



Minnesota Vikings (8-1) 9, Green Bay Packers (5-4) 7
 Sunday November 16th 1969 (at Milwaukee)



Packers Stymie Viking Might, But Lose, 9-7

GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)



The Eyes Have It, But Willie Davis, Closing in on Joe Kapp, Should Get a Handful Soon
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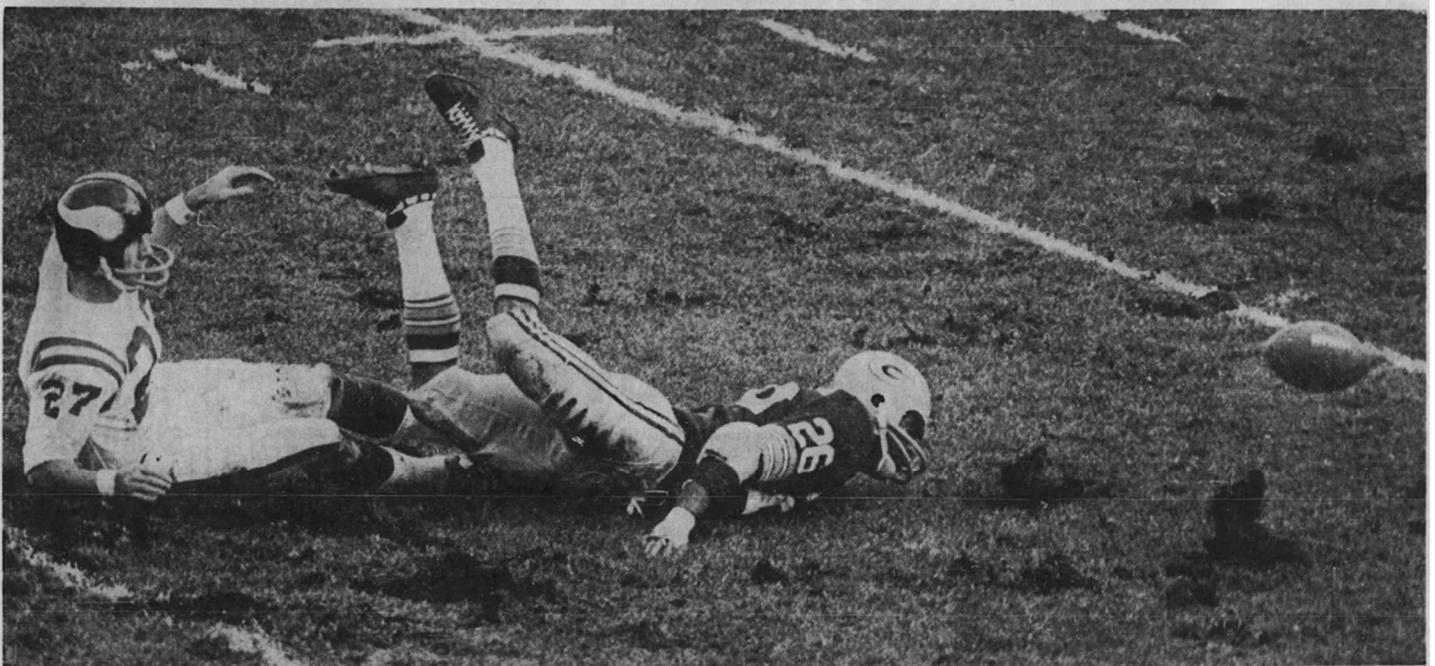
(MILWAUKEE) - The words did not come easily. "Any effort...that doesn't produce a victory," Willie Davis somberly said, "isn't good enough." But, by almost any standards, Sunday's Packer performance in County Stadium should have been. The devastating Four Norsemen? The Packers handled them with something akin to explosive facility. The highest scoring team in the NFL? The previously irresistible Vikings were limited to a total production of three field goals by a heroic defense which repeatedly rose to great heights. The NFL's No. 1 passer, Joe Kapp? He completed just four of 11 passes for 41 yards, was intercepted for a touchdown and trapped twice before Coach Bud Grant supplanted him with Gary Cuozzo in the second quarter. Despite this considerable artistry, however, the Vikings escaped with a 9-7 victory in a crunching defensive struggle before a capacity house of 48,321 fans and, almost certainly, with the Central Division championship. Their fourth straight success at Green Bay expense vaulted them three games ahead of the Packers with five to play. Only a complete collapse, hardly to be expected from the confident Minnesotans,



Green Bay Packers quarterback Bart Starr is pressured by Minnesota Vikings defensive end Carl Eller

could dissipate that kind of bulge. The Packers, meanwhile, will have to see what can be done about retrieving second place, taken over by the Detroit Lions following a 20-0 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals. Projected to the front by Doug Hart's 85-yard runback of a second quarter interception, longest such effort of the NFL season, the Bays for some time entertained visions of shattering the Vikings' seven-game winning streak. That salutary development saw Hart pilfer a Kapp pitch, intended for tight end John Beasley at the Green Bay 15-yard line. Angling to his right, he streaked down the eastern sidelines and into the end zone untouched as Davis cut down Kapp, his final pursuer, with a devastating block. But Fred Cox's third field goal of the afternoon, a 20-yard boot at 5:03 of the fourth quarter, later erased a 7-6 lead which had endured since the Viking connected from the Packer 12 midway through the third period. Bart Starr, who went the distance at quarterback for the first time within four weeks, subsequently cheered the faithful by launching a promising push in the closing minutes with a succession of short, quick passes expressly installed for the occasion. But the Vikings' Bobby Bryant, the NFL's leading larcenist, leaped in front of Dave Hampton to intercept at the Minnesota five with 1:47 remaining to quash that final threat. Starr, accorded sterling protection by his offensive line, was reached only once by the Vikings' celebrated front four and that lone trap stemmed from a safety blitz. Although termed only "90 percent" of normal by GM-Coach Phil Bengtson in the wake of an arm injury, he completed 12 of 21 passes for 151 yards, one of them a 48-yard strike to flanker Carroll Dale which carried the Packers to the Viking 17 in the third quarter. Their deepest penetration, it ended unprofitably when Mike Mercer's 22-yard field goal attempt veered to the right of the uprights, after the Packers found themselves with fourth-and-eight. It was the second such disaster of the afternoon for Mercer, who saw his 42-yard

attempt blocked by the visitors' Karl Kassulke shortly before the first half ended. Cox, unhappily for the Pack, enjoyed a perfect day, including a 10-yard first quarter bullseye. It was set up when a Bob Lee punt put the Bays in severe straits,



Well Out of Reach, the Ball Bounces Harmlessly Along the Pock-Marked Field While Herb Adderley and Viking Receiver Bob Grim Watch
 --State Journal Photo by J. D. Patrick

rolling dead at the Green Bay 1-yard line. Donny Anderson's 27-yard return boot shortly was taken over by the Vikings at the Packer 31 and Kapp maneuvered the Vikes into field goal range. In the final analysis, however, Kapp's exit late in that second period was a stroke of misfortune for the Bays. His successor, Cuozzo, proved considerably more artistic and effective. Completing 11 of 16 passes for 105 yards, the one-time John Unitas understudy enabled the Vikings to maintain control during the second half, from which they emerged with a 39-19 bulge in offensive plays. His short, flat darts to Beasley and wide receivers Gene Washington and John Henderson, intermixed with the power thrusts of Dave Osborn, Bill Brown and Oscar Reed, fashioned 49 and 68-yard drives to trigger Cox's last two field goals - and an eighth straight victory.

MINNESOTA - 3 0 3 3 - 9
GREEN BAY - 0 7 0 0 - 7

	<u>MINNESOTA</u>	<u>GREEN BAY</u>
First downs	18	10
Rush-yards-TDs	44-156-0	26-87-0
Comp-Att-Yd-TD-INT	27-15-146-0-2	21-12-151-0-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-32	1-13
Net Passing Yards	114	138
Total yards	270	225
Fumbles-lost	0-0	3-1
Turnovers	2	3
Yards Penalized	5-55	3-24

SCORING

- 1st - MINN - Fred Cox, 10-yard field goal MINN 3-0
- 2nd - GB - Doug Hart, 85-yard interception return (Mike Mercer kick) GB 7-3
- 3rd - MINN - Cox, 12-yard field goal GB 7-6
- 4th - MINN - Cox, 20-yard field goal MINN 9-7

RUSHING

- GREEN BAY** - Dave Hampton 7-39, Travis Williams 11-21, Donny Anderson 7-18, Bart Starr 1-9
- MINNESOTA** - Dave Osborn 14-58, Bill Brown 16-49, Oscar Reed 10-32, Joe Kapp 3-15, Gary Cuozzo 1-2

PASSING

- GREEN BAY** - Bart Starr 21-12-151 2 INT
- MINNESOTA** - Joe Kapp 11-4-41 1 INT, Gary Cuozzo 16-11-105 1 INT

RECEIVING

- GREEN BAY** - Dave Hampton 4-37, Travis Williams 4-32, Carroll Dale 3-61, Donny Anderson 1-21
- MINNESOTA** - Gene Washington 4-44, John Henderson 4-36, John Beasley 3-23, Dave Osborn 2-25, Bill Brown 1-10, Oscar Reed 1-8

'Team Pride' Must Carry Pack: Phil



Dejected Coach Phil Bengtson Talks to Newsmen

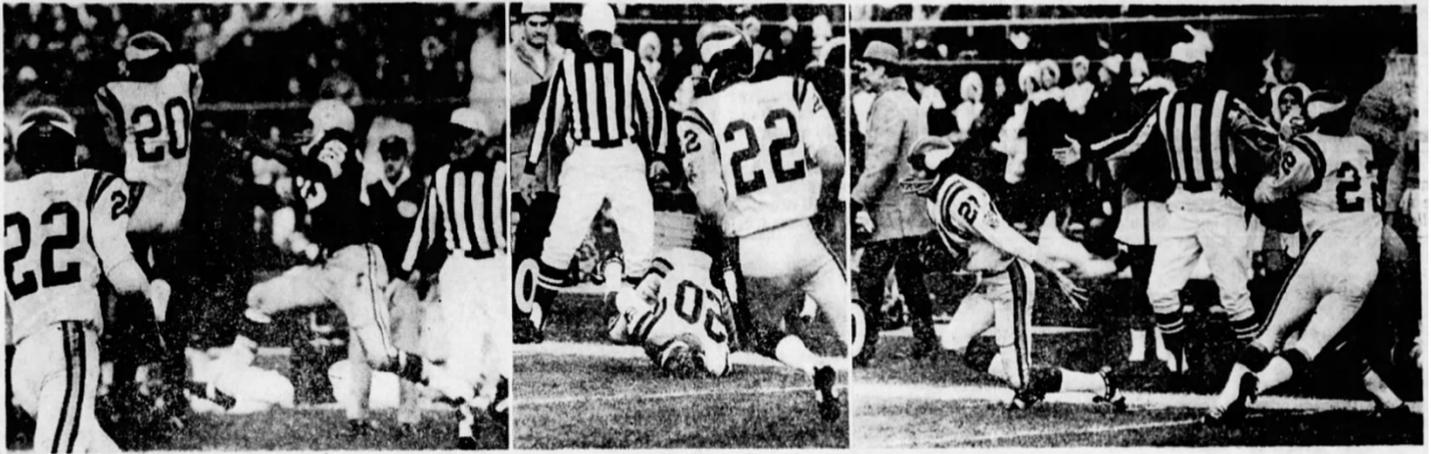
'TEAM PRIDE' MUST CARRY PACK: PHIL

NOV 17 (Milwaukee-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The marauding Minnesota Vikings, who weren't quite as marauding here Sunday as their record indicates, now boast a three-game advantage over the Packers with only five games to play in the National Football League's Central Division. Additionally, the Vikes own the point spread that would break a championship tie between the two teams, making their advantage really four games. Are they in? The question was put to deeply disappointed Phil Bengtson minutes after his Pack had dropped that frustrating 9-7 decision to the Minnesotans in County Stadium. Speaking in almost a hushed tone, the Packer strategist acknowledged, "They ought to be." And where does the Pack go from this rocky juncture? "We've still got five games to play, haven't we," came the answer. "We'll have to call on our team pride...we've always had that...and our professional pride in performance." But because of the situation, which leaves only a thread of hope for a completely successful conclusion to the Pack Will Be Back campaign, Bengtson indicated there may be some changes in the remaining games. There's the probable employment of youthful Don Horn more at quarterback. "That would seem logical...but I can't say right now," the coach said. Then there's the possible activating of newly-signed place kicker Rick Duncan, added to the taxi squad just last week. "We're certainly going to investigate it," Bengtson said of the suggestion. The kicking game was a prime subject of discussion after Mike Mercer had a field goal try from the 42 blocked by Karl Kassulke, with the help of a bad snap, and missed one from the 22 which could have been the winning points. And

Bengtson, wincing at the thought of only four successes in 15 tries and six of the misses blocked during the course of the season, labeled the situation "Terrible it's terrible." He might have said almost the same thing for the offense in general, which has now gone two straight games without scoring a touchdown. But he preferred to admit, with a shake of his head for emphasis, "I can't understand it. Of course this was a good defense and we had a makeshift outfit in there at the start." He referred to injured Ken the combination Bowman, who did not start because of a broken thumb, but played later. Bart Starr was "not 100 per cent but feeling good" at quarterback with his injured arm. Bengtson thought Starr played well, however, and said he did not give any thought to using Horn. Donny Anderson and Travis Williams started in tandem at running back and the coach declared showed "some potential." Rookie Dave Hampton, gained 39 yards in seven carries and caught four passes for 37 more, "looked pretty good, pretty effective," Bengtson was quick to add. "Up until that last interception, he looked like the deciding factor in the game." But while the offense found itself stymied, the defense was outstanding, particularly, as Bengtson noted, "against a team that has scored over 50 points in a game twice this season." The Packer resistance held the Vikes to no touchdowns but the coach did point out that Minnesota made three crucial third down plays in its drive to the winning 20-yard field goal with 5:03 left. Bengtson was also surprised to see Gary Cuozzo at the Viking throttle in the second half and he gave the Joe Kapp replacement credit for moving the Vikes smartly down field for the winning points.

PACK WANTED GAME MORE THAN ANYTHING: BART

NOV 17 (Milwaukee-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Back in street clothes, Bart Starr stood near his locker in the subdued atmosphere of the Packers' County Stadium dressing room. Surveying the quiet scene, the veteran field general said sadly, "I've never seen a squad that wanted to win a ball game more than this one...It's hard to take." As is his unvarying custom, Mr. Quarterback made no excuses, physical or otherwise, for the 9-7 loss to Minnesota which has virtually extinguished the Packers' hopes of winning the National Football League's Central Division title. "My arm felt all right," said Starr, who had been a somewhat questionable participant in this one until late last week because of an injured bicep. Bobby Bryant, the Viking cornerback whose interception at the Minnesota 5-yard-line snuffed out the Packers' last threat, "made a great catch," he said. Informed that GM-Coach Phil Bengtson had said that the pass originally had been scheduled to be a short one, instead of a 30-yard effort, Starr said softly, "If that is what the coach said, I think we should let that stand." Dave Hampton, it was noted, appeared to have been the intended receiver. "That's right, he was," Starr said. Paying tribute to the offensive line, Bart labeled his pass protection "just outstanding...They blocked beautifully. We should have completed a lot more passes with the protection we had." He also said that the snaps from Ken Bowman, who played the entire second half at center despite a cast on his broken right hand, "were good." Across the room, Offensive Capt. Forrest Gregg solemnly reflected, "We gave it a good effort and we had a shot at it. But we couldn't come up with the big play offensively, although we got one big play defensively." This last, obviously, was Doug Hart's 85 - yard scoring runback with a second quarter interception. "I don't think we played that badly," Gregg said, "but we couldn't sustain our drives...I thought Bart called a real good game and did a good job. We did have one missed field goal and had one blocked, but we should have done more on offense and we wouldn't have had to depend on those." Starr, it was noted, had been felled only once by the previously devastating Vikings. He nodded and observed, "If you can get any consolidation out of not winning, that would have to be it." Bob Jeter, who tipped a pass from John Beasley's hands in the end zone to avert a first quarter Viking touchdown,



Vikings' Bobby Bryant (20) made interception at Packer five, got up and ran 20 yards to kill last Green Bay drive

credited linebacker Fred Carr with an assist. "Dave Osborn was my man on the play," he reported. "He swung wide and he took me to the corner. I couldn't leave him until I saw the ball in the air and I got there just at the last second. I think Carr touched it, too. Carroll Dale, whose 48-yard third quarter reception from Starr was the longest offensive play of the afternoon, reported, "I might have slowed up a little bit on that one. "I think they were playing just a bit close today because of Bart's arm. They were crowding us, plus the fact that with their pass rush they felt they could afford to take a chance. "I got away from Earsell Mackbee on the play but Paul Krause, the safety man, was right there, so I couldn't get away." Deeply disappointed over this telling defeat, Dale said, "I feel we have had four Christmas gifts - games we should have won but didn't. It's very frustrating. All the guys feel that way. "The defense played an outstanding game, but we just couldn't put any points on the board."

MERCER PINS BLAME ON SELF

NOV 17 (Milwaukee-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Mike Mercer took full responsibility. Chagrin bringing a faint flush to his blond features, he said unhappily, "It was a bad kick. I just hit it wrong...I rushed it." Mercer was discussing the 22-yard field goal attempt which went awry in the third quarter of Sunday's 9-7 loss to the Minnesota Vikings here, a defeat which all but eliminated the Packers from the NFL's Central Division race. "Everything was good but me," Mercer said. "The center, the hold and the blocking, all were good. It's the first time in my nine years in pro football that I've blown a crucial kick." Mercer said he wasn't sure what had happened on his 42-yard attempt which was blocked in the second quarter, but noted, "I know it didn't get very far off my foot." He sadly added, "You hate to let down such a class bunch of guys as these are...You shouldn't miss those kind." Center Ken Bowman, passing by, paused to give Mercer a consoling pat on the shoulder. "As I said," Mike concluded, "It's the first time this sort of thing has happened to me and it's a helluva feeling...after the defense played their hearts out like they did."

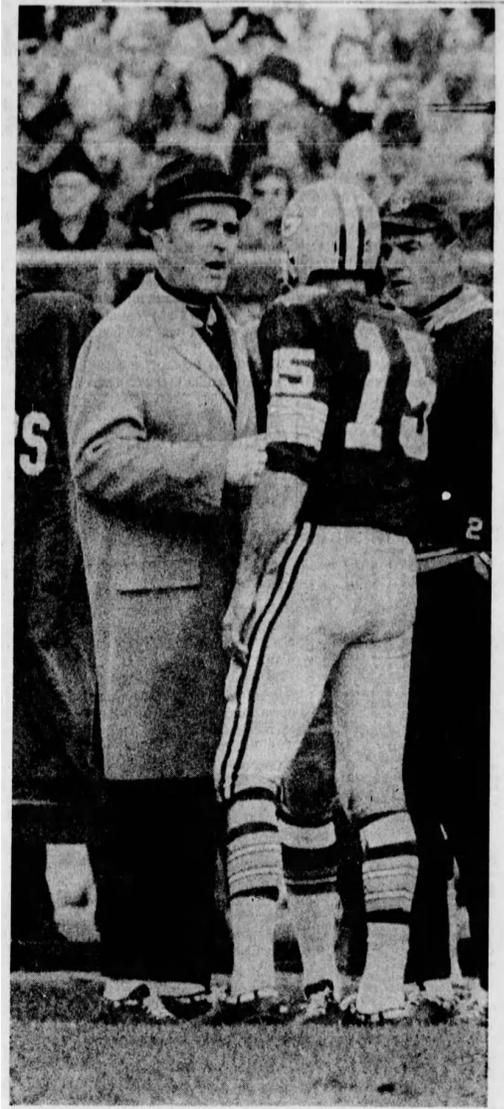
BRADLEY ACTIVATED

NOV 17 (Milwaukee-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The Packers activated Dave Bradley to the active roster prior to Sunday's game against the Vikings. Bradley, a rookie from Penn State and the Packers' second draft choice, was added to beef up the Pack line corps. Ron Jones was removed from the roster and placed on the move list.

BRYANT 'COULDN'T BELIEVE' LONG PASS

NOV 17 (Milwaukee-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – "I couldn't believe Starr threw deep on that play," said Bobby Bryant. "I just thought they'd play it safe and maybe try a field goal." Bryant leaped high to intercept Starr's first down pass near the Viking end zone to kill the Packer's final drive. "The pass was intended for Dave Hampton and they tried to swing him out behind me. But my job was just to take care of that deep zone," he continued. Bryant, who has now picked off a league-leading eight passes, almost had another. "It was in the first quarter and I actually had it and then fumbled, I think. I grabbed the ball but Fleming just took it away. He's a little stronger than I am." Another interception, the one which gave the Packers their only score of the day, was retold in several versions. "They had a good rush on," said Vike Coach Bud Grant. "I guess

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Animated Phil Bengtson Confers With Bart Starr



Lesson in Heads-Down Football a Real Travis-ty

Green Bay's Travis Williams letting his fingers do the walking after being hit at line of scrimmage. Converging on Packers' halfback are Minnesota Vikings Lonnie Warwick (59), Paul Krause (22), Alan Page (88), Gary Larsen (right).

John Beasley slipped." "I thought I had a completion," said quarterback Joe Kapp. "But then Beasley slipped and it went right to Doug Hart. The rush was pretty strong, I guess, but it didn't affect my throw." Beasley felt he might have been pushed on the play but was waiting to see the films before being sure. "I went past Nitschke and then I was either shoved or I fell, I'm not sure." Beasley, who barely missed a touchdown in the first quarter when Kapp's pass into the end zone was batted away by Fred Carr and Bob Jeter, felt the Packer linebackers were without equal.

DECISIONS, DECISIONS: GOOD OR BAD?

NOV 17 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - It's second and seven at the Packer 28 and Bart Starr hits Carroll Dale, who is brought down inches short of a first down at the 35. But there's a flag and Minnesota is tagged with an offside ticket. That means you have your choice of taking the penalty, leaving a third and two situation at the 33. or taking the play, leaving a third and inches situation at the 35. There are just about eight minutes left in the game and you trail, 9-7. Packer Captain Forrest Gregg elects to keep the play. And on third down with inches to go, Starr calls for a short pass but finds the Viking defense stacked against it. He checks to a running play and, unfortunately, Dave Hampton

is stopped for almost a yard loss. "It was the wrong call," Coach Phil Bengtson said later of Gregg's decision to take the play. But Forrest, also an assistant coach, defended his decision with "There were only a few inches to go and nobody can stop us from getting a couple inches. But Hampton slipped." And after Hamp slipped, it left the Packers with fourth and one at their own 34, trailing 9-7 with 7:51 left. The punting team begins moving onto the field. But there's Gregg furiously waving them back. The punting team hesitates. Some look back at the bench. But they get the go signal and move onto the gridiron as Gregg finally stops waving. Bengtson said later he never considered going for the first down because there was too much time left. And Gregg agreed. "I was just caught up in the game and wanted to go for it," he explained. "But there was a lot of time left and the punt was the only play." It was the only play if the Packers were simply going for the win. But if they were going for a 12-point win, based on the need to outscore the Vikes by that much because of the NFL's playoff rules, a gamble would have been the play. Bengtson explained his thinking, however. "We just wanted to win it...though we were aware of the point situation, of course," he said...The Packer defense here Sunday was magnificent. Holding a team like the Vikings without a touchdown is all anyone could ask. And each member of that unit had his moment or two Sunday. It was a great display of togetherness...and old-fashioned fight against steep odds. The offense showed that same fight. Unfortunately it could not show the same results...I suspect that was the real Joe Kapp who stood up...and was knocked down...Sunday...Again it wasn't only the field goals that caused a kicking problem. Three kickoff tries, all with the wind, traveled to the 21, out of bounds at the 25 and to the 11. The first was returned to the 32 and the last to the 38.

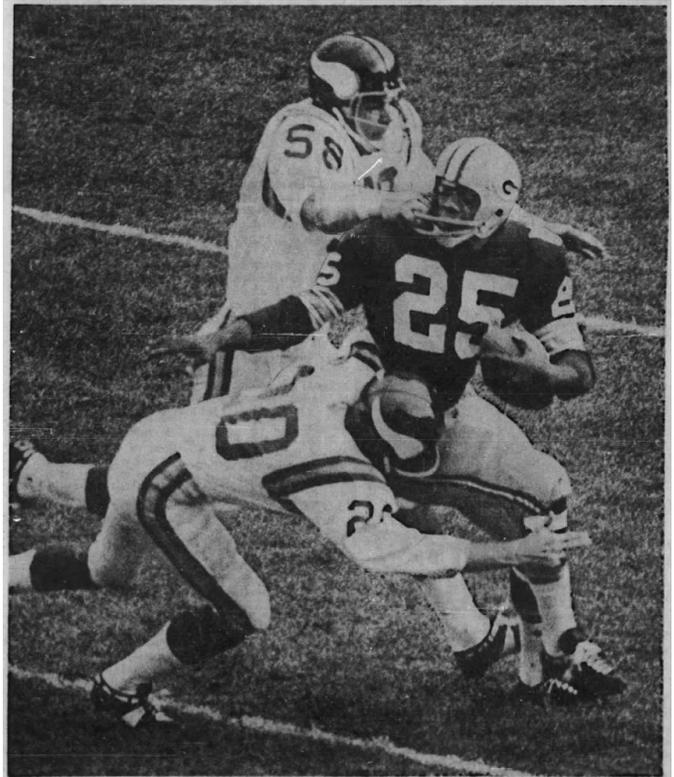
HART MAKES PASS THEFT SOUND EASY

NOV 17 (Milwaukee) - Doug Hart made it sound simple. The author of the longest interception runback of the NFL's 1969 season said, "Joe Kapp had called a crossing pattern to tight end John Beasley on the play and he fell or got hit - I lost track of him." "The ball was in the clear and it hit me right in the chest," he said, a grin lighting up his clear-cut countenance. "I couldn't very well have avoided it." Hart, who wheeled 85 yards down County Stadium's eastern sidelines to provide the Packers with a temporary 7-3 lead, continued, "The only ones I saw on the way were two linemen. I tried to get as far outside them as I could." His excursion had eclipsed the previous season best of 80 on Oct. 26, it was noted. Hart nodded his head and observed, "I had the season's longest once before, a 50-yarder in the Bear game, until Herb bettered it against Atlanta. "Considering we lost, though, this one today is a small distinction."

CUOZZO USED TO STRENGTHEN VIKES: GRANT

NOV 17 (Milwaukee-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Joe Kapp was not hurt and Coach Bud Grant almost seemed surprised at the assumption. "Denny McLain has been relieved at times," said Grant in the jubilant Minnesota locker room after the Vikes' 9-7 victory over the Packers here Sunday. "Kapp wasn't hurt but we just thought the switch would make us stronger. Just because we replace a man, it doesn't mean we're displeased with his performance." Grant made the quarterback switch to Gary Cuozzo with the Vikes trailing 7-3 in the second quarter. "The thing is, we've just never had an occasion this year to make a switch. But they're both good quarterbacks."...NOT INJURED: There was speculation that Kapp had been injured trying to catch Doug Hart on the Packers' only score of the day. "I did make a play there," Kapp admitted, "but I wasn't hurt. I'm not the speediest guy in the world and someone blocked me." When someone mentioned that it was Willie Davis who threw the block on him, Kapp replied, "I don't wait and get the number, man." Grant was quite explicit about the Packers' performance. "You won't run into more crucial plays than this game provided. This is the finest team we have played all year. Their rush was greater than ever and they were certainly high for the game." Had the Vikes expected to see Starr in a starting role, Grant was asked. "We didn't really care. We knew Starr would use those short passes effectively because of our rush."...ALL OVER FIELD: Kapp repeated the praise. "That defense is the toughest I have seen in five years of football," he said. "Willie Wood was all over the field. He's a super football player." It was pointed out that Grant appeared

to be hesitating before going for the field goal late in the third quarter that made the score 7-6. "We just wanted to make sure of our position. But I wouldn't have minded going for it. When we kicked the field goal we were just one point behind. There is more pressure on them if we're one point behind rather than a couple ahead." The mention that the victory put the Vikings in a pretty safe position in the Central Division race brought a slow grin to Grant's face. "It is nice..." Kapp wasn't upset at being yanked early in the game but did say he was somewhat surprised. "But I know Gary is a fine quarterback and I knew he could do a great job." Cuozzo didn't find the switch a strange maneuver either. "I know that Coach Grant is going to use us both as he sees fit. I just have to be ready." But Cuozzo felt his job was to keep the Vike offense from making mistakes and let the defense do the work. "We figure that if we can just turn it over to our defense, we'll be in good shape. Every Packer game is like that." ...JUST GRIND IT OUT: On the last series, Cuozzo claimed that he never had any inclination of passing. "We were just going to grind it out and let the defense do the work." Both Vike quarterbacks agreed that the Packers did a good job in cutting off the long pass, in particular to Gene Washington. "They did a fine job of coverage on Washington," Kapp offered. "We just didn't get a chance to hit him on the deep one." "But," Cuozzo pointed out from his stall a few feet away, "We didn't have to worry with our defense." Kapp then sounded off so most of the dressing room could hear him. "I love you, Vikings, I love you."



Seemingly Stopped, Dave Hampton Will Gain an Extra 15 Yards on a Penalty

—State Journal Photo by J. D. Patrick

PHIL PONDER'S CHANGES AFTER FILM SESSION

NOV 18 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - "We're going to do something, but I don't know yet just what it will be." GM-Coach Phil Bengtson, minutes removed from Monday's film dissection of Sunday's costly 9-7 loss to the Minnesota Vikings, was discussing the Packers' placekicking problems. "It may involve a change in personnel and it may not," he said. "One thing is certain - we're going to have to do some more drilling on it. We scrimmaged with Mike Mercer kicking against a rush last week and, whether it's with new personnel or not, we're going to have to work on it even more this week." Mercer, who has had six of 15 field goal attempts blocked after compiling a dazzling 14-for-18 record during the preseason schedule, saw a 42-yard attempt blunted by the Vikings' Karl Kassulke in Sunday's game and later missed a 22-yard effort. Should Bengtson and his aides decide to experiment with "new personnel," the most likely addition would be Rick Duncan, the former Philadelphia Eagle kicker who was added to the taxi squad only last week. Duncan, who also has seen service with the Chicago Bears, led the Continental Football League in field goal success in 1967. In analyzing Sunday's two failures, Bengtson explained, "The first kick was blocked because of a bad pass from center. It was just too slow. The protection was fine. On the second one, Mike just missed it. That was all you could tell from the film. He didn't appear to be moving any quicker than normal, so I don't think he rushed the kick."

PACK CAN STILL TOP '67 TITLE YEAR MARK

NOV 18 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Many of the present Packers have known championship glory, some of them more than once, and the exhilaration of a Super Bowl payoff. They thus have to find the maximum potential of a second place finish in the National Football League's Central Division, their most practical hope in the wake of Sunday's traumatic 9-7 loss to the Vikings, something less than an enchanting prospect. Yet, ironically enough, there is a distinct possibility they will emerge with a better record than in their last vintage year, 1967, when they forged a 9-4-1 mark en route to a third straight crown. That kind of finish would not be good enough to claim the Central Division penthouse, since the Vikings now own a three-game cushion, but it could be a source of considerable satisfaction to those recent triple champions - as well as a beginning for a 1970 title surge...FEW CERTAINTIES: Admittedly, there are few certainties in the NFL these days. But the Packers, who attempt to shake a two-game losing streak against the Detroit Lions in Lambeau Field Sunday afternoon, have the wherewithal to win their five remaining assignments. Such a skein would require dispatching the New York Giants, Cleveland Browns, Chicago Bears and St. Louis Cardinals, in addition to the Lions, who have exhibited a hot hand of late and now hold second place by one game over the Bays. If accomplished, it would provide them with a 10-4 record, a figure that would have been sufficient to win with comfort in 1968, as well as in '67...NEW CHALLENGE: Although title and financial incentives are not involved, GM-Coach Phil Bengtson remains confident that his athletes will respond strongly to this new challenge to their competitive character. "I don't think they're going to give up, or anything like that," he said Monday while analyzing that painful near miss against the Vikings. "I expect a good effort, especially against the Lions here Sunday, and I'm sure it will be forthcoming." Bengtson also praised the Pack's intensity in that valiant but losing venture in Milwaukee's County Stadium, a performance which has been widely applauded in Packerland by the unswerving majority of the faithful...EFFORT WAS GREAT: "I thought the effort was great," he said. "I can hardly single out anyone because it was such a team proposition...I thought the effort was very good." Bengtson also admitted "holding them to no touchdowns was

quite an achievement. But we really did let them have the ball too long a couple of times in the second half. That was half offense and half defense, of course. They were able to come through on a lot of third-and-three situations and they had the edge in possessions (73 plays to 49). A little of that was traceable to the fact that our offense wasn't able to hold the ball very long...HELD TO NOTHING: "Overall, when you hold a team to nine points, you have to feel you've done about as well as you could. But, on the other hand, they held us to nothing." This last was an obvious reference to the fact that the Packers' touchdown had come via an interception by strong side safety Doug Hart, who established an NFL season mark by running it back 85 yards to present the Pack with a temporary 7-3 lead. Discussing the offensive difficulties, Bengtson said a film review had indicated "it wasn't an overall breakdown. But, in crucial situations, it would be an individual breakdown. Not a mechanical mistake but a physical failure. Of course, the fumbles hurt - the one Donny Anderson recovered and the one he lost. They were very damaging. On the one he recovered, for example, he would have been through the line and probably would be going yet if he hadn't fumbled the handoff." Bengtson made these other observations, based on his projection room findings:

- "The ball was underthrown on the interception which ended our last drive...Bobby Bryant did a good job of taking the ball away from Dave Hampton, but neither one of them should have caught it. Hampton didn't come back very well for it.

THROUGH GAMES OF NOVEMBER 9											
PASSING											
(80 or More Attempts)											
	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yards	TD	Int.	Pct.	Avg.	Yd.	Int.	Gained
1. Kapp, Minnesota	175	94	53.7	1425	17	83	5	2.9	8.14		
2. Gabriel, Los Angeles	236	129	54.7	1723	17	93	1	0.4	7.30		
3. Morton, Dallas	142	85	59.9	1435	13	67	7	4.9	10.11		
4. Jurgensen, Washington	234	145	62.0	1703	13	69	7	3.0	7.28		
5. Starr, Green Bay	125	79	63.2	996	9	72	4	3.2	7.97		
6. Nelsen, Cleveland	195	107	54.9	1458	14	48	14	4.2	7.48		
7. Kilmer, New Orleans	229	122	53.3	1603	13	52	12	5.2	7.00		
8. Johnson, St. Louis	157	78	49.7	1206	11	84	8	5.1	7.68		
9. Tarkenton, New York	229	117	51.1	1464	10	54	3	1.3	6.39		
10. Unitas, Baltimore	232	129	55.6	1682	10	51	14	6.0	7.25		
11. Swad, Philadelphia	241	126	52.3	1756	12	65	13	5.4	7.29		
12. Concannon, Chicago	125	75	60.0	704	4	38	5	4.0	5.63		
13. Brodie, San Francisco	225	118	52.4	1412	8	80	12	5.3	6.28		
14. Shiner, Pittsburgh	123	56	45.5	774	4	53	6	4.9	6.29		
15. Munson, Detroit	92	48	52.2	533	4	47	6	6.5	5.79		
16. Landry, Detroit	90	42	46.7	452	3	43	7	7.8	5.02		

SCORING											
	Tds.	PAT.	FG.	Pts.	Widby, Dallas	No.	Avg.	Long			
Cox, Minnesota	0	30	16	78	33	43.3	62				
Gossett, Los Angeles	0	26	15	71	38	43.1	59				
Matte, Baltimore	11	0	0	66	36	43.0	56				
Mann, Detroit	0	17	13	51	23	42.5	58				
Rentzel, Dallas	9	0	0	54	23	41.5	55				
Collins, Cleveland	9	0	0	54	29	40.1	55				
M. Clark, Dallas	0	27	9	54	43	39.6	59				
Hawkins, Philadelphia	8	0	0	48	43	39.2	57				
Washington, Minnesota	8	0	0	48	38	39.1	54				
Cockroft, Cleveland	0	27	7	48	48	38.7	52				
Baker, Philadelphia	0	19	9	46	36	38.1	60				
Dempsey, New Orleans	0	18	9	45	26	35.9	54				
Knight, Washington	0	20	8	44	36	34.2	53				

RUSHING											
	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Tds.	Haymond, Los Angeles	No.	Avg.	Long	TDs.		
Hill, Atlanta	128	657	5.1	5	21	13.7	52	0			
Sayers, Chicago	131	557	4.3	4	9	12.3	86	1			
Matte, Baltimore	133	539	4.1	9	16	9.4	37	0			
Woodeshick, Phila.	119	516	4.3	2	23	8.2	55	0			
Garrison, Dallas	108	504	4.7	1	9	7.3	24	0			
L. Brown, Washington	107	471	4.4	2	8	6.8	14	0			
L. Smith, Los Angeles	96	408	4.3	1	10	5.8	16	0			
Osborn, Minnesota	107	408	3.8	5	10	5.7	23	0			
Butler, Atlanta	93	403	4.3	2	13	5.0	25	0			
Livingston, New Orleans	94	377	4.0	2	9	4.8	15	0			
Willard, San Francisco	113	375	3.3	3	12	4.6	17	0			
Baker, New Orleans	77	374	4.9	1							
R. Johnson, Cleveland	94	349	3.7	5							
Hoak, Pittsburgh	95	336	3.5	2							

PUNT RETURNS											
	No.	Avg.	Long	TDs.							
Duncan, Baltimore	11	32.8	92	1							
Scott, Cleveland	13	32.3	65	0							
Jones, Minnesota	10	28.6	71	0							
T. Williams, Green Bay	14	28.9	96	1							
Sayers, Chicago	8	27.5	52	0							
Butler, Atlanta	8	27.4	35	0							
Hampton, Green Bay	9	26.6	87	1							
Lyle, Chicago	8	25.5	32	0							
Pearson, Baltimore	21	24.0	51	0							
Harris, Washington	14	23.5	33	0							
Haymond, Los Angeles	9	23.3	36	0							
Cunningham, San Fran.	9	23.0	30	0							

KICKOFF RETURNS											
	No.	Avg.	Long	TDs.							
Bryant, Minnesota	7	77	56	0							
Howell, Cleveland	6	21	11	0							
Adderley, Green Bay	5	169	80	1							
Renfro, Dallas	5	90	41	0							
Mackbee, Minnesota	4	60	38	0							
Hohn, Pittsburgh	4	54	24	0							

PASS RECEIVING											
	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs.							
Jefferson, Pittsburgh	41	671	16.4	7							
Abramowicz, N. Orleans	38	536	14.1	5							
Jackson, Philadelphia	37	684	18.5	4							
Washington, San Fran.	36	518	14.4	2							
Taylor, Washington	36	442	12.3	6							
Flatley, Atlanta	33	524	15.9	1							
Washington, Minnesota	32	700	21.9	8							
Hawkins, Philadelphia	32	517	16.2	8							
Collins, Cleveland	32	436	13.6	9							
D. Williams, St. Louis	31	475	15.3	4							
Cunningham, San Fran.	31	297	9.6	0							
Smith, Washington	30	384	12.8	4							
Windsor, San Francisco	30	356	11.9	1							

INTERCEPTIONS											
	No.	Yds.	Long	TDs.							
Lee, Baltimore	28	45.1	66	0							
Bray, Washington	41	43.8	55	0							

• "We had a little bit too much penetration by Alan Page when we were short on that third-down-and inches play. He forced the runner too wide. If Hampton had been able to hit the hole that was there, he would have had all kinds of room.

• "The ball was thrown right to Doug Hart on his interception. Nobody had a chance to catch him - he has more speed than most people know about.

• "Gary Cuozzo did a real good job of running the team for the Vikings after replacing Joe Kapp. He had real good play selection and showed more poise than I had expected."

LANDRY CINCH TO KEEP JOB AS STARTER

NOV 18 (Detroit Free Press) - All that remains is a private conference with each of the athletes involved and an official confirmation later in the week, but Greg Landry will be the Detroit Lions' starting quarterback next Sunday against the Packers in Green Bay, even though Bill Munson's passing hand is completely healed. Coach Joe Schmidt admitted Monday that he already had made his decision on whom he'll use, but he'll probably wait until Thursday before he announces whether it is Landry, the 22-year-old second-year pro, or Munson, the veteran of six seasons, who held the job until he was injured on Oct. 12 against Green Bay. However, the indications are overwhelmingly strong that Schmidt won't replace Landry, the University of Massachusetts alumnus who has a three-game winning streak going. "I've made up my mind. I don't want to say who it will be until I've had a chance to sit down and talk to both men privately. There's no hurry about it," he said Monday, after watching films of the Lions' 20-0 shutout of the St. Louis Cardinals' normally high-voltaged offensive unit. Landry had the best day passing he's had in any of the five games he's started since he replaced Munson, completing 14 of 20 attempts for 200 yards. It was the second time in his career that he's been over 200 yards in a single game. (He had 231 yards against Dallas in 1968.) "He's developed into a real leader. You can see him getting better

and better every week," Schmidt said. "I'm delaying an announcement on my starter because I also want to see Bill throw some more. He looked ready in practice last week. I want to be sure." Apparently Schmidt isn't worried about any internal friction developing because the Lions now have two quality quarterbacks. "This is no problem. If it is, it's the best problem I've ever had. We've got two outstanding quarterbacks in Landry and Munson and another guy who's a great prospect - Greg Barton. He can outthrow anyone in pro football. "We've got three quarterbacks now and that beats the situation we had the first year I was coach when we kept grabbing at straws, trying to find someone who could do the job for us." Lions' General Manager Russ Thomas laughed at a suggestion that the club might have to trade either Landry or Munson when the season is over. "Not very likely!" he said. "With quarterbacks getting injured the way they have this season, you need two outstanding ones now. Where would we have been if we hadn't had Landry when Munson got hurt? Joe Kapp has been great all year for Minnesota, but when they had to have help in the second half against Green Bay last Sunday, the Vikings went to Gary Cuozzo." Landry moved his season's percentage to 50.5 with his performance against the Cardinals. He now has 56 completions in 111 attempts for 652 yards. Both he and Munson have four touchdown passes. Munson's percentage is higher, 48 out of 92 for 533 yards and a 52.2 statistic. For the first time in six weeks, the Lions didn't lose a player to injuries. They're even getting one back. "That's a switch," said defensive coach Jim David. "We got Jerry Rush out

of the hospital Monday. He'll miss the Packer game, but we'll have him for the Vikings on Thanksgiving Day." Schmidt, who hasn't seen six Lion victories in one season since 1965, created a special holiday, giving his players both Monday and Tuesday off. Normally, pro football players work a six-day week.

FACT: DEFENSES SIMPLY TOO MUCH FOR PACK ATTACK

NOV 19 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packer offense, frequently frustrated since erupting for 38 points at Pittsburgh Nov. 2, has produced 543 yards in the last two games. That figures out to a 271.5-yard average. Not overpowering, admittedly, yet hardly a study in futility. But the Packer attackers have gone without a touchdown during this span, which saw 14-6 and 9-7 losses to the Colts and Vikings expunge their once bright title hopes...LIONS WON TWO: The Detroit Lions provide the Bays with their next challenge in Lambeau Field Sunday afternoon, totaled just 538 yards in the same period but came away with a pair of victories, 27-21 and 20-0 successes against the Atlanta Falcons and St. Louis Cardinals, respectively. The Falcon and Cardinal defenses are not as miserly as those of the Vikings and Colts, of course, a point which GM-Coach Phil Bengtson indirectly made Tuesday in discussing the Packers! unproductive plight. "To me, it's real simple," he said while pouring over the National Football League's latest official statistics in his dressing room office. "They (the Colts and Vikings) have got a better defense than we have an offense...JUST THE FACTS: "There is no theory to it," he added. "It's just the facts of competition." Taking note of that 38-point performance against the Steelers, Bengtson further observed, "You do well, of course, against the poorer defenses. But a good defense will stop an average offense. And we have met two pretty good defenses the last two weeks." "The Colts' defense hadn't been outstanding," Phil obliquely conceded, "but it was good the day we played them." Glancing down at the statistical table in front of him, he pointed out, "Minnesota leads in most of the major departments - fewest points allowed, fewest first downs, fewest yards and most interceptions. So, in ranking, it probably is the top defense in the league. And to beat 'em, of course, you've got to score"...THIRD DOWN PROBLEM: Offensive Capt. Forrest Gregg, approaching the problem from the participant's standpoint, had no ready explanation. Shrugging his shoulders, he said, "I can't tell you why we haven't been scoring. But I do know that the last couple of weeks, we haven't made our third downs. You can't keep a drive going that way. Under those circumstances, you've got to break a long one to get into the end zone." Gregg's appraisal is eloquently underscored in the play-by-play of those last two misadventures. Against both the Colts and Vikings, the Packers were successful in only two of 11 third down situations...PACK THWARTED: The most notable of these came in the fourth quarter of the Viking match. Faced with third and inches at the Green Bay 34 after declining an offside penalty on Minnesota, the Pack was thwarted when Dave Hampton was held for no gain. A similarly critical situation in the final period of the Baltimore game also proved fruitless. With third-and-3 at the Packers 37, Don Horn's pass, intended for Travis Williams, was deflected and bounced away, ending the Bays' last major opportunity of the afternoon...PACKER PATTERN: Although Tuesdays normally are confined to running, Bengtson and aide Ray Wietecha conducted a special session for kickers Mike Mercer and Rick Duncan on the S. Oneida Street practice field, with the assistance of holder Bart Starr. Bengtson, striving to better a 4-for-15 field goal record, had each kick timed. "We're trying to get them to speed it up," said Phil, who has seen six of those 15 attempts blocked, including three in succession against the Colts and Vikings. "No decision will be made until later in the week on whether to make a change in kicking personnel," he said. He added, "It's no great satisfaction to us, but several other clubs have been having similar problems. The Bears, for example, have felt they had such a great one in Mac Percival and he is only 5 for 13 at this point. "And Atlanta felt it had a great one in Bob Etter. He has made only seven of 19. Jim Bakken of the Cardinals has led the league a couple of times and he is five for 15 right now. San Francisco had a great kicker in Tommy Davis and the 49ers have made only four of 14 to date. "So the problem is not confined to ourselves, although I guess we're the worst...Four Packers came out of the Viking struggle with injuries, but all are expected to be ready for the Lions. LeeRoy Caffey has a sprained arch, Francis Peay a sprained ankle and Dave Robinson and Willie Wood bruised shoulders. Ken Bowman, who fractured his right thumb against the Colts, also is still carried on the casualty list although he played the entire second half against Minnesota. Statistically, Sunday's collision will pair two of the NFL's top five defensive teams. The Lions rank second with a yield of 2,150 yards. The Packers, who have permitted 2,435, are fifth. Their situations are reversed offensively. The Packers are 14th with a total of 2,403 yards, the Lions 16th with 2,087.

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OFFENSE

	Rushing	Passing	Total
Dallas	1645	1877	3522
San Francisco	958	2052	3010
Minnesota	1235	1753	2988
Baltimore	998	1965	2963
New Orleans	1036	1893	2929
Los Angeles	1004	1844	2848
Washington	948	1878	2826
Philadelphia	980	1839	2819
Cleveland	1057	1706	2763
St. Louis	952	1779	2731
Pittsburgh	1109	1390	2499
New York	899	1566	2465
Atlanta	1388	1030	2418
Green Bay	1101	1302	2403
Detroit	1113	974	2087

DEFENSE

	Rushing	Passing	Total
Minnesota	833	937	1770
Detroit	899	1251	2150
Chicago	1219	986	2205
Dallas	632	1751	2383
Green Bay	1223	1212	2435
Los Angeles	852	1649	2501
San Francisco	1101	1531	2632
New York	1413	1410	2823
Pittsburgh	1123	1709	2832
Washington	1570	1309	2879
Atlanta	1368	1538	2906
Cleveland	1345	1574	2919
Philadelphia	1095	2100	3195
St. Louis	1089	2182	3271
Baltimore	863	2439	3302
New Orleans	1204	2186	3390

PEAY LIKES TENSION

NOV 19 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - "You always have a letdown feeling right after a loss, but this is the first time I've ever felt let down the day after a game." Towering Francis Peay was quietly reflecting, as may have been divined, upon the Packers' 9-7 frustration at the Minnesota Vikings' hands last time out. The feeling of depression was inevitable, he noted, because of the emotional buildup for the Milwaukee showdown, which had represented the Packers' last reasonable hope of remaining in the National Football League's Central Division race. "We were more conscious of mistakes than at any other time," the Bays' left offensive tackle said. "We knew that one mistake could cost us the game. We knew that if we won, it would be because of a Viking mistake and that if we lost, it would be because of a miscue on our part. And, actually, that is what it boiled down to." ...'NERVOUS ALL WEEK': Peay, whose performance drew praise from Capt. Forrest Gregg, confided, "I was nervous all week before the game, but it was a kind of tension I welcomed. I felt it would make me sharp. "I knew that our pass blocking against their front four would be very important. In fact, all five interior linemen knew we would have to sell out." "I haven't seen the films yet," he added with a slow smile, "but I feel we blocked them as well as anybody has, perhaps better...And our defense gave a heckuva account of itself. "From the standpoint of tension, it never left. Normally, it leaves you after a few plays, but not this time. In fact, I think I still felt it on the bus on the way home after the game. "But it removed the nervous fatigue factor. I was so conscious of the need for a superior performance, I never thought about fatigue. When I was with the Giants, I felt that way once or twice a year - usually when we played against the Packers. We went into the game with an attitude of commitment. We in the offensive line had all vowed we'd go down fighting against the Vikings, if we went down at all." "I formulated a game plan for myself and I was going to carry it out whether we were ahead of them or behind," the

articulate Pennsylvanian explained. "I remember looking up at the clock when there were seven minutes left and the game was changing. I told myself then that I'd treat the clock like it was still the first quarter, and play accordingly...DEFENCE WAS 'FANTASTIC': "It was definitely a defensive battle," he admitted. "But I think it took something from them to have their front four nullified as well as it was. In fact, I think it took away from their game overall. At the same time, I think neutralizing their pass rush also inspired our defense. The game our defense played was the most beautiful effort I've ever seen. Holding a team that has been scoring like Minnesota to three field goals was something to see... It was fantastic." The former University of Missouri All-American smiled and obliquely observed, "I hope I can see more of those and that the offense can put some points on the board. I think it's pretty obvious to everybody around the league that Green Bay is a sleeping giant-far from being dead or old." Peay also ventured a prediction. "I don't think there'll be any letdown," he said. "I think we'll come out against Detroit like it was the opening game of the season. I feel confident I can speak for every man on the team when I say that."

CAMARADERIE, PRIDE KEY LIONS' DEFENSE

NOV 19 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - "One thing we have that is so important is our feeling for one another. The camaraderie, the pride, the friendship. You just want to be around these guys. We have some outstanding defensive players, but most of all, we have a whole unit of hardworking players who have great pride in what we are accomplishing." Mike Lucci, middle linebacker and defensive co-captain of Detroit, was expounding the virtues of his teammates following the Lions' 20-0 victory over St. Louis. The shutout was Detroit's second (no other NFL team has more than one) and gave the Lions sole possession of second place in the Central Division with a 6-3 record...PRAISES COACH: Lucci, the man who took over Joe Schmidt's job when the all-time great Lions' linebacker became Detroit's head coach in 1967, praised defensive coach Jimmy David. "He has worked us very hard. We stay out late on Wednesdays and run 18 50-yard sprints, then we do 12 to 14 more on Thursdays. "Jimmy has us calling a lot of automatics at the line, too. In practice, he has the linemen repeat them over and over; also the linebackers. It sharpens our minds and we react a lot faster." The secondary also has been a factor in Detroit's second-place standing in defense, with 238.9 yards allowed per game. Lem Barney and Dick LeBeau each got their second interception in the last two games (linebacker Wayne Walker also had one last Sunday) and the Lions have grabbed eight opposition passes in winning their last three games. Second-year quarterback Greg Landry has directed the offense to four victories in five starts since replacing Bill Munson, who suffered a broken right hand in the fourth game. His 14 completions in 21 attempts gained 200 yards and included a 27-yard touchdown pass to tight end Charlie Sanders...FAKE REVERSE: The key play, however, was a reverse end-around fake and pass from rookie wide receiver Larry Walton to wide receiver Earl McCullouch. Kicker Errol Mann added a pair of field goals in the victory to boost his total to 15 (in 19 attempts) and tie the Detroit record set by present defensive line coach Jim Martin. The Dallas Cowboys lead in total offense with 3,522 yards (average 391.3). San Francisco has gained the most yards passing, 2,052 (average 228.0). Dallas is the leader in rushing, 1,645 yards (average 182.8). Minnesota has allowed the least yards, 1,770 (average 196.7), and has also permitted the fewest yards passing, 937 (average 104.1). Dallas has yielded the fewest yards rushing, 632 (average 70.2). Dallas and Los Angeles have tackled the opposing passer the most times, 38.

GRIMM BECOMES 7TH EX-PACKER ON SKINS

NOV 20 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Vince Lombardi has been drawing heavily upon his former Packer talent in revamping the Washington Redskins. Offensive lineman Dan Grimm, acquired from the Baltimore Colts via the waiver route this week,

NFL STANDINGS

THROUGH GAMES OF SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9
EASTERN CONFERENCE

CENTURY DIVISION						
Club	W.	L.	T.	Pct.	Pts.	Op.
Cleveland	5	2	1	.714	210	201
St. Louis	3	4	1	.429	182	204
New York	3	5	0	.375	116	188
Pittsburgh	1	7	0	.125	143	223

CAPITOL DIVISION						
Club	W.	L.	T.	Pct.	Pts.	Op.
Dallas	7	1	0	.875	224	120
Washington	4	2	2	.667	178	171
Philadelphia	3	4	1	.429	166	223
New Orleans	1	7	0	.125	159	228

WESTERN CONFERENCE						
CENTRAL DIVISION						
Club	W.	L.	T.	Pct.	Pts.	Op.
Minnesota	7	1	0	.875	258	82
Detroit	5	3	0	.625	158	131
Green Bay	5	3	0	.625	159	135
Chicago	1	7	0	.125	107	156

COASTAL DIVISION						
Club	W.	L.	T.	Pct.	Pts.	Op.
Los Angeles	8	0	0	1.000	229	129
Baltimore	5	3	0	.625	185	170
Atlanta	2	6	0	.250	120	174
San Francisco	1	6	1	.143	132	191

AFL STANDINGS

THROUGH GAMES OF NOVEMBER 16
EASTERN DIVISION

Club	W.	L.	T.	Pct.	Pts.	Op.
New York	7	3	0	.700	238	200
Houston	4	4	2	.500	176	194
Buffalo	3	7	0	.300	168	244
Miami	2	7	1	.222	167	211
Boston	2	8	0	.200	152	217

WESTERN DIVISION						
Club	W.	L.	T.	Pct.	Pts.	Op.
Kansas City	9	1	0	.900	276	104
Oakland	8	1	1	.889	276	181
Denver	4	5	1	.444	205	225
Cincinnati	4	5	1	.444	227	247
San Diego	4	6	0	.400	149	211

became the seventh ex-Packer to be reunited with Lombardi in Washington's burgundy and gold. The others are Chuck Mercein, another recent addition, Tom Brown, Bob Long, Leo Carroll, Mike Bass and Ray Schoenke. Grimm, dealt to the Colts last January for their No. 4 and 5 draft choices, had been employed as a backup guard by the Hosses during the first four regular season games because Dan Sullivan was sidelined by a hamstring muscle pull. But he became an "extra" when Sullivan was reactivated.

GIANTS SUSPEND EX-PACKER WRIGHT

NOV 20 (New York) – Steve Wright, an offensive tackle with the New York Giants, was suspended from the National League Football team for "conduct detrimental to the ball club."

ERROL MANN BIG DIFFERENCE IN '69 LIONS, SMITH SAYS

NOV 20 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - "The difference between the Lions of last year and the Lions of this year can be summed up in two words," Lyall Smith declaimed. He flashed a sly smile, then added, "I hate to use 'em, but they are...Errol Mann." Smith, the Lions' publicity director, submitted this capsule appraisal to the Mike & Pen Sports Club at its Wednesday luncheon meeting in the Beaumont Motor Inn by way of explaining Detroit's current 6-3 record, several cuts above the 4-5 reading it owned at this juncture in 1968. His facetious approach was occasioned by the fact that Mann, presently the hottest kicker in professional football, was Packer property for a time last season...EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH: One of an almost endless succession of placement specialists to be tried out in an exhaustive search for consistency, he was released after missing the three field goals he attempted, two of them coming in a 13-10 loss to the Chicago Bears. Things have come up roses in 1969, however, for the balding Minnesotan, who returns to Lambeau Field Sunday with the Lions for a second place showdown with the Packers, now 5-4, in the National Football League's Central Division race. "Errol is 15 for 19 on field goals in the regular season," Smith reported, "and he's leading both leagues in percentage with a spectacular 78.9 mark. Last Sunday, he wrote his way into the Lion record book with two field goals of 25 and 13 yards. They enabled him to tie the club record for a season, set by Jim Martin. Ironically, Martin is now a member of our coaching staff and tutors Mann in kicking...LEADING SCORER: "Errol is our leading scorer and he also is the No. 4 scorer in the National Football League. In fact, Mann is the only guy

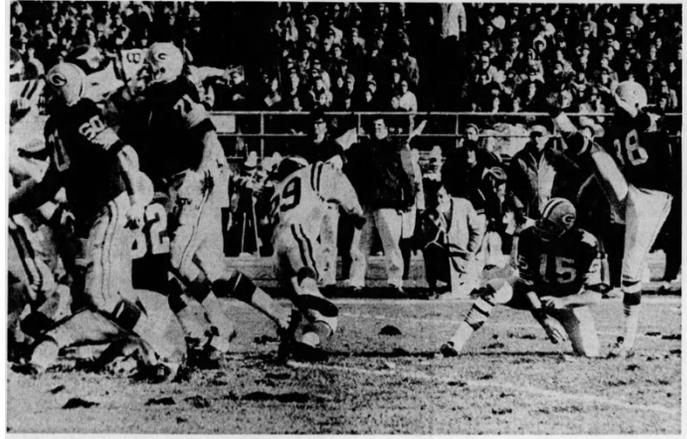
we've got among the league leaders." Although he is a newcomer to the Detroit roster this year, the former University of North Dakota athlete made an impression on the Lions somewhat earlier, Smith confided. "We first saw him when he was with the Denver Broncos. That was in 1967, when we became the first NFL team to play a team from the AFL in an exhibition. We lost 13-9, hardly an auspicious debut for Joe Schmidt, who had just taken over as our head coach, and the guy that beat us was Errol Mann. He kicked two field goals and an extra point...HAD TWO KICKERS: "Later in that preseason, he snapped the tendon in his kicking thigh and was out for the year. Cleveland picked him up last year and later released him and then, of course, he caught on with the Packers, who later cut him. "At the start of this season, we had two kickers, Jerry DePoyster and Garo (The Sparrow) Yepremian, our left-footed, Armenian Cypriot kicker, but both of them went into service. Jerry Neri, our chief talent scout, thought of Mann and he found him working in a sporting goods store in Minnesota. He got hold of him for a \$2.20 phone call. Mann missed the first three kicks he tried in preseason, then hit nine in a row. And now, of course, he's 15-for-19 in the regular season...He's just been fabulous"...DEFENSE PROMINENT: Defense, long a Lion hallmark, also has figured prominently in Detroit's success, Smith stressed. "We're second only to the Vikings in points allowed," he said, "as well as in yards allowed." One of the primary reasons, Smith noted, has been the play of their invariably irascible left tackle, Alex Karras. "Karras is just having a tremendous year," he said. "He's just been fantastic." The Lions' record has been achieved despite a staggering collection of physical misfortunes, the veteran publicist pointed out. "First, Billy Gambrell, our leading touchdown receiver last year, came up with a back disc injury in training camp and he has been out all season...KOWALKOWSKI OUT: "Then Tom Nowatzke, a running back, received a neck injury that kept him out until recently. And we lost Mel Farr after our fourth game. And quarterback Bill Munson has been out since our first game against the Packers in mid-October. We also lost Bob Kowalkowski, our regular right guard, for the season with a knee injury. Lem Barney is playing with a broken bone in his right hand and Nick Eddy was out for two games with bad ribs. Altie Taylor, our number one draft choice, missed six games with a leg injury. And Jerry Rush, one of our starting defensive tackles, will miss his third game Sunday because of a bleeding ulcer. We always thought only coaches had those." Munson, he added, has been reactivated for Sunday's game. "Greg Landry will start, however. He won four of the last five games for us after Munson got hurt, two of them on a sprained ankle." Rookie quarterback Greg Barton has been deactivated to make room for Munson, Smith said. "You know," he tongue-in-cheekly summed up, "we've got two soft touches in a row – the Packers here Sunday and the Vikings in Detroit next Thursday. With this in mind, Joe gave the team not only Monday off but Tuesday as well - a two day vacation"...PACKER PATTERN: The Packers, meanwhile, physically turned their attention to the Lions for the first time in their first practice of the week. It again saw kickers Mike Mercer and Rick Duncan working against the "fish net" and the stop watch in an effort to improve this phase of the operation...The Lions, Lyall Smith says, feel they have found "a ruby" in rookie flanker Larry Walton of Arizona State. Walton, who has beaten out veteran Bill Malinchak and fellow rookie Johnny Wright of Illinois, caught 4 passes for 38 yards in last Sunday's 20-0 shutout of the St. Louis Cardinals... George

Plimpton, author of the book, "Paper Lion," will be a press box guest Sunday. Plimpton, whose deftly told tale of life as a quarterback "candidate" in the Lions' training camp was made into a movie, reportedly is at work on another book in collaboration with Alex Karras and ex-Lion guard John Gordy.

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NOV 21 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) — It was a balmy night last August, less than an hour after the Packers had shaded the New York Giants in the annual Bishop's Charities game at Lambeau Field. Mike Mercer, whose fifth consecutive field goal of the evening had provided that 22-21 margin, candidly observed, "You're either a hero or a bum when you're a kicker." Mercer, fresh from an autograph signing session that had prompted his philosophical appraisal, added, "You just hope that the hero thing happens more often than the bum." Today, a scant three months later, the Pack's 33-year-old placement specialist finds that August pronouncement little less than prophetic...EVIL DAYS: After a glittering 14-for-18 performance during the pre-season schedule, he has fallen upon evil days, missing five of nine attempts and having six others blocked. As an inevitable result, he is well aware, some of the natives are becoming restless. Also that GM-Coach Phil Bengtson and his aides presently are weighing alternatives, primarily the possible activation of Rick Duncan from the taxi squad, as they ready for Sunday's home showing against the Detroit Lions. Fortuitously, his placekicking problems did not become a major issue until two weeks ago, when 42 and 35-yard efforts were blocked in a 14-6 loss to the Baltimore Colts, one of which provided the Hosses with a field position for their second touchdown in a 14-6 victory...PAINFULLY VIVID: Still painfully vivid to the faithful, of course, are last Sunday's misadventures against Minnesota, which saw the Vikings block a 42-yard attempt in the second quarter and Mercer miss a 22-yard attempt in the third period. Either one of these, coffee shop quarterbacks reason, could have made the difference in that 9-7 defeat, which virtually eliminated the Packers from the National Football League's Central Division race. Typically, Mercer made no excuses, "That second one was a bad kick," he said. "I hit it wrong." He unhappily added, "You hate to let down such a class bunch of guys as these are." Although that one may have been a routine miss, the square-cut blond's problems have not been exclusively his own responsibility. Kicking field goals, the Vikings' highly successful Fred Cox recently pointed out, is a coordinated effort by 11 men, which brings us to the subject of protection...10 BATTED DOWN: In the four seasons immediately prior to his arrival upon the Green Bay scene in 1968, Mercer had only one kick blocked. Yet, in 27 regular season attempts as a Packer, he has had 10 batted down by the enemy, which strongly suggests that his blocking frequently has left something to be desired. Bart Starr, who as Mercer's holder qualifies as an expert on the subject, underscored this point in a discussion of the kicking game Thursday. "We've just got to improve our protection for him," he said. "We've had just atrocious blocking for his kicks...I can't imagine anything that would be a bigger jolt to a kicker than having the ball blocked right back into his face."...NO LOST FAITH: Despite his recent trauma, Mercer has not lost faith in himself. And neither has Starr, who in the past has held for some of the game's premier kickers, among them Paul Hornung and Don Chandler. "It's a funny thing," said Mike after drilling home two bull's-eye against a "live" rush following Thursday's practice. "Normally, you tend to lose confidence when things go like they have lately, but I haven't. I have just as much as I've ever had. "I feel I still can do the job for several years - my leg feels great...It's just that these things happen - nothing seems to go right."...IDEALLY SUITED: Starr calls him "one of the finest kickers I've ever held for...I've never seen a guy who has been more ideally suited to the job by temperament than Mike is. To me, he has every qualification, plus the physical. He reminds me of Julius Boros - he's smooth as silk, never gets ruffled." Mercer, in reflecting upon his mechanics, attributed his miss against Minnesota to a lack of concentration. "That one was strictly my own fault," said Mike, who averaged 64 per cent field goal success for the Oakland Raiders and Kansas City Chiefs from 1964 through '67 and led all of pro football with a 20-for-26 mark at KC in '66. "You can't [take any of them for granted, even a short one. You could see in the film that I didn't follow through. I bent my leg, and normally I have it straight out when I finish a kick. I tried to steer it through, and you shouldn't do that." "The thing that's frustrating about it," the former Northern Arizona University athlete added unhappily, "is that I've been hitting the ball so good in practice." Speed of delivery, he is convinced, is not a factor. "I usually meet the ball right after the strings have snapped," Mercer explained. "You can see that in the films, and you can't kick any faster than that." Mike, who noted he had gone through the pre-season without having a kick blocked, also feels that his trajectory is not affecting his success. "I've had two kicks that were low," he admits, "but you're going to have those once in a while. The rest of them were high enough to clear. "You see in films where a kicker will hit the ball low," he noted, "and they'll get through. In some of those that I've had blocked, they've just happened to have their hands in the right place." Aware that his Packer future is likely to be decided within the next 48 hours, Mercer soberly admitted, "I'm anxious to kick again in a game...I wish I'd had another shot last Sunday, but we didn't."...PACKER PATTERN: Bengtson said a decision on the kicking situation has not been made as yet, adding, "I think we're further away from one now than we were before." Duncan, a former Philadelphia Eagle,



Mercer's Woes Continued Against Vikes as Karl Kassulke Blocked First Field Goal Try

connected on two of three against a rush which saw Bengtson clock both the former Philadelphia Eagle and Mercer with a stopwatch...The Packer chieftain announced that he plans a change in the kickoff assignment, reporting, "If Mike stays, he'll do it and if Duncan stays, he'll kick off."...Bengtson said he is not certain at this point who will start at center against the Lions. Bob Hyland opened against the Vikings but Ken Bowman, who has his fractured right thumb in a cast, played the entire second half. "Bowman will be available," Bengtson said, "but I don't know if he'll start."

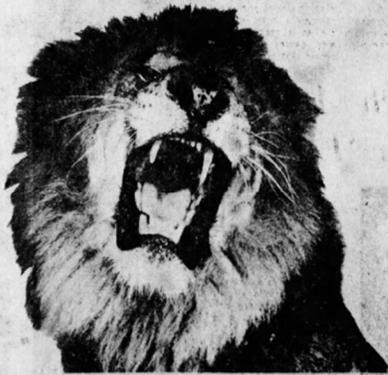
NFL TO TRY AGAIN

NOV 21 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The time has come, it appears, to resolve the National Football League's realignment problem, a matter which club owners will explore for the third time at the league's plush new quarters in New York next week. Just seven weeks now remain before the final merger of the NFL and the American Football League becomes effective - immediately following the Super Bowl Jan. 11. The need for expeditious action thus is obvious. Packer President Dominic Olejniczak, a veteran of many a cloak room maneuver in similar NFL convocations, is approaching next Monday's opening session with guarded optimism, however. "Nothing would please me more than to see it settled," says Ole, who will be accompanied to the deliberations by corporation secretary F. N. Trowbridge. "But based on the progress made at our first two meetings last spring and summer, I doubt if it can be accomplished in two days. In the absence of any other information the commissioner might have, I don't know whether it can be done in that length of time." The Packers' position is not likely to delay accord, he noted. "We want to keep the Bear rivalry, of course, and we have to have a warm weather city, which has substantially been our position all along. But, beyond that, we have an open mind...APPRECIATE OUR POSITION: "I don't think any team in the league has any objection to our retaining our rivalry with the Bears," he added. "In fact, a lot of other teams in the league appreciate our position." The Packers also have made no specific demand concerning the "warm weather city," Olejniczak informed. Presumably, it was suggested, the choice would be Atlanta or New Orleans. "We haven't made any request officially," Ole replied, then quipped, "there are those who might say Washington is a warm weather city...And, for that matter, I guess that it is quite a bit warmer than some cities we play in." In a more serious vein, he appended, "I don't know what our position would be if they threw Dallas at us." The Packer prexy didn't say so, but one obvious consideration is seating capacity. Both New Orleans (80,997) and Dallas (72,000) have considerably larger arenas than Atlanta (58,850), a factor which is significantly reflected in the visiting team's "take home."...NEW YORK CONFLICT: Packer demands, as Olejniczak indicated, are not the major obstacles to a realignment solution. The principal conflict reportedly is over New York's assignment in the new 4-4-5 format. All National Conference members, understandably, want to appear in Yankee Stadium as often as possible for the big payoff assured by an invariable 62,000 sellout in the home of the Giants. "All clubs can't stand firm in this thing," Ole noted, "or we will never get this thing resolved. I know we're going to listen to what they have to say and see what can be worked out." In this connection, Commissioner Pete Rozelle pointed out in The Sporting News this week, "They (the owners) have to reach agreement by unanimous consent. How we end up reaching that agreement could be in a number of ways. Hopefully, we'll achieve it by the owners doing the voting and reaching accord." Sportswriter Dave Eisenberg, who was quoting pro football's youthful czar, appended, "Rozelle wouldn't elaborate but it is much more likely that the owners will not agree on how to realign and that he will, as a last resort, be given the power of forming the three divisions."

TAKE BOW, JIMMY DAVID, FOR LIONS' RISE

NOV 21 (Detroit Free Press) - The statistics are there, cold, hard and a trifle ugly. If nothing else they constitute a testimonial to one small genius Jimmy David. When you place the figures next to each other, they constitute an extraordinary formula for success. Consider this: The Detroit Lions are last in the National Football League in offense with an average of 231 yards a game, which is 17 yards fewer than the 15th ranking club, the Chicago Bears, who are 1-8 on the season and sinking out of sight. The Lions are second in defense to the highly physical Minnesota Vikings, who are close to stampeding the Central Division. Still, the Lions have the fifth best won-lost record in the NFL. Only the four division leaders are doing better than 6-3. So who's responsible? "I don't think there's a head coach in either league who has a better defensive coach than I do," says Lions head coach Joe Schmidt. "People are just starting to realize what a great job 'Brother James' is doing." No other club has two shutouts this season, at least not on defense. The Houston Oilers' offensive unit has done it twice, however. So far David's nitty gritty defense has turned off the New York Giants, 24-0, the week after that club gave the Vikings their only defeat, and the St. Louis Cardinals, 20-0, after they had run up 84 points in their two previous games. "Admittedly it takes a little luck to score a shutout," says Mike Lucci, the middle linebacker, who calls defensive signals. "Jim Bakken missed a couple of field goals and field goals are what usually ruin shutouts." Lucci, who is short of a reverse quarterback, calls more defensive audibles than any other middle linebacker in the pro football - another David trademark. "He drills us over and over and over in audibles until we hear them in our sleep. He works us hard, but Jimmy's got a way of instilling camaraderie in the troops." David prepared an especially stunning surprise for St. Louis quarterback Charlie Johnson last weekend, pulling the Lions' two outside linebackers and using six defensive backs on situations in which he knew the Cardinal passer would throw the ball. The St. Louis offense never seemed the same afterward. "The great thing about Jimmy is the fact that when he became a coach, he didn't forget what it was like to be a player," says tackle Alex Karras. "Jim doesn't try to be anything but what he is. The players respect his honesty and his determination. I'll tell you, there are several young players he's brought to maturity in a, big hurry." The Lions don't lead the league in interceptions, but during their three-game winning streak, they've stolen eight of the enemy's passes. Meanwhile, the Packers, whom the Lions play Sunday at Green Bay, appear to have surrendered to the Vikings. "Minnesota is just about 'in'," said their coach. Phil Bengtson, after a 9-7 loss to the division leaders last Sunday. Somehow the Lions find it easy to disagree. "We'd all like to play that Pittsburgh game over and be 7-2 right now. If we played the Steelers 13 more times, we'd win 13," says

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xFarr, Lions	58	245	4.2	52	4
Grabowski, Pack	66	241	3.7	22	1
Eddy, Lions	53	198	3.7	26	2
Anderson, Pack	49	185	3.8	16	1
Hampton, Pack	40	173	4.3	20	3
Landry, Lions	23	172	7.5	26	0
Taylor, Lions	58	165	2.8	26	0
Watkins, Lions	52	163	3.1	12	1
Pitts, Pack	35	134	4.0	13	0
Triplett, Lions	45	124	2.8	9	1

PASSING

	Att.	Yds.	Ave.	Int.	TD
Starr, Pack	146	91	1147	6	9
Landry, Lions	111	56	652	7	4
Munson, Lions	92	48	533	6	4
Horn, Pack	55	24	391	5	0

RECEIVING

	No.	Yds.	Ave.	Lng.	TD
Dale, Pack	30	543	18.1	48	3
Sanders, Lions	27	425	15.7	47	2
McCullough, Lions	21	323	15.4	43	4
Dowler, Pack	17	238	14.0	33	1
T. Williams, Pack	14	128	9.1	31	1
xFarr, Lions	13	94	7.2	24	0
Hampton, Pack	11	149	13.6	50	1
Fleming, Pack	11	140	12.7	23	1
Watkins, Lions	11	76	6.9	20	0
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Lucci. "It looks now as if the Vikings will bring a nine-game winning streak to Tiger Stadium on Thanksgiving Day. But we're going to win that game."

VINCE GONE ... IT'S 'ANOTHER BALLGAME' IN GREEN BAY

NOV 22 (Detroit Free Press) – Perhaps it is just a natural reaction to the end of totalitarian rule, but the professional football club that still flourishes in quaint Green Bay is no longer a perfect little model of solidarity. The hired hands complain in public. Some of them demand to be traded and, when they are obliged by the new management, they loudly confess how miserable they were. What's more the head coach-general manager is willing to concede the Central Division title after nine games to the Minnesota Vikings. What's going on in Green Bay? Well, for one thing, Vincent Lombardi is in Washington, if that's any clue. The man in charge now is his faithful companion from The Beautiful Years, Phil Bengtson, and things that either never used to happen or were tactfully ignored, now burst into print. The first problem the Packers, who play the Detroit Lions here on Sunday, suffered through was the Denny Anderson case. One of the great projects of the summer was an attempt to convert that guilt-edged young hero into a pass receiver, which is where a lot of people think his true calling lies. Anderson sulked. Then he roared. He finally got to play - at running back - and had

a brilliant game. But Bengtson wasn't pleased. He thought he had the blond Texas Tech alumnus on his way to New York for fullback-punter Ernie Koy and receiver Homer Jones. But at the last minute the Giants discovered that they would be liable for the last \$300,000 installment on Anderson's \$667,000 bonus. The trade perished. When fullback Chuck Mercein, the noted Yale man and hero of Green Bay's 1967 playoff victory over Dallas, ended up back with the Master in Washington a few weeks ago, he couldn't stop blabbing. "The leadership disappeared when Lombardi quit as coach at Green Bay," he said. "I hate to say anything against Bengtson, but let's face it -- Lombardi had charisma." Some of the Packers he hinted, are less-than-happy. One of the things that bugs them most is Bengtson's near religious devotion to cross-country running. "He made us run 2 ½ miles every Tuesday," said Mercein. "He also strongly hinted that we ought to run the same distance on Monday, our day off. The players came to dread the running. It was particularly tough on the big fellows." Other matters are equally distressing, he said. "They're too conservative. They hate to make changes. Travis Williams had a great exhibition season and Anderson was completely ignored until he complained. Then he got to play. That's no way to do things." When the Packers were defeated, 9-7, last Sunday by the Vikings, Bengtson told reporters afterwards: "We're 5-4 and the Vikings are 8-1. They're just about 'in'. It would be tough to catch Minnesota." It was an unusual exhibition of candor, one that caught Viking coach Bud Grant right in the pit of his stomach, especially since the Lions are 6-3 and still in contention. "We have an

advantage, true," he said. "But if we lose two games, it could be a tough struggle again." The Packers, regardless, are six-point favorites to beat Detroit. If the Lions survive this one, they meet the Vikings at Tiger Stadium just four days later. This will be one rough physical game right after another," says Lion coach Joe Schmidt. "You can't let either of these teams get ahead of you. It does no good to play catch-up football with either the Packers or the Vikings."

SCHMIDT A ONE QUARTERBACK COACH

NOV 22 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The Vikings' Bud Grant, the Packers' most recent coaching adversary, and Joe Schmidt of the Lions, their imminent opponents, have diametrically opposite philosophies about quarterbacks. Grant, who replaced Joe Kapp with Gary Cuozzo in Milwaukee last Sunday and came away with a 9-7 victory, says, "I don't care if I have five quarterbacks - I don't consider that a problem. The only ones who find that sort of thing a problem are the sports writers." Schmidt, in contrast, says, "You can't have two quarterbacks. You've got to sink or swim with one. You can't have the quarterback feel if you have a bad game you're on the bench. That puts too much pressure on a quarterback." Proving that he practices what he preaches, Schmidt has announced he will lead with Greg Landry, the second year signalist from the University of Massachusetts, in Lambeau Field Sunday, even though his original No. 1, Bill Munson, has recovered from a broken hand and will be available...SYSTEM DISLIKED: Backgrounding Joe's decision in the latest issue of Pro Football Weekly, Detroit News sportswriter Jerry Green points out, "For many seasons, the Lions were involved with what was known, with some distaste, as the Two Quarterback System. It became a weekly debate in Detroit - which quarterback would start - and was cause for polarization of the team. Coaches George Wilson, Harry Gilmer and Joe Schmidt disliked the system - and did what they could about avoiding it. Wilson never could. Gilmer did by trading Eral Morrall and retaining Milt Plum. Schmidt solved his situation," Green notes, "by trading both Plum and Karl Sweetan - deciding between them

drove him goofy two years ago – and obtaining Munson. The Lions, it is likely, are about to enter another era of the despised Two Quarterback System. How can Schmidt bench young Greg Landry, who has won four of five games, including last Sunday's 20-0 victory over the Cardinals? But then how can he not play Munson, who was designated the No. 1 quarterback last year and this year was doing fine until his passing hand was broken?" Green, in answering his rhetorical question, goes on to note, "There already is considerable sentiment among the paying customers for Landry, who provided the victories lacking for so many years."...**STARR PASSING SECOND:** Statistically, there is little to choose between them. Landry, in five games, has completed 56 of 111 passes for 652 yards and 4 touchdowns, with 7 interceptions. Munson, acquired in the 1968 trade which sent Plum, Pat Studstill and Tom Watkins to the Rams, hit 48 of 92 for 533 yards and also 4 TDs, with 6 interceptions, before having his hand broken by the Pack's Dave Robinson in Detroit Oct. 12. Their Packer counterpart, Bart Starr, presently ranks second only to the Redskins' Sonny Jurgensen in the National Football League on a percentage basis with a 62.3 mark on 91 completions in 146 attempts for 1147 yards and 9 touchdowns. He has been intercepted only 6 times. Starr, again throwing crisply after a stretch of arm trouble, has been intercepted only 6 times. Carroll Dale, his most frequent target to date, has caught 30 for 543 yards, and a 18.1 average, and 3 touchdowns. The talented Tennessean is likely to come under particularly close scrutiny Sunday, having speared 7 passes for 167 yards and 2 TDs in the Pack's 28-17 victory over the Lions in Detroit last month. Charlie Sanders, the Lions' 235-pound sophomore tight end, is the invaders' leading receiver with 27 catches for 425 yards and 2 TDs, followed by speedball Earl McCullough with 21 for 323 yards and 4 scores. The Pack's Travis Williams goes into Sunday's production as the rivals' leading ground gainer with 318 yards in 81 attempts, a 3.9 average. In the absence of the injured Mel Farr, Nick Eddy is the Lions' pacesetter on 198 yards in 53 attempts...**PACKER PATER:** GM-Coach Phil Bengtson indicated Friday he has decided, after a week of close observation in practice, to continue with Mike Mercer as the Packers placement specialist Sunday. Bengtson had been considering activating Rick Duncan, a former Philadelphia Eagle who was signed to a taxi squad contract 10 days ago because Mercer has had three kicks blocked in the last two games and missed a 22-yarder in last Sunday's narrow loss to the Vikings. The Packer headmaster said that Mercer "probably" will handle kickoffs as well as field goals and extra point attempts...Francis Winkler has had the kickoff assignment in the past, Bengtson reported that Starr will start at quarterback, with Donny Anderson and Travis Williams again to be paired at running back, but said he wasn't certain whether Ken Bowman will open at center. Bowman, who broke the thumb on his right hand at Baltimore two weeks ago, did not start against the Vikings but played the entire second half.

PACKERS, DETROIT IN CENTRAL'S RUNNER-UP BOWL

NOV 22 (Green Bay) – Sunday's clash between Green Bay and Detroit shapes up as a battle for second place in the National Football League's Central Division. The Packers, three games behind the division-leading Minnesota Vikings and just about out of the title chase, trail Detroit by one game. The Lions, with the league's No. 2 defense, ride a three-game winning streak into Lambeau Field, climaxed by last week's 20-0 shutout of St. Louis. But they must play Minnesota, Baltimore and Los Angeles yet this season. If anything, that puts the odds against the Lions. The Packers have lost two straight and haven't lost three in a row since the first half of the 1959 season - the season when Vince Lombardi laid the foundation for his cathedral in Green Bay. The Lions, with second-year quarterback Greg Landry calling the shots, remember a stinging 28-17 defeat handed them in the rain at Detroit Oct. 12. In that game the Packers sidelined Detroit quarterback Bill Munson with a broken throwing hand. Munson is back for this one. But Detroit Coach Joe Schmidt is keeping Landry behind the center...**PACKER SECONDARY:** The young quarterback will be passing into one of the most larcenous defenses in the league. The Packer secondary has snared 15 passes intended for other teams this season. "If we've had a better year intercepting the ball, it's because we've had a stronger rush from our front four," said Willie Wood, adjutant general of the Packer secondary. The forward wall comprises veteran defensive ends Willie Davis and Lionel Aldridge, rookie tackle Rich Moore, and Bob Brown, who moved up from a backup man this season and is having a fine year. Wood figures the pass defense also has another advantage...**"BEING BURNED":** "We've been playing together so long that we know where our help is. And, as a result, we make few mistakes. Any pro will tell you he's more concerned about mistakes - by being burned-than making interceptions. Interceptions, they just come." Wood, Herb Adderley and Bob Jeter were joined this year by former backup man Doug Hart, who got the Packers only touchdown last week on an 85-yard interception. The cornerstone of the Lions' front wall, 11-year veteran tackle Alex Karras also is having a good year - although Gale Gillingham handled him well in the first encounter this season. After that game, Karras sat scowling in the locker room and refused to talk to reporters. "Alex Karras, well, he's been great, simply great,"

They're Great Packer Backers

Before the Packers meet the Detroit Lions this afternoon at Lambeau Field Packer fans and maybe some Lions fans will take this opportunity to meet some of the Packer wives who are new to Green Bay this season.

Today Mrs. Fred Carr, Mrs. John Spilis and Mrs. Bill Hayhoe give their impressions of their new homes in addition to telling about their Packer husbands and children and a little about themselves.

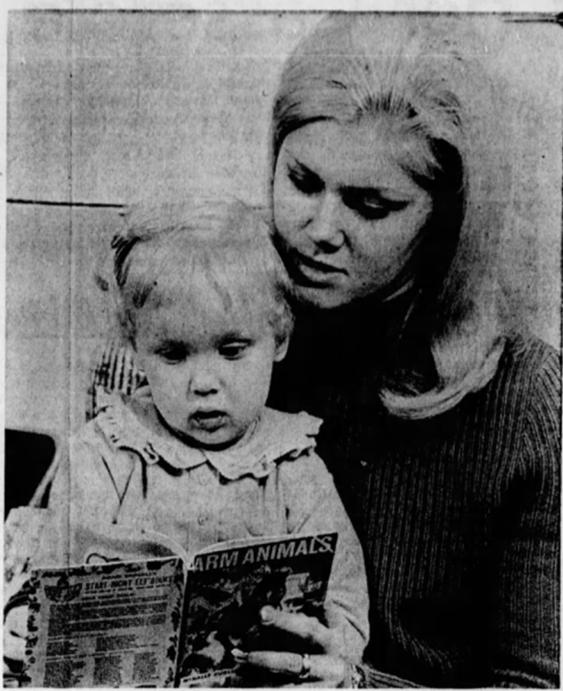
The other eight Packer wives new to Green Bay who will be featured on coming Press-Gazette Women's Pages are the Mmes. Larry Agajanian, Dave Bradley, Claudis James, Ron Jones, Mike Mercer, Gordon Rule, Phil Vandersea and Francis Winkler.





—Press-Gazette Photo by John Roemer

Ethel and Cordy Are Content With Packer Life



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Charming Mrs. Spilis and Daughter Tammy Get Together

commented Schmidt. "This is his 11th season and his best one." Detroit also has a backup man that moved into the starting front four because of an injury. "Dennis Moore played a lot as a swing man last year and has performed well," Schmidt said about the replacement for the injured Jerry Rush.

DECORATING IS HER KICK

NOV 23 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - When her husband was drafted by the Packers, Mrs. Fred Carr "could hardly believe it." "I'd always loved the Packers," says. "Even in college, they were my favorite team." Now as Carr's second season with the Packers nears an end, Ethel Carr still hasn't quite adjusted to the Packer wife's life. It's exciting and interesting, she says, but it's also hectic. Sitting in their brightly decorated west side apartment with her eight-month-old son, Cordy Alton, on her lap, the 24-year-old former school teacher speaks cheerfully of her life and family. After a year and a half of marriage, her husband still comes home with unannounced dinner and house guests. "One time Gale Sayers came to stay with us for a week," she recalls. "I didn't even know that he was coming until Freddie left to meet him at the airport." Planning and preparing meals for her husband is also quite an ordeal. "One morning for breakfast, I fixed no less than 12 eggs, eight strips of bacon, four glasses of juice and biscuits-just for him," she says. "He's really a big eater." But she doesn't mind. "As long as he stays happy - that's the important thing," she says of her "jolly fellow" of a husband. Friends of the Carrs are certain that Cordy will some day be 7 feet tall. "After all, I'm 5 feet 9 and Freddie is 6 feet 5," she says. Will the baby be an athlete like his dad? "If his father has anything to say about it, he will," says Mrs. Carr. When she's not cooking for her husband, caring for her baby or keeping house, Mrs. Carr loves to spend time with her interior decorating hobby. "I'm always out hunting for a colorful bargain," she says. The Carrs like to go to movies and they often gather with other Packer couples to have parties or play cards. "People here are extremely nice," she says. "And the team members are the greatest!" Mrs. Carr, who has a degree in special education from Southern University in Baton Rouge, La., met her husband while she was teaching elementary school in Phoenix, Ariz. He visited there while still a student at the University of Texas, El Paso. They became engaged after five months of dating and were married a year later. "Freddie was his school's first All-American," she says proudly. "It was exciting for me, too, because I'd never traveled so much as I did following his bowl games," she says. She watched him play in the Senior Bowl in Birmingham, Ala., the Sun Bowl in El Paso, the Coaches All-Star game in Atlanta, Ga., and the All-Star game in Chicago, Ill.

SHE LIKES IT HERE

NOV 23 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Donna Spilis married her high school beau, abandoned her studies toward a degree in Spanish for a secretarial position in a bank, had a baby girl, and now, at 20, is enjoying her first season in Green Bay as a Packer wife. Her husband, John, was the team's third draft choice this year and has inherited Max McGee's No. 85. Capable Mrs. Spilis has adjusted gracefully to a "moveable" type

of existence with the help of her mother-in-law. The elder Mrs. Spilis, whose husband's job meant frequent transfers, taught her attractive young daughter-in-law how to and what not to pack. Donna and John brought their bedroom suite and a few belongings, but, as many "part-time" residents are doing, they rented the rest of their furnishings. The apartments on Eddie Court near Lambeau Field, which are home to several Packer families, are tastefully appointed. There is no doubt about two items "to pack" whenever and wherever the young family goes. One is the current Green Bay Packer team picture, the other, a picture of the 1969 College All-Stars, both featuring the man of the house. Having a "napper" in the house doesn't give Donna much free time during the day, but occasionally she and another Packer wife, Mrs. David Bradley, share a sitter and go shopping. Seventeen-month-old Tammy and two-year-old David Bradley don't fuss. When their moms leave there are no tears in their eyes, only a hint of mischief. Evenings often bring visitors. John and Donna sometimes go to a movie or for a bit of night clubbing but they do not lead a busy social life. Friends are reading the "furnished apartment" ads in the De Kalb, Ill., papers where the Spilises will be at home after the football season, John will continue to work toward his degree in physical education. "He didn't mind babysitting while I was working at the bank, but he doesn't do it too often now," says the young mother, Mrs. Spilis relies on high school girls to baby-sit when they go out for the evening. Tammy is

very much a young lady. While her mother prefers comfortable knits and culottes, Tammy likes frills. The little miss already has some of her mother's poise and is comfortable with strangers. Donna likes to cook in her compact, avocado kitchen, John's favorite dinner, of course, is steak, but she likes to make spaghetti. She also prepares a special cheese coke when her husband wants some of "his mother's cooking." It's her recipe that Donna has learned to duplicate. Donna, whose home is in Dalton, Ill., used to spend summers with her family at Eagle River. She has an older sister, Peggy, and a brother, Chuck, who is a high school freshman. "He's trying hard to follow in John's footsteps," Donna remarks. "He didn't play a single game this year but he stayed with the team-hoping." Sometimes a little girl can shatter dad's dream of buying pint-size green and gold uniforms but, come bedtime, Tammy wears Packer pajamas. She also has a Packer sweatshirt from her grandmother. Donna comments, "Both these gifts were purchased in Illinois...you'd be surprised how many Packer fans there are in the Land of Lincoln."

DEBBIE'S 'DISASTERS' DON'T DAUNT BILL

NOV 23 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Mrs. Bill Hayhoe claims, "My cooking is a disaster." And she serves proof – anecdote form. When she first attempted making grilled cheese sandwiches for some of her co-workers who had joined her for lunch, she lost the sandwiches in the oven. "I opened the door and they were gone!" she exclaims. Debbie explains, "One of the women told me to put the sandwiches on the broiler tray, which I did. But it was too close to the heating unit and when I pulled the tray out the sandwiches stuck to the top." Though the Hayhoes enjoy entertaining, they usually invite only one other couple for dinner or perhaps three or four couples for an evening of social fun. "Nothing I have to cook a lot for," Debbie emphasizes. Perhaps hypercritical of her own skills, Debbie also claims "disaster" when it comes to sewing. But she continues to teach herself. Her most recent projects were a jumpsuit and a vest. She has experimented with drapes, too. If husband Bill is a pro at football, his bride of eight months is a pro at moving. Daughter of a Navy man, she has seen a good deal of the country. She was born in Guam. Seven years ago, the Wolcotts established their home in Los Angeles, where Debbie's father, Dr. Robert Wolcott, is professor of dentistry at the University of California, Los Angeles. "You can't beat the Los Angeles climate," according to Debbie, who is "a little cold-blooded." But the Hayhoes like it in Green Bay, where Bill got his first sampling of snow. Well enough to stay for the off-season, in fact. Though a newcomer to the city, Debbie is not exactly a stranger. Her father's home was Janesville and one of his cousins, Mrs. Robert Hostetler, lives in Allouez. She has introduced Debbie to many friends, as have the veteran Packer wives. Debbie testifies, "Green Bay is awfully friendly compared to Los Angeles." The pretty blonde initiated her college studies at the University of Southern California but later directed her studies toward computer programming at a training school. She is considering returning to school for education studies or working at the end of the season. It was on her first day at USC during registration, however, that she became acquainted with the man who was to be her husband. Though she and Bill had attended the same high school, he graduated ahead of her and they were never more than acquaintances. After that first day at USC they became constant companions, sharing bowling and hunting interests. Most of the hunting in LA was small game, such as rabbits, according to Debbie, who admits, "I could never shoot anything." In Wisconsin, their game is grouse and pheasants. Monday the 20-year-old Packer wife will sit among the ranks of many state women, while her husband joins some of his Packer cohorts for a deer hunting holiday in the North.

LIONS FOR REAL? NEXT 5 DAYS WILL TELL ALL

NOV 23 (Green Bay- Detroit Free Press) – Badly bent out of shape by a series of serious injuries and led by a depressingly youthful quarterback, the Detroit Lions begin the most critical five-day period of their whole implausible adventure here Sunday afternoon. They meet the Green Bay Packers before a sellout crowd of 50,861 at Lambeau Field. (Channel 2, 2 p.m.) Then, only four days later, they face the Central Division-leading Minnesota Vikings at Tiger Stadium. By sundown Thursday, everyone will know whether the Lions are real or not. In a remarkable exhibition of mind over matter, the Detroit club has refused to panic despite the way the casualties mount. They have won three straight games. They are 6-3, the fifth best record in the National Football League. And even though Greg Landry, the 22-year-old University of Massachusetts graduate, looks painfully like a college sophomore, he seems to have a 31-year-old intellect. "He is one of the most mature 22-year-olds I've ever seen," says Bill McPeak, the Lions' adjutant in charge of defense. "This may be only his second year in the league, but there are times when you think you're talking to a 10-year veteran." Landry has taken the regular quarterback's job away from Bill Munson, who is back on the active list for this game, but as a back-up man, the same galling position that led him to play out his option in Los Angeles and leave the Rams to Roman Gabriel. What the Lions have to do to overhaul the Minnesota Vikings, now 8-1, is to win their next two starts and then try not to lose any of the last three - against Baltimore, Los Angeles and Chicago. It seems impossible, but then, who thought Detroit would be in second place and still challenging this close to December? The Vikings are matched against Pittsburgh this weekend. Outside of the Lions they have only one other opportunity to lose - against the Rams in Los Angeles on Dec. 7. They end the season against a couple of gulls, the San Francisco 49ers and the Atlanta Falcons. The oddsmaker are not convinced the Lions



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Giant Jig-Saw Helps Debbie Hayhoe Pass the Time

are serious. They expect the Packers to beat them by six and the Vikings to tromp them by 10. Unfortunately for the Detroit club, the Packers are in disgustingly good health. Quarterback Bart Starr has had a touch or two of elbow trouble, but he has been throwing well in practice all week. Center Ken Bowman is out, but Bob Hyland has taken his place. If anything, the Packers are in a low mood after losing 9-7 to the Vikings, a misadventure that dropped their record to 5-4 and just eliminated them from the Central Division campaign. Possibly they regret being so hasty in getting rid of place kicker Errol Mann, who kicked his 14th and 15th field goals for the Lions last Sunday, tying Jim Martin's club record. He is the fifth highest scorer in the NFL with 64 points. The Packers dropped him after he'd missed three out of three goal attempts. He did get four extra points. They brought in Mike Mercer, an ex-Viking, ex-Raider, ex-Chief, ex-Bill, etc. He did all right last season. But so far he's made out only four of 15 in 1969. He blew two a week ago that would have whipped the Vikings. At the moment, he's roughly one-third of the Lions' offense. His field goals have meant he difference between victories and ties in three games Detroit has played this year. Hypothetically, they could be 3-3-3 at the moment and far out of contention.

NOTES AND NOTIONS

NOV 23 (Appleton Post-Crescent) - The NFL, reportedly, Monday will take up the sticky 1970 realignment issue again. A stalemate developed last summer and the regrouping of the remaining 13 NFL clubs - after Baltimore, Cleveland and Pittsburgh move to the AFL - has proved the toughest decision for Pete Rozelle in the entire merger package. Majority Central Division sentiment seems to be that the current grouping should remain intact only if New Orleans - or possibly Atlanta - could be added as a warm weather city. If the Central is allowed only four teams, however, the Bears, the Packers and the Lions reportedly want New Orleans, which means they'd ask Minnesota to switch to another division. There's been so much haggling about the realignment that the time has probably come for Rozelle to lay it on the line and say, "that's how it's going to be."

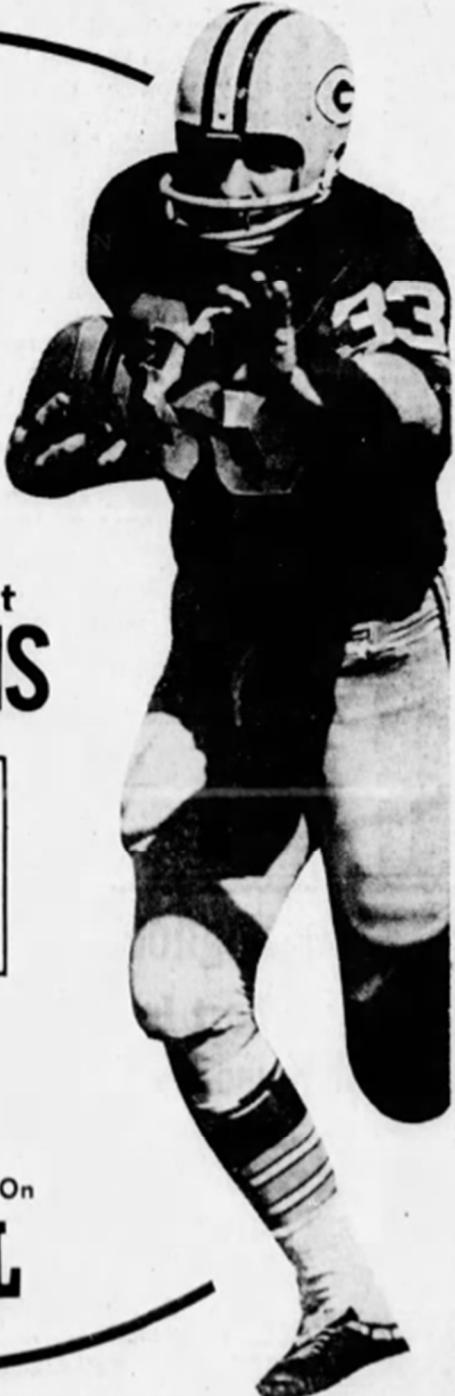
PACK ABOUT OUT OF IT, BUT WON'T PLAY DEAD, VOWS GREGG

NOV 23 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - "We're not going to roll over and play dead for anybody." Elder statesman Forrest Gregg made this grim vow on behalf of himself and his fellow Packers, who find themselves in a rare role today. They canter into Lambeau Field for this afternoon's exchange with the Detroit Lions (1 o'clock, WNFL, Channel 2), their tenth assignment in a 14-game schedule, without any practical hope of winning the National Football League's Central Division race. It is the first time this has happened since 1964, when the Packers finished in a second place tie with the Vikings and behind the champion Baltimore Colts in the then Western Conference race...NOT GOING TO QUIT: Although Gregg admits the recent triple champions do not find this knowledge particularly palatable, the 36-year-old offensive captain insists he and his colleagues will not be merely playing out the schedule. "Any team that is going to win is going to have to win it," the eight-time all-pro tackle declared. "We're not going to quit. When you've been up there and won the championship as often as we have, it's pretty tough to accept the idea that you're out of it," he admits. "Earlier in the week, your morale is pretty low. But you have to look at it realistically. You've got five games left to play, you're still a professional, you're a member of a great organization, the Green Bay Packers, and you have a lot of talent on your ball club. The thing now is to realize we still can have a respectable season...We have to approach it with the idea that we're going to win just as many of those five games as we can"...COULD IMPROVE STATUS: Should they launch a revival today, the Packers could improve their status in the Central Division. A victory would lift them into a tie with the Lions, presently one game above them with a 6-3 record. They also could play the role of kingmakers, at least in a modest sense. A fourth defeat would almost certainly eliminate the Lions, who presently trail the Vikings by two games. With their slim hopes on the line, the invaders are expected to be more than slightly anti-social, particularly since they come here riding a three-game winning streak, their longest skein in recent memory. A major figure in this project has been second year quarterback Greg Landry, who will be making his first extended appearance against the Packers. He stepped into the breach when Bill Munson was injured near the end of the third quarter in the Pack's first meeting with the Lions in Detroit Oct. 12. He was unable to save them on that occasion, the Bays emerging with a 28-17 decision, but the former University of Massachusetts field general has escorted them to four victories in their last five games. Landry has been so effective, in fact, that Schmidt has decided to start him today even though Munson has recovered from the broken hand he suffered when he imprudently exposed it to Dave Robinson's tender mercies five weeks ago. The youthful signal caller, who has completed 56 of 111 passes for 652 yards and 4 touchdowns, has two of the most talented targets in the NFL available, split end Earl McCullouch and tight end Charlie Sanders. That is not to mention the Lions' fast developing rookie flanker, Larry Walton, who caught four passes in last Sunday's 20-0 conquest of the Cardinals...EDDY ALTERNATING: Following an injury to the gifted Mel Farr, the Lions' rushing responsibilities have fallen to rookie Altie Taylor, Detroit's No. 1 choice in last January's draft, and Bill Triplett. The oft-injured Nick Eddy and Larry Watkins, another rookie, have been alternating with this pair. The Packers, who will be striving to crack a two-game losing streak, will be near their physical best for this one. Quarterback Bart Starr has been throwing well in the wake of recent arm miseries, giving rise to the hope he will be able to approximate his winning 13-for-20 performance against the Lions in their first meeting. If he is to do so, however, it will be necessary for the Packers' offensive line to approach its most recent pass protection efforts. Gregg, Francis Peay, Bill Lueck, Gale Gillingham and Ken Bowman, along with Bob Hyland, have permitted the enemy to reach the passer only once in the last three games. A complicating factor, of course, will be the invariable irascible Alex Karras, militant leader of Detroit's miserly defense, statistically the NFL's second

Probable Starting Lineups:					
OFFENSE					
GREEN BAY			DETROIT		
E	.....	Dowler	McCullouch	.....	S
T	.....	Peay	Shoals	.....	L
C	.....	Lueck	C. Walton	.....	L
G	.....	Hyland	Flanagan	.....
G	.....	Gillingham	Gallagher	.....	R
T	.....	Gregg	Yarbrough	.....	R
E	.....	Fleming	Sanders	.....	T
B	.....	Starr	Landry	.....	Q
B	.....	Anderson	Taylor	.....	R
B	.....	T. Williams	Triplett	.....	R
L	.....	Dale	L. Walton	.....	F
DEFENSE					
GREEN BAY			DETROIT		
E	.....	Davis	Robb	.....	L
T	.....	R. Moore	Karras	.....	L
T	.....	Brown	D. Moore	.....	R
E	.....	Aldridge	Hand	.....	R
B	.....	Robinson	Naumoff	.....	LL
B	.....	Nitschke	Lucci	.....	ML
B	.....	Caffey	Walker	.....	RL
H	.....	Adderley	Barney	.....	L
H	.....	Jeter	LeBeau	.....	R
S	.....	Hart	Weger	.....	L
S	.....	Wood	Vaughn	.....	R
Packer - Lion Series					
Packers won 41, Lions 27. 4 tied.					
Points - Packers 1,447, Lions 1,463.					

best going into action. Arrayed behind Starr, at least at the outset, will be Donny Anderson and Travis Williams, who will be making their second successive start in tandem at running back. There is a distinct possibility that today's match will be a defensive duel not unlike last Sunday's struggle with the Vikings. The Packers rank a strong fifth in this category themselves, traceable in no small measure to the recent depredations of Bob Brown, who has vastly improved the pass rush. If such a pattern develops, the issue is likely to lie between Errol Mann, the ex-Packer who has just matched the Lions' all-time season field goal record, and the Bays' Mike Mercer, who has had his problems of late after compiling an impressive 14-for-18 mark during the pre-season.

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NEXT NFL EXPANSION, PREDICTS ROZELLE, MAY BE BY SIX CLUBS

NOV 22 (The Sporting News) - All is serene in the Taj Mahal of sports offices, the sumptuous two-floor suite of pro football that Pete Rozelle calls his working den on New York's Park Avenue. Those offices, which also house the National and American Football Leagues' personnel, are in sharp contrast to the crowded, desk-cluttered quarters of Bert Bell in the early 1950s and the even more dingy single-room headquarters of the 1930s. Chatting with Rozelle, the young commissioner who is lord over the 26 teams now playing in the two leagues, gives no indication of anything but prosperity and peace – and serenity. But is it really so? Time is running out for the final step in the merging of the two leagues, which begin to work as one body as soon as the Super Bowl game ends on January 11. No decision has been made about which way the 13 teams left in the NFL will be aligned in the three National Conference divisions next year. The pros had surprisingly little trouble agreeing on which three NFL teams would move over to become part of the 13-team American Conference. Baltimore, Cleveland and Pittsburgh are making that jump...**SHOWDOWN IS NEARING:** But two stormy meetings among the 13 other NFL owners have failed to produce results on the National Conference realignment. Now Rozelle says agreement must be reached within the next month or six weeks. "We felt that inasmuch as we had a number of meetings on it last spring without having any success, it might be better to look at things a little longer this year before bringing them in again," explained Pete. "The only reason that we have to decide it within the next month or six weeks is that we want to start working on our schedule, which will be much more complex. We want as much time to work on it as we can have so that all teams will have their schedule by late February or early March, at the latest." As agreed last spring, each conference will be divided into three divisions, one with five teams and two with four...**MAY BE UP TO ROZELLE:** When asked what happens if the owners again fail to agree, Rozelle answered: "They have to reach agreement by unanimous consent. How we end up reaching that agreement could be in a number of ways. Hopefully, we'll achieve it by, the owners doing the voting and reaching accord." Rozelle wouldn't elaborate, but it is much more likely that the owners will not agree on how to realign and that he will, as a last resort, be given the power of forming the three divisions. The big argument is over New York. Every team wants as many visits to Yankee Stadium as it can get for the big check that results from the automatic 62,000 sellout. In the meantime, there already is talk about further expansion in the future, possibly even the addition of six new clubs - even though the leagues aren't yet the one big happy family that has been hoped for. There is even talk of future teams as far away as Hawaii and Mexico City. "I would have to generalize about any expansion talk because it's so hard to get a specific date. I think sometime in the next ten years," Rozelle said. "Right now we're attempting to stabilize what we have. We've moved very quickly by adding four teams - Atlanta, Miami, New Orleans and Cincinnati - in recent years. We merged the two leagues into one of 26 teams. Now we want to sit back and watch to see how our competitive balance stacks up." Though pro football people are sitting back, as Rozelle says, they are not sitting still. On the subject of when, and how, expansion comes, there already is the makings of a plan for the next move...**32 IDEAL NUMBER:** "The only number that really makes sense," added Rozelle, "would be 32 as the number of teams we'll have. That's the only one which can break down into a natural alignment. We then can have two 16-team conferences rather than the two 13 that we'll have starting in 1970. Then those two conferences can be broken down into equal four-team divisions." Four-team divisions, which are being used for the third year in the NFL, have proved to be extremely popular. Their popularity forced baseball into its tradition-breaking move of dividing into divisions in 1969. Making the new pro football schedule for 1970 will be complicated by the odd number breakdown forced by there now being 26 teams. Although every team hopefully will play every Sunday, there will be problems caused by the 4-4-5 alignment of divisions. Thus, the thinking about future expansion will be accelerated when completions begins in 1970. "When expansion comes," said Rozelle, "it's possible that we'll bring in one or two teams at a time. But it's more conceivable that we'll do as hockey did and bring in six at the same time. Then, for an interim period, we'd put them all into one division." Rozelle reflects the thinking of the people in pro football that there will be enough talent to take care of further expansion...**PLAYER CROP INCREASING:** "I don't know if there is enough talent now, but there might be in a few years," he said. "We'll study the feasibility of how we expand. I do believe there are more good football players coming out of college today than ever before. I think one main reason for this is that we have better coaching techniques at both the high school and college level. We are getting more good ones each year. That's one of the things we'd like to study before we expand, to determine whether there will be enough football players, good ones, for us to go to 32 teams." There is some feeling the expansion, by diluting the talent, has made it possible for more rookies to make the grade, but Rozelle does not agree. "When you look at some of the teams that rookies have made names with, you would have to lean toward the theory that it's the football players who are better," he pointed out. "Look at a team like Dallas, where you have an Ivy League running back who's turned out to be one of the finest rookies of the year. I'm speaking of Yale's Calvin Hill, who moved right in with a championship contender as a starting back. And there are others. At this time, I lean toward the theory that there are more rookies moving in because there are more good football players." There are other problems in pro football, one of which concerns the announced intention that no new teams will be allowed in without a stadium seating around 50,000. It also was pointed out that old teams that didn't fit this requirement

would have to get into new stadia or add to those they are in. Denver, in the AFL, has already rebuilt from a 34,600 capacity to a stadium now seating 50,000. But Boston hasn't and is still using Boston College's field with its 28,000 capacity. The city of Boston rejected a referendum to build a new stadium, but Rozelle indicated that the Patriots may find a new home without moving. "We don't feel it's totally impossible for them to make some plans in Boston that might permit them to play in a stadium seating 50,000 by enlarging an existing facility," he said. "We can wait until after the season to evaluate that situation then. All the clubs realize that the economics of professional football today make it a necessity that you have a capacity of 50,000 or more seats to operate successfully."...HARVARD ISN'T TALKING: It was pointed out to Rozelle that only Harvard Stadium, which so far has been cool to taking in the Patriots, has a stadium which lends itself to expansion from its present 37,000 capacity. So far Harvard hasn't said positively no, and there are some people in pro football who feel that it can change its attitude. Pro football wants to keep the Patriots in Boston because of television. This is one of the good TV markets, since it takes in all of New England, a better one than any other city now available. About TV, the word "overexposure" is heard frequently because a city like New York can have as many as four pro football games piped on a given Sunday. Even on days when the Giants or the Jets are home, there can be as many as three games coming into New York on the tube. "That's one of the reasons that we went into an arrangement with the American Broadcasting Company for 13 Monday night games starting in 1970," said Pete. "The money that we'll get will lessen what we would otherwise have to extract from the networks carrying the Sunday afternoon games. If we cut down on our demands on CBS and NBC, then hopefully it will permit them to lessen the number of double-headers. We won't have a situation of as many as four games on Sunday in a single city, two each from the AFL and NFL...A POTENTIAL DANGER: "We don't feel we have an over-exposure problem now. However, we fully recognize that if you throw too many games in, eventually it can happen to you. We do want to avoid that. We hope we can have a program in 1970 where there would not be as many as three games in a city at a given time."