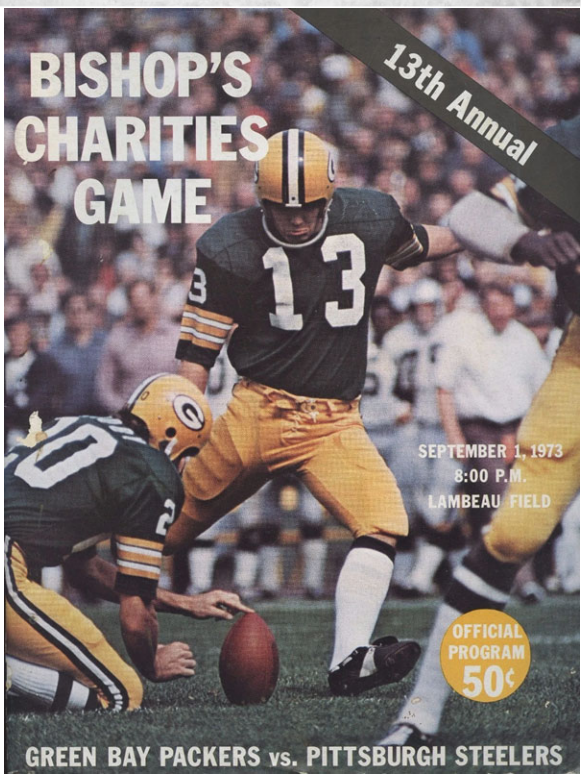
**PRE-SEASON**
**Pittsburgh Steelers 30, Green Bay Packers (3-1-1) 22**
**Sunday September 1st 1973 (at Green Bay)**

# Steelers stun Packers, 30 to 22

## GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)




(GREEN BAY) - Despite a "record" performance by Chester Marcol, the Packers ran afoul of Terry Bradshaw and the Pittsburgh Steelers in sauna-like Lambeau Field Saturday night. Bradshaw bootlegged 13 yards for a fourth quarter touchdown and set up a subsequent 22-yard field goal by Roy Gerela to seal a 30-22 Pittsburgh victory before a sellout house of 56,267 fans. The strong-armed quarterbacks heroics dulled the lustre of a five field goal performance by Marcol, who set an unofficial Packer record in the process. Marcol connected from 45, 33, 13, 15 and 16 yards, his last success coming early in the fourth quarter to put the Packers ahead for the last time, 22-28. New quarterback Jim Del Gaizo, making his Packer debut, escorted the Green and Gold to a 19-13 halftime lead before being forced to retire late in the second quarter with bruised ribs. The Packers also lost defensive tackle Carleton Oats in the first quarter with a dislocated shoulder. The evening began in distasteful fashion for the Packers, who found themselves behind 7-0 with less than two minutes gone, but it improved dramatically as the first half wore on. Safety Glen Edwards was responsible for the home forces early discomfort, returning the first punt of the game 70 yards for a touchdown. Edwards' excursion came without warning, following a low, 51-yard punt by Ron Widby, racing back to catch the ball over his shoulder like an outfielder. Edwards shook off Larry Krause at the Pittsburgh 49, angled to his left and down the eastern sidelines. Temporarily stymied at the 18 by Charlie Hall, the last man with a shot at him, Edwards picked up a final block, cut to his right and was in the end zone at 1:50 of the opening quarter. Nettled by this abrupt turn of the events, the Packers responded by running up 19 consecutive points with Del Gaizo at the controls. Victimized by three dropped passes en route, the Packers newest quarterback candidate settled for a 45-yard field goal by Marcol in prompt retaliation for Edwards sortie. The Packers next capitalized on a Pittsburgh error to take the lead for the first time. Punter Bobby Walden, under heavy pressure following a high snap, was forced to run and was felled at the Steeler 48 by Dave Pureifory. When the Green Bay drive appeared stalled at the 23, Widby hit Larry Hefner with an 11-yard pass off a fake field goal play to bring a first down at the Pittsburgh 5. MacArthur Lane, first held for no gain on first down, swept right on second down and out-ran defender Mike Wagner to the flag in the right corner to record the first rushing touchdown against the vaunted Steeler defense in five games this exhibition season. After another Pittsburgh punt, Del Gaizo mounted a drive that produced the first of three successive field goals by Marcol. This one from the Pittsburgh 33 after Don Highsmith was felled for an 8-yard loss on third down. Al Matthews, who now owns two of the three interceptions the Packers have recorded to date, next waylaid a Bradshaw pass at the Steeler 33 to provide Marcol with his next opportunity. This time Czeslaw was off target from the 32 but he got a second chance when Pittsburgh was detected offside and he ultimately came away with a 13-yard success after a Del Gaizo pass to Jon Staggers in the right corner of the end zone missed. Marcol quickly got another opportunity when Bob Brown separated Bradshaw from the football on the first play following the kickoff Jim Carter recovered at the Pittsburgh 13. Del Gaizo was shaken up on a second down play, a near-miss to Smith in the left corner of the end zone, and was replaced by Scott Hunter. Hunter forced to scramble, settled for a 3-yard pass to Staggers on third down and Marcol returned to toe one home from the 15 for a 19-7 bulge. The Steelers promptly shaved it to a single touchdown as Bradshaw marshalled an eight-play, 78-yard scoring drive. The major item was a 41-yard pass to Shanklin, who got away from rookie Hise Austin, that put the Steelers in position at the Green Bay 18. Carter stopped Steve Davis with third and inches at the nine but former Appleton Xavier star Rocky Bleier bit off four yards for the first down on a fourth down gamble. A scrambling Bradshaw then hit McMakin for the score on the next play, 32 seconds before the half ended. A high snap from center foiled the extra point attempt, leaving the score 19-13. But Marcol was afforded yet another opportunity following a subsequent 55-yard kickoff return by Ike Thomas but this one from 38 yards, was blocked by Steeler rookie Jim Thomas. Widby recovering as the half ended. Just as the second quarter had belonged to the Packers, the third period went decisively to the Steelers, who regained the lead in the process. Bradshaw, going largely by land in contrast to usual custom, mounted an eight play, 78-yard drive that put the Steelers in front, 28-19. It was something of a Rocky Bleier production, the Vietnam veteran igniting the push with a 21-yard run that presented Pittsburgh with ideal field position at the

Green Bay 34. He later added another 11-yard sweep to the cause for another first down. A 16-yard Bradshaw pass to Shanklin carried to the 7 and set up the finishing touch, a one-yard slash off right tackle by sophomore running back Steve Davis.

**PITTSBURGH - 7 6 7 10 - 30**
**GREEN BAY - 3 16 0 3 - 22**

| | PITTSBURGH | GREEN BAY |
|---|---|---|
| First downs | 14 | 16 |
| Rush-yards-TDs | 38-148-2 | 33-92-1 |
| Comp-Att-Yd-TD-INT | 17-9-116-1-1 | 32-14-135-0-1 |
| Sacked-Yards Lost | 2-11 | 1-9 |
| Net Passing Yards | 105 | 126 |
| Total yards | 253 | 218 |
| Fumbles-lost | 1-1 | 1-0 |
| Turnovers | 2 | 1 |
| Yards Penalized | 9-76 | 4-71 |

**SCORING**
1st – PITT- Glen Edwards, 70-yard punt return (Roy Gerela kick) PITT 7-0
1st – GB – Chester Marcol, 45-yard field goal PITT 7-3
2nd – GB – MacArthur Lane, 5-yard run (Marcol kick) GB 10-7
2nd – GB – Marcol, 33-yard field goal GB 13-7
2nd – GB – Marcol, 13-yard field goal GB 16-7
2nd – GB – Marcol, 15-yard field goal GB 19-7
2nd – PITT – John McMakin, 8-yard pass from Terry Bradshaw GB 19-13
3rd – PITT – Steve Davis, 1-yard run (Gerela kick) PITT 20-19
4th – GB – Marcol, 16-yard field goal GB 22-20
4th – PITT – Terry Bradshaw, 13-yard run (Gerela kick) PITT 27-22
4th – PITT – Gerela, 22-yard field goal PITT 30-22

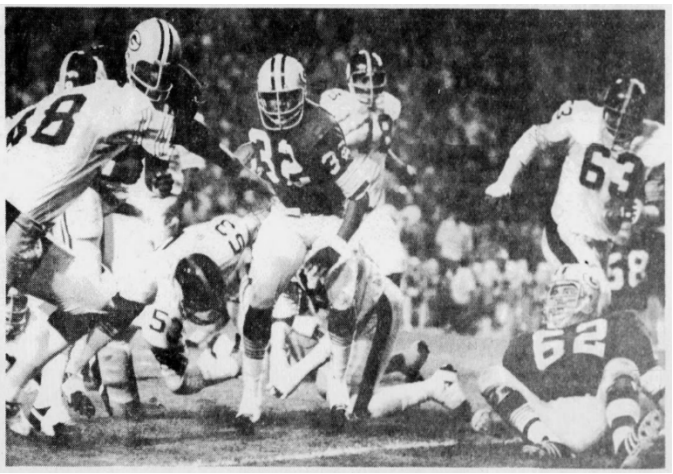
**RUSHING**
**GREEN BAY** – Don Highsmith, 13-35, Perry Williams 3-20, Scott Hunter 2-14, MacArthur Lane 6-9 1 TD, John Brockington 8-13, Les Goodman 1-1
**PITTSBURGH** – Rocky Bleier 8-60, Preston Pearson 11-49, Terry Bradshaw 2-17 1 TD, John Fuqua 7-15, Franco Harris 3-5, Steve Davis 6-5 1 TD, Bobby Walden 1-(-3)

**PASSING**
**GREEN BAY** – Jim Del Gaizo 16-7-76, Scott Hunter 11-4-36, Jerry Tagge 4-2-12 1 INT, Ron Widby 1-1-11
**PITTSBURGH** – Terry Bradshaw 17-9-116 1 TD 1 INT

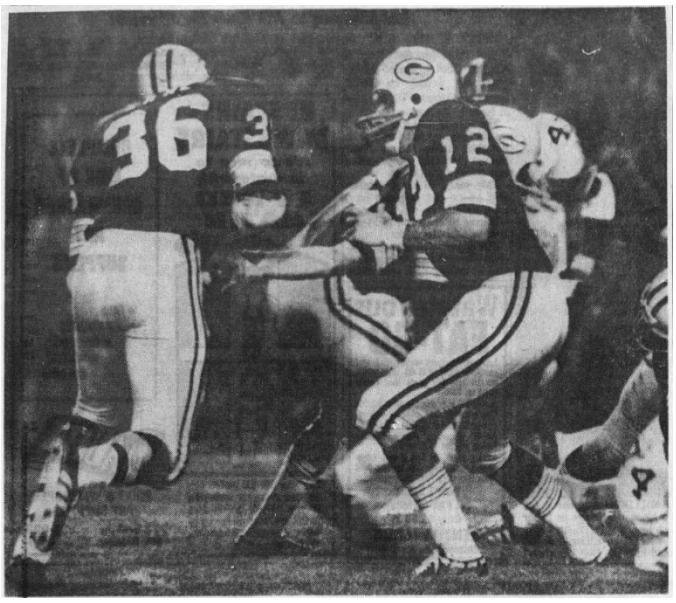
**RECEIVING**
**GREEN BAY** – Barry Smith 4-53, John Brockington 2-19, Rich McGeorge 2-17, Leland Glass 1-15, Larry Hefner 1-11, Perry Williams 1-8, Len Garrett 1-5, Don Highsmith 1-5, Jon Staggers 1-3
**PITTSBURGH** – Ron Shanklin 3-75, John McMakin 3-38 1 TD, Barry Pearson 1-5, Steve Davis 1-3, John Fuqua 1-(-5)

# Devine expects better 1973 team

**DEVINE EXPECTS BETTER 1973 TEAM**
SEPT 4 (Green Bay) - The ancient axiom that no team can win a National Football League crown without a top-flight quarterback has failed to temper the heady talk of Super Bowl around what used to be called "Titletown, U.S.A." The Green Bay Packers, in a steady decline since they won the first two Super Bowls in 1967 and 1968, surprised even their insatiable fans by transforming a 4-8-2 record in 1971 to 10-4 and a playoff berth last season, Dan Devine's second year as coach and general manager. After a year's familiarization process with the NFL, the former University of Missouri coach rid himself of the few veterans who refused to accept him. He rebuilt the Packers through shrewd trades that brought running back MacArthur Lane, linemen Malcolm Snider and Alden Roche and safety Jim Hill and draft picks that produced runner John Brockington, cornerback Willie Buchanon and kicking sensation Chester Marcol. Green Bay won the NFC's "Black and Blue" Central Division despite, statistically, the league's second poorest passing attack. Second-year quarterback Scott Hunter completed only 43 per cent of his 199 passes and rookie Jerry Tagge, whose development was slowed by a preseason injury, connected on 10 of 29. The Packers title ingredients were a ball control offense built around Brockington and Lane, best rushing tandem in the conference with a combined 1,848 yards; Marcol, who led the league in scoring with 128 points and converted 33 of 48 field goal attempts, and a defense that led the NFC with 248 yards allowed per game. "This team, as a team, got as much out of its collective ability as, maybe, anybody ever has, " Devine said. But he hastens to add he expects even better things in 1973. "I expect this team to be a better team this year if for no other reason than it is a young team with an added year of experience," he said. "Whatever losses in personnel we've had have been balanced by our draft and trades." Devine has declared Hunter his No. 1 quarterback "until somebody beats him out," and believes



*HIGHSMITH HEADS FOR OPENING: Green Bay Packers Don Highsmith (32) heads for an opening during Saturday night's preseason game at Green Bay against the Pittsburgh Steelers. Packer Bill Lueck (62) is on the ground, as Steeler John Rowser (48) cuts over to try and elude Packer blocker for Highsmith. The Steelers won, 30-22. (Oshkosh Northwestern photo by Irving Stone)*



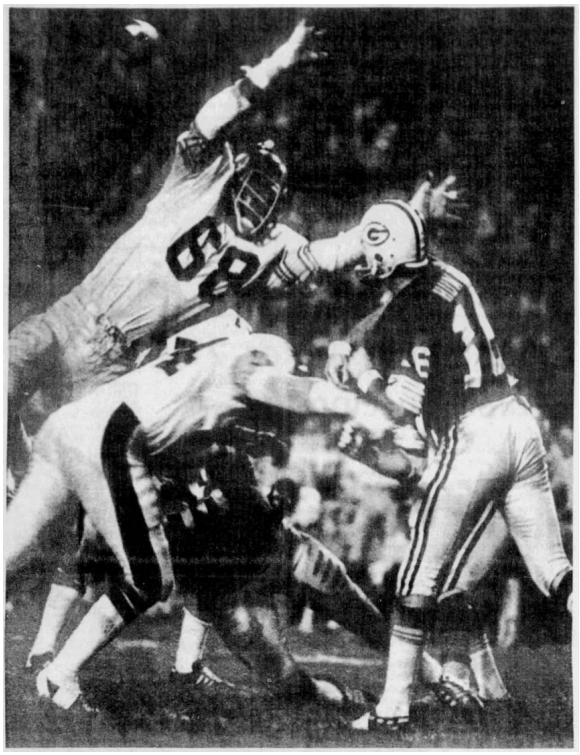
*GREEN BAY'S new quarterback, Jim Del Gaizo (12), hands off to MacArthur Lane (36) during Saturday's 30-22 exhibition loss to Pittsburgh at Green Bay. The loss was no fault of Del Gaizo's, who led the Packers to a 16-7 lead before leaving with cracked ribs in the second quarter. Del Gaizo completed seven of 16 passes for 76 yards and no interceptions, and had at least five other passes dropped by his receivers. He will be out of action at least two weeks with his cracked ribs. (AP Wirephoto)*

both Hunter and Tagge have profited from offseason work. Devine acquired Jim Del Gaizo from Miami in mid-August, and the former Dolphin taxi-squad member will be given a long look at quarterback. The only other question mark is at strong side linebacker, where former all-pro Dave Robinson has left by trade. Otherwise, the squad has fewer holes to fill than at any time since the three successive championships of the mid-60s. Rookie Tom MacLeod appears to have won Robinson's old job." With guard Gale Gillingham and tight end Rich McGeorge - the former an all-pro and the latter a budding star - back from injuries that shelved them most of last year, the Packers have healthy competition at all positions. Snider, who filled in more than adequately for Gillingham may push Bill Hayhoe out of a starting slot. Center Ken Bowman, guards Gillingham and Bill Lueck and tackle Dick Himes comprise the rest of a solid offensive line. Devine believes the passing game will improve because of added experience for Hunter and Tagge, the return of McGeorge and addition of wide receiver Barry Smith of Florida State, Green Bay's No. 1 draft pick. Unless Smith wins a regular job, starting wide receivers will be Leland Glass, who caught 15 passes last year as a rookie, and 35-year-old Carroll Dale, who has lost some speed but none of his ability to get open. The front four of Clarence Williams, Bob Brown, Mike McCoy and Roche anchored a defense that forced 19 fumbles, tops in the NFC, and sacked quarterbacks 29 times. Aaron Brown, six-year star at defensive end for Kansas City, may push Williams or Roche out of a job and Carleton Oats, eight-year veteran picked up from Oakland, lends depth at tackle. The secondary of Hill and Al Matthews at safety and Buchanon and Ken Ellis at quarterback led the league in fewest touchdown passes allowed with seven. Hill, who will be 27 on Oct. 21, is the oldest of the four.

**DEL GAIZO AIMS FOR JETS**

SEPT 4 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Jim Del Gaizo, the left side of his chest tightly bandaged, was moving about the Packer dressing room very carefully. It was Monday afternoon and the lefthanded field general, dressed for the street in shirt and slacks, had recently emerged from the Packer training room after receiving treatment for the ribs cracked in Saturday night's 30-22 loss to the Steelers. "The doctor was kind of vague about how long I'd be out, but I guess I'll be missing Saturday night's game in Cincinnati, for sure," he said. "I'm just going to aim for the Jets game (the Packers' NFL opener; the following week." . Del Gaizo, who had titillated the faithful by escorting the Packers to a 19-7 lead before being forced to retire, was matter-of-fact about the misadventure that had marred his Packer debut. "It was just one of those things," he said. "It had to be perfect timing - I got hit just as I had my arm in the air after throwing the ball and my ribs were unprotected. A little sooner or a little later and it wouldn't have happened. But I'll have those rib pads on from now," the former Miami Dolphin dryly assured. "I'm not going to try to be a glamor boy, that's for sure. "Dwight White, the guy who hit me, apologized to me after the game. That is, he said he hoped he hadn't hurt me too much. But it was a clean shot - it wasn't anything illegal." Clean shot or not, Del Gaizo is finding the injury no less painful. "I coughed once Saturday night and I almost died," he ruefully reported. "I wasn't going to cough again - I think I'd have suffocated first." The strong-armed southpaw, whose bullet-like passes had even impressed the Steelers' Mean Joe Greene, admitted being forced to sit out the Cincinnati game was something of a setback. "It's disappointing," he said, "because I needed the work for polishing, on handoffs, terminology, everything. As long as a play comes in off the bench in detail it's all right. I could have used the extra game's experience, though. But it could have been worse." Although Coach Dan Devine had not announced his starting quarterback selection until shortly before game time, Del Gaizo said he had not been overly surprised to find out he was the choice. "The coach told me about 6:30, he said. "No, I wasn't too surprised. I kind of assumed I would be starting because he had given me most of the work during the week." Although his receivers had dropped several of his passes, Del Gaizo was quick to defend them. "I think it was tougher for the receivers than it was for me," he said, adding, "I haven't seen them drop a ball all week. We'll get it down, though, I'll

guarantee you that." Asked if he had felt unusual pressure, Del Gaizo replied, "When you come into the league as a free agent, there's pressure on you every time you go out to practice. I didn't feel any more pressure than I did my rookie year coming into camp as a free agent." The ovation he received upon being announced at quarterback had not, however, escaped his attention, the newcomer admitted. "That made me feel real nice," he said. "You never know what kind of a reception you're going to get."

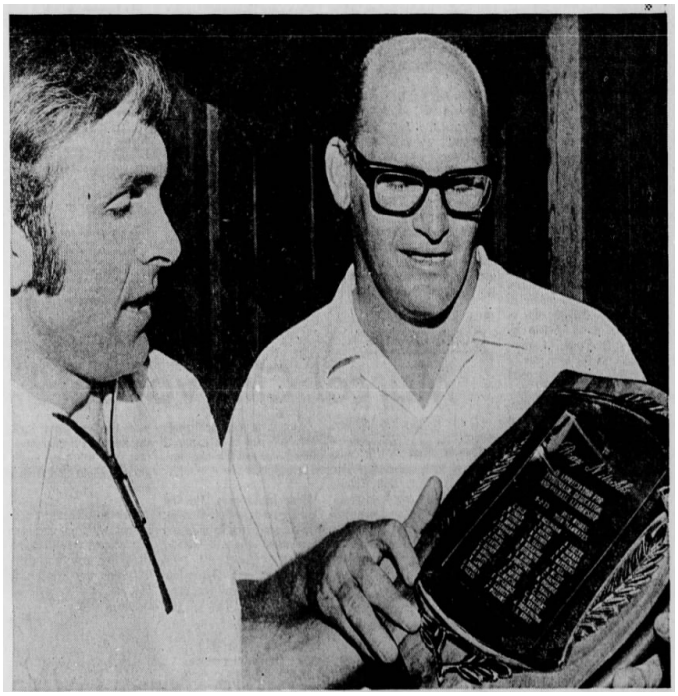


*A COMING CRUNCH - Pittsburgh Steelers' Tom Keating and L. C. Greenwood (68) lower the boom on Packer quarterback Scott Hunter (16) as Hunter releases pass, upper left, late in their exhibition game Saturday night at Green Bay. (AP Wirephoto)*

**NITSCHKE BEAT ALL BUT 'FATHER TIME'**

SEPT 4 (Green Bay) - The rest of the National Football League should have taken notice when a thunderstorm interrupted what had been a lazy late summer day in 1960. The Green Bay Packers, practicing for their second season under Coach Vince Lombardi, scurried for cover, some to a 25-foot photographers' tower in the middle of the Oneida Street field. A sudden gust of wind toppled the steel structure, which weighed an estimated 1,000 pounds, and it collapsed on a 23-year-old linebacker named Ray Nitschke The tower was severely damaged. But Nitschke was uninjured; his helmet had absorbed much of the impact, and he endured to play 13 more seasons with an excellence matched by few. If 1,000 pounds of steel could not subdue Nitschke once called "The Animal" and "The Wild Man," the NFL could hardly expect to, and it never did But the inevitable encroachments of age, which he chose not to heed, finally finished the career of the man who in 1969 was voted best middle linebacker of the NFL's first 50 years. He announced his retirement Aug. 28. Nitschke's bald head, battered features, jutting jaw and lips constantly fixed thin and taut in a posture of defiance formed a visage that seemed to personify the violent world of his position. He played it with sustained vigor through an unprecedented five NFL championship seasons and became a folk hero of a stature perhaps matched only by quarterback Bart Starr, his longtime teammate. His playing appearances, increasingly infrequent since Jim Carter took away his regular job in 1971, evoked outbursts of frenzy and endearment from the capacity crowds of Lambeau Field and Milwaukee County Stadium. Norb Hecker, then a Packer assistant coach, spoke of Nitschke's charisma after Green Bay had demolished the New York Giants 37-0 for the 1961 NFL championship. "When Ray makes one of those hard tackles, it gives everybody on the team a lift," Hecker said. "It sort of rubs off on the rest of the men and makes them want to hit harder, too. You know how it is when you're in a fight, and someone on your side gets in a big punch? It swings things your way. That's the way it is when Nitschke flattens somebody." Nitschke that same year expressed his love of hitting in another way. "I just love to red dog," he said. "The quarterbacks can tell it in my eyes when I'm going to rush. You should see the look on their faces. All they want to do is get out of there." Fighting became a matter of survival early in the life of Nitschke born Dec. 29, 1936, in Elmwood Park, Ill. His father died when he was three. After his mother died 10 years later, he was reared and adopted by a brother eight years his senior. "I grew up belting the other kids in the neighborhood," Nitschke once said. "My brother was good to me but I never had any real discipline. Nobody told me what to do or when to go to bed. I felt I was somebody who didn't have anything, and I took it out on everybody else." Nitschke's ruffian ways followed him to Green Bay as a third draft choice in 1958. He had been a fullback at the University of Illinois, specializing in blocking for halfback Bobby Mitchell, later a star receiver with the Cleveland Browns. "I was real rowdy, real obnoxious, especially when I was drinking,'" he said. "I was mad all the time and took it out on everybody off the field. I was a hard guy to get along with." Nitschke's habits and outlook changed dramatically after he met and married his wife, Jackie. He is a model father to his two sons and daughter and is a director of the Green Bay Boys' Club. He quit drinking 10 years ago and stopped smoking a few years later. But his pride, his love of winning and zest for contact were not diminished. "You want them to have respect for you when they run a play at you," he once said. "You want them to be a little shy and a little shyer the next time. You want them to remember you are there." "It's a survival kind of thing," he said. "You've got to like contact. If you're not willing to hit people, you don't belong on the field. You've got to have the proper temperament to take lots of bruises and physical abuse and come back the next week. A lot of fellas are tough physically, but they just don't fit in." The legend grew as the championships came and went and Nitschke insisted he would know when to retire. "I'll know when the time comes," he said a few years ago. "It will come when I can't hit anybody hard, when the injuries will hurt more and last longer." The first hint came in August, 1971, when Coach Dan Devine, fresh from the collegiate ranks, incensed Nitschke's idolizing fans when he benched him in favor of Carter, a second year man. Nitschke accepted it with reluctance, but generally with silence and grace. "I've got nothing against Carter," he said. "Sure, I'll help him - if he asks me." "When I was younger I probably couldn't have gone through this mentally," he said. "My pride is hurt, and pride in performing well and being a first stringer has been one of my strong points as a ballplayer. But I haven't bellyached. You know, I've matured - not only as a ballplayer, but as a man." Gov. Patrick J. Lucey proclaimed Dec. 12, 1971, "Ray Nitschke Day" in Wisconsin, and Nitschke received a thunderous ovation before the Packers' last home game of the season. A scholarship was established in his name from proceeds of sales of 20,000 buttons and 30,000 bumper

stickers which proclaimed, "We Love Ray." "The way he has accepted the fact that he's no longer going to play as much as he did in the past is a mark of quality in the man," said safety Willie Wood, who broke into the starting lineup the same year as Nitschke. "The fact that he humbled himself and the fact that he still adds a great deal to the team even when he's not playing as much is a mark of quality in the man," Wood said. It would have been a fitting, even glorious, note on which to retire, but Nitschke returned in 1972, playing even less as Carter began developing into one of the best middle linebackers in the league. Nitschke's determination to play again in 1973 surprised and perplexed Devine, a man of substantial ego but with matching compassion. Almost as much as he hungers for a Super Bowl championship, Devine yearned for a way to persuade Nitschke to retire gracefully. He finally succeeded, with the announcement Aug. 28 that Nitschke was stepping down. But the crowning footnote to Nitschke's career is yet to come. That will be the day he is enshrined in professional football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. No one doubts the inevitability of that day.



*Ray's Day: Carroll Dale presents Ray Nitschke with a plaque from the Green Bay Packers veterans at a surprise luncheon for Ray and his family Sunday at the Left Guard. Nitschke retired last week after 15 fruitful years in the National Football League. A third round draft choice in 1957 as a fullback out of Illinois, Nitschke went on to become the all-time best middle linebacker in the NFL's first 50 years. (Press-Gazette Photo)*

**DEFENSIVE LINE DEPTH DWINDLES WITH INJURIES**

SEPT 4 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Since the early days of training camp, the depth in the Packers' defensive line has been the talk of the team. Most railbirds, in fact, were wondering how Dan Devine and his brain trust could find a way to accommodate seven quality performers. That no longer appears to be a problem, at least for the moment. As the Packers zeroed in on Saturday night's pre-season finale at Cincinnati during Monday afternoon's Labor Day workout, only four of those seven were sufficiently sound of limb to be counted upon against the Bengals. Defensive tackle Carleton Oats, victim of a dislocated shoulder in Saturday night's 30-22 loss to Pittsburgh, was deactivated to the taxi squad, where he joins Mike McCoy, "moved" a week earlier because of a knee injury. This maneuver leaves only five veteran defensive linemen active and one of them, Aaron Brown, hobbled through Monday's practice because of a thigh muscle problem. This latest development is likely to bring sophomore Dave Pureifory his first pro starting assignment Saturday night, Devine said. If so, Pureifory would open at right end, with incumbent Alden Roche moving to left tackle, leaving only left end Clarence Williams and right tackle Bob Brown in their normal starting assignments and rookie Phil Engle as the lone reserve. Quarterback Jim Del Gaizo, felled by a rib injury, was deactivated along with Oats as the Packers made full use of the new National Football League rule, which permits each club to deactivate three players - over and above the normal 40-man limit - for any purpose without exposing them to waivers. McCoy, of course, is the other member of the Packer trio. "Normally, when you deactivate a player at this time of year, he has to be out two games or 16 days," Devine said, "but with only one pre-season game remaining, all three will be eligible to play against the Jets in our first regular season game, if they are healthy." Devine admitted, in answer to a question, that losing Del Gaizo for the Bengal contest was "a big disappointment" for him from a coaching standpoint. Impressed with the lefthander's maiden Packer venture, he said, "I thought his performance was a good one, considering the circumstances. "In the first place, he was coming in cold. He doesn't know the players and he doesn't know the fans. And he's facing a team that had 28 interceptions last year and a defense that had allowed only one touchdown in four games during the pre-season. He's also looking L. C. Greenwood and Mean Joe Greene in the eye, and he's taking the snap from a new center. And I know we called a few plays he hadn't practiced or had practiced no more than once." Devine also had praise for the performance of Scott Hunter, who also was shaken up in the Pittsburgh match but has been pronounced ready for the Bengals. "I don't know right now who will start at Cincinnati, Scott or Jerry Tagge," Devine said. "At this point, the coaching staff is much more concerned about correcting the mistakes that cost us the game. The quarterbacking didn't cost us the ball game. If you were to grade on a departmental basis, the quarterbacking would have been one of the better areas. When he took over late in the second quarter, Scott did his job. He hit Perry Williams with an 8-yard pass and Barry Smith with a 16-yarder and moved us into field goal position in the last few seconds of the half. It wasn't his fault the field goal was blocked." The Packers will go into the Cincinnati game with two active quarterbacks and one (Charlie Napper) on the taxi squad, Devine said, "just as we did last year." "We also have Ron Widby as a possible third quarterback, if he should be needed in an emergency. Ron sits in on the quarterback meetings." The defense, which permitted Pittsburgh 23 points, will be shored up by the return to duty of Willie Buchanon, who sat out the Steeler contest because of injuries suffered in a 21-16 victory over Kansas City a week earlier. Devine summed up Saturday night's "slip," first defeat after three victories and a tie, in one sentence, "We didn't get as many big plays as they did." "The punt return (a 70-yard runback by Pittsburgh's Glen Edwards for a first quarter touchdown) was a big play. "We didn't play outstanding football - which you have to do against a team like Pittsburgh - in any particular area. Our second half decline on offense (the Packers settled for 56 net yards and a lone field goal after

mounting a 19-7 lead in the second quarter) is something we have to avoid in the future. We didn't move the ball very well in the second half and the Steelers controlled it. We were very close to a touchdown on Hunter's pass to Rich McGeorge that was incomplete in the end zone, and that ended up with a field goal. We were very close in a lot of situations. It was just everything. We were ahead by two points and we had a good shot at an interception that could have gone all the way the other way, and missed it. We could have been nine points up in the fourth period. There are lots of ways a game can develop."

**GREENE SAYS PACKERS HAVE BEST BACKS**

SEPT 4 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Quick Packer-Steeler quotes: Chester Marcol: "It was kind of unusual. Before the game, I said to Ron Widby, 'We didn't try any field goals at all last week so I suppose tonight I'll kick five or six.' And that's just what I did. When things are going right for you, you get all the good breaks all day, or all night. This is the most field goals I've ever had in a game. I think I also had five one time in college."…Mean Joe Greene: "Jim Del Gaizo looked good, real good. What looked good to me? His arm. All he's got to do is hand the ball to those backs, John Brockington and MacArthur Lane. You can't call that good quarterbacking. They've got to be the best set of backs in the league, I'll guarantee you that. You won't get much argument about that from anybody."…Carleton Oats: "It's nothing serious with my shoulder. It just popped out. It happened when my arm was out and somebody fell across it. It'll just be sore as hell for a couple of weeks."

**DEVINE PAINTS WEEKLY SCARE**

SEPT 5 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Even though the moment of truth against the Jets draws ever nearer, Dan Devine isn't losing his sense of humor. He proved that rather conclusively Tuesday afternoon after delivering a detailed, post-practice report on injuries for the benefit of the fourth estate. "Now," he said with a sly smile, "if you're ready for your weekly scare-story..." Devine, who seldom can pass up a good line, was making facetious reference to his habit of building up the enemy each week with glowing descriptions of its play and personnel, a venerable coaching ploy. The smile disappeared, however, as he began to paint a forbidding picture of Paul Brown's Cincinnati Bengals, who welcome the Packers to the Queen City for thelr mutual pre-season finale Saturday night. "You know how Atlanta scored on Cincinnati?" he wanted to know. "On two blocked kicks and two field goals. Otherwise, the Falcons didn't do anything. But you know they're not going to give up two blocked punts for touchdowns against us this week. The Bengals also looked very good against Detroit in their previous game, which they also won. The Lions didn't get their first first down until late in the second quarter. In fact, Detroit made only four or five first downs rushing in the whole game. And Detroit has been moving the ball on everybody else. The Bengals have put together a real fine ball club. Their linebackers, Ken Avery, Bill Bergey and Ron Pritchard, are very impressive. Of course, we thought Avery was unbelievable when we played Cincinnati before. "And I haven't forgotten their cornerback, Lemar Parrish, in the league game we played against Cincinnati here in 1971. We were going along pretty good, leading 14-0, and he intercepted a pass and ran it back for a touchdown. After that, we had to struggle for our lives and finally won, but not until after we stopped them with fourth-and-one at our 10-yard-line late in the fourth quarter. Offensively, Bob Trumpy has been having a really great year for the Bengals at tight end and they have been consistent - they've moved the ball well on everybody." Completing his "scare story" with a characteristic fillip, Devine asserted, "They should make a real challenge in their division, I would think." The defending champion Packers, who hope to make "a real challenge" in their own Central Division, will be closing ranks for the Cincinnati assignment with their Sept. 17 NFL opener against the Jets in mind, their dapper leader subsequently admitted. "We're going to take a little different approach to this game than the other pre-season game," he said, "but not to the extremes that we did for our final exhibition against Kansas City last year. We almost pointed for our last game last year. We have certain guys who, in order to condition themselves for the season, have to play more. We've been running a lot too. I noticed today that quite a few stayed out after practice to do some extra running. If a guy hasn't played a whole ball game, it's a matter of getting adjusted to doing it." With this consideration in mind. Devine indicated that Scott Hunter will start at quarterback and go most of the way, presumably with some relief help from Jerry Tagge. "Scott will play a good portion of the game, although maybe not all," he said. "I could change my mind but right now I'd say he'll probably play more than a half." Lefthanded Jim Del Gaizo, who started last Saturday night's game against Pittsburgh, has been deactivated because of cracked ribs but Devine said he will return to practice "some time this week. The only guys definitely out of the Cincinnati game," he added, "would be Mike McCoy, Carleton Oats and Del Gaizo, the three we've deactivated, and Ron McBride. McBride got nicked on that punt return the Steelers scored on. They blindsided him and he stretched some ligaments. Dick Himes also has missed practice the last two days because of a bruised arch but he will be ready to play against the Bengals."…PACKER PATTER: The Packers launched a new. experimental practice schedule Tuesday, moving up their workout from the previous 3 o'clock start to 12:30. Devine indicated operations will continue on this basis for the balance of the week. If the new agenda proves satisfactory, it presumably will be employed for the balance of the season.

**KROLL ON INJURED RESERVE**

SEPT 5 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The Green Bay Packers announced today the reduction of their squad to 44 players by placing Bob Kroll on the injured reserve list and cutting three players, two of whom were placed on the taxi squad after clearing waivers. Center Larry McCarren, a rookie, and tight end Mike Donohoe, in his fourth season, cleared waivers and were moved to the taxi squad while running back Ron McBride was waived injured. Kroll, the Green Bay Preble and Northern Michigan alumnus, is in his second year with the Packers. He suffered a knee injury two weeks ago against Kansas City. By placing him on the reserve list, Kroll will probably have to sit out the season. If he is activated, he would have to pass through waivers first. The Packers now have nine players on the Taxi Squad. In addition to McCarren and Donohoe are

Mike McCoy. Jim Del Gaizo and Carleton Oats who were deactivated because of injuries, plus running back Dave Kopay, quarterback Charlie Napper, tackle Kent Branstetter and linebacker Noel Jenke.

**MINDFUL OF DEL GAIZO CHALLENGE: HUNTER DETERMINED TO 'PLAY VERY WELL'**

SEPT 6 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Scott Hunter is buoyant and carefree by nature. Invariably quick with a quip, he is seldom seen without a smile. But the irrepressible Alabaman was both serious and thoughtful Wednesday as he pondered his imminent starting assignment against the Cincinnati Bengals and the effect it could have on his Packer Status. He did not mention his rival by name but he was clearly mindful of the major challenge Jim Del Gaizo is posing to his two-year tenure as the No. 1 quarterback, following Del Gaizo's artistic debut in last Saturday's loss to Pittsburgh. Although few decisions can be irrevocable in a situation which changes as rapidly as do pro football's fortunes, Hunter also was fully aware that his Saturday night performance thus could be something of a make-or-break matter for him. Del Gaizo currently is sidelined but he is expected to be ready for the Packers National Football League opener against the New York Jets in Milwaukee Sept. 17, by which time Coach Dan Devine presumably will have resolved the No. 1 issue. "It's a game to go out, execute well, play well, score points - and win," Hunter summed up after presiding over the No. 1 offensive unit during Wednesday afternoon's workout. "From a personal standpoint, that's what I want to do - play well, very well. It's an important game," he admitted, "for the team and myself. I'm determined to look good and play well. “With our offense," Hunter continued, smiling for the first time, "it's hard to play bad." The third year pro, who started all 14 games last season as the Packers drove to the NFC's Central Division title, declared himself for the record on another point. "Yes, I want to keep the starting job, but if I'm going to be playing, I don't want there to be any doubt in anybody's mind that I should by playing. And I feel that I'm capable of playing that well. With that in mind, I want to go out there Saturday night and run that offense like it should be run - with ball control, the way it formed up at times last year. With our line and our backs, and a good passing game, there's no reason our offense can't be super."…PACKER PATTER: Officially, the Packer roster now stands at 44, the current NFL limit, following Wednesday's personnel developments. But Devine and his staff actually must still make disposition of six more players to reach the regular season limit of 40 plus seven taxi squad members. That is because the taxi squad or future list, on which any number of players may be carried during the pre-season, now numbers nine athletes. Two of these will have to be released by a week from Thursday, in addition to the four who must be pared from the regular roster Monday. Present members of the future list, in addition to the deactivated Jim Del Gaizo, Mike McCoy and Carlton Oats, are Dave Kopay, Charlie Napper, Mike Donohoe, Larry McCarren, Noel Jenke and Kent Branstetter…Following Wednesday's practice, Devine listed Dave Pureifory as the probable starter at defensive right end against the Bengals. With both Oats and McCoy unavailable, Alden Roche is expected to move from right end to left tackle. "We will start all of our first line people, aside from the injured," Devine said, "but how long they'll play I don't know. I do know, however, they'll play more than they have previously."…The afternoon's session had been climaxed by a lengthy stint on punt coverage, followed by tackling practice for members of the punting team. Devine is more than casually interested in avoiding a repeat of the 70-yard runback of a Ron Widby punt which Glen Edwards engineered for the Steelers Saturday night. "It wasn't a breakdown of any one thing," he said. "Pittsburgh ran a good return - they blocked well and the guy ran well." That prompted Devine to add, "Each position has a special kind of need. On special teams, you need a couple of adventurous guys like Bobby Kroll. Just being reckless isn't the whole answer either, though. You have to have some athletic ability, too, to do the job."…If the Packers have their eyes on any athletes in the American Football Conference, they will have to move swiftly. Monday is the deadline for inter-conference trading. Teams may trade withing their conferences, however, until Tuesday, Oct. 23.

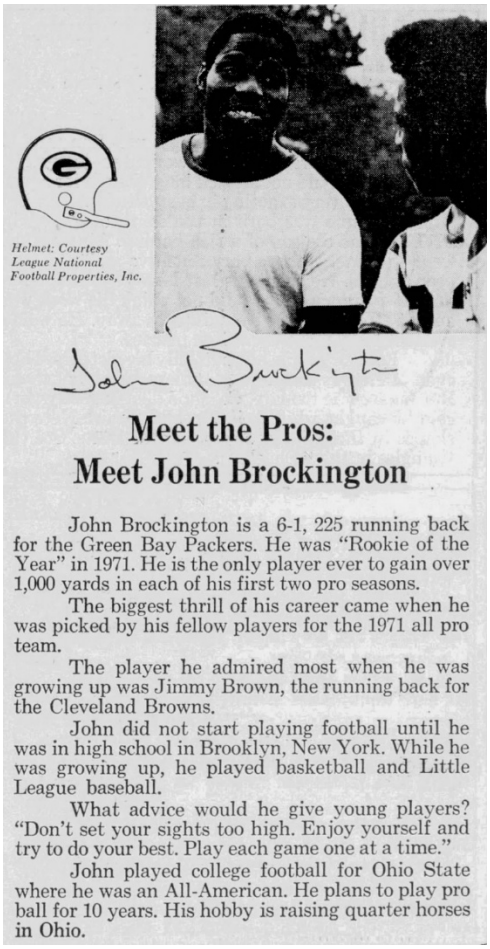
**OUT OF BOUNDS**

SEPT 6 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - It wasn't much of an experiment because .well, because it didn't really prove anything. But it did satisfy my curiosity. I am now convinced that it is no more difficult to catch a pass thrown by a lefthander than it is to catch one thrown by a righthander. Naturally, this is in reference to the southpawing of one Jim Del Gaizo, whose appearance on the Packer scene immediately triggered all sorts of discussion about the difference in catching the lefty's passes compared to Hunter and Tagge's right sided pitches. And when the Packer receivers dropped Del Gaizo's offerings like Watergate subpoenas in Saturday night's game, it added fuel and even spark to the discussions. It was the first thing a guy asked me about as I left the press box after the game. Bobby Douglass is always mentioned as the epitome of lefthanded ineptitude. And even Frankie Albert, considered the premier lefthanded quarterback of all time (perhaps a rather shallow recognition considering the scarcity of portsiders in the QB ranks) was noted for his all around skills more than his passing, it is often mentioned. Now, it happens that this sort of talk is much more complicated and mysterious and in some obscure way even more glamorous than it really is. All the while Steve Wilmet was making All-State at West De Pere High and starring at St. Norbert College, I never heard a word about any problems his southpaw slants were causing. I just can't believe that it makes a great deal of difference which limb delivers the ball...spin or not. So, in the later hours Sunday...as midnight closed in on a block party that began in mid-afternoon...I talked a friendly neighbor who happens to be both left handed and a pretty fair athlete into tossing me some passes. He did. He threw some easy and he threw some hard. And despite the lateness of the hour, the poor light (an outside garage light) and a considerable amount of beer, I caught every pass without a trace of difficulty. I am willing to acknowledge that I am not an expert in the art of catching football passes. In my more youthful days, I played center on my high school team. But I have caught more than a few passes tossed primarily by righthanders in sandlot touch games or around the back yard. Certainly I am no Dale, McGeorge or Smith and my neighbor is certainly no Del Gaizo. But I feel safe in assuming that if I can catch the ball with no trouble whatsoever at this level of pitch and catch, professionals should be able to adjust to it at their level with a minimum of difficulty...presumably

without the beer factor as an added obstacle. Smith has been quoted in recent days as agreeing with this view. Thank goodness. Maybe now the question will be put to rest with a satisfactory answer.

**PERSONALITY PARADE**

SEPT 7 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packers, as most coffee shop quarterbacks fondly remember, won the NFC's Central Division with a 10-4 record last year. That surprising performance was traceable in large part to sweeps of season series with both the Lions and Bears, in company with a home-and-home split against the Vikings. There are those who are convinced that whoever emerges from the '73 Central scramble, now imminent, will be short of the Packers 1972 figure, the premise being that it will not be possible to dominate the division in that fashion this year. Ed Stone, veteran pro football pundit of Chicago Today, is one of this persuasion. Writing in this week's issue of "Pro Football Weekly," he rhetorically queried: "Would you believe that 8-6 could win the NFL Central? Certainly 9-5 should be a lock on the division Green Bay was able to dominate last year without an adequate passing game. That's how tightly the competition shapes up this year. The Bears, thanks to Carl Garrett, and the Vikings are the most improved clubs. The Lions may be a little better if some defensive line reinforcements come through. But they face a brutal schedule that includes Pittsburgh, Washington and Miami." Stone admits that our heroes also have improved, but not as much. "Green Bay is better in some respects, too, with the return of Gale Gillingham and Rich McGeorge," Stone conceded, "Yet there is no real power in the division comparable to, say, the AFC triumvirate of Miami, Pittsburgh and Oakland. The Packers have everything to be in that class except the consistent quarterback. And the Bears' Abe Gibron suggests that Dan Devine compounded his problem, instead of moving toward a solution, by obtaining Jim Del Gaizo from Miami to join Scott Hunter and Jerry Tagge in the QB derby. It is Gibron's theory, perhaps tinged with wishful thinking, that to bring another young quarterback into a unsettled situation can do nothing but undermine team morale. "Halfway through the exhibition season - after taking the team to the playoffs last year - what are they (Hunter and Tagge) going to think? It's got to cause a problem,' Gibron said, 'because Del Gaizo is sure to be in the picture as a starter.' " "The Bears," Stone noted, "can't be certain that Bobby Douglass will become a consistent passer because Gibron may never let him throw enough to find out. But if one can believe the reports that Devine tried to trade Hunter for Douglass last winter, the Bears may be better off at quarterback than the Packers! In any event, the Bear offense generally is improved. The defense is, too, but not as much as it would be if Willie Holman were 100 per cent." Although the Bruins were a lowly 4-9-1 in '72, Gibron apparently is convinced they are legitimate contenders for the title which has belonged to either the Packers or Vikings annually since 1965. "Sure, I think we have a genuine shot at it," he told Stone, reportedly. “Whether it's Green Bay or Minnesota, we'd like to play 'em both. I think we've got a chance to win it. We've got some people now."



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John Brockington

**Meet the Pros: Meet John Brockington**

John Brockington is a 6-1, 225 running back for the Green Bay Packers. He was “Rookie of the Year” in 1971. He is the only player ever to gain over 1,000 yards in each of his first two pro seasons.

The biggest thrill of his career came when he was picked by his fellow players for the 1971 all pro team.

The player he admired most when he was growing up was Jimmy Brown, the running back for the Cleveland Browns.

John did not start playing football until he was in high school in Brooklyn, New York. While he was growing up, he played basketball and Little League baseball.

What advice would he give young players? “Don’t set your sights too high. Enjoy yourself and try to do your best. Play each game one at a time.”

John played college football for Ohio State where he was an All-American. He plans to play pro ball for 10 years. His hobby is raising quarter horses in Ohio.

**IKE WANTS CHANCE FROM MUHLMANN**

SEPT 7 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Ike Thomas, only a second year Packer, has never set foot in Cincinnati. But Isaac, as the quicksilver kickoff returner was christened, is hoping he will find Riverfront Stadium somewhat more agreeable Saturday night than the Packers did in their maiden visit two years ago. Particularly in his specialty, with which Ike has been electrifying the faithful with regularity this pre-season. On that 1971 occasion, Green Bay's kickoff return tandem emerged from a 27-24 defeat with a large goose egg in the yardage column, courtesy of Horst Muhlmann. The heavy-footed MuhImann, a bricklayer in West Germany before he was lured into the NFL from the soccer fields of Europe, showed Packer safeties no mercy. Dave Hampton, then Green Bay's leading kickoff returner, was a study in frustration as Horst drove all six kickoffs he launched high over the crossbar and, more often than not, out of the end zone. To compound that indignity, Muhlmann kicked field goals of 49 and 51 yards to spell the ultimate difference in a game which had seen the Packers rush for a bulging 269 yards. Of what he has seen, Thomas is inclined to think he will have slightly better luck in Saturday night's pre-season finale. "If he kicks 'em 3 or 4 yards deep in the end zone, like I saw in the film this week, I probably should be able to run back one or two," Ike speculated following Thursday afternoon's practice. "It seems like he's been kicking them from 3 to 5 yards deep, according to the film of Cincinnati's game against Atlanta last week. It was kind of a windy day, which helped Muhlmann a little in the first half, when he had the wind behind him. I noticed when he turned around to kick the other way in the second half, he was kicking 'em a little shorter. On that basis, I think I've got a chance to run some back. The altitude of Muhlmann's kicks could present a complication, admits Thomas, who has averaged a slightly sensational 39 yards on 11 runbacks to date. "He gets good height on 'em, higher than any I've caught this year," Ike said. "That reduces my chances of a good runback, of course, because it gives the coverage more time to get down there. The Bengals cover hard, too, but if we get a good wedge going and I come up there pretty strong, I think we can do some good. Last week, we had a little trouble with the timing on the wedge although I was able to run one back about 40 yards," said Ike, who is likely to see additional action in his new role at wide receiver against Cincinnati. "If we get good timing, it should work out all right. "Maybe," the soft-spoken Louisianan observed with a slow smile “this is the week we'll break

one."…PACKER PATTER: Following Thursday afternoon's exertions, Coach Dan Devine noted that Cincinnati will pose special problems for the Packer offense. "The more I see of this league, the more I realize the importance of the middle linebacker," he said, "like Bill Bergey in the case of the Bengals. "They play a defense that is designed to keep your linemen off the middle linebacker. In fact, they play a very odd defense. It looks like it has one big weakness, but when you go to exploit it, the weakness is not there." The Packers diminutive leader also reported that quarterback Jim Del Gaizo, currently out with cracked ribs, "probably will return to practice the beginning of next week. "Mike McCoy should be back to work Monday, but Carleton Oats will be out for a while longer," he added. McCoy has a bruised knee and Oats a dislocated shoulder, the latter suffered in last Saturday night's 30-22 loss to Pittsburgh. Although Devine said that defensive end Aaron Brown now will be ready to play against the Bengals, he added, "But I think we'll still start Dave Pureifory at right end." Brown has been troubled by a muscle pull. Devine also indicated the new practice regimen, instituted this week, is likely to continue for the balance of the season. Practices have been held at 12:15, following treatments and team meetings. "If the coaches want to keep anybody after lunch, which follows practice, they do," Devine disclosed. "Today, the defense is staying. Yesterday it was the offense, so it balances out. Under our old schedule, we started at 8 o'clock, followed by a short meeting, practice, lunch and then another meeting. Basically what the new schedule involves is that we have a good long meeting before practice and we don't have to hurry up to get off the practice field. In the past, that was one of the disadvantages - we were always hurrying up practice so we could get to the team meeting. We couldn't do things like we did today, when we practiced handoffs and quarterback drops for some time at the end of practice. "I like this new schedule because you go over what you're going to cover on the field before you go out. It's the best teaching method. I think we'll continue it, because we took a lot of time figuring out the schedule. It answers all the questions about bad weather, which would have arisen if we continued to practice at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. When we get on this schedule for a while, I think we'll like it."…The Packers enplane for Cincinnati via United Airlines charter at 6 o'clock tonight. They will return immediately after Saturday night's game.

**BROWN RESPECTS PACKER RUNNERS LANE, BROCKINGTON**

SEPT 8 (Cincinnati Post) – The Bengals yesterday acquired rookie quarterback Randy Mattingly, who already this year has had tryouts with the Cleveland Browns, Chicago Bears and Buffalo Bills. Mattingly, who played at Evansville (Ind.) University last season, has been placed on the active list for the Bengals' game tonight. "We want to look him over," said Brown. "He's big and tall (6-4) and has a strong arm." Mattingly will battle Greg Cook for the No. 3 quarterback spot, behind regular Ken Anderson and first backup man Virgil Carter. Cook, who has been making a comeback bid for three years following a shoulder injury, is on the Bengals' cab squad. Brown said earlier he was looking for another cab squad quarterback if Cook "is not able to throw well." Make no mistake about it, the Green Bay Packers are loaded. "Green Bay really has some horses," says coach Paul Brown, who sends his Bengals against the Packers in tonight's final pre-season tuneup at Riverfront Stadium. Under coach Dan Devine, the Packers have regained the power that made them National Football League champions five times between 1961 and 1967. They've done it with an explosive running attack geared by 225-pound John Brockington, the former Ohio State star, and 220-pound MacArthur Lane. "As a combination," says Chuck Studley, the Bengal's defensive line coach, "there's no better set of running backs in all of football. They have exceptional size, speed and power. They're really something." Brockington bulled his way for 1105 yards his rookie season in 1971 and ran for 1027 last year, the only runner in NFL history to top the 1000-yard mark his first two seasons. If the Packers have a weakness, it may be at quarterback where the starting job is still up for grabs among Scott Hunter, Jerry Tagge and Jim Del Gaizo, a former Bengal obtained in a trade with Miami. Del Gaizo is sidelined with cracked ribs after an impressive debut last week and won't play tonight. Hunter will be at the helm instead and it was Hunter who quarterbacked the Packers to the Central Division championship in the National Conference last season. "They're not great pocket passers," points out Studley. "They go for the play-action pass like Atlanta. They rely more on their running game." When the Packers do throw, often it is to tight end Rich McGeorge, who leads the team in preseason receptions with eight for 112 yards. The wide receivers are 14-year veteran Carroll Dale, speedy Jon Staggers, formerly with the Pittsburgh Steelers, and No. 1 draft choice Barry Smith from Florida State. Smith was the Packers top receiver last week against the Steelers with four catches for 53 yards. "Their offensive line," says Studley, "is one of the best in pro football. They've been playing together a long time. Their center, Ken Bowman, has been there a generation. And their guards, Bill Lueck and Gale Gillingham, may be the best run blockers in football." Defense is a Green Bay strong suit. The Packers were the second best defensive team in the NFL last year behind Miami. "Their defense is huge," says Studley. "Mike MCoy is hurt but with him and Bob Brown they have two defensive tackles who go 280 or better. Alden Roche is a fine defensive end and the Packers think their middle linebacker, Jim Carter, is the best in pro football. They have great secondary people, too," Studley added, "including Willie Buchanon, a No. 1 draft choice, on the corner." The Packers solved a longstanding problem with the addition of soccer-style kicker Chester Marcol last season. Marcol booted 33 field goals in 48 attempts last year and kicked five out of six last week against the Steelers. "They just seem to be a team without a weakness," says Studley. The Packers are 3-1-1 in preseason play, losing their first game last week to Pittsburgh, 30-22. The Bengals are 3-2. Both teams will be using the game as a dress rehearsal and playing frontliners most of the way. The Bengals hope they aren't caught looking ahead to the regular season opener Sept. 16. That happened last year when they were clipped in the final preseason game by Atlanta, 44-14.

**INJURED PACK STILL SNARLING BUNCH**

SEPT 8 (Cincinnati Enquirer) – Any hopes the Bengals hold for a division championship in 1973 must necessarily hinge on how they handle the Pittsburgh Steelers, already rated as Super bowl contenders by most competent National Football League observers. So it follows that the Bengals' final exhibition game with the roughhouse Packers at Riverfront Stadium

tonight will provide a solid preview of what to expect when Pittsburgh and Cincinnati collide twice in the regular season. Only last week the Steelers knocked the Packers (3-1-1) from the ranks of the undefeated by handing the Pack a 30-22 licking, aided by Glen Edwards' 70-yard punt return. It was the first such runback to a touchdown against Green Bay since Tommy Casanova performed the stunt for the Bengals in a pre-season squabble at Green Bay last year. In any event, this 8:08 p.m. affair which will draw another full house gathering of over 55,000 matches a pair of teams who both carry definite championship aspirations. The Bengals have been meeting some great running backs in recent weeks, not the least of which were Atlanta's Art Malone and Joe Profit last week, but they are unlikely to face a better pair all season than Green Bay's John Brockington and MacArthur Lane, 225-pounders who run over people with all the abandon of a Sherman tank. They are not likely to go against more than one or two defensive lines that match the quintet of Bill Hayhoe, Bil Lueck, Ken Bowman, Gale Gillingham and Dick Himes. The Packers have matchless wide receivers in 13-year veteran Carroll Dale and Jon Staggers, and their tight end Rich McGeorge is one of the best in National Conference's famed "Black and Blue" (Central) Division. Green Bay may be worried about its quarterback situation, however. A little over two weeks ago they made a trade for Jim Del Gaizo, the little left hander who led the Miami Dolphins past the Bengals, 14-13, last August 4. Coach Dan Devine wasted little time in starting Del Gaizo against Pitts burgh last week The former Tampa star responded with a 7-for-16 passing evening for 76 yards before retiring with cracked ribs that will keep him out a couple of weeks. The Bengals win get an old nemesis in Scott Huntter tonight. Hunter himself suffered bruised ribs against the Steelers but is down to start. (Maybe Del Gaizo and Hunter can tell Ken Anderson a little about the Pittsburgh pass rush.) Green Bay is hurting a little in the defensive line where last week big tackle Mike McCoy went out with a knee injury. Earlier, tackle Carleton Oats, acquired by the Pack during the off-season from Oakland, suffered a dislocated shoulder. Nevertheless, the current front four of Clarence Williams, Alden Roche, Bob Brown and Dave Pureifory will provide problems enough. The defensive secondary of Willie Buchanon, Ken Ellis, Al Matthews and Jim Hill also is highly regarded. The Bengals made a couple of player moves Friday, claiming rookie Randy Mattingly, a 6 foot 4 inch, 22-year-old quarterback from University of Evansville, Ind., on waivers from the Buffalo Bills, then placing defensive end Lee Thomas on the taxi squad after he had cleared waivers. Mattingly was a fourth round pick in the draft by the Cleveland Browns, was traded to Chicago, then claimed by the Bilis when the Bears put him on waivers. The Bengals were having trouble finding him Friday, not unusual considering the circumstances.

Probable Starting Lineups:

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| **OFFENSE** | | | |
| Staggers | WR | | Myers |
| Hayhoe | LT | | Walters |
| Lueck | LG | | Fest |
| Bowman | C | | B. Johnson |
| Gillingham | RG | | Matson |
| Himes | RT | | Holland |
| McGeorge | TE | | Trumpy |
| Dale | WR | | Joiner |
| Hunter | QB | | Anderson |
| Lane | RB | | Dressler |
| Brockington | RB | | Clark |
| **DEFENSE** | | | |
| C. Williams | LE | | Berry |
| Roche | LT | | Reid |
| R. Brown | RT | | Carpenter |
| Pureifory | RE | | White |
| MacLeod | LLB | | Beauchamp |
| Carter | MLB | | Bergey |
| Carr | RLB | | Pritchard |
| Buchanon | LNB | | Parrish |
| Ellis | RCB | | Riley |
| Matthews | LS | | Craig |
| Hill | RS | | Casanova |

**OUT OF BOUNDS**

SEPT 8 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - It's beginning to look as though all you people out there in Packerland who have been waiting five or 10 years for season tickets to Lambeau Field are not going to have to wait much longer. In fact, you may have the best seat available for the Pack's Green Bay opener against the Detroit Lions Sept. 23. Your sitter will be comfortably passed. The sun won't be in your eyes. If it's raining, you'll be dry. And the beer will be both handy and relatively inexpensive. Your field of vision may be crowded a bit but instant replay more than offsets that. Yup, you may very well be able to watch that game right on your own television, even if you live on Ridge Road, within punting distance of the stadium. It appears that congress is about to zap through a bill which would lift the NFL-imposed blackout on home game television when the stadium is sold out 72 hours in advance. And President Nixon's pen is already drooling in anticipation of signing the measure. There will be some NFL cities where the bill will be meaningless. Not all stadiums are sold out for every game, particularly 72 hours in advance. But in Green Bay, judging by the 12,000 people on the waiting list for season tickets, the stadium has been sold out for 72 years. I suspect that once the bill is passed...and reports from Washington indicate there is little doubt that it will pass...there will be some devout thanks offered by many hometown fans. The politicians will be heroes. But I also suspect that Pete Rozelle and the NFL will not give in very easily. Neither will the thousands of fans who purchased season tickets at exorbitant prices with the understanding that there would be no home television available. Might not there be some legal question about this type of action? Don't you think there will be a series of injunctions and rulings and appeals on this whole question? If there isn't there darn well ought to be! As a season ticket buyer, I would be up in arms...particularly considering the schedule the Packers have this year. Home games on Nov. 4, Nov. 11 and Dec. 8. It's going to be a lot warmer in front of my TV set than it will be in the stadium on those days. I would consider myself bilked...not by the NFL this time, but by my own elected representatives, my own government. Government stepping into private business is hardly news. Price controls have sent the entire country into an uproar. But in this case, the government is stepping into the marketing procedures of a product. In effect, it is saying that after you sell so much of your product, you must give it away free. Imagine your local grocery store being ordered to sell only to the first 100 customers Monday and then to give away groceries to the rest of the people coming in that day. Let me ask a couple other questions...After this first step, how long do you think it will take before the 72 hour sellout restriction is removed? And then how long do you think it will be before the stadiums are turned into oversized TV studios and you are required to drop a quarter into a little box attached to your television set every half hour in order to see a football game? Or Basketball game? Or baseball game? Or

Miss America Pageant? Or All in the Family? Before you slobber your thanks all over Pastore and Proxmire and the other blackout lifters, maybe you should consider the alternatives the future...even the near future...may offer.

**DAN SEEKS POLISH IN BENGAL BATTLE**

SEPT 8 (Cincinnati-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The exhibition season may be too long for the players, expected to briskly negotiate this item with NFL owners next year, but not for Dan Devine. For his part, Devine is happy the Packers will have a sixth and final opportunity to prime for the regular season in tonight's grapefruit league swan song against the Bengals at Riverfront Stadium (7 o'clock, Channel 11, WBAY radio). "We need this game for polish," said the Packer coach, who would very much like to see his athletes rebound from last week's 30-22 unhappiness with the Steelers, their first defeat after three victories and a tie. "It was obvious last night in the Dallas-Miami game that you need six games to get ready for the regular season, he said. "We're making the same kind of mistakes Dallas and Miami made - fumbles, jumping off side, the basic, fundamental things. The fumbled snap from center - the kind of things you expect to do automatically." Presumably, such embarrassments will be minimized tonight, since Devine expects to lead with the same veteran lineup, aside from the injured, which will start the Packers now imminent NFL opener against the Jets in Milwaukee Sept. 17. It will find Scott Hunter, attempting to solidify his No. 1 status, at quarterback, in place of the injured Jim Del Gaizo, who is favoring cracked ribs. Jerry Tagge, very much in the running, is expected to see action in the second half. There also will be changes on defense, where sophomore Dave Pureifory is expected to get his first starting assignment at right end, with Alden Roche moving from that position to left tackle because injuries have shelved both Mike McCoy and Carleton Oats. Devine said, however, that there is an "outside chance" Aaron Brown will open at right end. Brown has been troubled with a thigh muscle pull. He also reported that both Ike Thomas, a relatively new candidate at wide receiver, and tight end Leonard Garrett will see extensive action. Aside from facilitating the tuning process, tonight's exercise will serve to resolve the starting quarterback issue, at least for the immediate future. "I have a definite leaning about it," Devine said, "but I'll want to look at the film Sunday night before I announce who is going to start against the Jets, which I expect to announce Monday. "But, whoever starts against the Jets, the others should be ready to go in if he goes down - or to take over if they can show enough in practice to warrant replacing whoever is number one. Del Gaizo worked out lightly Friday but Devine all but ruled him out as the nominee against the Jets. "There's very little chance that he'll be ready for that game," he said. Although he would much prefer to win, Devine said the Packer approach to the Bengals will hardly reflect desperation. We're going to treat the game seriously, very intently, and we expect the people playing to go all out," he said. "But if the situation dictates there is a guy I feel will be better off not playing, I won't play him. If, for example, I should feel after seeing Willie Buchanon warming up that he shouldn't play, he won't play. There's no reason that he can't as far as I know right now, of course. Willie has a pulled muscle in his stomach, an unusual injury but the kind of an injury that, if you don't get it well, it's nagging you all season. As far as winning is concerned, they're all important to win. But I don't think winning or losing this game is going to affect how we play against the Jets," Devine said. "You want to win every time the whistle blows. If you don't win, you're disappointed. But what happens against the Bengals won't affect how we play against the Jets. I couldn't have said that last year," he conceded, "but I'm pretty confident of it now." Whatever transpires, the Bengals figure to provide entirely respectable competition, having fashioned a 3-2 exhibition record, including a 31-20 victory over Atlanta's rugged Falcons last time out. Tailored in Paul Brown's coaching image, which means they make few mistakes, the Ohioans are long on defense. They have given up only one touchdown in the last two games, that to Detroit in a 17-10 victory over the Lions. They also apply substantial pressure offensively with a balanced attack featuring running backs Doug Dressler and Bobby Clark and the passing of quarterbacks Ken Anderson and Virgil Carter to speedball Charlie Joiner, heralded rookie Isaac Curtis and tight end Bob Trumpy. And, of course, the heavy foot of placekicker Horst Muhlmann, the Bengals' version of Chester Marcol.

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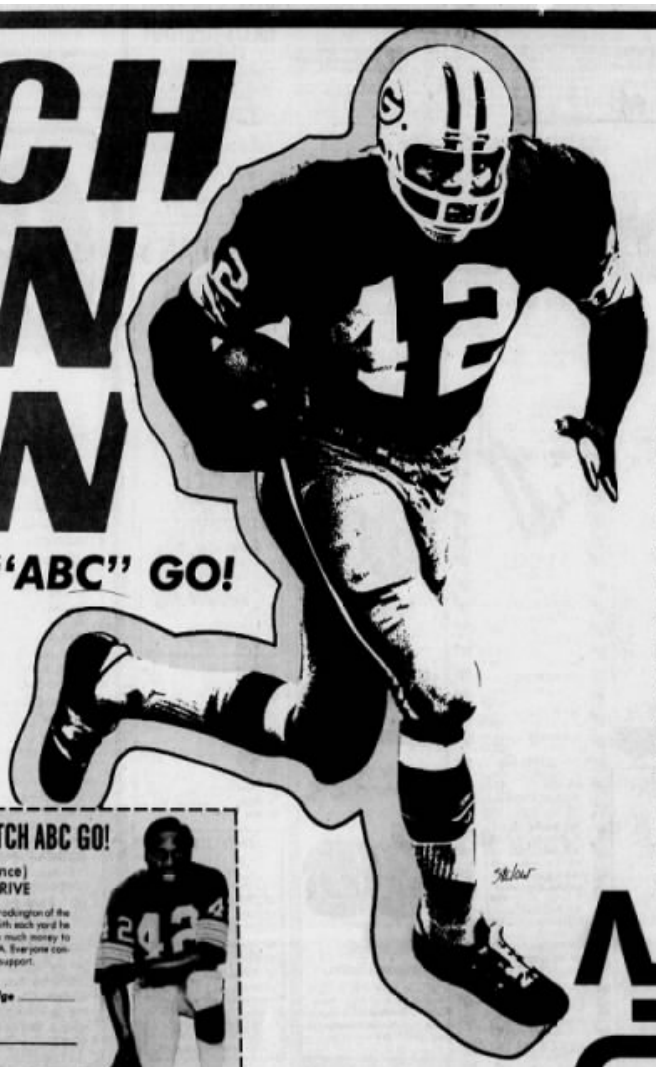

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