Nor was there anything on the solid side as the Bays went their stuttering way to a consolation marker in the closing minutes. The drive was kept alive by two penalties against the Redskins

(one nullified a pass interception) and a fortunate recovery of their own fumble by the Packers. So it was one break after another, including a couple on which they didn't come close to cashing in. Obviously no team can hope to be that lucky right along. One of these days the Lambeaus will have to go it alone all the way without help from the opposition. Then what? Scoring on merit calls for a well conceived combination of passing and ground attack. A big time overhead offense means sharp passing, foolproof protection for the passer, and sticky-fingered receiving. On the ground there must be both hard and elusive running as well as enough blocking to spring the boys loose. At no time Sunday did the Packers how that they have enough of what it takes to hit a 24 point scoring pace against the Redskins or any other

tough league outfit, day in and day out...NO RUSH, NO TACKLING IN OPEN: Defensively, too, there were alarming deficiencies. Failure to put the rush on sharpshooting Harry Gilmer and arm-full-of-nothing tackling in the open were the most damaging factors contributing to the defeat. The defensive backs, of course, must shoulder some of the blame for Gilmer's four touchdown passes, but the key to everything was ample time to get off perfect pitches. Gilmer, elusive and a real running threat, helped his own passing cause. But it's still a fact that would-be rushers weren't breathing down his neck too hard or too often. There wasn't anything heartening either (for Packer followers, that is) on the Redskins' second touchdown march. They covered 71 yards on eight plays, only one of which was a pass. Harry Dowda scampered the final 19 on a quick opener that caught both line and backers-up flatfooted. The Redskins put a sweet ball club on the field. Make no mistake about that. And in Gilmer they have a brilliant successor to Sammy Baugh. But it's the type of opposition the Packers can expect right along. So there's only one logical conclusion: Lambeau's boys have a long way to go and a terrifically big job ahead.

### PACKERS TRIM SQUAD TO 35

SEPT 20 (Green Bay) - Four veterans and four rookies chopped off the Green Bay Packers' roster Tuesday leaving the club with 35 veterans still three over the 32 player limit. Coach Curly Lambeau said waivers had been asked on veterans Ralph Davis, Wisconsin, and Damon Tassos, Texas A&M, both guards; and fullback Ed Cody, Purdue; and on rookies Al Mastrangeli, Illinois center; Gene Canada, Arkansas end; Glenn Lewis, Texas Tech back; and Bill Schroeder, Wisconsin back. In addition, Lambeau said halfback Frank Seno was sold to the Washington Redskins for an undisclosed sum. The



Packers signed Seno recently as a free agent. Davis was starting his third year with the Packers as was Cody while Tassos has spent five yards in the NFL.

### BEARS GUARD AGAINST THREAT OF PACKERS' SECRET WEAPON

SEPT 20 (Chicago Tribune) - The Chicago Bears will be on the alert for a secret weapon when they take the field against the Packers in Green Bay Sunday afternoon in a game that will open the NFL season for both teams. What this secret weapon will be has been a matter of deep concern this week for Coach George Halas and his assistants at the Bears' new headquarters in Lockport, Ill. The fact the Packers have reversed last year's proceedings in exhibition games has kept the Bears guessing. Last year the Packers beat opponents regularly in exhibitions but when the regular season started Green Bay found it had played its best games on the practice field. Why the Packers have not used their sensational rookie passer, Stan Heath, and the speedy Jug Girard more often in exhibitions has provided several hours of discussion this week at the Bear camp. Although far from the most popular citizen of Green Bay, Indian Jack Jacobs has done most of the Packers' quarterbacking in preseason games. This has left the Bears to suspect they will see a lot of Heath and Girard. Walter Halas, Bears' chief scout, and Coaches Hunk Anderson and Luke Johnsos, who flew from Philadelphia to Milwaukee to see Sunday's exhibition between the Packers and Washington Redskins, agree on one point - Green Bay has not displayed its full power in any exhibition. Halas announced the same routine followed in previous years in preparing for Green Bay will be in vogue this week - two drills a day. Through no desire of their own, the Bears will be motion picture addicts the rest of the week. The movie for which the Bears have no appetite is that 14 to 7 defeat at the hands of the Eagles in Philadelphia Saturday night. The principal cause for embarrassment lay in the accompanying statistical chart - which showed the Eagles made 504 yards on the ground against the Bears. This represented a new high in ground gaining for Bear opponents. Strange as it seems, that defeat was seized as a silver lining for the coaching staff. Paddy Driscoll sized up the situation, saying, "Our fellows will not be bothered by trouble in seeing their own feet because of raised cleats. Those Eagles will deflate anybody's ego." The Bears were given a lift yesterday when Johnny Lujack appeared for practice without the cast and arm sling which kept him out of activity since the exhibition with the New York Giants September 10. Sid Luckman, veteran Bear quarterback, is going in for exercise this week. After showing he has recovered from an early June operation, Luckman was handicapped in the Eagle game by lack of practice. The Eagle game also may have provided the rookie quarterback, George Blanda, with his final case of nervousness. The former University of Kentucky star was nervous when he entered the game in the final quarter, but the coaches believe his exposure to the champions was just what he needed. Lujack and George Connor welcomed another Notre Dame alumnus yesterday when center Frank Szymanski was

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signed to a Bear contract after being purchased from the Eagles. Now in his fifth season in the National league, Szymanski played with the Detroit Lions in 1945, 1946 and 1947 and was with the Eagles last season. Szymanski will play center behind Bulldog Turner and Stu Clarkson and will be used as a linebacker.

#### **OVER 25,000 TO WATCH PACKER-BEAR CONTEST**

SEPT 21 (Green Bay) - The Packer-Bear game at City stadium next Sunday afternoon is a sellout! More than 25,000 persons will fill the compact area for the 62nd meeting between professional football's oldest rivals. It will be the seventh consecutive sellout for a NFL game at City stadium. Capacity crowds viewed the Bear, Chicago Cardinal and Detroit Lion games in 1947, and the stadium was jammed for the Bear, Detroit and Los Angeles games in 1948. Those six games were watched by approximately 153,000 persons and the attendance next Sunday will boost this total to 178,000. Ticket Director Carl Mraz announced that tickets are still available for the Packers' home league games with Los Angeles Oct. 2 and New York Giants Nov. 13. Sellout crowds are expected for both contests. Green Bay holds the distinction of furnishing the largest crowd for the Packers' six non-league appearances this season. A crowd of 18,785 turned out at City stadium to watch the Packers meet the world champion Philadelphia Eagles Aug. 21. A gathering of approximately 15,000 was present for the Packer-Giant tilt in Syracuse, N.Y., Aug. 24, and the attendance at the Packer-Steeler game in Pittsburgh Aug. 28 was 13,578. Other attendance figures: Sept. 3, Packer intra-squad game at Marinette, 3,500; Sept. 11, Packers vs. New York Bulldogs at Rock Island, 5,000; Sept. 18, Packers vs. Washington at Milwaukee, 12, 873. In all, the non-league affairs were witnessed by 68,736 persons...The Packers, streamlined to NFL season size Tuesday, went through an intensive practice session today. The usual offensive head-bumping was held this morning and defensive maneuvers were to be worked out this afternoon. Considerable time will be spent on pass defense - a phase in the Washington Redskin game last Sunday that left much to be desired. Harry Gilmer pitched for four of the Redskins' five touchdowns, and Packer Coach Curly Lambeau doesn't have to warn the Bays that Sid Luckman and Johnny Lujack, the Bear air aces, can throw equally as well as Gilmer. The Packers' present lineup includes 11 newcomers, two of whom had previous National league

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experience. Right halfback Bob Cifers played with the Detroit Lions and Pittsburgh Steelers, while guard Roger Eason cavorted with the Los Angeles Rams. Seven of the newcomers are in the line - ends Dan Orlich and Bill Kelley; tackle Lew Ferry; guards Paul Burris, Joe Etheridge and Eason; and center Ralph Olsen. New backs besides Cifers are quarterback Stan Heath, fullback Bob Summerhays and halfback Ken Kranz. Players placed on waivers Tuesday included veteran guards Damon Tassos and Ralph Davis and fullback Ed Cody. Halfback Frank Seno, picked up as a free agent, was sold to Washington. Rookies dispatched were Al Mastrangeli, center from Illinois; Gene Canada, end from Arkansas; Verne Gagne, end from Minnesota; and backs Glenn Lewis of Texas Tech and Bill Schroeder of Wisconsin...The Bears came out with their usual bear story from the new training camp at Lewis college in Lockport, Ill., reporting that Lujack may get into Sunday's game - at least on defense. The Bears, 'tis said, expected to depend upon the veteran, Sid Luckman, and rookie



A 50-passenger Mainliner 300 (DC-6) of United Air Lines will carry the Packers from Austin Straubel field to New York Oct. 6 for the team's engagement the following evening against the New York Bulldogs. The ship is the largest to land at Straubel field thus far.

George Blanda to carry the burden at quarterback on offense. Lujack reportedly had the cast removed from his shoulder over the weekend.

### **BEARS - CAN IT BE THAT THEY ARE NOT THE CLUB THEY ONCE WERE?**

SEPT 21 (Milwaukee Journal) - There is more than a hint that all is not well with the Chicago Bears this season - and that is not meant to suggest that the Green Bay Packers have more than an outside chance in the game at Green Bay Sunday. Consider for a moment, though, some of the recent developments along the pro football front. The Bears signed Frank Szymanski, veteran center, the other day. Why? Szymanski was

dropped by the Detroit Lions two years ago and by the Packers last year. He was picked up by the Bears after he had been made a free agent by the Philadelphia Eagles, with whom he had caught on early this season. Can it be that the Bears are so desperate for linebacking help that they snatched even at Szymanski? The Bears also signed Julie Rukovich a couple of weeks ago and played him in the last two exhibitions. Rykovich couldn't even make the Chicago Hornets this season. He was one of the first cut loose by Ray Flaherty a month ago. Why Rykovich with the Bears? Can it be that George Halas is having backfield troubles of other kinds? The signing of players cut by other clubs is not unusual and not infrequently it can help a club. But Rykovich and Szymanski look like players who have seen their best days. Why should the Bears, the powerful Bears in the popular mind, even bother with them?...BEARS SEWED UP: And then consider the very respectable game the Bears played with the Philadelphia Eagles last Saturday. The Bears lost, 14-7, and that certainly was respectable on the scoreboard. But go behind the score. Look at the statistics. The picture changes and it changes a lot. The Eagles gained 272 yards rushing; the Bears gained 88. The Eagles gained 232 yards passing; the Bears gained 83. The Eagles completed 13 out of 22 passes; the Bears, 6 out of 19. The Eagles fumbled once; the Bears fumbled five times. The close game with the Eagles, in view of statistics like this, does not look so close. The Bears unquestionably should be strong favorites over the Packers Sunday, which they are - 14 points. It seems, though, that they are strong favorites because of what the Packers do not have rather than what the Bears have...BEARS RUNNING DOWN?: The idea has been popping up occasionally that the mighty machine George Halas built up in the late thirties, which dominated pro football until the present Eagles came along, might slowly be running down, without adequate replacements for the worn parts. Johnny Lujack, yes - the Bears got him a year ago as successor to the aging Sid Luckman, and a good one they got. But who else? George Blanda? He must still prove himself. The Bears are still the Bears, such as they are, because of "old men", men who have been with the club five or six years, not counting years spent in war service. Just go down the list - Ken Kavanaugh, Paul Stenn, Ed Sprinkle, Bulldog Turner, Ray Bray, Fred Davis, Sid Luckman, Bill De Correvant, Joe Osmanski, George McAfee, Stuart Clarkson, Alf Baumann. As pro football players go, these boys are hardly spring chickens and yet they are the men who are carrying most of the load. The old order changeth, it has been said. Can it be true about the Bears - and Packers and New York Giants and some of the others who for so long dominated the professional scene? If it is, Sunday's game between two "once upon a time" clubs might still be closer than a lot of folks suspect, bad as the Packers looked here against Washington.

### **PACKERS HITCH BELTS; PROMISE BEARS BATTLE**

SEPT 21 (Chicago Tribune) - "We may not be able to give the Bears the same kind of battle as we did in that 7 to 6 game in Wrigley field last season, but the Packers will show up for their meeting with the Chicagoans in Green Bay next Sunday." This was the voice of George Strickler, assistant general manager of the Packers, in a telephonic communication from the Packer training camp at Rockwood Lodge, near Green Bay, yesterday. "We are not exactly optimistic over the game with the Bears," Strickler continued, "and what Harry Gilmer of the Washington Redskins did to us in that game Sunday has not served to give our ego a lift. Despite our poor showing in exhibition games, we're not too discouraged. Gilmer showed us the best passing attack we have seen this season, but a few breaks here or there for the Packers would have made considerable difference in that final exhibition game." Strickler said the Packers probably sacrificed any hope of winning the game with Washington through a desire to see some of the youngsters in action with the chips down. With the Redskins running up 270 yards in passing and an equal number in rushing, the chips admittedly were down most of the afternoon. On the subject of youngsters, the Packers still have 43 men on the squad, which means 11 must be lopped off the roster before



Sunday afternoon's kickoff. The discussion naturally got around to Stan Heath, sensational passing rookie from the University of Nevada, and the Packers still are convinced that all the youngster needs is experience. "Heath was nervous against the Redskins," Stricker said, "and his timing was off. On a few occasions he just missed a receiver when the door was open for a touchdown." Tony Canadeo, veteran halfback, who has missed most of the exhibition because of injuries, may see service against the Bears, although he has not been able to exercise as much as the coaches would like. Ed Cody, former Purdue fullback, also has been handicapped by injuries. The Bears, meanwhile, fail to regard the poor showing of the Packers in preseason encounters as an indication of Green Bay's actual strength. They are going through two drills daily at their new camp at Lewis college in Lockport, Ill., as is the custom before the opening game with the Packers. The heavy drill is interspersed with classroom work. Motion pictures of last year's games with the Packers and the recent 14 to 7 setback at the hands of the Eagles represent a must for the North Side athletes. Johnny Lujack, after having the cast removed from his shoulder, is taking light exercise and may get into Sunday's game, at least on defense. The Bears, however, expect to depend upon the veteran, Sid Luckman, and rookie George Blanda to carry most of the burden at quarterback on offense. Coach George Halas intimated the final squad cut may not be made before Friday, the last day of practice before the departure for Green Bay.

## *1949 Bears Better Than 1948!*



One of the speediest little men in professional football is J. R. Boone, Chicago Bears halfback—as the Green Bay Packers may discover Sunday. Boone is a spot player who specializes on breakaway runs and punt returns.

### **1949 BEARS BETTER THAN 1948!**

SEPT 22 (Green Bay) - Frank Korch, director of Chicago Bear public relations, today permitted publication of the following: "We are a better team than last year; we have more running strength and a better defense." That does not sound like the usual pre-Packer-Bear game talk from one so close to the George Halas family as Mr. Korch. Maybe it's a Bear story with a different slant. Maybe the Bears are trying to scare the Packers. (The two teams meet at City stadium on Sunday.) Better than last year? The 1948 Bears were pretty sharp. They won 10 games and lost only two in finishing a game behind the Cardinals, Western division champs. Two of the Bears' victories came over Green Bay - 45 to 7 at City stadium and that historical 7 to 6 job at Wrigley field. Two changes have given the Bears a great lift defensively, Korch said. Bill Milner, formerly a guard, has been switched to defensive left end and Dick Flanagan, a halfback as a rookie in 1948, has been moved to guard. Milner has been slightly less than terrific as a defensive end (please note, Packer passer protectors) and Flanagan's backfield speed works in well at guard. In fact, his interception of a Tommy Thompson pass in the Eagle game last Saturday night set up the Bears' only touchdown. What about Johnny Lujack? Korch said that Lujack may play some. The cast was taken off Lujack's injured shoulder over the weekend. and he's been working out with the team this week. Korch didn't say but the old T-master, Mr. Sid Luckman, likely will handle the bulk of the passing and quarterbacking with assistance from Lujack and George Blanda, the Kentucky rookie. Backs who have been looking good are J.R. Boone, the little speed merchant at 163 pounds, and George Gulyanics at left half; fullbacks Don Kindt and rookie John Hoffman; and Frank Minini and George McAfee at right half. The big bugs in the line are the two "S" men at right tackle, Stickel and Stenn; Fred Davis at left tackle; guards Pat Preston, Chuck Drulis, Ray

Bray and Washington Serini; center Bulldog Turner; ends Jim Keane and Ken Kavanaugh on offense; and ends Ed Sprinkle, Joe Abbey and Milner on defense. Abbey plays both right or left end...Packer practice activities, with a few exceptions, remained a secret today as the squad put in another rugged session of offense at Rockwood lodge this morning. Defense, particularly against passing, was on tap for this afternoon. The main change in the Packer backfield saw Bob Cifers, the ex-Detroit and Pittsburgh runner, working at right halfback. He was a left half during the last half of the non-league season, though he never carried the ball. Cifers played most of the time on defense and recovered two fumbles against Washington last Sunday. Cifers worked at RH with Ed Smith, Bob Forte and Ken Kranz, a rookie. The Packers' three quarterbacks, Jack Jacobs, Stan Heath and Jug Girard, all handled the offensive teams in practice Wednesday and Thursday...The two rival pro football leagues - the National and All-America - open their New York seasons tonight in what is expected to be a test of their drawing power in Gotham. The New York Bulldogs, formerly the Boston Yanks, play the Philadelphia Eagles, champions of the NFL, in the Polo Grounds, while across the Harlem river in Yankee stadium, the Brooklyn-New York

Yankees of the All-America conference take on the Los Angeles Dons. No one would hazard a guess at the probable attendance at either game.

### **LUJACK WILL PLAY AGAINST PACKERS**

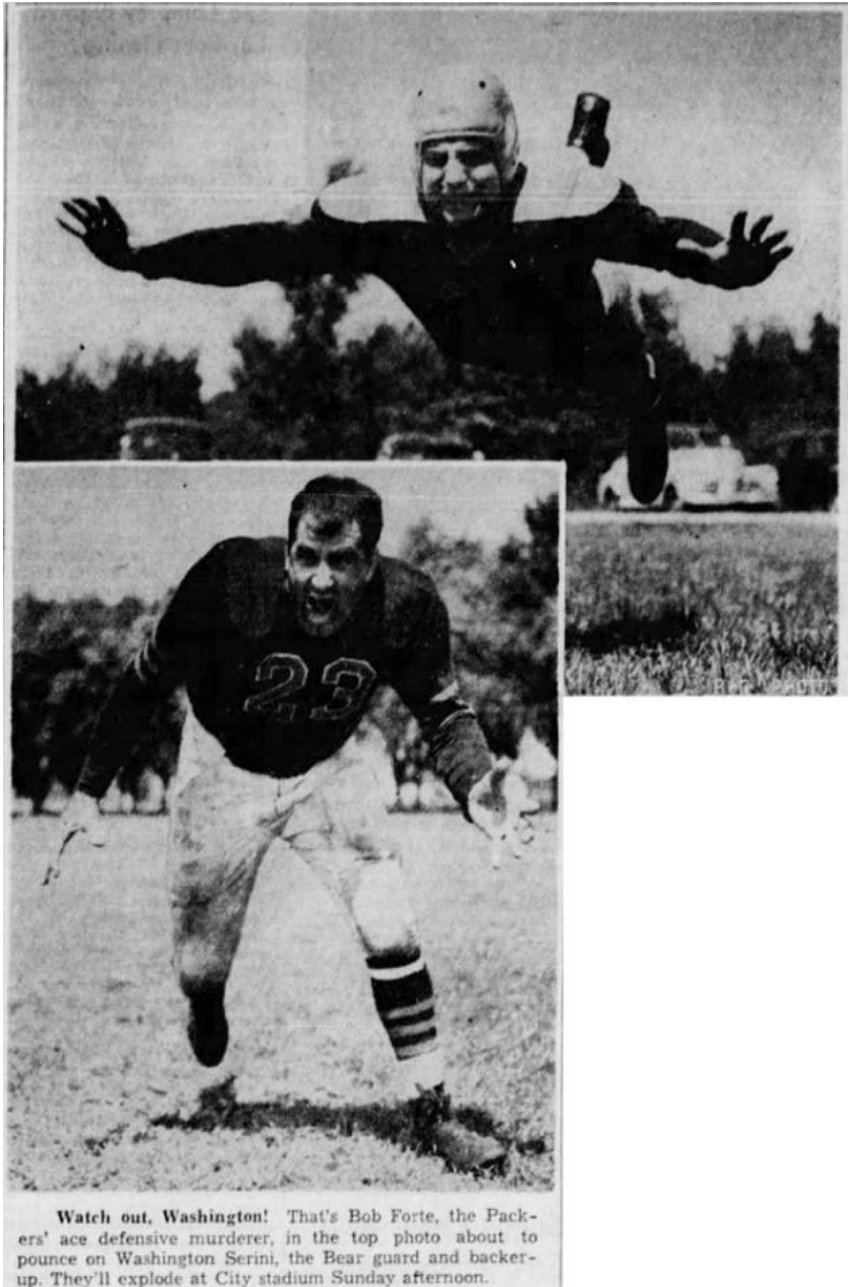
SEPT 22 (Chicago) - The Chicago Bears got the good news Wednesday that Johnny Lujack, ace quarterback who suffered a shoulder separation in the exhibition with the New York Giants two weeks ago, would be ready to play against the Green Bay Packers Sunday. With his arm in a sling, he missed the exhibition with the Philadelphia Eagles in Philadelphia last Sunday which the Bears lost, 14-7. Chicago coaches don't know what to make of the Packers this year. They admit the Green Bay team has floundered around like a second rater so far, but they suspect that since early in the season it has taken dead aim at one game - Sunday's game. They remember last year's 7-6 game in Chicago in a similar situation with trembling.

### **RELEASE OF PLAYERS HAS A GOOD EFFECT**

SEPT 22 (Green Bay) - The cutting off of eight players Tuesday has had a salutary effect on the rest of the Green Bay Packers and they went through one of their most spirited workouts of the season Wednesday in preparation for the Bear game here Sunday. Several more may be cut, and it could be almost any of those who remain, as the club has played so far. Emphasis in Wednesday's drill was on passing.

### **PACKER PASSES CLOUD BEARS' FOOTBALL SKY**

SEPT 22 (Chicago Tribune) - "The Packers have a passing attack that could click at any given moment, and if that moment occurs Sunday, we will be in for a rough afternoon." This was the warning sounded by Chief Scout Walter Halas and Assistant Coaches Luke Johnsos and Hunk Anderson of the Chicago Bears at the Bears' camp at Lewis college in Lockport, Ill., yesterday. Halas, Johnsos and Anderson scouted the Green Bay team in its final exhibition game with the Washington Redskins in Milwaukee Sunday. The warning served to step up the tempo of the Bears' pass defense drill as they concentrated on means of discouraging Packer aerals in the game in Green Bay Sunday. The contest will mark the opening of the NFL season for both teams. The Packers have three capable passers in Indian Jack Jacobs, Earl (Jug) Girard and Stan Heath. Girard and Heath have been used sparingly in Packer exhibition games, with the exception of last Sunday, when Heath played most of the game. Jacobs saw most of the game with the Redskins from the sidelines, and this observation by the scouts has been the subject of heavy conjecture on the part of the north siders' coaching staff. Girard, who operated at left halfback last year, has been shifted to quarterback to take advantage of his passing skill. While Heath has not attained the passing efficiency that marked his work with the University of Nevada, he will be regarded as a threat every time he moves into the lineup. The work of Bob Perina on pass defense against the Eagles in Philadelphia last Sunday provided one of the bright spots for the Bears in their 14 to 7 defeat, and he, along with Bill DeCorrevont, has been working overtime this week against anticipated aerals of Green Bay. Trainer Edward F. Rozy reported yesterday that most of the Bears are in good physical condition for Sunday's opener. The exception, of course, is Johnny Lujack. The former Notre Dame star is exercising, but he is expected to see only brief service against the Packers. The Bears will leave at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in extra cars attached to the Milwaukee road's Chippewa. A special train for Chicago fans, over the Milwaukee road, will leave at 8:10 a.m. Sunday from the Union station.



Watch out, Washington! That's Bob Forte, the Packers' ace defensive murderer, in the top photo about to pounce on Washington Serini, the Bear guard and backer-up. They'll explode at City stadium Sunday afternoon.



# Big Battles Up Front In Bear-Packer Game

*Individual Tiffs  
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Lipscomb vs. Davis



Neal vs. Turner



Wildung vs. Stickel

## BIG BATTLES UP FRONT IN BEAR-PACKER GAME

SEPT 23 (Green Bay) - Lipscomb vs. Davis...Wildung vs. Stickel...Neal vs. Turner...These are some of the individual battles scheduled at City stadium when the Packers tangle with the Chicago Bears Sunday afternoon. The big battle up front may go a long way in deciding the 62nd classic between professional football's most hated rivals. A year ago, the Big Bear wall outcharged the Packer line and came off with a 45-7 victory but, in the return match in Chicago, the Bay wall outfought the Bear stalwarts in a dramatic 7-6 loss. The 1949 Packer line has new life, provided by big, likeable Tom Stidham, the line coach. The rough-tough Indian-Irishman feels the big Packer warriors are fit for the task of their lives – opposing the Bears' collection of wrestlers and slug artists. The two lines represent the keys to their teams' running attacks and, in a good many cases, the passing games. The line's best weapon against passing is merely this: Break through before the passer can get off his throw!...**FOUGHT CARNERA HERE:** Two of the main tackle battles will pit Packer Paul Lipscomb against Bear Fred Davis and Packer Dick Wildung against Bear Walt Stickel. Lipscomb and Davis, the wrestler who did a dive for Primo Carnera here several years ago, have had quite a feud on for several years. It broke out in Chicago last fall when Davis repeatedly smashed Lipscomb in the mouth. Paul finally had to explode and let Davis have one. The official, of course, saw Lipscomb's belt and he was ejected. Getting his baptism at tackle will be Lew Ferry, the promising rookie from Villanova. Ferry, playing behind Wildung, will oppose Stickel and Paul Stenn. Urban Odson backs up Lipscomb on the right side and will tangle with Davis, George Connor and Alf Bauman. Ed Bell, Packer handyman tackle, will work at right and left. Tackle is the position where the warriors will likely see action on both offense and defense. The ends, guards and centers generally change when the ball switched hands. The Packers, if they use a five-man line on defense, will have big Ed Neal, the 290-pound blockbuster, who is playing opposite Mr. Bulldog Turner. If Mr. Neal is strong enough and his timing is right, Mr. Turner will be tossed into the quarterback's lap, thus upsetting the Bears' offense. If the Packers use a six or seven on defense,

Neal probably will work with Red Vogds or Roger Eason. Offensively, Vogds and Eason will toil against Ray Bray and Chuck Drulis, respectively. Washington Serini backs up Bray and Pat Preston and Dick Flanagan play behind Drulis. Other Packer guards who will spell Vogds and Eason are Paul (Buddy) Burris, Joe Etheridge, Larry Olsonoski and Damon Tassos. When the Packer are on offense, they'll tangle with that terrible Texan, Ed Sprinkle, who plays defensive right end, and Bill Milner who was switched from guard to defensive left end. Backing Milner are Joe Abbey and Jack Dugger and behind Sprinkle are Melbourne Sheehan and Abbey, who plays either right or left. When the Bears have the ball, the Packers can pitch in one of the all-time defensive ends – Larry Craig – on the Bays' left side. Playing right end will be Don Wells, who started to roll against Washington last Sunday...**GAME NOTES:** The Bears will arrive here on the Milwaukee Road at 4:23 Saturday afternoon. They'll headquarter at the Northland hotel. The Milwaukee Road will operate a special train for Chicago Bear fans due here at 12:30 Sunday afternoon...The Packers closed out the rugged side of their pregame practice at Rockwood lodge with a long session designed to give the passers and punters protection. The squad had Thursday night off – the only night this week the Packers were off. Meetings were held Tuesday and Wednesday nights and another is on tap for tonight...The Packers today recalled waivers on Damon Tassos, and the veteran guard will be ready for the Bears. He was among the players placed on waivers earlier this week. Other veterans in this group were fullback Ed Cody and guard Ralph Davis...The Bears reduced somewhat today with the trading of halfback Frank Minini to the Pittsburgh Steelers. The San Jose State grad, who was the Bruins' No. 2 draftee in 1947, comes to the Steelers in exchange for a draft choice this winter.

## PACKERS MUST SHOW STUFF, IF ANY, SUNDAY

SEPT 23 (Milwaukee Journal) - If the Green Bay Packers have more than they showed in five exhibition games, two of which they won and three of which they lost, the time to show it has finally arrived. Sunday, the chips will be down. The league season will open against the Chicago Bears at Green Bay. The explanation after some of the sorrier showings, including the last of the exhibitions against the Washington Redskins here last Sunday, was always the same: "Just wait, we'll be all right." The inference was plain: The Packers were taking dead aim at the Bears, forgetting more or less about their exhibitions, holding back some of their offense, and keeping one eye at all times on their hated rivals to the south. The experience last season, when the club won all of its exhibitions, then collapsed in the league campaign, was one not to be forgotten soon. The only rub in the explanation "we'll be all right" has bobbed up in some of the individual performances of the men themselves in the exhibitions, and has raised a counter question: "Have the Packers the 'horses' ever to be all right this fall?" Some of the "horses" just haven't looked like pro league ballplayers. Even with more of an offense, and with a tightening up all around, the question remains to be answered. Of one thing, the capacity crowd of 24,500 Sunday may be sure. The Packers will be "up". They have shown good spirit in their improved work this week, and spirit can often make up for deficiencies in personnel. They still have to be licked. Out of the camp of the Bears

at Lewis college, Lockport, Ill., meanwhile has come the word that Johnny Lujack, ace quarterback, who suffered a shoulder separation two weeks ago, will definitely be ready for play - and the Bears need him. Sid Luckman has begun to show signs of mileage, and George Blanda, the rookie from Kentucky who has looked good in several exhibitions, must still prove himself in league fire. Jack Jacobs, held out of last Sunday's game here with Washington, will start at quarterback for the Packers. Luckman or Lujack, depending on whether Chicago receives or kicks off, will open for the Bears.

## BEARS, PACKERS POINT FOR AIR BATTLE SUNDAY

SEPT 23 (Chicago Tribune) - Unless preparations by the Chicago Bears and the Green Bay Packers for their National league game in Green Bay Sunday can be looked on as just so much exercise, these two ancient rivals will depend on passing attacks to carry them to victory. While a screen of secrecy has been thrown about both football camps, the following messages came out: From Rockwood lodge, Green Bay: "We are spending most of our time this week in preparing for the invasion of the Bears by working on pass defense." From Lewis college, Lockport, Ill., training camp of the Bears: "Frankly, we expect Green Bay to concentrate on a passing game, and a defense against this aerial attack has been our chief concern." Thus, it would seem that both the Packers and the Bears will depend upon three passers in Sunday's game. This will mean Indian Jack Jacobs, Jug Girard and Stan Heath of Green Bay will oppose Sid Luckman, George Blanda and possibly Johnny Lujack of the Bears in a pitching duel. The play of both the Packers and Bears in exhibition games this year substantiates the possibility of a passing game. If previous games between the western division rivals mean anything, officials will be among the most active ball carriers in Green Bay's civic stadium. Line play will be something akin to fierce, which naturally results in heavy penalties. The Bears may be a little incensed over the activity of the Northmen in the penalty department the last few years. For years the Bears had little trouble in taking the penalty title, but there has been a change. Last year Green Bay was penalized 104 times to provide its opponents with 941 yards, while the Bears were surrendering 1,066 yards. This difference may be explained by the failure of the Packers to do much about stopping the Bears in their first 1948

### ON PACKERS!

Editor, Press-Gazette: Packer fans, on Sunday, Sept. 25, 1949, you and I will have another opportunity to show our team and other football fans that we are happy to have big-time football in Green Bay—and that we intend to keep it here. We can do that by being good sports. We should cheer and encourage our team with all the heartfelt spirit that makes our team and its fans famous throughout the whole country. When our team makes mistakes they need more encouragement than ever. They can recover from mistakes and bring victory if the fans are behind them.

I treasure every Sunday that enables me to attend a Packer game. I started going to the games when I was six years old, and for 23 years following up to the present day, my spirit and confidence in the Packers is stronger than ever. We have been very lucky to have a Packer team in Green Bay. I'm sure we want to keep it here. We won't do it if we boo our own men. Let's not BOO our Packers out of Green Bay.

The Packers start a brand new season

And that is just the very reason  
Why I pick this time to say  
Good luck, Packers, in every way.

A coaching staff that can't be beat  
Is bound to give the fans a treat,  
If we support our team real good  
We'll win the games we know we should.

Just don't sell our Packers short  
They're still the kings in this sport,  
For a winning team from a town  
this size

Fills football fans with great  
surprise.

If on the way we meet defeat  
Remember, the best in sports get  
beat,

As long as the team shows guts  
and fight

We know the season will turn out  
right.

Let's show our coach just where  
we stand

And extend to him a real big  
hand

For giving us football through the  
years

That gladdened our hearts, and  
brought forth cheers.

If you don't know what he has  
done

Look at the record of games lost  
and won,

In a town as small as our Green  
Bay

Six championships have come our  
way.

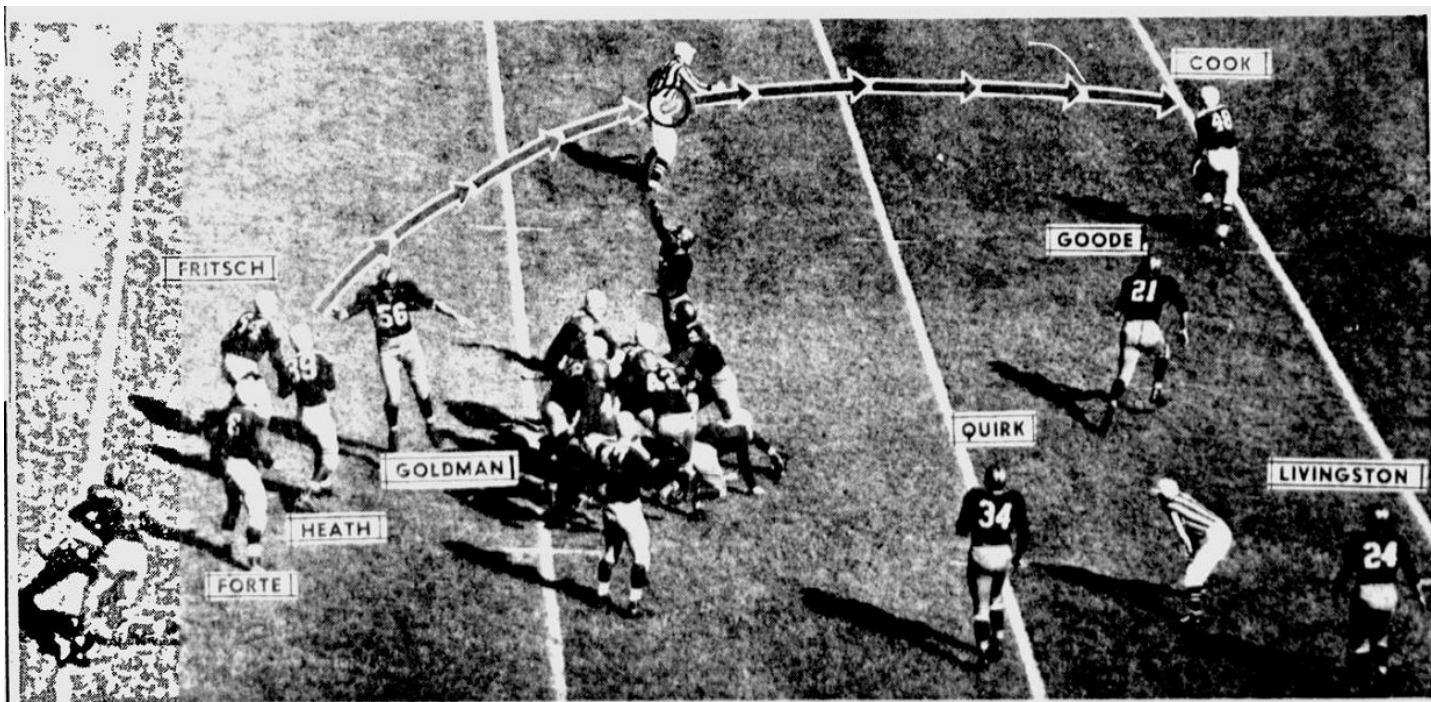
So go you Packers fight, fight!  
fight!

Smash that line with all your  
might!

It's not enough to play for pay,  
You've got to have spirit in old  
Green Bay.

Don Wehrman  
1101½ Stuart street,  
Green Bay, Wis.





Stan Heath connects on a pass to Ted Cook in the first quarter. The pass was good for a first down on the Washington six yard line and set up the

Packers' first touchdown. The play covered 18 yards. Two plunges by Fullback Ted Fritsch put the ball over the goal line. That made the score 7-0

Green Bay but the Packers didn't stay in front long. (For full details of the game see story on next page.)

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meeting. Packer defenders were not near enough Bear ball handlers to suffer many penalties in that 45 to 7 romp for the Chicagoans. The Packers made up for that oversight in the second game which they lost only 7 to 6. The Bears have reduced their squad to 35 by sending Frank Minini to the Pittsburgh Steelers in exchange for a draft choice at the league meeting next December. Minini, a halfback from San Jose State college in California, has been with the Bears for two years.

### **PACKERS, BEARS CLASH HERE BEFORE 25,000 FANS**

SEPT 24 (Green Bay) - Founded in 1919! Champions in 1929! Champions in 1939! What does 1949 hold for the Green Bay Packers? That question will be answered in part when the Packers – virtually unbeatable in those three “9” years with 33 victories, only three defeats and one tie – clash with the Chicago Bears before a sellout crowd of more than 25,500 persons at City stadium Sunday afternoon. This will be the 62nd meeting since 1921 between professional football’s oldest and most hated rivals, and the Bears are the only team in the NFL to hold a victory edge on Green Bay, 34 to 22, with five games ending in knots. The prize Sunday will be in the inside track toward the Western division championship as both clubs will launching league action. For the Packers, the year 1949 is one of redemption. The new season follows on the heels of the Packers’ most disastrous campaign in 31 years, the 1948 club winning only three and losing nine. For the Bears, this new season is the start of what could be one of the Bruins’ best drives. The 1948 edition finished with a 10-2 record, missing the Western division title by one game. The Bears have won seven world titles and the Packers six. The Chicagoans composed a 5-1 record in non-league competition while the Packer closed with 2-3. The Bears lost only to the Philadelphia Eagles, 14-7, and whipped the New York Giants and Bulldogs, Pittsburgh Steelers and Washington Redskins. The Packers lost to the Eagles, Steelers and Redskins, but beat both New York clubs. The Packers are familiar with the underdog’s role. They opened the 1947 campaign in the same spot and came off with a 29-20 victory. They invaded Chicago last fall a 24-point underdog and played terrific ball only to lose by 7-6. The Bears like the underdog role. That was demonstrated last fall at City stadium when the Packers were slight favorites. The Bears walked off with a 45-7 verdict. The Packers enter Sunday’s classic with plenty of new blood. One-third of the squad represents new life – nine rookies and two players who saw action with other National league teams, halfback Bob Cifers who played with Detroit and Pittsburgh and Roger Eason who played guard for Los Angeles. In addition, the Packers have new blood in the coaching ranks. Assisting Coach Curly Lambeau are Bob Snyder, the one-time Bear quarterback; Tom Stidham, former Marquette and Baltimore mentor; and Charley Brock, the all-time Packer center. The big mystery Sunday will surround the quarterbacks – key figures in the team’s offense. The Bears’ Johnny Lujack had a cast removed from his shoulder only last weekend, while famed T-master Sid Luckman played only in part of the squad’s last three non-loopers as he recovered slower than expected from a neck operation. The No. 3 quarterback, George Blanda, has been doing well, but he lacks experience. The Packer brain-trusters are three – veteran Jack Jacobs, rookie Stan Heath and sophomore Jug Girard. All three likely will work Sunday, with the one getting the best results sticking in most of the way. On the basis of the Packers’ ineffective pass defense against Washington last Sunday (the Redskins scored four of their five touchdowns in the air), the Bears no doubt will pass to ends Jim Keane and Ken Kavanaugh and all of the backs most of the day. The Packers may stick pretty close to the ground, with

Tony Canadeo, Ralph Earhart, Bob Cifers, Ed Smith, Ted Fritsch and Walt Schlunkman carrying the bulk of the load. For the Bears, George McAfee, J.R. Boone, Don Kindt and George Gulyanics are the big luggers. The big shots in this struggle will be the big boys up front. Dick Wildung, Paul Lipscomb, Ed Neal, Jay Rhodemyre, Don Wells, Red Vogds and the peerless Larry Craig are due to mix aplenty with such opponents as Fred Davis, Walt Stickel, Bulldog Turner, Ray Bray and Ed Sprinkle...**GAME NOTES:** The Bears arrive here on the Milwaukee Road at 4:32 this afternoon and will headquarter at the Northland hotel. They'll leave on the Milwaukee Road at 5:35 Sunday evening...The Packers worked out at City stadium Friday and this morning. Clear weather with temperatures in the 70s is predicted for the game. Sunday's battle marks the start of Packer Larry Craig's 11th pro football season. The Bears' Sid Luckman also will be starting his 11th campaign. Bob Cifers is the "rookie" in the Packer backfield in view of the fact that he has yet to carry the ball this season. The former Detroit and Pittsburgh back has seen considerable action on defense in the last three games but may run aplenty from right halfback Sunday. Bob's in his fourth season. He led Pittsburgh in ground gaining the last two years. The press box at City stadium will be jammed with writers and scouts from every team in the NFL.

### **EARPE RECALLS BEAR-PACKER BATTLE OF '30**

SEPT 24 (Green Bay) - "It had been a very tight ball game – a nip and tuck affair – and both teams had been playing powerful defensive ball." The speaker was F.L. (Jug) Earpe, the genial giant who bulwarked the center of the Packer line from 1922 through 1932, and he was describing one in the long series of Packer-Bear games, Chapter 62 of which will be enacted at City stadium Sunday. This game, one of the most memorable of Earpe's 11-year Green Bay career, was played in 1930. "We held the edge because of the outstanding punting of Verne Lewellen – and only because of it." Jug boomed. "Even though we were leading 'em 13-12, the Bears made a sustained drive, mixing in forward passes, that brought 'em down inside our 20 before we finally held them for downs and took over the ball in the waning minutes of the game. There were probably two or three minutes left."...**TAKES FAVORABLE BOUNCE:** "During this drive, Link Lyman (one of the Bears' greatest tackles) said to me, 'This looks like one of those dog-eat-dog affairs but the Bears are going to wind up with the most points.' Well, after a short gain, the Packers were forced to punt, Lewellen getting off one of his super spirals which the Bear safety didn't reach. The ball took a favorable bounce and went out inside the Chicago five-yard line. In running down under the punt," Earpe continued, "I said to Lyman, 'Where are all those other scores you were going to get?' And he came back with, 'What would you do without Lewellen?' 'I don't need to know, Link,' I hollered back. 'We've got him.' The Packers felt pretty cocky with the Bears with their backs against the wall and only two minutes to go," the former bastion of the Green Bay forward wall related. "Cal Hubbard yelled to their quarterback, 'Try one from here and see how you like it.' They did, too, but time soon ran out and we won the ball game." Every Packer-Bear game was legalized mayhem during that period, whether the Packers won or nor, Earpe, rated one of the greatest centers in pro football history, would have it known. "One year (1929), we beat 'em," he cited, "and I got a worse shellacking than any other I can remember..."**RAZZING FROM HUBBARD:** "I crawled on the train in Chicago after the game and had Bud Jorgenson give me a rubdown in my berth," Earpe recalled. "Getting a rubdown those days was subject to criticism. It was a disgrace to get on the table. If you did, Cal Hubbard would razz the daylights out of you and make you wish you'd never thought of it." Earpe, who graduated from Monmouth in 1921 and joined the Packers in 1922 after one season with the Rock Island, Ill., Independents, is chief quarterback of the new Green Bay Quarterback club. "The true Green Bay spirit (which the QB club is striving to revive) is the kind that not only helps to build but helps to win ball games," he is convinced. Turning to Sunday's impending battle, which will mark the opening of the Packers' 30th season in the NFL, Earpe declared, "It's my opinion that these boys (the 1949 Packers) have as much ability as any we've ever had, and, I know this, everybody will be behind 'em tomorrow – all the way."

### **PACKER-BEAR FOOTBALL! IT CAN BE ROUGH; MULLENEAUX MARTYR**

SEPT 24 (Green Bay) - Carl Mulleneaux should be in Green Bay tomorrow. The big, bruising end – now an assistant coach at the University of Arizona – has always been our ideal as a professional football martyr. The former Packer was executed without trial during the Bear-Packer game at City stadium in 1946. It was a painless execution; right out in the open with center John Schiel pulling the switch. They carried Carl off the field and he never regained consciousness until late that night. It was a slight concussion and the blow, a fist and an elbow, ended Carl's career. Maybe Mulleneaux's football number was up; he had scored 13 touchdowns in his Packer service, spotted by Navy duty since 1938. That day in 1946 was an infamous one. The Packers were beaten, 30-7, with the Bears "christianizing" the Bays but quick. Irv Comp and Clyde Goodnight, representing the Packers' passing attack, went out with broken noses on the first two plays. That was too much of a coincidence to be accidental. Carl's punishment climaxed the "finest" exhibition of slugging we've ever seen on a gridiron. It was a pity the Packers didn't have a Buckets Goldenberg, a Bill Lee or a Pete Tinsley on the field that day. In the 1947 opener – with memories of Mulleneaux's limp form still vivid – the Packers made "Christians" of the Bears early and the result was a 29-20 Packer victory. The Bears returned to their old habits in 1948 with a slightly difference approach – a back of the neck crack. On the very first play, Bruce Smith gained 18 yards. He never knew what hit him as he fumbled (the Bears recovered) and passed out cold, but the pain was behind the neck. On the next play, Jay Rhodemyre, the Packers' ace defensive center, got a similar blow. He remained in for another play but had to be removed. The next day Jay never



# Let's Go, Packers!

## NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Western Division	W	L	PS	OP	Pct
Los Angeles	1	0	27	24	1.000
GREEN BAY	0	0	0	0	.000
Chicago Bears	0	0	0	0	.000
Chicago Cardinals	0	0	0	0	.000
Detroit	0	1	24	27	.000

Eastern Division	W	L	PS	OP	Pct
Philadelphia	1	0	7	0	1.000
Washington	0	0	0	0	.000
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	0	.000
New York Giants	0	0	0	0	.000
New York Bulldogs	0	1	0	7	.000

### Sunday's Games

CHICAGO BEARS AT GREEN BAY (2:00)

New York Giants at Pittsburgh.

Monday Night's Game

Washington at Chicago Cardinals.

### This Week's Results

Los Angeles 27, Detroit 24.

Philadelphia 7, New York Bulldogs 0.

### Probable Offensive Lineups:

BEARS	PACKERS
Kavanaugh, le	le, Cook
Davis, lt	lt, Wildung
Drulis, lg	lg, Vogds
Turner, c	c, Rhodemyre
Bray, rg	rg, Eason
Stickel, rt	rt, Lipscomb
Keane, re	re, Luhn
Luckman, qb	qb, Girard
Gulyanics, lhb	lhb, Canadeo
McAfee, rlb	rlb, Clfers
Kindt, fb	fb, Fritsch

The Officials: Referee—Ronald Gibbs, St. Thomas. Umpire—James Beiersdorfer, no college. Head Linesman—Sam Pecoraro, Dallas U. Back Judge—Claude T. Grigsby, Georgetown. Field Judge—William F. McHugh, DePaul.

### Packer-Bear Series

1921	1935
Bears 20, Pack. 0	Pack. 7, Bears 0
1923	Pack. 17, Bears 14
Bears 3, Pack. 0	1936
1924	Bears 30, Pack. 3
Pack. 5, Bears 0	Pack. 21, Bears 10
Bears 3, Pack. 0	1937
1925	Bears 14, Pack. 2
Pack. 14, Bears 10	Pack. 24, Bears 14
Bears 21, Pack. 0	1938
1926	Bears 2, Pack. 0
Pack. 6, Bears 6	Pack. 24, Bears 17
Bears 19, Pack. 13	1939
Pack. 3, Bears 3	Pack. 21, Bears 16
1927	Bears 30, Pack. 27
Bears 7, Pack. 6	1940
Bears 14, Pack. 6	Bears 41, Pack. 10
1928	Bears 14, Pack. 7
Pack. 12, Bears 12	1941
Pack. 16, Bears 6	Bears 25, Pack. 17
Pack. 0, Bears 0	Pack. 16, Bears 14
1929	*Bears 33, Pack. 14
Pack. 23, Bears 0	1942
Pack. 14, Bears 0	Bears 44, Pack. 28
Pack. 25, Bears 0	Bears 38, Pack. 7
1930	1943
Pack. 7, Bears 0	Pack. 21, Bears 21
Pack. 13, Bears 12	Bears 21, Pack. 7
Bears 21, Pack. 0	1944
1931	Pack. 42, Bears 28
Pack. 7, Bears 0	Bears 21, Pack. 0
Pack. 6, Bears 2	1945
Bears 7, Pack. 6	Pack. 31, Bears 21
1932	Bears 27, Pack. 24
Pack. 0, Bears 0	1946
Pack. 2, Bears 0	Bears 30, Pack. 7
Bears 9, Pack. 0	Bears 10, Pack. 7
1933	1947
Bears 14, Pack. 7	Pack. 29, Bears 20
Bears 10, Pack. 7	Bears 20, Pack. 17
Bears 7, Pack. 6	1948
1934	Bears 45, Pack. 7
Bears 24, Pack. 10	Bears 7, Pack. 6
Bears 27, Pack. 14	
Bears 10, Pack. 6	

\*—Division Championship.

Packers Won 22, Lost 34, Tied 5.  
Total Points—Packers 636, Bears 891.

realized he'd been in the game for more than two plays; he was out on his feet. In the return match in Chicago last year, Goodnight got a knee in the back after he caught a pass—an out-in-the-open gesture that finished him for the season. In the same game, Ralph Earhart was sledge-hammered in the back of his neck on returning a punt, in the open. We almost leaped out of the press box as a burly Bear performed the act on the 50-yard line. The rubber-like Earhart reentered the game after a brief rest. That's Packer-Bear football and it's played that way because down through the years the Packer-Bear opener has been the "jumping off", the clue to the NFL title. A win for Green Bay would eliminate the horror of 1948 and place the Packers in line for big things this season. A victory for the Bears will make the Packers' 1949 task more difficult. The Packers have been thoroughly prepared this week. The crucial period is the 24-hour period from this afternoon until 2 p.m. Sunday afternoon when the Packers, all 33 of them, must make up their own minds to do a job they are capable of doing—simply beating the Bears!

## LAMBEAU LISTS 10 VETERANS IN STARTING LINEUP

SEPT 24 (Chicago Tribune) - The Green Bay Packers will start 10 veterans and one rookie in their opening NFL game with the Chicago Bears in Green Bay's City stadium Sunday afternoon, coach Earl (Curly) Lambeau announced last night. At the same time Lambeau reported that the Packers' squad of 43 on Monday has been reduced to 35, which means that three more men will be dropped before tomorrow's kickoff. The only rookie in the starting lineup will be Joseph Ethridge, 6-foot, 230 pound guard from SMU. In Green Bay yesterday anybody who was not readily recognized by the citizens was regarded as a potential Bear spy and any individual within a strong mashie shot of the Bays' camp at Rockwood lodge was invited to do his loitering elsewhere. Lambeau and his assistant, George Strickler, has policemen posted outside of the Packers' practice ground and all persons not connected with the Green Bay club were warned to "keep away". Lambeau plans to start a backfield consisting of Jack Jacobs at quarterback, Tony Canadeo and Bob Forte at halfbacks, and Ted Fritsch at fullback. This doesn't mean, however, the Packers' coach pointed out, that Earl (Jug) Girard and Stan Heath will be merely spectators. Girard and Heath will see considerable activity on offensive assignments from the quarterback. George Halas, head coach of the Bears, announced at the team's camp at Lewis college in Rockport, Ill., last night than an all-veteran team will make up Chicago's starting lineup. Sid Luckman will start at quarterback and will be flanked at the halfback posts by George Gulyanics and George McAfee. Don Kindt is the fullback choice.

## PACKERS, BEARS RENEW FEUD

SEPT 24 (Green Bay) - Green Bay cleared the deck Saturday night with mixed emotions for the 62nd renewal of the bitterest rivalry in football, the traditional opening day clash between its enigmatic Packers and the mighty Chicago Bears, scheduled for Sunday afternoon in City Stadium before a sell-out crowd of 25,600. Half the populace prepared to sit in on another Packer massacre, predicting dire things for the team which Curly Lambeau has assembled to reclaim Green Bay's place in the first division of the National League. The rest hopefully weighed the possibility of an upset, drawing on the memory of last year's 7 to 6 battle at Wrigley Field and the promise that this year's Packer team has not yet approached the limits of its possibilities. In the all important quarterback spot, the Packers probably will start with Indian Jack Jacobs and wind up with Jug Girard. Jacobs did not play on offense against Washington last week. Girard has been the most impressive in practice and undoubtedly will be called up to play a considerable portion the game. Rookie Stan Heath has

# BEARS TO OPEN SEASON TODAY AT GREEN BAY

Sellout Crowd, 25,600, to See Contest

## Traditional Tiff

CHICAGO	GREEN BAY
Kavanaugh	Goodnight
Davis	Wildung
Drulis	Vogds
Turner	Rhodemyre
Bray	Ethridge
Stickel	Lipscomb
Keane	Luhn
Luckman	Jacobs
Gulyanics	Canadeo
McAfee	Forte
Kindt	Fritsch
Referee—Ronald Gibbs (St. Thomas). Umpire—James Beiersdorfer. Head linesman—Sam Pecoraro (Dallas). Back judge—Claude Grigsby (Georgetown). Field judge—William McHugh (De Paul).	
Coaches—George Halas, Chicago; Earl (Curly) Lambeau, Green Bay.	
Kick-off—2 p. m.	
Broadcasts—WIND, Chicago; WTMJ, Milwaukee.	

not measured up to expectations this week. His appearance against the Bears is highly problematical. The odds definitely favor the Bears, principally because of the quarterback situations. The Bears will open with Sid Luckman, an old Packer killed from way back and one of the greatest quarterbacks of all time. Behind the veteran, the Bears have Johnny Lujack, now fully recovered from a shoulder injury and ready to resume his progress toward a place in football annals beside Luckman and Walter Eckersall. If these two need help, the Bears can call on George Blanda, a rookie from Kentucky.

#### **ROSE-TINTED VIEW OF PACKER-BEAR TILT**

SEPT 25 (Milwaukee Sentinel-Lloyd Larson) - "So why can't they beat the Bears?" one guy was asking the other. An intriguing question that told a lot: 1 - He must be a Packer fan; 2 - He not only admits it, he's proud of it; 3 - He believes in the Packers, despite their rather shoddy showing against the Redskins last week and their one-touchdown-a-game "scoring spree" in the first four exhibitions. Naturally, I continued to eavesdrop because I wanted to catch his angle on Sunday's do or die battle with the Bears. "The way I got this thing figured everything's going to turn out all right for our boys because they got the double whammy on the Bears," the man went on. "Remember last year? They were hot stuff in the exhibition games against the Giants, Steelers, Redskins and Eagles. Didn't they just about murder the Skins down in Birmingham? And the way they poured it on Boston in the first league game was a shame. It looked like Christmas was coming early. Then along came the Bears and the bottom fell out, something like 45-7. The boys won a couple after that, but never really got off the floor...HUNGRY PLAYERS ARE THE BEST: "You seen what really happened was they got the wrong start. They were too good. They lost their zip. They weren't hungry anymore when they should have been eating 'em up. It's different this year. Nothing to be satisfied about. They're hungry after those warmup games. Hungry for some good ink and some good crowds. Any chump knows they'll be hungrier next year if they don't draw the crowds this season. Those birds wouldn't be in their right minds if they got chesty in the five games this year. The Eagles and Redskins gave it to 'em pretty good, and those dopey Steelers knocked 'em off, too. Just between us, it's 10 to 1. Lambeau was happy they couldn't finish more than one touchdown up on the Giants and Bulldogs. Just what he needed to put the finishing touches on his fire talks all this last week. So now they should be ready to go and keep on going. By the time they get through with the Bears you'll know what I'm talking about."...GOOD OLD LAW OF AVERAGES: "And here's another thing you didn't think about," the unknown sage went on. "It's the law of averages. That's one law that bunch in Washington can't change or the Supreme Court can't kill with double talk. It'll be working for the Packers Sunday. Here's the deal: In the last 10 years the Lambeaus put the nudge on those Bears exactly five times. That's one out of four in 20 league games - a little less if you count the western playoff thing the Bears won the year the war started in 1941. Well, it's the Packers' turn Sunday. Take a gander at the records and you'll know what I mean. They won the first game with the Bears in 1945 and then lost three in a row. The ice was broken in the first half of the 1947 series and then came three more victories for the Bears. Now don't say I didn't tip you off. Besides, I don't think the Bears are so hot. So long. Look me up Monday and I'll let you in on some more secrets." The guy was so convincing that I found myself nodding in agreement as he finished. But if it turns out to be a bum steer, I'll never flap my ears again.

#### **PACKERS, BEARS RENEW RIVALRY TODAY**

SEPT 25 (Green Bay) - The Green Bay Packers open their 31st season in the NFL here Sunday afternoon with the oldest and most bitter of all their rivals on their hands, the Chicago Bears. A capacity crowd of almost 25,000 is assured. The Packers will go into the game at one of the rare low points in their fortunes. They lost the last seven games of their 1948 season and they won only two out of five of their exhibition games this year. Even worse, they have shown only brief flashes in their exhibitions that they might improve their league standing this year. They finished eights in the league race a year ago with three victories and nine defeats. The last league victory was scored against the Los Angeles Rams, 16-0. An almost total collapse followed except for a 7-6 game which they played with the Chicago Bears in Chicago. The Bears rule solid two touchdown choices in Sunday's game. Although they have begun to show definite signs of mileage, with older men carrying most of the load, they have won all of their exhibitions but one and have won several of them impressively. They walloped rather handily the Washington Redskins, who only last week, in an exhibition in Milwaukee, defeated the Packers easily. Most Packer-Bear game are passing duels and Sunday's should follow this pattern. Throwing for Green Bay will be Jack Jacobs, Jug Girard and Stan Heath, the last named last year's collegiate passing champion at the University of Nevada. The passing so far has been good. Neither has the receiving. Sid Luckman, master quarterback in the T formation, the brilliant Johnny Lujack, late of Notre Dame, and George Blanda, a fine rookie from the University of Kentucky, will throw for the Bears. Lujack's condition is somewhat doubtful. The former Irish star suffered a shoulder separation in an exhibition with the Giants two weeks ago and now has been carrying his arm in a sling since. He may play only defense Sunday. The Bears hold a marked edge in the all-time series records. Sunday's will be the 62nd game between the old rivals. The Bears have won 34, including the last three, the Packers 22. Five of the games were ties. Sunday's game will start at 2 o'clock.

## **Packers, Bears Clash Here Sunday Before 25,500 Fans**