



Houston Oilers (1-2) 20, Green Bay Packers (2-1) 3
Saturday August 19th 1972 (at Houston)



Packers Stumble, 20-3

GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

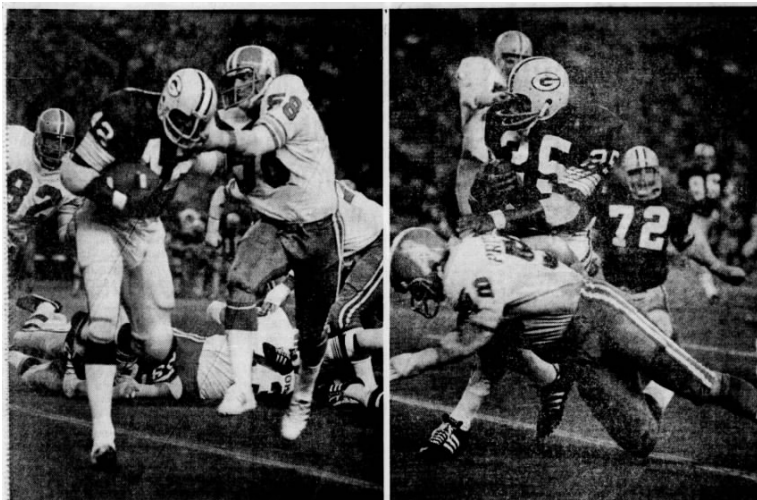
(HOUSTON) - The huge sign in the heart of the Astrodome's mammoth scoreboard cordially proclaimed, "Welcome to the Astrodome, eighth wonder of the world." It didn't take the Packers long to discover the Houston Oilers really didn't mean it. And, before Saturday's long evening was over, all lingering doubts had been dispelled. In a truculent mood after successive narrow losses to the Cowboys (26-24) and the Bears (20-17), the Oilers hit their two early thunderbolts, quickly converted into a 10-0 lead before a noisy standing room only crowd of 46,460 customers. Although they managed to cut the margin to a touchdown in the third quarter with an 18-yard Chester Marcol field goal, the Packers were never able to gain parity with the Oilers, artfully guided to a 20-3 victory by their brilliant young quarterback, Dan Pastorini. Pastorini, effectively blending the run with the pass, connected on 11 of 24 attempts for 145 yards



Overall view of field at Astrodome before Houston Oilers vs Green Bay Packers preseason game (Photo by John Iacono /Sports Illustrated via Getty Images)

and two touchdowns. A major villain of the piece was pocket-sized Linzy Cole, who returned the opening kickoff 76 yards to set up a Houston field goal and ignite the Oilers. The Texans also made quick capital of an onside kick on the ensuing kickoff, Pastorini pitching a 48-yard scoring strike to tight end Alvin Reed on first down. Houston, a reputedly pass-minded team that largely controlled the ball with the run in the first half, blunted Packer hopes of a second half comeback by twice intercepting Frank Patrick, at quarterback in relief of Scott Hunter. The defeat was doubly bitter for the Packers because they may have lost the services of the defensive tackle Mike McCoy for an indefinite period. He was taken to a Houston hospital in the first half for x-rays. It was indicated the former Notre Dame star may have a broken bone in his foot. It was the first loss for the Green and Gold after successive victories over Cincinnati and Miami. The first half was something of a disaster for the Packers who appeared more than a trifle off their feed, but it could have been worse. The fast starting Oilers, inspired opportunists, charged to a quick 10-0 lead and were in a fair way to make it prohibitive but for two field goal misses by Mark Mosley, one from only 21 yards out. Green Bay's Tim Webster and Chester Marcol fared no better in combination, however, Webster missing from 31 and 28 yards and Marcol on a 51-yard free kick attempt in the waning seconds of the second quarter. Slightly ravenous after successive losses to the Cowboys and Bears, the Oilers unloaded on the Pack with spectacular dispatch. Linzy Cole, the diminutive ex-Bear speedball; scooted 76 yards with Webster's opening kickoff to the Packer 21, where Leland Glass finally hurled him out of bounds. Willie Buchanon had a shot at Cole as he burst into the open at midfield and veered to his left but was unable to get a hand on the former TCU star. After yielding one first down, the Packer defense forced the Oilers to settle for a 12-yard field goal by Mosley at 3:44. The Texans slipped the unsuspecting Packers another "mickey" seconds later, Mosley deftly engineering an onside kickoff that Houston's Guy Roberts fell upon at the Green Bay 48. One play later, the Oilers were out in front 9-0. Forced out of the pocket by the Packer rush, quarterback Dan Pastorini scrambled to his left and toward the line of scrimmage. Given time by a block from tackle Tom Funchess, he unfurled a lefty strike to tight end Alvin Reed, on the Packer goal line, to the rear of a disgusted Ken Ellis and three yards to the right of free safety Jim Hill, dejectedly on his knees in the end zone. That unhappy first quarter, which saw the Packers in possession for only six plays, one of them a punt, ended seconds after Moseley was off target with a 21-yard field goal attempt because of a bad snap from center. The Packers, who had the ball for only 2:26 of that opening period, quickly were forced to surrender the ball at the start of the second quarter and Pastorini, a deadly marksman who converted on four of the Oilers' first five third down opportunities, again moved Houston goalward. This time, Pastorini missed fire with second and third down passes under heavy pressure and Moseley's 41-yard field goal effort hit the left upright and bounced back onto the field. At this point, Hunter began to move the Packer offense, hitting Carroll Dale with an 18-yard pitch for Green Bay's first down. He maneuvered the Packers to the Houston 20 before a flare pass to Dave Hampton was thrown for a four-yard loss in a third-and-7 situation. Webster came on and missed from the 31, the kick veering off to the right. The Pack then throttled the Oilers, Clarence Williams and Alden Roche for a 9-yard loss, and Hunter launched another push. A drive which included a 16-yard pass to Leonard Garrett and a 14-yard run by Brockington, it ended with Webster missing from 28 yards out, his kick again drifting to the right. Clarence Williams and Bob Brown fell

Pastorini for a 9-yard loss on the succeeding series, forcing a punt. Ellis made a fair catch at the Green Bay 49, setting up Marcol's free kick field goal attempt. It was short, however. Cole running under it at the 1 and returning to the 14. The Packers managed to invade the scoreboard in the third quarter, by way of a Marcol field goal, but it did not measurably improve their position. Houston, with Pastorini working a long, clock-eating drive, consumed 7 minutes and 7 seconds en route to a retaliatory 15-yard field goal by Moseley that left the Pack in arrears by 13-3 at the third quarter's close. Garrett recovered a second Houston onside kickoff at the Packer 33 to launch the second half. The series appeared due to founder because of a clipping penalty but, on fourth down, Ken Duncan rambled 25 yards from punt formation for a first down at the Houston 33. After one first down, however, the drive stalled when Hunter's third down pass, intended for Spilis, was knocked down



Linebacker Ron Pritchard (58) nails Green Bay runners: John Brockington, left, and Dave Hampton
—Post photo by Danny Connolly

by George Webster, an Oiler defensive star throughout. On fourth down, Marcol connected from 18 yards out at 7:18. Although it had been becoming increasingly apparent as the second half wanted, the Packers' doom was officially sealed midway through the fourth quarter when Pastorini marched the Oilers 60 yards in nine plays for Houston's final touchdown. It followed an interception of a Frank Patrick pass by Oiler Linebacker Floyd Rice, felled in his tracks at the Houston 40. Pastorini, who maneuvered Houston to the Green Bay 3 with eight consecutive running plays, switched the pitch on third down and hit Ken Burroughs in the right corner of the end zone at 8:53 of the final period. It was the first catch of the night for Burrough, just outside of strong safety Al Matthews, when he pulled in Pastorini's pass.

GREEN BAY - 0 0 3 0 - 3
HOUSTON - 10 0 3 7 - 20

	<u>GREEN BAY</u>	<u>HOUSTON</u>
First downs	12	17
Rush-yards-TDs	24-120-0	34-135-0
Comp-Att-Yd-TD-INT	27-13-110-0-2	24-11-145-2-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-8	2-18
Net Passing Yards	102	127
Total yards	222	262
Fumbles-lost	1-1	0-0
Turnovers	3	0
Yards Penalized	3-25	4-23

SCORING

1st - HOU - Mark Moseley, 12-yard field goal HOU 3-0
1st - HOU - Alvin Reed, 48-yard pass from Dan Pastorini (Moseley kick) HOU 10-0
3rd - GB - Chester Marcol, 18-yard field goal HOU 10-3
3rd - HOU - Moseley, 15-yard field goal HOU 13-3
4th - HOU - Ken Burrough, 3-yard pass from Pastorini (Moseley kick) HOU 20-3

RUSHING

GREEN BAY - John Brockington 11-47, Ken Duncan 1-25, Dave Hampton 6-24, MacArthur Lane 3-11, Dave Bradley 1-9, Perry Williams 1-3, Bob Hudson 1-1

HOUSTON - Albert Johnson 8-40, Willie Rodgers 12-39, Paul Magalski 3-20, Dan Pastorini 2-15, Charlie Joiner 2-12, Lewis Jolley 2-9, Robert Holmes 5-0

PASSING

GREEN BAY - Scott Hunter 15-8-68, Frank Patrick 12-5-42 2 INT

HOUSTON - Dan Pastorini 24-11-145 2 TD

RECEIVING

GREEN BAY - John Spilis 2-25, Dave Davis 2-15, Perry Williams 2-13, Sam Dickerson 1-19, Carroll Dale 1-18, Len Garrett 1-16, Tom Watson 1-8, Bob Hudson 1-5, John Brockington 1-(-2), Dave Hampton 1-(-4)

HOUSTON - Charlie Joiner 5-54, Jim Beirne 2-23, Alvin Reed 2-50 1 TD, Rhett Dawson 1-5, Ken Burrough 1-3 1 TD

FAILURE TO RESPOND DISAPPOINTS DEVINE

AUG 21 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - With midnight at hand, the Astrodome nightmare was irrevocably history. But Dan Devine's mobile features, shadowed by fatigue, still graphically mirrored his disappointment. The elation of last week's upset of Super Bowl finalist Miami now only a fast receding memory, Devine faced the unhappy issue squarely. "When you don't play well in any facet of the game, it's hard to win," he said quietly. "Unless a fumble bounces right for you...And we haven't picked up a fumble yet." His succinct and forthright analysis was delivered in his Houston hotel suite during searching post-

Pro Football

Pro Football at a Glance
By The Associated Press
National League Exhibitions
American Football Conference

Eastern Division						
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Buffalo	2	1	0	.667	55	58
New York Jets	1	1	1	.500	51	63
Miami	1	2	0	.333	71	62
New England	1	2	0	.333	71	77
Baltimore	0	2	0	.000	3	49
Central Division						
Pittsburgh	3	0	0	1.000	81	30
Houston	1	2	0	.333	61	49
Cincinnati	1	2	0	.333	59	79
Cleveland	0	3	0	.000	23	67
Western Division						
Oakland	3	0	0	1.000	81	33
Kansas City	3	0	0	1.000	75	41
San Diego	2	1	0	.667	60	47
Denver	2	1	0	.667	13	58
National Football Conference						
Eastern Division						
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Washington	3	0	0	1.000	108	13
Dallas	3	0	0	1.000	83	44
St. Louis	2	1	0	.667	58	51
Philadelphia	1	2	0	.333	49	67
New York Giants	0	2	1	.167	58	82
Central Division						
Detroit	2	1	0	.667	85	58
Green Bay	2	1	0	.667	41	47
Minnesota	1	1	0	.500	34	34
Chicago	1	2	0	.333	47	68
Western Division						
San Francisco	1	2	0	.333	46	47
New Orleans	1	2	0	.333	41	64
Los Angeles	1	2	0	.333	35	64
Atlanta	0	2	0	.000	24	61

FRIDAY'S Results

Washington 34, Philadelphia 10
Buffalo 21, Minnesota 10

Saturday's Results

San Diego 17, San Francisco 16
Miami 35, Cincinnati 17
St. Louis 17, Denver 13
Houston 20, Green Bay 3
Oakland 34, Los Angeles 9
Pittsburgh 31, Atlanta 17
New Orleans 30, Dallas 7

Sunday's Results

Dallas 30, New Orleans 7

Sunday's Results

New England 27, Chicago 17
Detroit 34, Cleveland 7
New York Giants 31, New York Jets 31

Monday's Game

Baltimore at Kansas City, 9 p.m., edt

All Times EDT

Thursday's Game

St. Louis at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

Friday's Games

Washington at Detroit, 9 p.m., national television

Atlanta at Miami, 8 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Minnesota at Cleveland, 9 p.m.
Baltimore vs. Pittsburgh at Tampa, Fla., 8 p.m.

New York Jets at Dallas, 9 p.m., national television

San Diego at New Orleans, 9 p.m.

Oakland vs. Buffalo at Berkeley, Calif., 4 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Denver at San Francisco, 4 p.m.
Los Angeles at Kansas City, 9 p.m., national television

New York Giants at New England, 1 p.m.

Chicago vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee, 9:30 p.m.

Monday's Game

Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.

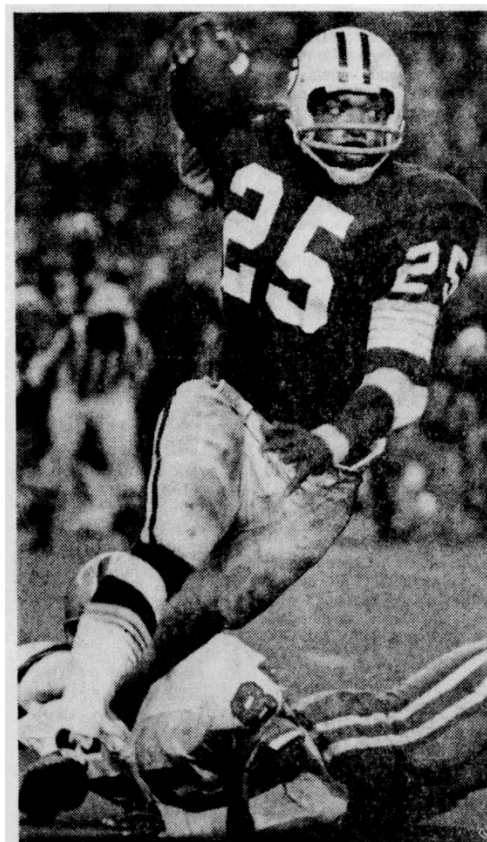
mortem of the 20-3 reversal that befell the Packers Saturday night in their first encounter with the supercharged Oilers. Clearly disappointed over the response to early adversity, he said, "When that happens (the Packers found themselves behind 10-0 with only 4:15 elapsed), you've got to storm out on the field, which the defense did pretty well. You can't let a little thing like that get you down. "When you get started bad like that, you've just got to regroup." Instead, he noted, the Packers had compounded their problems with errors, both physical and mental. When we finally did get the ball for the first time (Houston had possession for 12 minutes and 34 seconds of the opening quarter), we dropped a pass on second down and then missed Dave Hampton with another on third down. "When you play. like that, you're inviting trouble...when the other team is playing well. Then we come out for the second half, run a play for good yardage and get a penalty for clipping...The pattern of this game has been repeated so many times. You just can't have those things happening." Despite these misadventures, the opportunity remained to convert disaster into victory. "They waited around patiently for us to catch them (the Oilers' Mark Moseley missed on 21 and 41-yard field goal attempts in the first half). But our missing two point blank field goals didn't help any." The gloom of the Houston happening was deepened for Devine by the knowledge that defensive tackle Mike McCoy has been shelved for an indefinite period. "We've got to have another defensive lineman," he said. A major source of chagrin, Devine indicated at some length, was the onside kick which Houston had converted into an instant touchdown following an opening field goal. "The onside kick didn't surprise anybody," Devine declared. "I'd just call Larry Hefner over to the sidelines before the kickoff and said, 'Watch for an onside kick.' "Of course, our best guys - Rich McGeorge and Dave Hampton - were not on the field. And there were only two or three on it who will be on it later on. But the special teams are the best place to find out who your football players are. It'll tell you whether they like to hit...That's how McGeorge made the team here in the first place. The thing that bothers me about the onside kick was not so much that they completed it. The second thing is that we worked on it in Florida in preparing for this game. The thing that bothers the heck out of me is the lack of alertness. We didn't have our onside kick prevent team on the field," he admitted. "But the ones who were out there should have been good enough football players to cover that situation." Extending credit to the enemy, he added, "It was a well executed play - a very well executed play - on their part. "As far as that long runback of the opening kickoff is concerned, there's not much you can. say. It was a good return and poor coverage...And it was a poor kick, too. "They ran that one back just where I was afraid they would," DD said, whimsically appending, "My premonitions were good tonight...I also was concerned about their running on us even though they are supposed to be a passing team...Particularly when you spend most of your practice time defending the pass." In addition to soiling the Packers' perfect, pre-season record, the Oilers' rushing success also had complicated his evaluation plans, Devine said. "If they had played their normal game, if the game had "If they had played their normal game, if the game had progressed normally, we had intended to play John Brockington the first period and split the rest of the time between Perry Williams and Larry Krause...But their ball possession threw off our substitution some, particularly in the quarterback and fullback area. Krause was one of the guys we had hoped to play. I think Larry deserves a chance to play some in the next game against the Bears. Frank Patrick didn't have as much of a test as I would have liked him to have, either. Now, of course, I have to start thinking seriously about who is going to play from here on in. I want to play Jerry Tagge some in each of the last three games. It's a question of how much the other two (Scott Hunter and Patrick) will play. We wanted to play Eric Patton at middle linebacker, too, but didn't get him in there." Continuing his appraisal of the quarterback situation, he said, "Our passing was not real good in this one...It was very average, even below average. It looked poor when you looked at Dan Pastorini throwing on the other side." Taking note of the fact that Hunter and Patrick had thrown 27 passes between them, compared to a team total of 10 in last week's 14-13 victory over Miami, Devine said, "We intended to throw as much as we did...Sometimes you have to throw in order to win." Obviously impressed with the work of Pastorini, who passed for two touchdowns and engineered the Oiler offense with a deft, sure touch, the Packer leader observed, "His scrambling surprised me. He's a better scrambler than I thought he was and he's a better looking football player in the flesh than he is on film. We were putting more pressure on him than Dallas and Chicago did in Houston's first two games. He was able to

sit back and throw in those games, so he didn't have to scramble. I think all of his runs against us were forced scrambles." Devine declined to delineate an official position on the status of placekicker Tim Webster, who was off target with 31 and 28-yard field goal attempts in the first half. "Right now, I would just say that Webster has had an opportunity - one kickoff and two field goal attempts," he said. "I don't know what happened on Chester Marcol's free kick field goal attempt (a 51-

yarder which fell short in the second quarter). He started at the ball and then there was a whistle. I think he started ahead of time. But, whatever it was, having to start over undoubtedly affected his concentration." Although he could find few redeeming features about the Packer performance, Devine did detect one or two items of consolation. "Ken Duncan finally got a good punt off (a booming 51-yarder in the second half)," he said. "And the coverage got better as the game went on. Duncan's run from punt formation for the first down was partially planned. We told him to be alert for the possibility...Whenever Jim Carter blocks out the guy like he did on that play, that gives him an opportunity...Overall, I'd like to look at the film to be fair to everybody. Some guys played real well...But we didn't play as a team tonight. The game was extremely disappointing to everyone and I hope we've learned a lesson...We're going to play better, I know that."

DREARY RIDE FOR PACK

AUG 21 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) — It was a long, dreary bus ride to Houston Intercontinental Airport for the Packers Sunday morning. Conversation, clouded by the memory of Saturday night's 20-3 unpleasantness at Houston hands, was conspicuous by its absence. What did occur was subdued. None took that decisive defeat more personally, however, than a solemn Larry Hefner, the promising rookie linebacker from Clemson. His chagrin was accentuated by the Oilers' first quarter success with an onside kick, which the Texans recovered at the Green Bay 48 and quickly parlayed into a touchdown and an early 10-0 lead. The fact that he had foreknowledge of this maneuver only served to deepen Hefner's disgust. "Coach Devine called me over when we were lining up for the kickoff and said, 'Tell everybody to watch for an onside kick ... I know Leonard Garrett heard it - he was on the other end of the line from me. But I don't know if everybody heard it. I didn't have time to tell everybody. I didn't have a chance to fall on the ball myself...I was too far away from it.'" Shaking his head sadly, Hefner said, "I was on the kickoff team and got blocked when Cole made that long runback, and then they pulled that onside kick. "That's about the deepest humiliation you can have...The only thing worse is if they had run that first kickoff back for a touchdown." Houston placekicker Mark Moseley, touching upon the success of that onside effort, said the Oilers had exploited a situation discovered in scouting the Packers. "We had noticed on the films that the guy on the right side of the line lays back on the kickoff, so that caused us to try the onside kick." Moseley's Packer counterpart, Tim Webster, was downcast over his contrasting lack of success. Webster, who missed field goal attempts from 31 and 28 yards in the first half, said, "I was kicking the ball well before the game. I don't know what happened. On the first one, I think I might have lined up wrong. But that's no excuse...You can't miss those point blank field goals. I feel I have had a fair opportunity. I don't know what more Coach Devine or anyone else could have done for me." Cornerback Ken Ellis, who had tried desperately to break up a touchdown pass to Alvin Reed following that damaging onside kick, attributed this body blow "a mixup on the signals...We had some guys playing one defense and some guys playing another. "I thought we should have had Pastorini for a loss anyway. We had a couple of good shots at him. It was just one of those things." In the Houston dressing room, the Oiler quarterback explained, "I thought about running at first on that play, but then I saw Alvin Reed down there by himself so I just let fly." Al Matthews, the victim of Pastorini's other scoring pass, reported, "It was just a play action that caught us looking. They set it up by running a sweep to that same side with the same play action." Scott Hunter, who went the first three quarters at quarterback, blamed himself for not contributing two TD passes to the Packer attack. "In the second quarter, on a pass to Hampton, Dave made a fine move. He went inside and I threw the ball outside. Dave fooled everybody in the stands, including me. I thought he was going outside. "That play should have been six points. But that's what exhibition games are for. I also missed Leonard Garrett on a wide post pattern on the goal line. He ran a real good route. I just overshot him." Frank Patrick, who replaced Hunter in the fourth quarter, was at a loss to explain the two interceptions which marred his tenure. "There was pretty good pressure back there, but I really don't know what happened," he said. "I thought I'd picked out the right man to throw to on both of those plays, but I'll have to see the film to be sure...On the one intended for Dave Davis. I just overthrew it." Ken Duncan, who set up the Packers' only score with a 25-yard flight from punt formation in a fourth-and-one situation, explained, "Coach Devine told me to take a good look at it before deciding whether to kick because they hadn't been rushing...At that time, I thought I saw somebody on the outside had a shot at me but somebody must have taken him out of there. "I had plenty of blocking...The guy that got caught me from behind." Ex-Wisconsin Badger walk on Jim DeLisle was still slightly agog after filling in most of the way for the injured Mike McCoy, who suffered a broken foot in the first quarter. "I was ready to play," he said, "but I wasn't expecting it. I felt pretty good but I'll have to see the film. I made some mistakes and made some good plays. I learned a lot - you can't beat experience...The next time I'll be ready." Guard Dave Bradley, who came within an inch of scoring a touchdown on the game's final play, "Was I surprised when Frank Patrick lateralled to me? I'll say I was. But I almost got in there. My problem was I had a tough time seeing where to go - I can't see without my glasses and I don't wear contacts. I can distinguish colors and that's about all...I was looking for different colored jerseys so I knew who to stay away from."



Packers' Hampton skips by Floyd Rice

—Post photo by Danny Connolly

MCCOY OUT FOR A MONTH

AUG 21 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Defensive tackle Mike McCoy injured in the first quarter of Saturday night's 20-3 loss in Houston, will be lost to the Packers for a probable minimum of four weeks. Dr. E.S. Brusky, a Packer team physician, announced Sunday that X-rays confirmed McCoy had broken a bone in his right foot during first quarter action. The former Notre Dame star will be required to wear a cast for three weeks. Dr. Brusky said, an indication that McCoy is likely to miss the Packers National Football League opener at Cleveland Sept. 17. No timetable was indicated, however. "I don't know just how, it happened," McCoy reported. "I just hurdled a guy and landed on that turf...I think that artificial turf had something to do with it. It's really hard. Plus the fact that I was on one foot all the time on that particular maneuver and I got hit from the side as I landed." Speculating on the length of his recuperation, McCoy quipped. "It shouldn't take too long. I'm a fast healer...It's a good thing it happened during the exhibition season, that's all I've got to say." Carroll Dale, who suffered a second quarter back injury that sidelined him for the balance of the game, is confident he will be ready for next Sunday night's game with the Bears in Milwaukee. "It's a bruise just above the right hip - sort of like a pinched nerve," he said. It happened when I caught that pass up the middle for our first first down. I couldn't run after that."

PACKERS CUT FOUR

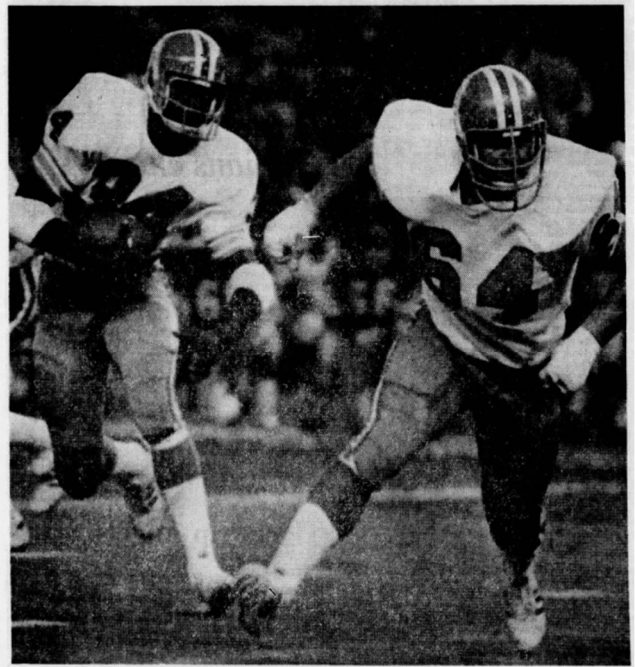
AUG 21 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The Packers reduced their roster to 58 this morning by cutting a pair of draft choices and two free agents. Dropped were defensive back Nate Ross, a sixth round pick from Bethune Cookman; wide receiver Dave Bailey, an 11th round selection from Alabama; running back Charlie Hicks, a free agent from Southwest Oklahoma, and tight end Tom Watson, a free agent from Northern Michigan. The Packers must be down to 49 players - not including all-stars Chet Marcol, Willie Buchanon and Jerry Tagge - by next Monday.

HART, NINE-YEAR PACKER, RETIRES

AUG 22 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Packer defensive back Doug Hart, a nine-year veteran, unexpectedly announced his retirement today. Hart, picked up on waivers from the St. Louis Cardinals in 1963, ultimately won a starting assignment at cornerback in 1965 and later was the Packers starting strong safety from 1968 through most of the 1971 season. Coach Dan Devine, commenting on the surprise announcement, said, "I respect his decision, although I hate to see it come. However, I wish Doug the very best, as he has been a great competitor and has added a great deal to this team in the last nine years." Hart, a former Texas-Arlington athlete, said, "There comes a time when an athlete must decide it's time for him to quit. I've had nine full, wonderful years at Green Bay but, having given it a lot of thought, my decision is to retire this year. My future is in the recreation industry, specifically with Arctic Cat, and we have just built a home in Neenah. For nine years, a guy from a small Texas college has had the opportunity to play for the greatest football organization in the world and to play with ball players that I admired and looked up to throughout my career, and still do. I'm very proud of the confidence that the coaches I have played under have shown me and, of course, all the confidence and enthusiasm that's been given me and my family by that unique group of people known as Packer fans. It's a rare experience to have been cut by a team that has never won a title (in St. Louis) and to be picked up by another that has won the most...I know Coach Devine and his staff and all the players are pushing hard to be in the playoffs this year and I wish them the best of luck."

OUT OF BOUNDS?

AUG 22 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Mike McCoy has yet to convince a large portion of Packerdom that he is anything more than an adequate defensive tackle. And possibly even Coach Dan Devine, who has at least casually mentioned the sometime possibility to trying the former Notre Dame All-American at offensive tackle, has yet to be fully convinced that Mike can be a championship caliber defender. Thus it was not entirely surprising when somebody suggested to me that maybe losing McCoy temporarily to the agony of a busted foot bone may show that he is not irreplaceable...that perhaps being forced to find a replacement for him could produce a surprising bonanza. In return, I suggested to this "somebody" that just the opposite might be true. Perhaps we will find out just how valuable he is in his own way. The big knock against McCoy is that he doesn't produce much of a pass rush. And it's true. He doesn't. But not every outstanding defensive tackle has been a tremendous pass rusher. Alan Pages are simply not that plentiful. And I can remember a pretty fair tackle who seldom was in on the passer but was considered immeasurably valuable...name of Dave Hanner. McCoy, people tend to forget, was not a charging bull at Notre Dame either. The Irish played more of a reading defense. See who has the ball first, then go get him. And this McCoy, does beautifully. His speed in pursuit is something to behold. He has made as many great plays laterally as many tackles do in the opponent's backfield. It all becomes a matter of how much value you give to a particular type of play...One of the experiments undertaken after McCoy's enforced departure saw rookie Dave Pureifory dropped into the tackle slot. Dave gave it a noble effort but, thanks to television's instant replay, we were all able to see that on this occasion at least the experiment failed. Perhaps too anxious, Pureifory overplayed the position and was trapped or bounced out of position rather ingloriously on every play. On the other hand, the Eastern Michigan product has displayed

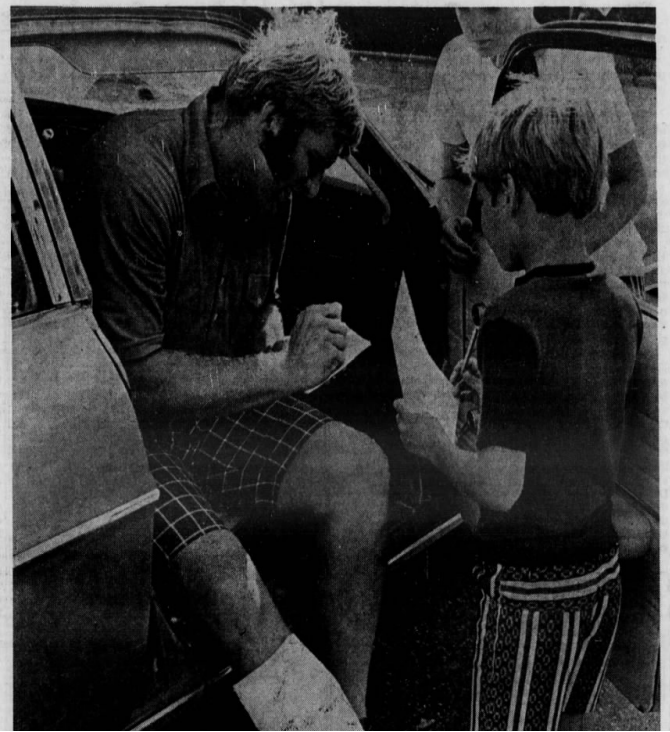


Oiler Willie Rogers (34) makes gain with Ron Saul (64) leading way
—Post photo by Danny Connolly

some impressive potential at end, where the knocks don't come from quite as many directions...About the best thing that can be said about the Packers disaster at Houston is that the Buffalo Bills beat the Minnesota Vikings the night before...I sort of wished the Packers had tried a field at the end of the game instead of going for a consolation touchdown. Certainly they could use the practice...Dan Pastorini could have been the Pack's first draft choice a year ago if he had been available when it was Green Bay's turn. But then we wouldn't have Brock around...Before writing off Frank Patrick, don't forget that but for George Webster suffering a sudden case of dropsy, Scott Hunter would have had a pair of thefts too...Devine's problem now is how to continue looking at the youngsters and still work on increasing the cohesiveness of his first units and give the specialists some much needed work under pressure...Losing McCoy certainly adds a piece of interest to Sunday night's game in Milwaukee.

DEVINE FINDS PRICES HIGH

AUG 22 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Dan Devine went shopping Monday...with just the kind of luck he expected. The Packer generalissimo was probing the market for a defensive lineman to fill the temporary void left by an injury to left tackle Mike McCoy, felled by a foot fracture suffered early in last Saturday night's 20-3 exhibition loss at Houston. Devine, who is likely to be without McCoy's services for a minimum of four games, found the prices prohibitive. In the process, he came to the preliminary conclusion that the Packer cause might be better served by the talent available. "A trade is a possibility but I would say at this point that one is not too imminent," he said. "People just want too much. We may decide to go with what we have if the price remains too high. For instance, the last person I talked to today wanted a high draft choice for what I consider an average player. We'd consider giving up a high draft choice for a good player, but a high draft choice for an average player is too high a price." The Packers did emerge from the day's maneuvers with a new face, however, via the waiver route. He is Vernon Vanoy, a huge defensive tackle claimed from the New York Giants. Vanoy, 6-foot-8 and 275 pounds, was the Giant's third round draft choice in 1969 but elected to sign with Toronto of the Canadian Football League. A former University of Kansas athlete, he reported to the Giants in 1970 and since has divided his time between the active and taxi rosters. In a companion move, defensive end Donnell Smith was placed on waivers, leaving the current roster at 58. Smith, of Southern University, was a fifth round draftee in 1971. Devine, zeroing in on immediate alternatives, said, "A logical move would be to move Alden Roche inside to McCoy's spot and give Dave Pureifory a shot at right end...Roche played well for us at tackle last year. He played his best games at tackle." Although the possibility of transferring Fred Carr to defensive end had been entertained during the off-season, Devine said that is not a likely development at this point. Another possibility is ex-Wisconsin Badger Jim DeLisle, who went most of the way there Saturday night following the injury to McCoy. That would permit Roche to remain at right end. As things now stand, there is an obvious lack of depth and experience in the defensive line, aside from starters Clarence Williams, Bob Brown and Roche, the only legitimate veterans. It is a situation that has to be a source of more than casual concern to Devine and Defensive Coordinator Dave Hanner...In addition to DeLisle, a second year performer, there are only the two rookies, Pureifory and Bill Johanningsmeier of Colorado State, and the newly-arrived Vanoy. Devine addressed himself to some other personnel matters Monday and indicated he has made at least two immediate determinations. "We want to play Jerry Tagge," he began, then amended that to read, "We've GOT to play Jerry some in these last three pre-season games (against the Bears, Cardinals and Chiefs, in that order)." Asked if Tagge might receive a starting assignment during this span, he replied, "Not at this point...I wouldn't rule it out, but not at this point." Devine, who had seen Tim Webster miss 31 and 28-yard field goal attempts in Houston, also announced that rookie Chester Marcol will do "all of the kicking in Milwaukee Sunday night." Marcol produced the Packers' three points in the Oiler unhappiness with an 18-yard, third quarter field goal. It was his second in four attempts to date and followed a 51-yard miss of a free kick effort in the final minute of the first half. In a related review of the game film, Devine pinpointed "three real clutch plays" by Houston quarterback Dan Pastorini that loomed large in the ultimate outcome. "On that touchdown pass to Alvin Reed in the first quarter, we had him virtually trapped and he scrambled back to the left and threw deep for the score," he said. "And twice Pastorini went up the middle for seven or eight yards and a first down after presumably being trapped. That shows you the value of having a guy who can run around. Which brings up Jerry Tagge. That's what I like about Tagge. He had a busted play in Miami and made 11 yards on it. On that first touchdown, by the way, we had defensive calls. It was a mixup in the signals. This is an example of why we need a lot of work. Houston uses a lot of formations and when they came out in the particular formation they used on that scoring play, we had a coverage that was automatic. It gives Ken Ellis the deep outside. But somebody made



MIKE SIGNS OUT: Packer defensive tackle Mike McCoy, who suffered a broken bone in his foot, displays the cast he is expected to wear for about three weeks while signing autographs for some young fans outside the Packer locker room Monday. (Press-Gazette Photo)

a call up front that changed the coverage. Kenny thought it was Jim Hill, but it wasn't. It was somebody else up front who shouldn't have been calling it." Devine also made these other comments and appraisals:

- "The film pretty much bore out my immediate impressions after the game - that no one facet of the team had played particularly well...we played a team that was playing well that night - a good football team - and in no department did we play exceptionally well.
- "We shouldn't have been mentally tired. We threw a lot of stuff at the team last week and didn't polish it out as you would for a regular season game. But I don't think we were any more tired than the Oilers were, honestly. In fairness to the players, I think everybody in our party felt a little washed out at that time (after 10 days on the road).
- We got in trouble early on that opening kickoff, which was covered poorly by the kickoff team. There again, we were experimenting on the kickoff team. When I say experimenting, we were looking for people who could cover and the only way to find out about them is to send them down.
- "It was a poor kickoff, too, but you're going to have poor kickoffs once in a while, and then you've just got to get down there. One time, their guy (Mark Moseley) kicked the dirt a foot in the back of the ball. He kicked a couple of pieces of dirt as far as he kicked the ball.
- "Leland Glass (rookie wide receiver from Oregon) made a really outstanding play on that opening kickoff, by the way, in catching Linzy Cole from behind...Glass has done well - he's a hustler.
- "As I said before, their onside kick certainly didn't surprise us. I called Larry Hefner over 30 seconds before the ball was kicked and told him, 'Watch for an onside kick...I suppose I should have used a different word than 'watch,' which is what they did. I had a premonition they were going to try it because it was a good time for an onside kick. If you're out to win a ball game and needed the momentum, and needed the game, as they did with a new coaching staff that was 0-and-2, it was the perfect time for it.
- "Our linebacker play was better than last week. We also got some real tough, hard play from some of the others, particularly Al Matthews and Jim Hill.
- "No one facet of our offense was outstanding. You can't fault Scott Hunter too much, however. For example, one time Scott threw the ball just where it should have been, but the back made one move too many and George Webster almost intercepted it. From the sidelines and the press box, it looked like he was throwing the ball to Webster.
- "Our offense never really got quite untracked...We got a screen set up beautifully once and Ron Pritchard (Oiler middle linebacker) played it from the middle of the formation and knocked one of our offensive linemen flat on his back. It was a crucial play in a drive that ended up in a missed field goal."
- "No, I don't think losing to Houston the way we did is a psychological setback. Our team ought to respond the same way Houston did after blowing one to the Bears in the last minute the week before. All of us on the squad, and the coaches, all should be a little more determined to get the work done.

STARR PASSING UP GAME OF POLITICS

AUG 23 (Miami Beach, FL) – Bart Starr flatly ruled out political plans Tuesday night, citing pressing family, football and business commitments. Starr explained that despite past serious thoughts of seeking political office, he has decided not to become involved in politics at any time in the future. Shortly before appearing on the Republican National Convention podium here as a special guest to introduce kick-off speakers and personalities on the night of the renomination of President Richard Nixon, Starr said his family's sacrifices through 16 years of professional football, his continuing role as an assistant coach of the Green Bay Packers and his growing business interests have caused him to decide not to seek political office. He made the decision, he said, with deep admiration for those who become involved in politics and help to lead the nation. The rumors of his political prospects, Starr told the Press-Gazette, grew out of his genuine interests and his personal association and friendship with former Gov. Warren P. Knowles and former Lt. Gov. Jack B. Olson, both Republicans. Starr served as chairman of Knowles' Wisconsin Council Conference on Physical Fitness. Accompanied by his wife, Cherry, Starr appeared before the GOP National Convention to introduce personalities on nomination night. Among them were permanent convention chairman Rep. Gerald Ford of Michigan and singing star Ethel Merman, who sang the National Anthem. Starr said he had been given permission by the Packers organization to miss coaching sessions to attend the convention. The National Football headquarters cleared his participation in convention ceremonies, Starr said. The former Packer quarterback said the conference office thought that it would be a "fine thing" for him to take part in the introduction, Starr said. Starr's participation in the convention on the night of Nixon's nomination was a bit of turn-about for the football star. Nixon's last Green Bay appearance came on "Bart Starr Night," when the President appeared to hail the Packer great - giving the state GOP a less-than-coincidental boost in the 1970 election at the same time. Ford, House of Representatives minority leader, said that it was a "special honor" to share the podium with Starr. Ford told delegates that before becoming involved in politics, he had played college football. He said it was "so long ago the football was round." Ford termed Starr "an all-time, all-pro American." Starr's appearance on the rostrum brought strong applause from the delegates on the floor.

NEW FACES CHANGE PACKER PICTURE

AUG 23 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Vern Vanoy...Paul Johnson...and Moody Jackson. Those are hardly household names in Titledown at the moment, and they may never be, although hope inevitably springs eternal. But their presence or imminent arrival upon the scene materially altered the Packers' defensive picture Tuesday, along with Doug Hart's surprise retirement. The monolithic Vanoy, claimed via waivers from the Giants, was already in massive evidence when the Packers hit the practice field Tuesday afternoon, stepping in for the injured Mike McCoy at defensive tackle, at least numerically. Johnson, a former New York Jets defensive halfback also acquired on waivers presumably was enroute here. And Jackson, heretofore a flanker for the most part, intensified the competition in the secondary meanwhile when he was formally

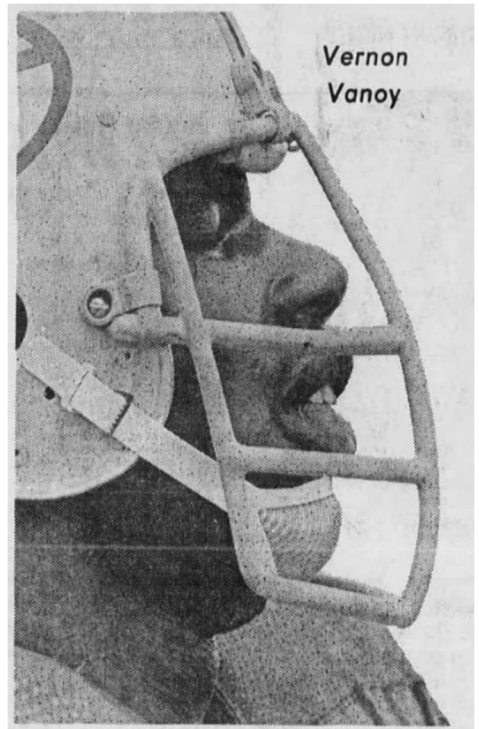
3transferred to cornerback...RECALLS WAIVERS: Coach Dan Devine, who also had recalled waivers on defensive end Donnell Smith and traded him to St. Louis for an undisclosed 1973 draft choice, evinced at least modest hope that all three would eventually contribute to the common good. "Vanoy is a big kid and he has all the physical attributes," he said of the 6-foot-8, 275-pound Vanoy, a former Kansas University basketball star. "You never know - a change in coaching techniques could make a difference. One thing we have to correct is that he does everything to high. I noticed that the first time he hit the sled Dave Hanner said something to him. Dave noticed it the same time I did. We have to get him in a game and see what he can do. He looks good enough that a change in scenery might help him overcome whatever deficiencies the Giants felt he had...He's too good not to look at. As far as Johnson is concerned, we picked him up partly to replace Hart numerically and partly because we wanted to have a little more experience available now that Doug is gone. He was with us for a short time last year and we liked him. Don Doll had coached him while he was at Washington and he has always kind of liked him. Johnson is a guy to give us some insurance."

A 6-foot, 188-pound Penn State graduate, Johnson spent two years with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats of the Canadian Football League before being signed by the Jets as a free agent. On the subject of Jackson, a free agent from New Mexico State, Devine said, "Moody's transfer to defense is temporarily permanent. We've actually been talking about doing it for a couple of weeks. In fact, we had him over at cornerback briefly a couple of times. We were going to make the move and then Carroll Dale and Dave Davis came up a little hurt, so we delayed it. But Carroll felt all right today, so he and Leland Glass will be available at flanker against the Bears Sunday night and John Spilis and Sam Dickerson at the other side, so we're pretty well set there...Davis has a muscle pull. We definitely have hope for Moody as a defensive back. We have to Wait and see if he'll hit, but we feel he has the ability to play the corner." Vanoy, whose credentials include an appearance in the Orange Bowl with Kansas' football team and another with the basketball Jayhawks in the National Invitation Tourney, is something of a rare bird in that he was able to play two overlapping varsity sports at a major university. Pleased to be back among the employed, he said, "I was glad to be picked up, although I was a little surprised that the Giants released me...I felt I was doing pretty well." He admitted, however, that he had not seen much service for the New Yorkers to date. "We only had two pre-season games," he said, "and I played a little in both of them." Vanoy, who bears at least a slight facial and physical resemblance to the Bucks' Kareem Jabbar, played one season with the Toronto Argonauts of the Canadian Football League, electing to bypass an offer from the Giants who had drafted him during the third round in 1969. Released by Toronto following that season, he decided to try his luck in the NFL: "I called Jim Trimble (New York's player personnel director) and he told me to report," he said. "I was on the taxi squad in '70 and part of '71. I played in six games last season." Jackson, a wiry Arizonian reportedly blessed with 4.4 speed in the 40-yard dash, welcomed the shift to defense. "I like it," he said without reservation. "Now it's just a matter of time until I learn the defenses. I played a little defensive halfback in college (New Mexico State). The big thing I have to learn is the terminology - there's a lot of it back there. There are a lot of different calls and, of course, this is the first day I've really been on defense here..."

PACKER PATTERN: Discussing the possibility of a trade for a defensive lineman, with McCoy due to sit out at least a month with a broken foot, Devine said, "We're no closer to a trade in that area than we were yesterday." On other personnel matters, namely the health of tight end Rich McGeorge and defensive back Charlie Hall, he reported, "McGeorge will be ready for the Bears Sunday night but Charlie probably will have to be held out this week." McGeorge, who has yet to make his first 1972 appearance in a game, has returned to full activity in practice while Hall is recovering from a sprained arch...Rookie defensive back Bob Kroll was a minor casualty in Tuesday afternoon's workout. The former Preble High and Northern Michigan athlete suffered a pulled muscle in his left calf, to which Trainer Domenic Gentile immediately applied an ice pack. Kroll later shed the ice pack and attempted to walk off the tightness...The Packers will have to forego their customary Saturday practice in County Stadium for this game. "We would like to work out there," Devine said, "and we could, but there would be no goal posts and the field wouldn't be lined because the Brewers are using it for baseball. "And, of course, no dressing room would be available for the same reason. We'd have to dress at the hotel."...Devine, addressing himself to the imminent enemy, said, "The Bears are interesting...They have a tremendous number of formations and a tremendous number of defenses...And a lot of hitters."

PERSONALITY PARADE (DOUG HART)

AUG 23 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - To Doug Hart, the 1972 script had a vaguely familiar ring...It sounded a little like those of 1963 and 1965. Which is another way of saying that the Packers' longtime defensive halfback, patrolling a new position, was once again fighting for his football life...He was, that is, until Sunday. Suddenly struck by a new personal perspective over the weekend, Hart surprised the Packer coaching staff Tuesday by announcing his retirement. The 33-year-old veteran, who had graduated from taxi squad obscurity to starting status on the Packers' triple champions of the mid-1960s after being cut by the Cardinals, said it had been an abrupt decision, although he had been pondering the idea for some time. "I actually made the decision Sunday," he said. "I had a chance to be at home (after returning from Saturday night's game in Houston) and alone and away from the ball club...This is something, of course, that all athletes have to face sooner or later. It's just the culmination of a career," said Doug, who first won a starting berth in 1965, only to lose it to Bob Jeter following



an injury in the '65 NFL championship game against the Cleveland Browns in snow-covered Lambeau Field. "I have no regrets looking back. I don't think there was anything that happened to me that I would want to change." Hart, who regained a starting assignment at strong safety in 1968 and held it through the 1971 season, noted, "It was a decision I alone had to make...I think the most difficult thing about it is recognizing when to make it. There are a lot of ways you can rationalize continuing to play and then discover later that you shouldn't have done it. In my case, it was a culmination of a lot of thoughts about the present and the future," said Doug, who next week will become fulltime vice president of Arctic Distributors, Inc., of Neenah, Wis., a position he has held on a part-time basis in recent years. Convinced he is taking the right course, Hart leaves without regrets. But he assures, "I'm very proud of the things I've been able to accomplish in Green Bay ... I was cut by a team that never won a title and picked up by one that won the most...That's a rare, rare experience." Curiously enough, he does not count the Packers triple title parlay of 1965-66-67 as the most memorable aspect of his career, although it is an entirely respectable second. "I think the thing that I'll remember longest," he said, "is the unique experience during that period of time to be with ball players who were close together with feeling for the others, for the game and for winning championships...That was a very special thing." The former Texas-Arlington athlete, looking to the future, is enthused about the potential of the Packer secondary he is leaving. "I think it can be an excellent secondary," he said. "I feel we've got real good personnel back there. And, of course, we have a fine linebacking corps...But the greatest pass defense is a good pass rush. A good pass rush makes pass defense so much easier." He has high praise for the newcomer who is expected to hold forth at the left corner, where Hart had been stationed. "Willie Buchanon has excellent natural abilities to play defensive back," he said. "And he's had a lot of experience in college playing the bump-and-run technique, which is becoming more and more popular in playing defense these days. As I see it, Jim Hill also has shown he's going to perform at the weak safety like you'd like him to perform. And Ken Ellis has looked real good at the right corner. Al Matthews also has done well at strong safety." Doug, who has become one of Wisconsin's leading snowmobile drivers during his off-season leisure, says he has one personal chore to complete before becoming a fulltime business executive. "I'm going to take off a week or so," he said. "We have a new home in Neenah and we'll be moving into it this week." Closing the door on the past, Hart added, "It (retirement) is a decision I've made. I'm just looking forward to being a Packer fan now."

BEARS' HOLMAN MAY MISS GAME AGAINST PACKERS

AUG 24 (Chicago) – Defensive end Willie Holman, who suffered a sprained foot in Sunday's 27-17 loss to the New England Patriots, probably will miss one exhibition game, the Chicago Bears announced Monday. Holman could miss the Green Bay National Football League exhibition this weekend and be ready for the Sept. 3 contest against Buffalo.

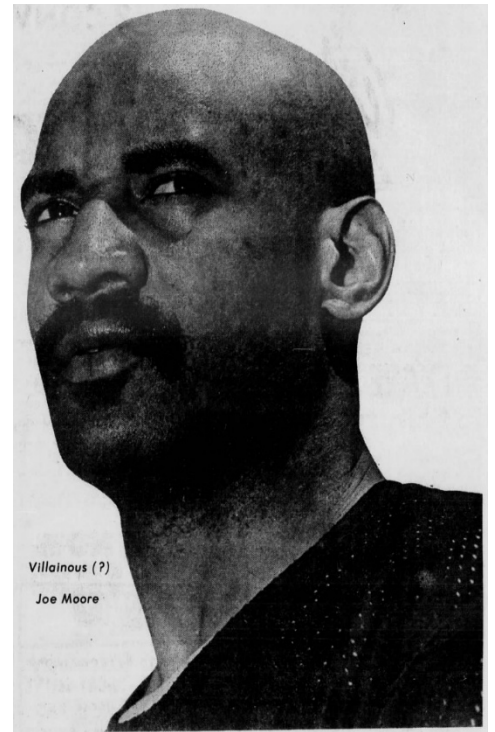
SHAPE UP...OR SHIP OUT

AUG 24 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Dan Devine wasn't planning any further squad cuts until next Monday...but he may change his mind. Patently perturbed following Wednesday afternoon's practice, the Packer coach announced, "I'm getting a little provoked at a couple of players and they may go before Monday." The roster, currently at 58, must be reduced to 52 (including College All-Stars Jerry Tagge, Chester Marcol and Willie Buchanon) by that date. "There are a few that aren't adding anything," Devine said. "It's a tough enough job without having detractors around. We did a little extra running today, which isn't too usual at this time of the year, but we needed the conditioning. The weather has been unusually cool." Devine said no perceptible progress had been made in the trade market, where the search has been on for an experienced defensive lineman. "There's nothing to report, really," he said, "except that we continue to talk with other clubs, daily...hourly." In an effort to fill the temporary vacancy left by an injury to Mike McCoy, Devine and Defensive Coordinator Dave Hanner moved newcomer Vernon Vanoy from end to tackle in Wednesday's workout. "I think he played mostly end with the Giants but we think tackle is his best position," Devine said. "He looks pretty good there." Vanoy, 6-foot-8 and 275 pounds, was claimed on waivers from the Giants earlier this week. At this point, DD noted, "There is a 50-50 chance Alden Roche will move into tackle from end against the Bears in Milwaukee Sunday. It depends on whether we start Jim DeLisle (a tackle) or Dave Pureifory (primarily an end)." With the possible exception of wide receiver Dave Davis, all hands should be ready for the Bruins, he said. Davis has a minor hamstring pull.

PACKERS PREPARING FOR STREET FIGHT

AUG 24 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Chicago Bears, who have come by their "Monsters of the Midway", sobriquet honestly, have never been Little Lord Fauntleroy types. But, newly cast in the two-fisted image of portly Abe Gibron, they have been particularly pugnacious of late. Just how pugnacious the Packers will ascertain at first hand in Milwaukee County Stadium Sunday night, the occasion of their annual Midwest Shrine imbroglio with the Bears. In their last two ventures, at Houston and New England, the Bruins have been involved in bench-emptying brawls with both the Oilers and Patriots, a somewhat unusual occurrence on the pro football scene. Which suggests that Dan Devine's troops, intent upon rebounding from a 20-3 misstep in Houston last time out, may have to brace themselves for a lusty, old-fashioned street fight. Dan Desmond, the Bears' veteran publicity director, blandly intimates the Monsters' brawling image is traceable to a "misunderstanding." "When he took over as head coach last winter, Abe said he wanted to develop a physical team and the officials may have read that in the papers and been watching us a little more closely," he volunteered. The Patriots' Lennie St. Jean offered a slightly different view in the wake of last weekend's roughhouse in Foxboro, Mass., where New England surprised the Bears, 27-17. "I could see right in the first period, when they had two penalties for unnecessary roughness, that there was only one way this game was going to end," the New England guard said. "I predicted an all-out brawl and that's what happened." In this connection, Boston scribe Leigh Montville noted, "The Bears obviously came into their first matchup in history with the Pats prepared to rattle a few heads as well as try to win a second exhibition game. It was the manner of rattling that upset the Pats." "Shoot, I'll take any shot without complaining in a good, clean game," quarterback Jim Plunkett said. "But that wasn't what these guys were out to play. They were doing an awful lot of unnecessary stuff."

Wide receiver Randy Vataha added, "There's nothing wrong with playing aggressively, but playing aggressively means playing hard until the whistle blows...After the whistle blows, it's not being aggressive anymore." Desmond, understandably, takes a more charitable approach to the Bears' indiscretions. "There's just a different attitude on this team," he told the Mike & Pen Sports Club at a Beaumont Motor Inn luncheon Wednesday. "Abe's just got across the idea that he wants guys who want to play football. The main good thing about the club this year is that the offense is moving the ball," Desmond said, appending an illustration of his point. "In our first game against Kansas City at Notre Dame stadium, we took the opening kickoff and went down for a score. It's the first time in a long time that that has happened. We drove 72 yards in 14 plays. In fact, we had the ball 13 ½ minutes in the first quarter." Desmond facetiously added, "We have a streak going now, though. We've fumbled the ball eight times in the last two games - and lost it eight consecutive times. We were five-for-five against Houston and then three-for-three against the Patriots." Even without the recalcitrant Dick Gordon, still at liberty after playing out his option, the Bears also have flashed long ball potential. "Last week, we scored on the opening play against the Patriots, 92 yards," the Monsters' advance man said. "It was a pass of 17 or 18 yards to our tight end, Earl Thomas, who took it the rest of the way. I must say Abe has got that offense moving well. He's got the defense believing that it won't have to watch the offense run a couple of plays and then have to come back on the field." Two salutary developments here have been the "arrival" of Jim Harrison, who two years ago was carrying the mail for Dan Devine at the University of Missouri, and the surprise showing of fellow running back Roger Lawson, a 15th round draftee from Western Michigan. "This kid Lawson has been a real find," Desmond said. "He scored what was our tying touchdown against Houston a week ago. Harrison is a much improved football player. Last year, he fell down anytime anybody touched him. And as a result, he spent the season on the taxi squad...This year, he has become a good, hard runner." Although he has carried the ball less than half as often, Lawson shares second place among Bear rushers with Joe Moore, like Harrison a former Devine disciple at Missouri. Both have amassed 83 yards, Lawson in 12 attempts, Moore in 28. The 6-foot-4, 235-pound Harrison is tight on their heels with 82 and 24. Bear buffs for some time have envisioned quarterback Bobby Douglass as a running back and he, ironically, is the team's rushing leader. Douglass, a strapping 6-foot-4, 225-pounds, has a plush 6.4-yard average with 89 yards in 14 carries. Bobby, whose quarterbacking has left more than a little to be desired in the past, may have found himself at long last, Desmond says. "Douglass calls his own game," he said, adding in explanation, "The offense has been simplified. And the quarterback used to have to call the line blocking in our system. Now the tackles or the center call it. Zeke Bratkowski, our new quarterback coach, has worked real hard with Douglass, too, and Abe says he can see a definite improvement." Although things have been looking up on offense, the Bears have had trouble containing the enemy, an element which explains their current 1-2 record. "Our big problem is pass defense," Desmond reported. "Our opponents have completed 51 passes for a 55.9 percentage and 649 yards. They've scored five touchdowns on us by passing - all bombs. But we can't blame the secondary too much. Not only is George Seals not around, but Tony McGree (a sometime starter at defensive tackle last season) hasn't played yet and neither has Bill Staley, who was a starting tackle last year. He's coming off knee surgery. So we've been playing mostly rookies in the defensive line. Willie Holman, our starting left end, has a sprained foot and he's also out for this game...So is Lionel Antoine, our No. 1 draft choice, who has been an offensive tackle but could be moved to defensive end this week. "Larry Horton, a rookie from Iowa, may start in Holman's place but it could be Cecil Pryor, who was with the Packers early last season. He started a couple of games for us last year. In the secondary, Garry Lyle started ahead of Bob Jeter and Jerry Moore at right safety last week. Moore has played but he's coming off knee surgery." The future of oft-injured superstar Gale Sayers is still clouded, Desmond said. "He's listed on our depth chart for this game but I don't know if he's going to play...He still moves kind of stiffly." Former Packer Jim Grabowski, whose career also has been shadowed by injuries, has carried the ball only once to date. He also has caught two passes.



Villainous (?)
Joe Moore

DRULIS DEATH TERMED GREAT LOSS TO CARDS

AUG 24 (St. Louis) - Bob Holloway, coach of the St. Louis football Cardinals described the death Wednesday afternoon of Charles "Chuck" Drulis, team defensive coach, "a tremendous loss to our operation." Drulis died of an apparent heart attack aboard the Big Red's flight to Houston for an exhibition game against the Oilers tonight. He was 54. "He was a man who gave so much time to the Cardinals. Well, you can't evaluate a loss that great," said Holloway who took over as head coach last year. Drulis, who coached the Cardinals for the past 16 of his 22 years in the NFL, began his pro career as a guard with the Chicago Bears in 1942 after being named to the all-East team at Temple University. After serving three years in the Army, he rejoined the Bears in 1945 and went to Green Bay in 1948. He served as a playing coach there during 1950 and became a fulltime coach with the Packers in 1951. Before joining the Cardinals in Chicago in 1956, he coached defensive backs at Philadelphia for two years beginning in 1954. Drulis, credited with devising the safety blitz which was made popular by Larry Wilson of the Cardinals in 1961, ranked second only to Weeb Ewbank of the New York Jets in consecutive pro coaching years, and no one in the National Football League had more years of consecutive service as both player and coach. An attempt to revive the veteran coach was made by Dr. Fred Reynolds, Big Red team physician who was aboard

CARDINALS DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR CHUCK DRULIS: INNOVATOR, CONTROVERSIAL

The late Chuck Drulis was known for his defensive talents. Some said that he was a generation ahead of his time. "He was a defensive genius," linebacker Jamie Rivers told the St. Louis Post Dispatch in 1972. The Pennsylvania native was a star offensive lineman at Temple before playing seven seasons in the NFL for the Chicago Bears and Green Bay Packers. He arrived in Chicago in 1956 as a defensive assistant under Cardinals head coach Ray Richards and would serve under five different head coaches until his sudden death in 1972. Drulis was also credited with two victories when he shared head coaching duties after Frank "Pop" Ivy resigned with two games left in the 1961 season.

WILDCAT

Drulis made his mark by devising the "safety blitz." It involved a defensive back bursting through the offensive line just as the ball was snapped in a frantic attempt to sack the quarterback. Drulis called it the "Wildcat" and he had been tinkering with it for a couple of years, but needed a player who had the toughness and nerves of steel to successfully carry it out. That player arrived in 1960. Larry Wilson was drafted as a running back out of Utah in the eighth round of the draft, but was converted to safety by Drulis in training camp. After struggling early, Wilson showed just enough to make the team. He ended up starting 11 of 12 games his rookie season intercepting two passes. The Big Red unleashed "Wildcat" against the Giants in the 1961 season opener at Yankee Stadium. Wilson sacked quarterback Charlie Conerly twice, forcing a fumble, and disrupting a number of pass plays in the Cards 21-10 upset victory. Wilson followed that up with a big game against the Giants a few weeks later in St. Louis when he sacked Conerly three times. A star was born in St. Louis as Wilson went on to a 13 year Hall of Fame career. If it weren't for Coach Drulis, we may have never heard of Larry "Wildcat" Wilson.

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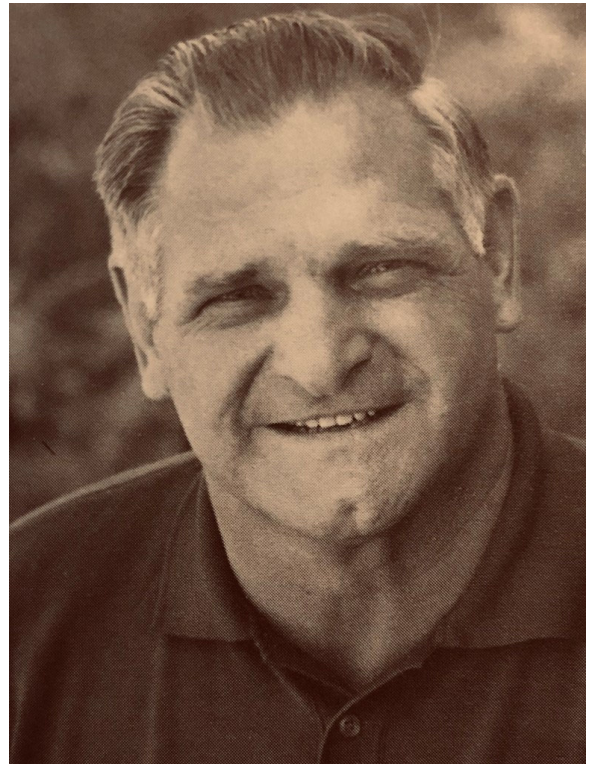
Chuck Drulis lived and breathed football. Defensive tackle Luke Owens once said that he didn't believe Drulis slept. "I believe he's got a built-in movie projector inside his eyelids and runs offensive and defensive formations all night. Seven years ago when I came to this club, I didn't like him. I thought he was outspoken and worked us too hard." "Chuck Drulis was married to football," Big Red safety Jerry Stovall told Robert Burnes of the St. Louis Globe Democrat. Stovall claimed that only two people understood Drulis. Lineback Dale Meinert and Larry Wilson. The coach's tendency to put in long hours of preparation during the season quite possibly led to him suffering a heart attack in 1963. But, it didn't phase him as he didn't miss any games. He later said that if he has to die, he'd "just as soon die on a football field."

CONTROVERSY

Coach Drulis earned the respect of many of his players over the years, but controversy struck the Big Red organization in 1967. Some players claimed that head coach Charley Winner had lost control of the team. And several African American players, including starting defensive tackle Sam Silas, confronted Winner shortly before the season ended and presented a list of grievances, including one demand that an assistant coach be fired. It was later learned that the assistant coach was Chuck Drulis and the players were unhappy with the way they were being treated. When other players learned there had been criticism of Drulis, they laughed it off. "Chuck treats us all alike – like dogs," safety Jerry Stovall told the St. Louis Globe Democrat. "We all know how he operates. He's harsh and demanding and he doesn't spare you. But he demands more of himself than he does of anybody else." "He's the best in the league," Larry Wilson told the Globe. Robert Burnes claimed in his book "Big Red – Story of the Football Cardinals," that even some of the African American players who admitted being in the contingent to get Drulis fired agreed that he was far and away the best assistant coach on the team. Coach Winner and owners Bill and Stormy Bidwill rejected any idea of firing Drulis, and instead traded Silas to the New York Giants the following August. Management strongly denied the trade had anything to do with the list of grievances. They claimed they wanted to give a young Fred Heron a chance to win a starting job and that an aging Silas was expendable. Silas played three more seasons as primarily a backup with the Giants and San Francisco 49ers. Drulis somehow survived 1967 and would continue to coach the defense until just prior to the 1972 season.

TRAGEDY

On August 23, 1971, Chuck Drulis suffered a massive heart attack on the team's charter plane about 30 minutes after it had taken off from St. Louis en route to Houston where the Cardinals were scheduled to play the Oilers. The Ozark Airlines jet made an emergency landing in Little Rock in hopes of rushing Drulis to a hospital, but he had already died before the plane landed. He was just 54 years old. Head coach Bob Hollway broke the sad news to the players over the plane's intercom. "I don't know how to say this, but Chuck Drulis has had a heart attack and he didn't make it." The plane spent about an hour in Little Rock before continuing to Houston where a couple of days later the Cardinals would lose to the Oilers 33-24. Former Big Red head coach Frank "Pop" Ivy said that "Chuck not only was a defensive genius, entirely



devoted to football, but he also was extremely loyal, to the head coach, to the organization." A then smiling Ivy continued, "It takes a loyal and flexible man to serve five different head coaches as Chuck did." Larry Wilson saluted his old mentor and friend in a eulogy at the funeral. The future Hall of Famer hailed the late coach as a "gentleman, a teacher, whose life was dedicated to football and to hard work." "I suppose I became one of the few to see both sides of Chuck, a tough man on the outside, but one who loved everyone and appreciated what people did for him." "He taught rock-'em, sock-'em football, but he also taught laughter and enjoyment. God be with him and bless him. We should all rejoice that Chuck did exactly what he wanted – to the very end." Post Dispatch columnist Bob Broeg said that Drulis's death would be the '72 Cardinals "greatest loss." He wrote "Chuck Drulis was a hard man to please and he'll be a hard man to replace." Drulis was survived by his wife Dale and sons Chuck Jr., and Kerry.

the plane. Drulis, who suffered a previous heart attack about ten years ago, was dead as the charter flight made an unscheduled stop at Little Rock, Ark. A native of Girardville, Pa., Drulis served under six Cardinal coaches. He is survived by his wife, Dale, and two sons, Chuck Jr., and Kerry. Mrs. Drulis, a noted artist, designed and executed the facade for the Football Hall of Fame. Funeral services were not yet completed. "He had been as loyal, as hard-working a Cardinal as ever existed," said Abe Stuber, personnel director, who had been friends with Drulis for 17 years when both coached at Philadelphia. "He worked day and night for the club. He loved it," Stuber said.

IT'S BIG DAY FOR DELISLE

AUG 25 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - In college, Jim DeLisle was a rare walk-on. And, even after three years of subsequent "stardom" at the University of Wisconsin, where he led the Big Ten in fumble recoveries as a sophomore, he came into the National Football League as a relatively obscure free agent. Largely by way of sheer hustle, the former Wausau Newman athlete weathered the 1971 numbers game to win a reserve berth in the Packers' defensive line. As the '72 training camp opened, he once again faced a major struggle for survival in competition with a talented if indolent Donnell Smith, since released, and heralded rookie Dave Purefory. Yet, in a somewhat Hollywoodish touch, he abruptly finds himself a highly probable starter at left tackle against the Bears in Milwaukee County Stadium Sunday night, now that mountainous Mike McCoy has been temporarily shelved with a fractured foot. DeLisle, who pronounced himself fully recovered from a broken hand that earlier threatened his job security, is soberly mindful of the opportunity that awaits. "It's going to be a big game for me, whatever happens, as far as my career is concerned," he said following Thursday afternoon's lengthy workout, which saw the sandy-haired ex-Badger running with the No. 1 defensive unit. Coach Dan Devine later accentuated this development by reporting, "At this point, it looks like DeLisle will be starting Sunday, with Alden Roche staying at right end instead of moving inside." DeLisle, frankly uncertain of what to expect from himself, pointed out, "The experience I got last year helps but I didn't play that much. So it's been two years since I've really played football. Starting a game is different - like being in on a long drive and being in there on the goal line. You don't pace yourself - that isn't a factor - but mentally you have to get yourself ready. You try to be ready when you're not playing, but there is a difference...It becomes more important, more immediate when you're getting ready to start. "Before, I was able to watch Mike McCoy and Bob Brown and rely on their experience. Now it's all on my own. Both of them look pretty good...aggressive and strong. Newton (a second year performer from the University of Nebraska) looks strong and Cadile is experienced, of course." DeLisle, who broke the metacarpal bone in the back of his right hand while tackling teammate MacArthur in practice four weeks ago, indicated he is physically ready for the task at hand. It's not bothering me anymore," said the 6-foot-4, 254-pound Wausau native, an all-Central Wisconsin Catholic Conference selection in high school. DeLisle, who entered the University of Wisconsin without a scholarship and proceeded to win a starting job as a sophomore, says he will take two central thoughts with him into Sunday night's match. "Improving on my charge and staying low," he said, "that's what will be on my mind."...PACKER PATTERN: With the status of Dave Davis still questionable and veteran Carroll Dale nursing a somewhat tender back, punter Ken Duncan has been returned to duty at wide receiver. Happy about the added responsibility, Duncan said, "I have confidence in myself as a receiver. I feel I could go in and do a job. I'm just hoping I can convince the coaches to have confidence in me." The former University of Tulsa athlete, who also functions as the Pack's No. 1 holder for placekickers Chester Marcol and Tim Webster, sees a possible fringe benefit. "If I'm working at wide receiver, I have less time to think about my punting, so hopefully it will improve," he said...Devine announced Thursday that tight end Rich McGeorge, hobbled for some time with a pulled quadriceps muscle in his right thigh, will make his first start of the pre-season against the Bears. "I'm sure Vernon Vanoy also will see some action," he said. Vanoy is the 6-foot-8, 275-pound defensive tackle acquired on waivers from the Giants earlier this week...Commenting on the afternoon's two-hour practice, which did not end until shortly before 5:30, DD said, "We started late - because of a long meeting...but we got a lot done today."... Offensive line Coach Rollie Dotsch, who announced he was singing on behalf of "rookie" personnel director Lloyd Eaton and first year coach Hank Kuhlmann, was accorded a boisterous, standing ovation by the players for his tenor rendition of "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" during Thursday night's team dinner at the St. Norbert Abbey...County Stadium will undergo a quick "face-lift" Sunday prior to the Pack's date with the Bears. At noon, the field will be laid out for baseball, since the Brewers will be hosting the White Sox in a 1 o'clock game. Under terms of the Packers agreement with the Brewers and Stadium Manager Bill Anderson, the field must be vacated for football not later than 4:30.

KROLL FLASHED PACKER POTENTIAL AT PREBLE

AUG 25 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The date: Oct. 29, 1966. The place: Manitowoc. The occurrence: Green Bay Preble High School vs. Manitowoc High School in a Fox River Valley Conference football game. And I was there. Maybe you were too. If so, you will remember the circumstances. It was the final game of the season. Manitowoc had already clinched at least a share of the conference championship and boasted a 6-1-0 record. Preble invaded with a 5-2-0 record...meaning a

victory would give the Hornets a slice of the title. It was a nice Saturday afternoon, as Wisconsin's late fall afternoons go. And there was considerable tension hanging around, as might be expected. Manitowoc, however, ranked as a fairly strong favorite. Its statistics were impressive. Preble's were rather bleak despite its record. And Manitowoc had a fullback named Greg Gretz, a 6-foot-1, 210 pound senior who was the conference bully. He stomped his way to the top of the rushing column with a 7.7 yards per carry average. But Preble had a kid named Bobby Kroll...a junior linebacker who was already establishing a reputation the equivalent of the hamburger that bears the same name. It was a magnificent game. Preble's Dale Geurts dropped Gretz in the end zone for a safety in the first quarter and that 2-0 lead stood up for the Hornets through three quarters of furious football. But on the last play of the third period, Preble fullback Doug LaFrombois was stopped on a fourth-and-one play at the Manitowoc 28...a circumstance that seemed to set the Ships sailing. In 12 plays, Manitowoc stepped off 72 yards and scored with seven minutes left in the game. The touchdown came on a 7-yard dart by quarterback Dick Bjorklund...after a nitty fake to Gretz. The significance of that play today is not that Bjorklund scored or that Manitowoc intercepted a Preble pass in the final two minutes and scored again for a final 13-2 win. The significance is in how the TD was scored...the FAKE to Gretz. You see, Bobby Kroll turned in one of the greatest defensive games I have ever seen by a high school player in that game. He was assigned to Gretz. Coach Bill Dessart told me of the plan before the game and I kept an interested eye on the one-on-one duel. It turned out to be one time when the immovable object defeated the irresistible force. Kroll, as I noted in my P-G report of the game, played most of the afternoon in Gretz's hip pads. The two looked like they were going steady. And Gretz wound up the afternoon with just 47 yards in 17 tries. In that one game, Bobby Kroll convinced me he had potential to become a great player as he moved on in his career. Indeed, he made second team All-State that year and first team All-State in his senior year. The University of Wisconsin wanted him badly but, unfortunately, Bobby had neglected his books in his first couple years of high school and his cumulative grades were below the Big 10 grant-in-aid requirements. But Bobby eventually wound up at Northern Michigan University and last year set a school record with 13 interceptions in one season. He also holds the Northern career interceptions record with 20. And now, Kroll is making a bid for even further football stardom...a bid that is turning out to be much more serious than many thought it would be. He was signed by the Packers as a free agent but that same determination and ruggedness that cooled the conference bully back in 1966 is making an impression on South Oneida St. these days. Oh, and there's one other touch of irony to that story. If Kroll and his mates had been successful that Oct. 29, 1966, Green Bay West would also have moved into a share of the Valley championship instead of settling for second place with the Hornets. And that second place is the only non-championship not enjoyed by the then Wildcat quarterback, Jerry Tagge, in his varsity career spanning high school and college. Tagge's West team won the title the next season and his University of Nebraska teams were Big Eight champs all of his three varsity seasons. And now, of course, Tagge is also a rookie Packer.

PERSONALITY PARADE (ABE GIBRON)

AUG 25 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The football fates deal some surprising hands, a point to which the Chicago Bears' rotund Abe Gibrón can personally attest with some eloquence. Gibrón, who had been released by the lowly Philadelphia Eagles following the 1957 season, was an overweight, unemployed guard in the spring of 1958 when he hit up George Halas for a job. The Bears' owner told Abe, then a billowy 300-pounder, take off 50 pounds and come back and see me in July. If you do as I ask, I'll not only sign you to a contract but give you a bonus. To the bland Bohemian's surprise, Gibrón checked in for training camp that '58 season at a relatively svelte 260 pounds. Halas was so impressed with this example of sacrifice, and Abe's eventual show of fire and leadership during the pre-season grind, that he named him offensive co-captain. Ample Abe has come some distance since that tenuous period, a fact which will be underscored when he leads the Bears into Milwaukee County Stadium Sunday night for a pre-season struggle with the Packers as their new head coach. Two years after joining the Bears, Gibrón left them to become an assistant coach of the Washington Redskins, an event which might well have ended his relationship with Halas and the Midway Monsters. But five years later, while on the search for an offensive line coach, Papa George remembered the two-fisted former Cleveland Brown and "recalled" him to the Windy City. After three years in that capacity, Gibrón moved over to coach the defensive line, a position he held at the time professorial Jim Dooley was dismissed as the Bears' resident genius following the 1971 season. Abe, something of a throwback in a period when former college coaches have begun fashioning a new image for the National Football League, is a tough talking authoritarian who deals in short, colorful Anglo-Saxon words of unmistakable definition. "There are no gray areas with Abe," says Dan Desmond, the Bears' publicity director. "To him, everything is either black or white. For example, he has told the players they can't have hair below the helmet...and sideburns have to be a certain length. He says, 'No porkchop sideburns are allowed.' I guess he means mutton chop. He also has said there can be no Fu Manchu moustaches - nothing exaggerated. Abe warned them all once, and a second time, and it didn't produce any results. So he said, 'Tomorrow, I'm going to bring in my barber.' And he did. The funny part of it is that the only one who really complained was one of the ball boys. He actually cried - he said, 'I'll lose my girl friend.' Abe said, 'Then you might as well go home.' The kid got his hair cut." Contrary to popular belief, Desmond said, "Gibrón has had no interference whatever from Mr. Halas. I think he's only been down to camp a couple of times. He doesn't interfere with Abe...And Abe himself says, 'This is Abe Gibrón's ball club.'" As a matter of fact, Abe's got his own coaching staff - all his own, handpicked people. And he surprised the Chicago writers. He got a couple they didn't think he could get - Bill George and Zeke Bratkowski. They didn't think either one would come back to the Bears. There's great rapport among the coaches, who are good friends off the field, as well as on...And there's a different attitude on the team." This last is traceable in large part to Gibrón's impartial policy, Desmond said. "Abe is the kind of guy who insists that every player, no matter what his position, does everything, including all of the drills and calisthenics. "One day a rookie soccer style kicker from Germany, a kid named Mirro Roder, was required

to work on the blocking sled. He'd never played American style football, of course. Roder gave the sled a couple of tentative nudges and Abe couldn't restrain himself. "He said, 'No wonder you (bleep-bleep) lost the war.'"

BEARS BREAK CAMP; BURDEN ON LINEBACKERS, SAYS ABE

AUG 25 (Chicago Tribune) - It may have been the best pep talk Abe Gibrion ever gave a team. "Come on guys," he shouted. "Last time we'll be scrimmaging in Rensselaer!" Let no one say Coach Gibrion can't motivate his Bears. For five hectic minutes near the goal line, the hitting was strong and silent. Then it was over. The Bears had just finished the last hard day's practice at St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer and even the moving van was by the dormitory waiting to pick up the team's belongings. Yet three days before the Bears meet the Green Bay Packers in Milwaukee's County Stadium, in their fourth exhibition game, Gibrion still has nagging problems. He admits the Bears' offense is still in the formative stage, and verbally underlines his dependence on defense. "The linebackers are going to have to carry us for a while," he said after today's practice. "Doug [Buffone, the outside linebacker] went to work out there today and you saw what a difference it made." Dick Butkus, the fearsome middle linebacker took the afternoon off. "I told him he could," said Gibrion. "The doctor came down to check his knee. Look, I've said it before. I know what Butkus can do." Gibrion also evaluated his defensive line - strengths and weaknesses. Dave Hale and Rookie Jim Osborne drew some praise from the coach. "They've worked hard." Then he mused on who would return to duty at the defensive end positions. "If we get [Steve] DeLong and Willie Holman out there with some of the young guys, we'll be good." Gibrion then offered a measure of his team's success, wrapped up in his defensive front four. "They won't be all that great, but if they come every time they'll beat somebody." Beating somebody may come Sunday against the Packers, yet even here the Bears won't be at full strength. Out of action with assorted injuries will be Holman, Lionel Antoine, the Bears' first round draft pick, Defensive Tackle Bill Staley with a nagging knee problem, and Reserve Center Todd Klein. The Bears will probably go without Running Backs Gale Sayers and Bill Tucker, both trying comebacks. Gibrion isn't ready to play Sayers, who was trying to do another return from a fourth operation on his left knee. "Awful doubtful," is Gibrion's summation of Sayers' ability to play right now. "He'll have to ease his way back in the lineup. He's done everything we asked. He's been doing more blocking for us than any other time." "Since he's been with the Bears?" came the question. "Since any time in football," was Abe's reply. Sayers did block well today, sticking Linebacker Larry Rowden with a rugged head and shoulder hit. But his return to anything approximating full-time running duty might be somewhere in the distant future...**BEAR NOTES:** For the second consecutive day former Packer signal caller Zeke Bratkowski masqueraded as a Green Bay quarterback showing the Bears defense what some of the Green Bay offensive plays would be. Bratkowski still has the ability to throw the ball accurately...Gibrion indicated rookie Quarterback Jim Fassel would "definitely get in the game. We've definitely got to use him," said Gibrion.

RICH MCGEORGE SET FOR 'OPENER'

AUG 26 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Rich McGeorge feels like a new man, at long last. The Packers' brawny young tight end, gimpy ever since training camp opened in mid-July, finally has deserted the "hospital bus." And none too soon, he fervently assures. McGeorge, due to start against the Bears in County Stadium Sunday night after sitting out the Pack's last two pre-season ventures with a pulled thigh muscle, has found he much prefers active duty. "That was bad," the big, dark-haired Virginian said Friday afternoon while sprawled on his bed at the St. Norbert Abbey for the purpose of taking in a TV drama. "I had to catch that hospital bus to the stadium every day, and it left a half hour or 45 minutes before the two regular player buses. "When I got to the stadium, I'd have to take a treatment. Then, out on the practice field. I was able to go only half-speed - mostly I was a spectator. Then, after practice, it was back into the training room for another treatment. And then catch the hospital bus, the last one, back to the dorm." McGeorge, a No. 1 draftee from Little Elon, N.C., College in 1970, is hopeful those long, "I'm ready to go full speed now," he said. "I'm ready to get back out there -I'm tired of standing around and watching...I think the muscle is fully recovered. It gets tired but that's just part of getting back into shape." Rich traces his problem to the early days of training camp. "It happened the first week," he said. "With two-a-days, of course, I was sore all over, just like everybody else, so I didn't pay too much attention to my leg at first. I thought that it was just part of the general soreness. "But then, later in the week, I began to feel it pull. That first weekend, I was on National Guard duty and I could feel it swell up...Then they held me out of the intra-squad game to see if it would get better. I started our first exhibition game against Cincinnati but it started getting sore again during the game and I could tell it wasn't well. That's when the decision was made to hold me out and try to get it well...Plus it gave the coaches a chance to see what Leonard Garrett could do. And I think he proved he's quite an adequate tight end. I was impressed with the way he played." This, he conceded, should work to the Packers' ultimate benefit. "I hope it helped strengthen the team overall," McGeorge said, "I think the coaches probably have more confidence in Leonard now as far as his blocking is concerned. The disappointing thing about it for me was that I feel the injury has been delaying my personal progress. But I'm still looking for a big year - for the whole team. Of course, we're a young team." Enthused about the Packers' redesigned air attack, he says, "Coach Polonchek really has a good mind for the passing game...He's got a good mind for patterns and he gets you out there. I think our passing game is going to be much improved. And so is our quarterbacking, I think. Really, Scott Hunter is a fantastic guy - he takes full control...He's just got to be a lot better. And with that backfield, John Brockington, Dave Hampton and MacArthur Lane, we've got to be able to run the ball down people's throats." Looking back to 1971, a nightmarish 4-8-2 for Rich and his colleagues, he said, "I sort of felt like I played pretty well. It wasn't a good year for any of us, though, because you can never be satisfied with your play when you don't win. "But at least I played (he was a rookie in 1970). I know what I can do. And I still believe I have a big future. I just have to work hard to accomplish it. I'll tell you one thing," he said simply, "I'd much rather be in there doing everything, any

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day, than riding that hospital bus." And that, Coach Dan Devine has indicated, is precisely what Rich will be doing in the Bear tete-a-tete, fourth of six exhibition tests for the Packers' prior to their Sept. 17 NFL inaugural at Cleveland. "We're missed him," he said. "Of all the ones who really needed work in the exhibitions, he needed it the most."...**PACKER PATTERN:** Rookie wide receiver Leland Glass will receive an extensive test against the Bears, Devine reported following Friday afternoon's practice, a somewhat shorter season than Thursday's had been. "We're going to play Glass quite a bit," he said, appending, "I like him." Devine added, "I don't know what Jerry Tagge's situation will be, except that he'll play. I don't know how much."...Confirming that he intends to employ rookie Chester Marcol for all placekicking chores Sunday night. DD pointed out, "He kicked a 57-yard free kick field goal in practice today and it was still going when it went over the crossbar. I know you would like to see him do that in a game," he couldn't resist quipping, "and so would I."...On other personnel matters, DD reported, "Dave Davis is not likely to play but he'll suit up. Everybody will suit up, in fact, except Mike McCoy." McCoy, who suffered a foot fracture in last Saturday night's 20-3 loss at Houston, will have his right leg in a cast for approximately two more weeks, Packer team physicians have estimated...Ken Duncan, hobbled most of last season with a torn hamstring muscle, reported some stiffness in the same area during Friday's workout but Devine said he was sure the second year punter would be "all right" for Sunday's contest.

BEARS AND PACKERS TO COLLIDE TODAY

AUG 26 (Chicago Tribune) - Nothing can detract from a Bears-Packers confrontation - not even the relative lack of merit for both teams and the exhibition status of the game. The Bears will play the Packers in the fourth exhibition game for both teams at 8:30 tomorrow in County Stadium. It's the 13th annual Shrine benefit game, and the 120th time they have met in the oldest rivalry of the National Football League. Yet both teams have personnel problems, both have serious injuries, and both will be figuring to stay out of the cellar in the National Football League's Central Division once the regular season opens. All this will have little bearing on the capacity crowd or the players themselves. "I don't have to worry about the players hitting," said Bears Coach Abe Gibron. "They're playing Green Bay." The Bears will be without Defensive Tackle Bill Staley, Offensive Tackle and first round draft pick Lionel Antoine, Defensive End Willie Holman and reserve Center Todd Klein. Staley is still trying to come back from various knee ailments. Antoine was injured in the Bear's only exhibition victory - against Houston, and both Holman and Klein were hurt when the Bears lost 27-17 to New England and Jim Plunkett last Sunday. Meanwhile, second-year Coach Dan Devine of the Packers is going to find out what he has for a pass rush now that Tackle Mike McCoy is out for at least four weeks with a broken foot. Jim DeLisle, a second-year free agent from Wisconsin, was Devine's choice to replace McCoy. DeLisle would be part of a front four with Defensive Ends Clarence William and Alden Roche and Tackle Bob Brown. If that fails, Devine will move Roche to tackle, and use rookie Dave Puriefey at end. Tight End Rich McGeorge will see his first action for the Packers, as will 275-pound Tackle Vernon Vanoy, picked up from the New York Giants early in the week. Bob Asher, one of the players acquired by the Bears from Dallas in exchange for Quarterback Jack Concannon, will see some action at offensive tackle, but Gale Sayers won't be playing. The running back, trying still another comeback, is gradually easing his way into the lineup, but is hobbled by obvious stiffness in a left knee that has been operated on four times. Gibron simply will not allow Sayers to get hit until Sayers is ready. The Bears have seven running backs they will alternate, including Cyril Pinder, who will be in his first game of the season. Joe Moore and Jim Harrison, who played for Devine his last year at Missouri, will start at the running backs. Bobby Douglass and Kent Nix will see most of the action at quarterback, but Gibron insisted rookie Jim Fassel would play. "We've definitely got to use him," were Gibron's words. With the next cutdown deadline Monday, both coaches will be experimenting with almost all available material. Teams must reduce to 49 players, exclusive

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Midwest Shrine Series

Packers won 8, Bears won 3, 1 tie.
Points: Packers 238, Bears 151.

of players in the College All-Star game. That means the Bears, who had Antoine and Craig Clemons on the All-Star team, must slice nine off their 60-man squad.

PACKERS SEEK REBOUND AGAINST BEARS TONIGHT

AUG 27 (Milwaukee-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packers, having had one long week to ponder the horror of Houston, are primed for a revival tonight. But their intended victims, the Chicago Bears, promise to be something less than cooperative under the lash of their new leader, gutfighter Abe Gibron. All of which should make for explosive evening in the 23rd annual Shrine game (8:30, WNFL, WLUK-TV), to be staged before a capacity crowd of more than 47,000 fans in County Stadium. The Packers' old pros, among others, freely admit a deep-seated desire to atone for last week's sub-par performance in the Astrodome, where they ran afoul of the super-charged Oilers, 20-3. "You have to be embarrassed about that one," Co-Captain Ray Nitschke said. "It was a flat game - it was so much different from our first two games (24-14 and 14-13 victories over Cincinnati and Miami, respectively). I think the younger guys are looking forward to getting involved in the Packer-Bear rivalry. And if the older guys can't get ready to play the Bears, we're in trouble." Carroll Dale, elder statesman of the offense now that Bart Starr has retired, pointed out, "Any time you lose, it should make you react in a positive way and try to improve. We should react with determination - that's where pride comes in. Any time you don't score a touchdown, as we did not against the Oilers, the offense has to be embarrassed. Not that a 42-41 loss is any better than a 20-3 loss, but we had the opportunities." Analyzing that comeuppance following the upset of Miami's Super Bowl finalists, Dale said, "When you win a couple in a row, as we did, there's a tendency to ease up. I guess it's only human. It was always true even in the championship years.

You respect your opponent but you don't know them, as in the case of Houston, which we were playing for the first time, and they put it to you." Looking ahead to tonight's exchange, he added, "This game is always a dog fight, there's no question about that. I hope it's a better game than the last two (a 6-6 tie in 1970 and 2-0 loss in '71)." The chances he will get his wish appear to be excellent. The Bears, who were unable to score a touchdown in five of their eight regular season losses last season, have exhibited much more imposing offensive muscle under Gibron's militant leadership, particularly in their last two outings. The Packers also look to be better than they were a year ago, largely because of the addition of running back MacArthur Lane and defensive backs Jim Hill and Willie Buchanan, although the temporary loss of Mike McCoy from the front four cannot be minimized. Tonight's struggle also is likely to be even more "physical," if that is possible, since the militant Gibron has demanded a free-hitting, all out approach from his team. The Midway Monsters have responded by embroiling themselves in a series of bench-emptying brawls in their last two appearances, against Houston and New England. The Bruins' improved attack is traceable in large part to a revitalized running game, built around ex-Missourians Joe Moore and Jim Harrison, drafted one-two by the Bears a year ago, plus the advent of rookie Roger Lawson of Western Michigan and the productive free lancing of quarterback Bobby Douglass. Moore and Lawson each have rushed for 83 yards in three games, the 6-foot-4, 235-pound Harrison for 82 and Douglass for a team-leading 89 in 14 sorties. Douglass, whose arrival has long been awaited by Bear brass, still is not the kind of percentage passer who brings a winner. But he has hit on 20 of 43 attempts for 326 yards and one touchdown, the latter a 92-yard collaboration with tight end Earl Thomas, who could be a big Bear weapon tonight and in the years to come. Gibron attributes Bobby's increased artistry to former Packer Zeke Bratkowski, who now is a Bear assistant coach and in complete charge of the Monsters' passing game. In addition to Thomas, Douglass's prime targets are flanker George Farmer, currently the Bears' leading receiver with seven catches for 137 yards, and Ex-Notre Dame luminary Jim Seymour, starting at split end in the holdout absence of Dick Gordon, presently a free agent. Like the Monsters, the Packers are convinced they have beefed. up their arsenal with the addition of Lane, who has added impressive outside speed and superior blocking skills at Donny Anderson's old left halfback stand. Scott Hunter, who will start tonight, likewise is a much improved quarterback in the wake of a year's experience and he now has a highly promising under-study in Green Bay grown Jerry Tagge, expected to play at least a quarter. Coach Dan Devine also feels that Hill and Buchanan, along with the transfer of Al Matthews from cornerback to strong safety, have tightened up a secondary that was somewhat porous a year ago. Although frisked for two touchdowns in last week's misadventure at Houston, it had not permitted a scoring pass in the first two games. Since Devine still is involved in the experimental process at this pre-season point, Tagge is not the only rookie likely to become prominently involved tonight. particularly in view of the fact that six athletes must be trimmed from the 58-man roster by Monday. The Packer coach expects to expose Bob Hudson, a quick-hitting running back from Northeast Oklahoma, to the tender mercies of Dick Butkus, among others. Wide receiver Leland Glass, guard Keith Wortmann, linebacker Larry Hefner and defensive backs Lee Hitt and Bob Kroll also may see some action. Needless to say, it will be a large evening for Jim DeLisle, scheduled to make his first pro start at defensive left tackle in behalf of the injured McCoy, out for at least three more weeks with broken foot. Newcomer Vernon Vanoy, acquired from the Giants on waivers last week, is expected to spell DeLisle, at least briefly.

Bears and Packers to Collide Today!