



Los Angeles Rams (5-0) 16, Green Bay Packers (2-3) 14
Sunday October 13th 1968 (at Milwaukee)



Interference Call Helps Rams Top Pack, 16-14

PACKERS vs. RAMS

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GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(MILWAUKEE) - "I never saw two teams go at it like we did today," Gale Gillingham said in something akin to wonder. "Even on the last play, everybody was going after each other." And so it was here Sunday afternoon, where the world champion Packers and presumptive Los Angeles Rams shattered the balmy, 74-degree atmosphere of County Stadium with an elemental struggle of epic equity. A tie, the statistics eloquently suggest, might have been a poetic conclusion, but events didn't unfold poetically. Not, at least, for those of Packer persuasion. Aided by a highly questionable interference call, the ambitious Angelenos drove to the Green Bay 20 in the closing minutes. Then, with the Packer faithful chanting that age-old entreaty, "Block that kick, block that kick," the Rams happily settled for a 27-yard Bruce Gossett field goal to seal a 16-14 victory.

CRUEL BLOW

It was a particularly cruel blow for the partisan house of 49,646 fans, who only minutes before were transported by visions of victory in the wake of Tom Brown's 52-yard punt return for a touchdown which shot the Packers into a 14-13 lead. That was not, however, the only disappointment for Packer partisans. Earlier they watched the Bays' most concerted drive of the afternoon thwarted inside the Los Angeles one-yard-line. The officials ruled Jim Grabowski's forward progress had been halted at that point, although he appeared to have crossed the goal line in the initial surge.

LONGEST DRIVE

Longest push of the day by either team, it was engineered by veteran Zeke Bratkowski, who stepped in for Bart Starr at quarterback when the Packer field general pulled a muscle in his throwing arm during a pregame warmup. The Rams, now possessed of a glossy 5-0 record in the NFL's Coastal Division race, had converted an interception and a fumble into 10 third quarter points and a 13-7 bulge heading into the hectic stretch. The first half of this classic defensive duel, which saw two of the league's most potent attacks held to a net of less than 200 yards each, had been considerably more satisfactory to the home force, presently 2-3 in the freewheeling Central Division scramble. After yielding a 22-yard field goal to Gossett in the early minutes, the Packers charged to a second quarter touchdown Donny Anderson slanting off right tackle for the final four yards and carried a 7-3 advantage into the intermission.

VIRTUAL STANDOFF

Statistically, it was a virtual standoff. For example: Despite the depredations of the Rams' Fearsome Foursome - Minus One (Gregg Schumacher filled in at right end for the injured Lamar Lundy), the Packers managed to total 197 yards - 7 more than the enemy. The Rams mounted a modest edge in rushing, 93 to 84, but the Packers had slightly the better of it in the air, 113-97. Both teams, equitably enough, ran off 59 plays, the Packers averaging 3.3 yards per play, the Californians 3.2. There was, however, a disparity in two critical categories and therein lies the traumatic tale of this one, which saw the Packers' most artistic overall effort of the season go unrewarded.

RAMS INTERCEPT THREE

The opportunistic Rams intercepted three Green Bay passes, the second of which blossomed into their only touchdown of the afternoon, while Phil Bengtson's customarily larcenous defenders were unable to waylay any of Roman Gabriel's 20 aerial attempts. The invaders

National Football League

National League Eastern Conference

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	GP
Dallas	5	0	0	1.000	193	57
New York	4	1	0	.800	175	111
Washington	3	2	0	.600	109	140
Philadelphia	0	5	0	.000	79	160

Century Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	GP
New Orleans	2	3	0	.400	108	117
Cleveland	2	3	0	.400	89	113
St. Louis	2	3	0	.400	88	127
Pittsburgh	0	5	0	.000	74	167

Western Conference Coastal Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	GP
Baltimore	5	0	0	1.000	166	58
Los Angeles	5	0	0	1.000	133	53
San Francisco	2	3	0	.400	97	123
Atlanta	1	4	0	.200	71	162

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	GP
Minnesota	3	2	0	.600	131	77
Detroit	3	2	0	.600	126	110
Green Bay	2	3	0	.400	112	95
Chicago	1	4	0	.200	72	153

Sunday's Results

Baltimore 42, San Francisco 14
 Detroit 28, Chicago 10
 Los Angeles 16, Green Bay 14
 New Orleans 20, Minnesota 17
 Atlanta 24, New York 21
 Dallas 34, Philadelphia 14
 Washington 16, Pittsburgh 13
 St. Louis 27, Cleveland 21

Sunday's Games

Atlanta at Los Angeles
 Chicago at Philadelphia
 Cleveland at Baltimore
 Dallas at Minnesota
 Green Bay at Detroit
 New Orleans at Pittsburgh
 San Francisco at New York
 Washington at St. Louis

By The Associated Press

American League Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	GP
New York	3	2	0	.600	138	128
Boston	2	3	0	.400	77	128
Houston	2	4	0	.333	97	114
Miami	1	3	1	.250	72	140
Buffalo	1	4	1	.200	94	165

Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	GP
Kansas City	5	1	0	.833	158	56
Oakland	4	1	0	.800	174	75
San Diego	4	1	0	.800	133	74
Cincinnati	2	4	0	.333	91	116
Denver	2	3	0	.200	60	98

Saturday's Result

Buffalo 14, Miami 14, tie

Sunday's Results

Denver 21, New York 13
 Kansas City 13, Cincinnati 3
 Houston 16, Boston 0
 San Diego 23, Oakland 14

Sunday's Games

Buffalo at Boston
 Denver at San Diego
 Miami at Cincinnati
 New York at Houston
 Oakland at Kansas City

also recovered two Packer fumbles and parlayed the second into three points, by way of a 26-yard Gossett field goal. The Packers, in contrast, were able to snare only one Ram fumble and it was not productive.

VEHEMENT PROTEST

None of these, however, figured in the first breakthrough, which came early in the second period after a third down Gabriel pass to Bernie Casey in the right corner of the end zone was ruled an out-of-bounds catch, despite the vehement protest of teammate Billy Traux. Gossett, the league's No. 2 scorer a year ago, entered at that point to kick the first of his three field goals. Anderson's booming 62-yard punt, his longest of the season, and a brilliant play by Doug Hart, who swooped in to down the ball at the Ram 4, shortly triggered the first Packer push. The defense immediately forced a return punt and the Packers, gaining excellent field position on the exchange, launched operations from the Los Angeles 46 after receiver Tom Brown was felled in his tracks.

NO PENALTY

After a first down completion to Boyd Dowler was ruled out of bounds, Bratkowski connected on three successive passes — for 6 yards to Anderson and for 12 and 14 to Dowler, dropped at the 14 by Baughan and briefly pummeled by the Ram linebacker without a penalty. Then, switching the pitch, The Brat drove the Packers home on the ground in four plays. Grabowski cracked left tackle for 3 yards and Anderson knifed over the right side for 5 more, then hit inside for 2 and a first down at the 4. Anderson, behind blocks by Jerry Kramer, Forrest Gregg and Grabowski, then looped outside right tackle into the end zone with 5:05 remaining in the second quarter. Kramer's kick staked the Packers to a 4-point lead and it lasted until halftime, but not much beyond that. Clarence Williams intercepted a Bratkowski pass, intended for Carroll Dale, on the Pack's first series following the third quarter kickoff and maneuvered down the western sidelines to the Green Bay 27 before being knocked out of bounds.

ELLISON SCORED

A 12-yard pass to Truax and a 14-yard pitch to Willie Ellison, who had replaced the injured Tommy Mason in the second period, carried the Angelenos to the one. Ellison then bolted over left tackle for the touchdown. The balance of the quarter was equally nightmarish for the Packers The Ram defensive charge shook Bratkowski loose from the ball at the Packen 19 and Roger Brown recovered, but the Green Bay defense rose up to throttle the visitors and Gossett's 19-yard field goal attempt was wide to the left. Los Angeles shortly acquired the leather again when Travis Williams fumbled and this time they came away with a field goal on the final play of the third quarter, after Bob Brown exploded over left tackle Joe Carollo to flatten Henry Dyer for a 4-yard loss and Gabriel overthrew Truax in the end zone on third down.

MOUNTED PUSH

With time beginning to ran out, the Packers mounted their most extensive push of the day, sweeping to a first down at the Los Angeles 4 with the aid of a dazzling 25-yard run from punt formation by Anderson and a 15-yard Bratkowski pass to Dowler. At that point, however, the Ram defense became highly anti-social. Anderson was held for no gain at right end by Myron Pottios and Grabo lost a yard on a sweep left before Andy slanted outside right tackle to the 1, setting the stage for that officially futile fourth down lunge by Grabowski.

BROWN CRUISED TO TD

Two exchanges later, Tom Brown gathered in Pat Stustill's punt at the Green Bay 48 and set sail up the middle. Veering to his left at the 35 as his interference began to form, Brown angled for the corner and cruised into the end zone just ahead of Studstill, last man in the area. The faithful erupted as he crossed the goal line, but their joy was premature. Faced with a fourth and 2 "must" situation at his own 44 on the first series following the kickoff, Gabriel fired a 15-yard strike to Truax up the middle and the Rams had new life. Then, two plays later, questionable interference was called on Herb Adderley, covering Jack Snow at the Packer 25, giving the Californians another first down. Dyer and Gabriel were limited to a net of five yards on the next three plays, but Gossett settled matters on fourth down. Less than a minute now remained and, when Eddie Meador intercepted Bratkowski's first down pass at the Ram 35, the final seconds were academic.

LOS ANGELES - 0 3 10 3 - 16

GREEN BAY - 0 7 0 7 - 14

LOS ANGELES

GREEN BAY

First downs

11

15

Rush-yards-TDs

38-93-1

29-84-1

Comp-Att-Yd-TD-INT	7-20-110-0-0	13-28-139-0-3
Sacked-yards	1-13	2-26
Net pass yards	97	113
Total yards	190	197
Fumbles-lost	1-1	4-2
Turnovers	1	5
Penalties-yards	2-10	3-33

SCORING

2nd - LA - Bruce Gossett, 22-yard field goal LOS ANGELES 3-0
 2nd - GB - Donny Anderson, 4-yard run (Jerry Kramer kick) GREEN BAY 7-3
 3rd - LA - Willie Ellison, 1-yard run (Gossett kick) LOS ANGELES 10-7
 3rd - LA - Gossett, 26-yard field goal LOS ANGELES 13-7
 4th - GB - Tom Brown, 52-yard punt return (Kramer kick) GREEN BAY 14-13
 4th - LA - Gossett, 27-yard field goal LOS ANGELES 16-14

RUSHING

GREEN BAY - Donny Anderson 12-55 1 TD, Jim Grabowski 12-18, Travis Williams 5-11
 LOS ANGELES - Henry Dyer 18-36, Tommy Mason 8-32, Roman Gabriel 5-19, Willie Ellison 7-6 1 TD

PASSING

GREEN BAY - Zeke Bratkowski 28-13-139 3 INT
 LOS ANGELES - Roman Gabriel 20-7-110

RECEIVING

GREEN BAY - Boyd Dowler 4-53, Donny Anderson 4-38, Marv Fleming 3-26, Travis Williams 1-11, Carroll Dale 1-11
 LOS ANGELES - Billy Truax 2-27, Bernie Casey 2-26, Jack Snow 1-34, Willie Ellison 1-14, Mike Dennis 1-9

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OCT 14 (Milwaukee-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The professional football world championship crown, so dear to Green Bay and the Green Bay Packers is beginning to tilt. The Packers have lost three of five games...and, it is important to note, three of four on their home grounds. This is not the prescribed way to insure the continued wearing of said crown. Deeply aware of this, Packer Coach Phil Bengtson freely acknowledged, "We're getting closer to being out of it all the time."...PLAYED GOOD FOOTBALL: But the tone of his talk in the gloomy wake of Sunday's 16-14 frustration at the hands of the Rams, the foot of Bruce Gossett and the whistle of the officials, was not of the father of the deceased. Rather, Bengtson best indicated his feelings by fervently stressing, "We're sure not giving up yet. We played awful good football game today. I'd say we're disappointed but not discouraged. One field goal...one touchdown...NOT MUCH PASSING: It was suggested that the Packers played their finest game of the season despite the dramatic 11th hour defeat and the cordial coach concurred. "I thought it was a fine performance. Really a continuation of last week. It was a helluva game. Our defense played well enough. There was just a minor lapse here and there. Our special team almost won it for us. Zeke (Bratkowski) did very well. He had his problems but everybody will against this team with the rush you get from that line." Bratkowski, of course, was summoned to the starting quarterback role when Bart Starr injured his passing arm while warming up before the game. And what would have happened if Brat had been hurt, considering the Packers have only the two signalists on the active roster? Bengtson indicated that Starr would have played "but there wouldn't have been much passing." The fact that a field goal, as he had mentioned, could have changed the decision, prompted some wondering about why the Packers didn't try for three points when they had a fourth down at the LA 43 with only seconds left in the first half...LOT OF HEIGHT: Bengtson said that a field goal try had been considered but he pointed out that "They have an awful lot of height in that interior line. And from that far out, your trajectory is pretty low. If they blocked, they probably would have had a chance at a field goal themselves." In the fourth period, with about seven minutes left, the Packers had a fourth down at the Ram 37 and again elected to punt, for much the same reason, Bengtson said. But he added that the Packers needed more than a field goal at that juncture and they hoped to put the Rams in a hole with a punt. "It turned out pretty good," he appended with the beginning of a smile...TEMPORARY LEAD: The Rams did wind up in a hole and punted from their 16. Pat Studstill got off a poor punt, for him, particularly with the wind, and Tom Brown caught it at the Packer 48 and raced it back for a temporary Packer lead. This entire sequence was actually set up by Donny Anderson's 25-yard flight from punt formation and the Packers eventual failure to score with a first down on the Ram four. Andy was on his own when he decided to run, Bengtson declared. "He had seen it on the previous punt, though," the coach added. "And it was so open that even the guys on the sidelines were even calling for it."...CALLED BEST PLAYS: But what about the failure to score? "Anytime you can't score, it's disappointing," Bengtson said. And he felt that the plays called were the best in that situation. There was another key fourth down play. The Rams had a fourth and two at their own 44 with 4:11 remaining and elected to

try for the vital yardage. Roman Gabriel pitched successfully to Billy Truax at the Packer 41, helping to set up the winning field goal. Bengtson said he was not surprised that the Rams went for it with that much time left and he was not surprised by the type of play.

ADDERLEY'S LAMENT: 'DIDN'T TOUCH HIM'

OCT 14 (Milwaukee-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Herb Adderley, one of sport's finest competitors, couldn't conceal his chagrin. Perspiration still glistening on his forehead as he wended his way shower-ward in the Packer dressing room here Sunday afternoon, he insisted, "I didn't touch him." Adderley's unhappy reference, of course, was to the interference penalty assessed him in coverage of the Rams' Jack Snow on the drive which led to the winning field goal in a 16-14 Los Angeles victory. For whatever it is worth, there were more than a few among the 49,646 witnesses in County Stadium who would support Adderley's contention. Even Snow, it might be added, did not say that he had been interfered with on the play. Elaborating on his declaration, Adderley unhappily informed, "I was more worried about keeping from touching him than I was about touching the ball. "I'm sure if I had touched him, he would have stumbled or something, but he kept right on going. "I didn't touch him," the Packers All-NFL cornerback reaffirmed. In the Rams' quarters down the way, Snow reported, "I didn't get my hands on the ball. It was a down-and-in pattern and Adderley got his hands on the ball...It's a judgment call." Asked for his version, Packer Coach Phil Bengtson said, "I couldn't see it from where I was, but I thought Herb made a helluva play...He hit the ball didn't he?"

BART 'FELT SOMETHING SNAP' IN PASS DRILLS

OCT 14 (Milwaukee-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Bart Starr felt something snap. He was throwing passes in the pre-game warmup drill when it happened. Starr didn't want to talk about it after the game, which he had to watch from the side-lines because that snap had pulled a muscle or tendon in the bicep

of his passing arm. The unfortunate injury was suffered shortly before the team was to leave the field for last minute instructions in the dressing room. He had been throwing easily and well up to that time. "I'd rather not talk about it at all," Starr said, but he added, "I really don't know if it's serious or not." Coach Phil Bengtson echoed that statement, saying he has "no idea" of how long Starr will be out of action. But he indicated that if it appears to be any length of time, Billy Stevens would probably be activated from the taxi squad.

GAME OF DECISION FOR PACK, RAMS, REF

OCT 14 (Milwaukee-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Decisions...decisions. All the time decisions. It was a game of decisions here Sunday. Decisions by the officials, decisions by the Packers, decisions by the Rams. Of course many close games come down to decisions right or wrong. But this one seemed to have enough to satisfy the most ambitious of executives. For instance, the Packers had to decide whether or not to go for a field goal on the second last play of the first half. They had fourth down at the Ram 43. That's a long distance but Jerry Kramer can kick 'em that far. And he had the wind at his back. But Coach Phil Bengtson decided against it...with some logic...because the low trajectory from that distance might give the redwood-like Ram front line a chance to block it all the way back to Packer territory, where the Rams would have a FG chance. The Rams had to decide whether or not to go for the yardage on fourth down and two situation at their own 44 with 4:11 left in the game. It had to be a difficult decision considering the Angelinos' defensive strength. But they did go for it and Roman Gabriel, instead of firing the probable short down and out pass for a couple yards, daringly pitched straight down the middle...successfully. The officials had to decide whether Jim Grabowski had broken the goal line plane on the Packers fourth and one. They decided he didn't. The officials had to decide if Willie Ellison had caught the pass from Gabriel on the first play after the Packers had taken a 14-13 lead. They decided that he had not caught the ball when Dave Robinson smashed him to the ground and the missile bounded loose. But, most of all, the officials...Back Judge Tom Kelleher...had to decide if Herb Adderley interfered with Jack Snow on a Gabriel pass to the Packer 25 with just 2:00 left in the game. Kelleher decided Adderley did. Adderley says he never touched Snow. Snow says Adderley hit the ball. Kelleher blew it...in much the same manner that a basketball official calls a foul on a guard reaching around his man. Whether he touches him or not, unless the official is in perfect position for that particular move, it appears that



Green Bay Packers' Willie Wood (24) tries to wrestle the ball away from Los Angeles Rams' Henry Dyer as the teams met at the Milwaukee County Stadium, Oct. 13, 1968. (AP Photo/Paul Shane)





Green Bay Packers defensive back Tom Brown (40) runs with the ball as teammate Chuck Mercein (30), celebrates. (Source: Green Bay Press-Gazette)



Green Bay Press-Gazette sportswriter Lee Rummel interviews defensive end Willie Davis in the Packers' locker room after a 16-14 loss to the Los Angeles Rams. (Source: Green Bay Press-Gazette)

he did touch him. This call was the turning point in the game. Bengtson said missing the touchdown on fourth and one was the turning point. But actually, that was corrected when Tom Brown scored on a punt return...a punt forced from deep in Ramland because of the that miss on the one. What made the call on Adderley the key decision is Bruce Gossett's field goal record. Going into this game, for instance, Gossett had made four of six field goal tries...from 25, 12, 22 and 19 yards away. This is a typical Gossett record. Last year, Gossett made 14 of 18 from inside the 30-yard-line. Pretty good, reliable kicking. But, last year, Gossett made only two of 10 from the 30 to the 40 and only six of 20 from the 30 to the 50. And that's not so sensational. With the help of that interference call, Gossett wound up kicking from the 27...within his deadly range. Without that call, there was a good chance he would have had to kick from outside the 35 and possibly well beyond the 40 because without that penalty, the Rams would have faced a third and 12 situation on the Packer 43. Decisions!

BROWN ONLY WANTED 'FIELD POSITION' ON TD PUNT RUN

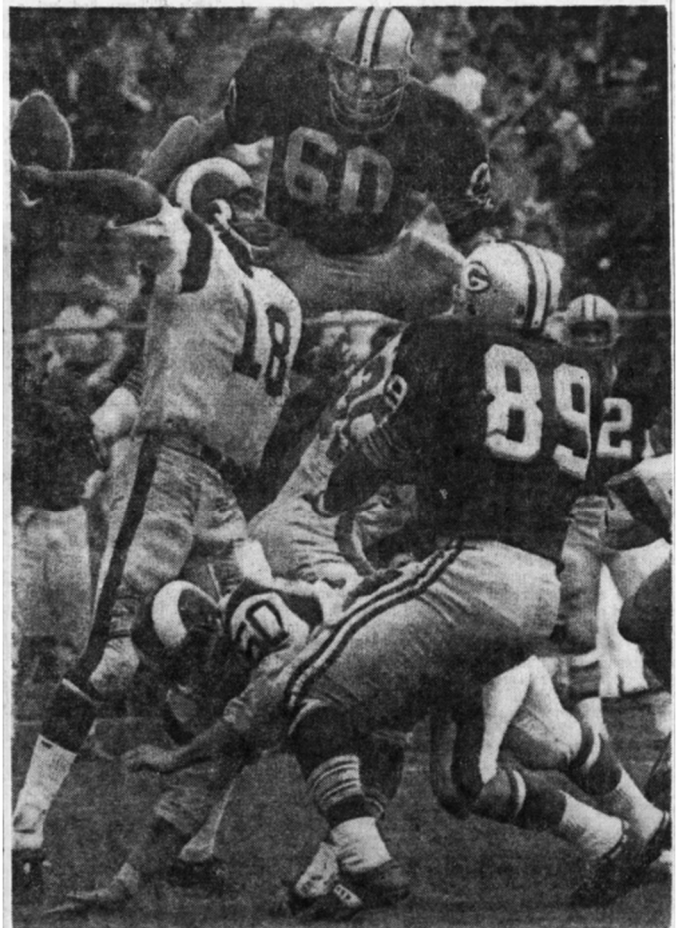
OCT 14 (Milwaukee-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Tom Brown was telling it like it was. Except that Tom, one of the more modest citizens around, wasn't doing himself justice. Never one to embroider his accomplishments, the Packers' 27-year-old strong side safety explained his 52-yard punt return for a fourth quarter touchdown against the Los Angeles Rams here Sunday afternoon with quiet simplicity. "All I wanted to do was catch it and get pretty good field position," said Brown of the electrifying maneuver, which shot the Packers into a 14-13 lead, later erased by Bruce Gossett's decisive field goal in the final minute. "That's all I was worried about. "I was trying to get through that initial front wave of men," he explained. "After I got past those men, I didn't see anything but green shirts and open field. Then you just try to pick your way." Studying the floor of the dressing room reflectively, he added pensively, "It's a tough job returning punts. I'm not very fast. I can catch - that's about all I can do. Donny Anderson, author of another of the afternoon's more titillating maneuvers, said his fourth down, 25-yard flight from punt formation was triggered by the reaction of the Ram defense. "I keyed on their right end," he explained. "If he comes, I kick it. If he doesn't I run. After he turned and ran, I took off because he's the only containment they have over there." Had the fact that a pre-game injury forced quarterback Bart Starr to sit out required any adjustment of him and his fellow running backs? "No, I don't think so," Anderson replied. "Zeke (Bratkowski) has been here a long time, so it doesn't affect us. We practice with him all the time, so as far as handoffs are concerned, it doesn't affect us...He's a fine quarterback, too." Bratkowski, a last minute substitution, said he discovered shortly before game time that he was going to draw the starting assignment. "I didn't know for sure," he explained, "but I knew something was wrong with Bart during the warmup and I'd probably be playing a lot. While

we were warming up, Coach Schnelker said, 'Get ready.'" Commenting on the fourth down play which the Rams were credited with stopping at the Los Angeles one-yard-line in the fourth quarter, The Brat reported, "I ran the play we scored on at the other end in the second quarter. It's a good, sound football play." Zeke, unhappy about three interceptions, said, "Somebody (Deacon Jones) hit my arm on the first one. The one to Dale (in the third quarter) was just a poorly thrown pass." Bratkowski, who said he had consulted with Starr

on the sidelines throughout the game, confided, "Bart was a tremendous help to me." Although he was not overly happy with his performance, Bratkowski shortly drew a vote of confidence from Backfield Coach Tom McCormick. Clapping the 12-year veteran on the shoulder as he stood in front of his locker, McCormick told him, "Zeke, you did a good job." Farther down the line, Doug Hart reconstructed the first quarter sparkler which keyed the Packers! second quarter touchdown and sent them into the dressing room with a 7-3 halftime lead. "The ball took a pretty good bounce," said Hart, who downed a 62-yard Anderson punt on the Los Angeles 4-yard-line to put the invaders in a deep hole which shortly brought a return punt and good field position. "It bounced sideways. I thought I might have a chance when it bounced to the side. On the second bounce, it went straight up and I grabbed it. It's a funny thing, when I was going for the ball, I was wondering if I could stop. But there was nobody else down there, so I had to field it myself." "I downed it on about the four and slid almost to the goal line," he grinned, "and the ball was still on the one-foot line." Travis Williams had had a less pleasant experience with the football in the third quarter when he fumbled and the Rams recovered at the Los Angeles 40, then moved to a field goal. "I guess the hole was a little tight," he sadly explained. "And, like on one of my kickoff returns, I got caught standing up a little higher than I was supposed to. Somebody came in from the side, hit my elbow and knocked the ball loose." There was, inevitably, a tendency to dwell on what might have been. Defensive Captain Willie Davis, morosely shaking his head, said in a low voice, "We had a chance on that last drive to stop 'em. We had 'em fourth down ..."

RAMS RELISH REVENGE, SALUTE PACKERS

OCT 14 (Milwaukee-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Feet propped up, sipping a soft drink, big, blond Merlin Olsen was content. He and his Los Angeles Ram teammates had dealt the world champion Green Bay Packers an exasperating 16-14 defeat at Milwaukee County Stadium Sunday but even as a charter member of the victors' legendary 'fearsome foursome,' Olsen seemed a bit too gracious. "The Packers played fine ball, especially without Bart (Starr)," he said. The words were polite, almost patronizing. Tugging slightly at the grubby tape binding his beefy forearm, the 270-pound all-pro tackle continued his post-game evaluations, which inevitably were to lead to the Rams' crucial fourth period goal-line stand. "I was really happy to be a part of the stand," Olsen beamed, "mostly because I really burned the play before." The play before was a third and goal situation in which the Pack's Donny Anderson rolled over right tackle for a four-yard gain to the one. On fourth and one, the play after, Olsen wrapped his 6-foot-5 frame around Green Bay's Jim Grabowski, stopping him two feet from the line. The play proved to be a crucial one. Although it failed to break the sequence of the scoring (minutes later the Packers went ahead 14-13 on Tom Brown's 52-yard punt return), it provided considerable incentive for the LA offense in the final minutes. But Olsen was still soft-pedalling. Asked if he was the first or one of the first in on the tackle, he answered, "I don't think so. Actually, he was slowed up by some of his own people and when he got to me, it seemed like he was running parallel with the goal." "Anyway, he ended up in my arms." Was Grabowski over the line, as many Packer fans seemed to think? "It's really hard to say in the midst of all the people," Olsen explained, "but he was very close." Another key figure in the Rams' gratifying conquest was tight end Billy Truax, whose spectacular catch of a 15-yard Roman Gabriel pass



Green Bay's Lee Roy Caffey (60) comes crashing down on Los Angeles' Roman Gabriel (18) as he tries to pass in Sunday's National Football League game in Milwaukee. Gabriel was brought down by Caffey and Dave Robinson (89). (AP Wirephoto)



Tom Brown (40) sprints toward a Packer touchdown while teammate Chuck Mercein (30) cheers on the sidelines during the late stages of Sunday's National Football League game in Milwaukee. Brown's 52-yard touchdown run on a punt return enabled the Packers to take a 14-13, lead, but Los Angeles won, 16-14, on a Bruce Gossett field goal in the final 55 seconds. (Post-Crescent News Service Photo)

led to the winning field goal with 55 seconds left in the game. "It was a simple down and in," Truax said, describing the pattern he ran on the crucial fourth-and-two play which carried to the Packer 41. "We ran the same pattern two plays before to Dennis (halfback Mike), but this time Gabe went to me." Covered by two defenders, Truax stretched high and wide to pull in the Gabriel bullet. "My biggest concern was holding on to it after I got it. I can remember pushing the ball away from my body so they couldn't knock it loose," Truax added, gesturing with his arms. Six plays later, including a costly 18-yard interference penalty charged against the Pack's Herb Adderley, the Rams' Bruce Gossett kicked the winning field goal from the 27. George Allen, who has directed the Rams to a 5-0 record thus far, was bubbling. Sloughing off a crack that his team must have felt a little out of place in Wisconsin without earmuffs or gloves, the young Ram mentor exclaimed, "No, we wanted to play here at any time. We had a score to settle." The reference was of course to the Western Conference championship game last December when the Packers won a frigid 28-7 decision. Gabriel, marveling over the Truax catch, commented, "most receivers are like octopuses out there; anything that comes near them they get. But Billy's catch was really something." "It's a great relief to get by the Packers," Gabriel concluded.

MARTIN ZOLL, EX-PACKER, DIES AT 67

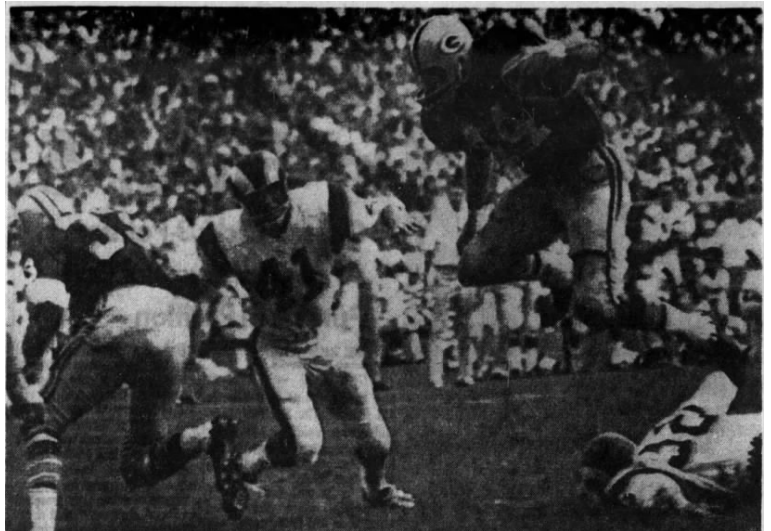
OCT 14 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Martin Zoll, 1296 Dousman St., a member of the first Green Bay Packer football team and one of three brothers to play with the Packers, died this morning in a local hospital. Zoll, who was 67, played guard for the Packers, retiring in 1921. His brothers, Carl and Dick, also played guard. Carl retired in 1922 and Dick played in 1939. Following his playing days, Zoll worked for Northwest Engineering for 25 years prior to retiring 2 ½ years ago. A complete list of survivors and funeral arrangements are listed in an obituary in today's Press-Gazette.

BENGTON CAN'T BELIEVE KEY RECEPTION BY TRUAX

OCT 15 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Phil Bengtson shook his head in disbelief. "I was just looking at that fourth down play on their drive to the last field goal and I don't know how that ball got through there," he said. "That ball," which Bengtson had been viewing via film during his customary "Monday morning at the movies" session, was a 15-yard pass from Roman Gabriel to Billy Truax which kept the desperate Los Angeles Rams afloat in the final three minutes of Sunday's crunching duel at Milwaukee County Stadium....ALMOST PERFECT: The play carried the Rams to a first down at the Packer 41-yard-line and, two plays later, a debatable interference call on Herb Adderley gave the Californians another first down at the Packer 25, setting up Bruce Gossett's game-winning, 27-yard field goal. "I'll bet Tom Brown didn't miss the ball by two inches on that one," Bengtson declared, "and I'll bet Robbie (Dave Robinson) didn't either. The defense was almost perfect - we had coverage short and deep. I don't know how Truax caught the ball." "You might say," the Packer strategist continued, "the game hinged on it. Because, on the first three plays of that series, we played well."...QUESTIONABLE DECISION: It had begun with another questionable officiating decision. Gabriel fired a flare pass to running back Willie Ellison, off to his right, and a split second after he caught the ball, Ellison was crumpled by a Robinson's jarring tackle and fumbled, Robinson recovering. Although the Ram receiver turned after making the catch and prepared to head up field, as a televised instant replay of the action clearly shows, it was officially ruled an incomplete pass and the ball remained in Los Angeles hands. "Had we had a ruling in our favor on that one," Bengtson pointed out, "we would have had possession of the ball and it's all over."...ENORMOUS PLAYS: On second down, Gabriel connected with Mike Dennis, a member of the Packer taxi squad last season, up the middle for nine yards but, on third, Lee Roy Caffey and Bob Jeter smothered Ellison for a 1-yard loss on an attempted sweep of the Packers' right flank. "If it had been fourth and one, I'm sure he (Gabriel) would have run the ball," Phil further observed in reconstructing that fateful play. "But it was fourth and three and our team played accordingly." Reviewing the subsequent interference decision, Bengtson noted, "If they don't get that call, it's going to be a long field goal - over 40 yards. As a result of that, it made it a relatively short one." "That one, the pass to Truax and the ruling of incomplete on Robinson's play on Ellison," he said, a trifle wistfully, "they were three enormous plays." Bengtson had no fault to find with his athletes'



1 Grave of Martin Zoll - Fort Howard Memorial Park, Green Bay (Source: Findagrave.com - <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/84215087/martin-alysius-zoll>)



Donny Anderson (44) leaps over the goal-line to score a first-half touchdown for the Green Bay Packers against Los Angeles Sunday in Milwaukee. Helping clear the way is Jim Grabowski (33). No. 41 is the Rams' Ron Smith. Los Angeles rallied for a 16-14 win. (AP Wirephoto)

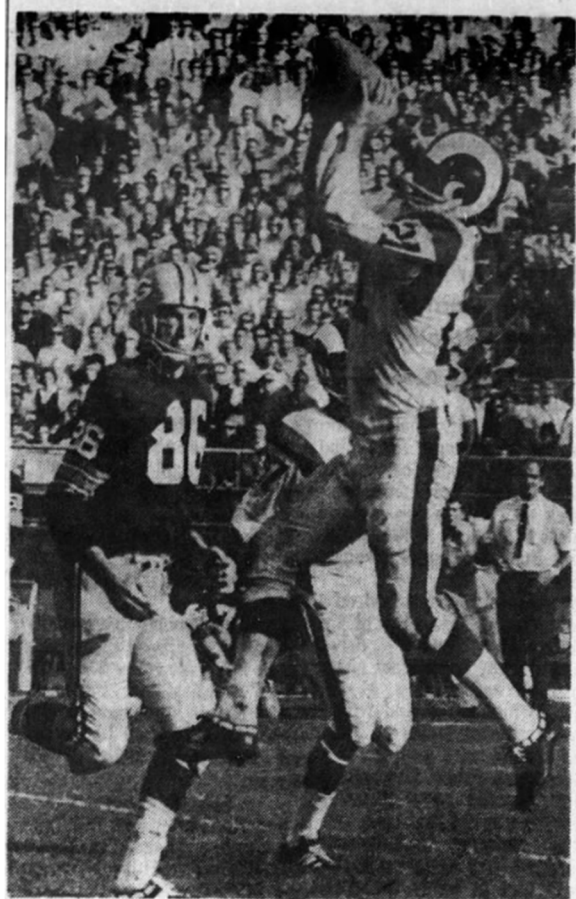
performance...REAL GOOD FOOTBALL: "I thought it was a great effort," he said. "We played some real good football. "Even though they had that many interceptions (three), our effort was good enough to win if we just got one little break along the way." "We did a good job on their big tackles (Merlin Olsen and Roger Brown)," he continued. "Gillie (Gale Gillingham) did a good job on Brown and, for the most part, Jerry (Kramer) did a good job on Olsen." Evaluating a preview of the next enemy, the Lions in Detroit Sunday afternoon, Bengtson reported, "We saw them in their Minnesota film and Munson (quarterback Bill) was particularly accurate. He had some pressure, some trouble with his protection, but every time he had an opportunity to throw, he was right on the button. And Farr (Mel) is having a great year for them. I guess he was their big gun (he scored two touchdowns) in their win over the Bears last Sunday. "We're going to have to score to beat 'em," Bengtson asserted. "We're not going to do it with one touchdown out of our offense."

PHIL LISTS STARR AS UNCERTAIN

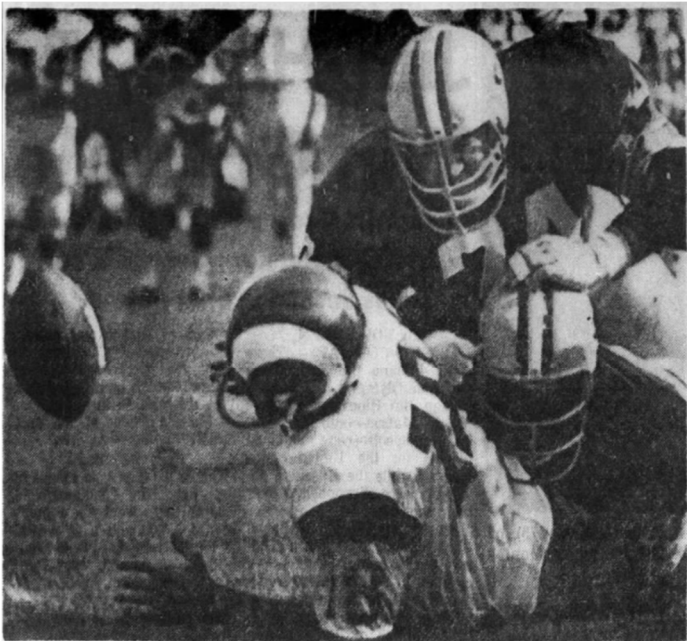
OCT 15 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The status of Bart Starr's arm injury is uncertain at this point, Packer Coach Phil Bengtson reported Monday. "His arm was pretty sore today," Bengtson said, "and the doctor doesn't really know how long Bart is likely to be out." The Packers' veteran quarterback pulled a muscle in his throwing arm while warming up for last Sunday's game with the Rams in Milwaukee. "As long as I've been in football, I've never seen the injury," Bengtson said. "I've seen a pulled muscle, but never in the bicep, and neither has the doctor. So it's a completely unique injury. So, as far as the length of time it's going to take to heal, nobody knows." Bengtson earlier indicated that should Starr be unavailable for any length of time, quarterback Bill Stevens probably would be activated from the taxi squad.

NEWS AND NOTIONS

OCT 15 (Appleton Post-Crescent) - Would you believe that the Green Bay Packers can be tied for the NFL's Division lead by Sunday night? Yes, despite the fact that there have been more valleys than hills (injuries, inconsistent play and bad breaks) thus far for the world champions, they could find themselves in a 3-way tie (with Detroit and Minnesota) for first place with a .500 (3-3) record. This can happen only if the Packers beat the Lions Sunday and Dallas stops the Vikings. Eternally optimistic Packer fans believe this can happen. What are the hard facts? Well, the Cowboys are a better-than-even choice to beat Minnesota (although, after last weekend in the NFL, anything can happen). And, the Packers can beat Detroit if their all-around play retains the excellence of their last Sunday's performance. Therein lies the rub. Can the Packers stay "up" after losing a heartbreaker with all of the ramifications that the Ram game had? The Packers played well enough to win nine out of 10 games as they played one of the league's unbeaten powers on even terms. This performance should not only have convinced cynics - who had been convinced" that the 1968 Packers are too old and feeble but should have gone a long way toward restoring Packers championship-style confidence. But, perhaps it won't work out this way. Maybe this discouraging loss, in which highly controversial officials' calls played a big part, will affect the morale adversely. Some of the players may begin to think, in view of all the things that have happened, the Bays have been predestined to give up the title This year. Certainly if they do fail to retain the Central Division title, Sunday's Ram game may well be remembered as the turning point. It may prove to be the one that offered conclusive proof that the Packers aren't "meant" to win this year. How many times has a pro quarterback hurt his arm during pre-game warm-ups and thus been held out of the game? (Starr did Sunday.) How many times does the same team get the 'short' end of two borderline judgment calls in the final five minutes? The Packers did Sunday. Breaks, theoretically, even out over a period of time - but these calls, plus that "fourth and inches" decision in the Packer-Minnesota game, seem to show it is not happening this year. If the Packers are bogged down by these incidents and adopt a "what's the use?" attitude, their chances of winning the next two big ones - in Detroit and Dallas - will be minimal and they could be out of the race by the mid-point of the schedule...If there was ever a doubt about how powerful an influence officials can have in the outcome of a game, it should have been dissolved Sunday. The decisions on the two disputed late-game plays (the Ram fumble or incomplete pass on a Dave Robinson tackle) and the pass interference call against Herb Adderley) were of such importance that they directly affected the game's outcome. I firmly believe that no team in any sport should have a prospective victory taken away by an official's judgment in a "doubtful" situation. When there's a clear-cut case, certainly it should be called. Much doubt surrounded the Adderley incident - both because of the official's point of vantage and because neither principal (Adderley or Snow) was aware of interference." Additionally interplay between the receiver and the defender goes on all the time and only in very rare - and obvious - instances is interference called. On the other controversial play - the apparent pass completion that wasn't - the judgment call seemed even more questionable. The receiver caught the ball, turned around and had taken one or two strides downfield when he lost the ball. The official ruled he didn't have possession - but I don't know how much more evidence of possession is needed. If it had been



Ed Meador (21) accounts for one of the three Los Angeles interceptions Sunday in Milwaukee. The Zeke Bratkowski pass was intended for the Packers' Boyd Dowler (86). (Post-Crescent News Service Photo)



Watching the Ball Squirt away as he is tackled hard is Los Angeles Rams quarterback Roman Gabriel (18), while Green Bay's Willie Davis is on top of him. The Packers' Henry Jordan, shown at the top of the picture, ultimately recovered the loose football. (AP Wirephoto)



Partners in Disappointment—Bart Starr, right, puts arm around Zeke Bratkowski as the two Packer quarterbacks leave the field in Milwaukee Sunday following the 16-14 conquest by the Rams. (AP Wirephoto)

ruled a fumble - and Packer recovery - the last Ram hope would probably have vanished. One obvious solution to the dilemma of possible mistakes on judgment calls in close plays is the video re-run technique. This suggestion isn't new - and I believe it's been rejected by the NFL before. There's no good reason for not taking advantage of scientific advances in this field. The film is available in an instant, and it would take only a minute to study it and make the final decision. Short delays in the interest of accuracy would be more than welcome. After all, fans now have to sit through eight or 10 artificial times-out in a game for TV commercials...How did last Sunday's goings-on affect the "Notes and Notions" Super Bowl index. The Cowboys still seem to have the best chance of qualifying for the Super Bowl. All-victorious Dallas rates a 95 on the index. Tied, at 90, are equally-unbeaten Los Angeles and Baltimore. The first of their two vital showdowns in the Coastal division comes Oct. 27. The Lions and the Vikings merit an 80 for their co-leadership in the Central Division. The Packers drop a few points to 75 - not because their performance was below title contenders' standards but because their third loss drops them closer to a precarious mathematical level. In the AFL race to the Super Bowl, Oakland lost a little of its steam - and drops to 90. The Raiders still have the best potential, I believe, so they still lead Kansas City and San Diego by five on the "index."

BILLY STEVENS ALMOST CERTAIN TO BE ADDED

OCT 16 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - "It is almost a certainty," Packer Coach Phil Bengtson reported Tuesday, that rookie quarterback Bill Stevens will be activated for Sunday's invasion of Detroit. With Bart Starr's status clouded by an arm injury suffered in warming up for last weekend's game with the Rams, Zeke Bratkowski presently is the only able-bodied caller on the world champions' roster. "Just how we're going to do it," Bengtson said, "We don't know. We don't have to do it right away, of course." How long could the decision be deferred? "You can do it Sunday morning when you take the field, actually," the Packer headmaster said. "We'll do it before that, though. There are several different ways we can do it (determining who is to be removed from the roster to make room for Stevens). These are things we have to consider, so it will take a little while." Stevens, a third round draft choice from the University of Texas-El Paso, has been on the taxi squad since just before the NFL season opened.

THE BRAT EYES HAPPY BIRTHDAY

OCT 16 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Edmund Raymond Bratkowski, an impressive physical specimen for one of his advanced football age, turns 37 Sunday. That, of course, is the day the Packers engage the Detroit Lions, co-leaders of the NFL's Central Division, in the Motor City. Bratkowski appears certain to start against the Lions in

behalf of the injured Bart Starr and, Inevitably, it was suggested his teammates could present Zeke with the perfect birthday present by dispatching Joe Schmidt's tigers. Edmund Raymond reversed the approach, however. "You mean," he promptly rejoined, "I could give the fellas a good birthday present." The method, he subsequently noted, is not important. "A victory," he said. "That's what we need." History is repeating itself for The Brat, at least to this point in "Lion Week," prelude to the Packers' first rematch of the maturing 1968 season. A year ago, Starr also was forced to the sidelines with injuries the week before the world champions' second meeting with Detroit and the starting assignment fell to the former Bear field general. Bratkowski, who directed the Pack to a 23-0 victory over Atlanta after relieving Starr in the first quarter, responded with a repeat performance, escorting his colleagues to a 27-17 triumph with the aid of a scoring runback of an interception by a gimpy Ray Nitschke. Needless to say, the former Air Force pilot will be delighted to settle for a repeat performance, but he would be nothing loath to changing the script ever so lightly. He would prefer to avoid a repetition of the early minutes, which saw the Lions' deflect and intercept two passes, one of which defensive end Larry Hand returned for a touchdown, to mount a quick 10-0 lead. Reflecting for a moment upon last Sunday's 16-14 disappointment against the Los Angeles Rams, Bratkowski soberly observed, "That was a tough ball game. I thought our line did an excellent job of blocking," he continued. "After looking at the

films, I discovered it did an outstanding job. I think I was only caught twice. And they have a strong front four – they really come." Commenting on his own performance, Bratkowski noted, "It's very difficult for you to evaluate your own play, especially after that loss. You think of things you could have done, decisions you could have made...here are certain things I want to improve on, certain things to try." Not one to be shaken by adversity, The Brat opined, in an assessment of the Pack's recent trials, "Those things have a tendency to equal out over a season. I'm real optimistic about our team. I think we have a real fine football team. "With the standings as they are, we're just one game out. Things could get pretty tight in our division in the next few weeks. All we're concerned with right now is winning our division. After that we can worry about winning championships. One important thing is that the other teams in the division have to play the same teams we do, like Baltimore and Dallas." "We're progressing in real good shape," Zeke continued. "I think the team is in excellent spirits. They know it's a long season...we lost four games last year and tied one, and still won our division. We're improving from week to week. We're getting better, so we have a lot to look forward to."

RACE FAR FROM OVER JORDAN

OCT 16 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – That eminent philosopher, Henry Jordan, has a pertinent reminder for any of the Packer faithful who may have grown faint of heart in the wake of recent developments. Still rosy of cheek from a lengthy session in the sauna, designed to soothe some of the contusions acquired in Sunday's 16-14 unhappiness with the Rams, the voluble veteran sagely pointed out, "We've been behind before." He didn't elaborate, but the inference was obvious. The world champions have trailed in the Central Division (formerly Western Conference) race several times in the recent past but have charged back to win the championship - and the NFL title. "One way you can look at it," Jordan noted in his inimitable, homespun fashion, "is as a horse race. A rider likes to keep his horse right behind the leader until the final lap. That's the best way to have it because then everybody is looking at the leader." "I'm disappointed we lost the game," the five-time all-NFL defensive tackle admitted, "but my bottom lip is not down yet. We still have to play the leaders – Detroit and the Vikings. We've got a chance to whip them and, if we do, it brings us back up to even, anyway. I can remember the time when we were behind, and we didn't have a chance to play the leaders - we had to wait for somebody else to beat 'em." "That," he said, nodding his head for emphasis, "is when you despair." Assessing that last minute loss to the Rams, Henry observed, "I'm not saying I played well, but the team overall had a nice game. It played as a cohesive unit, I think all the boys realize we played as a team - we just got beat. We still have some things we have to get better on." Jordan, who has helped the Packers win a record five NFL titles in the last seven years, feels Green Bay's current standard bearers are every bit as competent as the 1967 champions...THE SAME PEOPLE: "We have the same people," he explained. "We're missing a few-Fuzzy (Thurston), Max (McGee) and Don Chandler - but overall it's about the same team." The drawling, 33-year-old Virginian, a veteran of 12 pro seasons, also discounts age as a factor in the Packers' present 2-3 record. "We have the same system, relatively the same fellows and we have the same desire," he says, appending, "Age is not a factor...You stop and look at these other teams. They have as many old boys as we have. "That isn't our problem. But breaks are funny things. Sometimes they will be with you for a while, and then they'll go against you. They've been going against us the first part of the season. And, as Coach Lombardi always told us, this is a game of inches. You miss a tackle by inches, you miss a pass by inches. That's what's been happening." Although he has started every game of the regular season, Jordan reported the back problem which has plagued him in recent years has not disappeared...AN IMPORTANT GAME: "I don't know just what it is," he said. "I've had people tell me it's a pinched nerve down deep, I've had people say it's an inflamed disc, I've had 'em tell me it's a muscle and I've had 'em tell me it's a misplaced vertebra...I don't know." Looking to the immediate future, the imminent assignment with the Lions in Detroit, Henry observed, "This Sunday is an important game for us to win because they're ahead of us...I hope we win it." Would he counsel Packer fans to be of good cheer? Possessor of a puckish sense of humor, the skin-topped Jordan couldn't resist quipping, "I think this is good for Packer fans...It's bad for me, though. I'm losing my hair. I don't want to get bald."

COWBOY OFFENSE PACES NFL

OCT 16 (New York) – The Dallas Cowboys' offense and the Los Angeles Rams' defense tell the story of the weekly team statistics in the NFL. The Cowboys also are up close on defense in second place but the Rams are eighth on offense. After the first five games, the Cowboys show the way in total offense, rushing offense and passing offense. They also have scored the most touchdowns, 25, and the most points, 193...BROKE STREAK: The Rams, led by that Fearsome Foursome are first in all three team defensive categories and have given up the fewest touchdowns, six, and the smallest number of points, 53. Although the Atlanta Falcons finally broke their losing streak at the expense of the New York Giants, they still are bringing up the rear in all three defensive categories and in two of the three offensive measuring sticks. The Rams have smeared the quarterback 20 times for 169 yards and the Dallas defense has thrown the passer 19 times for 151 yards. However, the Rams' front wall has protected Roman Gabriel much better than the Cowboys' offensive line

TEAM OFFENSE			
	Avg.	Avg.	Avg.
	Yards Rushing Passing		
Dallas	403	170	233
New York	352	157	195
Baltimore	349	131	217
Detroit	342	142	200
Green Bay	322	127	194
San Francisco	318	124	193
Washington	311	98	212
Los Angeles	289	126	160
Cleveland	284	102	182
New Orleans	283	116	167
Minnesota	276	148	127
Chicago	271	155	155
Pittsburgh	270	106	163
Philadelphia	250	101	149
St. Louis	244	105	139
Atlanta	237	90	147

TEAM DEFENSIVE			
	Avg.	Avg.	Avg.
	Yards Rushing Passing		
Los Angeles	196	68	128
Dallas	237	73	164
Green Bay	241	107	133
New Orleans	247	118	129
Minnesota	266	131	135
Baltimore	270	103	166
San Francisco	270	110	160
Cleveland	294	147	146
Detroit	307	118	189
Washington	312	152	160
St. Louis	317	119	197
Pittsburgh	330	135	195
New York	332	132	200
Philadelphia	381	160	220
Chicago	389	160	229
Atlanta	411	167	244



Dunaway-29

Flanker — Duke
Height 6-2, Weight 205
23-Years-Old

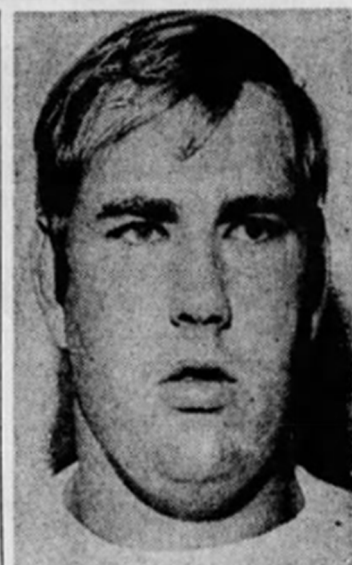
Second draft choice in 1967 but wound up on Taxi Squad. Displayed considerable improvement this year and saw lots of duty in pre-season games. Sticky-fingered receiver. Has shown fine punting potential.

not satisfied. You can't afford a letdown." He didn't say so, but the major difference has to be the addition of quarterback Bill Munson, sidelined for the opener with rib injuries, plus two brilliant rookies, split end Earl McCullouch and tight end Charlie Sanders, and a slightly shopworn veteran, Billy Gambrell...**MUNSON GLITTERS:** Munson, who languished in Roman Gabriel's substantial shadow at Los Angeles before being acquired by the Lions in a multi-player, off-season trade, goes into Sunday's match as the NFL's No. 3 passer-just behind Fran Tarkenton and Don Meredith and, poetically, four notches above the seventh-ranked Gabriel. The former Utah State ace, already well established as the leader the Lions long have been seeking, has forged a glittering 65.9 passing percentage with 56 completions in 85 attempts for 838 yards and 7 touchdowns. McCullouch, reputedly the fastest man in the world for 20 yards, has quickly developed into one of the league's, pre-eminent long ball threats. The Lions' leading receiver, he has caught 19 passes for 419 yards, a 22.1 average, and presently is tied for sixth place in the league ranking with veteran Homer Jones of the Giants and Baltimore's John Mackey...**INSTANT REGULAR:** The Lion coaching staff rates McCullouch an eminent candidate for rookie of the year honors and Sanders, the University of Minnesota's top receiver a year ago, right behind him. Like McCullouch, an instant regular, the 6-foot-4, 215-pound Sanders has caught 11 passes for 122 yards and blocked with impressive authority. Although he made only five catches to date, the pocket-sized Gambrell also has made a significant contribution, the Packers are only too painfully aware. Two of those came at Lambeau Field Sept. 29-both for touchdowns - and the second strike sealed the world champions' second straight loss...**INCREDIBLE DAY:** Another prime factor in the Lions' resurgence has been the play of Mel Farr, 1967's NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year. Farr, who had a slightly incredible day in last Sunday's 28-10 victory over the Bears, is Detroit's leading rusher with 345 yards in 75 carries for three touchdowns and No. 2 pass catcher with 16 receptions for 325 yards and four TDs. Against the Bears, the former USC star rushed 18 times for 138 yards and caught six passes for 73 yards - a robust net of 211 for the afternoon. Lyall Smith, veteran Lion publicity director, called his performance "fantastic." It, along with a 13-for-22 passing record by Munson, spurred the Lions to an imposing grand total of 413 yards, an impressive aggregate against the defense-minded Bruins. A breakdown of this figure should give a clue to what the Lions are plotting for the Packers. They rushed 51 times and amassed 244 yards, which suggests they have embraced the ball control philosophy which has been the Pack's hallmark for the last decade...**PACKER PATTERN:** The Lions may activate running back Nick Eddy

has protected Don Meredith. The Rams' passer has been tossed only five times in five games while the Cowboys' quarterback has been smeared 13 times...**POOREST PROTECTION:** St. Louis has given its passer poorest protection (16 smears) and Cleveland has put on the weakest pass rush, getting the quarterback only seven times. New Orleans has made the most use of the field goal with Charlie Durkee attempting 16 and making good eight times.

MUNSON CATALYST IN LIONS' SURGE

OCT 17 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) — On the first Sunday of the current NFL season, the Detroit Lions invaded Dallas and were trampled by the anti-social Cowboys, 59-13. Although one game obviously does not a season make, there were those who subsequently forecast a long autumn for Joe Schmidt, sophomore head coach of the Lions, and his athletes. The fact that this humiliation had come in the wake of a 9-6 loss to the AFL's New York Jets did little to engender optimism in the breasts of the Detroit faithful. The Lions have done a dazzling about-face since then, however, and will confront the Packers as co-leaders of the NFL's Central Division race when they come together in Detroit's Tiger Stadium Sunday afternoon...**KEY ADDITIONS:** Analyzing the turnabout, which has seen the Lions forge to three victories in their last four starts (including a 23-17 decision over the Packers) Schmidt says, "It's difficult to single out just one or two factors as the reason for our improvement. "Our offensive line is now doing a great job. Our defense has tightened up after we got bombed for 59 points in our opener. Since that first game, we've given up just 51 points in four games and scored 103. But we're still



Leo Carroll

Defensive End — San Diego State
Height 6-7, Weight 250

First year in pro ball . . . Sat out 1967 season after suffering knee injury in Atlanta Falcons' third exhibition game against Cleveland Browns . . . Acquired from Falcons in trade which sent Bob Long and Doug Goodwin to Atlanta . . . First player chosen by Atlanta in '67 draft . . . Played at Glendale (Calif.) Junior College for two years before transferring to San Diego State . . . Fast for a big man, he was highly rated pass rusher as a collegian . . . Played in East-West, Coaches All-America and College All-Star games . . . Three-sport athlete at Alhambra (Calif.) High School.

the former Notre Dame star who joined them in 1967 but has yet to play for Detroit, for Sunday's game. "We're running him hard this week to see how his knee reacts," Smith reported. Another Lion casualty, defensive back Tommy Vaughan, is expected to be available after sitting out last week's game because of a sprained arch...Running back Bill Triplett suffered a concussion in the Bear contest, Smith also reported, "but he's all right"...The Lion publicist added, "The ticket situation is just like it was for our game in Green Bay. There's not a ticket to be had - even the post seats have been sold. We will have 3,000 bleacher and 3,000 standing room tickets for sale Sunday morning hut that, of course, is standard practice."...The status of Packer quarterback Bart Starr, who injured his throwing arm in warming up for last Sunday's game against the Rams, remains officially unchanged. "We don't know any more now," Coach Phil Bengtson said Wednesday, "than we did yesterday." He said nothing has as yet been done about activating quarterback Bill Stevens from the taxi squad to back up Zeke Bratkowski in the event Starr is unable to play, but indicated a decision will be made shortly. Starr appeared on the practice field Wednesday but did not take part in the workout...Following the drill, the players were provided with what has become an annual treat from the Doug Harts. With Hart serving as host, they were served a savory lunch of soup, beans and corn bread, a southern dish prepared by Hart's spouse, Marilyn.

STARR QUESTION MARK FOR TILT WITH LIONS

OCT 17 (Green Bay) - Quarterback Bart Starr of the Green Bay Packers preferred not even to think about his injured right arm, let alone talk about it. For one thing, there was little he could say. "I just don't know," he said when asked whether he would be ready for Sunday's NFL game with the Detroit Lions. "It's kind of frustrating." Besides, Starr is a man who'd rather drink, smoke, or cuss than talk about himself and Starr neither drinks, smokes nor cusses. So he talked about the efficiency and dedication of the Packers trainers, the loyalty and dedication of Milwaukee football fans, the quality of the Detroit Lions and the spirit of the Green Bay Packers. "I tell you we're really getting ready. I know we're ready to go," he said of the Packers, the team already pinned with three losses in a stumbling start toward a fourth straight title...DOCTORS MYSTIFIED: Starr injured his arm while warming up at County Stadium prior to last Sunday's game with the unbeaten Los Angeles Rams. The injury to his right bicep baffled even the team doctors. So Starr stood and watched while Zeke Bratkowski took over at quarterback in a game won by the Rams 16-14. "We've got 80 biceps and you have to hurt the only one of the 80 that makes any difference," Coach Phil Bengtson told Starr Tuesday - a day on which Starr steered clear of any throwing at all. Bengtson has said Starr is "very questionable" against the Lions, a team that beat the Packers once already this season with Starr going all the way. "They're a real hard hitting team," he said of Detroit. Starr did throw a little in practice Wednesday - a sign that perhaps the cortisone and hot and cold packs provided by the training room were taking effect...BOTHERS NATURAL MOTION: "I didn't throw very well," Starr said. "It was an unnatural kind of motion." But it was encouraging. "It's feeling better each day. We've got some great trainers." Starr had avoided serious injury so far this season - A marked departure from Starr's fate last year when he was virtually one walking bruise. "I thought I had enough of those injuries last season to last me for a while," Starr said. "I don't even like to think about it."

STARR IMPROVED BUT EXPECT BRATKOWSKI TO START AT DETROIT

OCT 18 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packers still are operating on the assumption that Zeke Bratkowski, pro football's premier relief artist, will be their starting quarterback in Detroit Sunday afternoon. Coach Phil Bengtson, girding his athletes for that all-important showdown with the NFL's Central Division co-leaders, underscored this point Thursday in issuing a progress report on Bart Starr's injured throwing arm. "It's better than it was," he said, "but he's still a very doubtful participant."...LAUDS TRAINERS: There was, however, encouraging indication Mr. Quarterback will be returning to active duty sooner than originally expected. Starr was throwing more extensively in Thursday's session, which suggests he should be available for the Pack's nationally televised confrontation with the Dallas Cowboys a week hence, if he is not ready to perform against the Lions. "I feel a lot better today than I did yesterday," Bart, obviously pleased over the sudden improvement, reported following practice. He added, "These trainers (Bud Jorgensen and Domenic Gentile) deserve a lot of credit. "Dom has met me over here after practice and at odd hours to give me treatments and they have helped me a great deal. They'll do anything to help you get better."...SHORT PATTERNS: Although he had thrown the football for the second day in succession, Starr pointed out, "I threw relatively short patterns. But the arm is feeling better. I hope each day it will show some improvement." "I can pretty well stretch it out now," he said, extending the arm to demonstrate, "which is something I couldn't do yesterday." The injury, incurred while warming up for last Sunday's Ram game in Milwaukee, has to be the most bizarre of his 12-year NFL career, Bart admitted...BEST SHAPE EVER: Ironically, he appended, "I don't believe I've ever been in better condition than I have been this season. Zeke and I were on a good weight lifting program all year. "I've never felt stronger physically,



Davis-87

Defensive End — Grambling

Height 6-3, Weight 245

Born in Lisbon, La., July 24, 1934

Eleventh year in pro ball . . . Drafted 17th by Browns in 1956 then went into service where he was named All-Army and All-Service in 1957 . . . Came to Packers in 1959 for end A. D. Williams . . . Captained Grambling University team for two years . . . Made Collier's N.A.I.A. All-American . . . Industrial Arts Major . . . Named AP All-Pro 1962 and AP, UPI, and NEA All-Pro 1964, 1965, 1966 and 1967 Has played in last five Pro Bowl Games . . . Working on Masters Degree in Marketing in off-season at University of Chicago . . . Toured Viet Nam for State Department in 1966 . . . Sporting News All-Pro 1968. Residence: Chicago, Ill.

so it was really strange to come up with something like this." Since Starr's status for Sunday remains uncertain, it is likely that rookie quarterback Bill Stevens will be activated by game time, although no official action has been taken as yet. Bengtson and his aides are weighing a number of considerations before making a decision because the player to be pared from my roster must remain inactive for four weeks under the league's new rule. At the end of that time, the coaching staff then may review the situation and re-activate the dropped player or keep him on the taxi squad for another four weeks...PACKER PATTERN: The Packers will conclude their Lion preparations Saturday morning then board their United Airlines 727 charter for Detroit at 12 noon. They will headquarter at the Pontchartrain Hotel in the Motor City...Starr confirmed a report that he and Bratkowski have become partners in a restaurant chain. "We've just opened a drive-in at Birmingham, Alabama, which will be our home office," he said. "Right now it's just called 'Bart Starr's'. We'll decide on a name later. We hope to open one here in Green Bay in the near future." "In a few years," he added, "we'll be national, hopefully. Carroll Dale already has expressed an interest in opening one in Tennessee. We're going to encourage any sort of interest from players. We don't have the time to pursue it right now, but we'll going into it extensively when the season is over"...Happy birthday to Forrest Gregg, 35 today and Boyd Dowler, 31.

DONNY ANDERSON 4TH AMONG NFL RUSHERS

OCT 18 (Green Bay) – Donny Anderson of the Green Bay Packers ranks fourth in the NFL in rushing, league statistics showed Wednesday. Anderson has gained 342 yards in 62 carries for a 5.5 yard average. Ahead of the third-year player are Gale Sayers of Chicago, Leroy Kelly of Cleveland and Mel Farr of Detroit. Only Sayers has a better average. however. The Chicago star is rushing for 5.7 yards per carry. Bart Starr of the Packers ranks fifth in passing with 58 completions in 90 attempts for 898 yards and eight touchdowns.

CONRAD MISSES TYING HUTSON'S MARK, 'FED UP' WITH COACH

OCT 18 (St. Louis) – Veteran flanker Bobby Joe Conrad said in a newspaper interview today he is "fed up" and aimed most of his displeasure at Coach Charley Winner of the St. Louis Cardinals. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch story said Conrad was embittered for having missed tying the career pass-receiving mark of at least one reception in 94 consecutive games. He could have matched the mark-held by Green Bay's Don Hutson - in last week's game against Cleveland in which the Cardinals won 27-21. In the interview Conrad said, "I can't take it any longer. Let's face it, since he (Coach Winner) has been here, I haven't done anything. Maybe I'm washed up and don't know it, but I think the difficulty is partly a personality problem." Winner was quoted as saying he didn't want to get into a controversy over present developments. "I have a lot of respect for Bobby Joe," the coach said. "He has been a big help to the team and can continue to be a big help not only as a receiver but also in helping our young receivers." Conrad said his failure to match Hutson's record influenced him in announcing this would be his final season with the Cardinals.

PACK MUST DEAL WITH FARR AS NEW LONG RANGE THREAT

OCT 19 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The Packers are unhappily familiar with the running talents of Mel Farr, the Detroit Lions' spectacular sophomore halfback. They remember him only too well for his performance in their first 1968 collision at Green Bay Sept. 29, when the former UCLA flash amassed 92 yards rushing to spearhead the Lions' ball control approach en route to a 23-17 victory. Now the Packers, who invade Tiger Stadium Sunday afternoon for their first rematch of the NFL season, must concern themselves with Farr as a long range threat. The world champions long since have been aware that the Lions employ 1967's NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year as a pass receiver. But Coach Joe Schmidt used Farr differently in the past. A year ago, for example, he caught 39 passes but averaged only 8.1 yards per catch as a relief or "safety valve" receiver. This season, particularly in recent weeks, Farr has bloomed into an all-the-way menace as an integral figure in Detroit's passing game. The Lions' No. 2 pass-catcher going into tomorrow's match, he has caught 16 passes for 325 yards, an impressive 20.3 average, and 4 touchdowns. Only last Sunday, he collaborated with Detroit's gifted new quarterback, Bill Munson, on the Lions' longest pass-run maneuver of the season, an 86-yard bomb which loomed large in a 28-10 conquest of the Chicago Bears. Farr's development in this area gives the Lions one of the NFL's most potent dual air threats, since they also possess a premier distance receiver in speedball Earl McCullouch, the team's leader at this point with 19 catches for 419 yards and 3 touchdowns. The 6-foot-2, 210-pound Farr also paces Detroit in rushing, his customary specialty, accumulated 345 yards in 75 attempts, a 4.6 average, collecting 3 touchdowns along the way...PACKER PATTERN: Boyd Dowler, who had the most successful season of his 10-year pro career in 1967, has quietly forged into the Packers' pass receiving lead. He snared four passes for 73 yards against the Rams last Sunday and now has 19 catches in 5 games for 271 yards and 2 touchdowns...Carroll Dale, who settled for a lone reception against his old teammates, has caught 17 for 368 yards, and an imposing 21.6 average...Donny Anderson, coming off a 55-yard effort in the Los Angeles affair, is far out front in rushing with 342 yards in 62 attempts, a 5.5 average, and ranks fourth in the NFL...Jim Grabowski has gained 154 yards in 51 thrusts...Quarterback Bart Starr, whose participation in Sunday's match is uncertain, and the Lions' Munson own glittering passing marks. Starr has a 63.8 percentage, based on 58 completions in 91 at tempts, while Munson has 65.9 mark on 56 for 85...Starr, incidentally, has been listed as a co-chairman for a Chicago dinner which will honor Republican presidential candidate

LEADING GROUND GAINERS				
	Aff.	Yards	Avg. Gain	TDs
Sayers, Chi	70	399	5.7	2
Kelly, Clev	80	347	4.3	2
Farr, Det	75	345	4.6	3
Anderson, GB	62	342	5.5	2
Brown, Minn.	78	315	4.0	8
Woodeshick, Phil	59	303	5.1	1
McCall, NO	55	281	5.1	2
Willard, SF	79	272	3.4	1
Perkins, Dall	65	271	4.2	1
Jones, Minn	59	262	4.4	1

LEADING PASSERS				
	Aff.	Com.	Yds.	TDs
Tarkenton, NY	102	60	1,030	11
Meredith, Dall	116	73	1,046	10
Munson, Det	85	56	838	7
Jurgensen, Wash	143	89	1,092	11
Morrall, Balt	124	73	1,156	12
Starr, GB	90	58	898	8
Gabriel, LA	121	62	806	7
Brodie, SF	140	85	1,029	8
Nelsen, Clev			68	36
Ryan, Cle	50	23	498	3

LEADING PASS RECEIVERS				
	Rec'd	Yds.	Avg. Gain	TDs
McNeil, SF	29	389	13.4	3
Taylor, Wash	24	275	11.5	1
Rentzel, Dall	23	358	15.6	2
Williams, STL	22	321	14.6	2
Hayes, Dall	20	339	17.0	2
Jones, N.Y.	19	504	26.5	5
McCullouch, Det	19	419	22.1	3
Mackey, Balt	19	251	13.2	4
Hawkins, Phil	18	391	21.7	2
Abramowicz, NO	18	334	18.6	3

LEADING SCORERS				
	TDs	FG	PAT	TP
Brown, Minn	9	0	0	54
Clark, Dall	0	6	25	43
Gogolak, NY	0	7	22	43
Farr, Det	7	0	0	42
Gossett, LA	0	7	16	37
Durkee, NO	0	8	12	36
Michaels, Bal	9	4	22	34
Cox, Minn	0	6	15	33
Jones, NY	5	0	0	30
Reeves, Dall	5	0	0	30
Richter, Wash	5	0	0	30

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Pack, Lion Stix

RUSHING						
IT		No.	Yds.	Ave.	L	TD
Farr, Lions	75	345	4.6	46	3	
Andrsn, Pk	62	342	5.5	42	2	
Grawski, Pk	51	154	3.0	9	1	
Triplitt, Lions	47	144	3.1	14	0	
Pitts, Pack	16	71	4.9	12	0	
Kapay, Lions	9	48	7.6	22	0	
Nowtze, Lions	17	51	3.0	11	1	
Williams, Pack	20	39	2.0	7	0	
PASSING						
	Att.	C.	Yds.	Int.	TD	
Starr, Pack	91	58	898	6	8	
Mnsn, Lions	85	56	838	2	7	
Brkwski, Pk	32	15	185	3	0	
Lndry, Lions	33	16	272	4	2	
RECEIVING						
	No.	Yds.	Ave.	L	TD	
Dwlr, Pk	19	271	14.3	55	2	
McCich, Lions	19	419	22.1	80	3	
Dale, Pk	17	368	21.6	63	4	
Farr, Lions	16	325	20.3	86	4	
Sanders, Lions	11	122	11.1	18	0	
rip, Lions	10	18	1.8	25	0	
Flmng, Pk	10	105	10.5	18	1	
Andrsn, Pk	10	92	9.2	30	0	
Pitts, Pk	7	71	10.1	19	0	

Richard M. Nixon the night of Oct. 29...Back judge Tom Kelleher erroneously has received more than a modicum of criticism - not to mention a punch on the proboscis from an excessively loyal Packer fan - as the result of the interference decision on the Packers' Herb Adderly in the final minute of last Sunday's 16- 14 loss of the Rams. The call, it develops, was made by Field Judge Fritz Graf.

GREEN BAY DYNASTY OVER: CHICAGO SCRIBE

OCT 19 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Notes from Pro Grid Scene: Chicago Tribune columnist Bob Markus observed the Packers-Rams game last Sunday and wrote: "A dynasty ended today. The Green Bay Packers may not believe it, want desperately not to believe it. But it is true. The Packers played a magnificent game of football today. Without Bart Starr, their quarterback, their leader, their inspiration, they fought the mighty Los Angeles Rams to a standstill. But they lost. Get that? Oh, how they wanted to win and they lost. That is something that does not happen to the Green Bay Packers. Oh sure, they're human and they lose one every now and then, but not when they get their backs up. The Packers had their backs up and fought as ferociously as a mother tiger protecting her cubs. No more is this the kind of team that can win any game it sets its mind to. It is a good team but it is not the best. It will win some games, maybe even another division championship, because it still has pride and talent. But do not look for opponents to tremble when they see the Packers trod the field."... Many pro grid observers are wondering how long Bill Austin will remain at Pittsburgh. The Steelers apparently just don't have it. Writes Baltimore News-American Sports Editor John Steadman, "It's more punishment than pleasure watching the Pittsburgh Steelers." And, putting it a slightly different way, the Washington Star's Lew Atchison wrote, "The Redskins won another game yesterday but the 16-13 victory over the winless Pittsburgh Steelers was a lackluster exhibition which added no prestige to their jaded image. Many in the capacity crowd of 50,659 at D. C. Stadium booed to express their displeasure."...Current odds on the Super Bowl favor the National League by 13 over the American League...no matter which teams are involved...Carroll Dale is considered the most underrated player on the Packer

team, according to a survey of coaches made by Sport Magazine. Interestingly, Cleveland's Ernie Green is the only offensive back on the list of "underrateds."...Don Hutson's record of catching at least one pass in 95 straight games was saved...with the help of an officials' call...last Sunday. Bobby Joe Conrad of the Cardinals had a string of 94 games in progress. But the only pass he caught last week was nullified when he was called for offensive pass interference...The Rams are heavy favorites over the Falcons this week. But then the Giants were heavy favorites over the Falcons last week. Norm VanBrocklin, however, preserved his record of never having lost to the Giants when his Atlantans sprung their upset. And it's interesting that Van Brocklin's coaching record against the Rams is a fine 7-4-1.

PACK NEEDS 7-PT. INSURANCE

OCT 19 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The Packers must not only beat the Lions Sunday...they must beat them by seven points. And this has nothing to do with gambling or oddsmakers or pools. It is a matter of insurance for the defending champions...because of the NFL rules governing who wins a division championship in case of a tie. And though the season has eight more rounds after Sunday, this subject is ultra-important this weekend because it marks the second meeting of the season between the Packers and Lions. So let's briefly review those rules: First - The championship is decided on the basis of the best winning percentage with all tie games completely discounted. Second - If two teams tie, the team that has won the most games between the two during the season becomes the champion. This is what happened to the Rams and Colts last year. They tied their first game and when the Rams beat the Colts in the finale, they tied in winning percentage. But the Rams won that second game and, therefore, had the most wins between the two tied teams. Third - If the tied teams split during the season, the team which scored the most points in the two games between them becomes the champion. Fourth - If the two teams split their two meetings and the points scored are equal...or if the two teams tied their two meetings... the team which last took part in a league championship game is eliminated and the other is awarded the title. Now, considering the Lions beat the Packers, 23-17, in their first meeting, it becomes imperative for the Packers to win the second game (note the second rule) and to win by more than six points (note the third rule). There isn't much the Packers can do about the fourth rule except win enough games to make the first rule the only one governing the situation.

THE CHAMPIONS OF 1918: UNBEATEN PAPPY OF THE PACK

OCT 19 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – As everybody knows the Green Bay Packers are now well into their 50th season, datng their existence from the establishment of a sandlot football team by Curly Lambeau and George Calhoun in the early fall of 1919. Had the ball bounced a little differently, though, the Pack would be a year older and Art Schmael, rather than Lambeau, might be venerated today as a founding genius of one of professional sport's greatest success stories. When Curly and Cal decided to organize what became the Packers in 1919 they were actually sewing on ground that had been broken by Schmael and the Green Bay city team of 1918. In fact, Lambeau played one game with the club before going off to star under Knute Rockne at Notre Dame that fall, and many of the original Packers – the Zoll brothers, Nate Abrams, Abe Sauber, Dutch Dwyer, Gus Rosenow and Schmael himself - were regulars. Even when they captured the state championship in 1919 the "charter" Packers were a "me too" outfit. Schmael's team swept through an unbeaten,

once tied season to establish a strong claim to the unofficial title...REPEAT OF 1917: Actually, the 1918 city team was a repeat from 1917 when Schmael and several former Green Bay high school stars first took the field as a team. They enjoyed a good season but not as successful as the eleven of a year later. The 1918 crew started out as the "Skidoos" but soon changed their name to the "Whales." That didn't catch on either, and for most of the season the team was known simply as the Green Bay city team. Schmael, a Chicagoan and member of the Coast Guard stationed here during and after World War I, was coach and fullback - he also coached East High that year while backfield mate Rosenow was West's mentor - while other members included the Zolls, Nate and Pete Abrams (Nate was team captain), Dwyer, Eddie Glick, Flatley, Martell, Ouster, Jirgeau, Schmidt, Dickey, Praeger, and Howlett. With the war rising to a climax and men constantly called to the service, manpower problems were constant. It is virtually impossible today to keep track of everyone who played at one time or another. Schmael, incidentally, holds his place in Packer history for scoring the first Green Bay touchdown in the NFL in the 1921 classic victory over the Minneapolis Marines...DE PERE DONNYBROOK: As the Skidoos, the team opened the season on Sept. 15 by downing the De Pere city eleven, 13-0, in De Pere. Lambeau and Schmael were the stars of the game, which almost broke up in a gang fight in the fourth quarter. Somebody on the sidelines took a poke at someone else, the crowd piled into the act and things were pretty lively before the police finally broke it up. The following Sunday, Sept. 22, the club, renamed the Whales, took on Marinette. The latter, fielding virtually the full lineup of the state high school championship eleven of 1917, was figured to be tough but Green Bay issued a warning for the future by rolling over the visitors, 42-0. Included in the lineup that day were Vern Leaper, Jens Gallagher, Charlie Mathys, Lurquin and Secord, although none of them remained long with the club. A large crowd turned out to stand along the sidelines and cheer as Schmael scored three touchdowns,

one on a 30-yard breakaway; Nate Abrams got three and Schneider returned an interception 50 yards for a seventh. The crushing of Marinette drew a challenge from the unbeaten Appleton Crescents, who had walked over Little Chute, Kaukauna, Oshkosh and Fond du Lac and were already claiming the Fox River Valley title. They met at Hagemeister Park on Oct. 13 before the largest crowd ever to see a Sunday football game in Green Bay up to that time, and the result was a 72-0 slaughter. Glick and Schmael crossed the Appleton goal line four times each while Abrams and Dwyer scored two apiece, Appleton never penetrated the Green Bay 40-yard stripe...KAUKAUNA GOT CLOBBERED: Kaukauna had its turn on Oct. 20 and the final score was 64-0. If the club hadn't run out of gas in the second half the count would have been even bigger, as the Bays led at intermission, 40-0. Schmael was again the big gun with three touchdowns and four conversions, Dwyer, Nate Abrams and Rosenow each getting a pair of TDs. Unbeaten Oshkosh came up on Oct. 27 boasting four victories and a goal line that had been crossed only once. Despite a driving rain and a muddy field the Bays sliced through the visitors to deal Oshkosh its first loss in two years, 48-0. Rosenow ran an interception back 60 yards for one of his four touchdowns and Abrams added three more. Because of the bad weather the crowd was small and the club lost \$100, a financial disaster that nearly submerged them. November opened with the Twin City A.C. of Menominee, self proclaimed champions of the Upper Peninsula, coming in on the tenth. Despite a patched lineup due to losses of players to the service and with Schmael out with Spanish influenza, the Bays got off to a fast start and a 25-17 win. It was also the first and only time that year the team was scored on...SAUBER SCORED TWICE: Sauber counted two touchdowns, Abrams once and Rosenow got the other. Doyle got away for 78 yards to count the first tally against the Bays that year but the score at the half was 25-6. The Oshkosh Rail Lights, a railroad team from down the valley, were scheduled to come next but got cold feet at the last minute, so the Bays took on the Twin City A.C. a second time on the 24th. This time the visitors were loaded and the two teams battled to a scoreless deadlock before the largest crowd of the season. A playoff for Dec. 1 was under discussion but collapsed when the city health commissioner called off all public gatherings just before Thanksgiving. Attempts to bring the Milwaukee city champions here to settle the state title were unsuccessful because they wanted too big a guarantee.

NICK EDDY MAY BE ACTIVATED FOR PACKER TILT

OCT 19 (Detroit) - A spokesman for the Detroit Lions said Friday a decision on whether or not to activate halfback Nick Eddy 'probably won't come until Sunday morning prior to the game against Green Bay. Coach Phil Bengtson of the Packers said he similarly was



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postponing a decision – whether to activate Billy Stevens from the Taxi squad because of No. 1 quarterback Bart Starr's disabling muscle injury. For both teams, an activation means bumping a regular from the roster. Eddy, the Notre Dame All-American who was signed to a long-term half-million-dollar contract with Detroit in December, 1966, has been plagued by knee injuries since joining the Lions. He has undergone two operations, the last being in August, but has been working out to get back into condition. "No decision has been made," the spokesmen said. "We will work him hard Saturday and see how he looks. He can be activated right up until Sunday morning." But if Eddy looks ready to go against the Packers and is activated, another Lion would have to be dropped from the roster. The team official would not speculate on who might possibly be dropped. Eddy is the only question mark of the game for Detroit. Wayne Walker has a bruised heel and Tommy Vaughn is recovering from a sprained arch, but both were reportedly ready to go against Green Bay...STARR DOUBTFUL: Starr was a doubtful starter for the Packers. He suffered a pulled muscle in his right arm while throwing a practice pass prior to last Sunday's game against Los Angeles. If not available Sunday, veteran Zeke Bratkowski would handle the signal calling. "The Brat" started a game last season against Detroit when Starr was ailing and led the Packers to a 27-17 victory. "It really makes no difference who they use," said the Lions spokesman, "They're both great." The game is a critical one for Detroit. A victory could possibly put the team alone atop the NFL's Central Division. The Lions are tied with Minnesota for the lead with a 3-2 record, while Green Bay is next at 2-3. Sunday the Vikings face unbeaten Dallas. Detroit won its first game against Green Bay this season 23-17, but hasn't swept two games from the Packers since 1957. A win by the Lions Sunday, would be the first at home over Green Bay since 1962.

PACKERS SEEK TITLE FORM AGAINST LIONS

OCT 20 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – This looms as the day of decision for the Packers. They can tarry no longer in prosecuting their bid for a fourth straight NFL championship, a feat without parallel in the league's 49-year history. If their title hopes are to remain reasonably viable, the world champions must win their Central Division showdown with the ascendant Detroit Lions in Tiger Stadium this afternoon (1 o'clock, WNFL). A defeat, admittedly, will not eliminate them from the division race, since they trail the co-leading Lions and Minnesota Vikings by only one game going into action, nor obviously, will a victory assure a title repeat. There can be little question, however, that the Packers can ill afford another loss, particularly to a division rival, with the 1968 season rapidly nearing the halfway mark...LIONS SEEKING SWEEP: Coach Phil Bengtson, hopeful of restoring his athletes to 3-3 respectability, took note of this vital point in assessing today's confrontation, which finds the somewhat surprising Lions seeking their first series sweep over the Packers since their last championship year, 1957. "It's an awfully important game for us, and for them," he said simply. "Anytime you play anybody in your own division, it's a must game." Willie Davis, the Packers articulate defensive captain, echoed Bengtson's summation and appended another pertinent observation. "A victory could do a lot for us in the standings," he said, "and for our own emotional involvement."...RAM DISAPPOINTMENT: He didn't elaborate, but the inference was clear. A win would give the champions a great psychological lift, especially following last Sunday's major disappointment, a 16-14 loss to the Rams which marred a memorable performance. Conversely, a defeat inevitably would shake their confidence, in addition to seriously damaging their title chances. It also would be ill-timed, considering the Packers next must invade Dallas for a nationally televised struggle with the exceedingly formidable Cowboys. If the Packers are to prevail, it appears they will have to do it without quarterback Bart Starr, who has been nursing a sore passing arm since he pulled a muscle in his right bicep while warming up before the Ram game in Milwaukee last Sunday. Zeke Bratkowski, who went the route against Los Angeles and came within 55 seconds of booting the Pack home, is expected to draw the starting assignment unless Starr evinces substantial last minute improvement...ZEKE LED WIN IN '67: Bratkowski, rebounding from a 10-0 first quarter deficit spawned by two early interceptions, escorted the Packers to a 27-17 victory in the same situation here last year. Rookie Bill Stevens, activated from the taxi squad on Saturday, also will be available if needed. Whoever is at the controls, it is obvious the Packers will require another total effort, much like their performance against the Rams, if they are to handle the Lions. An explosive afternoon from the offense, which has been held to two touchdowns in three of the five games to date against topflight opposition (the Vikings, Lions and Rams), would have

OFFENSE			
GREEN BAY		DETROIT	
Dowler	E	McCullouch	
Skoronski	LT	Shoals	
Gillingham	LG	Walton	
Bowman	C	Flanagan	
Kramer	RG	Kowalkowski	
Gregg	RT	Bradshaw	
Fleming	TE	Gibbons	
Bratkowski	QB	Munson	
Anderson	RB	Triplet	
Grabowski	RB	Farr	
Dale	FL	Cogdill	
DEFENSE			
GREEN BAY		DETROIT	
Davis	LE	Robb	
Kostechnik	LT	Karras	
Jordan	RT	Rush	
Aldridge	RE	Baker	
Robinson	LLB	Naumoff	
Nitschke	MLB	Swain	
Caffey	RLB	Walker	
Adderley	LH	Barney	
Jeter	RH	LeBeau	
T. Brown	LS	Weger	
Wood	RS	Vaughn	
Packer-Lion Series			
Packers won 40, Lions won 27, 3 tied.			
Points—Packers 1,405, Lions, 1,132.			

to be a key ingredient. This means puncturing a Detroit defense which limited them to a mere 98 yards in the second half of their first meeting in Green Bay Sept. 29, during which the Lions outscored the Packers 16-7 and charged to a 23-17 victory. The Pack had amassed 226 yards during the first 30 minutes, sweeping to a 10-0 lead before faltering at the Lions' 7-yard-line in the second quarter and subsequently missing a 20-yard field goal which quickly revitalized the reeling invaders. It is not as awesome a defense as that of the Rams, but Alex Karras and Friends have held the opposition to an average of 10 points per game since being frisked for a bundle in an opening 59-13 loss to the Cowboys. The Packers' largely veteran offensive line thus will have to execute masterfully in front of Bratkowski, the consistently maturing Donny Anderson and Jim Grabowski. The champions' defense, which mounted its best performance of the year against Los Angeles, also will be challenged like it hasn't been all season by an explosive Detroit attack, paced by new quarterback Bill Munson, the running and pass receiving of Mel Farr and the long ball maneuvers of the Lions' jet-like split end, Earl McCullouch. Munson has averaged a dazzling 65.9 per cent in completing 56 of 85 attempts for 838 yards and 7 touchdowns, while Farr has piled up 345 yards in 75 carries and caught 16 passes for 325 yards. McCullouch, a prime candidate for rookie of the year honors, is the Lions' leading receiver with 19 catches for 419 yards - a 22.1 average - and 3 touchdowns. Munson and Farr may be confronted by a slightly revised front four, Bengtson indicated. He said he hadn't decided whether to start Lionel Aldridge or Bob Brown, who he said "played well" in a reserve role against the Rams, at right end.

STEVENS UP, DUNAWAY CUT

OCT 20 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) — The Green Bay Packers activated quarterback Billy Stevens from the taxi squad late Saturday afternoon to give the team two healthy signal-callers for today's battle against the Lions. To make room for Stevens, the Packers asked waivers on second year flanker Dave Dunaway. Dunaway, who