



Green Bay Packers (7-3) 23, Houston Oilers (1-9) 10 Sunday November 19th 1972 (at Houston)



Dan loses 'conservative' label

'Big play' Packers retain division lead

GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(HOUSTON) - They call Dan Devine a conservative. That is, they used to...He put his reputation in rather serious jeopardy here Sunday afternoon - at least in the disbelieving eyes of Houston Oiler coach Bill Peterson. "I would have bet you a hundred thousand dollars that Dan Devine would never have thrown there," said Peterson, unhappily pinpointing a second quarter pass from fake punt formation that bloomed into a 68-yard touchdown and the deciding points in a 23-10 Packer victory over Houston. "We gambled in putting on that 10 man rush to try to get a block so we could get a field goal," he admitted, "and I would have bet you Devine wouldn't have thrown. But he did. "As we were lining up for the play," Peterson confided, "I said to Jackie (Oiler secondary coach Jackie Simpson), 'If he throws, it's a touchdown.'" To his subsequent chagrin, the Oiler coach was "right on." And so, it turned out, was the punter Ron Widby as the Packers' passer pro ten in lofting the ball to a lonely Dave Davis. That startling "bomb" mounted a 14-7 Packer lead, eventually sufficient to carry the day, although the swashbuckling MacArthur Lane later contributed a 36-yard scoring sortie to cap his first 100-yard performance as a Packer and mountainous Bob Brown smothered Oiler quarterback Dan Pastorini in the end zone for a fourth quarter safety. The Packers' third straight victory, it maintained their one-game advantage on the Minnesota Vikings and Detroit Lions in the Central Division of the National Football Conference, with four weeks to play. The Widby-Davis spectacular, Devine divulged, was not entirely accidental. "We had noticed on film that they had been rushing 10 men on punts lately," he said. "So we worked on it during the week. We worked on it twice with the team against the 10-man rush and once with Widby and Davis. We worked on it as much as you can with the time we had available. A play like that is always a gamble when you're that position on the field," he conceded. "But it worked this time."

TAKE 7-0 LEAD

It was the second such stroke of the afternoon for the Packers, who earlier had struck by way of Jon Stagers' 85-yard punt return, which staked them to a 7-0 lead earlier in that second period. Those maneuvers prompted Peterson to observe, "The two bad plays were the difference in the ball game. They gambled and it means a touchdown for them, or three points for us." Devine was inclined to agree with Peterson's appraisal. "You can tell how our players feel about this game," he said. "They gave the game ball to Hank Kuhlmann, our special teams coach." Kuhlmann, who called it "the biggest thrill of my coaching career," said, "I feel good about it because my guys have pulled together and hustled and given everything they've got. They work hard at it, and they take pride in what they're doing. And it's not just a punt return or a kickoff return. All of the special teams are hustling and doing the best job they can. Like anything else - they're doing it, not me. They're doing a helluva job. "That, by the way, was a great call by Coach Devine on the fake punt. And, obviously, it's a pretty critical play. You're either going in at halftime ahead, 14-7, or behind, 10-7." Widby, who never had thrown out of punt formation in five pro and three college seasons as a punting specialist, had three options on the play. But, fortunately, he found the matter easy to resolve. "As soon as I looked up, I saw Davis was wide open," he said. "So I just floated the ball to him...It was a wobbly pass I just laid out there. The only thing I had to be concerned about was to look to my left for Ike Thomas if Dave had been covered. I think Ike was open, too, though. I had three things in mind when I went out there. First pass, second kick and third, run. If the receivers were covered and the Oilers were up too close for me to get a kick off. I would have run it. But that was my last choice." Davis, for whom that reception was his first touchdown as pro, reported, "All I was thinking about was catching the ball and getting a first down. But things went well and I got more than that. I wasn't worried about what kind of pass Ron was throwing - I was just worrying about catching it. And it was there. John Charles, the free safety, came across after he saw the ball coming to me. He was coming from the left, so I ran to my left and I think it threw him off. He got a hand on me, but he couldn't hold me. Ike Thomas put a good block on the

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Green Bay 23, Houston 10
Minnesota 45, Los Angeles 41
Monday's Game
Atlanta at Washington, 9 p.m., EST, national television

Thursday's Games

All Times EST

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Philadelphia at New York Giants, 1 p.m.

Monday's Game

St. Louis at Miami, 9 p.m., national television

last man, Ken Houston, and from there on, it was a footrace." Conditions also had been ideal for Staggers' electrifying excursion, the Packers' second scoring runback with a punt this season, Devine said.

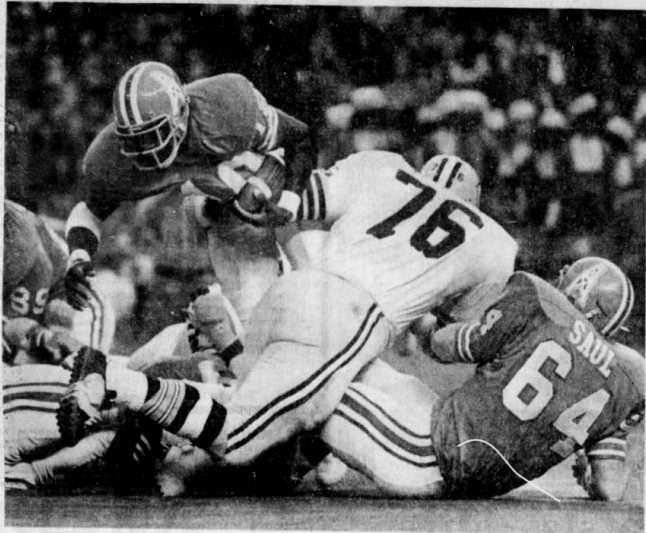
BEAUTIFUL RETURN

"That was really a beautiful return," he enthused. "The ball hung up there for quite a while and the Oilers covered it aggressively, like I hope our guys would in the same situation. First of all, the distance of the punt (a 60-yard boomer) by Houston quarterback Dan Pastorini) helped. And it went up to the ceiling. You certainly couldn't fault Pastorini on the kick. And our guys hustled to set up the runback, which also helped. It's hard to sell a team on getting down there to set it up, but they did a great job of it on that one. "Jon Staggers also is a pretty good punt return man. He's faster than he looks." Stagger, for whom it was the second scoring runback of a three-year pro career, said simply, "I just had to run. It was set up perfectly. There are certain things you have to have in that situation, and the first thing you have to get is the holdup. Pastorini really kicked the ball – he might have outkicked his coverage. It's also important that Ken Ellis and I communicate back there. He and I talk it over and decide who's going to catch it, or whether to catch it. And if we do decide to catch it, he has to block for you or you have to block for him. It's important to keep that first guy, the dangerous man, off you. Then you try to get to the wall and, if you get the blocks from your wall, which I did today, you try to get outside their containment. And I was able to do that. The main thing I saw was the last guy was the punter, Pastorini. There were some of our guys in front of me and," Staggers chuckled, "all of a sudden, he wasn't there. I think both Freddie Carr and Tommy Joe Crutcher hit him." That stunner may have taken the wind out of the Oilers, but not for long. Surprisingly tenacious for a team with a dreary 1-8 record, they made things a little uncomfortable in the third quarter and, early in the fourth, put Green Bay in a somewhat precarious position when ex-Packer Skip Butler delivered a 31-yard field goal, shaving the margin to 14-10. But here, Lane took a hand. The burly ex-Cardinal, whose scoring canter came with slightly less than five minutes to play, credited his first Packer touchdown to running mate John Brockington, in part. "John had a lot to do with it," he said. "He screened a guy out on the play, which was a sweep, and Bill Lueck stepped up in the hole. I left him there and Leland Glass made a helluva block that made the play. I think the Oilers were in a blitz," said Lane, who earlier had explained, "They were doing a lot of twisting up front today. They were playing a lot of inside-outside on us. What I think they were mainly trying to do was stop our weak side attack because they really didn't concentrate that much on the strong side."



Shirt-pulling tackle

The Packers' Alden Roche (87) winces as he takes Houston Oiler quarterback Dan Pastorini (7) down by the front of the shirt for a 12-yard loss in the second quarter of their NFL game at the Houston Astrodome Sunday. (AP Wirephoto)



Paul Robinson dives for Oilers' touchdown in loss to Green Bay

HOUSTON	-	0	14	0	9	-	23
GREEN BAY	-	0	7	0	3	-	10

	GREEN BAY	HOUSTON
First downs	14	16
Rush-yards-TDs	40-210-1	32-114-1
Comp-Att-Yd-TD-INT	13-6-109-1-0	27-13-161-0-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-9	3-35
Net Passing Yards	100	126
Total yards	310	240
Fumbles-lost	0-0	0-0
Turnovers	0	0
Yards Penalized	5-63	3-15

SCORING

- 2nd – GB – Jon Staggers, 85-yard punt return (Chester Marcol kick) GB 7-0
- 2nd – HOU – Paul Robinson, 1-yard run (Skip Butler kick) TIED 7-7
- 2nd – GB – Dave Davis, 68-yard pass from Ron Widby (Marcol kick) GB 14-7
- 4th – HOU – Butler, 13-yard field goal GB 14-10
- 4th – GB – MacArthur Lane, 36-yard run (Marcol kick) GB 21-10
- 4th – GB – Safety, Bob Brown tackled Dan Pastorini in end zone GB 23-10

RUSHING

GREEN BAY – MacArthur Lane 16-126 1 TD, John Brockington 15-49, Perry Williams 5-27, Scott Hunter 3-5, Bob Hudson 1-3

HOUSTON – Fred Willis 15-64, Paul Robinson 11-32 1 TD, Dan Pastorini 5-15, Hoyle Granger 1-3

PASSING

GREEN BAY - Scott Hunter 12-5-41, Ron Widby 1-1-68 1 TD

HOUSTON – Dan Pastorini 27-13-161

RECEIVING

GREEN BAY – MacArthur Lane 3-23, Dave Davis 1-68 1 TD, Carroll Dale 1-11, John Brockington 1-7

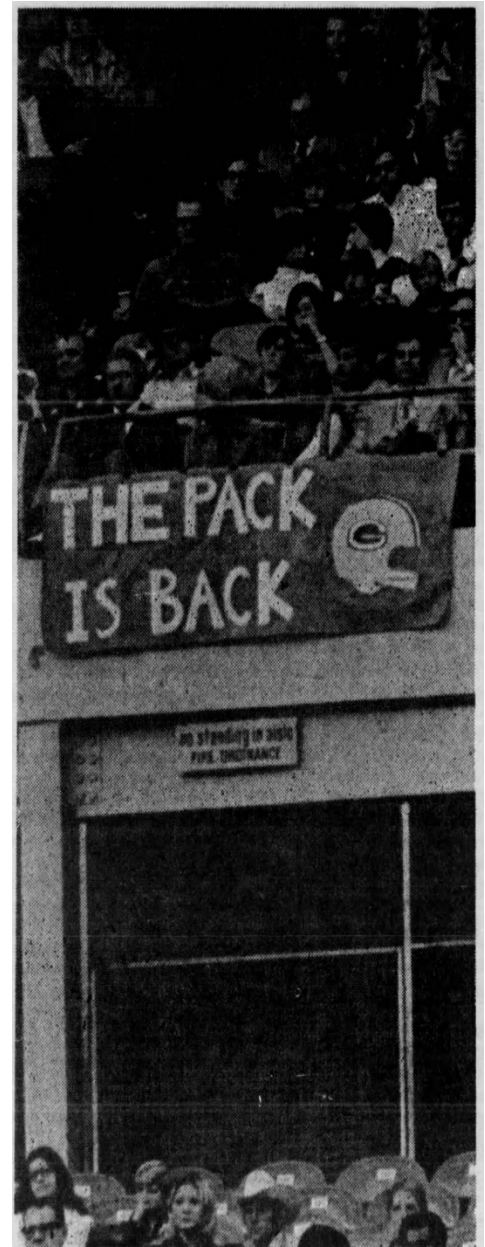
HOUSTON – Fred Willis 4-36, Dave Smith 2-34, Jim Beirne 2-29, Paul Robinson 2-17, Alvin Reed 1-22, Rhett Dawson 1-12, Ken Burrough 1-10

WIDBY THRILLED BY PASS, MORE BY DAVIS' RUN

NOV 20 (Houston-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - "It's an entirely different feeling," said Ron Widby, who may be the only "perfect" passer in the National Football League. "I'm confident I can kick. But passing, it's a little different. Also, if you throw it on third down and it's incomplete, it doesn't matter so much," the Packers' lanky punting specialist pointed out. "But if it's incomplete on fourth down and they're going to get the ball at your 32-yard line, that's something else." Happily, Widby did not have to concern himself with such undesirable negative. He had made his pro passing debut by combining with wide receiver Dave Davis for a 68-yard touchdown in the Packers 23-10 Astrodome victory over the Houston Oilers Sunday. "It was a big thrill to me," the former University of Tennessee athlete said with a slow smile. "It was even more of a thrill to watch Dave run after he caught the ball. He made a great run. Although he was a quarterback in high school, Widby reported, "I've never thrown in a game before, either in college or since I've been in pro football I was a punter in college and didn't throw in a game. In fact, I've never thrown out of punt formation before...MORE CONFIDENT: "I'll feel a lot more confident now about it, the next time I have to do it," he said. "We had a fake punt in college, but we never used it, and we didn't have one when I was in Dallas with the Cowboys." In Sunday's surprise, he said, "Coach (Dan) Devine gave me the word on the sidelines and I called it in the huddle. Jim Carter could have called it off later, if he saw that they changed their alignment, but they hadn't so he kept it on. They had been running a 10-man rush and, of course, whenever they rush 10 men, it leaves the end wide open." Although the call had been a gamble, Widby noted the Oilers' all-out approach had been a compelling reason to take the risk. "If we hadn't used the fake punt," he said, "they would have kept giving us that heavy rush on punts. There's always the danger, of course, that eventually they will block one. On the play, Davis is the first receiver, and Ike Thomas would have been the second. Davis just moves down and out. The first thing we wanted to do was to get the first down. That was the main thing." Inevitably, Widby was asked to compare the Packers with the Cowboys, whom he helped win the Super Bowl championship last January. "This is an entirely different team than the Cowboys," he said. "This is a young team, whereas Dallas was an older team. You knew pretty much what was going to happen from week to week. This is a new experience for me and I'm enjoying it very much. They have fun while they're playing - they're real emotional about it." Asked how he felt the Packers might fare against the Cowpokes should they chance to meet in the playoffs, Widby replied, "As I said, we're younger than the Cowboys. They have more experience all around than this team has. "But we played' em this year and beat them, so we're not afraid of them. I'd like to play them again in the playoffs."

TYPICAL PACKER GAME MEANS MAGICAL WIN

NOV 20 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - George Connor, who remains a better ex-football player than TV analyst, indicated several times during the course of Sunday afternoon's show from the Houston Astrodome that he may have neglected his homework. Among his comments was a suggestion in the waning seconds of the Packers 23-10 victory that this was not one of Green Bay's better efforts of the season. In fact however, it was a very typical Green Bay Packer game: precious little offense, nervous but effective defense, a couple big plays and another triumph that would leave the unbiased observer shaking his head and asking "how do they do it." Indeed even this biased observer is wondering the same thing. And for George Connor's information, "typical" in the Packers 1972 dictionary is defined as "victory, hard earned through big plays and good fortune."



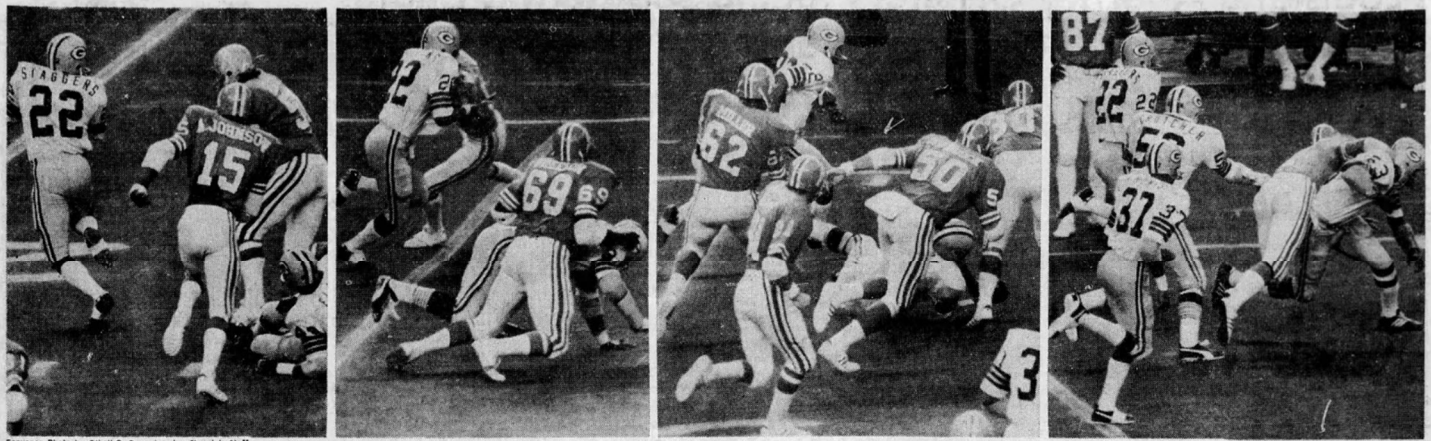
Moral Support — Apparently not all the fans were disappointed at the outcome in the Houston Astrodome on Sunday. This big banner expressed admiration for the Packers.

Without meaning to take even a fraction of due credit from the Packers talent or determination, it would seem that somewhere Dan Devine and his staff have either come up with a set of mirrors or in some mysterious way found favor with the gods. But who cares if it be magic or piety as long as the results keep coming out positive...The Oilers, not surprisingly so, ran off 62 plays compared to the Packers 54 as the Green Bay offense again had trouble sustaining possession. In this game, however, it was really hampered by lack of field position. From the beginning, the attack force gained ownership at its own 20, 20, 2, 24, 20, 20, 20, 31 and finally the 49, which led to the only offensive team's score of the day on Mac Lane's 36-yard surge. Following the safety, the Pack also took over at its 38 but the only thing remaining then was to run out the clock. While this type of field position is frustrating, it would have been comforting if the offense could at least have crossed the equator under its own power so that Chester Marcol could have been unleashed. When the offense is unable to control the ball better than that, it keeps a heap of pressure on the defense and the resistance isn't going to always come up with the turnover to put the attack in instant scoring position. Thus, hand Hank Kuhlmann and his special teams, often belittled early in the season, the kudos for Sunday's win...The defense might have come out better, statistically and on the scoreboard but for those 30 quick yards Vern Vanoy cost it on the Oilers' field goal drive. John Stagers again proved to be master of the biggie. And this time his 85-yard punt return effort made up for the 15-yard clipping ticket he was given that killed the Pack's most promising long distance drive of the day. I counted at least four superb blocks on the punt return. We've been waiting all season for Ron Widby to take advantage of his third string quarterback duties. In fact, we've been talking around the P-G sports desk for the past couple weeks about why punters don't run more when the receiving team flees back to set up a return, or pass when the receiving team puts on an all-out rush to try and block the punt. It seemed like an obvious tactic. But what a gamble in the position Devine called for it Sun day. If it had failed, it was like handing the Oilers a glittering field goal opportunity free of charge. Ike Thomas' roughing the fair catcher reminded me of that penalty the Pack received against San Francisco for an improper fair catch signal. Houston's signal was not exactly in neon lights.

QUOTABLE QUOTES: TACKLE-END TWIST LED TO BROWN'S SAFETY

NOV 20 (Houston-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Quick Packer-Oiler quotes: Bob Brown (on his safety): "We had a tackle-end twist on with Alden Roche. I went first and I came off the ball real well. I split the seam between the guard and the tackle. Tom Funchess, the tackle, dropped back to pick me up but he didn't stay with me. I beat him and I was home free. All I had to do was get (Dan) Pastorini. It was a great satisfaction to me. Those are the first points I've ever scored in my pro career. Two weeks ago, I recovered my first fumble in the NFL. I've made big plays before - I've tackled the passer a number of times - I've never recovered a fumble or scored any points before."...Jim Carter: "They had some success running on us at times because they had the pressure of the pass on us, which helps their running game. That Pastorini is a fine passer. Fred Willis is a helluva runner, too. He runs like Larry Csonka, like he's got cement legs. He made some good cuts, too, that caused problems. He made a couple of cuts where it looked like he was going off tackle, but he would cut back to the middle. As a result, I stayed home - I tried to stay in the middle."...Dan Pastorini: "It was an ugly thing to see three guys coming at me on Stagers' punt return. But I'll give 'em credit. It was a beautiful return. I tried to slip inside the wall, but it didn't work. Someone (Freddie Carr) got to me."...Dan Devine: "MacArthur Lane has been playing with a little pinched nerve. There's no way a guy can play like he does and not have a pinched nerve. A lot of guys can go through 14 games if they protect themselves. When a guy goes all out, you have to give him a breather. That's what we do for Mac (chuckle), one or two plays a game."...Vernon Vanoy (on his two 15-yard penalties): "The penalties were for head slaps, I was told. The first time, the official said I hit my man twice. The second time, he just told me it was a personal foul. I didn't think I was conscious of doing anything illegal."...Bill Peterson, Oiler coach: "You've got to give Green Bay credit, but we missed a lot of tackles. Their backs are good, but we just missed a bunch. We missed a tackle on that punt return, too. We had that guy covered like a glove. We had the whole football team down there and damn if he didn't get out. He picked up the wall because it was a long kick and if we don't get him in the first wave, we're in trouble."...Devine again: "It was a little hot down there on the Astrodome floor. You're practicing all week in cold weather like we had in Green Bay, so we had a little problem with the heat, believe it or not. That's something you have to play over. They had the same problem."...Peterson again: "Brockington was a great blocker today. He did a fine job for MacArthur Lane. Lane has great body lean and if you don't gang-tackle him, he's going to carry you with him and he's going to make some yards."...Leo Brooks, Oiler defensive tackle, on the same subject: "We had seen Lane and Brockington on film, and Brockington looked like the tougher runner. But now I'm not so sure. Both keep coming at you."...Kuhlmann (on Packers special teams): "It's true Coach Devine hired me to coach the special teams, but all of the coaches help on the field. I talk with them about what I'd like to do because they've been in pro football longer than I have."





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PACKERS' JON STAGGERS (22) FINDS DAYLIGHT ON SIDELINE AND RAMBLES 85 YARDS FOR A TOUCHDOWN ON A PUNT RETURN AGAINST HOUSTON OILERS

Everybody helps - it's a team thing. You're only as good as your next outing, I might add. That's all that counts right now."...Ken Bowman: "The Oilers were reminiscent of the Bears today the way they jumped around. Against a running team like ours, I suppose that's lot a bad philosophy. But if you ever catch 'em."...MacArthur Lane (on being gouged in eye): "This is only the second time this has happened to me, and both times it's been against the Oilers. The first time was when I was with the Cardinals. I believe in playing clean football. The game is rough, the way it is. There's no point in doing that chintzy stuff. That's why I didn't want to go out there in the second half when it happened. I wanted to go back out and find who did it to me."...Fred Willis: "There's just something missing with the Oilers. We've got effort, concentration, and then we got flat. You can just feel it happening. I don't know quite what it is, but we're not that bad a team."...Paul Robinson: "This was the worst I've played since I've been with the Oilers. I've got to work on my blocking - I almost got Fred Willis killed."...Peterson again: "What can you say? I don't think we played very good in the last five minutes, but I thought that up until then, they only had something like 75 yards rushing against us. I don't know what we had offensively, but we were knocking two or three times. We had a loss, we missed a field goal and we missed a first down by a yard."

'SUPER' WELCOME HOME

NOV 20 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - "Super Bowl '73!"" This optimistic placard, one of many signs in evidence, inevitably caught the eye as an estimated 2,000 fans streamed onto the apron at Austin Straubel Field Sunday night to welcome the Packers, returning from a 23-10 victory at Houston. Also to be seen were a number of "No. 1" banners, inspired by the Packers current status in the Central Division of the National Football Conference. Coach Dan Devine was accorded a boisterous salute when he emerged from the Packers United Airlines charter, as were those players who were able to reach the platform which was mounted just inside the airport's restraining fence. In a moment of exuberance, the Bay Port High School band struck up "Jesus Christ. Superstar," although the identity of the honoree, if indeed there was one, was not readily apparent. Nearly an hour was required, despite the presence of Brown County police to unsnarl the traffic jam stemming from the civic welcome, a project initiated by the Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce. One player, Francis Peay, was excused from the proceedings. The veteran tackle and his wife became parents of a 7 1/2-pound son Saturday afternoon while Peay was with the team in Houston.

HUTSON GETS ALABAMA AWARD

NOV 20 (Tuscaloosa, AL) - Don Hutson, the only man named to both the all-time professional and college football teams, received the Pat Trammell Award Saturday at halftime of the Virginia Tech-Alabama game for his contributions to Alabama.



MacARTHUR LANE, LEFT, AND JOHN BROCKINGTON ARE POISED LIKE FEARSOME CATS AS THEY AWAIT SNAP OF THE BALL AGAINST OILERS (SOURCE: 1973 PACKERS YEARBOOK)



JON STAGGERS BREAKS INTO CLEAR ON HIS 85-YARD PUNT RETURN AGAINST OILERS FOR TOUCHDOWN. OTHER PACKERS ARE FRED CARR, 53, AND TOMMY JOE CRUTCHER, 56. (SOURCE: 1973 PACKERS YEARBOOK)

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Monday's Game

Washington 24, Atlanta 13

Hutson was an end at Alabama in 1932-34 and led the Crimson Tide to a national championship and the Rose Bowl victory. He later set numerous professional records with the Green Bay Packers. Hutson, a native of Pine Bluff, Ark., who now lives in Racine, Wis., teamed with Dixie Howell as Alabama's first great passing combination. The award is named for the quarterback of the 1961 Alabama national championship team who later died shortly after receiving his medical degree.

PACK'S 'HIDDEN' STATISTICS PLEASE DEVINE

NOV 21 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Statistics, it's been said, are for losers. As a winner, Dan Devine exemplified this approach Monday while reviewing the Packers' latest success. Devine made his point while assessing the quality of his quarterback's performance in Sunday's 23-10 victory over the Houston Oilers, an achievement which assured continued pre-eminence in the Central Division of the National Football Conference. "My opinion of Scott Hunter's play probably was better than that of some others," he said. "I thought Scott was playing a good game while it was going on and, after looking at the film, I would have to say he turned in a darned good performance. Statistics are deceiving. Scott (5 of 12 for the day) hit the one pass he had to hit, the one out of the end zone in the second quarter. And the pass out of the end zone is a little more important than a second down pass at midfield. A hidden statistic we have, I might add, is that we have been able to hit the passes we have to hit. For example, against Cleveland out of the end zone, against Detroit for the winning touchdown, against the 49ers on Leland Glass's clutch catch, and Jerry Tagge's pass to Carroll Dale in the Bear game a week ago. In the real, clutch, do-or-die situations, we've done well. Naturally, we want to do better.

On an overall basis, in most aspects, it was a pretty good performance in Houston, better in some than in others. There are some things you have control over in a game, and some that you don't." One of those "better" areas, he acknowledged, was the special teams, which contributed an 85-yard scoring runback of a punt by Jon Staggers and a 68-yard touchdown pass from punter Ron Widby to Dave Davis to trigger Sunday's triumph. "The special teams did do a great job," conceded Devine, who suddenly was sobered by the reminder of a new personnel problem on those suicide squads. "Bobby Hudson definitely will be out for next Sunday's game in Washington," he announced, "He has a sprained knee and we'll have to put him on the move list, which means he will be out for at least two games. How long after that he will have to be out, I don't know. He got hurt covering their long punt return." Describing this development as a substantial loss, Devine said, "Hudson has been the kamikaze guy on all those units. We'll miss him greatly. He's the first guy down on kickoffs and the first guy down on the punting team. Right now, Ward Walsh is a possibility to replace him. Of course, he's a guy Houston couldn't use," Devine noted. "We picked him up when they cut him. I'm only saying that to point out Houston has pretty good people if they can let him go. There also is a possibility that Francis Peay will be activated this week." On the same subject, somebody wondered if Devine had not been somewhat reluctant to unveil the fake punt in Houston. "I'm not in the least hesitant about showing that play against Houston," he rejoined, "rather than saving it for somebody like Washington next week." "To quote the famous philosopher, George Allen," DD jested, "'The future is now.'" Asked if he had been counting upon that maneuver to go the distance, he replies, "You always look for the touchdown. Ron was under pressure on the play and Dave had to wait for the pass a little bit, but it was fine execution by Widby. On Jon Staggers' punt return, the film showed Ken Ellis and Robby (Dave Robinson) got position blocks for him, Perry Williams threw a running block and so did Freddie Carr to take out Dan Pastorini, the last man in his path. It was a heckuva run by Jon...He found a little crack there. Of course, he's been making quite a few big plays for us. Like his catch of the deflected pass for a touchdown in the first Bear game, his four critical catches against Detroit, and the punt return Sunday. Plus he's been our most consistent downfield blocker among our wide receivers." Discussing the abandoned, 126-yard rushing performance of MacArthur Lane and the physical miseries he suffered along the way, Devine observed, "Like I said Sunday, it's easy to get the reputation as a durable player if you play 14 games by protecting yourself. But Lane plays all out all the time, and the punishment he takes, and gives out, is incredible. Incidentally, on one sweep of Mac's, the 20-yard run he made, I believe it was, John Brockington got just a great block. It was one of the best blocks I've ever seen. It was the best one John has ever thrown." Though Brockington settled for 49 yards himself, one of his lesser totals of the season, Devine pointed out, "The biggest smile in the dressing room after the game – and there were a lot of big ones – was on John Brockington's face. I might add that I think John, is a young enough back that when he misses practice during the week, as he did last week, because of a charley horse, he's not going to be as sure of himself out there, he's going to be more careful about turnovers. Aside from the fact that he missed practice, I don't think it hampered his performance." Questioned about what the film might have disclosed about the two personal foul penalties on defensive tackle Vernon Vanoy, items that loomed large in Houston's only touchdown drive, Devine said, "It didn't show anything on either penalty. So obviously it had to be something that we didn't see. We hope the league has film of those plays we can see so we know how to coach our players on that kind of thing. I can't blame Ike Thomas on running into the receiver on that fair catch, at all, I might say. He didn't see it. The punt receiver made the signal quickly while Thomas was way up field and didn't keep his hand up there. I'm looking for consistency, so we know how to coach our players. Just like Jon Staggers being called for clipping. He lays back after that

for fear of getting another penalty. What coaches want to know is how it's going to be called consistently and coach accordingly." Devine, who had been meticulously careful about pointing up the virtues of the Oilers during the course of the week, did admit that it had not been easy to prepare the Packers for a team with an unimposing 1-8 record. "It always has been a little more difficult to get a team ready in that kind of situation," he agreed, "but I don't think that had anything to do with the outcome of the game. And I think we did a good job of getting ready for Houston. Of course, the coaches and players had some advantages that the media and the fans didn't have. We had film - and while everybody was writing and talking about how bad Houston was - we saw where Cleveland didn't score until the fourth quarter against the Oilers and that was the result of a turnover deep in Houston territory. And their last previous game, they play Philadelphia and the Eagles didn't score a touchdown. I'll grant that Philadelphia doesn't have a great offensive team, but Philadelphia was good enough to score a touchdown against the vaunted Dallas defense Sunday. The Oilers also can play a game without a turnover, as they proved against us Sunday. They played an excellent game. But that's the history of football. Your family and friends tell you how it's going to be a pushover, but there never has been a pushover." Patently pleased over the size and enthusiasm of the crowd which appeared at Austin Straubel Field to welcome the Packers home from Houston following that victory, Devine said, "I've been exposed to a couple of pretty good welcomes as a college coach, and this was a good one. The boys really appreciated it, too." Motivation, he indicated, isn't likely to be a concern the rest of the way. "We don't have to worry about getting our players ready," he dryly noted, "to play those next four games."

NOTES AND NOTIONS

NOV 21 (Appleton Post-Crescent) – The preliminaries are over...It's nitty-gritty time for the Green Bay Packers. Successive games against NFL heavyweights Washington, Detroit and Minnesota will determine whether the Pack is truly "back" or whether 1972 will go down as only the first big step toward an eventual new championship era. Our leadoff statement was perhaps more facetious than factual...because the kind of schedule the Pack has played can hardly be called "preliminary." Until the Houston game, every Green Bay opponent was a contender (at least it held that status at the time the Packers played that particular team). And, Green Bay has come through this grind with a completely unexpected 7-3 record. However, the fact remains that the next three games will test Packer championship credentials as no other period of this engrossing season. Can the Packers hang in there and make the playoffs? No one knows the answer to that - and our crystal ball isn't telling. I'd say the odds are still against the Packers. But then the odds were against their being able to play .700 ball for the first 10 games. The Packers 1-game bulge cannot be overlooked, of course, because anyone would rather be one game ahead at this critical stage than one game behind. "Minnesota and Detroit are playing under as much pressure or more than Green Bay. The Lombardi-directed Packers of golden era fame, played their best ball at this time of the year when the games were the biggest. The challenge is now out to "the Pack that Dan built" to do the same. Mathematically, the Packers could afford to lose one more game - providing it's the "right" one - against Washington or New Orleans. (If the Bays lost to Washington but won all the rest, they'd still finish ahead of the Vikings and Lions). But, if, for example, Green Bay lost to Minnesota and won all the rest, they could be edged out for the title, provided the Vikings won all of their games...Though there were a few disturbing elements about the Packers' play at Houston Sunday, they have a lot of solid things going for them at this juncture. Their special teams are among the very best in the NFL, and the performance against the Oilers once more indicated Devine's wisdom in hiring a special-units coach (Hank Kuhlmann) and in giving a new status to what used to be considered menial labor. Kickers Chester Marcol and Ron Widby needn't take a back seat to anyone in the league, and kick returners Ken Ellis, Jon Stagers and Ike Thomas have proven they belong with the best. MacArthur Lane's dazzling performance Sunday provided added proof that no team possesses a more devastating duo than John Brockington and Lane...Among negative aspects, Green Bay's passing game has to be the greatest concern. Except for Widby's astonishing bomb to Dave Davis, the Bay aerial game showed little for the second straight Sunday. With the exception of the second half against San Francisco Scott Hunter hasn't had a real good day in the last five games. He actually showed more poise and sharpness early in the season than he does currently. If Green Bay is to keep moving in the next three games, its aerial game obviously will have to pick up...Going into the 4-game home stretch, eight NFC teams and six from the AFC remain in playoff contention. The NFC Central and NFC West are engaged in 3-team free-for-alls while each of the other four divisions has two teams in the running. In the case of New York's Jets the opening is only a "wild card" spot since Miami has the title wrapped up. The Jets' hopes for a wild-card berth will be on the line in their turkey-day game at Detroit. In the NFC, it appears more and more as though the Eastern division will again provide two of the four playoff teams (Dallas and Washington, the same two as a year ago). The Cowboys and Redskins would have to do some wholesale losing to clear a spot for the NFC Central runnerup in the playoffs.

TACKLE'S COOKING HELPS TOGETHERNESS: BOB BROWN A CULINARY ALL-PRO, TOO

NOV 21 (Green Bay) - Bob Brown has been playing defensive tackle this fall nearly as well as he cooks, which is a tribute both to his football skill and, in season at least, an iron will to push himself away from the table. For if the Green Bay Packer veteran is approaching all pro status on the field, he long ago made superstar in the kitchen. His teammates, practically all of whom have partaken of and delighted in his culinary concoctions, attest to that. And they understand each mid-July when Brown, bloated well beyond his playing weight of 265 or 270, jogs in agonizing after hours around the Oneida Street practice field, sweating off the residue of too much off season home cooking. Brown frequently invites fellow Packers, often 10 or more at a time, to his apartment for a gourmet meal. Recently the menu included barbecued chicken - prepared with his secret barbecue sauce recipe - ribs, pork chops and racoon. This week he plans to 'prepare 100 pounds of elk for the entire team. "If Bob was a woman, I would marry him," cracked linebacker Dave Robinson. Brown joined the Packers as a 26-year-old rookie after two years in the Continental League and roomed with Robinson, already an established star on a team in the midst of three successive National Football League championships. The two decided one day they had wearied of

restaurant fare and Brown volunteered to cook supper in their apartment. Robinson, skeptical at first, was so impressed by the meal he spread word of Brown's cooking skill to his teammates. Brown had come to enjoy cooking for his fellow players as much as over-powering an offensive lineman and belting the quarterback. He has the background-his father and uncles are chefs - and believes home cooking promotes team unity. "It can't hurt, but that's not why I do it," he said. "One of my greatest pleasures is to see people enjoying my cooking." "This is a small town and this kind of thing brings a closeness," he said. "I know they always want to come back for more. In my six years with the Packers, I can't think of anyone (teammate) that hasn't eaten my cooking." Raccoon, a recent night's specialty, was boiled several hours whole. Brown then cut and backed it, basting it with spicy sauce. "I like to use lots of flavor on wild game so my guests can enjoy the meat without thinking so much what it is," Brown said. Packer players are recognized by practically everyone in the NFL's smallest city and Brown's fans, familiar with his hobby, give him plenty of fish, raccoon, elk, frog legs and other fare. He also prepares rabbit, squirrel, grouse, swiss steak with rice and gravy (for ex-teammate Willie Davis) and liver and onions (a favorite of tackle Francis Peay). "A surprising number of players are interested in preparing food," Brown said. "A lot of the fellows like to fuss around with food and they ask my advice." Brown, a native of Bonita, La., and resident of West Memphis, Ark., is particularly adept at Southern style dishes. One of his specialties is "Louisiana gumbo," a kind of thick stew. "There's not much difference between 'soul food' and Southern cooking," he said. "when blacks eat it, it's called 'soul,' and when whites eat it, it's called 'Southern.'" Brown cooks at home on occasion for his wife, a 10th grade biology teacher, and five children. "The kids really dig it and say it's better than Mom's," he said. "Sometimes she (his wife) comes home tired and I help out." Brown admits he has considered going into the restaurant business after his retirement from football. "But you have to go first class to make any money," he said.

FIRST OF TWO AGAINST SKINS?

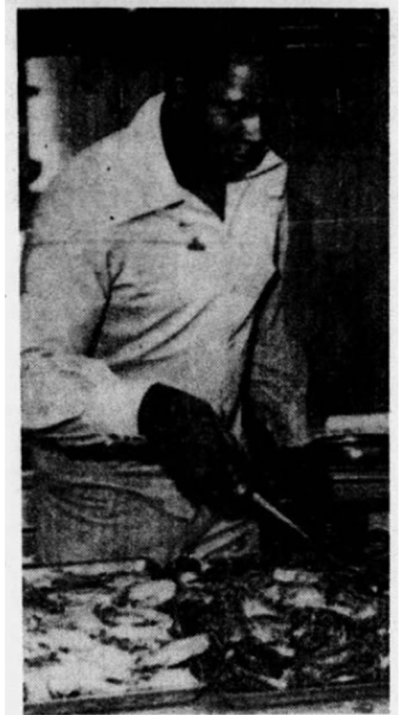
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4 PACKERS MISS DRILLS

NOV 22 (Green Bay) - Four players, including three regulars, remained in the training room for treatment of injuries Tuesday as the Green Bay Packers opened preparations for Sunday's National Football League showdown at Washington. Sidelined were running backs John Brockington and Bob Hudson, center Ken Bowman and safety Jim Hill. Coach Dan Devine said he expected all but Hudson, a reserve who sprained a knee at Houston last weekend, to be ready Sunday. Tackle Francis Peay, sidelined the last three games with a stomach disorder, was permitted to travel to St. Louis to visit his wife, who gave birth over the weekend. Peay was expected back today. Peay's replacement on the roster, Kevin Hunt, missed Tuesday's session because of flu. Sunday's game will be the first in a succession of three that likely will decide whether the Packers earn a playoff berth. Currently 7-3, Green Bay leads the National Conference Central Division by one game over Detroit and Minnesota, the opponents the following two weekends. Washington, 9-1, leads the Eastern Division by one game over Dallas. Devine, who watched the Redskins defeat Atlanta 24-13 on national television Monday night, described them as "both a talented and experienced football team." "The Redskins are well coached in every phase of the game," he said. "It's pretty obvious George Allen has good people playing and coaching for him." The Packers plan to leave for Washington Saturday afternoon following a workout that morning.



NOT BAD, BOB: The Packers' Bob Brown spends much of his leisure time cooking gourmet food for his teammates and fans. Defensive end Clarence Williams (above) samples some of the barbecued ribs that Brown has prepared (below). (AP Wirephoto)



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PERSONALITY PARADE (JOHN BROCKINGTON)

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National Conference				American Conference			
Team		Offense		Team		Offense	
		Yards	Passing			Yards	Passing
Dallas	3370	1515	1855	New York	3463	1499	1964
Washington	3186	1504	1682	Miami	3449	2073	1376
Minnesota	3185	1334	1851	Oakland	3302	1665	1637
San Francisco	3108	1071	2037	Pittsburgh	3163	1985	1278
New York	3021	1326	1695	Denver	3090	1296	1804
Los Angeles	3009	1615	1394	Cincinnati	3052	1386	1666
Detroit	2951	1461	1490	Baltimore	3023	1304	1719
Atlanta	2917	1627	1300	Kansas City	2993	1337	1656
Chicago	2716	1784	932	San Diego	2985	1377	1608
Philadelphia	2616	1102	1514	Cleveland	2729	1260	1469
New Orleans	2582	845	1737	New England	2687	1057	1630
Green Bay	2529	1382	1147	Buffalo	2632	1514	1118
St. Louis	2237	977	1260	Houston	2281	1175	1106
Team		Defense		Team		Defense	
		Yards	Passing			Yards	Passing
Atlanta	2644	1481	1163	Miami	2156	1135	1121
Minnesota	2665	1338	1327	Cincinnati	2114	1309	1205
Dallas	2673	1023	1650	Oakland	2721	1735	1486
Los Angeles	2704	1368	1336	Kansas City	2774	1222	1552
Green Bay	2708	1254	1454	Denver	2817	1251	1566
Washington	2717	1117	1600	San Diego	2867	1239	1628
Chicago	2722	1239	1483	Pittsburgh	2994	1393	1601
Detroit	2754	1436	1318	Cleveland	3017	1626	1391
San Francisco	2867	1276	1591	Buffalo	3108	1662	1446
New York	3156	1461	1695	Baltimore	3256	1403	1853
Philadelphia	3264	1564	1700	New York	3283	1311	1972
St. Louis	3298	1525	1773	Houston	3503	1917	1586
New Orleans	3326	1552	1774	New England	3668	2014	1654

been a regular visitor in recent weeks for "repairs" from Trainer Domenic Gentile and his aide, Dan Davis. "I don't like to be in there," he said. "I like to go in there and shoot the bull with the boys, because it's a nice, relaxed atmosphere. But I've been in there too much this year with those damn charley horses, and a pinched nerve earlier. But when you run it in this league, you're going to get tagged." That may be traceable in part to the impression Packer opponents are giving him more attention than they did in 1971, when he rushed for 1,105 yards, an all-time NFL record for rookies, although Brockington says he is not conscious of it. I can't really tell whether they're after me more now or not," he said. "It just looks like pursuit to me. But I noticed in the paper...that Elvin Bethea said the Oilers slanted their defense to the strength of our formation Sunday to force Mac (MacArthur Lane) and me back inside. And they were hard to run against. I hit into a hole and their linemen would pinch down. It causes you to slide. If they pinch, there's no hole. I slide and the end is there. I slide out one more man and there's a linebacker waiting because nobody's on him. I have a feeling," said Brockington, who presently has 780 yards with four games remaining, "this is going to be the roughest 220 yards of my life, with Washington, Detroit and Minnesota ahead of us." Curiously, Brockington feels less mental pressure at this point than he did as a rookie. "It's not like it was last year," he said. "That first year is altogether different when you're going for that thing (1,000 yards). Last year about this time, it was getting worse. It was awful. At this time last year." he confessed, "I was a nervous wreck. One difference, of course, is that we weren't winning or anything. Things were pretty tough. This year, we've got something else to think about." Although he was an all-pro choice last year and appears en route to making NFL history, Brockington is convinced he still can improve as a runner. "I think I can get better than I am right now," he said. "There are probably some things I'll pick up." The ex-Buckeye bulldozer does feel, however, that he is a more complete player than he was a year ago. "At the end of last season, I felt I had to become a better blocker and pass receiver and I think I've improved in both areas. I think Mac Lane has helped me a lot in my blocking, just by watching him do it. He uncoils and gets that forearm up under there, and that's really a staggering blow. I feel I'm more of a part of the passing game now, too. What have I got, 13 catches?" The "new" Jim Brown or not, dressing room aides report Brockington draws more, fan mail than any other Packer player. "I get a lot of it," he admits. "It's mostly from kids wanting an autographed picture. Some of those little kids ask you how much money you make. "And one letter I got," Brockington confided with a chuckle, "was addressed to me and it began, 'Dear Kareem Jabbar.'"

BOMB THREATS: CARTER USED TO 'SUICIDE' TASKS

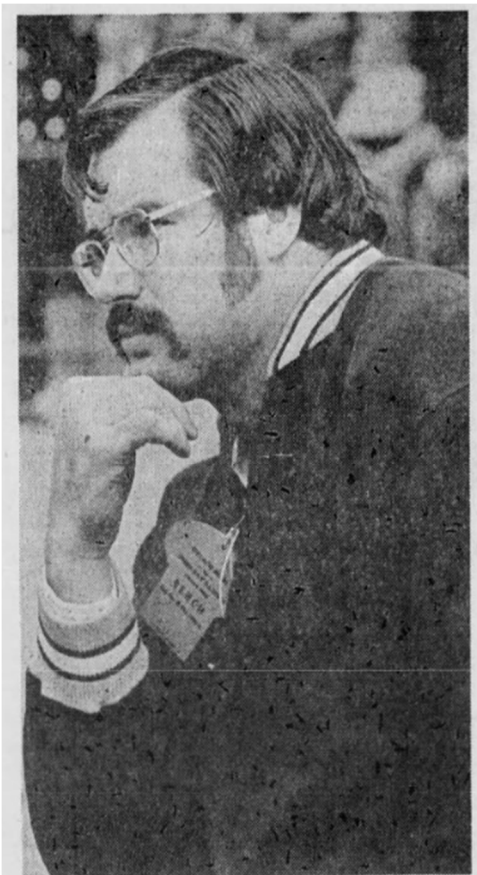
NOV 23 (San Diego) - Mike Carter's first assignment for the San Diego Chargers was the "suicide squad," an ominous term that indicates the life expectancy of football players who block and tackle on kickoffs and punts. But it was a familiar task for Carter, whose part-time off-the-field job has included turning the ignition key of a car belonging to California Gov. Ronald Reagan - after Reagan had received a bomb threat. Carter is a sergeant at arms in the State Assembly. His duties are mostly ceremonial but sometimes - like a reserve football player - he must risk his neck while more famous men sit on the sidelines. "The most exciting moments are when there are bomb threats," he says. But Carter would prefer some excitement on the playing field. His National Football League career hit a dead end in 1970, when, as a rookie "suicide squadder" for the Green Bay Packers, he was clipped on a punt return and tore knee ligaments. The Chargers picked up the 6-foot-2, 210-pound wide receiver from Sacramento State on waivers this season and placed him on their taxi squad. He was finally activated before Sunday's Kansas City game and even lined up at receiver for a few plays, but was thrown no passes. This week he is expected to return to the taxi squad unless someone gets injured. "No one has ever given me a real chance," says Carter. "I've always had this taxi squad thing." But he won't forego his football hopes to concentrate on his government job despite his frustration and the occasional excitement in the state capital. "It can get kind of boring there," he says.

ALLEN SECRET? GEORGE ALLEN

NOV 23 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The question: What is George Allen's secret? The answer: George Allen. The succinct reply to this poser was delivered via telephone Wednesday by Mike Bass, once a fringe Packer and now a Redskin regular, as he attempted to pinpoint what has made the ex-Chicago Bear coaching aide a mass production winner. "I think, more than anything, it's George himself and his dedication to the game," said Bass, a valued member of the Washington secondary who is in his fourth year as a starter. "He's one of the most dedicated men I've ever come in contact with," the articulate University of Michigan alumnus appended in description of Allen, who has forged a fluttering 18-5-1 record since assuming the Redskin controls at the start of the 1971 season, and takes a current 9-1 mark into Sunday's D. C. duel with the Packers. Bass, it should be noted, has an impressive standard for comparison, having played under the late Vince

National Conference					
Leading Rushers				Avg.	
	Att.	Yds.	Gain	TDs	
Brown, Wash.	237	1077	4.5	7	
Johnson, N.Y.	212	824	3.9	5	
Brockington, G.B.	203	780	3.8	6	
Hill, Dall.	175	750	4.3	5	
Hampton, Atl.	156	717	4.6	4	
Douglass, Chi.	102	703	6.9	6	
Malone, Atl.	136	611	4.5	5	
Ellison, L.A.	125	564	4.5	5	
Garrison, Dall.	127	557	4.4	4	
Harrison, Chi.	145	536	3.7	2	
Leading Passers				Avg.	
	Att.	Com.	Yds.	TDs	Gain
Tarkenton, Minn.	250	148	1893	14	7.57
Berry, Atl.	187	105	1459	11	7.80
Kilmer, Wash.	145	76	1095	13	7.55
Snead, N.Y.	240	149	1736	12	7.23
Spurrier, S.F.	167	88	1394	15	8.35
Morton, Dall.	257	144	1888	12	7.35
Landry, Det.	190	97	1473	12	7.75
Douglass, Chi.	137	59	1027	8	7.50
Liske, Phil.	133	68	941	3	7.08
Manning, N.O.	312	157	1979	13	6.34
Leading Receivers				Avg.	
	Recd.	Yds.	Gain	TDs	
Jackson, Phil.	46	771	16.8	3	
G.Wash., S.F.	37	716	19.4	10	
Tucker, N.Y.	36	482	13.4	2	
Malone, Atl.	36	384	10.7	2	
Taylor, Wash.	34	495	14.6	4	
Johnson, N.Y.	34	348	10.2	4	
William, Minn.	33	722	21.9	6	
Hill, Dall.	33	293	8.9	2	
Abramowicz, N.O.	31	553	17.8	6	
Brown, Wash.	30	428	14.3	4	
American Conference					
Leading Rushers				Avg.	
	Att.	Yds.	Gain	TDs	
Simpson, Buff.	198	915	4.6	3	
Riggins, N.Y.	174	819	4.7	6	
Csonka, Mia.	155	811	5.2	6	
Hubbard, Oak.	153	777	5.1	4	
Harris, Pitt.	115	730	6.3	6	
Garrett, S.D.	198	720	3.6	6	
Little, Den.	155	666	4.3	5	
Morris, Mia.	115	639	5.6	11	
Johnson, Cin.	149	594	4.0	3	
Kelly, Clev.	165	593	3.6	3	
Leading Passers				Avg.	
	Att.	Com.	Yds.	TDs	Gain
Domres, Balt.	125	70	880	4	7.04
Lamonica, Oak.	206	104	1345	11	6.53
Dawson, K.C.	236	134	1469	9	6.22
Johnson, Den.	169	90	1156	8	6.84
Namath, N.Y.	216	107	1989	17	9.21
Unitas, Balt.	153	85	1044	3	6.82
Hadl, S.D.	250	129	1677	12	6.71
Anderson, Cin.	230	128	1419	5	6.17
Shaw, Buff.	184	95	1136	11	6.17
Phipps, Clev.	222	107	1483	8	6.68
Leading Receivers				Avg.	
	Recd.	Yds.	Gain	TDs	
Taylor, K.C.	44	666	15.1	4	
Biletnikoff, Oak.	42	567	13.5	4	
Hill, Buff.	38	525	13.8	4	
Trumpy, Cin.	37	428	11.6	2	
Myers, Cin.	36	509	14.1	3	
Podolak, K.C.	35	272	7.8	1	
Garrison, S.D.	34	484	14.2	5	
Mitchell, Balt.	33	443	13.4	2	
Shanklin, Pitt.	32	562	17.6	2	
Sherman, Den.	30	492	16.4	1	

Lombardi here in 1967 and again in 1969, the year Lombardi led the Redskins out of the artistic wilderness. "I think George's philosophy of using veterans and experienced players helps tremendously," he elaborated. "He uses a lot of variations, both offensively and defensively, and it takes a veteran to pick those things up. More than anything, the degree of ability among players on the teams throughout the NFL is very close now and, as a result, the difference between winning and losing is measured in mistakes. And veterans don't make as many mistakes as younger players." Discipline, Bass confided, also is a factor. "Just like most ball clubs, we're a regimented team, with a number of rules and regulations. If you're losing you always complain about things like that, but when you're winning, it doesn't bother you. Regardless of what the rules are, we'll abide by them because we feel they're designed for the benefit of every one concerned. And one of the best things about this team is that we're all thinking in terms of 40 players." Allen is comradely with the players - to a point, Bass says. "He's very close to the players," he said. "He can joke with us. But we know when he means business, and we step to it." He never yells - not unless he gets upset. More often, he's like a teacher giving a lesson. Coach Lombardi was a teacher, too, but he was a little different - more vocal." The days are long - considerably longer than they were with the Packers, the ex-Wolverine admits. "Our day starts at 10 o'clock in the morning and ends about 6:30 in the evening," he said. "They are more of the same kind of thing we had with Packers. It's just a little more intense. We run about 1 ½ hours longer than our days did under Lombardi at Green Bay. Although the practices are long, the time seems to go pretty fast. We're moving all the time so there are no wasted motions. He has the time well budgeted. Allen pushes himself and his aides even harder, Bass indicated. "Sometimes he and his staff don't go home," he said. "They stay right here at the Redskin offices over night. The most important thing about this place is football and preparing for games. And nobody really minds it, either. To win, you're going to have to make sacrifices." Turning to the Packers, he said, "I haven't seen them on film yet, but I saw them beat Detroit on national television.

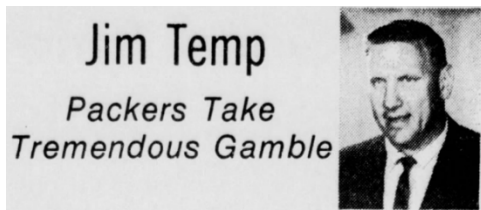


Just a Fan—Gale Gillingham

They are a very powerful football team. I've played against MacArthur Lane, of course, and I know how good he is. And John Brockington came out of the Big Ten, so he has to be good. And if anybody there at Green Bay cut me, it was Carroll Dale in practice. So I know how good a receiver he is." Perhaps because Allen runs a tight ship in all areas, Bass soft-pedalled the suggestion he and his fellow Redskins are making Super Bowl plans. "Although the newspapers are talking Super Bowl out here, our feelings are that we aren't playing great enough ball to be making any predictions," he said. "Outside of a couple of standouts, like Larry Brown, we have no superstars. We're just a cohesive unit. We feel the Super Bowl's a long way off," Mike cautiously added. "We try to make each ball game as important as the next one."...PACKER PATTERN: In view of the increasingly critical circumstances, which find the Packers clutching a tenuous one game lead over the Lions and Vikings in the Central Division race, the green and gold escaped possibly prying eyes by moving inside Lambeau Field for Wednesday's two-hour workout. Following the session, during which the offense for Sunday's struggle was installed, Devine indicated this would be the modus operandi for the balance of the week...The Packers will enplane for Washington by United Airlines charter at 11:30 Saturday morning, following a final tuneup...Francis Peay, who had been in St. Louis to see his newborn son, rejoined the team and took part in Tuesday's drills, Devine said he thought that the seven-year veteran, sidelined the last two weeks by a stomach ailment, would be able to play Sunday...The Packers were scheduled to celebrate Thanksgiving at the Elks Club, following a regular 'workout,' where Devine was to host players, coaches and their wives and children at a traditional family style turkey dinner...Bob Harlan, Packer assistant general manager, reports a correction in the formula announced Tuesday for the National Football Conference playoffs. "In checking with the NFL office, it was learned that the Central Division winner will play at the home of the East winner, even if the so-called 'wild card' team should come out of the East," Harlan said. "The wild card team then would be at the West. "Our previous understanding, according to information we had received, was that in such a circumstance, the Central Division winner would play the Eastern runnerup in the East and the Eastern champion play the Western winner."

JIM TEMP: PACKERS TAKE TREMENDOUS GAMBLE

NOV 23 (La Crosse Tribune) - I thought that the Packers picked a very poor time and poor field position to try that pass from punt formation Sunday. And that's probably why it worked. The Oilers undoubtedly figured it was a very poor time and very poor position too. If it hadn't worked, Dan Devine might have packed right up for Missouri. But it was fantastic...perfect. I think it was a tremendous gamble, considering the Packers were inside 'their own 35. But we are seeing more and more of this type of play in pro and college ball. And I think there's a place for it in football. But I shudder to think of it. Nevertheless, the play seems to epitomize the Packers. It's really something to see the big plays go their way week after week after week. I suggested once before that this team may be the reincarnation of the championship Mets of baseball and I think it bears repeating. When things go your way, they really go your way, as those Mets found out and the Packers are finding out...PACK LACKS OFFENSE: And I suppose as long as you keep winning, it doesn't make a lot of difference how you do it. But the lack of offense keeps nagging at a guy. For instance, Sunday the Packers failed to move the ball over the 50-



yard line on offense except for the one time when they gained possession at their own 49. That was the ownership that led to Mac Lane's touchdown sprint. The defense is continuing to play outstanding football but the offense gets worse every week. It's interesting that Lane had such a great day against the Oilers despite the team offense lagging again. It seems that the attack is hinged to just one man each week. I'm sure it's not planned that way, but it seems to wind up that way. My guess is that it depends on just how much emphasis the opposing

team puts on stopping John Brockington. They all know that the Packer passing game is weak so they must give major consideration to Brockington. Now if a team concentrates on Brockington, Lane is able to break loose. If a team splits its concentration, Brockington is able to get away for lots of yardage. It would seem to me that we can continue to see heavy emphasis put on stopping Brockington. With Hunter's continued inability to maintain any consistency in passing, it was proven Sunday that if you stop Brock, you stop the Pack attack...even if Lane does get 126 yards...**VANOY'S PERSONAL FOULS:** The defense might have held the Oilers without a touchdown if Vern Vanoy hadn't been called for two consecutive personal fouls - on the only two plays he was in on. Apparently he was cited for slapping his opponent. Now, you must understand the rule, which says a defensive man can take one slap at an opponent. This is usually a swing with the open hand aimed at the offensive blocker's helmet and it is designed to knock him off stride. The idea, of course, is to sock him pretty good with the heel of the hand. However, if you employ that tactic more than once against the same opponent on the same play, it is a personal foul. This is understandable. Without a rule of this sort, the one-on-one clash could turn into a heavyweight boxing match. I was surprised to see the calls made on this rule though. It's in the book but has been sort of bypassed for some years. I don't mean ignored but seldom has it been called. But Clarence Williams was called on the same thing earlier in the year. I get the impression that the officials have been alerted to it with instructions to watch for it and call it. Now, I guess, Vanoy is also alert to it...**NO 'BIGGIE' SUNDAY:** The Packers won't be able to commit those kind of fouls against the Redskins and get away with it like they did against the Oilers. But I'm not so sure it makes a lot of difference how Sunday's game comes out. Most people are looking on this game as a real biggie. But if the Packers lose, the most harm will be psychological. You see, the whole season is still going to come down to beating Detroit and Minnesota in the two following weeks. Those are the two games that will settle the division title...not the one this Sunday.

PACKER KAMIKAZES EYE SKINS

NOV 24 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - As the moment of truth approaches, it is an NFL custom to speak glowingly of the enemy's overpowering offense or miserly defense. Depending, of course, upon which side of the football fence the speaker happens to find himself. Now a third dimension, which seldom surfaces in this exchange of amenities, has been added to the inevitable comparisons for Sunday's critical Packer-Redskin imbroglio in Washington. That is the increasingly significant area of special teams, where members of the Packer kamikaze units have begun to "psych" themselves for an optimum performance in D. C. Stadium. "It is known that the Redskins have the best special teams around the league," say the Pack's Dave Kopay, who was a Redskin in 1969, '70 and a portion of '71 under incoming head Coach George Allen. "So we're going to have to compete with their special teams, and I think we will." Kopay, now in his ninth year as a suicide squad member and thus something of an authority on the subject, says emphasis is the key to the Redskins, skill in this area, where they have had startling success in punt and kickoff returns, as well as in coverage of these maneuvers. "From my experience with them under Allen, I know they spend a lot of time on it," he said. "They spend at least a half hour meeting every day on it, and I would say the same amount of time on the field. Marv Levy, a former head coach at the University of California, coaches them and, I might add, he's a Phi Beta Kappa. He teaches good technique and they have pretty dedicated players on those units, too. Allen also talks quite a bit at the squad meetings about how important special teams are, too. Not any more than Coach Devine does here, though." As is the case with Allen's offense and defense, experience is a prime factor in the suicide squads performance, Kopay submits. "The Redskins have the oldest team around overall, of course, and that also applies to their special teams. I think the youngest guy on those units is Jeff Severson, and he is in his third year. They've got guys like George Burman, who has a doctorate in business administration; Bill Malinchak, who was a regular wide receiver for the Lions before coming to the Redskins, and Alvin Haymond on their special teams - and a number of other guys who have been around seven, eight or nine years." Despite the Redskins' reputation for excellence in these specialties, Kopay indicated he and his fellow kamikazes will not be going into Sunday's collision with a collective inferiority complex. "I think our special teams are playing as well as anybody's right now," he said. "We're well organized and we have determined guys...And pride - the feeling that you have an obligation to the team. Plus," he added with great practicality, "you get paid for it." Jon Stagers' 85-yard runback of a punt and Ron Widby's 68-yard, fake punt collaboration with Dave Davis for a second quarter touchdown against Houston last Sunday have contributed substantially to the Packer units' esprit de corps, Kopay noted. "I think those two big plays increased the pride and the confidence we have in ourselves," he said. "I think it helped our team overall a great deal, period." Understandably, Kopay has a "special" feeling about Sunday's confrontation, which will be matching the leaders of the NFC's Eastern and Central divisions. "This is going to be very special for me," he said. "I have a lot of good friends on the Redskin ball club and that always inspires you."...**PACKER PATTERN:** Dan Devine will have a chance to surpass the .500 mark as a pro coach against the Redskins. He leveled his two-year record at 11-11-2 in last Sunday's 23-10 victory over Houston. That, it might be added, was no mean achievement, since the Packers emerged from the 1971 season with a modest 4-8-2 reading...Although it was Thanksgiving Day, it was business as usual for the Packers Thursday. They went through a full scale, 1 1/2-hour "secret" session in Lambeau Field before adjourning to the Elks Club for a late afternoon, holiday dinner, which the Packer corporation annually hosts...The Packers' three sacks of quarterback Dan Pastorini in Houston last Sunday ran their 1972 total to 19, equaling their entire

NFL Standings							
By The Associated Press							
NFL							
American Conference							
East							
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP	
Miami	10	0	0	1.000	278	127	
New York Jets	6	5	0	.545	323	257	
Baltimore	3	7	0	.300	159	205	
Buffalo	3	7	0	.300	195	277	
New England	2	8	0	.200	133	323	
Central							
Pittsburgh	7	3	0	.700	257	160	
Cleveland	7	3	0	.700	188	175	
Cincinnati	5	5	0	.500	188	172	
Houston	1	9	0	.100	114	256	
West							
Oakland	6	3	1	.650	266	189	
Kansas City	5	5	0	.500	219	183	
San Diego	3	6	1	.350	196	241	
Denver	3	7	0	.300	201	269	
National Conference							
East							
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP	
Washington	9	1	0	.900	251	137	
Dallas	8	3	0	.727	255	187	
New York Giants	6	4	0	.600	223	198	
Philadelphia	2	7	1	.250	93	222	
St. Louis	2	7	1	.250	129	208	
Central							
Green Bay	7	3	0	.700	202	171	
Detroit	7	4	0	.636	277	219	
Minnesota	6	4	0	.600	244	176	
Chicago	3	6	1	.350	170	199	
West							
San Francisco	6	4	1	.591	297	206	
Los Angeles	5	4	1	.550	218	193	
Atlanta	5	5	0	.500	212	207	
New Orleans	1	8	1	.150	149	280	
Thursday's Games							
San Francisco 31, Dallas 10							
Detroit 37, New York Jets 20							

production for the '71 season. Alden Roche had two of those against the Oilers, Bob Brown the other...John Brockington, now third in the NFC's rushing figures, needs to average 54 yards per game in the Packers' four remaining contests to reach the 1,000-yard plateau for the second time. By so doing, of course, Brockington could become the first runner in NFL history to gain 1,000 yards in each of his first two seasons. Elsewhere on the statistical front, Jon Stagers' 85- yard punt return for a score was the fourth touchdown the Packers have registered on returns this season. Last year, they had only two over the entire season. The Redskins' brass wish they had 50,000 more seats for Sunday's match. "We have had a season ticket sellout since last March," Publicity Director Joe Blair reports, "but people won't believe it. They keep calling up for tickets. We could have had 100,000 people for Sunday's game, if we had the room."

WASHINGTON, PACKERS SHARE AGGRESSIVENESS

NOV 24 (Green Bay) - The Green Bay Packers and Washington Redskins are poles apart in experience but share a denominator that explains much of their lofty standing in their respective National Football League divisions: Aggressiveness - the persistent kind that pay off in big plays. The two teams, who clash in Washington Sunday, have overpowered few opponents. Yet both have relied heavily on the big play - often by the special teams-in carving records of 7-3 for Green Bay and 9-1 for Washington. "When people talk about the Redskins, all you hear about is their experience and talent. They leave out aggressiveness - the Redskins are very aggressive," said linebacker Don Hansen of Atlanta, 24-13 loser to Washington last Monday night. Aggressiveness on the specialty squads paid off twice for the Redskins in the first Monday night game of the season. Bill Malinchak blocked Minnesota's first punt and recovered it for a touchdown. Malinchak later recovered a fumble that led to the clinching touchdown as the Redskins, though statistically outplayed, also blocked a field goal and deflected another attempt en route to victory. Houston Coach Bill Peterson called Green Bay's special teams "the best in the league" prior to last Sunday's game. The Packers proceeded to prove him right, as Jon Stagers scampered 85 yards on a punt return for one touchdown and a pass from punter Ron Widby to Dave Davis covered 68 yards for another as Green Bay won 23-10. The Packers, however, will be without one of their most valued special teams members

Sunday. Rookie running back Bob Hudson has been lost at least two weeks with a knee injury. "Hudson has been the kamikaze guy on all those units," Packer Coach Dan Devine said. "We'll miss him greatly. He's the first guy down on kickoffs and the first guy down on the punting team." Another concern of "Devine's is the Redskins big edge in experience, an advantage usually more pronounced in stretch runs of tight races. The Redskins' offensive starters average 7.2 years' experience and their defensive regulars 8.4. The Packers' average 4.7 years on offense and 4.1 on defense.

PERSONALITY PARADE

NOV 24 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - A drama critic, who also happens to be an ardent football aficionado, has taken upon himself a prodigious task - with the full knowledge his efforts are likely to produce long and acrimonious debate. Paul Michael, author of two motion picture reference books and presently managing editor of the newspaper, "Show Business," has rated pro football's classic games on a point basis in a new book, "Professional Football's Greatest Games." Packerphiles, especially those who endured those Arctic hours in Lambeau Field, will be gratified to learn that the "winner" was played in Tittletown. In what Michael describes as "an impartial survey of 2,340 newspaper and magazine sports editors and writers," the Packers last minute, 21-17 victory over the Dallas Cowboys in the 1967 "Ice Bowl" out-pollled the Baltimore Colts' sudden death decision of the New York Giants in the 1958 NFL championship game. In all, 23 games drew votes and the Packers were involved in seven of those memorable contests, including, believe it or not, a bitterly disputed match with the Beloit Fairies during their charter 1919 season. That 6-0 defeat, in which three Packer touchdowns were recalled by a referee of questionable impartiality, was listed on two ballots. "This book started with an argument - and, I suppose, it will lead to many controversies from one end of the country to the other," the author states in an introduction explaining how his project had its genesis. "It started innocently enough. "Quite without thinking about the consequences of my actions, I happened to say to a friend: 'I think the Giants-Colts 'sudden death' overtime game of 1958 was the greatest pro football game ever played.' The argument that took place was never settled - but I did manage to lose my friend! That started me thinking. What games did people consider great - and why? I quickly discovered that there was no such thing as a quiet discussion of the subject. Everyone I spoke with had a different opinion - and at least two dozen reasons for his opinion. There is a Pro Football Hall of Fame to enshrine great players and great coaches - but, as far as I know, there has never, until now, been an attempt to chronicle professional football's greatest games. Perhaps no one had the courage. But who could make the choices? The answer seemed obvious to me: the newspaper and magazine sports editors and writers of the country - men who know the sport - men who are hopefully more objective than fans like you or me. And so to work." When all the returns were in, Michael discovered the Packers 1967 title triumph over the Cowboys, sealed by Bart Starr's climactic sneak on the final play of the game, had received 102 more votes than his personal choice. The former was listed on 1,032 ballots, the latter on 930. A single point was awarded to a game each time it was named on an individual official ballot, Michael noted. Curiously enough, a runaway finished a strong third in the balloting. That was the Chicago Bears' 73-0 decimation of the Washington Redskins in the 1940 NFL championship game, which was accorded an even 800 votes by

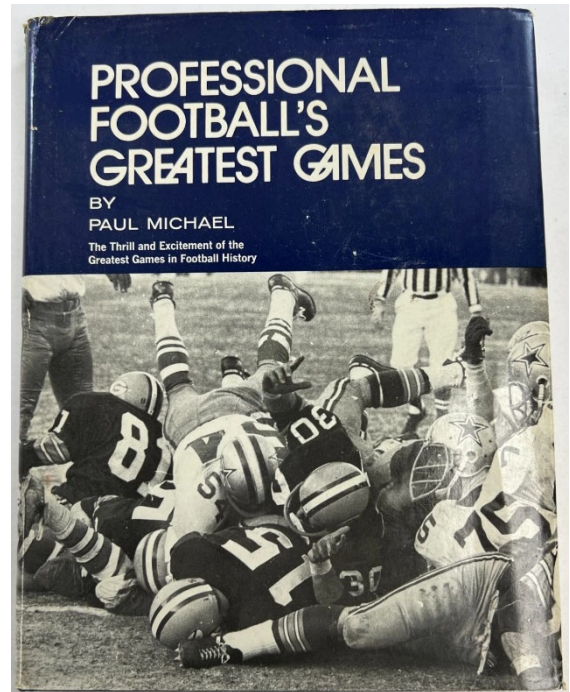
editors and writers. Equally as surprising, the Packers 17-13 loss to the Philadelphia Eagles' in the 1960 title game finished well ahead of the Pack's sudden death victory over the Colts in the 1965 Western Conference playoff in Lambeau Field. Michael's newspaper dateline, "You Are There" format lends an air of fresh immediacy to the book, in which all 23-vote-getting contests are individually chronicled. Prime sample: "GREEN BAY, WIS. (Jan. 1, 1968) - What do you do when it's 13 degrees below zero, you have the ball on icy footing on the 1-yard line, you're behind 17-14, and there are only 16 seconds left to play? That was the decision confronting the Green Bay Packers here yesterday in an icebound Lambeau Field against the Dallas Cowboys in the National Football League championship game. The Super Bowl awaits the winner, but it cannot possibly top the Ice Bowl that was played here."

RUNNING GAME MUST GO

NOV 25 (Washington-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Handicapped to date by a somewhat erratic passing attack, the Packers have largely lived by the run en route to a one-game lead in the NFC's Central Division race. That fact of life sets up a crunching confrontation Sunday in D.C. Stadium, where John Brockington, MacArthur Lane and their friends up front will be encountering the National Football League's second best rushing defense, at least statistically speaking. The Washington Redskins, who now own a two-game bulge on the defending world champion Dallas Cowboys in the NFC's Eastern Division, have permitted only 1,117 yards on the ground in 10 games - in a year when the running back has come charging to the fore. The Packers however, see no choice but to challenge George Allen's minions at their strength. "We've got to establish our running game to make our offense go," center Ken Bowman insists. "Any time you have to sit back and pass 35 times, you're in big trouble." Conceding this is likely to take a high degree of effort and concentration, he says, "Their defense plays real well together and they have tremendous pursuit. Verlon Biggs, Diron Talbert, Ron McDole and Bill Brundidge are in their front four and they're all big. Brundidge is 270 and the rest of them are around 260 or 265. They play it a little differently, too, than some of the other outstanding 'fours' we face. They come at you, but they're not like Dallas which really storms at you. It's not what you would call a reading defense either. It's more of a controlled charge. Basically, what they do is key the guard - they follow the pulling guard. And they've been very effective – they play real well together. If they do have a breakdown at the point of attack, one of the linebackers, Chris Hanburger, Jack Pardee or Jack McLinton, will pick it up for them." There is no attempt to deceive. as is the case with the Packers' favorite enemies, the Bears, Bowman noted. "The Redskins play a pretty straight 4-3 defense, except in long yardage situations. In those cases, they pull out a linebacker and throw in a defensive back...They're pretty standard. It's a good, hard-hitting unit and, because of the way they play, they've been very successful against the run. I think Atlanta (a 24-13 Washington victim last Monday night) ran as well against them as anybody has this year. It'll be a real test for us, no doubt about it," Bowman admitted. "They're one of the best defensive teams around."...PACKER PATTERN: "There is a slight possibility Bob Hudson will be able to play Sunday," Coach Dan Devine reported following Friday's practice, "but I won't know that until game time. Bob has had a remarkable recovery from the sprained knee he suffered in last Sunday's game at Houston. In fact, people are getting well awfully quickly for this one," he chuckled. "I almost expected to see Gillie (Gale Gillingham) and Rich McGeorge out there this morning." Gillingham and McGeorge, both recuperating from knee surgery, are on injured reserve and out for the season. "Ward Walsh would be activated if Hudson is not available," Devine said. The latter, he indicated earlier, would be "greatly missed" from the special teams, where he has been one of the Packers most effective performers. Walsh, a former Houston Oilers running back, was signed recently as a free agent and now is on taxi. "There also is a chance Francis Peay will be activated," Devine said. "We've only used up six of our 12 moves, which at this point isn't too bad. We had to use a bunch early after the rash of injuries in the Oakland game, but not too many lately."...The Packers held a short workout in Lambeau Field this morning before boarding a United Airlines charter for Washington. They are headquartered at the Marriott-Crystal City motel...Although it must be a private satisfaction to know that those doubters among the "faithful" have had to recant pessimistic pre-season predictions, Devine now magnanimously says, "I'm not interested in having anybody eat crow. I just want everybody to support the Packers." His comment was prompted by a discussion of a cartoon, which had appeared in a local weekly newspaper, depicting such a scene. "My personal feelings are not of the least importance in this situation," Devine said. "But I do think it is important that everybody get behind the team and pull them through. This was not, I might add, my first opportunity to coach in Pro football. I was approached far back as 1957, when I was still at Arizona State, by a major league team. I never had any doubt that I could coach in the NFL, and there were a lot of people who knew me who had confidence in me. I guess what I'm saying is that I could care less who didn't think I was a good coach. I just want everybody to cheer for the Packers."

HUDSON, PEAY MAY PLAY: 'TALENTED, EXPERIENCED' REDSKINS PUT PACKERS TO THE TEST SUNDAY

NOV 25 (Green Bay) - The Green Bay Packers received unexpected good news Friday when it was determined a "slight possibility" exists running back Bob Hudson, a valued special teams performer, may play Sunday at Washington. Hudson sprained a knee at Houston last weekend and a few days ago was feared lost for the season. "Bob has had a remarkable



recovery - but people are getting well awfully quickly for this game," Coach Dan Devine said. Sunday's game will be the first in a series of three that probably will decide the Packers' National Football League playoff ambitions. The next two opponents are division rivals Detroit and Minnesota. Green Bay (7-3) needs a victory to regain a one game lead in the National Conference Central over Detroit, which climbed to within half a game by defeating the New York Jets Thursday. Washington, 9-1 with a seven game winning streak, saw its Eastern Division lead over Dallas increased to 1 ½ games when the Cowboys lost to San Francisco Thursday. "They are a talented and experienced ball club and well coached in all aspects," Devine said of the Redskins, gunning for their first division championship since 1945. The Redskins' offense, fifth most productive in the league, is built around halfback Larry Brown, who with 1,077 yards is headed for his second NFC rushing title in three years. But Devine cautioned the Packer secondary, which has surrendered only two touchdown passes all season, will be severely tested by Washington quarterback Billy Kilmer. "They throw long quite a bit," Devine said. "When you've got (receivers) Roy Jefferson and Charley Taylor out there, you've got to throw long. Taylor, I might add, was probably the greatest running back in Arizona State's history and Jefferson is an outstanding wide receiver." If Hudson can't play, the Packers may activate free agent Ward Walsh, who in one game with Houston last year rushed for 56 yards. Walsh reputedly is an excellent special teams player. Devine also said offensive tackle Francis Peay may return to the lineup after recovering from a stomach disorder that has sidelined him for three games. The Packers conceivably could meet the Redskins again this season-in the playoffs. The Central Division winner is scheduled to play at the home of the Western champion the weekend of Dec. 23-24. But if the NFC's wild card team - the one with the best record among the non-champions - comes from the East, the Central winner will play at the home of the East runnerup. With Washington 9-1 and Dallas 8-3, it appears the wild card team will come from the East.

NOTES AND NOTIONS

NOV 26 (Appleton Post-Crescent) - Today's engagement at Washington bids fair to be one of the most dramatic on the Packers' 1972 schedule - but for a different reason than a projection of three years ago would have indicated. Had Vince Lombardi lived, he undoubtedly would still be the Redskins' coach - and this would have been the first confrontation between his new team and the one he used his heart and soul to turn into a long-running world champion. (The last meeting of the teams came in 1968, Lombardi's last year at Green Bay when he wore only the hat of general manager...and the Packers, incidentally, won the game at Washington). While the emotion of such a Lombardi connection won't be in evidence today, the drama will be high voltage because only the head-on clash of two first-place clubs can set off the kind of sparks that will be in the air. The Packers, after hitting the bottom in the post-Lombardi era, have swung back upward with amazing acceleration, with Dan Devine at the throttle. The Redskins, meanwhile, have followed pied piper George Allen to the heights envisioned when Washington lured Lombardi from Green Bay. Packlanders will have a chance to compare the youth-accented rebuilding program of Devine with Allen's "the future is now" policy of trading for veterans. Allen, of course, had been Green Bay's first choice to succeed Phil Bengtson nearly two years ago...Since this is the first high-pressure campaign for many of the Packers, the seasoning factor could prove the difference if today's game is close. Overall, the Redskins average about twice the NFL years (about eight) of the Packers. The Redskins, I imagine, are about as old as the Packers were when they won their three straight titles in the '60s. Lombardi used to resent his team being called "old." He preferred to call his charges "experienced"...and maybe Allen feels the same way...Two areas in which the Packers will have to find ways of compensating for the critical experience is in the quarterbacking and the defensive secondary. There's no way that second-year pro Scott Hunter can match 11-year veteran Billy Kilmer in savvy. But Bart Starr can impart some strategic help. And if Hunter returns to his early season level of execution, he could come out of it in good shape...even though he's working against the likes of Pat Fischer and Brig Owens. Kilmer, blessed by exceptional receiving talent in Charley Taylor, Roy Jefferson and Jerry Smith, will give the Packers young "outfield" a hectic time....Yet, it's well to remember that the Packers have still yielded only two aerial TDs - the league's best performance...A classic rushing duel is in prospect between John Brockington and Larry Brown. Both are all-pro caliber. Green Bay has another no-nonsense runner who can break open a game if the opposition keys too much on Brockington. Houston and Detroit, among others, have discovered this about Mac Lane. Much the same type is the Redskins' No. 2 running back, Charley Harraway. It's a fair guess that Green Bay is due for a few "orthodox" touchdowns - that is, via ball-control marches. In their last two wins, the Packers have taken the "miscellaneous" scoring routes: Punt and kickoff returns, passing from punt formation and short drives after fumble recoveries. Yet, it's good to have such aces in the hole as Jon Stagers, Ken Ellis and Chester Marcol. Stagers and Ellis have accounted for the only two punt-return touchdowns in the entire NFC this season. It's likely that Marcol's toe will again be utilized today. The Houston game marked the first time in seven victories that Marcol's field goals didn't play major roles. (He never had a FG chance.)..."The team that makes the least mistakes will win" bit may have become a cliché, yet it's usually true. The Redskins, for instance, took advantage of breaks to beat Atlanta on TV last Monday - and they'll be hoping for some Packer "gifts" today. It was Dallas in control Thursday against San Francisco....until the 49ers capitalized on

RUSHING						
	Att.	Yds.	Ave.	L	TD	
Brown, Redskins...	237	1077	4.6	38	7	
Brockington, Pack	203	780	3.8	30	6	
Lane, Pack	119	415	3.5	36	1	
Harraway, Redskins	101	385	3.8	21	5	
PASSING						
	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD	Int.	
Kilmer, Redskins...	145	76	1095	13	6	
Hunter, Packers	159	67	1068	6	7	
Tagge, Packers	7	4	47	0	0	
RECEIVING						
	No.	Yds.	Ave.	L	TD	
Taylor, Redskins...	34	495	14.6	70	3	
Brown, Redskins...	31	428	13.8	39	4	
Jefferson, Redskins	26	429	16.5	45	2	
Lane, Packers	21	256	12.1	49	0	
Smith, Redskins	16	267	16.7	34	6	
Brockington, Packers	13	199	15.3	48	1	
Dale, Packers	12	263	22.9	48	1	
Glass, Packers	11	193	17.5	31	1	
INTERCEPTIONS						
	No.	Yds.	Ave.	L	TD	
Hanburger, Redskins	4	98	24.5	41	1	
Hill, Packers	3	21	7.0	0	0	
Bass, Redskins	3	53	17.7	29	0	
FIELD GOALS						
	0-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50	
Marcol, Packers	2-3	5-6	6-9	6-9	1-2	
Knight, Redskins	1-1	0-3	5-10	3-6	0-3	
KICKOFF RETURNS						
	No.	Yds.	Ave.	L	TD	
Thomas, Packers	13	365	28.1	89	0	
Duncan, Redskins	15	364	24.3	41	0	
Haymond, Redskins	7	201	28.7	41	0	
Stagers, Packers	10	238	23.8	39	0	
Brunet, Redskins	6	139	23.2	38	0	
Hudson, Packers	10	230	23.0	55	0	
PUNTING						
	No.	Yds.	Ave.	L	Bk	
Widby, Packers	53	2253	42.5	64	0	
Brago, Redskins	40	1572	39.3	52	0	
PUNT RETURNS						
	No.	Yds.	Ave.	L	TD	
Ellis, Packers	9	166	18.4	80	1	
Stagers, Packers	6	110	18.3	85	1	
Duncan, Redskins	11	70	6.4	18	0	
Haymond, Redskins	4	8	2.0	6	0	
Vactor, Redskins	9	34	3.8	10	0	

Pack Needs 'Best Game': Devine

breaks, most of which they made for themselves...Though the Jets were unable to help the Packers at Detroit Thursday, the 49er victory over Dallas is potentially beneficial to Green Bay. For example, if the Packers and the Cowboys (three losses apiece) were to tie, at 10-4, in the battle for the wild-card berth, the Pack would get the nod because of its early season win over Dallas. Also, it doesn't hurt to keep San Francisco in contention for the Western title, because in that way they'll probably be "up" for their season-closing game against Minnesota...The Lions can't beat the Vikings, but they certainly have the AFC's "number." After beating the Jets, Detroit owns a perfect (9-0) 3-year record against AFC foes. The old-line NFC, with a 17-10 edge this year, continues to dominate inter-conference play.

PACK NEEDS 'BEST GAME': DEVINE

NOV 26 (Washington-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Just one week ago, there was legitimate concern about the Packers' competitive frame of mind. They presumably were facing a soft touch at Houston in the embattled Oilers, who were 1-8 and going nowhere, a situation ever fraught with upset potential. To be sure, no such question surrounds this afternoon's assignment in D.C. Stadium (12 o'clock, WNFL, Channel 2), where the Packers encounter George Allen's Eastern Division-leading Redskins in a late season showdown which suddenly has become more critical for the former than the latter. There also is little question about what will be required of the Packers, who are "solid" seven-point underdogs, if they hope to preserve their one-game lead over Detroit and Minnesota (it's technically a half-game over the Lions, Thanksgiving Day winner) in the claustrophobic Central Division of the National Football Conference. "We will have to play our best game of the season to win this one." Coach Dan Devine admits. "And I think we're going to get a great effort...I'm sure we will." His obvious concern is whether that effort will be good enough against a canny, veteran team which not only has lost just one game and will be in search of an eighth straight victory but also has shown little disposition to beat itself. There is no such thing as a single key to victory against the Redskins," he said. "They've got so many guns to shoot. Larry Brown's record (1,077 yards in 237 carries) speaks for itself. And it's not so much how many yards he's made, but how he's made them. Charlie Harraway also is a fine fullback and Bill Kilmer is a good quarterback. Charlie Taylor was a number one draft choice and may have been the best running back Arizona State ever had. You put him out there to catch the football at wide receiver and he knows what to do with it after he catches it. They also have a very good offensive line. Defensively, they have as good of people as anybody in the league, and they're solid and smart. And their special teams-they feature their special teams. "In other words, they're just like any other football team that is 9-1. It does everything well." The Redskins also get a substantial assist from their highly vocal fans, who set up a deafening din whenever their favorite sons make anything remotely resembling a "big play" - or whenever the football fates go against the 'Skins. Acutely aware of this problem, Devine attempted to prepare for it by importing a crowd noise recording for Friday's practice. "I wanted the team to get used to that kind of thing while we were calling signals," he said, "but I abandoned the idea of playing the recording when practice got off to a sort confused start. I didn't want to add to the confusion." It may or may not be reflected this afternoon, but the Redskins could be slightly more congenial than originally anticipated in the wake of Thursday's Eastern Division development. They now own a two-game lead over Dallas, following the Cowboys' 31-10 loss to the San Francisco 49ers. The Packers, however, aren't counting upon any great show of benevolence from their hosts, who are in pursuit of their first division title since 1945. Allen, it may be remembered, recently called a timeout with only four seconds to play in order to score another touchdown against the Giants in a game that was already won. Judging by the Redskins' track record, as well as the Atlanta Falcons' unhappy experience in Washington Monday night, freedom from error will be crucial to the Packers' chances. Washington wiped out a 10-0 Atlanta lead for forcing the Falcons into four turnovers, three of which the Redskin offense converted into scores en route to a 24-13 victory. Devine and his aides, who are in quest of a fourth straight triumph, should find pre-game comfort in the knowledge that the youthful Packers have shown a surprising resistance to mistakes. They have been guilty of only 15 "giveaways" - having lost the ball seven times on interceptions and eight times on fumbles - or three fewer than have been charged to the tightfisted Redskins. There are other striking similarities between today's combatants, who will be meeting for the first time since 1968, when the Packers claimed a 27-7 decision on this same D.C. Stadium turf. Both are fond of running the football, the Redskins with the incredible Brown and his brawny colleague, Harraway, who find their Packer counterparts in John Brockington and MacArthur Lane. Statistically, the Brown-Harraway duo has the edge going into action, having amassed 1,462 yards between them to 1,195 for Brockington (780) and Lane (415). Both the Redskins and Packers, poetically enough, also are highly resistant to the rush. The former are No. 2 in the NFL, having permitted only 1,117 yards in 10 games, and the Packers are a strong fifth with a yield of 1,254, or an average of just 13 yards per game more than the Redskins. There also is a mutual record of success against the pass, although the Packers have been markedly superior in this area. Don Doll's young secondary - Jim Hill, Al Matthews, Willie Buchanon and Ken Ellis - has permitted only two touchdowns, easily the lowest figure in the NFL. The Redskins have given up eight, which has them tied for second place in this category. Washington, however, has a decided edge in air power. Bill Kilmer and his injured

GREEN BAY	OFFENSE	WASHINGTON
Glass	W R	C. Taylor
Havhoe	L T	Hermeling
Lueck	L G	Laaveg
Bowman	C	Hauss
Snider	R G	Wilbur
Himes	R T	Rock
Garrett	T E	Smith
Dale	W R	Jefferson
Hunter	Q B	Kilmer
Lane	R B	Brown
Brockington	R B	Harraway
C. Williams	L E	McDole
McCoy	L T	Brundidge
Brown	R T	Talbert
Roche	R E	Biggs
Robinson	LL B	Pardee
Carter	ML B	McLinton
Carr	RL B	Hanburger
Buchanon	L C	Fischer
Ellis	R C	Bass
Matthews	L S	Owens
Hill	R S	R. Taylor
Packers won 8. Redskins 5. Points — Packers 252, Redskins 233		

comrade. Sonny Jurgensen, have passed for 15 TDs, the Pack's Scott Hunter for 6. If the foot should come dramatically into the play, the Packers could be home free. That remarkable rookie, Chester Marcol, has connected on 20 of 29 field goal attempts while his opposite number, Curt Knight has been unaccountably erratic, hitting on but nine of 23 tries. The weather, it appears, could take a hand in the proceedings. Rain is forecast for this afternoon, with temperatures in the mid-40s. Today's struggle, to be witnessed by a sellout house of more than 50,000 customers, will be the first of three massive challenges in succession for the Packers who face the Lions at home next Sunday and then invade Minnesota for a rematch with the Vikings Dec. 10.

NFC central

By JERRY GREEN



LIONS DRAW CLOSER

DEC 2 (The Sporting News) - Through years of sufferance, there have been pious pronouncements that the Detroit Lions were at the brink of success. It can be noted that this is true. The Lions have whittled away the difference between themselves and the Vikings to a mere two points. Two years ago the Lions were four points away from the Vikings...and last year they managed to lose a game by only three. At the current rate, a victory over the Vikings can be safely forecast for the Lions for sometime in the autumn of 1975. Such sarcasm is perhaps harsh and unfair in the aftermath of another cruel defeat by the Vikings - the Lions' 10th straight loss to their arch-enemies. But it is obvious that the Lions are one of those wait-until-next-year teams. Nobody has suffered more during the years of travail than Joe Schmidt, the dedicated, diligent and heavily criticized man who coaches the Lions...BLOCKED FIELD GOAL: Three times in the last five meetings, the Lions have led the Vikings into the fourth quarter. The results were the four, three and now two-point losses. This time the Lions had it for sure. A field goal on the final play would break whatever the dominance the Vikings hold over the Lions can be called. Don't dare refer to it as a jinx to Schmidt - and, of course, it isn't. Except the sure field goal by Errol Mann from the 33 was blocked when Bobby Bryant drifted in and took the kicked ball on his kisser. So instead of a one-point victory, the Lions took their galling two-point loss, 16-14. For a half-hour or longer after the most agonizing defeat of his career, Schmidt sat in solitude, still wearing his Honolulu blue cap and jacket. His face was a mask of despair. "All we had to do was kick a field goal to win the game," Schmidt finally mumbled. "We should be able to kick a field goal. At least we should get the ball in the air and have a chance." After watching the movies, Schmidt determined that the center snap from Ed Flanagan was high. "It gave Bryant time for another step and a half," said Schmidt. Schmidt is a man of occasional wit - and he often jokes about the job security of his profession. When a coach is fired, he calls it the blade or the ziggie, in his delightful personal lexicon. "I see where Don Super Bowl got the ziggie," Schmidt noted earlier this year when the Colts cashiered Don McCafferty. "All he did was win the Super Bowl two years ago and go to the playoffs last year." Schmidt has a three-year contract - that is automatically renewable at the end of each season. In essence, he has a two-year, \$150,000 cushion against the ziggie. As of now, only three head coaches have held their jobs longer than Schmidt, who was hired in January 1967. The three are Tom Landry in Dallas, Hank Stram in Kansas City and Weeb Ewbank with the New York Jets...TAGGE MAKES GOOD: GREEN BAY - Jerry Tagge made his debut and led the Packers to their victory over the Bears after Scott Hunter was knocked cuckoo. Tagge is a homebred, raised in Green Bay before he entered self-exile to quarterback Nebraska to the collegiate national championship. As a boy, Tagge used to attend the Packers' home games - as a peanut vendor. Tagge had rusted on the bench so long he entered the game with uncertainty. "It was a big boost to me just to play," he said after the 23-17 victory over the Bears which put the Packers in first place alone. "If there was any slip in my morale, it's right back up there. The hardest part for me in not playing has been keeping my concentration. It's hard to keep my concentration up." Chet Marcol's field-goal kicking has beaten the Bears three times - once in an exhibition game by three points and twice in the regular season by three and six. With 20 field goals through his first nine games as a pro, Marcol set a club record. Don Chandler had kicked 19 field goals for the 1967 Super Bowl champs of Vince Lombardi...GRANT HAS FEELINGS: MINNESOTA - After losing four of the Vikings' first six games by a sum of 10 points, Bud Grant was able to feel some compassion for Schmidt. "Are we back in contention now?" said Grant, who had been uttering the cliché about playing them one at a time during the Vikings' slump. "You bet." Then Grant volunteered, "As happy as we are at this time, I can't help but feel sorry for Detroit if that makes any sense." Alan Page had the last laugh. When the Lions successfully pulled off a fake field goal with Greg Landry running, Errol Mann said to Page, "Nice going, you suckers." The gain out of the field goal formation enabled the Lions to advance to a go-ahead touchdown. Then after the game, after Mann's field goal attempt for victory had been blocked, Page searched through the mob for Mann and told him, "Okay, nice going, you sucker"...CHICAGO - In this age of electronic marvels, each pro football press box is equipped with a TV monitor. It allows us wretches to view the critical plays on instant replay and therefore report with greater accuracy. In Chicago, it would be wise for the Bears to pass out football helmets to the writers. You see, Papa Bear and Baby Bear sit in a private enclosure adjoining the pressbox. They are otherwise identified as George Halas Senior, club owner, and George (Muggs) Halas Jr., club president. Unfortunately, their sanctuary is not soundproof. Early this year, Muggs Halas could be heard violently cussing out the officials for an adverse call in the game against the Lions. Every four and ten-letter

word in Muggs' vocabulary was used in one lengthy, angry sentence. But words never hurt...just sticks and stones and flying TV sets. When a potential touchdown pass against Green Bay was deflected, Baby Bear Muggs started pounding the wall inside his cage, as well as uttering the usual sound effects. The vibrations through the partition jarred the TV set in the press box loose and the device dropped. Several feet below, it landed on the head of Ed Sainsbury, UPI's Midwest sports editor. Sainsbury finished out the game, filed his story and then went to the hospital to be stitched up and have X-rays taken...COACHING CANDIDATE: DETROIT - Speaking of possible coaching changes in Detroit, Chuck Knox, one of Joe Schmidt's assistants, is ticketed for a head job. He has forged offensive lines of excellent caliber with both the Jets and Lions. The Jets' Super Bowl line was his handiwork, although he had migrated to Detroit before Joe Namath and friends actually made it to the championship. Knox is Weeb Ewbank's heir presumptive with the Jets. At age 65 and with the dual capacity of general manager and coach, Ewbank is expected to retire from coaching after this season. Knox, of course, is interested. The only possible impediment to keep him from moving to the Jets, it is understood, would be if he happened to be offered the Lions' head job, in the event Schmidt does leave.

Packer Statistics

1972 GREEN BAY PACKERS
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RESULTS & ATTENDANCE		OPP.		SCORES BY QUARTERS					
GB				ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	TOTAL	
(w) 26 Browns at Cleveland (75,771)		10							
(l) 14 Raiders at Green Bay (56,263)	20	GB.	61	68	32	41		202	
(w) 16 Cowboys at Mil. (47,103)	13	OPP.	37	33	50	51		171	
(w) 20 Bears at Green Bay (56,263)	17								
(w) 24 Lions at Detroit (54,418)	23	RUSHING	ATT	YDS.	AVE.	LONG	TD.		
(l) 9 Falcons at Mil. (47,967)	10	Brockington	203	780	3.8	30t	6		
(l) 13 Vikings at Green Bay (56,263)	27	Lane	119	415	3.5	36t	1		
(w) 34 49'ers at Mil. (47,897)	24	Hudson	9	27	3.0	17	0		
(w) 23 Bears at Chicago (55,701)	17	Williams	9	40	4.4	8	0		
(w) 23 Oilers at Houston (41,752)	10	Hunter	18	23	1.3	6	2		
11/26 REDSKINS AT WASHINGTON		OTHERS:	Glass 1/13; Davis 1/-7						
12/3 Lions at Green Bay			Staggers 1/-8; Tagge						
12/10 Vikings at Minnesota			4/-8; Hudson 1/3						
12/17 Saints at New Orleans									
GB TOTAL	366		1382		3.8	36t	9		
OPP. TOTAL	358		1246		3.5	26	12		

TEAM STATISTICS		GB	OPP.	RECEIVING				
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	131	166		NO.	YDS.	AVE.	LONG	TD.
By Rushing	70	74		Lane	21	256	12.1	49
By Passing	54	78		Brockington	13	199	15.3	48t
By Penalty	7	14		Dale	12	263	22.9	48
Third Down Efficiency	37/122	54/137		Glass	11	193	17.5	31
TOTAL NET YARDS	2529	2673		Taggers	6	104	17.3	48
Total Off. Plays	535	624		McGeorge	5	50	10.0	23t
Ave. Gain Per Play	4.7	4.3		Garrett	3	53	17.7	21
NET YARDS RUSHING	1382	1246		Davis	2	79	39.5	68t
Total Rushing Plays	366	358		OTHERS:	Kopay 1/8			
Ave. Gain Per Rush	3.8	3.5		GB TOTAL	73	1219	16.7	68t
NET YARDS PASSING	1147	1427		OPP. TOTAL	123	1591	12.9	62t
Lost Attempting to Pass	8/65	19/164						
Gross Yards Passing	1219	1591		PUNTING				
Attempts/Completions	172/73	250/123		NO.	YDS.	AVE.	LONG	BLK
Percent Completed	.424	.492		Widby	53	2253	42.5	64
Had Intercepted	7	10		GB TOTAL	53	2253	42.5	64
Ave Net Passing Per Game	121.9	159.1		OPP. TOTAL	47	2009	42.7	61
PUNTS/YDS.	53/2253	47/2009		INTERCEP.				
PUNT RETURNS/YDS.	16/276	26/195		NO.	YDS.	AVE.	LONG	TD.
KICKOFF RETURNS/YDS.	38/886	27/562		Hill	3	21	7.0	0
MISC. RETURNS/YDS.	4/48	6/191		Buchanon	2	37	18.5	26
INTERCEPTIONS/YDS.	10/101	7/58		Matthews	2	8	4.0	8
PENALTIES/YDS.	47/454	40/360		Ellis	1	35	35.0	35t
FUMBLES/BALL LOST	17/8	22/13		Robinson	1	7	7.0	7
TOTAL POINTS	202	181		Carter	1	0	0.0	0
Ave Points Per Game	20.2	18.1		GB TOTAL	10	101	10.1	35t
Touchdowns	20	18		OPP. TOTAL	7	58	8.3	32
by Rushing	9	12		K.O. RET.				
by Passing	7	2		NO.	YDS.	AVE.	LONG	TD.
by Returns	4	4		Thomas	13	365	28.1	89
Field Goals	20/29	15/22		Staggers	10	238	23.8	39
Conversions	20/20	18/18		Hudson	10	230	23.0	55
				OTHERS:	Robinson 1/25; Garrett 1/0; Williams 1/9; Wortman 1/0; Ellis 1/10			

FIELD GOALS (Good, b=blocked):		GB TOTAL	38	886	23.3	89	0
Marcol: 51, 42b, 41, 19, 49, 17; 44, 16,		OPP. TOTAL	27	562	20.8	37	0
27b, 26, 41, 22; 26, 34, 27; 36, 34;							
32, 44, 35, 39; 41, 43, 34; 30, 40;							
51, 21, 21;							
F.G.		1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	
Marcol		2-3	5-6	6-9	6-9	1-2	
OPP. TOTAL		4-4	3-3	2-3	3-8	2-2	

SCORING	TDR	TDP	TDRt	FG.	PAT.	TOTAL
Marcol	0	0	0	20/29	20/20	80
Brockington	6	1	0	0	0	42
McGeorge	0	2	0	0	0	12
Ellis	0	0	2	0	0	12
Hunter	2	0	0	0	0	12
Staggers	0	1	1	0	0	12
Glass	0	1	0	0	0	6
C. Williams	0	0	1	0	0	6
Dale	0	1	0	0	0	6
Lane	1	0	0	0	0	6
Davis	0	1	0	0	0	6
Brown	0	0	0	0	0	2*
GB TOTAL	9	7	4	20/29	20/20	202
OPP. TOTAL	12	2	4	15/22	18/18	171

* = SAFETY						
PUNT RETURNS	NO.	F.C.	YDS.	AVE.	LONG	TD.
Ellis	9	1	166	18.4	80t	1
Staggers	6	14	110	18.3	85t	1
Hudson	1	1	0	0.0	0	0
GB TOTAL	16	16	276	17.3	80t	2
OPP. TOTAL	26	4	195	7.5	33	0

PASSING	ATT.	COMP.	YDS.	PCT.	AVE/ATT	TD.	PCT	LG.	INT.	INT.	LOST/ATT.
Hunter	159	67	1088	42.1	6.8	6	.038	49	7	.044	7/54
Patrick	4	1	9	25.0	2.5	0	.000	9	0	.000	1/11
Tagge	7	4	47	57.1	6.7	0	.000	14	0	.000	0/0
Staggers	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0
Widby	1	1	68	100.0	68.0	1	1.000	68t	0	.000	0/0
GB TOTAL	172	73	1219	42.4	7.1	7	.041	68t	7	.041	8/65
OPP. TOTAL	250	123	1591	49.2	6.4	2	.008	62t	10	.040	19/164

QB TACKLES: Vanoy 4; C. Williams 4; Brown 4; Robinson 3; Roche 3; McCoy 1;