



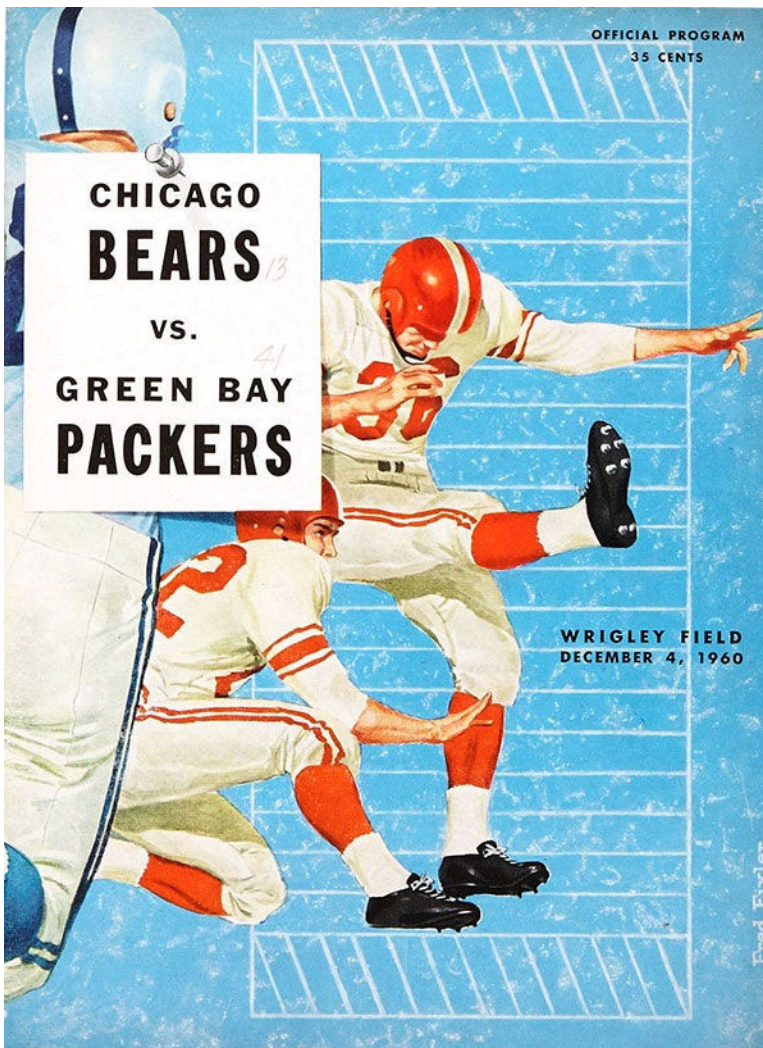
Green Bay Packers (6-4) 41, Chicago Bears (5-4-1) 13
Sunday December 4th 1960 (at Chicago)

Dedicated Packers Blast Bears 41-13, Tie for Top

GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(CHICAGO) - The Packers smashed the Bears 41 to 13 with a tremendously dedicated performance Sunday. And here are some of the heart throbs: It was the worst league licking the Packers ever handed their traditional rival. It skyrocketed the Packers into a three-way tie for the Western Division lead and virtually knocked the Bears out of contention. It was a record

breaker: The Blond Bullet, Paul Hornung, scored 23 points to boost his 10-game total to 152 and erase Don Hutson's 18-year-old record of 138. It was an expression of what the Packers thought of Jack Vainisi, friend and co-worker who died a week ago Sunday. It was everything any Packer fan could ask for. Plus. The Packers were blessed with some pleasant news from Baltimore. The Lions upset the Colts to knock the champs into a 6-4 mark - same as the Packers and 49ers, who beat the Rams. The title fight now shifts to California. The Packers play at San Francisco next Saturday and then close at Los Angeles. The Colts open at LA Sunday and finish at SF. The Packers were devoted to victory before 48,480, including several thousand real noisy Packer Backers, in Wrigley Field. There were a few reasons: The Packers looked terrible in losing to Detroit Thanksgiving Day; they were stunned by the death of Jack; they still had a shot at the title; and they were playing their traditional rivals. Thus, the Packers were keyed to a feverish pitch. The Bears were sky high, too. They were mean as ever and even acted owly on the sidelines before the game, fightin' among themselves. The opponents were fierce throughout. On the first play of the game, Jim Taylor ferociously bumped a Bear while out of bounds and a fight almost broke out. Thus, the Packers and Bears made this 85th meeting one of the "great ones." It was a tribute to the coaching opponents, too - George Halas of the Bears and Vince Lombardi of the Pack. It was Green Bay's first win here since 1952 and only the second since 1941. The first half was a dogfight with the Packers grabbing a 13 to 6 edge, all of the scoring



coming in the second quarter. Tom Moore took the second half kickoff back 84 yards and the Packers' fury exploded. They scored the first three times they had their hands on the ball for a 34-13 lead and then added a touchdown with seven minutes left. The Bays outscored Chicago 28-7 in the second half. The Packers' offensive line was great and behind it quarterback Bart Starr and the Two Horsemen, Hornung and Taylor, led the Bays to a 443-yard offensive, including 225 yards on the ground. Taylor crashed for 140 yards in 24 carries and jarred to the point of injury at least three Bear defensive backs. He was on the verge of several fights. Jim now has 898 yards in 10 games. Hornung piled up his big 23 on two touchdowns,

Dedication

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE (Eastern Conference)

	W	L	T	Pct.	PS	OP
Philadelphia	9	1	0	.900	262	191
Cleveland	6	3	1	.667	272	183
New York	5	3	2	.625	220	210
St. Louis	5	5	1	.500	250	223
Pittsburgh	4	5	1	.444	206	216
Washington	1	7	2	.125	147	254

(Western Conference)

	W	L	T	Pct.	PS	OP
GREEN BAY	6	4	0	.600	284	188
Baltimore	6	4	0	.600	275	190
San Francisco	6	4	0	.600	174	182
Chicago	5	4	1	.556	194	221
Detroit	5	5	0	.500	180	198
Los Angeles	3	6	1	.333	234	259
Dallas	0	10	1	.000	163	346

Sunday's Results

Detroit 20, Baltimore 15
GREEN BAY 41, CHICAGO 13
 Philadelphia 27, Washington 16
 New York 31, Dallas 31 (tie)
 San Francisco 23, Los Angeles 7

Saturday's Game

GREEN BAY at SAN FRANCISCO

Sunday's Games

Baltimore at Los Angeles
 Chicago at Cleveland
 Dallas at Detroit
 New York at Washington
 Philadelphia at Pittsburgh

two field goals from 21 and 41 yards, and five extra points. Max McGee, Willie Davis and Taylor scored the other TDs. Davis' teedee was a triumph for the defense. He blocked Ed Brown's punt in the end zone with his arm and quickly grabbed it for the Pack's first sixer. In quick order in the second half, Starr passed 17 yards to Hornung for TD No. 2, Taylor blasted two yards for No. 3, Hornung ran 10 yards for No. 4, and Starr passed 46 yards to McGee for No. 5. Starr worked an errorless offense. There wasn't a fumble or an interception and he finished with 17 completions in 23 attempts for 227 yards. Twelve of his throws went to Boyd Dowler and McGee, each getting six. The Packer defense allowed only 82 yards rushing, 239 passing and two touchdowns, but 103 yards came on two pass plays. Angelo Coia, the Bears' fleet end, caught passes of 44 and 59 yards to set up both TDs. Other than the two TDs, the Bay defense kept the Bears in excellent check. There were two interceptions, by Bill Forester and Jess Whittenton, and Hank

Gremminger recovered a fumble. The Packers tackled with stinging authority. They were gang murdering all over the place. Both Bear quarterbacks were belted ruthlessly and Brown was forced out of action. There was one defense change; Ray Nitschke (235) took over at middle linebacker for Tom Bettis (220) to give the Pack more weight. Big Bill Quinlan was like a wild man and anchored the Big Four (plus Dave Hanner, Hank Jordan and Davis) up front. Offensively, Fuzzy Thurston and Jim Ringo led the Blocking Brigade of Forrest Gregg, Bob Skoronski, Norm Masters and Jerry Kramer. This was an exceptional team game. Every combatant actually sparkled in some way. Hornung and Taylor tore up 208 yards in 38 carries between them and scored three touchdowns. And Paul added a splash of color by flipping the ball into the screaming fans in the left field bleachers when he scored his second touchdown. Like a couple of fighters, the two clubs exchanged "breaks" right at the start. The Bears won the toss and five plays after the kickoff Gremminger recovered Rick Casares' fumble at midfield. On the Packers' first play, Taylor steamed outside left tackle for 21 yards to the Bear 29, but the Bays were holding and the Pack lost 40 yards on the play, with the penalty. After McGee and Brown traded punts, the Packers made their first move, going 41 yards from their own 37 to the Bear 22 in five plays, three of which were Starr passes to Dowler for 9, 14 and 9 yards. Taylor then carried six and Hornung lugged the ball for the first time after 10:13 minutes of the game had elapsed. He gained three to the 13 but the Bears then stiffened, stopping Taylor twice on the left side and taking the ball on downs. The Packers didn't go pointless a moment later. The defense made Brown punt and the Pack went in for three in seven plays, moving 41 yards. Hornung went 10, Starr threw to Hornung for 8 and then Dowler for 15 to the 22. With a third and two situation, Starr tried a slant pass to McGee, who was open, but the ball was deflected. Hornung then booted a three-pointer from 21 yards on the second play of the second quarter. It was back to the punt again as McGee and Brown each booted twice. Along the way, the Pack made three first downs to one for the Bears with Taylor getting one on a 29-yard rip. McGee's second punt and quick work in downing it by Steve Meilinger on the three set up the Bays' first touchdown. This was a lovely spot and the Bay defense held Adams to six yards in three cracks with Quinlan and Hanner getting the key tackles. Brown was four yards inside the end zone when Davis slipped through the middle to block and recover the kick - all in one motion. Hornung's point try bounced off the left upright and "in." The Bears blistered right back, moving 73 yards in six plays for a touchdown. The big play was Brown's 44-yard pass to Coia to the Packer 19. Brown, on second down, flipped to Willard Dewveall in the end zone. It stayed at 10-6 as Jordan snaked through to block Aveni's point try, with only 58 seconds left in the period. The Packers picked up 28 yards in four running plays, reaching their own 48 with 11 seconds left. Starr then hurled to Dowler but J.C. Caroline blocked the intended receiver for obvious interference. That put the ball on the Bear 34 and Hornung then kicked a line drive field goal from 41 yards away on the last play of the half. Moore took Aveni's second half kickoff, ran straight up the middle, veered to his right around the 30, and then sprinted down the sidelines in front of the Bear bench for 84 yards to the Bear 21, where Coia caught him from behind. After Taylor made four, Starr flipped a shortie to Hornung who jukeed Fred Williams out of his shoes around the 10-yard line and scampered past two other amazed Bears for the TD. This gave Hornung the point record, boosting the total to 139. The extra

Road Ahead

With Green Bay, Baltimore, and San Francisco tied for the lead in the western division of the National Football league and only two games remaining, the contenders' schedules are:

Saturday, Dec. 10 — Green Bay at San Francisco.

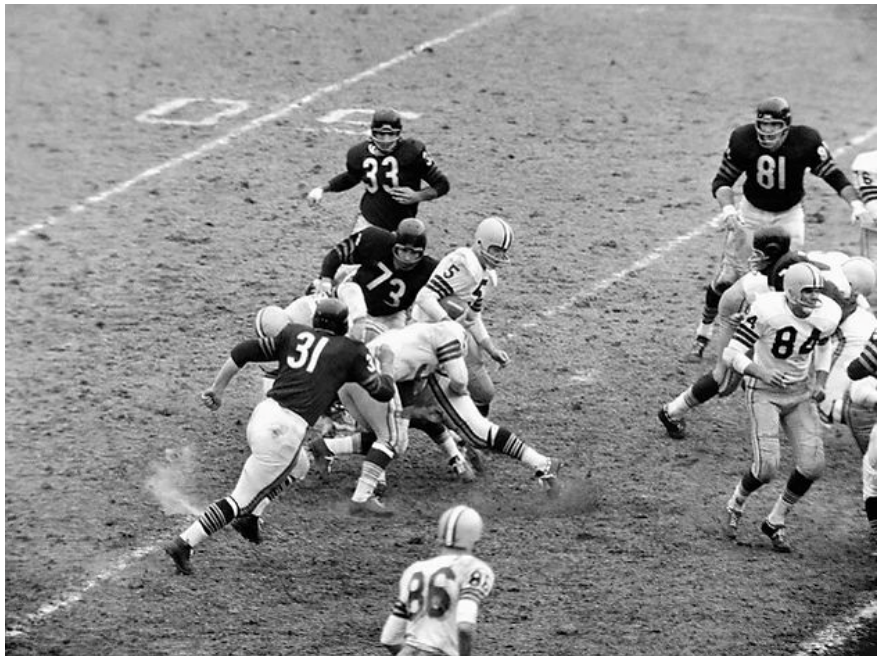
Sunday, Dec. 11 — Baltimore at Los Angeles.

Saturday, Dec. 17 — Green Bay at Los Angeles.

Sunday, Dec. 18 — Baltimore at San Francisco.

If each of the three top teams loses one game, the Chicago Bears can win the title by defeating Cleveland and Detroit in their remaining contests.

point at 1:09 made it 140 and the Pack had a 20-6 edge. The Bears slammed back with three first downs, to the Packer 15, where Forester intercepted a throw by Bratkowski. The Bays clipped on the play, but they had the ball. The offenses took over at this point and the Packers quickly moved for two touchdowns on drives of 85 and 80 yards and the Bears one on a 79-yard advance. Set back on their 15 by the penalty, Starr covered the 85 stripes in 12 plays. McGee was the key, catching passes for 7, 15 and 22 yards to set the ball on the Bear 6. From this point, Taylor cracked 5 to the 1, lost 1 and then bounced off the left side for the TD. Hornung's kick made it 27-6 at 10:14. The Bears then made their last offensive move. It covered 79 yards in three plays. The big blow as Bratkowski's 59-yard throw to Coia who got behind Jess Whittenton. Two plays later Bratkowski hurled to Dooley for the TD in the right corner to cut the score to 27-13, with Aveni making the point. The Packers then demonstrated that this was their game, moving 80 yards in nine plays, six of which were first down plays. The first three went into the double figures. Starr hurled to Dowler for 14, Taylor thundered 16 to the 15 and Starr passed 15 to McGee to the Bear 37. Hornung made two eight-yard gains, Starr hurled to Gary Knafelc for seven to the 14. Three plays later and on the first play of the fourth quarter, Hornung rambled around right behind a fine block by Thurston for the TD and tossed the ball into the stands. A new \$25 ball was sailed from the Bear bench and Hornung booted that one into the stands for the extra point. After a couple of more punts, Whittenton intercepted a long throw in front of Coia and the Packers were off to the races again. The Pack gained 13 yards in three rushes and the Bears committed a personal foul. After Taylor gained four to the Bear 47, Starr drifted to his left and spotted McGee all by his lonesome on the Bear 10. He rifled home and Max galloped in behind J.C. Caroline. Hornung's kick made it 41-13. Two more punts, a first down for the Bears, and it was history. The Lions did the rest and today the Packers took off for San Francisco.



GREEN BAY - 0 13 14 14 - 41
CHICAGO - 0 6 7 0 - 13

	<u>GREEN BAY</u>	<u>CHICAGO</u>
First Downs	28	15
Rushing-Yards-TD	43-225-2	26-82-0
Att-Comp-Yd-TD-Int	23-17-227-2-0	27-15-259-2-2
Sack Yards Lost	9	20
Total Yards	443	321
Fumbles-lost	0-0	2-1
Turnovers	0	3
Yards penalized	6-70	5-63

SCORING

2nd - GB - Paul Hornung, 21-yard field goal GREEN BAY 3-0

2nd - GB - Willie Davis recovered a blocked punt in the end zone (Hornung kick) GREEN BAY 10-0

2nd - CHI - Willard Dewveall, 19-yard pass from Ed Brown (Hank Jordan blocked John Aveni kick) GREEN BAY 13-6

2nd - GB - Hornung, 41-yard field goal GREEN BAY 13-6

3rd - GB - Hornung, 17-yard pass from Bart Starr (Hornung kick) GREEN BAY 20-6

3rd - GB - Jim Taylor, 2-yard run (Hornung kick) GREEN BAY 27-6

3rd - CH - Jim Dooley, 20-yd pass from Zeke Bratkowski (John Aveni kick) GREEN BAY 27-13

4th - GB - Hornung, 10-yard run (Hornung kick) GREEN BAY 34-13

4th - GB- Max McGee, 46-yard pass from Starr (Hornung kick) GREEN BAY 41-13

RUSHING

GREEN BAY - Jim Taylor 24-140 1 TD, Paul Hornung 14-68 1 TD, Tom Moore 4-13, Larry Hickman 1-4

CHICAGO - Rick Casares 6-33, Willie Galimore 9-28, John Adams 6-13, Ed Brown 1-11, Johnny Morris 2-5, Zeke Bratkowski 2-(-8)

PASSING

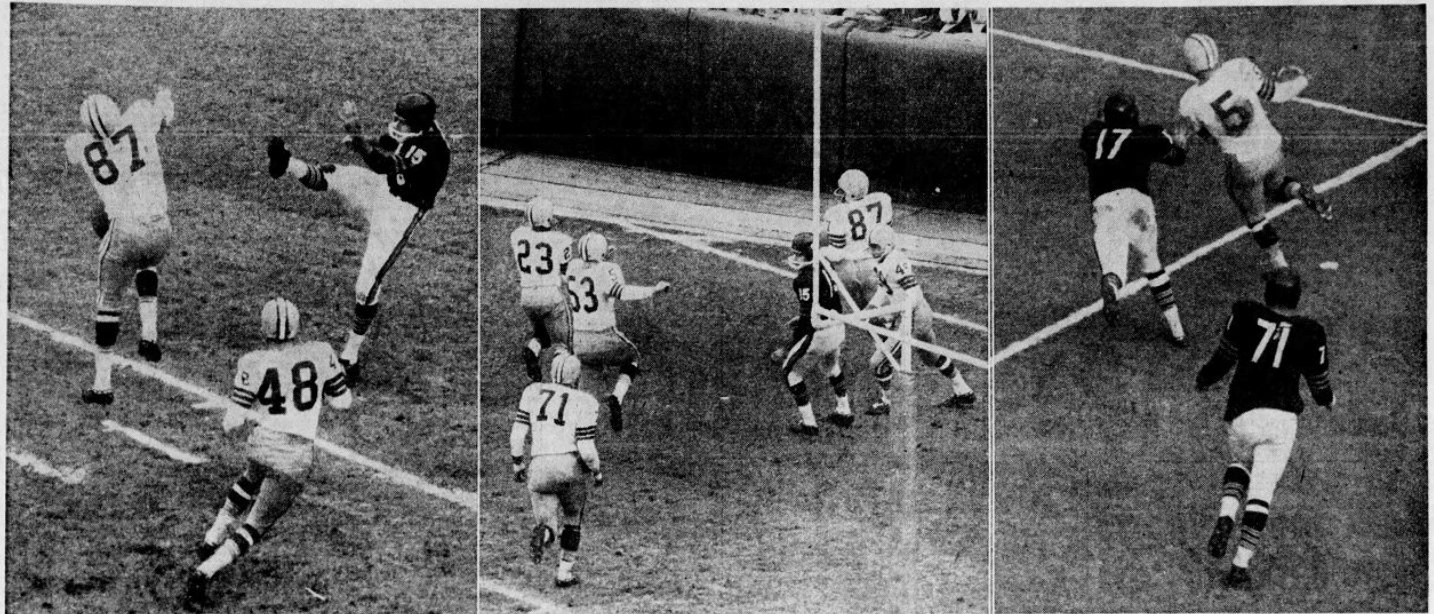
GREEN BAY - Bart Starr 23-17-227 2 TD

CHICAGO - Zeke Bratkowski 19-9-151 1 TD 2 INT, Ed Brown 8-6-108 1 TD

RECEIVING

GREEN BAY - Max McGee 6-121 1 TD, Boyd Dowler 6-63, Paul Hornung 3-32 1 TD, Gary Knafelc 1-7, Jim Taylor 1-4

CHICAGO - Willard Dewveall 6-95 1 TD, Angelo Coia 3-104, Jim Dooley 3-34 1 TD, Johnny Morris 2-10, Herman Lee 1-16



The Blocked Kick . . . Clincher Touchdown—Willie Davis (87) scored the Packers' only touchdown in the first half against the Bears in Chicago Sunday and he did it by blocking a kick and recov-

ering in the end zone in second quarter. He's shown at left just after blocking punt (note ball near his hip) by Ed Brown. Next panel shows him circling with ball in end zone. Others in picture are Dick

Pesonen (48), Paul Winslow (23), Ken Iman (53) and Bill Forester (71). Right picture shows Paul Hornung scoring Packers' fourth touchdown on first play of fourth quarter on 10 yard romp. Making

last lunge is Richie Petitbon and Earl Leggett (71). Moments later Hornung flipped ball into bleachers. Packers won traditional battle 41 to 13 and moved into first place tie with Colts and 49ers.

Jack Vainisi 'Won It for Us,' Says Hornung; 'All the Way Now' — Davis

JACK VAINISI 'WON IT FOR US,' SAYS HORNUNG; 'ALL THE WAY NEXT,' DAVIS

DEC 5 (Chicago-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - What tole did Jack Vainisi play in Sunday's memorable Packer victory? "He won it for us," said Paul Hornung simply. "His death was weighing heavily on us all week. He wanted this game more than anything - and we knew it." Bart Starr, dressing quietly alongside the NFL's new all-time scorer, revealed Coach Vince Lombardi has asked his players to win for three reasons, one of them as a tribute to the Packer business manager's memory. "He told us, 'You have three good reasons for winning today - for Jack, for the tradition of this great game and for the title. Now let's go and get it.'" "Did that set everyone off?" Bart exclaimed. "I've never seen anything like it." It was unfortunate Jack had not been there to see this great day, someone said. "He saw it," Starr replied, with conviction that brooked no disagreement. Vainisi had not without representation, Bart added. "His brother, Jerry, was down there on the bench with us and going around giving everybody encouragement." The game ball, Co-Captains Jim Ringo and Bill Forester later announced, will be presented to Vainisi's widow, Jackie, as a permanent memento...Hornung, who was the Packers' bonus selection in 1957 upon Vainisi's recommendation, declared. "That line really blocked today. That's the best organized game I've played in since I've been a pro. There were very few mistakes." Had Paul, who had scored 23 points during the course of the afternoon, been aware he had broken Don Hutson's all-time season record with his first touchdown of the day? "Yes, I knew it, because there's been so much talk about that record lately," he admitted. He was not, however, greatly concerned over the fact that he had eclipsed Hutson's mark by a wide margin and stands a fine chance of adding considerably to it in his remaining appearance on the West Coast. "You don't think that much about records," the erstwhile Golden Boy of Notre Dame grunted. "Somebody will come along and break this one." On another subject, Baltimore's loss to Detroit, he declared, "It just goes to show we should be on top of this thing all by ourselves." Persistence was the key to his success (that blocked kick), Willie Davis confided en route to the showers, "I just kept going in," he said. "The first guy on the outside didn't try to hard to block me and the slot back tried to lean into me but I slid around him and the ball was there. It bounced off the ground and into my hands." All of which prompted him to remark, "We can go all the way now - with a little luck." On the



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Tom Moore's Brilliant kickoff return at the start of the second half in Chicago Sunday is coming to a halt after 85 yards. The Bears' fleet Angelo Coia is making the stop.

AFL

AMERICAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts	OP
Houston	8	4	0	.667	311	241
New York	6	6	0	.500	308	321
Buffalo	5	6	1	.455	266	248
Boston	5	7	0	.417	265	278

Western Division

Los Angeles	8	4	0	.667	282	260
Dallas	6	6	0	.500	304	246
Oakland	5	7	0	.417	243	347
Denver	4	7	1	.364	266	304

Sunday's Results—New York 30, Denver 27; Buffalo 38, Boston 14; Dallas 24, Houston 0; Los Angeles 41, Oakland 17.

other side of the room, mountainous Bob Skoronski asserted, "If there's a better fullback in the league than Taylor (Jim), I'd like to see him." Defensive hero Henry Jordan seconded the motion, "He not only gained a lot of yards, he injured 'em," Hank declared. And the man himself? Taylor, sporting a bloody gash on the bridge of his nose, explained his performance with, "It's just a matter of that second effort - that's what this football is. You have to give that little extra effort." "They (the line) did a fine job of firing out of there. They all stood up and gave me a chance to pick my holes. Their (the Bears) red dogs helped, too," the bayou bronco confided. "They were getting bad angles on us." Jordan was in full agreement with Taylor's opinion of his support up front. "I've never seen blocking like that," the big Virginian enthused. "Any time you can block big men like the Bears, you're really doing a job." Ray Nitschke, a highly competent performer in his first full length effort, shrugged off a painful back bruise and grinned, "I'll be raring to go in those last two games out there in the sun." Bubba Forester, in a rare "I told you so" mood, wanted to know, "Didn't I tell you yesterday the Colts would lost two out of three? Now I hope they win their last two and we do, too, so we can play 'em in a playoff. I'd like to settle this thing face to face."

NO MYSTERY: 'WE PLAYED IT STRAIGHT,' LOMBARDI

DEC 5 (Chicago-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - There was nothing mysterious about the Packers' resounding conquest of the hitherto awesome Chicago Bears in balmy,

overcast Wrigley Field Sunday afternoon. For this we have the word of an exuberant Vince Lombardi, who revealed with customary candor, "We just played it straight. We stuck to the simple plays - that's all you can do against the Bears' unorthodox defense." It was strictly fundamental football - all the way, Vince declared. "Defensively, we contained them splendidly," he glowed. "And offensively, we just blocked the hell out of them." He had received a fervent testimonial to this effect from one of the enemy, Vince added with a chuckle, "Fred Williams (Bear defensive tackle) told me after the game, 'I've never been blocked like that in my life.'" This inspired performance, which had catapulted the Packers back into championship contention after they had been feared out of it, had to be one of our better ball games," Lombardi admitted. There was another good reason, he was quick to add. "We didn't give up the ball once on a fumble or an interception, in contrast to our recent games." Had he been concerned when the Packers failed with third down and a foot to go on the Bear 13 in the first quarter? "No, I wasn't," he responded with alacrity. "It was a calculated risk - I guess you'd call it a hunch play. But I did not lose confidence when it failed." Understandably, Vince found more pleasure in discussing three other efforts. One of them was Willie Davis' block and subsequent recovery of Ed Brown's second quarter punt for a touchdown. "That was a big play," Vince said. "It gave us a 10-0 lead at that point, if you will recall. And, I might add, that was no accident - we tried to block that kick. We try to do one of two things on every kick, run it back or block it. It was a great play and it was especially great because we've been hurt that way ourselves lately." "Hornung's touchdown run also was a great play," Vince observed. "We switched that play three times - Starr checked off three times before he called that one." Fuzzy Thurston had delivered a crushing block of Erich Barns on that maneuver, somebody interposed. "Yes, he did," Vince grinned. "Fuzzy's a fine football player." "That runback by Moore (his 84-yard return of the second half kickoff) was another great one," Vince continued. "If I remember correctly, we scored two plays after that. It made a big difference at that point



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Coach George Halas (left) of Bears congratulates Vince Lombardi, coach of victorious Packers.

PAUL'S WAY OUT IN FRONT



Paul Hornung (arrow), who broke Don Hutson's National league season scoring record yesterday, sprints into end zone for fourth Packer touchdown. Hornung's 10 yard sweep was made possible by Fred Thurston's crushing block (extreme right) on J. C. Caroline and Vic Zucco. It was this type of blocking that won 41 to 13 for Packers. [TRIBUNE Photo]

for a two-game windup on the West Coast. How about the Packers' position in relation to the Hosses? "We're in just as good a position as they are," Lombardi said without hesitation. "It's tough for both of us. It could very well wind up in a tie. With San Francisco's winning, next Saturday's game is another do-or-die for us, of course. Actually, we've got to win both games." Pausing briefly, he continued his analysis with, "If we all (Packers, Colts and 49ers) lose one on the coast, we wind up with five losses apiece. It's a hell of a league," he grinned. Then, without warning, the smile vanished just as suddenly as it had appeared and the Packers' dedicated headmaster rapped, "We don't intend to lose, I can tell you that."...His Chicago counterpart, timeless George Halas, was unusually taciturn. The ordinarily bland Bohemian was deeply disappointed over this sledgehammer blow to the Bears' title chances and made no attempt to conceal his chagrin. "The Packers outplayed us offensively and defensively, in fact every department of play," George declared, mincing no words, "and the score reflects it." "The Packers were a fine team today," he continued, "and we played our worst game of the season." George, whose annual Halas U. homecoming festivities had been dampened by this turn of events, added sardonically, "But perhaps greater things lie ahead for us. We have two fine opponents left, Cleveland and Detroit." In a parting shot, Papa Bear wished the Pack "a little bit o'luck." With a typical smirk, he concluded, "I hope they lose one on the coast and the Colts lose one on the coast - and the Bears win two." All of which, of course, would present him and his Bruins with the NFL's Western Division championship...CALLED AWAY: One Packers was not able to share in the great victory or the subsequent celebration. Defensive tackle John Miller was called to his Boston home Saturday night after arriving in Chicago with his team earlier in the day. His father had suffered a stroke, he was informed...'SIGN' OF TIMES?: Signs have often been in evidence at this annual Chicago classic but they were considerably more abundant Sunday than at any time within memory. Some huge banners, and largely expressing pro-Packer sentiment, they proclaimed "Let's Send 'Em Into Hibernation," "Go Packers," "Chicago Always Welcome in Green Bay," and just plain "Green Bay Packer Fans." There also was one of a personal nature, obviously directed at Bear coach George Halas. It read, "Good-bye, George."...TOUCH AND GO: There was, fortunately, no sustained violence by the day's bruising contact produced several flareups that well could have erupted into fisticuffs. The Packers' Jim Taylor and Charlie Sumner of the Bears squared off after the Pack's first offensive play of the game and Taylor and Joe Fortunato later exchanged pleasantries, also in the first quarter...MEMORY LANE: Eighty-four Bear stars of yesteryear, some of them bearing the famous names of Luckman, Osmanski, Sisk and Ronzani, were introduced to the 48,000-odd fans during halftime ceremonies. All later were guests of Owner-Coach Halas at his annual homecoming soiree in the Edgewater Beach Hotel...TRADITION: The Packer Lumberjack Band continued an ancient tradition by playing the national anthem just before the game. The Lumberjack, under the baton of Wilner Burke, also more than held their own in "competition" with Armin Hand's Chicago unit throughout the afternoon. Their appearance was made possible by A.J. Schneider, who sponsored the Lumberjacks' bus excursion.

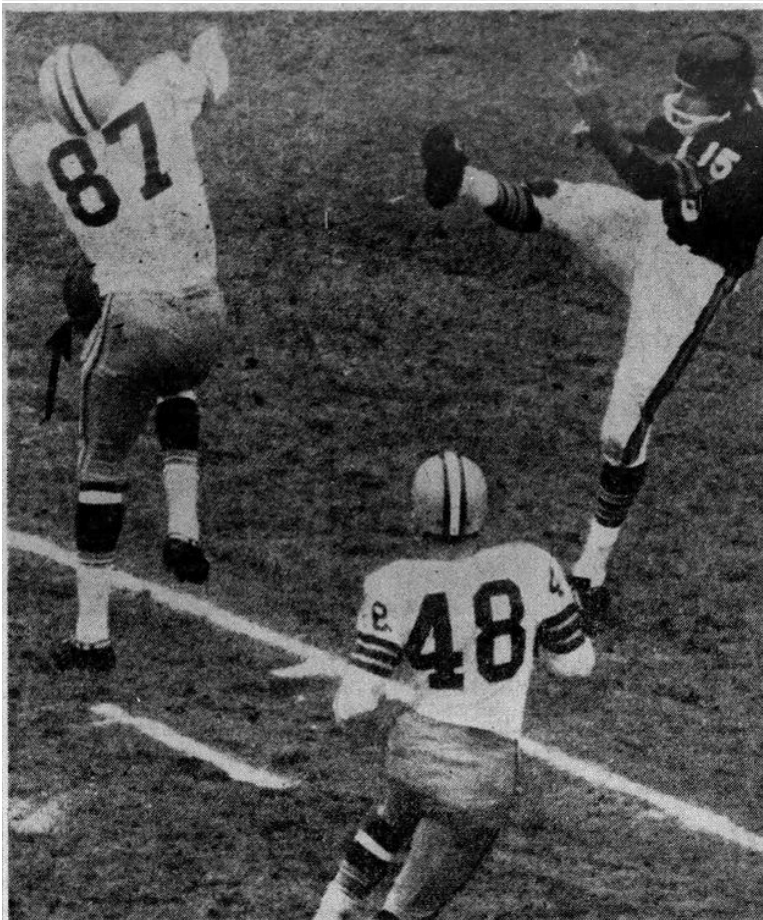
COLTS, 49ERS OR BEARS WOULD BE FOES HERE

DEC 6 (New York) - The NFL today set up an elaborate schedule of playoffs to select a Western Conference champion to meet the eastern champion Philadelphia Eagles for the league title. Twenty-seven possibilities exist for a division deadlock.

in the game." The NFL's reigning coach of the year, as might be expected, could find no fault with the performance of Bart Starr, the scholarly quarterback from Alabama. "Starr had a tremendous day," Vince said, admiration in his tone. Veteran linebacker Tom Bettis was in good health all afternoon, he reported in answer to another question. "We used Ray Nitschke (who played the full 60 minutes) because we needed more size in there. And he did a good job." Under inquiry, he also named record-breaking Paul Hornung, who had just wiped out Don Hutson's 18-year-old NFL season scoring record, and the incredible Jim Taylor as "the best fullback-halfback combination I've ever had. Hornung has become the great back I expected him to be and there are very few runners in the league who have the tremendous balance and strength Taylor has." Both the Packers and Colts, following the day's fortuitous developments, were locked in a three-way tie for first place with San Francisco and bound

Colts, 49ers or Bears Would Be Foes Here

Detroit Wins Other Game; Bert
Bell Jr. 'Calls' for Green Bay



Willie Davis (87) Blocks an Ed Brown kick in the second quarter for the first Green Bay Packer touchdown in Chicago Sunday. No. 48 is the Packers' Dick Pesonen. The Bays won, 41-13, to tie for the Western Division lead.

Baltimore, San Francisco and Green Bay are tied with 6-4 records, followed by Chicago at 5-4-1 and Detroit at 5-5. Sites were selected as follows for two-way ties - or pairings under three or four team ties: Baltimore at Green Bay, Chicago at Baltimore, San Francisco at Baltimore, San Francisco at Green Bay, Detroit at Baltimore, Green Bay at Detroit, Detroit at Chicago, San Francisco at Detroit, Chicago at Green Bay, and Chicago at San Francisco. Thus, three of the four possible playoffs would be played in Green Bay as a result of the coin flipping ceremony in Commissioner Pete Rozelle's NFL headquarters. The other playoff would be in Detroit. Bert Bell, Jr., did the "coin calling" for Green Bay and Harry Standish of the league office called for Detroit. The Colts were represented by Owner Carroll Rosenbloom; the Bears by Pete Halas, nephew of Owner George Halas, and the 49ers by General Manager Lou Spadia. (Bell, son of the late commissioner, was in Green Bay last Wednesday to represent the league at the funeral of Jack Vainisi, Packer business manager. Vainisi would have represented the Packers at today's meeting.) In the event of a three-way tie involving Baltimore, Chicago and San Francisco, the bye went to San Francisco, a three-way tie involving Baltimore, Chicago and Green Bay gives the buy to Chicago; if Chicago, Green Bay and San Francisco are tied, Green Bay gets the bye; if Baltimore, Green Bay and San Francisco are tied, Baltimore gets the bye; if Baltimore, Detroit and Green Bay are tied, Baltimore gets the bye; if Detroit, Green Bay and San Francisco are tied, San Francisco gets the bye; if Baltimore, Detroit and San Francisco are tied, Baltimore gets the bye...SINGLE GAME HERE DEC. 26: If a four-way tie results between Baltimore, Chicago, Green Bay and San Francisco, then Baltimore and San Francisco are paired and Chicago and Green Bay are paired, with the winners meeting to decide the conference championship. If a four-way tie results between Baltimore, Detroit, Green Bay and San Francisco, Baltimore would play Detroit and Green Bay would meet San Francisco. If a single game is required

in the playoff, it would be on Monday, Dec. 26, with the championship on Sunday, Jan. 1 at Philadelphia. If two games are needed under a three or four way tie, they would be played Monday, Dec. 26 and Sunday, Jan. 1, with the championship at Philadelphia on Sunday, Jan. 8. If no playoff is required, the title game would be in Philadelphia Dec. 26.

COLTS REIGN OVER, LAMENT IN BALTIMORE

DEC 6 (Baltimore) - "The reign of the champions is nearing an end," Sports Editor Paul Menton of the Baltimore Evening Sun wrote of the Colts Monday. Similar feelings were expressed by other Baltimore writers in the wake of Sunday's loss to Detroit. Even the fans, known for their fierce loyalty, were preparing to face the end after two years of championship glory. There was a strong, sincere dissenter, linebacker Don Shinnick. "I still believe we are going to win it," he wrote in an article for the Baltimore News-Post. "Why? I can't tell you in so many words, but I am as confident as ever. We will do real fine. If we go to the west coast on Friday and have the right attitude, we will again come back champions of the Western Division after our games with the Rams and 49ers." But the feeling persisted around town after the Colts have had it after twice beating the Giants for the championship of the NFL. They go into the last two games tied with the 49ers and Packers after losing two straight at home, of all places. "Their physical resources are ebbing and the opposition knows it," Menton wrote with foreboding. "The Colts no longer dominate opponents physically nor scare them with their invincibility." John Steadman, sports editor of the News-Post and author of a book about the Colts, wrote sadly that Dame Fortune seemed to

have deserted them. "She let them know yesterday that they have played out the string," he said. "What a heartbreaker. She loved them, then picked up and departed."

Coins, Packer Fans Flip; 'Frisco in Best Position

COINS, PACKER FANS FLIP; 'FRISCO IN BEST POSITION

DEC 6 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The coins were flipping in New York, the fans were flipping in Packerland and the Packers were quite normal in California. That just about covers the report for today. This is the day representatives of the

five clubs meet in New York to decide where to play Western Division playoffs - if there are any. It's all done by the flip of a coin among the five contenders - Green Bay, Baltimore and San Francisco who are tied in first place with 6-4 records; Chicago, with 5-4-1; and Detroit, with 5-5. Commissioner Pete Rozelle set aside two playoff dates to take care of a triple tie. Teams A and B would meet Dec. 26 (the scheduled date of the league championship game), with the winner playing Team C on Jan. 1. The title game against the Eastern champion Eagles then would be played Saturday, Jan. 7. In the event of a four-way deadlock, eliminations would be played Dec. 26, with the two survivors clashing for the Western crown Jan. 1 and the title game following on Jan. 8. In case of a two-way tie, the playoff would be Dec. 26 and the title game on Jan. 1. There are all sorts of possibilities, but the Packers have their hearts set on just one - winning it outright and

Old Packer Programs

Editor, Press-Gazette: My hobby is collecting programs from the bygone days of pro football, and I am particularly anxious to purchase some programs from Packer games prior to 1935 and from all of the National League Title games which the Packers participated in. If anyone has any of these items which they are willing to sell, please let me know what is available and how much is wanted for each item.

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meeting the Eagles Dec. 26. They must beat the 49ers in San Francisco Saturday and then down the Rams in Los Angeles the next Saturday. Then, the Colts would have to win both their games on the coast to gain a tie. If the Colts split while the Pack wins two, Green Bay would be in. Baltimore plays at LA Sunday, at SF the next Sunday. The Packers' key game, of course, is against the 49ers. The winner will actually take over first place - at least for 24 hours, with a 7-4 record. It would then be up to the Colts to win the next day to gain a 7-4 tie. The 49ers actually are in the best position. They meet their fellow-first placers in their own Kezar Stadium. The Bears and Lions don't stand a chance unless all three of the clubs lose at least one game. The Bears play the Browns and Lions yet while the Lions finish against the Cowboys and Bears. At any rate, olde Packerland is now in the process of "counting down" the period from now until 3:35 Saturday afternoon when the Packers start slashing against the 49ers. The game will be on TV and judging by the excitement, everything will come to a two and a half four standstill. The Packers' tremendous 41 to 13 victory over the Bears and the Lions' win over the Colts set this town on its collective ear Sunday night. This was Christman on Dec. 4. Now everybody has realized the amazing possibilities ahead - a real live, healthy and kicking shot at the championship. The Packers flew out to the West Coast from Chicago Monday morning. They are headquartering at Rickey's Studio Motel in Palo Alto and practicing at nearby Stanford University. The squad came out of the bruising Bear game in excellent physical condition. Em Tunnell started with a sore shoulder and went full speed until the last few minutes when Willie Wood replaced him. He'll be in top shape for the payoff test. As he put Sunday night, "nothin' hurts when you win."

Waterfield Picks Pack

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Green Bay Packers, presently tied for first place in the National Football League's western division, are the choice of Los Angeles Rams' Coach Bob Waterfield to capture the division championship.

The Packers are knotted with the San Francisco Forty Niners and Baltimore Colts, and though Green Bay lost to the Rams while the other two squads defeated Los Angeles, Waterfield stuck by his pick.

Waterfield told the Southern California football writers Monday that the Packers are a "solid, sound football team."

"The day we played Green Bay, they were not at their peak strength and gave us the ball eight times, three on fumbles and five on interceptions," he explained. The Rams won at Milwaukee 33-31.

He added that the Colts no longer have the best running game in the league and San Francisco's shotgun offense can lead to costly fumbles.



Seemingly mesmerized as teammate Doug Atkins makes valiant attempt to stop Jim Taylor of Green Bay, Larry Morris (33), Bear linebacker, looks the other way. Taylor burst thru Chicago line for 30 yards. Packers stunned all of Bears yesterday in Wrigley field 41 to 13.



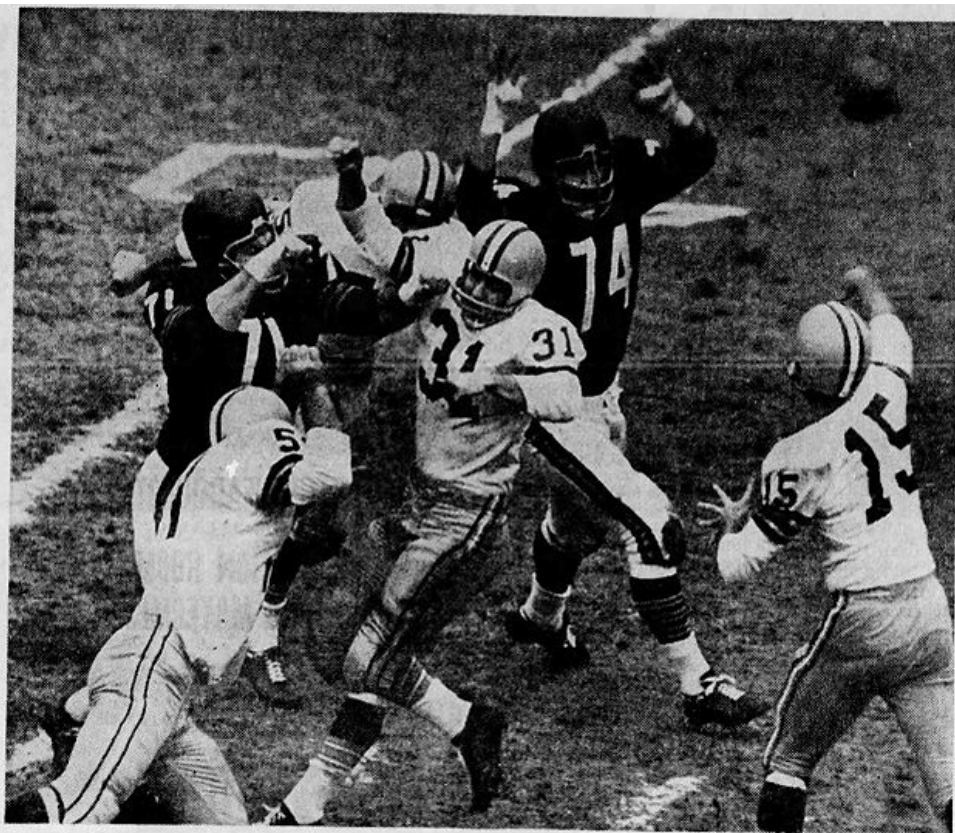
Willie 'Meets' Willie—Bears' Willie Galimore (28) is confronted by Packers' Willie Davis en route to four-yard gain in first quarter of Sunday's game at Chicago.

Galimore's escort includes Stan Jones (78), nudging Davis, and Herman Lee (70). Packers won, 41-13. (Press-Gazette)

TOM MOORE'S KICKOFF RUNBACK 'OUR BIG LIFT'

DEC 6 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Paul Hornung was kidding Tom Moore one day last week while they looked over the league's individual statistics tacked on a dressing room door. "You've dropped out of the kickoff return leaders, Tom," said Paul. Tom smiled with that "they haven't been kicking to me" look but he didn't have to say it. Hornung did with real pride in his teammate: "They're just not kicking the ball to you anymore; they don't want to take any chances on runbacks." Moore has now returned nine kickoffs for 333 yards but seven of them came in the first four games - two in the last six. No. 9 was an 84-yard return against the Bears Sunday that was started five yards behind the goal line. It ended on the Bear 21 with dashman Angelo Coia capturing Tom from behind. And that was the "big play." Bart Starr thought about it Sunday night: "I'd have to say that Tom's run was our big lift. That set us off. We scored in two plays. That was the first touchdown for the offense and we went on from there." On Play 2 following the runback, Starr hurled a 17-yard scoring pass to Hornung. It was Starr's first TD throw of the season. The Packer offense scored three more touchdowns and they came on moves of 85 yards in 12 plays, 80 yards in 9, and 79 yards in 5. Hornung almost "missed" the first quarter. It was strictly by design that he didn't run, pass or receive the ball until the last three minutes of the first period. The Packers were felling out the Bears with their powerful "left jab," which would be Jim Taylor. "Our fullback is the key man when we play the Bears," Lombardi explained, adding: "It's up to him to pick his holes. We have to do it that way against the Bears because of their unorthodox defense. And he does a great job." Taylor carried 24 times for 140 yards. he could have had 161 yards in 25 trips. His very first lug, a 21-yared bolt off left tackle, was killed by a holding penalty. "We've had bad luck on our first plays all season," Vince remarked. "Something always seems to go wrong." In the two previous games (Rams and Lions), Starr attempted passes and both were incomplete. Lombardi said, "this would have to be my best day" but then quickly corrected himself: "No, that first one was the best. I didn't know what to expect that day." He referred to that historic 9-6 victory over the Bears in Green

Bay a year ago. That was Vince's debut as a head coach in the majors. But remember Sunday, Dec. 4, 1960. That was a perfect day. They played a "perfect" game, received a miracle assist from the Lions, and went into first place. And come to



Over the Top—Packers' Bart Starr (15) pitches over the outstretched arms of Bears' Bob Kilcullen (74) to Boyd Dowler, not shown, for 14-yard gain in first quarter. Kilcullen has just struggled past For-

rest Gregg (rear). Packers holding out Bears' Earl Leggett (71) are Jim Ringo, left, and Jim Taylor (31). Packers won, 41-13. (AP Photo)

think of it. Scooter McLean called from Lionville last week to express his feelings on the death of his friends, Jack Vainisi, and signed off this way: "We'll beat the Colts. We can beat Baltimore and I just know we'll do it."

49ERS HOLDING 'SHOTGUN' OVER PACKERS' HEAD

DEC 6 (Redwood City, CA) - Coach Red Hickey of the San Francisco 49ers sees "all sorts of possibilities" in the club's new shotgun offense, but he isn't saying what they'll do with it Saturday. That's when the Green Bay Packers, who handed the 49ers their worst licking of the season, invade San Francisco's Kezar Stadium for the return engagement. And they arrive deadlocked with the surprising 49ers and the Baltimore Colts atop the NFL's Western Division, each with six victories and four losses. "They sure gave us a good trouncing," recalls Hickey of that 41-14 Green Bay victory in Milwaukee last Oct. 23. At that time most everyone was counting San Francisco out of the race, but now the 49ers have won three of their last

four games. "We weren't playing great ball, but we weren't playing lousy ball except in Milwaukee," says Hickey, when asked what contributed to the team's comeback. "We were moving the ball, but we weren't getting into the end zone. Our defense was playing well." Hickey said the installing of the shotgun offense for the Baltimore game gave the players a lift. They beat the Colts with it 30-22 and Sunday whipped the Los Angeles Rams 23-7. "The players figure they've got something the other clubs are going to have to worry quite a bit about," the coach asserted. "It presents quite a defensive problem." In the shotgun spread, as the 49ers call it, the quarterback stands seven or eight yards behind the center and takes a direct snap. He can then throw or handoff to one of his running backs running across. "There's no doubt it has all kinds of possibilities," Red added. "How much we're going to do with it is something we'll just have to wait and see." San Francisco probably will go into Saturday's game in their best physical shape of the season. "We've been crippled with injuries much of the time this season," the coach declared, "so this should be the healthiest we've been." San Francisco will be bolstered by the return of R.C. Owens, a top-flight pass receiver, and guard Tom Connolly. Quarterback Y.A. Tittle, who sat out the game Sunday against the Rams, also will be available.

Packers Plot in Secret



Can 49ers Stop Pack's Mad Rush?

PACKERS PLOT IN SECRET

DEC 7 (Palo Alto, CA-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Green Bay Packers are taking no chances on being caught off guard by the San Francisco 49ers' new "shotgun" offense in their NFL showdown Saturday. The Packers hung out a "no visitors welcome" sign at their Stanford University practice site Tuesday in presumably setting up defenses against the recently installed San Francisco spread formation. Green Bay coach Vince Lombardi indicated he would devote special attention to his defense this week. He pointed out that the Packers' 41-14 rout of San Francisco in Milwaukee was "before the 49ers had

Pairings	Sites
Baltimore vs. Chicago	Baltimore
Baltimore vs. Detroit	Baltimore
Baltimore vs. Green Bay	Green Bay
Baltimore vs. San Fran.	Baltimore
Chicago vs. Detroit	Chicago
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Chicago vs. San Fran.	San Fran.
Detroit vs. Green Bay	Detroit
Detroit vs. San Fran.	Detroit
Green Bay vs. San Fran.	Green Bay

Rote Will Play In Canada Again

TORONTO (AP)—The Toronto Argonauts announced today that quarterback Tobin Rote has agreed to play next season with the Big Four Football League club. Rote is a former star of Detroit and Green Bay in the National Football League.

Rote threw a record 38 touchdown passes to pace the Argonauts to the 1960 Big Four title.

their 'shotgun.'" San Francisco Coach Red Hickey unveiled his version of the "shotgun" in 49er victories over Baltimore and Los Angeles. The triumph over the Rams Sunday enabled the 49ers to climb into a tie with the Packers and Colts for first place in the NFL's Western Division. In the "shotgun" formation, quarterback John Brodie lined up some seven feet behind the line with his three backs spread out. Brodie took the direct snap from center and either passed or handed off to one of the backs or ends coming around. "It isn't new," Lombardi said. "The Packers themselves have used such a formation in the past. Sammy Baugh pioneered it in pro football with the Washington Redskins." The Packers used the formation under Gene Ronzani, with Tobin Rote as the tailback. One thing appears certain. If the 49ers use the "shotgun" against the Packers, Brodie better be ready for a rough day. Green Bay's rugged, hard-charging linemen and red-dogging linebackers will make sure he gets hit when his backs aren't around to give him protection.

TAYLOR TAKES OVER SECOND IN NFL, STARR VAULTS TO SIXTH IN PASSING

DEC 7 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packers can run on the 49ers. And that's not news to Jim Taylor or Bart Starr. San Francisco is aware of the fact that Green Bay rushed for a staggering 763 yards in their last three meetings, all won by the Packers. And the 49ers undoubtedly are taking special precautions to stop Taylor and Paul Hornung from controlling the ball with their mad rushes. Taylor, who moved into second place with 898 yards in the league rushing derby, made his major league debut against San Francisco. It was in the second last game of the horrible 1958 season and Taylor got his chance. He amazed with 137 yards in 22 carries. Taylor ran only twice against the 49ers last year and he was most unhappy. He burned his hand and foot the Tuesday before the first 49ers game in a kitchen accident. Before the game he moaned: "I can run against these guys all day. I don't know why I can't play." Jim dressed before the game but was told he'd have to go to the hospital instead. In the replay at San Francisco, Taylor was still bothered and carried only twice for 13 yards. Jim ran like a wild man against the Bears last Sunday, piling up 140 yards. Starr regards Taylor as his big first-down man, with Hornung as his "surprise package." The Packers' success with the rush against the 49ers is really quite amazing. In that 21-20 game here last year, the Bays made 284 on the ground with Hornung getting 138 yards and Lew Carpenter 62. In the coast windup, the Bays rushed for 230, with Carpenter eating up 113 and Hornung 83. Last Oct. 23 in Milwaukee, the Bays rushed for 249, with Taylor gaining 98 and Hornung 72. Thus, the Packers averaged 254 yards in three straight wins over Frisco. The Packers have a top rushing twosome in the league in Taylor and Hornung, who have 1,461 yards between them. And the Bays parlayed this rush into the most first downs in the league, 209 total and 115 by rushing. While Starr gets the limit out of Jim and Paul, the heady quarterback also has been getting the mostest out of his trusty right arm. The official statistics today showed Starr in sixth place among the league's passers. That was a leap all the way from 11th play since last week and from 13th in two weeks. Starr pitched and called what amounted to a "perfect game" against the Bears. He completed 17 out of 23 passes for 227 yards, two touchdowns and no interceptions. It is interesting to note that Starr's hottest day was against the 49ers in San Francisco last winter. He completed a fabulous 20 out of 25 for 249 yards, two touchdowns and no interceptions. Starr moved the Packers 479 yards that day. The Packers want a repeat! PS - Speaking about figures, the experts have named the Packer a four-point favorite Saturday.

PLAN TELEGRAM TO BACK PACK

DEC 7 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - If you are an ardent "Packer Backer" you will be extremely interested in something special being planned for next week. The season windup for the Packers on the West Coast involved two crucial contests with the Forty-Niners and the Los Angeles Rams. Should the Packers win both games they will end the highly successful 1960 season with no less than a tie for the Western Division title. With this in mind, a hardy core of Packer fans have embarked upon a two-pronged recognition for the squad. On Saturday, Dec. 17, immediately before the team charges into the Coliseum to meet the Rams, it will receive a huge telegram from fans in Packerland. Then, the following day on the

All Smiles as Packers Win

Editor, Press-Gazette: The people of Green Bay are happy again. You can see it on their faces when you're down town. The Packers beat the Bears. The Bears played a very clean game. They never jumped on a Packer until the play was called dead, in that way there wasn't so much blood spread all around. Abe Lincoln once said a man's legs should only be long enough to reach the ground. Well, there were three Packer players whose legs never seemed to reach the ground. Lombardi must have fed the Packers with an awful lot of Wheaties these last few days. You can't help but notice how the people of Green Bay turn out with bright happy smiles whenever the Packers win.

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A Fullback Named Desire—The dedication that has made him one of pro football's greatest stars is written in this twisting lunge by Jim Taylor for the Packer's third touchdown against the Bears in the third quarter of Sunday's game at Chicago. Taylor, who dragged Bears' Erich Barnes (24) with him into end zone, exploded for 140 yards in 24 carries, running his

season total to 898 in 10 games. Also visible above are Pack's Bart Starr (15), Max McGee (85) and Paul Hornung (5). Taylor will be a marked man in Saturday's all-important return match with the 49ers at San Francisco, where he won his National League spurs in 1958, gaining 137 yards. He needs 155 yards to set Packer season record. (AP Photo)

evening of Dec. 18, thousands of loyal rooters are expected to turn out at Austin Straubel field to welcome the squad home. To make the telegram as effective as possible, the signatures of every fan in Wisconsin and Northern Michigan is being solicited by the voluntary homecoming committee. Because funds are needed for both the telegram and the homecoming celebration, fans are asked to send one dollar and their names to: Telegram, Green Bay, Wis. Every name submitted will be included on the giant telegram of confidence to be sent the Packers. Remaining funds collected will be used to provide suitable gifts for the players, which will be given to them at special homecoming ceremonies at the airport.

KEEP FROST FROM STADIUM TURF, PLAN

DEC 7 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Precautions will be taken to keep the frost out of the field at City Stadium - just in case the Packers are engaged in a Western Division playoff there. Field Custodian Johnny Proski put the tarpaulin down shortly after the Packers finished their last practice their last Friday. Presently, there is little frost in the ground. The turf would be kept free of frost by covering the tarpaulin with hay or sawdust. There are also chemical methods of removing frost. Packer President Dominic Olejniczak, who is in telephone touch with Coach-GM Vince Lombardi at Palo Alto, Calif., where Packers are training, was to meet with city officials today and make a decision on covering the field. Whether a playoff is held here won't be known until Sunday evening, Dec. 18, when the five contenders finish play. Green Bay stands a good chance of hosting a playoff in case of tie. In coin flipping ceremonies at NFL

headquarters at New York yesterday to determine sites, the Packers won three flips. The playoff would be held here if the Packers were tied with the Colts, 49ers or Bears.

Pack-49er Duel Pairs NFL Point 'Leaders'

HOT ROOKIES, DEFENSE KEYED 49ER REVIVAL

DEC 7 (San Francisco) - What brings a football team back from the depths to the midst of a NFL championship race: In the case of the San Francisco 49ers, credit half a dozen rookies, a defensive squad that refused to give up and an intangible called pride. Three

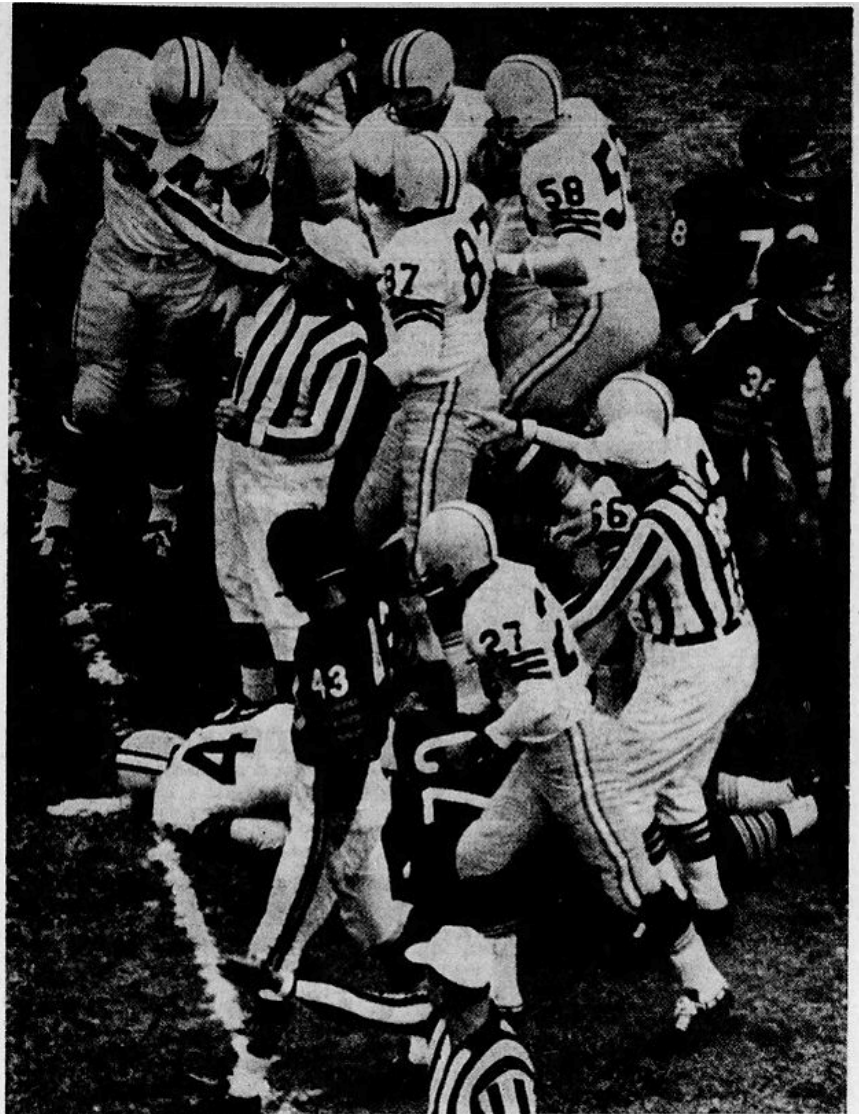
and a half weeks ago, the 49ers' staunchest fans wouldn't have bet a nickel on the club being in the Western Division race today. The 49ers had lost two of their last three games badly at that point and were heading east for a three-game trip with a 3-4 record. Today Coach Red Hickey's San Franciscans are tied with the Baltimore Colts and Green Bay Packers atop the division. Each has a 6-4 record with two games left. Ask Hickey about his rookies and he smiles with quiet satisfaction and ticks off the names: Mike Magac, Monty Stickles, Dee Mackey, Dan Colchico, Gordon Kelly, Bobby Waters and C.R. Roberts. As for the other youngsters, Magac moved into an offensive guard slot when Ted Connolly injured a knee and came on rapidly in the job. Stickles and Mackey have been sharing the offensive right end post and each has come up with key catches. Waters, the squad's No. 3 quarterback, didn't see any action on offense at all until late in the game at Baltimore

when both the other quarterbacks, Y.A. Tittle and John Brodie, were injured. Waters came in, hit two of two passers, including a heave to Mackey, which was lateraled to R.C. Owens for the winning touchdown...**BEST POINT DEFENSE:** Colchico, a defensive end, and Kelley, a linebacker, have moved right in as regulars on the 49ers' fine defensive unit, a squad that has allowed only 182 points - least in the league. Roberts moved into the starting lineup at fullback at Dallas the day the 49ers started their current three-game victory string. He's picked up 177 yards on 53 carries but he's been getting better every game. He grabbed 100 of those yards in 22 carries at Los Angeles Sunday in the 49ers' 23-7 victory. Roberts' improvement has enabled J.D. Smith to move from fullback to halfback, a running slot to which he's more adapted. Add to that, a defensive backfield that pursues enemy passes like a big league outfield - Dave Baker has intercepted nine passes in the last three games - and that intangible and you've got the secret.

PACK-49ERS DUEL PAIRS NFL POINT 'LEADERS'

DEC 8 (Palo Alto, CA-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packers and 49ers are the league's current scoring champions - for and against. Green Bay has scored more points than any other club in the NFL, a rosy 284 in 10 games for a average of 28.4 per. San Francisco has allowed the fewest points, a miserly 182 in 10 tests for an 18.2 ratio. That sounds great. And maybe the Pack should win by 28 to 18 but, alas, it's not that easy. Figures like these usually can be ash-canned when the table is loaded with big, blue chips. The figures show that the Packers have been scoring at a four-touchdown clip and the 49ers have been defending at a two touchdown pace. What happens when the 49ers are revved up

by nearly 60,000 hometown screamers - not to mention home cooking? Brrr. The Packers can account for a new scoring record for the second consecutive game. Last Sunday, Paul Hornung reeled off 23 marks in the 41-13 win over the Bears to give him 152 and a new all-time league record, thus breaking Don Hutson's old mark of 138. Saturday, the Packers can become the highest scoring team in the league history of the club. The most points ever scored by Green Bay was the 300 turned in by the 1942 team. The Packers' 17th point, and we're hoping for more than that, would set the current total at 301. Incidentally, the Packers aren't far behind the 49ers in point defense. Green Bay has allowed only 188 points and 71 of those were scored by two clubs, the Colts (38-24) and Rams (33-31). The 49ers can't hold a candle to Green Bay in scoring, having counted only 174 - the third lowest in the league...Green Bay has picked up another backer. Ram Coach Bob Waterfield said the other day that he'd string along with Green Bay to win the Western title. Joe Schmidt, the Lions' great linebacker, told a Detroit fan club Tuesday that "Green Bay has the best chance of winning the Division." Joe didn't play against the Pack in Green Bay this season because of injury but was in the Thanksgiving Day replay...The three leaders - Colts, Packers and 49ers - each have a chance to win it outright in the final two games. Here's what would have to happen to each club to escape a division playoff: Green Bay - Beat the 49ers and Rams, while the Colts are beating the Rams and losing in their final at 49erville. That would give Green Bay 8-4, the Colts 7-5 and 49ers 7-5. San Francisco - Beat the Packers and Colts. That would give the 49ers 8-4 and the Packer and Colt records would depend on what they did vs. the Rams. Baltimore - Beat the Rams and 49ers, while the Packers are losing to the 49ers. That would give the Colts 8-4, the Packers 7-5, if they beat the Rams, and the 49ers 7-5. The Packer formula is simple: Win both games!...The 49ers have



First 'Break' — The Packers stopped the Bears the first time they had the ball in Sunday's spectacular at Chicago by the simple expedient of taking it away from them. Hank Gremminger (46), on ground at left, smothers fumble by Rick Casares at 50-yard line early in first quarter. It was a community effort on the part of the Packers—six others are visible in the picture. They include Hank

Jordan (74), John Symank (27), Willie Davis (87), Dave Hanner, beyond Davis, Dan Currie (58) and Ray Nitschke (66). Identifiable Bears are Jim Dooley (43), Herman Lee (70), below Symank, Stan Jones (78) and Rick Casares (35). Referee Ronald Gibbs' sweeping gesture indicates there is no question about possession. Packers, you may recall, won 41-13. (Press-Gazette Color)

NFL Individual Stix

LEADING PASSERS

	Stdg.	Att.	Com.	Yds.	Td.P.	Pct.	Ave.
				Gain.			Gain
Plum, Cleveland	1	198	125	1917	16	63.1	86
Unitas, Baltimore	2	304	161	2757	24	53.0	80
Van Brocklin, Philadelphia	3	249	137	2185	22	55.0	57
Layne, Pittsburgh	4	183	87	1559	11	47.5	70
Guglielmi, Washington	5	196	110	1351	7	56.1	50
Starr, Green Bay	6	146	84	1116	2	57.5	50
Wade, Los Angeles	7	139	79	896	9	56.8	57
Shaw, New York	8	152	76	1263	11	50.0	71
LeBaron, Dallas	9	198	93	1541	11	47.0	76
Roach, St. Louis	10	167	80	1278	14	47.9	57
Ninowski, Detroit	11	280	133	1591	2	47.5	55
Brodie, San Francisco	12	164	86	971	5	52.4	65
Tittle, San Francisco	13	121	67	701	4	55.4	45
Bratkowski, Chicago	14	152	80	1023	6	52.6	59
Brown, Chicago	15	112	48	904	7	42.9	91
Ryan, Los Angeles	16	122	58	772	7	47.5	61

LONGEST COMPLETION 91 yards, Ed Brown, Chicago vs. San Francisco, Oct. 16, 1960—TD.

BEST PERFORMANCE ONE GAME: John Unitas, Baltimore vs. Detroit, Dec. 4, 1960, 40 attempts, 22 completions, 357 yards, 2 TDs.

*Standings based on completions, yards gained, touchdown passes, per cent completions, per cent interceptions, average gain yards.

*Average of 10 attempts per game needed to qualify.

LEADING SCORERS

	TdP	TdP	TT	EXP	EXPM	FG	FGA	Pts.
Hornung, Green Bay	11	2	13	35	0	13	23	152
Waiston, Philadelphia	0	4	4	31	1	13	19	94
Moore, Baltimore	4	9	13	0	0	0	0	78
Randle, St. Louis	0	12	12	0	0	0	0	72
Baker, Cleveland	0	0	0	32	2	12	18	68
Davis, San Francisco	0	0	0	17	0	17	29	68
Taylor, Green Bay	11	0	11	0	0	0	0	66
Tracy, Pittsburgh	5	4	9	0	0	3	6	63
Berry, Baltimore	0	10	10	0	0	0	0	60
McDonald, Philadelphia	0	10	10	0	0	0	0	60
Mitchell, Cleveland	6	4	10	0	0	0	0	60

BEST PERFORMANCE ONE GAME: 24 points, Lenny Moore, Baltimore vs. Los Angeles, Oct. 16, 1960.

LEADING GROUND GAINERS

	Att.	YG	LG	Ave.
Brown, Cleveland	179	1047	71	5.8
Taylor, Green Bay	186	898	32	4.8
Crow, St. Louis	159	868	50	5.5
Smith, San Francisco	140	649	41	4.6
Pietrosante, Detroit	125	626	52	5.0
Hornung, Green Bay	131	563	37	4.3
Tracy, Pittsburgh	157	552	28	3.5
Casares, Chicago	142	508	35	3.6
Mitchell, Cleveland	100	485	50	4.9
Triplett, New York	105	478	33	4.6

LONGEST RUN: 75 yards, Joe Marconi, Los Angeles vs. Dallas, Nov. 6, 1960—TD.

BEST PERFORMANCE ONE GAME: 173 yards in 28 attempts, 2 TDs, Jim Brown, Cleveland vs. St. Louis, Nov. 13, 1960.

LEADING PASS RECEIVERS

	Recd.	YG	LG	Tds
Berry, Baltimore	71	1264	70	10
Randle, St. Louis	57	778	57	12
Gibbons, Detroit	45	534	65	2
Phillips, Los Angeles	43	773	61	8
Dewveall, Chicago	42	791	91	5
Cogdill, Detroit	39	599	63	0
Refzlaff, Philadelphia	37	667	39	4
Moore, Baltimore	36	805	80	9
Rote, New York	36	657	71	8
Conner, San Francisco	36	479	65	2
Mitchell, Cleveland	36	479	59	4

LONGEST COMPLETION: 91 yards, Willard Dewveall, Chicago vs. San Francisco, Oct. 16, 1960—TD.

BEST PERFORMANCE ONE GAME: 11 received, 186 yards, 1 TD, Ray Berry, Baltimore vs. Detroit, Oct. 23, 1960. 11 received, 146 yards, 3 TDs, Sonny Randle, St. Louis vs. Washington, Nov. 20, 1960.

INTERCEPTION LEADERS

	No.	YR	TD	L
Norton, St. Louis	10	96	0	26
Baker, San Francisco	9	77	0	28
Burroughs, Phila.	8	111	0	46
Boyd, Baltimore	7	132	0	74
Shoener, Cleveland	6	72	0	23

Nine other players tied with 5 interceptions each.

LONGEST RETURN: 80 yards, Richard Lane, Detroit vs. Baltimore, Oct. 23, 1960—TD.

three "mentals" going for them Saturday: (1) They are playing at home; (2) they already have lost three straight to the Packers and the law of averages should be on their side, and (3) they have been rated underdogs (four points). The two clubs played one other "real crucial" - in Green Bay in 1959 when both clubs were unbeaten with 2-0 marks. The Packers won that battle 21-20 but almost lost when Tommy Davis missed a 30-yard field goal in the final seconds..."The 49ers are the fastest team in the league," according to Coach Vince Lombardi. Vince pointed out that the 49ers' solid defense is as fast as anybody's with Eddie Dove, Dave Baker, Abe Woodson and Jerry Mertens manning the outer rim. "And with their spread formation," Lombardi added, "they're in good shape to utilize everybody's speed to best advantage. With all that room the spread gives them they're bound to be able to run, not to mention throw the ball," he contends. He is not, he added, lending undue weight to the Packers' 41-14 rout of the 49ers in their first meeting of the season at Milwaukee Oct. 20. "Don't emphasize that last time too much," Lombardi said. "The 49ers were flat against us just like we were flat against the Lions. This time I'm sure it'll be different and playing in their own park should have a decided edge."

VINCE THROWS 'FRISCO PHOTOGRAPHER FOR LOSS

DEC 8 (San Francisco) - The Green Bay Packers Wednesday confiscated film shot through a knot hole of the Pack's drills at their Stanford University training camp, where they are preparing for a game with the San Francisco 49ers Saturday. The film was exposed by Paul Gorman, United Press International photographer. The Packers have imposed "top security" around their drills. Gorman took a photo through a knothole of the camp of the team in action 100 yards away. It was immediately grabbed by Tom Miller, publicity director for the Packers. "I'll give it to Vince Lombardi and see what he has to say," said Miller. "Hang around." So Gorman hung around and Lombardi finally came up. "I never heard of such a thing," said Lombardi, who has been in professional football for seven years. He walked away and refused to give the film back.

COVER STADIUM FIELD WITH HAY, JUST IN CASE

DEC 8 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packers today added weight in their preparations for a possible playoff - 40,000 pounds of hay. It was deposited at City Stadium for spreading over the tarpaulin which had been put down shortly after the Packers finished their last practice there last Friday, in an effort to keep the frost out of the ground. President Clarence Nier of the Stadium Commission announced. The task of distributing the hay over the huge "tarp" was supervised by John Proski, field custodian, and Nels Sorenson, greenskeeper at Brown County golf course,

who contracted to provide and spread the "cover." This project was undertaken in the event the Packers become involved in a Western Division playoff. The decision won't come until Sunday evening, Dec. 18, at which time all five contenders - Baltimore, Chicago, Detroit and San Francisco, in addition to the Packers, will finish play. Green Bay stands a good chance

of hosting a playoff in case of a tie. In coin flipping ceremonies at NFL headquarters in New York Tuesday, the Packers won three flips. The playoff would be held here if the Packers should tie with the Colts, 49ers and Bears.

49ERS WILL BE 'READY FOR WAR,' HICKEY

DEC 8 (San Francisco) - What will happen when the Packers and 49ers collide Saturday in San Francisco's Kezar Stadium? "It'll be an earthquake that they'll hear all the way back to Arkansas," says 49er Coach Red Hickey, a one-time Razorback. "We haven't been all year, but we'll be ready." They're a real sound football team in every department," says Red. "That fullback of theirs, Jim Taylor, is just great. It'll take a war to beat 'em and I feel sure that our boys will be ready to do just that, go to war." "The Packers kicked the hell out of us the last time, 41-14," Hickey remembered. "We're going to do everything we can to beat 'em, use everything and everybody since we're all in good health again." At the 49er camp, the secrecy lid was clamped on to visitors. Hickey is attempting to develop some variations off his powerful new weapon, a version of the short punt formation. "I'm gonna call it the 'shotgun offense,'" says Red. "The Baltimore Colts call it the rinky-dink. But so far it's working well for us." Most coaches, including Weeb Ewbank of the Colts and Bob Waterfield of the Rams, claim the offense would be used only by a "dying or desperate" football team. Hickey admits he's desperate. "We don't have the personnel to beat Green Bay or Baltimore with orthodox methods," says Hickey. "So maybe we can do it with this setup."

INJURIES DIM PACK CHANCES IN 49ER DUEL FOR TOP

DEC 9 (San Francisco-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packers have a couple of hurts. And the 49ers would like to know the seriousness of injuries to Paul Hornung and Forrest Gregg. The two all-pros were hurt in the victory over the Bears in Chicago last Sunday. Hornung has a bruised knee and Gregg a bruised back. Announcement of the injuries made by Coach Vince Lombardi Thursday afternoon which is in compliance with the league's 48-hour rule. All hurts, especially those of a serious nature to key personnel, must be revealed to the public no less than 48 hours before the game. The two clubs battle at Kezar Stadium Saturday afternoon for the Western Division lead. The public announcement rule, ordered by the late Bert Bell, is designed as "protection" to the Joe Phan who likes to bet and the fan who might be buying a ducat to see a particular player. It is not known whether the injuries will chance the odds on the game, which presently rate the Packers a four-point favorite. Hornung did very little work in practice this week. Lombardi said he wouldn't know if Paul could start Saturday. "It will depend on what he can do in practice Friday," Vince said Thursday night. The same goes for Gregg. Hornung's injury didn't show until Monday when his knee puffed up. Gregg said he got a couple of knees in the back, but, as he explained, "It got worse earlier in the week." He added: "I don't expect it will slow me down and Saturday is quite a long ways off." Loss of the players would be a crippling blow to the Packers' chances. Hornung, who set a league record of 152 points with 23 last Sunday, is Green Bay's major "point" hope, what with his running, passing, receiving and kicking. And Gregg is one of the league's best offensive tackle. The flashy Tom Moore would take over for Hornung. Ironically, Moore started out to imitate Hornung on the pass-run play last Sunday but was smeared for a loss. He headed toward right end and then started to get set for a pass when the Bears ganged him. Norm Masters would move into Gregg's spot. Offensive line



Say Hay!—Faced with the possibility of a late-season playoff, Packer officials got busy Thursday protecting the turf of City Stadium. Forty thousand pounds of hay were spread on the playing field to prevent freezing. Leo Diederich is shown above as the pitchfork brigade went to work. Field cus-

todian John Proski and Nels Sorenson, greenskeeper of the Brown County golf course, supervised the spreading of the cover over the huge field tarpaulin, which was laid after the final Packer practice in the stadium last Friday. In the event of a tie, chances are good for a playoff here. (Press-Gazette Photo)

This Is It!

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE (Eastern Conference)

	W	L	T	Pct.	PS	OP
Philadelphia	9	1	0	.900	262	191
Cleveland	6	3	1	.667	272	183
New York	5	3	2	.625	220	210
St. Louis	5	5	1	.500	250	223
Pittsburgh	4	5	1	.444	206	216
Washington	1	7	2	.125	147	254

(Western Conference)

	W	L	T	Pct.	PS	OP
GREEN BAY	6	4	0	.600	284	188
Baltimore	6	4	0	.600	275	190
San Francisco	6	4	0	.600	174	182
Chicago	5	4	1	.556	194	221
Detroit	5	5	0	.500	180	198
Los Angeles	3	6	1	.333	234	259
Dallas	0	10	1	.000	163	346

SATURDAY'S GAME

GREEN BAY at SAN FRANCISCO
(WJPG, WBAY-TV, 3:30).

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Baltimore at Los Angeles.
Chicago at Cleveland.
Dallas at Detroit.
New York at Washington.
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh.

Probable Offensive Lineups:

SAN FRANCISCO		GREEN BAY
Conner	LE	McGee
Clark	LT	Skoronski
Bosley	LG	Thurston
Rubke	C	Ringo
Connolly	RG	J. Kramer
St. Clair	RT	Gregg
Stickles	RE	Knafeic
Tittle	QB	McHan
McElhenny	LH	Hornung
Owens	RH	Dowler
Smith	FB	Taylor

by Hugh McElhenny. Hurrying Hugh, limited all season, said Wednesday that "I feel five years younger." The players feel they can win and Lombardi has noted that the team is "really getting ready." He explained that the team had little work this week. "We just had one day, Wednesday. We were off Monday to travel and we took it easy Tuesday. We were all bruised up from the game. The Bears were rough. Thursday we tapered down and it will be just a light one Friday." The Packers are in top condition defensively and that will disappear when the bell rings.

NO DRY EYES FOR PACK SPIES; CARL'S CHEWIN'

DEC 9 (San Francisco-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Carl Zoll, one of the first Packers, is doubling up on his chewing tobacco purchases these days. He's chewing double chaws, as it were. Zoll is out here to spend a long-awaited vacation and is also taking in Packer practice. Hearing about the photographer who took pictures of the Packer practice through knotholes in the fence the other day, Zoll not has stationed himself at a few holes and on occasion lets fly with a stream of tobacco juice to discourage photogs and/or spies. That's the story, anyway, and Zoll is enjoying himself. He had dinner with the team Thursday evening...Saturday's Packer-49er game is a battle all its own. Neither team is giving a thought to the Colt-Ram game Sunday...Everybody here wants to know what Green Bay is thinking. The coaches and players left home last Friday and didn't experience the joy in Packerland over the victory in Chicago...The Packers are being covered by four papers - the Milwaukee Sentinel and Journal, the Chicago Tribune and, of course, the P-G. Cooper Rollow, the Tribune scribe, saw his first Packer practice the other day and commented: "They've got as much life as a high school team. What spirit."...Ran into Joe Cronin, president of the American League, in O'Hare Field airport Thursday, and the baseball executive said he's a "Packer fan. We like 'em out in Boston." Cronin was returning from the baseball meetings in St. Louis at which Los Angeles was admitted as a new team to the AL. Reminded that Dallas had a tough time this year in its football debut, he laughed: "We don't expect any picnic for Los Angeles, but they'll win a few games."

MUST HOLD PACK UNDER AVERAGE TO WIN: HICKEY

DEC 9 (San Francisco) - Question and answer interview with Coach Red Hickey of the San Francisco 49ers as he prepared for the "showdown" with the Green Bay Packers Saturday: Q - Do you think you can beat the Packers? A - We are capable of beating any club in the league, including the Green Bay Packers. Q - What do you fear most about this opponent? A -

coach Bill Austin, keeping his fingers crossed, said, "He went all but the last two minutes against the Bears and played a great game." Masters had been "rotating" with Gregg and Bob Skoronski in some earlier games but "I couldn't take Gregg out of there last Sunday," said Bill. The Packers injury announcement gave the 49ers something to think about. It dropped like a bombshell in the public prints. The 49ers had been doing their best to give the Packers something to fret about what with the so-called shotgun offense. Now San Francisco must ready another defense just in case Hornung isn't playing. The guy needs a special defense because of his pass-run ability. The 49ers apparently don't know Moore can pass, too. Lombardi isn't taking the shotgun and/or spread formation lightly. "It can be troublesome and we're working on it," he pointed out. The spread, which resembles the old short punt, has quarterback John Brodie in the tailback spot...RUN 'EXCEPTIONALLY WELL': "Yes, it may be mostly a passing formation," said Vince, "but they run off it exceptionally well." J.D. Smith and C.R. Roberts, both large and strong runners, do most of the ball carrying. The flanker back is R.C. Owens, the jumping jack, who is now pushed

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Everything. We fear their running as much as their passing, and vice versa. They are a much better running team than the Los Angeles Rams, for instance. Q - Are your men mentally "up" for the game? A - They are as ready as it is possible to be. They know what's at stake. We are juiced up and ready to get at them. Q - How about the physical condition of your players? A - This is the best condition we've had all our team members since the start of the season. Every man on the club is ready to see action. That includes quarterback Y.A. Tittle, halfback Hugh McElhenny, R.C. Owens and guard Ted Connolly. Q - Do you plan on using Tittle in the game? A - We plan to start John Brodie. But if he runs into trouble, we'll put Tittle in there, or Bobby Waters. I'm not afraid to use any or all three of the quarterbacks. Q - What kind of a score do think will win it? A - I don't know that. But I do know that the Packers have been averaging about 28 points a gam. That's more than we ever score. So we are going to have to hold them to less than that and score more than we usually do. Q - How do your athletes feel about the battle? They took such a beating from this club before (41-14), are they still shell-shocked? A - We have a confident attitude among our men. They are not cocky - but confident they can do the job. We feel we can take the Packers. Q - You mean they aren't looking back at that shellacking they took? A - We forget the past. We look to the future. Q - Have you one final statement to make before the battle, Coach? A - Just that our guys know they are against a solid club. We have to play our very best to have a chance to win. We have to play better than we did when we beat Los Angeles or Baltimore. But I think we can do it. And the players think we can do it.

Packers, Lombardi Hoping 49er 'Shotgun' Fires Blank

PACKERS, LOMBARDI HOPING 49ER SHOTGUN FIRES BLANKS

DEC 10 (San Francisco-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Packer Coach Vince Lombardi makes like a sports journalist at times.

Here's New Twist For Football Fan Following Action

In recent years football fans have developed a twist in watching a football game.

Even Packer fans fortunate enough to have "the best seats in the house" go to games armed with radios.

This allows them to see the action, yet also hear all of the information about plays, statistics and game color which a seasoned and experienced broadcaster can provide.

With the switch to out-of-town games and consequent television coverage, these same fans find they "get more out of it" by watching the TV picture without TV sound and tuning in the radio play by play.

To quote him as practice ended Friday: "I'll tell you what you can write if we win. You can say the shotgun fired a blank. That's a pretty good lead." Vince was referring to the 49ers' one-back formation which they used to beat the Colts and Rams on successive Sundays. It has been nicknamed the shotgun formation. It's quite similar to the old "Iron Mountain Spread" Gene Ronzani used in the early 1950s. The Packer staff is treating the "shotgun" with the greatest of respect. "They have the personnel for it," said defense coach Phil Bengtson. Lombardi is mum on how he Pack will defense it. You folks will see it this afternoon on your TV's. All of the defense backs were on the field at the same time Friday as the anti-shotgun plans were drilled. This was to make it virtually impossible for prying eyes from giant trees in the distance to detect the type of defense. Defense tackle Dave Hanner, who admitted "I never played much against the spread - even in school," would rather the 49ers used the formation all the way. "I hope they run off it. It's no good for running. That running back is four to seven yards back (of the line of scrimmage) before he even starts. And we get that much more time to get at him," Hanner said...The 49er-Colt game a week from Sunday was sold out Wednesday before today's contest in Kezar Stadium. There were 4,000 tickets left Wednesday for the Packer battle when the 49ers put the sold sign on the Colt game...Paul Hornung was limping when he went to dinner Friday night. But he was running well in practice Friday morning and kicking accurately in field goal practice. His left knee is injured. "Maybe he'll be a better kicker with the injury," Lombardi told Dr. Jim Nellen, team physician. Dr. Nellen said Paul was "really in bad shape Monday." Lombardi had to all the boys in from practice Friday. They worked just briefly and then over half of them stayed out to throw the ball around and run. Finally, Vince yelled, "Let's get out. Don't leave it here."...Carl Zoll, one of the first Packers, is helping Dad Braisher and Bud Jorgensen. He is wearing white pants, a sweat shirt and slick cap, and looking the part of a training aide...Dr. Nellen took Thursday off and went to Squaw Valley, site of the recent Winter Olympics, for some

skiing. He went down the giant slalom on Hill K-22, the big test that kayoed so many of the Olympians. "Yes," in answer to the players, "I took a few spills."...Tackle John Miller was called to Revere, Mass., by the death of his father, John Miller, Sr., 58, Thursday night. He missed the Bear game when his dad suffered a stroke last weekend and caught up with the team earlier in the week. John said the stroke was entirely unexpected since he had never been sick "a day in his life."...The rumors are really flying. There's a story that the Packers will come out with a spread today. Another report is that R.C.

Owens is hurt more than anybody wants to admit. He suffered a shoulder separation in the Colt game and played little against the Rams. That may be true about Owens. We're not so sure it would be better if Owens played. Hugh McElhenny is his "substitute" and Hugh is rested and geared for a great one. He's murder...One hundred fourteen players and some 15 coaches, all on the west coast, have their hearts set on a bonus of around \$5,000 for Christmas. They make up the personnel of the Packers, Colts, and 49ers, who all think they're going to win the Western Division championship. That five grand would be the approximate share in the championship against the Eagles in Philadelphia. If two clubs are tied and there's a playoff, each player in that game would get an extra game's salary. The odds point to the Packers and Colts meeting in a division playoff in Green Bay Dec. 26. But pro football has a habit of making complete fools out of oddsmakers. The Bears were favored to whip Green Bay last Sunday. And the Packers are favored today. Ugh...Steve Smith, Green Bay's claim to amateur golf fame who is a senior at Stanford University, looked in on the Pack this week. He's leading the cheers for Green Bay today.

BIG ONE - 49ERS VS. PACKERS

DEC 10 (San Francisco Examiner) - This is it for Red Hickey, the San Francisco 49ers and "Shotgun"! The target is power laden, equally determined Green Bay, the biggest game yet. The locale is Kezar Stadium where, at 1:30 p.m. this afternoon, a wild-eyed, title hungry gallery of some 59,000 fans will start to tock and roll with high-gearred, tension packed professional football action. A championship could be the reward, although there is no telling what will yet come out of perhaps as torrid a National League stretch drive as has ever been staged...COLTS-RAMS

GAME IMPORTANT: The world champion Baltimore Colts, equal shareholders in the three-way deadlock with the 49ers and Packers, still are alive. What they do against the Los Angeles Rams in the L.A. Coliseum tomorrow will have an all-important bearing on the eventual outcome. Next week's Baltimore-San Francisco and Green Bay-Los Angeles battles are listed as crucials, too. But, at the moment, all eyes must be focused on Kezar's semi-skinned turf, where Green Bay, the highest scoring machine in pro football and 27 points the best the first time the Packers collided with the 49ers in Milwaukee, hopes to outblast "Shotgun" with its own "Double Howitzer" assault featuring Paul Hornung and Jim Taylor. As if the complications and unknowns surrounding this historic high point in 49er fortunes weren't already overwhelming, the weatherman got in on the act yesterday with a prediction of possible rain...**TURF WILL BE COVERED UNTIL GAME TIME:** The Kezar turf is



Buck for Bays — Charles Allen, former superintendent of city incinerator, makes his \$1 contribution to Western Union's Sue Kloes for season-ending "Packer Backer" campaign. A portion of his dollar, and of all those contributed, will be used to

send telegram to Packers before next Saturday's game against Rams at Los Angeles, the balance to defray costs of welcome home celebration for team Dec. 18. Fans are asked to send their dollars to Telegram, Green Bay, Wis. (Press-Gazette Photo)

covered and will remain so right up until kickoff time if there is any threat. As of yesterday, the field was in perfect playing condition. But, there's no telling what might happen with a surface bare of grass between the 20 yard lines should there be rainfall. Vince Lombardi, whose "Miracle at Green Bay" story is known to all, laughed when questioned on what a muddy field might do to his troops. "How do I know?" he asked with a chuckle. "We won't dissolve." Hickey wasn't upset, either, by the possibility of wet going. "Heck, I don't know. I don't think it will hurt 'Shotgun' too much," he opined. "Naturally, we would prefer a dry field. But we worked in the rain all last week, before the LA game, and were in the slop up to our ankles. But we threw, caught, and ran, just the same. In fact, rain might hurt the defense, the way they have to chase us, as much as it would our offense." Further, the 49er coach added: "There ain't nothing to replace blocking and tackling in this game, weather notwithstanding. This is what we have to do. The way these fellas of mine have made up their minds, they think they can beat anybody. I'm not ready to argue with them." What will wet weather do to "Shotgun," the offense heard 'round the pro football world?...**PACKERS HAVE BEEN HARD AT WORK:** True, the 49ers have supreme faith that their scatter-shot offense will once more prove a stunner, even though the Packers have had two weeks to study it from every angle since it was first turned on Baltimore. But Hickey and every 49er knows that their most solid argument, if the case against Green Bay is to be won, is a defense now regarded as the toughest in 49er annals. Headed by the take charge men

- Leo Nomellini up front and ball-hawking Dave Baker in the secondary - the defense which has yielded the fewest points (122) holds the key. It will have to get in and break up the off-tackle shelling by Taylor, amounting to 898 yards in 10 games. Hornung, the do-it-all Packer, has to be carefully guarded against everywhere - running (he has gained 563 yards); passing (he has completed 5 of 14 passes for 78 yards and 1 TD); receiving (he has caught 21 for 202 yards and 2 TD's); as a field goal kicker (he has booted 13); and as a one-man scoring gang (he has put together 11 TD's, 13 field goals and 35 extra points for a record smashing 152 points). At the same time, there can be no minimizing of the little discussed Green Bay passing game...STARR LIVES UP TO HIS NAME: While the Packer air arm, handled by Bart Starr and Lamar McHan, has been directly responsible for only six of Green Bay's 35 TD's, it is a big part of the offense. Starr, who'll be in opposition to John Brodie, at the start at least, has thrown for 1,116 yards. Until Lombardi took over and since the 49ers joined the NFL in 1950, Green Bay had won only one of 20 contests with SF and LA on the western slope. That's something to consider in the reckoning. So are the big changes in the 49er makeup since the advent of "Shotgun" - the "new" Brodie, who has completed 23 of 39 passes for 371 yards and two TD's in his last two outings; the hit and run threat of J.D. Smith; the double flanker threat with R.C. Owens and Hugh McElhenny sitting outside; the marked increase in receiving potential with Dee Mackey and Clyde Conner figuring prominently. Y.A. Tittle could prove the "forgotten man." The 49ers have shown themselves a winning road team. They're 4-2 away and 2-2 at Kesar. The Packers' record is built on a 4-2 home figure and 2-2 on foreign soil. Green Bay's defense is not to be underestimated. It has provided strength in Lombardi's 4-0 record against the 49ers. Today's showdown, which will be nationally televised (CBS) but blacked out locally, and broadcast by KSFO, will be the 20th in the rivalry with the 49ers looking for their 14th triumph. We're picking them to get it, 24-21.

Injuries Dim Pack Chances in 49er Duel for Top

PACKERS GANG UP ON BEAR PUNTER FOR A TOUCHDOWN

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(TRIBUNE Photo)

First of Green Bay's five touchdowns in Packers' 41 to 13 rout of Bears in Wrigley field yesterday resulted when Ed Brown's punt was blocked in second quarter. Willie Davis (87), Packers defense end, smothered kick

(arrow), then recovered in end zone for six points. No. 48 of Packers is Dick Pesonen. John Adams (39) of Bears couldn't fend off all the Packer horde, tho he did delay Ken Iman (53), Paul Winslow (23), and Bill Forester (71).

THE WEST HEADS FOR A SHOWDOWN

Pro football seldom has produced a wilder, more dramatic finish. Three teams are tied for first place and two others are directly behind, but Green Bay, surprisingly, may now be the team to beat

by **TEX MAULE**

By the end of the day so many teams—five to be exact—were in a position to take the NFL's Western Conference championship that the only sure thing about the league's wildest race in years was that Dallas (0-10-1), with a few breaks, might have been challenging for the title,

too. The San Francisco 49ers, again using their double-wing formation, whipped the Los Angeles Rams 23-7 and were in first place. The stumbling Baltimore Colts tripped on the last play of their game with Detroit, lost 20-15 and were in first place. But the most surprising team of all was the Green Bay Packers. Rested and ferocious after a week-and-a-half layoff,

they almost demolished the Chicago Bears, 41-13, and *they* were in first. The Chicago Bears are a half game behind the leaders, and the Lions, growing stronger by the week, are another half game back. Of all these, only the 49ers, who play the Packers and Colts in successive weeks, have it in their own power to win the title. But after what Green Bay did to Chicago it would be a brave man indeed who picked the 49ers to win.

Coach Vince Lombardi has installed a very sound, powerful offense for the Packers, and it is animated by three of the most violent runners in football: Jim Taylor, Paul Hornung and Tom Moore. Taylor, at fullback, is not big as pro fullbacks go—he weighs some 210 pounds. "But he is a very heavy 210," says Hornung, the old Notre Dame glamour boy who has become a hard-headed, rough pro halfback and who Sunday scored 23 points in an inspired performance, setting a new NFL season mark with two games still to play. "I mean he runs over people." So does Moore, who can go around people too.

The Packer line can be as rough as its runners. Like Taylor, it weighs heavy. "The guards are big enough," Lombardi says, "maybe 245 each. But the tackles only weigh about 250. It's not a big line, but it is a quick one."

It was quick enough to block a Bear punt and recover it for a touchdown, and it was quick enough to open wide avenues through the big Bear line. On behalf of the Bear defense, it must be pointed out that on Sunday it played an inordinately long



SWIFT-CUTTING HORNUNG swings in behind block on way to five-yard gain.

time, because the Bear offense had difficulty holding on to the ball long enough for the defenders to catch their breath.

"Two things I think went wrong," said Bear Defensive Coach Clark Shaughnessy. "The defense was tired going in. They've been playing a long time every Sunday afternoon, and they're tired physically and mentally. And I may have guessed wrong today on the Packers. We expected them to use delays and count-downs—slow-developing plays—and our linemen were waiting. We weren't getting the quick charge you need to put pressure on a passer. Why, against Detroit we threw Ninowski for over a hundred yards' loss on his pass attempts. What did we get on Starr? Nothing."

Packer Quarterback Bart Starr, given this leisure for searching out pass receivers, responded with what may have been the best day in his short career. The Bear defense is a complicated, shifting one, never set until the ball is snapped, and the young Starr waited coolly for it to jell before making his final decision. Once he called a play in the huddle, changed it three times at the line of scrimmage and, at last, sent Hornung skittering outside the overcommitted Bear flank on a 10-yard touchdown run. Again, when the Bears overloaded at the last second to shoot linebackers at Starr from his right flank, he tossed the ball neatly over the charging Bears into the arms of Hornung, who cantered placidly into the end zone.

All in all, Bart Starr called a game worthy of a quarterback far older in battle than he is.

"Bart's calls were nearly perfect," Lombardi said after the game. He was crowded into a corner of the dressing room under the Wrigley Field stands, nervously puffing a cigarette. "You can't send in plays against the Bear defense because you never know what it will be. It is very complicated. The quarterback often has to automatic, and Starr's automatics were perfect. He played a hell of a game."

Lombardi crushed out the cigarette, which he had only just lighted. "What's the final in Baltimore?" he asked. A reporter said the Colts had won it, 15-13, with a minute to go, and Lombardi, a short, stocky man noticeably grayer as a head coach than he was two years ago as a New York Giant assistant, slumped.

"We've still got a chance," he said.

"We played a good game today. The Colts won't win both on the Coast."

Another reporter came in and said that the Lions had scored again and won 20-15.

"You sure?" Lombardi asked. He was sweating now in the steamy heat of the dressing room, and he was very, very nervous. "Don't tell the kids. Don't get them upset. Are you sure?"

"Absolutely," the reporter said, and Lombardi relaxed. He lit another cigarette, leaned back, took a long, luxurious drag on it and smiled.

"Two weeks ago I said we were out of it unless they lost a couple," he said. "Now they have. How about that?"

The Packers left for San Francisco right after the Bear game so they could spend a week in Palo Alto growing accustomed to sunshine and warmth. Lombardi is a meticulous, thoughtful man, and he is overlooking no detail in the last two games.

Last season both the Packers and the Colts swept their two-game series on the Coast, but it was the first time that either club had ever

been able to accomplish this.

"I didn't think we could come back after we lost to the Rams a couple of weeks ago," Lombardi said as he prepared to leave. "We played our guts out and went ahead late in the game, and they came back to whip us in the last few seconds. The team went flat after that. That's when Detroit beat us. We were tired, every way. But we're back now."

In all the uproar in the West, the fact that the Philadelphia Eagles defeated St. Louis to clinch their first conference title since 1949 went almost unnoticed. The Eagles won rather methodically, with Norm Van Brocklin producing his usual quota of touchdown passes and the feeble Eagle running producing merely a threat to make the passes go.

"Van Brocklin's tough," said Lombardi, speculatively, just as he left. He walked through a small crowd of Green Bay fans who had come down on the train for the game and smiled at them. They howled happily back at him, then headed home for the happiest small town in the U.S. (see next page). **END**

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

THE WEEK'S GAMES

	Pts.	Yds. Rush.	Yds. Pass.	Pass Comp.
Lions vs. Colts	20	133	169	12-28
Packers vs. Bears	41	225	218	17-23
Eagles vs. Cardinals	13	82	239	15-27
Browns vs. Redskins	20	54	214	13-27
Giants vs. Cowboys	6	165	25	5-16
49ers vs. Rams	27	139	187	10-28
	16	121	53	17-26
	31	114	213	13-27
	31	76	258	17-35
	23	186	158	11-16
	7	134	129	14-28

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
Philadelphia	9	1	0	.900
Cleveland	6	3	1	.667
New York	5	3	2	.625
St. Louis	5	5	1	.500
Pittsburgh	4	5	1	.444
Washington	1	7	2	.125

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
Green Bay	6	4	0	.600
Baltimore	6	4	0	.600
San Francisco	6	4	0	.600
Chicago	5	4	1	.556
Detroit	5	5	0	.500
Los Angeles	3	6	1	.333
Dallas	0	10	1	.000

AMERICAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

THE WEEK'S GAMES

	Pts.	Yds. Rush.	Yds. Pass.	Pass Comp.
Texans vs. Oilers	24	270	74	8-15
Titans vs. Broncos	0	-27	174	19-33
Bills vs. Patriots	30	169	204	12-23
Chargers vs. Raiders	27	29	220	27-47
	38	133	138	11-37
	14	29	138	10-33
	41	110	289	17-25
	17	158	251	19-36

EASTERN DIVISION

	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
Houston	8	4	0	.667
New York	6	6	0	.500
Buffalo	5	6	1	.455
Boston	5	7	0	.417

WESTERN DIVISION

	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
Los Angeles	8	4	0	.667
Dallas	6	6	0	.500
Oakland	5	7	0	.417
Denver	4	7	1	.364



VINCE LOMBARDI, BUNDLED AGAINST SNOW, STANDS BEFORE NEW CITY STADIUM

NEW DAY

by BILL FURLONG

GREEN BAY, Wisconsin is a small, industrial midwestern city set in a region of wheat and corn and dairy farms. It is spiritually, if not physically, linked to the America of Sinclair Lewis' *Main Street*. But, more important, this autumn it is the home of the long-dormant Packers who rose to defeat the world champion Baltimore Colts and surged into contention for the title in the Western Division of the National Football League. This, in the view of Green Bay, is the "climax of civilization." That this might happen, one man actually said, "Hannibal invaded Rome and Erasmus wrote in Oxford cloisters."

"We've survived a long time being the smallest pig in a big barn," says George Whitney Calhoun in less exalted language. Calhoun, sitting alone in his room among his memories of the past, is an aging, arthritic man who more than anybody else (with the exception of Curly Lambeau) was responsible for the early survival of the Packers. "Now," he says with some satisfaction, "we're going to see how loud the other pigs can squeal."

He speaks in the idiom of the people of Green Bay. For 15 years they labored under the brooding fear of losing their identity in an increasingly corporate era. Pro football had come of age, and a few teams—notable among them Los Angeles—were reluctant to play in Green Bay. Larger cities (Buffalo, Dallas, Miami, even New York, Chicago, Baltimore and Boston) had lost one pro team or another, and to many in Green Bay it seemed it could be only a matter of time before their community followed suit.

The passing of Green Bay would mean a severance from the romantic yesterdays when the game was the product and the possession of Canton and Massillon, of Muncie and Hammond, of Decatur and Rock Island.

IN GREEN BAY

For years pro football's last remaining town team lived on its memories while it counted its losses. All is changed now, thanks to a transplanted New York coach, Vince Lombardi

Photographs by Art Shay

Green Bay is the last of the "town teams." It is a link with that time when the dividends of professional football were paid not in cash but in community pride. Whether Green Bay (current population: 64,738) could survive in the high-pressure era of modern sports, seemed, to its own citizens, plausibly doubtful.

The man who turned doubt to affirmation is Vince Lombardi (left), a moody, hoarse-voiced individual of great enthusiasms and lofty contempt. ("If you're within that circle of people important to him and his team," says a man etching circles on a white tablecloth in the Elks club, "there is nothing, absolutely nothing, he won't do for you. If you're not"—his fingers scratch with an executioner's precision—"he doesn't give a damn about you.") In less

than two years as general manager and coach, Lombardi has taken a team which gave Green Bay its worst record in history (1-10-1 in 1958) and prodded it into distinction. "All those years of lookin' for somethin' and someone," says a man in a service station, "and this New Yorker"—the phrase was almost a profanity—"comes along and does it."

Change of pace

To Vince Lombardi the changes of the last two years have been no less stunning. He has had to adjust from the frenetic impersonal pace of New York City to the more languid, intensely personal pace of Green Bay. "Everything is closer here," he says. "You're just another number in New York."

Green Bay has an acute sense of

status. "We have our symphony and antiquarian society and Newcomers' Club and the Shakespeare Society and the Garden Club," says John Borgenson of the chamber of commerce. ("Sometimes," says John Torinus, president and executive editor of the *Green Bay Press-Gazette*, "people here get the feeling we're the most organized community in the nation.")

Green Bay also has the Packers. "We've been a big-league city for 40 years, and Milwaukee ain't hardly dry behind the ears yet," says a man in a drugstore. It has its own private sense of history—like the time a few years ago when Police Officer Bill King arrested a train for going through town too fast (and fought the case to the state Supreme Court in order to collect a \$10 fine). It tends

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PRESENT-DAY PACKERS STROLL BY BROCK'S DRUGSTORE ON EMPTY GREEN BAY STREET WITH PERKY LOCAL BELLE, PAT JOHNSON



to appraise its athletes in highly personal, rather than professional, terms. One man says of Fullback Jim Taylor: "He don't say yes and he don't say no. He lives within himself." Another says of Halfback Paul Hornung: "Some people say he's overbearing, but me, I think he's got an



OLDTIME PLAYER. Dave Zuidmulder, on 1929-31 title teams, is now fire chief.

inferiority complex. You hear some pretty wild stories about him, but listen, I know he's a decent kid. I'd let my daughter go out with him."

Green Bay, as Taylor and Hornung have found, exerts a powerful hold on the people who live there. "When they're first drafted, a lot of college players seem reluctant to come to Green Bay," said the late Jack Vainisi, who for 10 years was chief talent scout for the Packers. "Once they get here most of them don't want to leave." Many of them don't. There are some 30 of the old Packers living

in town and another 20 or so living elsewhere in Wisconsin. Charley Brock runs a drugstore and manages an office building in downtown Green Bay. Ted Fritsch coaches football at Premontre High School. Tony Canadeo is a sales executive for a steel-fabricating company. Tubby Bero, one of the 10 members of the original Packers of 1919 who still live in town, is police chief. Dave Zuidmulder, who played on the Packer team that won three consecutive league championships (1929-31), is fire chief. Verne Lewellen—"best kicker ever in pro ball"—took over the business management of the Packers in 1954 and got them out of the red, apparently permanently. Arnie Herber lives in De Pere, just five miles down the road. Don Hutson, his great pass-catching target, has closed his businesses in Green Bay to move to Racine, Wis., but he still comes back for every game.

The presence of the Old Heroes gives Green Bay a certitude about its football and a confidence in its critical faculties. "You just can't spread 30 men of that caliber through a small town and not see the town develop a certain sophistication about football," says Jerry Atkinson, a department store executive who is also a director of the Packers.

The legend they helped to build is supported with a few pleasant fictions. One of the most notable is that half the population turns out for every game in Green Bay. Mathematically, if you limit the figure to the strict city limits, it is true. Actually, there are 103,269 persons living in what is gallantly called the "metropolitan area" of Green Bay, and there are almost 800,000 living within the 75-mile radius that makes up the TV blackout area for the Packers. Moreover, the Packers are an alter ego for the entire region—as well as for the town itself. Season tickets are sold to fans who live some 350 miles from Green Bay, and there is one town of about 2,200, located 200 miles from Green Bay, where half the population regularly buys season tickets. "There's no big college football team up here for a couple of hundred miles," says Tom Miller, the crew-cut, graying publicity chief of the Packers. "This is where the people come for their big football weekends."

In bars, on street corners, in drugstores and department stores, the fans

and stockholders (there are 1,699 of the latter) haul out their "cut lists" in late summer to bet on who'll be with the Packers when the season opens and who'll be cut. Routine practices are attended by as many as 4,000 persons. Some band members commute 160 miles round trip for the twice-weekly rehearsals, and ushers who are growing old make arrangements to bequeath their jobs to their sons or grandsons. Townspeople love to fight over the Packers—or their quarterbacks. "It's like Republicans and Democrats—you can divide this town into Starr men and McHan men," says Bob Houle, a radio newsman and city councilman, referring to Quarterbacks Bart Starr and Lamar McHan. "With Starr in there, I can anticipate 60% of the plays he calls," says John Holzer, a druggist. "If I can do that the other scouts can do it. But with McHan in there, I guess 100% wrong." The single-mindedness about the Packers all but excludes other sports. One fan who considered Frank Howard—the 6-foot-7 Los Angeles Dodger slugger who won Rookie of the Year honors last season—an excellent football prospect could only mutter, "What a wretched waste of pass-catching talent." (Howard played minor league ball for the Class B Green Bay team.)

Today's heroes

Nourishing tradition and feeding the sense of identity are Today's Heroes, who also walk the streets—some of them looking for a place to hide. "If you're a goof-off, the people in this town find out about it faster than in any other town in the league," says one Packer player. Green Bay is not exactly puritanical, but it likes to know who's doing what and why. "It doesn't matter what the boys do as long as they're winning," says Lewellen. "But if they're losing, the hue and cry is up, and nobody protects the kids." And, like kids the world over, the players don't know when to get out of the bars when the hue and cry is up. It is the widespread conviction in Green Bay that it was the players who ruined Scooter McLean, coach of the 1958 team—because he was too nice a guy to lead them back to the paths of virtue. Vince Lombardi, who inspires awe, not love, not only got the thirstier of his players out of the bars, but impressed Green Bay enormously with

his personal habits. "He goes to Mass every day," says one official of the club. "And a half dozen of the players are following his example," says a fan.

The nearness of the people of Green Bay to their heroes who, unlike most professional athletes, are flesh-and-blood human beings visible daily on Pine or Walnut or Maple streets has prevented the city from institutionalizing them. Not long ago in the lobby of the Hotel Northland, an old friend encountered the sometimes expatriate, Curly Lambeau, who spends part of the summer and autumn in a cottage north of Green Bay. "The same old Curly," laughed the friend a little later. "You can't tell whether he has 50¢ or 50 grand in his pocket."

Today Lambeau is no god in town, though it was Lambeau who made the Packers synonymous with Green Bay. In 1919 he organized the team with the help of the then *Press-Gazette* reporter George Calhoun. Lambeau outfitted the team with \$500 given him by a long-defunct company that lives only in the sobriquet of the football team—the Indian Packing Company. In that first season the 21-year-old Lambeau guided Green Bay to 10 wins before it lost to the Fairbanks-Morse team from Beloit (a team inappropriately called the Fairies). He split up the season's income with the team—each man got \$16.75—and tackled, with Calhoun, the problem of keeping the team going. In the next few years various men held the Green Bay franchise, and the National Football League once reclaimed it because Green Bay was using college players. At one point Lambeau persuaded a friend to sell his cream-colored Marmon so that Lambeau could buy the franchise back. At another, the late Andy Turnbull, editor of the *Press-Gazette* (and Calhoun's boss), stepped in with four other men to put up \$1,600 to meet the Packers' overdue bills and set up the first Packer corporation.

The first whiff of grandeur came in 1929 when Green Bay defeated the New York Giants 20-6 to win the NFL championship. The Packers won again in 1930 and 1931 and established a 15-year tradition that saw them win six league titles by 1944. But even this period was punctuated by fiscal problems. In 1933 the Packers were thrown into receivership when a spectator who had fallen from a

grandstand in old City Stadium won a damage suit for \$5,000. The Packers were rescued through the characteristic blend of formal financing, public subscription and individual action.

In the years after World War II the Packers were caught in the war between the NFL and the All-America Conference. "One prominent coach from the other league came to Green Bay and offered to double the salary of every player," says Lambeau indignantly. By 1949 the people of Green Bay were scurrying about, trying to sell tickets to a special Thanksgiving Day intrasquad game to help meet the payroll. They raised \$50,000—and postponed disaster. But the following February, Lambeau quit, after 31 years of leading the Packers, to become head coach of the Chicago Cardinals. Another plan to refinance the Packers was conceived. "There was no crisis," says Lambeau smoothly. "There were always men of affluence who were ready to step in and help the club." The trouble came because some of the people of Green Bay thought those men of affluence were from out of town and that their conception of saving the Packers meant taking it out of Green Bay. "That," says one of the club's directors, "was what was behind Curly's leaving."

The people's team

To keep the Packers alive and at home, another sale of stock was held. Each share was pegged at \$25, and nobody could buy more than 200 shares. "Most of our 1,699 stockholders own only one share," says Dominic Olejniczak, a real estate man who is currently president of the Packers (and who owns one share). In effect, buying a \$25 share meant giving \$25 to the Packers. "Everybody knows there's never been a dividend and probably never will be," says President Olejniczak. The stockholders and the 39-man executive committee and the officers don't even get free tickets, according to Olejniczak. "That's the way it has to be in a small town," he says.

The refinancing didn't end the Packers' problems. In the next nine years they ran through three coaches—Gene Ronzani, Lisle Blackbourn and McLean. Attendance continued to fall off, and clubs began to refuse to play in Green Bay. "The Giants used to offer us 50% of the gate [instead of the customary 40%] if we'd

play them in New York," says Lambeau. By 1955 the Packers were drawing more for the three "home games" they played in Milwaukee every year than for their games in Green Bay. Published figures reported that the Packers were averaging about 22,000 a game at home, but the Packer books show that average paid attend-



OLDTIME SPONSOR, George Calhoun, looks over mementos of early Packers.

ance was actually 11,051 in 1955 and 12,117 in 1956. "They had to sit mighty loose out there in City Stadium to make the place look filled," says one newsman dryly.

The ultimate solution demanded a risk: abandoning the old wooden City Stadium, hard on the side of a high school, in favor of a new stadium. The city passed a bond issue—"this was when we had a losing team, not a winning team," says Lewellen—and the new million-dollar stadium was opened on the outskirts of town in 1957. Attendance doubled (to 23,064

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average paid in 1957), and business picked up swiftly. Last year the club set two financial records: it grossed more than a million dollars and it netted more than \$100,000 for the first time in history. This year ticket prices—already the highest in the league—were raised about a dollar (to \$4.20 average after taxes). All four Green Bay games were promptly sold out. In the days when the Packers were filling City Stadium, a visiting club could expect a maximum cut of \$27,000; today they leave Green Bay

with \$45,000. "And that's better than three or four other towns in this league can do," says Lewellen.

The instrument of prosperity was principally Vince Lombardi. "He took the job when nobody else would," says Olejniczak. Almost everything Lombardi did was instantly right. With his players Lombardi was correct and uncompromising. (Some of the Packers nicknamed him Mr. K.) He traded away troublesome if talented players ("One player came here, got into trouble and was in Pittsburgh the next week") and put a premium on every job on the team. When one exceptionally gifted end went to Gen-

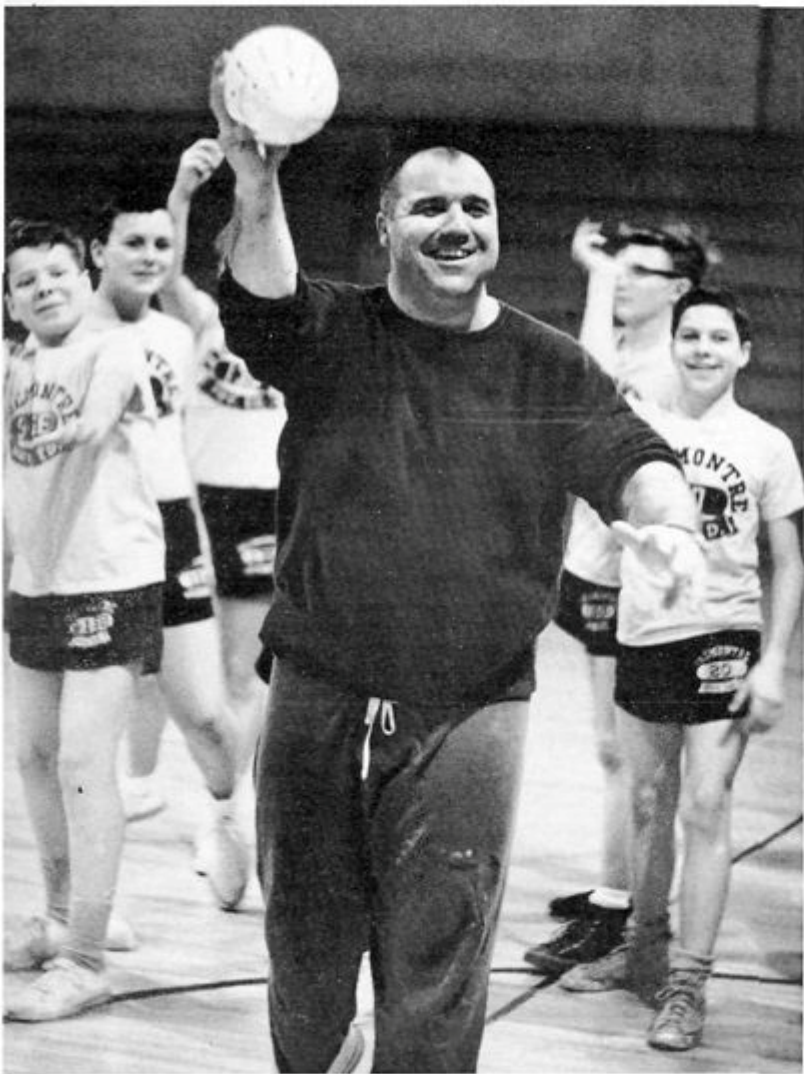
eral Manager Lombardi for an advance on his salary, Coach Lombardi said, "I'd be glad to help—but I don't know if you can make this football team." But he was generous in helping those who helped the team, and his coaching techniques evoked admiration and great loyalty from his players. The result was the renaissance of the Packers.

The glories of the past died slowly. George Calhoun sits alone in his little house across the Fox River, virtually forgotten in the new enthusiasm, with only a few old cronies to help him keep in touch with the Packers. Even George Halas of the Chicago Bears, who used to make a point of visiting Calhoun on every trip to Green Bay, now dismisses the duty with a phone call. In Holzer's drugstore pictures of the old Packers are taped to the mirror, and the atmosphere is filled with the lore of the past. The conversation swings compulsively back to the old names—Johnny Blood ("We had to lock him up every Saturday night") and Cal Hubbard and Mike Michalske and Jug Earp. "They played their hearts out for \$35 or \$50 a game," says John Holzer, a trifle hyperbolically. "They had a fierce desire, an almost animal desire for contact."

The success of the early part of this season aroused new expectations in Green Bay, but good fortune cannot be pressed too hard for fear that it will crumble, like a crisp leaf, under the pressure. In a hotel elevator a bellhop asked, "Are we goin' east or are we goin' south?" Goin' east meant playing for the championship of the National Football League. Goin' south meant playing in the second-place game in Miami. He was told not to get his hopes up. The Packers might be goin' south. He nodded. It would be enough.

It is enough—for the moment. Nothing that happens now can wipe out the rising sense of pride and accomplishment—or the disgust of the last decade and a half. "It wasn't just that we lost in those days," says Bob Houle. "It was the way we lost—we weren't in the game after the first five minutes." Today the Packers are in every game, whether they win or lose. That is enough to renew civic pride. "You can't realize how much joy there is in this team," says Holzer, "until you know the heartaches and despair of the last few years."

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EX-PACKER TED FRITSCH NOW COACHES FOOTBALL AT PREMONTRE HIGH SCHOOL