



Minnesota Vikings (4-1) 24, Green Bay Packers (2-3) 13
Sunday October 17th 1971 (at Green Bay)



Vikes Win Packer Err Game

GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(GREEN BAY) - The difference?...It could have been glibly described as Page and Cuozzo...But Dan Devine, admirably composed in trying circumstances, saw it in more sweeping terms. "I guess we're not quite disciplined enough, patient and disciplined enough, I probably should say, to play the Vikings' ball game. And maybe not talented enough...But we will be." The message was clear and so were the unhappy details. On Sunday, at least, the Packers were not up to coping with Minnesota's methodical marauders, who converted two Green Bay fumbles and a pass interception into as many touchdowns en route to a 24-13 victory in Lambeau Field.

CREDIT MINNESOTA

"Take a look at the flip card," Devine said, then proceeded to run down the Viking roster. "Nine, nine, eleven, six, eight, five, five, nine and eleven years...Now take ours from the top, two, fourteen, one, one, eleven, twelve, three six, two, two, three, and so on. That's a lot of difference in experience of the two ball clubs, which can represent a lot of difference in performance. Part of it is due to the fact that Bud Grant is doing a heckuva job with the Vikings"...The first thing you have to do is credit Minnesota with a great defense and a fine football team." Yet, and this had to be the supreme irony, the Packers had been "a fine football team" themselves, rolling up 341 yards on the top-ranked defense in the National Football Conference to out-gain the enemy by a wide margin. But even such a performance was not enough to offset those critical errors, a fumble at the home 8-yard-line and an interception with which Bobby Bryant put the Vikings in ideal field position at the Packer 38 in the second half after the Bays had forged to the front, 13-7.

FUMBLE PREMONITION

"That's what we've been talking about all week, the need for not making mistakes against them," Devine grimly observed. "The fumble and the interception both resulted in scores. I had a premonition before the fumble that something like that might happen. Donny Anderson had been running a lot and had been hit hard. There was an official timeout about the time and I called Scott Hunter over to the sidelines. The only thing I said to him was, 'Tell Donny to hang on to the ball'...Of course, Donny may not have gotten the ball cleanly on the play. I really don't know about that and I won't until I see the film."

OPENLY UNHAPPY

Anderson was openly unhappy. "It was bad enough to fumble, but fumbling down there really hurts the team," he said. "Nobody feels any worse than I do, but the bad part of it is the team has to take some of the burden. There's no doubt that it was my fault...You don't want those things to happen, but they do." The Vikings' Alan Page, who recovered, couldn't pinpoint the catalyst. "Somebody (it reportedly was linebacker Wally Hilgenberg knocked the ball loose. It was just laying there and I picked it up." Chuckling, he appended, "I wanted to go for the TD, but I didn't get very far." As it turned out, his talents as a runner were not required. Quarterback Gary Cuozzo found ex-Wisconsin Badger Stu Voigt in the left corner of the end zone on the next play, sending the Vikings into a permanent 14-13 lead.

BLOCKS CONVERSION

Page, a virtually unanimous all-pro last season, also had been personally responsible for that one-point differential, having blocked Lou Michaels' conversion attempt after the Pack's second touchdown. "I was lined up over the center and just blew in there," the former Notre Dame star said. "It's the kind of thing you keep working on, although not the kind of thing you work on in practice...The ball hit me in the hand but I really couldn't see if it was a bad kick." Devine, admitting he had viewed it from a less desirable vantage point, confided, "It looked to me like the snap was bobbled. A couple of our coaches thought the snap was low or bobbled. I know there was some delay but I'm not sure just what it was." Anderson, the holder, wasn't sure what had happened. But, he noted, "I didn't feel as though the snap was off at all."

Point Parade



Vikings	7	0	7	10	- 24
Packers	0	7	6	0	- 13

Vikings 7, Packers 0

Cuozzo passed to Osborn for six-yard scoring play, concluding a 32-yard drive in seven plays following Marshall's recovery of a Brockington fumble. Cox added extra point with 12:54 elapsed in first quarter.

Vikings 7, Packers 7

Hunter pushed over from the one-yard line as Packers marched 45 yards in seven plays, the key one being an 18-yard pass to Dale on third down just before the sneak. Ellis launched the drive with a 30-yard punt return. Michael's converted with 11:34 gone in the second.

Packers 13, Vikings 7

Hunter passed 56 yards to Dale as Packers covered 80 yards in four plays following Viking punt into end zone. Michaels' extra point attempt was blocked by Page with 5:06 gone in the third quarter.

Vikings 14, Packers 13

Cuozzo passed eight yards to Voigt on first play after Page recovered Anderson fumble. Cox converted with 9:15 elapsed in third.

Vikings 21, Packers 13

Cuozzo passed 24 yards to Grim in end zone on fifth play after Bryant intercepted Hunter pass and returned 16 yards to Packer 38. Cox added PAT with 3:34 gone in fourth quarter.

Vikings 24, Packers 13

Cox kicked 22-yard field goal when Vikes were stopped at 15 following Anderson's incomplete pass from punt formation on fourth down at the Packer 47.

HEARTENED VIKINGS

Michaels, who had a record of only 15 prior misses in 392 previous attempts over 13 pro seasons, was clearly mystified. "All I know is that just as I hit the ball, boom, somebody hit it. I don't think it got more than three feet off the ground." Whatever the reason, the misadventure played a major part in second half strategy and Devine, aware that it had heartened the Vikings and complicated matters for the Pack, could find no plausible excuse. "An extra point has to be automatic in this league," he rapped. "We have a way of making things difficult for ourselves." Ironically, it had immediately followed the play of the day, a 56-yard project engineered by Hunter and the peerless Carroll Dale, who previously had been unable to find a mutual rhythm. Hunter, who passed for 230 yards with a 12-for-24 performance, attributed its success to Dale.

DALE CALLED PLAY

"Carroll actually called the play," he said. "The cornerback (Charlie West) kept playing the turnout. After we completed a couple early in the game, he walked up and started playing it. So Carroll said, 'When you get into a third-and-long situation, maybe you ought to try a long pass, because they won't expect it'...He was right." The rookie quarterback also had set up the Packers' first touchdown with a third down pass to Dale. An 18-yard strike which carried to Minnesota's one-yard-line, it was unfurled from a double wing formation which sent fellow flanker John Spilis into the same area to split the defense. Hunter personally capped the drive on the next play with a quarterback sneak, which staked the Pack to a 7-7 tie in company with Michaels' PAT.

BRYANT GAMBLES

Bear Bryant's ex-protege was less fortunate on an early fourth quarter maneuver, a pitch intended for Spilis along the west sidelines. A gambling Bobby Bryant leaped in front of the Packer split end to intercept and returned 16 yards to the Green Bay 38 before being overtaken by John Brockington. Five plays later, Cuozzo hurled his third touchdown pass of the day, this time to flanker Bob Grim in the left corner, despite a change in tactics by Packer cornerback Al Matthews. "I was working bump-and-run on him in the second half," he explained. "I went to bump-and-run because playing off him in the first half wasn't working...I started out trying to use my help, the linebacker and the safety inside, but it didn't work...He's a real fine receiver." Since the Packers were now laboring under a 21-13 deficit and time was fleeting, desperate measures were required. And one was taken - by accident.

ANDY DIDN'T HEAR

Taking wry note of Anderson's low incomplete toss to Dave Davis on a fourth-and-seven situation midway through the final period, Devine explained, "The fake punt was called but John Brockington called it off and everybody heard it but Donny. Brockington has a call on the play. We had the fake punt on for a nine-man rush but Brockington very alertly picked up the fact they weren't going to rush and called it off. He's supposed to turn around, too, and alert the kicker, but everybody heard him - even Red Cochran up in the press box - except Donny." Anderson, who had little inclination to celebrate his emergence as the day's ground gaining leader, apologetically volunteered, "I missed the key...It was my fault." That miscue blossomed into a Fred Cox field goal but, Devine indicated, it was slightly academic at that stage. "The damage had already been done by the fumble and the pass interception," he said. "Anyway, the time to have called the fake punt was in the second quarter, when we had a fourth-and-inches situation. And I would have, but I'd been telling the squad all week that we were going to play their game (patience and discipline)...I couldn't very well turn around and gamble that way."

MINNESOTA - 7 0 7 10 - 24

GREEN BAY - 0 7 6 0 - 13

	<u>MINNESOTA</u>	<u>GREEN BAY</u>
First downs	17	19
Rush-yards-TDs	28-98-0	37-121-1
Comp-Att-Yd-TD-INT	33-17-182-3-1	25-12-230-1-3
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-10	1-9
Net Passing Yards	172	221
Total yards	270	342
Fumbles-lost	0-0	3-2
Turnovers	1	5
Yards Penalized	2-20	2-20

SCORING

1st - MINN - Dave Osborn, 6-yard pass from Gary Cuozzo (Fred Cox kick) MINN 7-0

2nd - GB - Scott Hunter, 1-yard run (Lou Michaels kick) TIED 7-7

3rd - GB - Carroll Dale, 56-yard pass from Hunter GB 13-7

3rd - MINN - Stu Voight, 8-yard pass from Cuozzo (Cox kick) MINN 14-13

NFL standings							
AMERICAN CONFERENCE							
THROUGH GAME OF OCTOBER 18							
EASTERN DIVISION							
Club	W.	L.	T.	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.	
Baltimore	4	1	0	.800	132	24	
Miami	3	1	1	.750	113	54	
New York	2	3	0	.400	52	86	
New England	2	3	0	.400	53	104	
Buffalo	0	5	0	.000	68	168	
CENTRAL DIVISION							
Club	W.	L.	T.	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.	
Cleveland	4	1	0	.800	119	88	
Pittsburgh	2	3	0	.400	90	109	
Cincinnati	1	4	0	.200	101	105	
Houston	0	4	1	.000	49	117	
WESTERN DIVISION							
Club	W.	L.	T.	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.	
Oakland	4	1	0	.800	135	66	
Kansas City	4	1	0	.800	119	66	
Denver	1	3	1	.250	62	103	
San Diego	1	4	0	.200	64	120	
NATIONAL CONFERENCE							
THROUGH GAMES OF OCTOBER 17							
EASTERN DIVISION							
Club	W.	L.	T.	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.	
Washington	5	0	0	1.000	116	49	
Dallas	3	2	0	.600	141	101	
St. Louis	2	3	0	.400	80	84	
New York	2	3	0	.400	86	141	
Philadelphia	0	5	0	.000	34	157	
CENTRAL DIVISION							
Club	W.	L.	T.	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.	
Minnesota	4	1	0	.800	89	46	
Detroit	4	1	0	.800	150	96	
Chicago	3	2	0	.600	75	76	
Green Bay	2	3	0	.400	135	127	
WESTERN DIVISION							
Club	W.	L.	T.	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.	
Los Angeles	3	1	1	.750	101	76	
San Francisco	3	2	0	.600	112	63	
New Orleans	2	2	1	.500	95	120	
Atlanta	1	3	1	.250	103	128	

4th – MINN – Bob Grim, 24-yard pass from Cuozzo (Cox kick) MINN 21-13

4th – MINN – Cox, 22-yard field goal MINN 24-13

RUSHING

GREEN BAY – Donny Anderson 22-62, John Brockington 12-59, Scott Hunter 3-0

MINNESOTA – Dave Osborn 15-59, Bill Brown 10-30, Oscar Reed 2-9, Gary Cuozzo 1-0

PASSING

GREEN BAY – Scott Hunter 24-12-230 1 TD 3 INT, Donny Anderson 1-0-0

MINNESOTA – Gary Cuozzo 32-17-182 3 TD 1 INT, Bob Grim 1-0-0

RECEIVING

GREEN BAY – Carroll Dale 8-151 1 TD, John Spilis 2-38, Donny Anderson 1-21, Rich McGeorge 1-20

MINNESOTA – Bob Grim 7-101 1 TD, Dave Osborn 6-26 1 TD, Al Denson 3-47, Stu Voight 1-8 1 TD

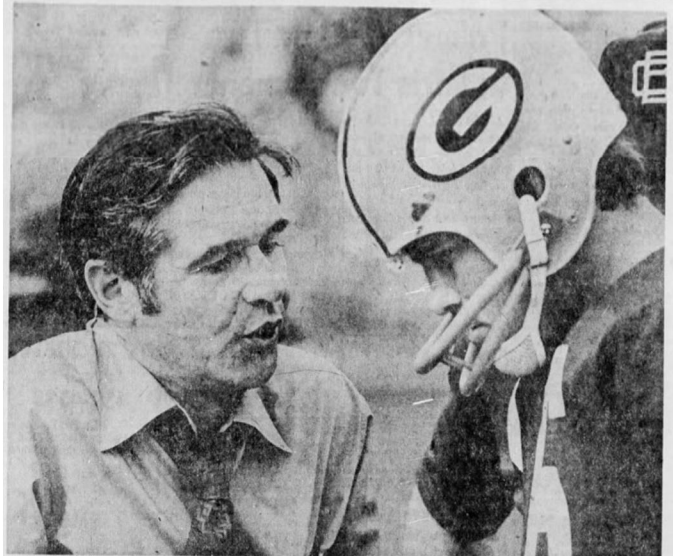
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HUNTER, RUNNING BACKS AND LINEMEN IMPRESS GRANT

OCT 18 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Minnesota Coach Bud Grant, while savoring his team's victory over Green Bay Sunday afternoon, took time out to throw a few plaudits at the Packers and especially the play of rookie quarterback Scott Hunter. Jim Marshall and Carl Eller, two members of the Purple Gang's fearsome front four, also gave praise to the team and to Hunter, who dented the Vike defense for 221 yards passing. The Packers actually outgained the Vikings 341 to 270 yards while dropping a 24-13 decision to the visitors. One of Hunter's pass completions was a 32-yard scoring strike to Carroll Dale in the third period which gave the Packers a 13-7 lead...GREAT FAKE

"He had been throwing short to Dale and we were in a zone defense to cover short. Hunter gave a great fake and Dale just got by," Grant noted. In assessing the Packer play, Grant noted, "They are basically very sound with good running backs and great men in the line. We were very impressed with Scott Hunter. We were before from watching the films and even more so after seeing him in person." On the other side, the Vikings went to the air more than usual (33 passes), and Grant explained, "We thought we had to pass a little more just to make our offense go."...TALL PEOPLE: Commenting on Allan Page's block of the Packers' extra point attempt after Dale's touchdown, Grant said, "We just got in there. We have some tall people and they just got their hands up." The Vikings had appeared to be picking on Packer cornerback Al Matthews with their passing attack but Grant denied this. "I don't think so. The plays just came up on his side of the field, more coincidently than by plan," he said. Quarterback Gary Cuozzo echoed the statement. "I didn't pick on him purposely. Field position has a lot to do with it. And Bob Grim has really been playing great this year so we have been working to him. I don't think it is any discredit to Matthews. Grim just had a great day," he said...SEALED FATE:

Grim caught a 24-yard toss for a touchdown over Matthews early in the fourth period which all but sealed the Packers' fate and Cuozzo noted that the call was an audible at the line. Asked what made him change his call, Cuozzo said, "I'd rather keep that to myself." Marshall paid tribute to the Packer line and the team in general as he shucked his uniform. "They are always tough. They are an excellent executing team and well disciplined. They are like the Packers of a few years ago," he said. Marshall's quick reactions led to the Vikings' first touchdown when he recovered a John Brockington fumble on the Packer 32-yard line. "Somebody knocked it loose and I saw it there. I just happened to be around it at the time" he said...NURSING PUFFED EYE: Carl Eller was nursing a puffed eye and had problems with double vision as he changed into street clothes. "It's going to be okay," he intoned. "I got it when I made the hit on Hunter. His face mask, that single bar, came right through my mask." Eller also complimented the Packers and Hunter. "I think this is a better Packer team than



A Few Words From Coach Devine to QB Hunter



John Brockington of the Packers drops the ball as he is tackled by Carl Gersback of Minnesota, left, while the Vikings' Alan Page readies to belt the Green Bay fullback, Jim

Marshall recovered for Minnesota and a few plays later they scored in the 24-13 win over Green Bay. (AP Wirephoto)

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2 last year. With the addition of Brockington they have a fine running game and their line is blocking well. Hunter is a good rookie quarterback. He is a fine quarterback and has a lot of poise out there," he said. Viking field goal kicker Fred Cox, who kicked a 22-yard field goal in the fourth period after missing a 27-yard attempt in the closing seconds of the first half which would have put the Vikings ahead at the intermission, was a bit perplexed over the miss. "I noticed in practice before the game that my kicks were sliding to the right so I compensated for it and the ball went straight," he said.

PITTS, WINKLER ACTIVATED

OCT 18 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packers made two roster changes just prior to Sunday's game with the Minnesota Vikings, moving up running back Elijah Pitts and guard Randy Winkler from the taxi squad. Simultaneously deactivated were guard Dave Bradley, who has a pulled leg muscle, and rookie defensive lineman Donnell Smith. Pitts was activated to take over the kickoff return duties of halfback Dave Hampton, troubled with a charley horse.

POOR COVERAGE HURT PACKERS ON KEY PLAYS

OCT 18 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Coverage, rather than strategy, hurt the Packers in key defensive situations during Sunday's 24-13 loss to the Minnesota Vikings, Coach Dan Devine said. "That first touchdown (scored by Dave Osborn) was just a bootleg throwback to the second man through," Devine said. "He should have been covered by Fred Carr. "We were in a perfect defense for it, just as we were on the touchdown pass to Stu Voigt in the third quarter."...Devine again (on the subject of Ray Nitschke's second quarter insertion for Jim Carter): "I just thought Ray's experience would help there, along with the fact that he plays the running game real well. "As far as Carter's starting over Nitschke is concerned, if he's ever going to play, he'll have to play some time. He's got to play this year or next year."...And DD again (anent the Vikings' shift from Norm Snead to Gary Cuzo as the starting quarterback): "I guess Bud Grant must have known something we didn't," he chuckled.

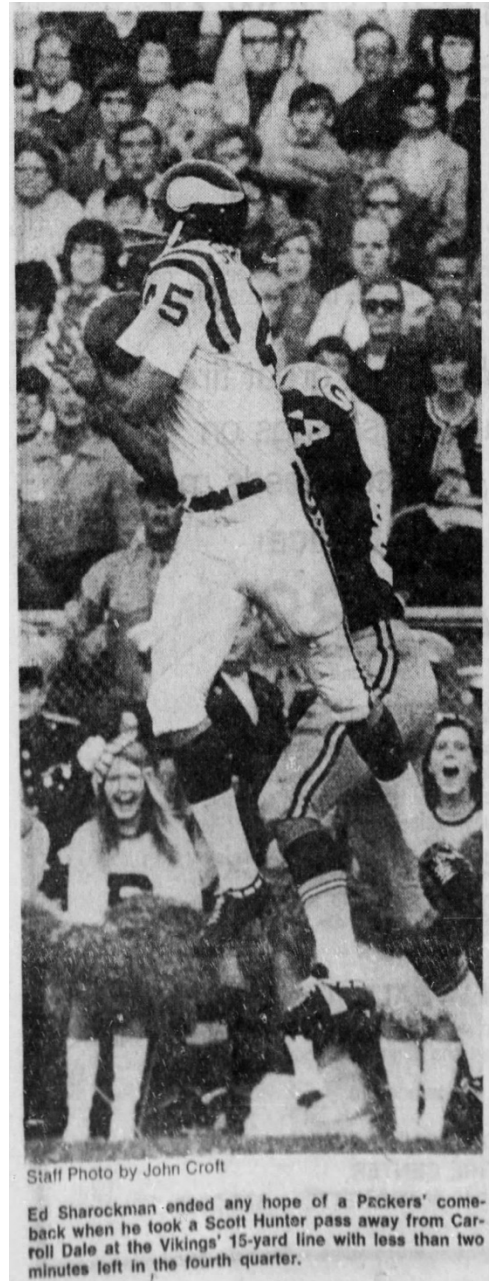
DALE'S GRABS NO CONSOLATION

OCT 18 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Carroll Dale had just caught eight passes against the best defense in the National Football Conference. That, it turned out, is two more than he had caught in the Packers' first four games this season. But the wiry Tennessean, a selfless team player, was solemn and unsmiling. "The toughest thing in the world for me to live with is a loss," he said in quiet reference to a 24-13 defeat just suffered at Minnesota Viking hands in Lambeau Field. "Whenever we lose, I try to look at my own performance. Any time there is an interception on a pass thrown in my area, I look upon it as a personal responsibility. . . I look at that first interception today and think to myself, 'If I'd have come back and run a little harder, maybe I could have knocked the ball down.'" "It's tough to lose when you know you should have won...But we've just got to pull together, look at the positive and polish things up." On the subject of his own specialty, Dale admitted that he and rookie quarterback Scott Hunter previously had encountered "timing" problems.

"The difficult thing for quarterbacks and receivers who haven't worked together before is to get their timing down," he said. "And the quarterback has the tougher job. All the receiver has to do is to run his patterns and catch the football. The quarterback's got to know your route, when you're going to break and throw the ball to that point." Deception, Dale confided, had been the secret of his success in the third quarter, when he collaborated with Hunter on a 56-yard touchdown. "When I run a pattern, I try to make believe I'm going somewhere else than I intend to go," he explained. "If I try to make the defensive man think I'm running an inside route, then I try to run it myself as though I am going to run inside. That's why most receivers would rather run against a man (as in a man-for-man defense) than against a zone, because it gives you somebody to run your pattern against. The Vikings primarily use a zone, of course, but it turns out that you're still running against a man pretty much...They might overplay outside or inside - they mix it up real well. The play we scored on was one we had thrown about five times before from a squareout. But not all of them were complete either, I might add." Dale's productive day had been at least partially by design, Coach Dan Devine noted. "Part of our game plan was to throw more to Carroll against the Vikings," he said. "It was partly to take advantage of what we saw in their defense and partly because I felt we hadn't utilized Carroll enough in our first four games." Though the Packers now find themselves 2-3 in the National Football League's Central Division and two games behind co-leaders Minnesota and Detroit, Dale remains quietly confident about the future. "I don't think we're going to quit as a team," he said. "Some of those things are going to bounce our way in the weeks to come and we're going to win a lot of football games."

STARR TO HUNTER TO DALE FOR 151 YARDS

OCT 18 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packers, thanks to a new crispness in the offensive line, the slashes and wiggles of Donny Anderson and the bursting power of John Brockington, have earned a reputation around the NFL for having a



Staff Photo by John Croft

Ed Sharockman ended any hope of a Packers' comeback when he took a Scott Hunter pass away from Carroll Dale at the Vikings' 15-yard line with less than two minutes left in the fourth quarter.



Donny Anderson cuts through a big hole for a sizeable Packer gain in Sunday's game against Minnesota. Anderson finished with 62 yards in 22 rushes. The defender shown is Carl Gersbach. (Post-Crescent News Service Photo)

strong infantry attack. That ground game picked up 120 yards Sunday. But it was the air corps that was prominent in the Pack attack against the Vikings, even though it was not enough to prevent a disappointing 24-13 defeat by the patient, capitalizing Minnesotans. Nevertheless, the success of the air game, which produced 230 yards as Scott Hunter completed 12 of 24 pitches, was one of the encouraging remnants found in the rubble of defeat. And you can credit Bart Starr and what might be called the Packer quarterback underground for at least part of that success. Starr, a member of the Packer taxi team while he tries to work his ailing shoulder into pitching condition, is part of the Packer press box observation crew during games. Sunday, he proved to be a vital factor in the eight Hunter-to-Dale hookups that provided 151 yards and a temporary go-ahead touchdown. But first, let it be noted that Coach Dan Devine pointed out after the game that the Packer brain trust had incorporated more passes to Dale in the game plan for the Vikes because of the type of defense Minnesota employed and because it was felt they had not been taking enough advantage of Carroll's talent in the opening portion of the campaign. So it was that Hunter aimed for Dale on the third

play of the game but missed and almost saw it intercepted. On the Packers next series, he aimed at Carroll again but overthrew him and Ed Sharockman did intercept it. The next series ended abruptly when Jim Marshall recovered Brockington's fumble and the Vikes went in to score. On the first play after the kickoff, Hunter missed Carroll once more on a short square out to the sideline. But after Anderson claimed five up the middle, Scott finally connected with Dale on the left sideline for 10 yards. Seven more completions were to come. Now, about Starr's contribution. During that early going, Bart found something in the Viking defense that tipped off a blitz, thus severely altering the defensive secondary's alignment for that particular play. The information was relayed from Mr. Quarterback to the bench, where ex-quarterback Gary Lane was on the phones. He passed it on to relief quarterback Zeke Bratkowski, who almost caught Hunter each time he came off the field. Zeke hammered home the message, its implications and the possibilities it presented Hunter got the message, watched for the tipoff, called a lot of audibles for the Dale sideline pass play and connected. Then early in the second half, Carroll faked the sideler and sped upfield instead for the long touchdown pass. Hunter, however, did not wish to get involved in the intrigue of the situation. He had another explanation: "When you're hot, you're hot...when you're not, you're not."

PACKER SHOWING AGAINST VIKES 'A RUDE AWAKENING' FOR DEVINE

OCT 19 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Dan Devine was more than slightly red of eye after 4 ½ hours in the Packers' Lombardi Avenue projection room. Under the circumstances, he might have been a trifle myopic. But his vision, the Packers' doughty little leader shortly established, was unimpaired, physically or professionally. "We have further to go than I thought," he said during a Monday press conference which followed that extensive review of Sunday's 24-13 defeat in Lambeau Field, thrust upon our heroes by the recently awesome Minnesota Vikings. "This is a rude awakening for me. We have a lot farther to go in personnel than I thought until this game."...**RELUCTANT CONCLUSION:** First hand comparison with Bud Grant's burly operatives had forced him to this reluctant conclusion, he said. "All I can say is that Minnesota has a lot better football team than we have personnel-wise...All you need is two eyes to figure that out. They had pressure on our passer constantly. And, except for a very rare occasion, we didn't have any pressure on them." Yet, good as the Vikings were, he noted that the Packers had cooperated in making things easier for them. "When you get down to the technical aspects of the game, our game plan was not to turn the ball over to the Vikings in field position. So we turned it over on our 32 on a fumble, on our eight on a fumble, on our 38 on an interception, and on our 47 following that incomplete pass on fourth down. The first three brought them touchdowns. "On the other hand, they never turned it over to us, except that interception by Ken Ellis, and that should have been on the two-yard-line instead of the end zone. We got a little break on that - it was one of those judgment calls...**NOT SECOND GUESSING:** "Actually, they made mistakes, a lot of them, but we didn't take advantage of them. But when we turned over the ball at our own 38 following the interception, that was the ball game. I'm not second guessing anybody, because I said all week we were going to play the patient game. I knew when the score was 14-13 that the next team that scores is going to win...But it was set up on every fourth down except the one we did try it on."...**COULD HAVE GAMBLED:** That occurred with 8:30 remaining in the game when Donny Anderson's pass, intended for Dave Davis, was low and incomplete and the Vikings took possession at the Green Bay 47 with a 21-13 lead. "I'm not blaming anybody," Devine said, "but if you're facing a team that's a heckuva lot better than we are, we could have played a gambling game. Obviously, we're not capable of playing that kind of football. We can't hold on to the ball and we can't block their people. Alan Page, I thought, played a really outstanding game for them. If I could think of a better adjective, I would. He played brilliantly. He forced two fumbles, forced the interception in the third quarter and blocked the extra point...He plays better almost every play than any of our front four...And I'm not laying it on our front four, because they didn't fumble...**PLAYED HARD:** "We played hard...We played our guts out. But how many passes did Cuzo throw, 32? When you get 32 shots at the quarterback and you only get to him once, you know you're not getting much pressure on the passer. Clarence Williams

did an adequate job, I thought. And Bob Brown made some occasional great plays. Fred Carr also made a couple of great plays but there also were a couple of others where he just didn't do it. Their backs were running so hard on that second touchdown, we were playing the run instead of a pass...And on the third touchdown, we were playing bump-and-run and we played it wrong? When you're playing bump-and-run, you can't look back twice. You have to stare that receiver down...VERY APPRECIATIVE: "Changes?" Devine said, echoing a question. "I don't know what changes we could make. Alden Roche was in there just once. Maybe we could play Roche more at different positions, maybe move Jim DeLisle up from the taxi squad. We're at a point where what a guy did last year or the last championship year doesn't matter. The league has changed. Minnesota wasn't that good in '67, but it's a tougher league now than it was then. I'm very appreciative of what some have done here in the past, but we have to look ahead. As far as the secondary is concerned, Charlie Hall and Butch Davis can play the corner, but if you analyze it, Al Matthews probably played as good a game as their corners did. I'm not as discouraged with Al Matthews as you might think I am. Offensively, Scott Hunter did a pretty good job, considering what he had to work against and the fact that he was a sixth round draft choice. He only did one thing wrong, really. When the score was 14-13, we had excellent field position and I still wanted to play their patient game and wait for them to make a mistake...COME OUT THROWING: "I think Zeke Bratkowski would have known more completely how it should have been played at that time (prior to Bobby Bryant's interception). Just play it like it was 14-14 and play for field position." "But," Devine said, "I hate to change horses in mid-stream. And Scott is going to be a great quarterback. And he's going to have to play some day, so he might as well have been in there Sunday. Maybe we're not capable of beating Minnesota at their own game," Devine conceded. "Maybe we'll have to come out throwing and try to trick 'em next time, I don't know. But I'm afraid we'd get 14 points behind in a hurry and never have a chance of winning. "Yet, as much as I feel the game was a mismatch, it might sound like an excuse and I don't want it to. You can't get around the fact we gave them the ball at the 32, 8, 38 and the 47. It's probably the first time we've done that this season...TWO GREAT PLAYS: "That second fumble (which triggered the Vikings' winning TD) should never have happened, I might add. We started that series at our 11 and we had two great plays going. On our first play, we had a great blocking scheme, but the back misses the hole. Then we came out in a triple left which might have gone for a touchdown and at the bare minimum should have given us 20 yards. But we missed two blocks. I wish now that we had played 'em like I thought we should have - the fake punt and try to fool 'em ...Yet, if we "don't give 'em the ball in scoring territory, 341 yards is enough to beat 'em. I'm frustrated but I'm not discouraged. There are a lot of good football players here and we're going to be a winner. But we have farther to go than I thought, and a lot farther to go than some on the team thought...OVERLY OPTIMISTIC: "I guess that when I said recently it would only take us a couple more football players to make a winner, it was an overly optimistic appraisal...But there are some old guys who are going to survive and some young guys who are going to survive this and around them we're going to build a championship team...It's all going to be worth it. Kenny Bowman sprained an ankle (on the second play) Sunday but he says he'll be ready for Los Angeles next Sunday. He's going to be one of those who will survive. I wouldn't trade Kenny for almost anything. He's going to be around here for a while - as long as he wants to be around."

NO RUST FOR RANDY

OCT 20 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - When a pro football player takes a two-year sabbatical from the game, his career normally is all but over. This, at least, has been the long held assumption, the premise being that the technical rust accumulated in the interim would be too great a handicap to overcome. Randy Winkler, newest member of the Packers offensive line, is convinced he is a walking contradiction of this ancient theory. Winkler, a former Detroit Lion and Atlanta Falcon, made his first National Football League regular season appearance in 2 ½ years during Sunday's 24-13 unhappiness with the Minnesota Vikings and he looks to the future with confidence. "It really felt good to get back out there again," the former Tarleton (Tex.) State performer enthused. "I was only on the kickoff team, but I loved it."...PACKER

Assistant Coach

Burt Gustafson

Assistant Coach — Linebackers

Born November 30, 1925 in Marquette, Michigan, Burt Gustafson went on to become a 12 letterman at Northern Michigan University (football, basketball and track).

From 1953-1955 Burt coached the Battle Creek High School team before accepting the position of end coach at Northern Michigan in 1956, where he served until 1961.

In '62 Burt joined Coach Lloyd Eaton at the University of Wyoming where he worked with the defensive secondary for eight years.

During the summer months Gustafson visited the Packers early training camp and during these visits became familiar with Green Bay's personnel and pass defense.

In February of 1970, Coach Devine appointed Burt Gustafson linebacker coach. Gustafson is married and the father of 2 boys and 3 girls.

Assistant Coach

Rollie Dotsch

Assistant Coach — Offensive Line

Born February 14, 1933, in Escanaba, Michigan, Rollie Dotsch won 16 high school letters at Lansing, Michigan before enrolling at Michigan State, where he played guard under Dan Devine for 4 years. Following graduation in 1954, Rollie coached high school football at Escanaba from 1956-1957 before becoming an assistant coach at Northern Michigan in 1958. Following 3 years at Northern, Dotsch

went to the University of Colorado in 1961 and joined Dan Devine as offensive line coach at the University of Missouri from 1962-1965.

Rollie was named head coach and athletic director at Northern Michigan University in 1966 and in five years his varsity won 33 while losing 15 and tying 1.

In February of 1971 Dan Devine appointed Dotsch his offensive line coach. Dotsch is married to the former Carol Thomas and they have 1 boy and 1 girl.

Bill Hayhoe

Tackle — USC

Height 6-8, Weight 260

**Born in Van Nuys, Calif.,
Sept. 6, 1946**

3rd year in pro ball . . .
drafted fifth in 1969 after playing as defensive end at USC senior year . . . runs 40 in 5.0 . . .
played flanker in high school, tight end in junior college and both offensive and defensive tackle at USC . . .
impressed coaches immediately in rookie year . . .

Started some games at tackle in 1970. Residence: Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Perry Williams

Running back — Purdue
Height 6-2, Weight 219
Born in Cincinnati, Ohio,
Dec. 11, 1946

3rd year in pro ball . . .
drafted fourth by Packers in
1969 . . . teamed with Lee Roy
Keyes at Purdue . . . selected
to play in American Bowl and
East-West Shrine Games . . .
runs 40 in 4.8 . . . good blocker
and fine power runner . . . ex-
cellent pass receiver . . .
plays specialty teams well . . .
Works for Schlitz Brewing Co.
Residence: Milwaukee, Wis-
consin.

NOT WASTED YEARS: Winkler, who spent 1969 and 1970 as offensive line coach at Navy after being called to Naval Reserve duty off the Falcon roster, feels that those were not wasted years. "I learned so much football in those two seasons," he says. "As a coach, you see a completely different side of football. I just understand coaches better now, and what they're trying to do. I think it made me a lot better football player. Even though I missed two years physically, I stayed in good shape and, of course, I was close to the game. Along the way, I found out that there are two different worlds, coaching football and playing football." Winkler, now 28, became an indirect result of his Navy stint. "When I got out of service this year, I went back to Atlanta," he said. "They had a bunch of young guards who had come in while I was away and the coaches told me when they cut me that they had decided to go with them. They put me on waivers and nobody picked me up. I called Coach Forzano, my head coach at Navy, and he started calling around for me. He talked to the Packers before I did and, after he had made the contact, I called and talked to Coach Devine. He said, 'Let me talk to Rollie Dotsch (offensive line coach) about it and we'll get back to you.' A day or two later, Pat Peppler, the personnel director, called me." A boyish, exuberant type, Winkler is delighted to be wearing green and gold. "I love it here," says Randy, who won all-state mention in Texas as a prep. "It's quite an honor to play for the Packers...**BEGAN WITH LIONS:** "I called my folks in Belton, Tex., after the game. It was nationally televised, so they had seen it and they heard my name mentioned when I made a tackle on a kickoff. They said as soon as they heard it, the phone began to ring at home. A lot of people there didn't know I was with the Packers." Winkler, a

rawboned 6-foot-4 and 250 pounder who began his pro career with the Detroit Lions in 1967, as a tackle, is optimistic about both his future and that of the Pack. "I wouldn't have come back to the NFL if I didn't think I could do the job," said Randy, who was added to the roster just prior to Sunday's game to replace Dave Bradley, sidelined with a pulled leg muscle. "I'm a lot better guard now than I was when I went into the Navy. "Now that I've got the chance, I'm confident I'm going to stay on the roster. You've got to feel that way. As far as the team is concerned, I firmly believe what Coach Devine said. 'We know how good we are, we just haven't proved it to everybody else yet.'"

Devine, Prothro Match Tactical Minds for First Time In NFL

DEVINE, PROTHRO MATCH TACTICAL MINDS FOR FIRST TIME IN NFL

OCT 20 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packers and Rams, who may have appeared strange bedfellows to some, created a nation-wide stir last January when they invaded the college ranks

for new head coaches. Their actions, taken just two weeks apart, violated a venerable pro football precept, namely that a college coach would find moving into the pros an insuperable adjustment. The selection of Dan Devine, lured from the University of Missouri campus by the Packers, and hulking Tommy Prothro, plucked from hometown UCLA by the Rams, thus piqued such interest that The Associated Press devoted a three-part series to the prospective transition last May. And, during the summer and early fall, myriad articles on the subject graced national periodicals, evaluating the pros and cons, if you will pardon the expression...**DEVINE UNCONCERNED:** In the process, the coaching philosophies of the two principals also have been placed under the microscope, with the general conclusion being that Devine is a conservative and a strict disciplinarian, Prothro an unconventional strategist and liberal who doesn't subscribe to the time-honored 11 o'clock curfew for his athletes, among other items. As a result, more than casual notice will be accorded their first NFL confrontation, which will come Sunday afternoon when Devine escorts his Packers into LA's Memorial Coliseum to meet Prothro's Rams. Although a definitive assessment of their contributions to the pro scene obviously is not yet possible, each already has made his presence felt. Under Devine, the Packers have been briskly competitive from the start, re-establishing their awesome ground game of the mid-'60s en route to a 2-3 record. Prothro, meanwhile, has his Angelenos out front in the Western Division of the National Football Conference at 3-1-1 following a dramatic rebound from an opening upset by the New Orleans Saints. Unlike any number of fans and observers, both partisan and impartial, Devine says he [has "no feelings whatsoever" about his impending encounter with Prothro. "I'm sure much will be made of it, our facing each other for the first time," he said following Tuesday's practice, conducted in a light rain, "but I really have no reaction to the prospect. The only thing that occurs to me," he noted with a faint smile, "is that most of his staff are college people, more so than mine. It doesn't seem to have hurt them any." Matching tactical wits with Prothro will not be a new experience for him, Devine further observed. "I've known Tommy a long time," he said. "We spent a lot of time together just prior to the 1954 Rose Bowl. He was coaching on Red Sanders' staff at UCLA at the time and I was on Biggie Munn's staff at Michigan State...We won the game, although we were behind at halftime, 13-0." As a head coach he has sent teams against Prothro twice, the Packer generalissimo recalled. "The first time, we played a 14-14 tie in Columbia, Missouri," he said. "That was in 1965. They were ahead 14-0 and we scored twice late in the game to tie...That UCLA team beat Michigan State in the Rose Bowl that year and we won the Sugar Bowl. In 1966, we played again in Los Angeles. That was my poorest football team and UCLA was ranked No. 1 at the time. We had played Illinois the week before in a brutal game and we were not in the best physical shape. We eliminated Illinois from the Big Ten championship in that one and they eliminated us," Devine ironically appended. "We won in the last minute, but it eliminated us physically. We played UCLA a good game the next week, though. It was on national television and we were behind 17-0 with nine minutes to go but I looked up a little later and it was 17-14 and we had a chance at a field goal. We wound up losing 17-14, 24-14, I can't remember which. It seems I

vaguely recall Mel Farr scoring a touchdown for them in the final minute." He and Prothro have compared notes on their NFL baptisms, Devine said, but not recently. "I talked to Tommy twice during the pre-season," he said, "but we haven't been in contact since the league season started."...**PACKER PATTERN:** Devine, commenting on how his team might react to last Sunday's 24-13 loss to Minnesota and its effect on the Bays' Central Division hopes, said, "They're disappointed, I know. But the overriding thing is that when you're on the bench, like I was Sunday, and you see the look in their eyes when they come back to the bench, you know everybody's doing everything they can to win. I can't give you the name of any guy who didn't want to play. There's always a letdown when you lose, of course, I think a lot of them feel it a lot deeper than they show. But I'm sure they're not depressed...We can't afford to be."...Devine listed center Ken Bowman as "the only serious casualty" of the Viking test. "He got hurt early, actually, and he really got hit," the Packer coach said. "I don't know how he came out of it with just a sprained ankle." Flashing a puckish smile, he added, "I'd have gotten a broken leg...Haw." Vaguely patting the cast on his left leg as he spoke, Devine continued, "There was nothing dirty about it. Jim Marshall just exploded on him."...Still marveling over the performance of Minnesota's Alan Page, Devine said, "He just played great. He was just scrambling and fighting all afternoon. Several times we had long yardage gains set up. He was blocked at the line of scrimmage but he just came off the block and stopped the play. I was impressed with Horst Muhlmann and the way he dominated our pre-season game in Cincinnati, but this is the best game of football I've ever seen anybody play. I've seen a lot of games and a lot of others on television and film, but if anybody ever dominated a game, Page did."...Closing the books on that one, Devine said, "But that's all over. We've got to ram the Rams now...and any team with Roman Gabriel at quarterback is bound to be tough. They also have a great front four, and they've been playing good football."...Birthday greetings to Zeke Bratkowski. The Brat, a superbly fit citizen who insists age "is just a number," turns 40 today...The Packers will leave for Los Angeles via United Airlines charter at noon Friday, following a morning workout. They will practice in LA Saturday.

DYNASTY OVER, PACKERS REBUILDING

OCT 20 (Los Angeles Times) - It was only four years ago that the Green Bay Packers dynasty reached its peak, but it seems like a hundred. The team that confronts the Rams here Sunday bears scant resemblance to those magnificent machines run by the late Vince Lombardi in the '60s. Oh, there are still some reminders from the past. Gale Gillingham, Carroll Dale and Ken Bowman, on offense, and Willie Wood, Lionel Aldridge and Dave Robinson, on defense, are still starters. They were regulars when Lombardi won his second straight Super Bowl and third consecutive NFL title (five in all) in 1967...**FRESHMAN COACH:** Basically, however, this is a young team that is being rebuilt by a college coach, Dan Devine, who, like the Rams' Tommy Prothro, is a freshman in the pro ranks. Of the 47 men that comprise the varsity and taxi squad, 21 are either first or second-year pros. Thirty of the 47 have been in the league five years or less. By contrast, the Rams are still the second most experienced team in the NFL despite Prothro's alterations in personnel. The Packers (2-3) are probably a better team than their record indicates. They gave a good account of themselves in losing to Minnesota (24-13) and Detroit (31-28), the reigning powers in the NFC Central Division and the NFL as well. Their other loss was inflicted by the New York Giants...**BROCKINGTON SPEEDY:** Curiously, both Prothro and Devine have brought sound running games to professional football. The Rams have rushed for 916 yards (5.16 average), while the Packers have gained 840 (4.6 average). Veteran Donny Anderson (363 yards, 4.7) and rookie John Brockington make the Green Bay running game go. The Rams' Willie Ellison (357. 4.57) is keeping pace with the Packer runners. Brockington (6-1, 225), an inside runner at Ohio State, has shown considerable outside speed for the Packers. He runs the 40 in 4.5 and is referred to as a "big" Travis Williams, the former Packer who now plays for the Rams. Green Bay is averaging 24 points a game compared to 14 last season. This has been accomplished with a rookie quarterback, Scott Hunter, in charge. Hunter, a sixth-round draft choice from Alabama, was forced into service when two shoulder operations sidelined veteran Bart Starr. Zeke Bratkowski, who turns 40 today, bails out Hunter when the youngster gets in trouble. The pros generally overlooked Hunter because he was injured part of his senior year. But his coach, Bear Bryant, told the Packers that Scott has as much potential as Joe Namath and Kenny Stabler, pro quarterbacks from the Alabama finishing school. Although the Packers have the ability to move the ball, they are just as willing to surrender it. Turnovers were responsible for two of the three defeats. For example, the Pack rolled up 341 yards net on the Vikings Sunday, but lost the ball five times by interceptions and fumbles. Three of the turnovers at the Green Bay 8, 32 and 33-yard lines positioned Minnesota for touchdowns. In the opener against the Giants, the Packers fumbled twice in their own end zone inside of six seconds. Result: 14 points for New York in a game in which the Packers scored 40 points but lost, 42-40. Although Green Bay is yielding an average 25 points a game, this negative statistic is as much of a reflection on the offense as the defense. Devine is now concerned with achieving some stability to a team that is beating itself. "We do have some good football players here," says the former Missouri coach, "and we're going to be a winning team. But we have a lot farther to go than some people thought. "We'll build a championship team here around the young and older guys who are able to survive all of this. For the young guys, it will be worth it."...**PRO NOTES:** Hunter (6-

Gary Lane

Quarterback — Missouri
Height 6-2, Weight 208
Born in Alton, Ill., Dec.
21, 1942

Lane joined the Packers as a free agent after quitting the Canadian Football League and the Saskatchewan Roughriders . . . He spent last year with the Los Angeles Rams . . . In his five years in pro football, Gary has been affiliated with five different teams . . . Drafted as a future by Cleveland on the ninth round in 1965, Lane joined the Browns the next year and was active for part of the 1966 and 1967 seasons . . . Prior to the 1968 season, he was traded to the New York Giants for a draft choice. In 1969 he was sold to New Orleans, later went to Washington and finally signed a reserve squad contract with the Rams . . . An all-Big Eight quarterback at Missouri, Lane gained more than 3,000 yards running and passing in his three-year career . . . In 1966 he sparked his team to a Sugar Bowl win over Florida and in the 1966 College All-Star game he was named the collegian most valuable player . . . Gary and his wife Gay have two daughters and live in St. Louis where he is employed by the Bruce-Burgess Printing Co.

Dynasty Over, Packers Rebuilding

2, 205) is now operating from a floating pocket in order to provide him with a little more time. He has thrown four touchdown passes but has been intercepted 10 times and has completed only 44.9% of his passes. He does, however, seem to have the confidence of his teammates. "When that kid is in the huddle, he oozes with confidence," says Gale Gillingham, the All-Pro guard. "If he gets rapped, he won't let it bother him. Sure, he has made some mistakes, but his enthusiasm makes up for them."...Carroll Dale, the ex-Ram, caught only six passes in the first four games. But he solved the Viking zone defense, catching eight for 151 yards and a touchdown. Dale is 33 and in his 12th season...Ray Nitschke, the balding 14-year veteran, is reconciled to the fact that he must make way for a younger man. Jim Carter is Green Bay's new middle linebacker. "Now I know how Tom Bettis felt in 1960," says Ray. "He was the veteran but Vince Lombardi told me the job was mine, rain or shine. When I was younger, I probably couldn't have gone through this mentally." Carter is flanked by veteran Dave Robinson and Fred Carr (6-5, 238), an agile big man...Safeties Willie Wood and Dong Hart are the only experienced players in the secondary, while Bob Brown and Lionel Aldridge are the veterans on the front four that includes young Mike McCoy (6-5, 284), the former Notre Dame All-America...The rush line has reached opposing passers only eight times. Conversely, Hunter and Bratkowski have been sacked only three times...Lou Michaels, who is co-holder of the Rams' record for the longest field goal (51 yards), came out of retirement to help the Packers. Michaels, the Rams' No. 1 draft choice in 1958, has clicked on five of six field goal attempts. He was tending bar in Sawyersville, Pa., when he got a call from Devine...The Rams have won four straight regular season games from the Packers.

DEVINE HASN'T LOST CONFIDENCE IN AL MATTHEWS

OCT 21 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – When Coach Dan Devine signals the end of practice with a shrill blast from his whistle, the Packers need no second invitation. They set off for the dressing room at a collective gallop. And so it was following Wednesday's practice – except for cornerback Alvin Matthews. He lingered to chat with Devine at some length before wending his way across South Oneida Street and up the hill to Packer headquarters. As may have been suspected, they were not discussing the weather. "I told Al in front of the squad yesterday that I hadn't lost any confidence in him," Devine later explained, "and he just came over to thank me."...TIMELY TESTIMONIAL: It was a timely testimonial, considering the traumatic afternoon Matthews had put in shadowing Minnesota's Bob Grim in last Sunday's 24-13 loss to the Vikings and how it since has set coffee shop quarterbacks to speculating about his starting status. Devine's declaration also is opportune because of the prospect which lies immediately ahead of the former Texas A. & I. athlete, Sunday's confrontation with Ram receivers Jack Snow and Lance Rentzel, favorite targets of the redoubtable Roman Gabriel. "Al made a couple of mistakes against the Vikings that a guy would make who had never played our defense quite the way we were doing it," Devine admitted. "But when you come down to it, he really has had so little practice time, it's practically negligible. You have to remember that, unlike in college where you have two offensive and defensive units, he is playing our own defenses only part of the time. When we go on offense in practice, he's playing the opponents' defense...I can see why experience in this league is so important...KEEP HEADS UP: "You've got to stick with a guy like Al Matthews," Devine continued. "He's hard-working, smart, and a great young man. Like I said the other day, he played as well Sunday as a lot of other corners in the league did. As long as we keep our heads up and keep playing hard, we'll be all right. Hanging our heads is the only thing that's going to hurt us. If people like Ken Ellis, Jim Carter, Mike McCoy, Scott Hunter, John Brockington, Freddie Carr, and Matthews keep their heads up, we'll do all right. This team's got a lot of pride, as much pride as anybody. And it shows in their reluctant acceptance of adversity." Matthews is convinced that his recent coverage problems are of an entirely temporary nature...IN A SLUMP: "I think I'm just like a baseball player in a slump," Al asserts. "He just tries harder and harder, and he keeps striking out. That's the way things went for me the last two games, against Detroit and Minnesota. Just one of those days where everything goes wrong. As far as covering Grim is concerned, I don't think I panicked. But a guy starts beating you and you start compensating for it, and then you're in trouble. For a while Sunday, he had me playing his game. What Coach Devine said makes me feel good because I guess a lot of people wondered what happened there in the fourth quarter," Matthews noted with a slightly sheepish smile. The reference was to a 24-yard scoring pass to lonesome Grim in the left corner of the end zone, a maneuver which shot the Vikings into a 21-13 lead...FAITH UNSHAKEN: Despite the Minnesota flanker's seven-catch performance, Matthews insists his faith in himself remains unshaken. "I haven't lost any confidence in myself. If I did," he said with boyish fervor, "I'd be dead...I feel I have great confidence in myself." Looking to Sunday's LA visit and the virtual certainty that Gabriel will be throwing his way frequently, Matthews said, "Both Snow and Rentzel are fine receivers but I'm looking forward to having a better game than I've had the last two weeks, and coming out of this slump."...PACKER PATTERN: Devine also gave another member of his defensive unit a vote of confidence Wednesday. "I'm not disappointed in Mike McCoy," he said, dispelling an impression which may have been gleaned when the young colossus was replaced in the front four by Alden Roche for a time Sunday. "Mike McCoy," Devine assured, "is a guy we're going to build our future around."...In this connection, he indicated there will be no changes in Sunday's defensive alignment, adding in explanation, "I recover pretty quickly from my frustrations. The only change would come on offense if Ken Bowman isn't able to play because of his sprained ankle," Devine said. "He insists he's going to play, however. If he can't make it, Cal Withrow will start at center."...He also revealed that Friday's

departure for Los Angeles has been moved from noon to 9 a.m. "Rain is in the forecast here for Friday," Devine explained, "so we'll leave earlier and practice in Los Angeles in the afternoon." There already is water standing on the field here and practicing on that kind of turf takes a lot out of your legs. You slip and slide, and you can get hurt."...Evaluating the Rams, Devine pointed out, "They're 3-1-1 and they've beaten some darned good football teams...And I'm not surprised. Tommy Prothro is a hardheaded guy. He's not the benevolent, Santa Claus-type guy he's been pictured. In fact, he's a hardnosed, demanding disciplinarian, contrary to the way he's been depicted. He may not have a curfew, but he's a strict disciplinarian. He probably is as tough a football coach, pro or college, as there is in the United States. They may say the Rams completed only two passes to beat the 49ers, but Gabriel might throw 50 this week...Tommy did what he had to do to beat San Francisco. That is not necessarily the kind of football we can expect from them next week."...Frank Patrick, an ideal physical stand-in at 6-foot-7 and 225 pounds, "doubled" for Gabriel as the Packer defense worked against the anticipated Los Angeles offense. Zeke Bratkowski alternated with Patrick in portraying the Rams' Roman...A gimpy Bowman provided a chuckle when he and fellow casualty Dave Bradley, troubled with a pulled leg muscle, stumped in virtual unison from one field to another as the Packers moved from group work into teamwork. Inching ahead in the "race," Bowman quipped, "Got you, Bradley."

LION OWNER SAYS SOME NFL TEAMS IN TROUBLE

OCT 21 (Detroit) - The owner of the Detroit Lions believes some National Football League teams may go under financially, leading to a reduction - rather than an expansion - of the number of clubs operating. The Lions' owner - William Clay Ford - made his comment Wednesday night at a meeting of the Detroit chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalistic society. Asked when he foresaw an expansion of the league from its present 26 clubs to perhaps 32, Ford replied: "I am of the opinion that there might be contraction before there will be expansion. I don't know that we're on that solid ground. A lot of these franchises are - I won't say they're shoestring operations - but there's a very thin line between profit and loss in their operations." Ford said that there was uncertainty among pro football owners about the effect of the price-wage freeze. "If player salaries increase, if tickets get frozen, profit margins of certain cities that I know of...are going to be wiped out. And I really don't know how long those guys can hang in there. I don't know how tough some of them are." The Lions' owner did not identify the teams he had in mind. Ford dubbed the thought of expanding the number of clubs to 32 as "Utopia." "I'd like to make sure if we do go that way that we go with 32 teams that are solidly backed...They're going to have to go the tough sledding route. We've got some weak sisters now in the 26 teams that we've got and I want to make sure we're on solid ground before we go ahead with expansion." Ford acknowledged that his views on the subject differed from those of league commissioner Pete Rozelle, but he added "there may well be a contraction before there'll be an expansion - so I see the 'double 16' as quite a long ways off."...PRO NOTES: Detroit Lions' cornerback Lem Barney will miss Sunday's game with the Chicago Bears. Barney is in Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit for observation and treatment of a severe muscle pull in the groin...The Los Angeles Rams acquired linebacker Don Parish from the St. Louis Cardinals for a future draft choice...The Philadelphia Eagles plan to add former New Orleans kicker Tom Dempsey to their taxi squad...The Federal grand jury investigating possible antitrust violation in the National Football League recessed Wednesday in Cleveland after hearing testimony from Minnesota Viking General Manager Jim Finks. It is expected to reconvene in a couple of weeks.

RAMS' FRONT FOUR HELPS PACKERS FORGET ALAN PAGE

OCT 22 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Alan Page will not be evident in the Los Angeles Coliseum Sunday. Neither will his fellow Four Norsemen, Carl Eller, Jim Marshall and Gary Larson. This fact, however, will elicit no handsprings from tenants of the Packer offensive line, who will be. Page and Eller admittedly made life uncomfortable for this recently resurgent unit last weekend, twice betrayed by fumbles which contributed heavily to the Vikings' 24-13 victory. But there has been no audible sigh of relief over their departure...and the prospect of contending with the Rams' revamped front four...GOOD AS EVER: Wally Cruice, the Packers veteran game scout, labeled it "just as good as ever" after watching the Californians decision the Atlanta Falcons last weekend, 24-16. Offensive captain Gale Gillingham goes a step farther. "I think their front is better than they were last year," he said during a reflective evaluation after Thursday's practice. "In fact, I think it's as good as any in the league. They're in the same class as the Vikings...They're just like the Vikings - you earn everything you get. It's an excellent front four." The latest National Football League statistics would tend to support his claim. Holdovers Merlin Olsen and Coy Bacon and newcomers Bill Nelson and Jack Youngblood have collaborated to sack enemy quarterbacks 17 times, a figure exceeded only by league leader San Francisco...BIG AND FAST: "I think Nelson has helped them out a lot," says Gillie. "And they get a tremendous amount of hustle out of Youngblood...That Nelson is huge. He's 6-

Dave Conway

Kicker — Texas

Height 6-0, Weight 205

Drafted by San Diego in 1967 . . . waived after four games and went to Denver . . . returned to San Diego as free agent in 1968 . . . injured leg and was inactive for two years before trying out with Dallas this season . . . made 49 and 48 yard field goals in pre-season before being waived by the Cowboys and picked up by Packers . . . made five of six field goals for Packers during exhibition season . . . began collegiate football career as quarterback with University of Texas.

Ken Duncan

Punter-Receiver — Tulsa

Height 6-2, Weight 195

Born Feb. 28, 1946

Acquired on waivers from the Minnesota Vikings, who drafted him 17th . . . Missouri Valley punting champion in 1969 and 1970, holds school record for punting average with 41.6 on 100 kicks . . . Veteran of Vietnam . . . Best day in college was against Louisville in 1969 when he punted for a 51.3 average and caught five passes for 120 yards . . . Journalism Major . . . Ken and his wife, Katherine, have two children.

foot-7 and 270 pounds, and he plays the run well and does a good job of rushing the passer. Olsen (Gillingham's all-pro adversary in Sunday's match) is as good as ever and Coy Bacon has another year of experience behind him, so he's better than last year. They're all big and they're all faster than hell," said Gillingham, himself no shrinking violet at 6-foot-3 and 265. "Olsen is 6-5 and 270, Bacon is 6-4 and 270 and Youngblood is 6-4 and 250."...**DEACON RETURNS:** The Packers all-pro guard, in the midst of perhaps his finest year, had not been aware that the eternally awesome Deacon Jones is likely to rejoin the Ram quartet in time to greet the Pack. The Deacon, sidelined of late by a leg injury, announced earlier this week, "I'll start Sunday against Green Bay...I can't miss out on all this fun." Apprised of Jones's prediction, Gillingham evinced noncommittal interest, suggesting that it will be a little like leaping from the proverbial frying pan into the fire. "I knew the Deacon has been out," he said, "but Youngblood has done a great job in there...He's a helluva football player."...**PACKER TASK CLEAR:** The Ram foursome is not his only concern. "Their linebackers, Marlin McKeever, Jim Purnell and the rookie, Isiah Robertson, have a lot of speed," Gillie said, shaking his head for emphasis, "They're a tough team." Tough or not, the Packers' task is clear, he conceded. "We've got to win. We've got to get back on the track. We have to win for the good of the team's morale. "If we can win this one, we've got a long week to get ready for Detroit in Milwaukee (Monday, Nov. 1)...If we can win these two, I think we'll be right back in the race. Somebody's going to knock Minnesota off. And we get a chance to play the Bears twice and, of course, we get a chance to knock off Detroit. If we can win those next two."...**PACKER PATTERN:** Thursday's practice developments pointed up the wisdom of today's early departure, which gives the Packers an additional workout in sunny California. "This was the sloppiest practice I've seen in a long time from a standpoint of conditions," Coach Dan Devine declared as he surveyed the South Oneida Street fields in the wake of a lengthy drill. "It takes a while for this turf to get wet, but once it gets wet, it stays wet. Today, as a result, John Spilis pulls a muscle and somebody else slips on his butt, things like that. Spilis ran across that mud pie in the middle and pulled a groin muscle. I don't think it's serious but Dave Davis will have to be ready to step in there, just in case." To offset this unexpected concern, Devine was happy to note that center Ken Bowman was rallying strongly from a sprained ankle. "Kenny has remarkable recuperative powers," he said. "I still don't know for sure whether he'll be ready, but I'm more optimistic today than I was yesterday."

GABRIEL DONE BLOWING?

OCT 22 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The Packers long have held the opinion that Roman Gabriel, the Rams' king-sized quarterback, is not only indestructible but virtually unflappable. They have more than a few grim memories of the 6-foot-4, 220-pound field general zeroing in on a receiver with three or four of their number still clinging to his substantial person. Surprise has been registered hereabouts over the discovery that Gabriel, presumably imperturbable in the face of rush or rain, has lately been plagued with self doubt. His troubles began in the season opener against New Orleans, which saw the Saints spring a 24-20 upset upon the Angelenos. He came away with bruised ribs and a wounded psyche, which did not measurably improve when the Rams were forced to settle for a 20-20 tie with the Falcons the next time out...**TOOK KNOCKOUT PUNCH:** The following week, Gabriel escorted the Rams to their first victory, a 17-3 decision of the Bears, and he was convinced he was on the road to recovery. But LA's noblest Roman saw very little of things in Game Four at San Francisco, courtesy of Cedric Hardman, who laid an inadvertent kayo upon the 10-year veteran. "I was beginning to think I had a little dark cloud hanging over my head," said Gabriel. "I told all the guys to stay away. It might be catching." Unfortunately for the Pack, the huge North Carolinian feels he is now emerging from the woods, his confidence having been largely restored during last Sunday's 24-16 victory over the Falcons in Atlanta. Commenting on a late push he engineered to trigger the Rams from behind, he said, "I enjoyed that last drive more than anything. I've got a way to go yet. But the coach is behind me and so is everyone else. I honestly feel I'm on my way now." Teammate Joe Scibelli, one of Gabriel's veteran pass protectors, is of the same opinion. "You could tell even in the huddle," he said. "He had his confidence again. You knew it just listening to his voice."...**BOO BIRDS ON HIS BACK:** Fan loyalty being of somewhat fragile consistency in the city of Angels, Gabriel's appearances in the Memorial Coliseum thus far have been greeted with boos, another barrage of which he reportedly can expect when he emerges from the tunnel Sunday afternoon. Roman insists that he intends to

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

PASSING
(Statistics do not include Game of October 18)
(Alphabetically Arranged—Minimum of 50 Attempts)

	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	TD.	Long	Int.	Pct.	Avg.	Yd.
				Gained	Pass					Gained
Arrington, Philadelphia	51	26	51.0	273	1	57	1	2.0	5.35	
Beathard, St. Louis	87	40	46.0	635	3	64	6	6.9	7.30	
Berry, Atlanta	105	64	62.0	1065	7	66	9	8.6	10.14	
Brodie, San Francisco	153	78	51.0	977	7	50	10	6.5	6.39	
Concannon, Chicago	77	42	54.5	334	0	28	3	3.9	4.34	
Cuozzo, Minnesota	90	47	52.2	576	6	52	4	4.4	6.40	
Gabriel, Los Angeles	115	53	46.1	682	1	68	2	1.7	5.93	
Hunter, Green Bay	69	31	44.9	532	4	56	10	14.5	7.71	
Kilmer, Washington	97	53	54.6	730	4	71	2	2.1	7.53	
Landry, Detroit	101	53	52.5	881	9	74	3	3.0	8.72	
Liske, Philadelphia	114	53	46.5	709	2	34	12	10.5	6.22	
Manning, New Orleans	86	40	46.5	613	5	63	5	5.8	7.13	
Morton, Dallas	91	49	53.8	725	5	76	4	4.4	7.97	
Nix, Chicago	96	37	38.5	539	5	41	7	7.3	5.61	
Tarkenton, New York	150	88	58.7	1058	6	81	8	5.3	7.05	

SCORING

	TDs.	PAT.	FG.	Pls.
Knight, Washington	0	11	13	50
Mann, Detroit	0	16	0	40
Hill, Dallas	6	0	0	36
Owens, Detroit	6	0	0	36
Ray, Los Angeles	0	11	8	35
Gossett, San Fran.	0	13	7	34
Cox, Minnesota	0	9	8	33
Clark, Dallas	0	18	5	33
Bakken, St. Louis	0	8	8	32
Beit, Atlanta	0	10	7	31

KICKOFF RETURNS

	No.	Avg.	Long	TDs.
Jessie, Detroit	6	32.5	97	1
Hampton, Green Bay	15	32.2	80	0
Harris, Dallas	15	30.7	77	0
Thompson, New York	19	29.2	93	1
Smith, Chicago	12	27.5	41	0
Thompson, St. Louis	6	27.3	45	0
Thower, Philadelphia	11	26.5	45	0
Belton, Atlanta	11	26.3	51	0
T. Williams, Los Angeles	6	25.8	49	0
Haymond, Los Angeles	5	25.6	34	0

PASS RECEIVING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs.
Gordon, Chicago	25	345	13.8	3
Grimm, Minnesota	22	352	16.0	4
Kwalick, San Fran.	22	317	14.4	4
Osborn, Minnesota	22	168	7.6	1
G. Washington, San Fran.	17	291	17.1	1
Telferson, Washington	17	280	16.5	1
Jeffrey, Washington	17	245	14.4	2
Fanner, Chicago	17	239	14.1	2
Garrison, Dallas	17	186	10.9	1
Abramowicz, N. Orleans	16	316	19.8	4

PUNT RETURNS

	No.	Avg.	Long	TDs.
Barney, Detroit	11	10.5	38	0
Duncan, Washington	10	9.8	19	0
Turner, Chicago	5	9.8	21	0
Vactor, Washington	11	8.5	30	0
Ellis, Green Bay	7	7.9	30	0
Grim, Minnesota	6	7.3	36	0
Duhon, New York	7	7.0	15	0
Harris, Dallas	9	6.7	20	0
Dodd, New Orleans	8	6.4	14	0
Willingham, St. Louis	7	6.4	19	0

RUSHING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs.
Brown, Washington	98	433	4.4	1
Owens, Detroit	90	403	4.3	4
Willard, San Fran.	86	366	4.3	2
Anderson, Green Bay	78	363	4.7	4
Ellison, Los Angeles	78	357	4.6	2
Brockington, Green Bay	62	321	5.2	1
Harrway, Washington	71	319	4.5	2
Taylor, Detroit	75	298	4.0	1
Hill, Dallas	74	277	3.7	6
V. Washington, S. Fran.	43	256	6.0	1

PUNTING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long
Widby, Dallas	20	879	44.0	59
Stadstill, Los Angeles	29	1265	43.6	60
Fagan, New Orleans	29	1250	43.1	64
McCauley, San Francisco	16	673	42.1	53
McNeil, Philadelphia	30	1251	41.7	51
Anderson, Green Bay	13	539	41.5	58
Brags, Washington	24	982	40.9	58
Blanchard, New York	26	1061	40.8	55
Latourette, St. Louis	26	1053	40.5	55
H. Weaver, Detroit	16	646	40.4	63

INTERCEPTIONS

	No.	Yds.	Long	TDs.
Pardee, Washington	5	58	20	1
Ellis, Green Bay	5	5	5	0
Petition, Washington	4	80	42	0
Lebeau, Detroit	4	31	26	0
Bulkes, Chicago	4	9	9	0

Eight men tied with 3 each

Sayers Sprains Foot

CHICAGO, Ill.—Gale Sayers again is on the sidelines, this time with a sprained left foot. The Chicago Bears' running back, troubled by knee injuries the past two seasons, was hurt in the 13-0 loss to San Francisco October 17.

Assistant Coach **Bob Schnelker**

Assistant Coach — Passing Game

The Green Bay Packers' air attack is coached by Bob Schnelker, a nine year veteran as a player in the National Football League.

Bob played his collegiate football at Bowling Green University and was a 17th round draft choice of the Cleveland Browns in 1953.

He played with the New York Giants at tight end from 1954 to 1960 and finished his career in 1961 with Pittsburgh and Minnesota.

In 1963 he coached the Ram receivers and in February of 1964 joined Vince Lombardi under whom he had played at New York from 1954 to 1958.

As a player, Bob was a two-time performer in the Pro Bowl, enjoying his finest season in 1959 when New York won the first of two consecutive Eastern Conference Crowns and five in a period of six years.

Cal Withrow

Center — Kentucky
Height 6-0, Weight 240
Born in Portsmouth, Ohio,
Aug. 4, 1945

2nd year in NL . . . played for San Diego in 1969 . . . taxi squad member of Chargers in 1970 . . . Came to Packers in off-season trade prior to 1971 season . . . Signed originally as free agent . . . Played for Dayton in Continental League in 1968 . . . Tough blocker.
Residence: Louisville, Ky.

ignore all such expressions from now on, however, as well as the statistics which measure his performance. He reportedly was handed a stats sheet following that victory over the Falcons. But, after starting to take it, he shook his head and declined. "Thanks anyway," he said. "But I've decided not to look at those things anymore."

OLD FOLKS RAMS GO MOD WITH FOUR FRESHMEN

OCT 22 (Los Angeles Times) - Isiah Robertson, Dave Elmendorf, Bill Nelson and Jack Youngblood are four football players who have one thing in common: they are the Four Freshmen of the Rams. For the first time in years, a Ram coach is starting a group of rookies - and these are Tommy Prothro's rookies. An NFL newcomer himself, Prothro has:

- Coached the Rams from the cellar to first place in the Western Division this month.
- Started the Four Freshmen in the defensive lineup that has been largely responsible for the trip from the bottom to the top in the last two games.

Just possibly, these facts are related. The rookies are pretty good, and they played every minute on defense in those two games: Robertson at linebacker and Elmendorf at safety, with Nelson and Youngblood manning half the stations in the front four. A year ago today - when the Rams were only tied for first - Robertson was at Southern University, Elmendorf at Texas A&M, Youngblood at Florida and Nelson on the taxi squad as a young apprentice from Oregon State. The Four Freshmen are in there, of course, with some mature people, Merlin Olsen, Marlin McKeever, Coy Bacon, Gene Howard, Jimmy Nittles, Jim Purnell and Kermit Alexander. And Deacon Jones, the injured old pro, will return presently to strengthen the defense. But it is doing well enough now to alarm the rest of the league, considering that Youngblood is 21, Robertson and Elmendorf 22 and Nelson only 23. Prothro's rookies have put life into the franchise, changing the Ram image from old folks to campus mod. Robertson and Elmendorf, for instance, are flaming 1970s types - Robertson with a fierce-looking black mustache and Elmendorf with his red mustache and flowing red hair. You can't miss either of them from a block away. Isiah is all mustache, black sideburns and towering natural hair in a bright orange and black jumpsuit - one of the 12 expensive jumpsuits he owns. Elmendorf has stepped out of the old South (where his great-great grandfather may have sipped mint juleps under a golden red mustache) into the time machine of 1971, in which he rides around in buckled shoes, flare pants and flowered shirts. Nelson, the son of a smog-pollution expert at UC Berkeley, is a neighborly type. The only married man of the four, Nelson is the biggest Ram at 6-7 and 270. He could be an Oregon lumberjack, a friendly one - huge, rugged, smiling. He has also been compared to a St. Bernard. After a pat on the back, Nelson might make the next six tackles. Youngblood is Mr. Muscle Beach in long hair, a handsome weightlifter and the most eligible of this year's Ram bachelors. He is also one of the best dressed, if you like extreme modern clothes - which the Rams of the Prothro era mostly do. Beyond much doubt, however, Prothro is an extraordinary football teacher. In the first five weeks of his first regular season as a pro coach, he has taken two No. 1 choices (Robertson and Youngblood), a No. 3 (Elmendorf) and a No. 7 (Nelson) and blended them into a winning defense. All four are products, of course, of the Ram scouting department headed by chief scout Norm Pollom. Pollom's personnel hunters are proving this year that they can come up with instant starters when they have a coach who will use them...**PHYSICAL ABILITY:** Robertson, 6-3 and 225, is doing it with quickness, according to Tom Catlin, coach of the linebackers, who says: "This fellow is so quick he can miss his key and still be around the football. Attitude is Robertson's problem. You can't star on ability alone in this league. Every pro star is an all-out team player. "But as

far as physical ability goes," says Catlin, "Robertson has more of it than any other linebacker we've had since I've been in Los Angeles." The top Ram draftee, a super-confident type, agrees with this endorsement. "I expect to make All-Pro this year," says Robertson, who is ready for it. He has his own answering service, a pad in Long Beach and a Cadillac, which he drives to work. For relaxation, Isiah pilots a motorcycle, speeding around in a \$200 jumpsuit and a Ram helmet. Robertson, a native of New Orleans, rooms with Youngblood when the Rams are on the road. Born and raised in Jacksonville, Youngblood is a Southern gentleman who says "Yes, sir" and "No, sir," except to young ladies. Sid Hall, boss of the front four, reports that some of Robertson's self-confidence is rubbing off on Youngblood, who, however, is responsible for his own great strength. "Jack might be the strongest defensive lineman on our team," says Hall, who coaches such strongmen as Jones and Olsen. "Of course, Ole is powerful, naturally powerful. But Jack is working with those weights all the time." In the last two games, Youngblood, 6-4 and 250, has replaced Jones, the injured All-Pro who plans to return against Green Bay here Sunday. Coach Hall's other rookie, Nelson, is a starter this year because the Rams only have 10 veterans left from George Allen's defense - including first-stringers and reserves. "Nelson is everything but mean," says Hall. "If he ever learns meanness, look out." Of the Four Freshmen, Elmendorf is the smallest (6-1 and 195). But as the

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	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Lg.	TD
Anderson, Pack	78	363	4.7	29	4
Ellison, Rams	78	357	4.6	50	4
Brockington, Pack	62	321	5.2	52	1
Josephson, Rams	57	244	4.3	57	1
Smith, Rams	20	147	7.4	64	1
Hampton, Pack	24	125	5.2	41	1

PASSING

	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD	Int.
Bratkowski, Pack	25	14	192	2	0
Gabriel, Rams	114	53	682	1	2
Hunter, Pack	69	31	532	5	10

RECEIVING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lg.	TD
Rentzel, Rams	13	160	12.3	21	0
Dale, Pack	14	267	19.1	56	2
Ellison, Rams	12	125	10.4	49	0
Snow, Rams	11	180	16.3	68	0
Josephson, Rams	11	113	10.3	29	1
McGeorge, Pack	10	199	19.9	50	3
Anderson, Pack	9	75	8.3	26	0
Spilis, Pack	8	188	23.5	39	0

INTERCEPTIONS

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lg.	TD
Ellis, Pack	5	5	1.0	5	0
Robertson, Rams	3	27	9.0	20	0
Hart, Pack	2	73	36.5	69	0
McKeever, Rams	2	26	13.0	15	0
Robinson, Pack	2	43	21.5	23	0
Nettles, Rams	2	24	12.0	24	0
Howard, Rams	2	29	14.5	23	0

Rams' new free safety, he is among the most valuable. Says Larrye Weaver, his coach: "Dave is a rookie, so he will make all the mistakes that rookies make, but so far, he hasn't made the same mistake twice."

SPILLIS, HAMPTON OKAY, BUT BOWMAN HURTING

OCT 23 (Los Angeles-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packers managed to get in a practice here Friday, but it wasn't easy. The departure of their United Airlines charter for Los Angeles was delayed nearly three hours because Green Bay's Austin Straubel Field was fog bound. Upon arrival here, they checked into the Wilshire Hyatt House for a 3:30 meeting. They then hastily adjourned to the University of California practice field to stage a one-hour workout. Center Ken Bowman, who has a sprained ankle, showed continued improvement, prompting Coach Dan Devine to observe, "I think Cal Withrow will start however." Wide receiver John Spilis, victim of a pulled groin muscle Thursday, was running at near full speed. Devine indicated he would start. Fullback John Brockington was withheld from the workout because of a minor leg problem but the Packer coach said he also would start. He said running back Dave Hampton, who sat out last Sunday's Minnesota game because of a charley horse, will return to duty. The Packers were accorded a noisy welcome by a group of Madison, Wis. fans, here for Sunday's game. They were on hand with signs and cheers when the Pack's charter landed at Los Angeles International Airport.

ARTISTIC ANDERSON HEADS FOR BEST YEAR

OCT 23 (Los Angeles-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - A year ago, Donny Anderson rushed to seventh place in National Football League ground

gaining, amassing a career high 853 yards over the 14-game route. Hailed as evidence of newly acquired maturity on the Golden Palomino's part, it was a sterling performance by any standards. But there are those close to the Packer scene who predict greater things for him this season, the premise being that he is even more artistic than he was in 1970. Battle-tested Ray Nitschke, who has studied Anderson at close range ever since he burst upon the Green Bay scene in 1966, is inclined to agree. "I think Donny's a smarter runner than he was a year ago," says the 34-year-old middle linebacker, a man who qualifies as a fair country judge of ball carrying talent, having played against such as Jimmy Brown, Leroy Kelly and Gale Sayers over a 14-year career. "He has a good feel for it. Right now, he's running like a guy who has himself under control at all times." Statistics never tell the whole story, of course, but they do reveal one indisputable point - that Anderson is substantially ahead of his 1970 pace at this stage. After five games a year ago, the former bonus baby had totaled 300 yards in 73 carries. After five 1971 appearances, he goes into Sunday's Ram game at the Memorial Coliseum with 363 yards in 78 attempts, a 4.7 average. The fourth ranking rusher in the National Football Conference, he is only three yards to the rear of the 49ers' Ken Willard and stands sixth overall in the NFL. "Donny is taking advantage of his blockers and what the defense is doing," says Nitschke, nodding his head in approval. "He's been doing a great job of that. "The thing that impresses me is that he has a purpose in mind for every move he makes.

All good runners have this quality. "For an all-around, all purpose performer, there probably is not a better back in the league right now than Donny," Nitschke declared. "I'm taking into account his ability as a pass receiver as well as a runner, and his kicking. In other words, as a complete football player." At the moment, Anderson is the Pack's No. 3 pass catcher with nine receptions for 75 yards. He also has averaged 41.5 yards on 13 punts, good for sixth place in the National Conference. "I think he's finally put all of his talents together," Nitschke said. "He's a heckuva football player."...PACKER PATTERN: Despite having to sit out last Sunday's Viking game, Dave Hampton continues to lead the Packers in advancing the ball. The cat-quick halfback has stacked up 633 yards, 483 of them on 15 kickoff returns, a category in which he presently ranks second in the NFC with a 32.2-yard average. He also has gained 125 yards rushing in 24 attempts and caught two passes for 25 more. Teammate Ken Ellis is up among the conference leaders in two departments. He shares first place in interceptions with the Washington Redskins' Jack Pardee with five and he is fifth in punt returns with a 7.9-yard average for seven runbacks. The season's longest interception runback still belongs to fellow defender Doug Hart, who pulled off a 69-yard excursion with a Don Horn pass against Denver. Hart has led the league in that category each of the last two years...A change of scenery appears to have agreed with Lance Rentzel, dealt to the Rams by the Cowboys during the off-season. Rentzel is LA's leading receiver with 13 receptions for 160 yards. Oddly enough, for one of his long ball propensities, he has yet to catch a touchdown pass. Willie Ellison is the Rams' No. 1 rusher with 357 yards in 78 carries and also ranks as their No. 2 pass catcher with 12 for 125. Rookie Isiah Robertson is the Angelenos' leading interceptor with three...The Packers, who staged their final pre-Ram practice here this morning, are

Artistic Anderson Heads for Best Year

headquartering at the Wilshire Hyatt House. They will enplane for Green Bay immediately after the game and are scheduled to arrive at Austin Straubel Field in the vicinity of midnight.

PACKER QB TURNS 40: ZEKE BRATKOWSKI: 'AGE IS ONLY A NUMBER'

OCT 23 (Los Angeles Times) - Edmund Raymond (Zeke) Bratkowski observed his 40th birthday Wednesday. "Age is only a number," he said. "I feel the same as I did when I was 28, 38, or 39. In fact, my arm has never felt better." Bratkowski, the veteran quarterback, will be available here Sunday against the Rams if young Scott Hunter falters. Bart Starr, the Packers' No. 1 quarterback, is recovering from shoulder surgery. "Athletes are often written off because of age," said Zeke. "But, if a player takes care of himself, stays in good condition and doesn't dissipate, there is no set limit as to how long he can play. Look at Jack Pardee. He's playing a tough position (linebacker) at 35 and is having one of his best seasons. Then there's George Blanda (age 44). He has the same spirit, vitality, and motivation he's always had. And, he can still throw the ball."...THREE B'S: Blanda was already a five-year NFL veteran when Bratkowski joined him as a rookie with the Chicago Bears in 1954. Those were the days when the Bears had the three "B's" at quarterback - Blanda, Bratkowski, and Ed Brown. Bratkowski was traded to the Rams in 1961, a year after Blanda began his second career in the AFL. "Those were interesting days," said Zeke, recalling his three losing seasons with the Rams "I remember we used to alternate quarterbacks on every down. I can remember alternating with both Roman Gabriel and Terry Baker. The guy that usually ended up in there on third down was in the worst fix. Let's say that on first down, we gained two yards. Then, on second down the quarterback would be sacked for a 12-yard loss. Now a new quarterback was in again on third and long. I think the second-down quarterback had a better spot." The Packers prevailed upon the Rams to place Bratkowski on waivers late in the 1963 season. Los Angeles complied, Green Bay claimed him and later compensated the Rams by sending them center Ken Iman, who is still a fixture in the offensive line. Bratkowski played on three NFL championship teams under the late Vince Lombardi and won some big games when Starr was injured. The last two seasons, Zeke was an offensive coach, but probably did more passing than he did when he was playing. "Bart was having arm troubles then and I would throw against the defense in practice," said Bratkowski. "I would emulate Gabriel or some other quarterback that we were going to face and I tried to copy their style."...PLAYING AGAIN: Zeke became an active quarterback again this season under unusual circumstances. Minnesota (that's right) traded him to Green Bay for a draft choice. "In 1969 the Packers tried to slip me through the league on waivers," said Bratkowski. "They didn't think anyone would claim me, especially the Vikings, who already had their full 40-man roster. But Minnesota did claim me and, because I was in the last group put through on waivers, Green Bay couldn't recall them." So, Bratkowski was a Packer coach for two years while technically belonging to Minnesota. Zeke almost joined the Vikings as a quarterback at the outset of this season. "When Dan Devine came in, he told me that I could try to make any deal that I wanted," said Bratkowski. "I had some very flattering college coaching offers and Minnesota wanted me as both a player and coach. I talked to Bud Grant and was impressed with his organization. But I have two boys in school - one is a junior in high school - and I didn't want to move again. Then Coach Devine asked me to remain here as a player and I accepted. But Green Bay had to trade with Minnesota to secure my playing rights."...DEVINE IMPRESSIVE: Devine, like the Rams Tommy Prothro, is only a rookie in the professional ranks, but Bratkowski is impressed by the new coach. "I don't think there's any great coaching adjustment to be made from college to the pros," said Zeke. "They all draw their x's and o's in the same way. The difference is that a pro coach has his personnel longer than a college coach. And, it takes some time to learn the traits of the other teams. It's probably more important to be a good personnel director and that's what Devine is. He has many of Lombardi's qualities - a great motivator, disciplinarian and organizer." Bratkowski, a superbly conditioned athlete who runs as far as six miles a day in the off-season, said his playing career is a year-by-year thing. "I do want coaching to be my life's vocation," he said. "I've had some offers, as I said, and I'll listen to others." But don't bet that Zeke won't be active in the NFL for three or four more years. He intimated as much when he said: "In this era of the injured quarterback, there's always a need for someone with experience. And, I'm throwing as well now as I ever have."

RAM PUZZLE: GABE'S PASSING GAME

OCT 23 (Los Angeles Times) - Throughout the Ram organization today, in all departments, from the top floor to the locker room, one theme is being expressed. "We have the receivers this year," they're saying, "we have the runners, and we have the offensive line. We also have the defense and the coaching. We have everything but the passing. This team will be all right when Gabe starts to hit." Gabe is Roman Gabriel, the quarterback, and the Rams are not displeased with him, just disappointed. The general feeling is one of frustration on a team that is doing everything else so well. Jack Snow and Lance Rentzel are getting open, Lester Josephson and Willie Ellison are running hard and far. The offensive line is having a big year, and the Ram defense now is intimidating all opponents. The Rams remember what the big quarterback has done for them in the past, and they are grateful. They only wish he'd do it again. And so, in the sixth game of the season here Sunday against Green Bay, with only eight games left, Gabriel is on something of a spot. It's time for the offense to get moving. There are some big ones ahead for the Ram team: Baltimore, Detroit, San Francisco, Washington and Dallas. At the moment, in a 13-team conference, the Rams rank 13th in pass offense. But, Green Bay is 12th in pass defense-having yielded 203 air yards a game, on the average - and Los Angeles is favored by a touchdown. The Rams believe Gabriel can do it, and you have to agree with them. With a crowd of 65,000 expected, this is the first NFL matchup of Tommy Prothro and Dan Devine, the former college coaches who have gone from UCLA and Missouri to the Rams and Packers this season. They are the first from the campus in 16 years to try it in the NFL - the first since Sid Gillman moved from the University of

Ram Statistics

RUSHING

	TCB	Yds.	Avg.	Lg	TD
Ellison	78	357	4.57	50	2
Josephson	57	244	4.28	57	1
Smith	20	147	7.35	64	1
Rentzel	6	100	16.66	50	1
Williams	2	40	20.00	36	0
Gabriel	10	20	2.00	10	2
Klein	2	8	4.00	5	0
Rhyme	2	0	0.00	0	0

Totals	177	916	5.16	64	7
Opponents	162	573	3.30	24	3

PASSING

	PA	PC	Pct.	Yds.	Int.
Gabriel	114	53	46.5	682	2
Rhyme	12	3	25.0	14	1

Totals	126	56	44.5	696	3
Opponents	142	67	47.2	935	12

RECEIVING

	PC	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Rentzel	13	160	12.30	21	0
Ellison	12	125	10.41	49	0
Snow	11	160	16.30	68	0
Josephson	11	113	10.27	29	1
Klein	4	39	9.75	17	1
Smith	2	52	17.33	34	0
Maslowski	1	19	19.00	19	0
Williams	1	8	8.00	8	0

Totals	56	696	12.40	68	2
Opponents	67	935	13.95	45	4

SCORING

	TD	PAT	FG	S	Pts.
Ray	0	11	8	0	35
Josephson	3	0	0	0	18
Gabriel	2	0	0	0	12
Ellison	2	0	0	0	12
Klein	1	0	0	0	6
Rentzel	1	0	0	0	6
Howard	1	0	0	0	6
Smith	1	0	0	0	6

Totals	11	11	8	0	101
Opponents	8	7	7	0	76

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS: Interceptions—Robertson, 3, 9.00 average; kick-off returns—Williams, 6-155, 25.83 average; punt returns—Haymond, 12-54, 4.50 average; punting — Studstill, 29-1,265, 43.62 average.

Cincinnati to the Rams in 1955 - and significantly, as veteran college teachers, Prothro and Devine are showing the pros how to run the ball. The Rams are the No. 2 running team in the conference this week, the Packers No.4. In the won-lost standings, however, Green Bay (2-3) is in the Central Division cellar. Los Angeles (3-1-1) leads the Western Division, Prothro, in two prior games, never has lost to Devine. UCLA tied Missouri in 1965 (14-14) and won in 1966 (24-15). Both coaches then were two-thirds of the way through their college careers, which were to last 16 years for each coach (1955-70). Devine was "rudely awakened" last Sunday, he says, in the game won by Minnesota, 24-13. "We've got a lot further to go than I thought," he says. "This team is just not as patient or disciplined as it should be. But maybe we don't have the kind of team that could be disciplined. I'm not discouraged - I'm just realistic." Many of the Packers apparently are making their last visit to Los Angeles. "There are some young guys here who'll survive this," says Devine, "and some older guys who'll survive. Around them we'll have a championship football team." He predicts that Scott Hunter, the young quarterback from Alabama, will be one of the survivors. But in his first game in Los Angeles, Hunter meets a tough defensive team that has taken the Rams to the top this year. In fact, the difference between Sunday's opponents is the Ram defensive excellence. The Packers have given up 127 points in five games, the Rams only 76. Hunter, 23, is matched against the 31-year-old Gabriel, a mature veteran who has won four straight regular-season games from Green Bay, one a year since 1967. Gabriel's trouble this season is inconsistency. Last week, for example, he threw the game-winning pass - 8 yards that Snow carried 60 yards. But, in the first 55 minutes in Atlanta, Gabriel could generate only 10 points against a crippled defense. This has been the pattern of Gabriel's season, and it has taken him down to 10th place in the NFC quarterback standings, behind such young throwers as Archie Manning and Rick Arrington. The Los Angeles quarterback, however, is three notches above the Green Bay rookie, Hunter. The Rams think this is Gabriel's week.

PROTHRO, DEVINE MEET AGAIN AS PROS

OCT 24 (Los Angeles Times) - Tommy Prothro and Dan Devine, who earned nationwide recognition as successful college coaches, oppose each other today at the Coliseum in a professional setting. Prothro has a slight advantage. His Rams are leading the NFC West with a 3-1-1 record and are favored by six points to defeat Devine's Green Bay Packers, who are 2-3. This will be the third meeting between the rookie professional coaches. Prothro, while at UCLA, defeated and tied Devine's Missouri teams: 24-15 in 1965 and 14-14 in 1966...DEVINE RECORD BEST: Devine's overall record, however, is better. In 16 years of coaching at Arizona State and Missouri, Devine had a 120-40-8 mark. For the same period, Prothro was 104-55-5 at UCLA and Oregon State. There has

been considerable speculation as to whether a college coach, despite his credentials, could immediately succeed in the professional ranks. Prothro has already answered that question and Devine is doing a creditable job with a young team that is fighting for survival in the demanding Minnesota-Detroit division, the NFL Central. Although the Rams are on a three-game winning streak, it has been a struggle all the way. "Last week I said that in each of our first four games I didn't know who was going to win after 55 minutes, and it was the same story last Sunday," said Prothro, referring to the Rams fourth quarter rally to defeat Atlanta, 24-16. The fourth quarter has been the Rams quarter. In it they have outscored the opposition by a 48-14 margin. Prothro's defense has been reliable but he's still trying to achieve offensive balance. "By that," said Tommy. "I don't mean the number of yards passing or running in a game but the ability to do both. It doesn't make any difference if you make all your yards passing or running as long as the threat of either is there." Statistically, the Rams are the NFC's second-leading rushing team and 13th and last in passing offense. Roman Gabriel indicated he was snapping out of his slump against Atlanta (14 of 24, 209 yards) and he could exploit an apparent Packer weakness with a sharp performance today. Green Bay has yielded an average of 202.8 yards a game on pass defense. This deficiency has been blamed on an inadequate pass rush and, perhaps, the fact the Packer secondary relies primarily on man-to-man coverage while other NFL teams have converted to zone or combination defenses...STRONG RUNNING GAME: There aren't many bugs, however, in the Packers' offense. Devine leads with a strong running game inspired by versatile Donny Anderson and rookie John Brockington, a fast, quick hitter. Scott Hunter, the rookie quarterback from Alabama, is improving. He completed 12 of 24 for 230 yards against Minnesota last week, aiming most of his passes at ex-Ram Carroll Dale, who is still a bomb threat. The Packers could have beaten the Vikes if turnovers, a season-long nemesis (18), hadn't set up Minnesota for easy scores. On the subject of turnovers, the Rams aren't recovering their own fumbles or the opposition's, for that matter. "There have been 25 balls on the ground in our past four games and we've recovered only four of them," said Prothro. "I just can't remember that ever happening before." Today's game (1:05 p.m. kickoff) is expected to attract a crowd of 65,000...RAM NOTES: The Rams made some changes in their roster Saturday, activating linebacker Don Parrish and offensive guard Mike LaHood and putting running back Lee White and offensive tackle Rich Buzin on the taxi squad...There's a 60% chance that Deacon Jones will play today. The Ram defensive end has been sidelined the past two games with a sprained arch...Packer wide receiver John Spilis is suffering from a pulled groin muscle and may be replaced by rookie Doug Davis of Tennessee A&I...Bill Hayhoe (ex-USC) is a reserve Packer offensive tackle, while another former Trojan, wide receiver

Sam Dickerson, is on the taxi squad...Willie Wood, the veteran All-Pro safety who seems to improve with age, is the most prominent USC alum representing Green Bay.

PACK STANDS AT THE CROSSROAD

OCT 24 (Los Angeles-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - This could be the day of decision! The Packers, presently two games removed from first place with a 2-3 record, today stand at the Central Division crossroads on the turf of Memorial Coliseum. With the mid-point in a 14-game National Football League season virtually at hand, the need for getting past the Los Angeles Rams, (3 o'clock WNFL-Channel 2) for purely practical reasons is painfully clear. Although morale remains high, a victory also would give the Packers a highly opportune shot is psyche for the stretch run. Consecutive losses to the Lions and Vikings in high-key efforts could have eroded their confidence ever so slightly. Taking note of these critical circumstances, Coach Dan Devine said "I think this game in some respects is a real test of our team. We are away from home after playing two tough physical games in a row that we could have won and we are a little beat up physically. So if there is any time to have a letdown, it is now...NEED THIS GAME: "We play Detroit next week and Detroit beat us the first time and I'm sure we'll be ready for them. I don't know about this one though. But I think the players know we need this game to stay in the race. They certainly act like they do." In the Rams, leaders of the National Football Conference's Western Division, with a 3-1-1 record and six point favorites today, the Packers will be meeting a team Devine labels "much more explosive, than the Vikings," 24-13 conquerors of the Green and Gold last Sunday. "They have people (Willie Ellison, Les Josephson and Larry Smith) who can three or four-yard you to death, they have one of the three best passers in the league in Roman Gabriel and two of the best receivers in Jack Snow and Lance Rentzel," he said. Devine didn't mention him but the Rams likewise are blessed with one of the NFL's premiere place kickers in David Ray, who has hit on eight of 10 field goal attempts...TOUGH FRONT FOUR: The Angelinos also own a front four which is at least a reasonable facsimile of Minnesota's Four Norse Men, who were in devastating evidence at Green Bay's Lambeau field a week ago. It is built around all-pro Merlin Olsen, a six foot 5, 270-pound tackle who provides an intriguing match-up with fellow all-pro Gale Gillingham of the Packers and 6 foot 4, 270-pound Coy Bacon. New members of the foursome are Bill Nelson, a 6 foot 7, 270-pound refugee from the taxi squad and Jack Youngblood, 6-foot-4, 250-pound rookie who may start opposite the Pack's Dick Himes at left end because the fabled Deacon Jones reportedly is still troubled with a sore arch. They have sacked enemy quarterbacks 17 times, a statistic which suggests a major showdown up front. Gillingham and Himes, et al, have permitted quarterbacks Scott Hunter and Zeke Bratkowski to be felled on only three occasions, second best record in the NFL...RENTZEL ON THE RUN: The Packer front four, meanwhile, will be facing up to the No. 2 rushing unit in the NFC. The Rams, runners-up to the Lions in this category, are averaging 183.2 yard per game, a performance which has prompted veteran guard Joe Seibilli to assert, "This is the best running team we've had in the 11 years I've played here." Rentzel, acquired in an off-season trade with the Cowboys, has played a significant part in the Rams' rushing success. He has run the end-around play six times for 100 yards, including a 50-yard scoring cantor. "Some folks have labeled plays like that gimmicks," says Ram coach Tommy Prothro, a devout big play exponent. "I look at them as an instrument to fool the other guy. Every now and then, I like to do something like that to keep an opponent off balance." Ironically, considering their long time reputation as an air power, the Rams rank 13th and last in NFC passing, largely because Gabriel has been the victim of erratic radar thus far this season. But they are convinced that this is the Roman's week. That conviction

Ram-Packer Rosters

Coliseum, 1:05 p.m.

RAMS

No. Name, Pos.	No. Name, Pos.	No. Name, Pos.
13 Rentzel, wr	39 Alexander, s	70 Carollo, t
17 Rhome, qb	42 Elmendorf, s	71 Seibelli, g
18 Gabriel, qb	44 White, rb	72 P. Olsen, dt
19 Nettles, cb	48 Maslowski, wr	73 Cowan, t
21 Howard, cb	50 Iman, c	74 M. Olsen, dt
23 Haymond, s	52 Pergine, lb	75 Jones, de
24 Cl. Williams, cb	53 Purnell, lb	76 Schuh, t
25 T. Williams, rb	56 Halverson, lb	77 Buzin, t
27 Ray, pk	57 Parish, lb	79 Bacon, de
28 Studstill, wr-p	58 Robertson, lb	80 Klein, te
33 Ellison, rb	61 Saul, c-g	84 Snow, wr
34 Josephson, rb	65 Mack, g	85 Youngblood, de
36 Geddes, lb	67 Nelson, dt	86 McKeever, lb
38 Smith, rb	68 LaHood, g	88 Curran, te

PACKERS

No. Name, Pos.	No. Name, Pos.	No. Name, Pos.
10 Patrick, qb	47 Davis, wr	75 Michaels, pk
12 Bratkowski, qb	48 Ellis, cb	76 McCoy, dt
16 Hunter, qb	50 Carter, lb	77 Hayhoe, t
21 Hall, cb	53 Carr, lb	78 Brown, dt
22 Pitts, rb	54 Winther, c	81 McGeorge, te
24 Wood, s	56 Crutcher, lb	82 Aldridge, de
25 Hampton, rb	57 Bowman, c	83 C. Williams, de
27 Randolph, s	58 Withrow, c	84 Dale, wr
29 Matthews, cb	62 Lueck, g	85 Spilis, wr
30 Krause, rb	63 Winkler, g	87 Roche, dt-de
31 P. Williams, rb	66 Nitschke, lb	88 Garrett, te
42 Brockington, rb	68 Gillingham, g	89 Robinson, lb
43 Hart, s	71 Peay, t	
44 Anderson, rb	72 Himes, t	

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Lueck	LG	Mack	
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Gillingham	RG	Schell	
Himes	RT	Schuh	
McGeorge	TE	Klein	
Dale	WR	Rentzel	
Hunter	QB	Gabriel	
Anderson	RB	Josephson	
Brockington	RB	Ellison	
DEFENSE			
C. Williams	LE	Youngblood	
McCoy	LT	Olsen	
Brown	RT	Nelson	
Aldridge	RE	Bacon	
Robinson	LLB	Pernell	
Carter	MLB	McKeever	
Carr	RLB	Robertson	
Ellis	LC	Nettles	
Matthews	RC	Howard	
Hart	LS	Alexander	
Wood	RS	Elmendorf	
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Points: Rams 1,236; Packers 1,017.			

could stem from the knowledge the Packers rank 12th in the conference in pass defense, having given up 13 touchdown passes in five games. It also could spring from the fact that Gabriel has directed the Californians to four consecutive regular season victories over the Pack. The last, a 31-21 triumph which marred "Bart Starr Day" festivities in Green Bay last October...PITTS FOR KRAUSE: To a great extent, Packer hopes ride with Gabriel's youthful adversary, Scott Hunter, and the ability to avoid critical errors which loomed large in those losses to Detroit and Minnesota. Also with the revived running game, which has seen Donny Anderson rush for 363 yards and rookie John Brockington for 321 to rank fourth and sixth respectively, in the NFC. Ken Bowman has made a remarkable recovery from a severely strained ankle and is expected to play but Cal Withrow will start at center. The only other scheduled personnel change will find Elijah Pitts replacing Lerry Krause on kickoff returns in tandem with Dave Hampton, back in action after missing last Sunday's game with a Charlie horse. Customarily sunny skies and temperatures in the high 70's are forecast for this first NFL tactical encounter between Devine and Prothro, who evoked nationwide attention when they left the college campus last January to enter the pro coaching ranks. Devine will be seeking his first victory over the former UCLA mentor. Prothro's Uclans tied Devine's Missouri Tigers 14-14 in 1965 and followed with a 24-15 victory in a 1966 re-match.

Pack Stands at the Crossroad

OCT 30 (The Sporting News) - SAYERS KEEPS PROMISE: Gale Sayers is running with a football again...and this singular event makes pro football a more exciting spectacle. Not only because Sayers, when he is all together, is the most exciting athlete in football, but more because he is an excitingly dedicated, devoted, determined human being. There were many of us who staunchly believed Sayers would never run with a football again five months ago. He had undergone two operations to restore his knee, his second and third surgical experiences. "Football can expect me back this year," Sayers told the 1,000 in attendance at a New York football writers' bash. We could only pray he was correct. Then he spoke out against those aberrational men who have become football turncoats, who played football and accepted its money and then called it dehumanizing. "Pro football has provided me with opportunities unlimited," Gale said. He's back, just on a limited basis now, but he's back running and it's exciting...READY MENTALLY: Coach Jim Dooley has been starting Sayers in the Bears' backfield, though he is not yet fit to play an entire game. "Here's a man who has had virtually no practice," said Dooley, after Gale ran eight times for 30 yards in his return against the Saints. "We just have to bring him along gradually. It's better to start him because he gets so psyched. You have to remember his whole life. He's first at the meetings, first at practice. He doesn't sit. He's so primed I like to let him go right from the start. Mentally, he's ready, but he's not going to play a whole game all at once. It will be a gradual thing." "I know I still have my stuff," said Sayers...A DEFENSIVE GAME: MINNESOTA - The iceman, Bud Grant, refused to become emotional about the Vikings' troubles in scoring points. Why should he when his defense delivered two straight shutouts? So what if the Vikings could manage only 19 points blanking the Bills and 13 while snowing the Eagles? "If it's 3-0 or 13-0 or 40-0, it's a win," said Grant. "That's what we're interested in. "The tickets are all sold now. The object is to win the football game." Oh, well, high-scoring, volatile offenses make good copy - and talking about what makes good copy vs. what makes Minnesota winning football is another of Grant's putdowns. Dave Osborn, the Vikings' top runner, says it has become more difficult to gain on the ground than ever before. "You don't see the back get the long runs they used to," said Osborn. "The outstanding athletes now playing defense cut down your outside running with their ground pursuit. They are so big and strong it's not easy for an offensive lineman to block them for any length of time." And Osborn doesn't have to run against the best defense - Minnesota's...GREEN BAY - Recovering Bart Starr is representing the Packers in the pregame coin flips - but then he retires to the pressbox. He's hooked up by phone to the bench and transmits messaged advice to the offense. Dan Devine is being extremely cautious in his handling of Scott Hunter, the young rookie quarterback. Hunter was involved in a late-hour auto accident in Green Bay, actually an innocent victim, several hours before the Packers flew to Detroit. He nevertheless started against the Lions. Devine said he was tempted to yank him during a shaky first quarter, but waited till halftime. Then Zeke Bratkowski took over when the Packers were behind, 24-7, and almost pulled out a victory...INVESTMENT IN FUTURE: "I thought about replacing Scott as early as the first quarter," said Devine, "but I'm thinking about the future, too." Despite Bratkowski's polished relief showing, Devine announced Hunter as the starter for the next game with the Vikings. "Scott represents a considerable investment for the future," said Devine. It's a delicate thing, a rookie quarterback's psychological makeup. Hunter's confidence is being built up by Devine's handling-but it could be crumbling back down by the handling of the Lions' and Vikings' defense...DETROIT - Larry Walton has blossomed as an outside receiver for the Lions, who have been waiting four years for Earl McCullouch to do likewise. With intense coverage on Charlie Sanders, Greg Landry has started to seek out Walton. The results have been excellent. Walton dodged three tacklers to turn one of Landry's passes into a 54-yard touchdown against Atlanta. The next week he took a pass and escaped five Packers in the broken field to turn a routine 15-yard gain for a first down into a 60-yard touchdown. "Walton made as good a run as I've seen since Gale Sayers," said Russ Thomas, the Lions general manager. Thomas also said Landry's 18-for-29 day for 302 yards and four touchdowns was his

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quarterback's finest performance. These were brave words in the light of the Lions' economical climate. Walton and Landry are two of the seven Lions who are unsigned for 1971. After the victory over Green Bay, Landry ranked as the leading passer in pro football and

Steve Owens topped the NFC rushing stats...\$100 BACKFIELD: CHICAGO - Jim Dooley said he didn't want to stab a needle into anyone, but he is drawing some amusement from his backfield when Sayers is taking a rest. "I thought our \$100 backfield was fantastic against New Orleans," said Dooley. "Now it's going up against the million-dollar backfield." The \$100 backfield is quarterback Kent Nix and runners Don Shy and Jim Grabowski. Each of the three became a Bear for the \$100 waiver price and the backfield accounted for four of the five touchdowns against the Saints. The million-dollar backfield is San Francisco's John Brodie, who received a near-million-dollar settlement as balm when the leagues merged, and expensive runners Ken Williard and Vic Washington.

Packer Statistics

RESULTS		SCORES BY QUARTERS					
PACKERS	OPP.		One	Two	Three	Four	Total
40 N.Y. Giants at G.B. (56,263)	42	G.B.	17	41	44	33	135
34 Denver at MKE (47,957)	13	OPP.	24	38	41	24	127
20 Cinn. at G.B. (56,263)	17						
28 Lions at Detroit (54,418)	31						
13 Minn at G.B. (56,263)	24						
RAMS AT L.A.							

TEAM STATISTICS			SCORING			TDR	TDP	FGS	PAT.	PTS
83	FIRST DOWNS	84	Michaels	0	0	5	11/12			26
45	by RUSHING	32	Anderson	4	0	0	0	0	0	24
36	by PASSING	47	McGeorge	0	3	0	0	0	0	18
2	by PENALTY	5	Hampton	1	1	0	0	0	0	12
1573	TOTAL NET YARDS	1561	Brockington	1	1	0	0	0	0	12
283	Total Plays	305	Dale	0	2	0	0	0	0	12
5.6	Ave Gain Per Off Play	5.1	Hunter	2	0	0	0	0	0	12
56.6	Ave No. Plays	61.0	Ellis	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
840	NET YARDS RUSHING	545	Bratkowski	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
181	No. Plays Rushing	151	Conway	0	0	0	0	5	5	5
4.6	Ave Gain Per Rush	3.6	Hart	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
733	NET YARDS PASSING	1014								
767	Gross Yds. Passing	1086	RUSHING	NO.	YDS	AVE	LONG	TD.		
101/47	Attempts/Comp.	146/79	Anderson	78	363	4.7	29	4		
46.5	Pct. Comp.	54.1	Brockington	62	321	5.2	52t	1		
7	TD. Passing	13	Hampton	24	125	5.2	41	1		
11	Had Intercepted	10	Hunter	12	34	2.8	16	2		
3/34	Tackled/Yds. Lost	8/72	P. Williams	1	-2	-2.0	-2	0		
7.5	Ave Gain Per Att.	7.4	Krause	3	-6	-2.0	2	0		
16.3	Ave Gain Per Comp.	13.7	Bratkowski	1	1	1.0	1	1		
19/755	PUNTS/YDS	22/900								
39.7	PUNT AVE.	40.9	RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	AVE	LONG	TD.		
0	Had blocked	0	McGeorge	10	199	19.9	50	3		
14/81	PUNT RETURNS/YDS	11/96	Spilis	8	188	23.5	39	0		
5.8	Ave Gain Per Ret.	8.7	Dale	14	267	19.1	56t	2		
3	Fair Catch	2	Anderson	9	75	8.3	26	0		
24/650	KICKOFF RETURNS/YDS	24/565	Brockington	4	13	3.3	9	1		
27.1	Ave Per Return	23.5	Hampton	2	25	12.5	19t	0		
10/141	INTERCEPTED BY/YDS	11/193								
12/8	FUMBLES/LOST	10/5	F.O. RET.	NO.	YDS	AVE	LONG	TD.		
135	TOTAL POINTS	127	Hampton	15	483	32.2	80	0		
17	Touchdowns	16	Krause	2	52	26.0	29	0		
9	TD Rushing	0	Ellis	1	22	22.0	22	0		
7	TD Passing	13	P. Williams	1	20	20.0	20	0		
1	Others	3	Carter	1	5	5.0	5	0		
4/6	FIELD GOAL ATT/MADE	8/3								

FIELD GOALS	MADE	ATTS.	BLK.	LONG	INTERCEP.	NO.	YDS	AVE	LONG	TD.
Michaels	5	6	0	44	Ellis	5	5	1.0	5	0
Conway	0	1	0	0	Hart	2	73	36.5	69	0
					Robinson	2	43	21.5	23	0
					Matthews	1	20	20.0	20	0

DIST.	UNDER	21-	31-	41-	OVER	PUNTS	NO.	YDS	AVE.	LONG
	20	30	40	50	50	Anderson	13	539	41.5	58
Michaels	2/2	1/2	1/1	1/1	0/0	Duncan	6	216	36.0	47
Conway	0/0	0/0	0/1	0/0	0/0					

PUNT RETURNS	NO.	YDS.	AVE.	LONG	F.C.	TDS
Ellis	7	55	7.9	30	0	0
Wood	4	21	5.2	9	2	0
Pitts	2	5	2.5	5	1	0
Randolph	1	0	0	0	0	0

PASSING	ATT.	COMP.	YDS.	PCT.	TDK/YDS	TD.	LONG	INT.
Hunter	89	31	532	44.9	2/22	4	56t	10
Bratkowski	25	14	192	56.0	1/12	2	50	0
Patrick	5	1	39	20.0	0/0	0	39	1
Anderson	2	1	4	50.0	0/0	1	4	0