



Green Bay Packers (3-3-1) 28, Dallas Cowboys (6-1) 17
Monday October 28th 1968 (at Dallas)



Packers Whip Dallas, Tie for Division Lead

GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(DALLAS) – Making an all-inclusive gesture with a tilt of the head, Lee Roy Caffey declared, "This team has a lot of character...Don't ever count us out." The monolithic linebacker's pronouncement, which came Monday night, obviously was delivered in reply to the experts who had been writing the Packers' NFL "obituary" with increasing frequency in recent weeks. The Dallas Cowboys, rudely tumbled from the pinnacle of perfection before 74,604 "live" witnesses and untold millions in a national television audience today stand ready, it can be safely assumed, to accept the validity of his assessment. Be it character, pride or perseverance, the world champions had it in liberal measure as they charged back into the NFL's Central Division race by blunting the previously unbeaten Cowboys' challenge, 28-17. In the process, they dissolved any doubts which may have arisen following a last minute loss (16-14) to the Los Angeles Rams and a tie (14-14) with the Detroit Lions, their present first place co-tenants, before frustrating the Texans. Significantly, Phil Bengtson's talented troupe bounded from an early 10-0 disadvantage to fell the Cowboys on their own soil, a notable feat any time but one of imposing proportions under the circumstances, which found the powerful Pokes brooding over successive defeats in the NFL title games the last two years. The heroes' bench was crowded but the incomparable Bart Starr, back at the throttle after a two-week injury layoff, was the catalyst in this explosive triumph, which squared the Packers' 1968 record at 3-3-1. Starr, showing no evidence of the pulled arm muscle that had plagued him, again was the consummate field general the faithful have come to know. He fired four touchdown passes, two to tight end Marv Fleming and one each to Carroll Dale and Boyd Dowler, en route to a glittering 17 for 25 record, which amassed 217 of the Packers' 322 overall yards. Along the way, he engineered a return to the Bays' longtime format, maneuvering them 80 yards to their first touchdown in the second quarter and 78 to the second in the third period. An interception - one of three they registered - and a fumble also figured prominently in the Packers' sixth straight success over the Cowboys, who have yet to win a league or playoff game from Green Bay. The first of these, produced by linebacker Dave Robinson, keyed the Packers' third - and ultimately decisive - touchdown and Ray Nitschke's recovery of a fumble at the Dallas 25 in the fourth quarter triggered the final TD. The situation was considerably less promising, however, in the first 20 minutes.

COWBOYS INSPIRED

After one fruitless exchange, the Packers' fluffed an opportunity to take the lead when rookie Erroll Mann's 37-yard field goal attempt hooked inches outside the left upright at 8:10. This development seemed to inspire the Cowboys. Five plays later, including a 50-yard bomb from Don Meredith to Bob Hayes, they owned a 6-0 lead, fashioned with an 18-yard Meredith strike to Hayes in the right corner of the end zone. The Cowboys' vaunted Doomsday Defense then rose up to throttle the Packer attack and, 14 plays following Donny



Anderson's 49-yard punt, Mike Clark toed a 16-yard field goal at 5:41 of the second period to mount a 10-0 lead. Two exchanges later, the Packer revival began. Taking over the leather with 5:19 left, Starr escorted his colleagues to paydirt in 12 plays, the final effort being a 26-yard pass to Dale, who made a leaping, twisting catch inside the 2 and stepped into the end zone. Mann, activated just before game time, then added his first Packer point. At the start of the second half, the Packers quickly assumed control after throttling the Pokes following the kickoff, which Mann lofted 5 yards into the end zone. Meredith, later to return, suffered a broken nose on this series and gave way to Craig Morton. Taking over at their own 22, the visitors barged the distance in 8 plays, Starr this time capping the push with a 3-yard pitch up the middle to Fleming in the end zone.

WHEELS TO TD

Late in the third quarter, Robinson waylaid a Meredith pass and rumbled across and, eventually, up field for 18 yards to the Dallas 44. It took just two plays from there. Starr hit Fleming up the middle for 12, then lofted one to Marvelous Marv near the sidelines. Fleming took the ball in stride at the 15 and, bowling over Mel Renfro at the 3, wheeled into the end zone at the 13:57 mark. It was now 21-10, but the Packers' relatively luxurious lead didn't long endure. Craig Baynham returned Mann's kickoff 35 yards to the Dallas 48 and the Pokes struck in five plays, Meredith finding Baynham in the left corner of the end zone with a 27-yard pitch as the clock showed only 13 seconds elapsed in the final period. The pressure began to build from that point - until Lee Roy Caffey's crunching tackle shook Baynham loose from the ball and Nitschke recovered at the Cowboy 25. Starr needed only two plays to get home. He hit Dowler down the left side for 20, then found the rangy veteran up in the middle in the end zone at 5:51. Although the champions now were obviously more comfortable, anxiety existed until Bob Jeter intercepted a Meredith pass in the end zone with 2:28 left and the Packers happily ran out the clock.

GREEN BAY - 0 7 14 7 - 28
DALLAS - 7 3 0 7 - 17

	<u>GREEN BAY</u>	<u>DALLAS</u>
First downs	20	20
Rush-yards-TDs	31-105-0	34-159-0
Comp-Att-Yd-TD-INT	17-25-260-4-1	13-33-219-2-3
Sacked-yards	5-43	2-13
Net pass yards	217	206
Total yards	322	365
Fumbles-lost	0-0	1-1
Turnovers	1	4
Penalties-yards	5-55	4-21

SCORING

1st - DAL - Bob Hayes, 18-yard pass from Don Meredith (Mike Clark kick) DALLAS 7-0

2nd - DAL - Clark, 16-yard field goal DALLAS 10-0

2nd - GB - Carroll Dale, 26-yard pass from Bart Starr (Errol Mann kick) DALLAS 10-7

3rd - GB - Marv Fleming, 3-yard pass from Starr (Mann kick) GREEN BAY 14-10

3rd - GB - Fleming, 32-yard pass from Starr (Mann kick) GREEN BAY 21-10

4th - DAL - Craig Baynham, 27-yard pass from Meredith (Clark kick) GREEN BAY 21-17

4th - GB - Boyd Dowler, 5-yard pass from Starr (Mann kick) GREEN BAY 28-17

RUSHING

GREEN BAY - Elijah Pitts 13-58, Donny Anderson 13-29, Bart Starr 3-12, Jim Grabowski 1-4, Travis Williams 1-2

DALLAS - Don Perkins 18-81, Craig Baynham 14-62, Pettis Norman 1-13, Walt Garrison 1-3

PASSING

GREEN BAY - Bart Starr 25-17-260 4 TD 1 INT

DALLAS - Don Meredith 30-13-219 2 TD 3 INT, Craig Morton 3-0-0

RECEIVING

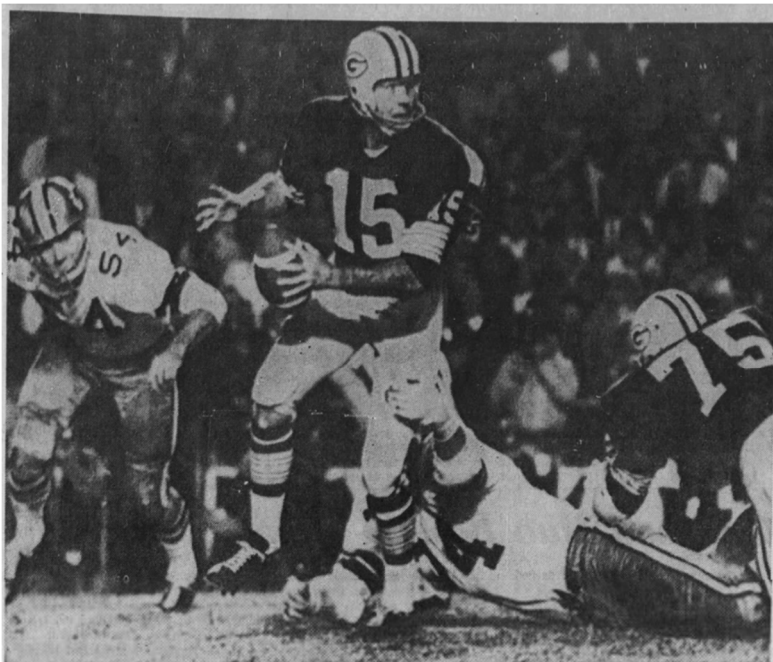
GREEN BAY - Donny Anderson 6-84, Carroll Dale 4-90 1 TD, Marv Fleming 4-56 2 TD, Boyd Dowler 2-25 1 TD, Elijah Pitts 1-5

DALLAS - Lance Rentzel 3-56, Craig Baynham 3-40 1 TD, Bob Hayes 2-68 1 TD, Don Perkins 1-24, Sonny Randle 1-12, Pettis Norman 1-9, Pete Gent 1-6, Walt Garrison 1-4

'HAD MY CHANCE AND I TOOK ADVANTAGE OF IT; FLEMING

OCT 28 (Dallas-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - It was a big night in "Big D" for Marvelous Marv. "Marvelous Marv," of course, is Marv Fleming, the Packers strapping tight end, who set a personal career record in the course of the world champions' crunching 28-17 victory over the Dallas Cowboys here Monday. Wearing a wide smile, the former University of Utah athlete happily informed, "I've never had two touchdowns in a game in my life." Fleming, who counted off a 3-yard Bart Starr pass in the third quarter and again on a 32-yard strike in the fourth, reported, "The first one was on a quick drag - a down-the-field and to the sidelines type of play. The play is designed so my man has

'Had My Chance And I Took Advantage of It; Fleming



GREEN BAY quarterback Bart Starr (15) spins away from Dallas tackle Bob Lilly as linebacker Chuck Howley (54) closes in for the kill. Guard Forrest Gregg (75) of Green Bay is on the ground. Starr was dropped five times for a loss of 43 yards, but still threw four touchdown passes as the Packers knocked Dallas from the unbeaten ranks, 28-17, at the Cotton Bowl Monday night. (AP Wirephoto)

to cover me or Bart." "On the second one I ran what we call an over pattern - across the field." Fleming, who ran the leather in from the 15 and knocked over defender Mel Renfro in the process, confided, "I've been thinking about going all the way lately and I had my big chance, so I took advantage of it." Carroll Dale, whose acrobatic catch produced the Packers' first touchdown, played down his contribution. "It wasn't a real good move," he said, "but it worked all right. I was faking inside and going to the corner on the play, but I didn't make a very good move. I scrambled under it somehow and Green (Cornell) just misjudged the ball."...**WORRIES ABOUT FUMBLE:** Boyd Dowler, recipient of Starr's final TD pass, said the play which set up the scoring strike "was off a play fake." "I noticed Johnson (Mike, Dallas defender) had been looking into the backfield - the play action held him ... I probably could have scored on that one, but I was worried about fumbling. The touchdown was the same play we scored on - the long one - in the championship game against Dallas last year. I guess we've scored a hundred touchdowns on that play in the last 10 years." Dowler added, "I had to get something done, finally. I had a shaky first quarter - That's the first pass I dropped all year."

Burly Dave Robinson, author of the interception which led to the Pack's third touchdown, explained, "I was in the hook zone and the quarterback looked away. I drifted with them and then I saw him throw...I caught the ball on the dead run." Chuckling over the head snapping stiff arm he put on the Cowboys' Don Perkins, Robbie said, "I didn't want to let that little man tackle me...LeeRoy (Caffey) was all set to wipe him out if I could have held up." "I tried to put the same thing on the second man (245-pound guard John Niland)," Robinson laughed, "but he got me. But that didn't bother me - I was just happy to get the interception." Ray Nitschke credited Caffey with "initiating" the fumble which triggered the Packers final touchdown. "LeeRoy hit him and caused it," Nitschke reported. "That was a big play, a big play...**FREAKISH THING:** "I was just trying to get to the ball carrier and the ball was just there. It was kind of a freakish thing." Bob Jeter, whose end zone interception quashed the Cowboys' final threat, informed, "I had Randle (Sonny) covered initially, but I was watching Meredith and he started scrambling, so I had to look around for Randle. I turned around and saw him and, when I turned around again, there was the ball." Erroll Mann, the rookie placekicker activated only minutes before the game, enthused about his first major league opportunity. "It was great," he effervesced, "just great." Commenting on the 37-yard field goal which missed fire in the first quarter, Mann said, "It looked like it was good all the way, then it hooked outside at the last second. It looked like it only missed by inches. "I rushed it a little bit in my approach, I believe," he said, adding, "I just learned a heckuva lot...I got too low on one of my kickoffs, too. Other than that, I hit 'em pretty well."

MILWAUKEE FANS SEND GIGANTIC TELEGRAM TO PACK

OCT 28 (Milwaukee) - The Green Bay Packers received a huge telegram from Milwaukee fans Monday night, urging them to "sock it to them and up your score." "Them" was the Dallas Cowboys, and the Packers did just that, knocking the Cowboys out of the undefeated ranks with a 28-17 victory. A Western Union spokesman said slightly more than 7,100 signatures were on the telegram, sponsored by a radio station. The message, described by a CBS television commentator as "two city blocks long," took between 316 and 4 hours to send.

STARR 'EXCEPTIONAL, SAYS BEATEN LANDRY

OCT 28 (Dallas-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Always a temperate loser, Tom Landry paid tribute to the architect of his Cowboys' first defeat here Monday night. "From the middle of the second quarter on," he said, "Starr (Bart) did a great job of moving the ball and passing...He had an exceptional game." Across the way, where he was savoring the Packers' 28-17 disposition of the previously unbeaten Cowpokes, Coach Phil Bengtson indicated it was the kind of performance he had come to expect of Mr. Quarterback. Asked if he had seen Starr as effective in previous 1968 outings, the Packer strategist replied, "Yes, he's had some games where he's been that sharp."...**'READY TO GO':** In reply to another question, he informed, "We knew he was ready to go. We knew about the middle of the week that he was going to start. We tried him throwing the full speed a couple of times and he didn't have any trouble, so we knew he would be able to play." Starr himself, who invariably prefers to discuss the contributions of his teammates, admitted, "We finally got untracked. I thought our pass protection was just excellent," he said, "particularly several times when it had to be - when we needed first downs." The self-effacing field general noted, in quiet admiration, "I thought our guys really went out to play a good game tonight." He also was impressed with the enemy, asserting, "They are hard hitting and aggressive, just full of class. It's a pleasure to be involved in a game with them."...**ANDERSON KEY WEAPON:** Donny Anderson, a Dallas scribe observed, had been frequently employed as a pass receiver. Had this been by accident or design? "It's rather a quick little thing," Starr replied. "He's a pass receiver and we try to hit him when we can. Sometimes you can and sometimes he's pretty well covered." "He made a couple of great catches for us, particularly the

one he made with Mel Renfro all over him in the first half. That pulled us out of a hole." Did he feel his timing had been off - following a two-week "vacation" - in the early going? "It may have been in the first quarter, but I don't think that was the whole explanation. They were giving us a good rush, too." It must have been satisfying to rebound from the injury with a superior performance, it was suggested. Bart, characteristically subordinating personal interest to the team concept, smiled and summed up, "It always feels good to win."

PHIL COVETS GAME PACK 'HAD TO WIN'

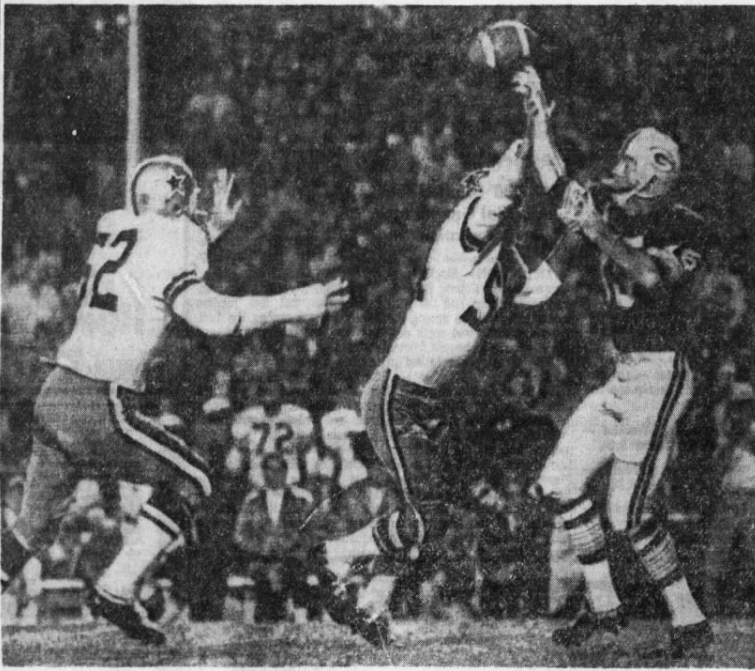
OCT 28 (Dallas-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The happiest he has been in three weeks, a period during which the Packers title stock has fluctuated spectacularly, Phil Bengtson did not equivocate. Fielding questions in the heart of the Pack's jubilant dressing room beneath the Cotton Bowl Monday night, the lanky field leader readily admitted to the press corps, "To stay in the race, we had to win this one." Had the impressive 28-17 victory over the previously unbeaten Dallas Cowboys been the world champions' best game? "I don't think there's any question about it," was the prompt reply. "We put everything together better than we ever have before." "We only had one interception and no fumbles," he pointed out. "And, defensively, we got some interceptions (three) and fumbles (one), which we haven't been getting." Did he think, a Dallas scribe wanted to know, that the Packers have a hex on the Cowboys?...BRING OUT BEST: Bentson smiled, then rejoined, "If it's true, we're certainly fortunate, because we think so highly of them and respect them greatly. They seem to bring out the best in us." "We knew we had to play our best or they would run us out of the ball park." How does the victory affect the Packers' prospectus? "We're right back in the race again now," said Bentson, pleasantly aware his athletes had just vaulted into a tie with Detroit for first place in the NFL's Central Division. "I think the confidence we got in beating Dallas, considering the record they have (6-0) going into action, should give us encouragement," he added. Did he think the Packers' performance had been triggered by the frequent insinuations by some pro football experts that they are growing old? "They're champions," Bentson said simply, "and they're motivated by their experience, to perform well and excel when they can. They think it's an advantage to have the experience they have, rather than a disadvantage. And I don't think it's any disadvantage, either."...NO SURPRISE: Had the Cowboys surprised the Pack in the process of forging an early 10-0 lead? "They didn't surprise us," Phil replied, "but Don Perkins is an awful quick runner - he's hard to hold. We were getting an arm on him and that was about it. It was more his quickness than anything." Offensively, he said in answer to another question, "We didn't have to change any patterns because of their rush. We just had to impress on them they had to block. "Bart (quarterback Starr) is ultra-conservative," Bengtson added in this connection. "He probably could have unloaded to 'em a couple of times. But he doesn't do that. "And," the Packer headmaster smiled, "it's hard to fault him."

LANDRY SAYS 'PACK WANTED TO WIN MORE THAN WE DID'

OCT 28 (Dallas-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Vince Lombardi heard the heckler behind him as he stood behind the end zone in the Cotton Bowl here late Monday night. He turned and looked at the Cowboy fan yelling "Hey Vince, what's going on out there." Vince just smiled. He could afford to. High above him, on one of the huge scoreboards adorning either end of the spacious stadium, the final seconds of the game were musically tick-tocking away. Lombardi obviously felt good. One of a group of reporters surrounding him at that moment, asked, "Do the Packers have some sort of psyche on the Cowboys?" "What do you mean psyche," Lombardi smiled back. "Well, you always beat them," the reporter replied. "They just have to grow up a little...make that mature a little more." The ex-Packer strategist grinned. It was an interesting conversation, particularly in light of Cowboy Coach Tom Landry's remarks minutes later in the quiet Dallas dressing room. "The Packers are capable of pulling off the big game," he said. "They were just about as good as in any other game we played them. It was a must game for them, no question about it. We wanted to win it, too, but they wanted it more. It's the first game we've lost, though, and I'll settle for the same in the second half of the schedule." "And then you'll play the Packers again," one of the Dallas sportswriters added, with something more than a hint of frustration in his voice. "So what," Landry shot back, maintaining his calm but perhaps just a bit irritated. "Someday we're going to pull off a big game, too, and beat them. I'm not making any apologies for this club. They (the Packers) are a good team. Someday we're going to be a good team, too, and beat them." But about Monday night, Landry volunteered, "Green Bay played a great game, it was not one of our best games, but we have no excuses." Someone suggested that it was a typical Packer-Cowboy game. "I suppose it was typical...they beat us," the coach agreed. "We made a couple mistakes in our pass coverage," he continued, "especially on the one to Fleming (the 32-yard scoring pass in the third 'quarter). Landry also defended his move in trying for a field goal with his team trailing 28-17 and only 6:30 left in the game. "It would have taken an unusual play for us in that situation," he said. It was fourth and eight at the Packer 40 and Don Meredith had just been dumped for a four yard loss by Lionel Aldridge. "We were hoping to get a touchdown after that and then add another field goal. We could have taken a chance and gambled



IF YOU WATCHED the game on television you noticed that Herb Adderley and Lance Rentzel had a few words to say to each other. Here, Rentzel (19) is shown being tackled by Tom Brown as Adderley (26), comes up to help. Rentzel caught three passes for 56 yards, and did some fancy running after he caught the ball. But it was all for naught, as the Packers again proved their superiority over the Cowboys. (AP Wirephoto)



A Pass Attempt by Green Bay Packer quarterback Bart Starr was blocked by onrushing Dallas linebacker Chuck Howley (54) during the first quarter of Monday night's NFL game in the Cotton Bowl. No. 52 is Dave Edwards. (AP Wirephoto)

but I didn't think it was worth it. As it was we could have pulled it off. If the field goal had been good and if Baynham (Craig) had held onto the ball in the end zone. We still had time then." Ironically, the entire conversation took place near a locker room sign imploring, "play like a champion today." Champion was underlined.

BAYNHAM FUMBLE BIG PLAY: LANDRY

OCT 28 (Dallas-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - As far as Cowboy Coach Tom Landry was concerned, there was one big play that boosted the Packers to their 28-17 victory here Monday night. "The big play was the fumble. It would have taken a big break for us after that," he declared. There were just over 10 minutes left in the game and the Packers had a slim 21-17 lead. Donny Anderson had boomed a 42-yard punt to the Dallas 22 with no return. On the first play, Cowboy halfback Craig Braynham hit left guard. He was piled up...and suddenly the officials were signaling a first down for the Packers. Two Bart Starr to Boyd Dowler passes and extra points by Erroll Mann inflated the Packer margin to 28-17 and just about insured what was considered in most quarters as an upset triumph. What happened on the crucial play? Braynham, a school boyish looking young man, personable

and courteous, went over it a number of times. "It was an off tackle play," he explained. "The hole opened but just as I hit it, somebody came at me. I shifted direction and in doing so my arm...the one with the ball in it...came out, away from my body - it's not unusual for this to happen. But just then somebody hit me from that side and just slapped the ball right out of my hand." That somebody, it turned out, was LeeRoy Caffey. And Ray Nitschke quickly fell on the loose leather. Don Meredith, like most of his teammates, found it difficult to smile. But in Meredith's case, there was an extra reason. His nose, purple in color, was bent over to one side. He wasn't sure if it was broken...though he thought it probably was - for at least the third time in his career. It happened on the second play of the second half when Willie Davis tossed him for a 10-yard loss. And Willie was tossed a 15-yard penalty for grabbing Meredith's face mask in the process. Meredith said, however, that Davis didn't really have the face mask but rather had hold of the side of his helmet. And then his fist came through. "It was freak thing. He didn't mean to do it," the Poke QB added. And he insisted that the injury didn't really affect him the rest of the game, though he admitted that the Cowboys seemed to lose some spark at that juncture. He said he had no trouble breathing or seeing and "it didn't hurt that much." Furthermore, he insisted that the Packer defensive rush did not bother him. What did hurt, he said, were the interceptions, three of them. He also noted that "Willie Wood made some great recovery plays" and that the idea early in the game was to isolate Bob Hayes on one man, a strategem that paid off in an early touchdown. But after those two passes, one for a 50 yard gain and the other for an 18-yard touchdown, Hayes was blanked. "Against Green Bay, you seldom can get Hayes one on one more than once or twice," Meredith explained...The Packers placed rookie defensive end Francis (Bubba) Winkler on the inactive list shortly before game time to make room for placekicking specialist Erroll Mann. The Cowboys also activated wide receiver Sonny Randle shortly before the kickoff. Defensive end Willie Townes was dropped to make room for Randle, a veteran of nine seasons with the St. Louis Cardinals and San Francisco 49ers... Pvt. Don Horn, the Packer quarterback currently in service, drove in from Fort Sill, Okla., to take in Monday night's Packer-Cowboy showdown. Horn, who will be discharged Nov. 29, said he will rejoin the Packers in the first week in December...Douglas James, 11-year-old nephew of Packer flanker Claudis James was on hand to watch his uncle perform for the first time as a professional. Douglas, from Columbus, Miss., was pressed into service as dressing room aide to Property Manager Dad Braisher...After hearing trumpeter Tom Loy's solo rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner" before the game, Packer General Manager Vince Lombardi elicited a chuckle from press box tenants when he cracked, "I didn't think Dallas would let New Orleans get away with Al Hirt."

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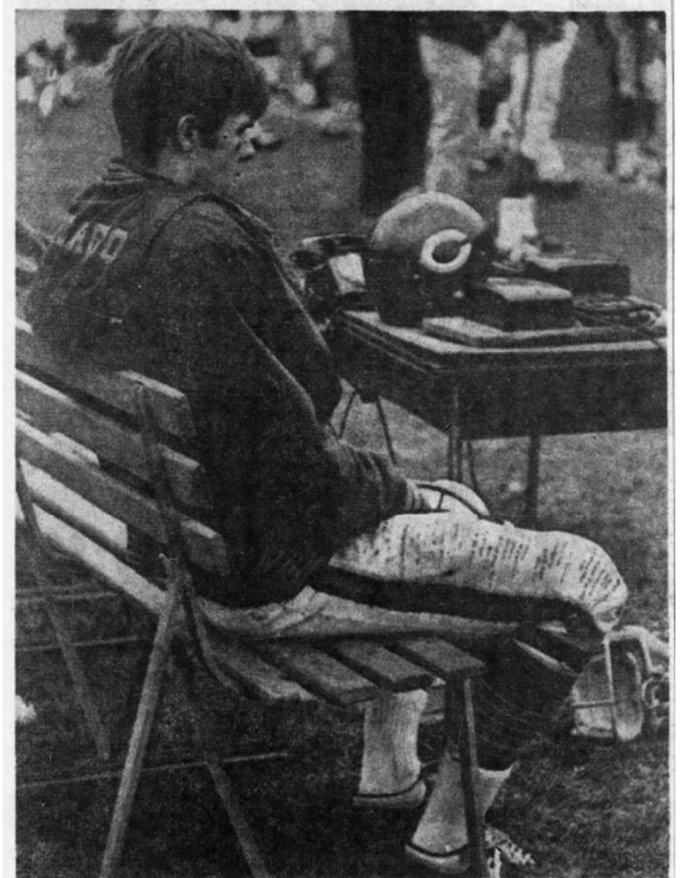
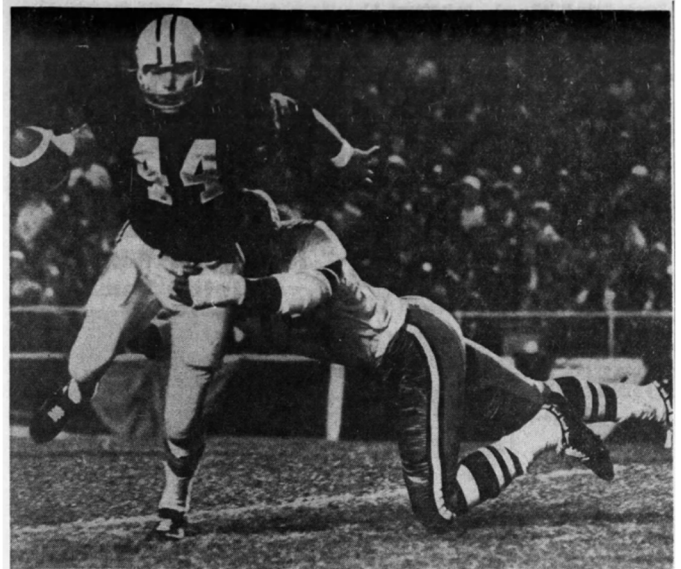
OCT 29 (Dallas-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Steve Perkins is the pro football writer for the Dallas Times-Herald. He is also an unabashed Cowboy fan, as he should be. He is also one of the most outspoken critics of what he called the "Ice Bowl" in Green Bay last Dec. 31. He has blatantly let it be known that in his opinion the NFL championship game should always be played in a warm climate...preferably Dallas, one supposes. But now Perkins is afraid that it might be in Dallas this year...with the Packers as the visitors. Standing outside the dressing rooms moments after the Packers, like angry Brahma bulls, had thrown the Cowboys again, Perkins wrung his hands and shook his head. "This is probably the worst defeat the Cowboys have ever suffered in the regular season," he moaned. That seemed a bit much, considering it didn't drastically alter Dallas' position atop the Capitol Division. But Perkins had some reasoning behind his

statement. "The Cowboys had to win this one. They had to prove to themselves that they are a great team. Look, they're going to win the Capitol Division with no sweat. But what does that prove? They had to beat Green Bay to prove something. Now they won't know how good they are and this will still be on their minds if they play the Packers again." That made sense. But then Perkins added, "The worst part is that they gave it away tonight." Now there we have to offer an argument. The Cowboys did not give it away. The Packers took it away. Whatever sort of wondrous tonic the Packers take before playing the Cowboys, it is worth any price. During the exhibition season, the Packers were down, losing. Then they played Dallas and won. Now, during the considerably more important regular season, the Packers were down, losing. Then they played the Cowboys and...wee, it's like a ride on the fun-filled roller coaster parked just adjacent to the Cotton Bowl on the Texas State Fairgrounds. Monday night's game didn't start that way though. Maybe that's what Perkins had in mind. The Cowboys jumped off to a 10-0 lead as the Packers continued to be plagued by the bothersome "little things." Somebody, either Bart Starr or Marv Fleming, fouled up the first play of the game and Starr's pass bounded harmlessly on the sideline. Then Boyd Dowler dropped a pass right in his hands. Donny Anderson was stopped on a critical third and two play. Erroll Mann missed a field goal. Anderson got off a mere 33-yard punt. Bob Hayes broke so far open the Packers almost had to call for a posse to find him. The Packers picked up a first down on a screen pass but saw it nullified by a penalty. It began to look like every other game this season. Then, as if water started flowing uphill, everything changed. "The 'little things' began going the Packers' way again. Dave Robinson, who seemed to have been behind some yard line stripes most of the season, stole a pass in sensational style and stiff armed Mel Renfro with the authority of a Rocky Marciano uppercut. Willie Wood came to life. Willie Davis turned in a great game. And Bob Brown replaced the hobbled Ron Kostelnik to put some muscle back into the defensive line. And Don Meredith had to hurry some passes. He broke his nose but on some passes he looked like his arm was broken too. The Cowboys jumped offside on crucial Packer plays. The nationwide television audience must have wondered how the Packers ever lost three games and tied one. It had to be a hoax. These were the champion Packers. But the key to all of this had to be Bart Starr. Mr. Super Quarterback was superb. LeeRoy Jordan caught up with Starr just before Bart got to the Packer dressing room door. He pulled Bart around and reached for his hand. He shook it and congratulated the Packer signalist...then, as if to add an exclamation point, he sort of cuffed Starr behind the head and offered more congratulations. It was pro-to-pro appreciation. And if we could, we would like to duplicate that gesture and double for the entire team...in fan to pro appreciation.

PACKERS EVEN BETTER ON FILM: PHIL

OCT 30 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The naked eye, in the excitement and complexity of a pro football game is easily deceived.

There is the tendency to miss details and techniques – or lack thereof – which come to light in the cold black and white of celluloid 24 hours later. Coach Phil Bengtson thus was pleasantly surprised to discover at least one major phase in the Packers' 28-17 conquest of the Cowboys was more impressive in the projection room Tuesday than it had been in the Dallas Cotton Bowl the night before. "I thought our line blocking was particularly good, against some supposedly pretty doggoned good defensive linemen (all-NFL tackle Bob Lilly, for one)," he reported...**BETTER ON FILM:** "It looked a little bit better on film," Bengtson added, "than it impressed us during the game." "Bart (quarterback Starr) also was exceptional...I suppose I shouldn't say that," he amended, "because he's consistently sharp - he's always like that. "He had a way of hitting - he had nine or 10 completions in a row at one point – that was a big factor. When you can do that, it's disheartening to the defense." Although there were several "big plays" during the course of the evening, particularly Dave Robinson's interception and Ray Nitschke's fumble recovery, Bengtson pinpointed the Packers' 80-yard drive to their first touchdown in



The Packers' Donny Anderson (No. 44 in upper photo), and the Bears' Virgil Carter (bottom photo) will be key figures in Sunday's National Football League game at Lambeau Field. Anderson gains 10 yards before being stopped by the Cowboys' Jethro Pugh during

Monday's 28-17 win in Dallas. Carter has play reminders listed in two columns on his right pantleg. The young quarterback is shown taking a breather during last Sunday's game, in which the Bears nipped Minnesota, 26-24. (AP Wirephotos)



Bratkowski -12

Quarterback — Georgia
Height 6-3, Weight 200
Born in Danville, Ill., Oct. 20,
1931

Thirteenth year in pro ball . . . Fourth with Packers . . . Real Estate Insurance Major . . . Chicago Bears number two draft choice in 1953 . . . In rookie campaign completed 67 of 130 passes for 1,087 yards and 8 TDs and punted 39 times for a 41 yard ave. . . . Spent 1953 and 1956 in Air Force . . . In 5 seasons with Bears he completed 263 of 537 passes for 3,639 yds., 24 TDs and 58 interceptions . . . Quarterbacked Rams in 1961, 1962 and half of '63 season . . . Completed 279 of 530 for 3,551 yards, 20 TDs and 35 interceptions . . . Traded to Packers for last seven games of 1963 where he backs up Bart Starr . . . Zeke has quarterbacked Packers to victory over Colts twice. Vikings once in 1965; led club to victories over Colts, Bears and Rams in 1966 and victories over Falcons, Lions and 49ers in four games when Starr was injured. Residence: Granada Hills, Calif.

the second quarter as the key development...PRAISES PITTS: "Being able to score at the end of the first half was very important," he said, "because we were able to go into the dressing room behind only 10-7 instead of 10-0 or 10-3." Continuing his analysis, the Packer strategist added, "Donny (Anderson) was running hard and Pitts (Elijah) did a real good job. He opened things up at the beginning with the pitchouts. Of course, they choked that off pretty well later on, but we had them pretty well spread out by that time." Tuesday's screening also revealed "the overall defense was real good," Bengtson said, "although we had a tough time getting hold of that Perkins (Don) for a while. He was squirming through there. It appeared like we were grabbing at him, but he was doing some fine running." All of which prompted him to further observe, with some fervor, "They've got a lot of good personnel - both ways - there's no question about it."...MANN JUST MISSED: The pictures further disclosed that placekicker Erroll Mann, activated shortly before Monday night's game, came within inches of making his 37-yard field goal attempt in the first quarter, Bengtson informed. "We were disappointed, of course, that he missed it," he admitted, "but he just missed it...His first kickoffs were very good, but the last couple were a little short." "There's a little tension connected with kicking, you know," Bengtson noted by way of explanation. "That's quite a bit of responsibility. He'll do a good job for us when he settles down. He's got a good leg." Mann again will handle all of the placekicking assignments against the Bears here Sunday, even though Jerry Kramer, who previously doubled in that role, is expected to resume his duties at right guard following recovery from a wrenched knee, Bengtson said. "That type of kicking - especially kicking off - is likely to irritate Jerry's knee," he explained...FLEMING DRAWS PRAISE: "Marv Fleming," Bengtson continued, "had a good night...two touchdowns. He did a good job on Renfro (Mel) on the second one. He smiled and added, "It was a kind of a mismatch for size. I guess he had more room than Renfro realized. On the other one, he adjusted the pattern well to the defense." Commenting on Robinson's devastating stiff-arm of Don Perkins following his opportune third quarter interception, the Packer chieftain elevated his eyebrows in admiration and observed, "He lifted him up and really moved him out of there. Robbie made a real play on that one. He came a long way after recognizing the pattern. I think Meredith was surprised to see him there." Since it is a "short" week, Bengtson and his aides had little time to relish the "must" triumph, which lifted the Packers into a tie with the Detroit Lions in the NFL's Central Division scramble...STUDY BEAR SUCCESSES: The revitalized Bears lie immediately ahead - in Lambeau Field Sunday afternoon - and the Packer board of strategy spent a large portion of Tuesday studying films of the Bruins' successive victories over the Eagles and Vikings. "They look very good," Phil said. "They have the same weapons, of course - Sayers (Gale) on offense and Butkus (Dick) on defense. That new quarterback, Carter (Virgil), looks good. He has a strong arm and he moves around in the backfield well. He runs quite a bit. He's not a scrambler, but he has good running ability. They, like so many teams now, are opening up their formations. They use lots of wide open stuff, throwing the ball. Of course, they have been running effectively too. They were leading the league in rushing going into last Sunday's game."

STARR VAULTS INTO NFL PASSING LEAD WITH DALLAS PERFORMANCE

OCT 30 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Bart Starr's sterling performance against the Dallas Cowboys moved Mr. Quarterback to the top of the NFL pass statistics today. Starr had seen only limited action in two weeks because of a pulled arm muscle. But he went into Monday night's game at Dallas with Coach Phil Bengtson insisting the arm was back in top condition. Bengtson was right. Starr completed 17 of 25 passes for 260 yards and four touchdowns and lost only one toss through interception. The NFL ratings released today put Starr atop the season standings with 76 completions out of 116 attempts for 1,161 yards and 13 touchdowns, an average gain per toss of 10.01 yards. The Packers' Donny Anderson is No. 7 among NFL ground gainers: 442 yards in 89 carries and two touchdowns. No Packers were among the top 10 pass receivers, and none among the leading 10 individual scorers. Chicago's Gale Sayers is the leading ground gainer with 619 yards in 103 carries. Detroit's Bill Munson was No. 2 in the quarterback column behind Starr, averaging 8.36 yards on 80 completions out of 133 tries. After the Packers overcame a 10-0 deficit to stop the previously unbeaten Cowboys 28-17, the victors returned to Green Bay with comments giving full credit to Starr. "Some people may have thought we were dead," defensive captain Willie Davis said. "Going without Bart the last two weeks really hampered

us." But in Dallas, Davis added, "you could really tell the difference." Bengtson offered an analysis of the Starr talent: "He's a smart student of the game. He studies religiously. Then he has the poise and ability to carry out a plan and execute, and he's very accurate, throwing under pressure." "Starr will take loss to avoid throwing an interception which shows good judgment," Bengtson said.

DALE UNDERRATED, BUT HAPPY

OCT 30 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - An article in the current issue of a national sports magazine lists Carroll Dale, the Packers' gifted flanker, as "one of the 25 most under-rated players in pro football." This assessment, presumably, is based in large part upon the fact

Dale never has been named to the all-NFL team, despite a consistently superior performance in recent seasons. If this be true, the soft-spoken Tennessean accepts his professional lot with characteristically good grace. "As a receiver, Boyd (teammate Boyd Dowler, another who has not received the recognition he clearly deserves) and I have talked about it a lot," Carroll says. "Receivers are judged by the number of receptions they have. Naturally, the Packers don't throw too much." "We don't worry too much about it," the former Ram added. "But you can't really say it isn't a fair way to judge." "As far as the article is concerned," Carroll noted with a smile, "I appreciate the compliment." Elaborating on his original point, Dale confided, "As far as the Pro Bowl is concerned, it would be nice, but the Super Bowl is the one I want to make." Carroll, one of only five regularly employed NFL receivers to average better than 20 yards a catch in 1967, was off to the most profitable start of his nine-year pro career before pulling a rib muscle in the Packers' invasion of Atlanta Oct. 6. "The first three games I had pretty good success," the modest, mild-mannered VPI alumnus admitted, "but the next three weren't too productive. Against the Rams the week after Atlanta, I played without practicing and I played like it. They say you play like you practice and that's about how effective I was..." **DID IT MYSELF:** "The funny part of it was that I did it myself," he dryly informed. "I got the pull in turning to make a cut. I also dislocated a finger on my left hand on the same play. I'm not sure whether I bent it on the ball or on the defender." "I broke off a post pattern real quick and twisted back," Dale explained, adding, "It feels a lot better now." Although his maneuverability produced painful results, it is - as is the case with almost every pro pass catcher - his greatest asset. "Quickness out of a move, running the sharp pattern, is the most important thing a receiver can have," Carroll says. "If you round off a square out, for example, the defender can recover on you. On long patterns, it's the same thing - acceleration out of your move is vitally important... **NOTHING BUT TITLES:** "There is nothing wrong with great speed, of course, but quickness is the main thing. When you get a step, you need to keep it." Dale came to the Packers in 1965 from Los Angeles in exchange for Dan Currie and thus has known nothing but championships - after five years of artistic famine in the City of Angels. Little wonder, then, that the 30-year-old Virginia native's confidence in his colleagues remains unshaken in the face of recent adversity. "If I had to pick a team to take my chances on going to the Super Bowl with," he declared, "I'd pick this one."

PUBLICIST PLAYS DOWN BEAR INVASION OF LAMBEAU FIELD

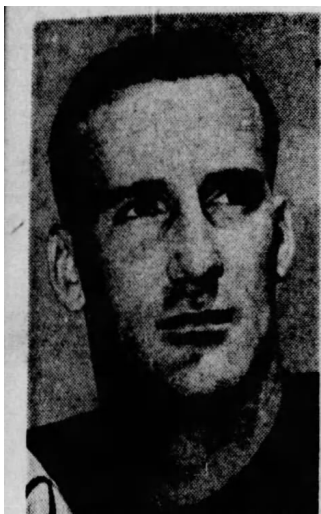
OCT 30 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Every Green Bay Packer fan in his right mind knows what frame of mind the Chicago Bears are going to be in when they visit Lambeau Field Sunday afternoon. But to hear the Bears' publicity director, Dan Desmond, tell it, the Pack should win in a breeze. Desmond, in speaking to the Green Bay Mike and Pen Club Tuesday, said, "The Bears do not have the depth and are not as solid as Green Bay." That, as everyone knows, remains to be seen... **INFLATED IDEA:** Desmond insisted that a good preseason, which included a victory over the Bays in the annual Shrine game in Milwaukee, "resulted in an inflated idea of what the Bears were going to do this year." "The Bears beat the Packers on national television in a preseason game and it gave a false impression of our team," he said. "The writers, especially, got excited. And because Dooley (Bruin coach Jim Dooley) is such a personable guy, they were all for him," explained Desmond. "Our club just wasn't as good as the record indicated, and we started to tail off at the end of the season," he added. "Then we opened the season by losing to Washington, 38-28, before that I thing at Detroit," referring to the 42-0 shellacking at the hands of the Lions. But what about now? "Well, we've looked good in our two wins over Minnesota besides losing to Baltimore. It's a funny thing, we seem to own Minnesota like you fellas (Green Bay) own Dallas," Desmond remarked. He stressed that the Bears' mediocre 3-4 slate is not due to injuries. "Physically, we're in pretty good shape," he said. He said quarterback Jack Concannon has been on the injured reserve list for four weeks "and he won't be playing Sunday." He said the quarterback, who opened the year at the helm of the Midway Monsters, will probably be out for at least two more weeks... **CARTER AT QUARTERBACK:** "Virgil Carter has won the job at quarterback, and he has handled himself real well," Desmond continued, citing Carter's performance against Minnesota in a 26-24 victory Sunday. Carter threw a pair of touchdown passes and completed 12 of 29 passes. "He'll keep the job as long as he keeps the Bears winning," Desmond added. Carter, he pointed out, will be backed up by Larry Rakestraw and Rudy Bukich. "Rakestraw is a good quarterback, but things just seem to go wrong for him. He threw five interceptions in one game," he said. The Bears will be without one of the premier punters in the league, Bobby Joe Green, who sustained a leg injury in last week's encounter with the Vikes. "Gary Lyle finished the game as our kicker, but we've got sort of a kicking caravan this week to determine who will do the punting," referring to the fact the Bears are holding "tryouts" for the job. "Joe Taylor and Mac Percival have done some punting. They (the Bears) may try to deal for somebody," he said. Dick Butkus, "Mr. Orner" to Green Bay fans, left the Viking game in the first half with bruised ribs, "but he'll be playing Sunday," said Desmond. Butkus, you may remember, can be seen often in the backfield of opposing teams from his middle linebacker position... **TEMPERAMENT PROBLEMS:** Desmond said the Bear roster stands at 38, including the once-feared fullback Andy Livingston, who for the fifth time recently walked out of the Chicago camp. "His troubles are mostly temperamental. He's a bit immature, not having gone to college, and he thinks some of Dooley's weight programs are a little silly," explained Desmond. Livingston, who joined the Bears right out of high school in 1964 and averaged six yards a try in his second season

LEADING GROUND GAINERS				
		Avg.		
	Att.	Yards	Gain	TD
Sayers, Chi	103	619	6.0	2
Kelly, Cle	129	589	4.6	5
Farr, Det	106	499	4.7	3
Woodesick, Phil	95	472	5.0	1
Hoak, Pitt	77	460	6.0	2
Willard, SF	114	444	3.9	2
Anderson, GB	89	442	5.0	2
Perkins, Dal	94	408	4.3	1
Lewis, SF	91	386	4.2	0
Brown, Minn	110	377	3.4	9

LEADING PASSERS				
	Att	Com.	Yds.	TDs
			Gain	TDs
Starr, GB	116	76	1,161	13 10.01
Munson, Det	133	80	1,112	9 8.36
Meredith, Dal	162	96	1,368	12 8.44
Tarkenton, NY	151	86	1,301	12 8.62
Jurgensen, Wash	191	113	1,376	12 7.20
Brodie, SF	201	122	1,447	11 7.20
Nelsen, Cle	118	69	896	7 7.59
Morrall, Balt	169	94	1,497	15 8.86
Gabriel, LA	187	101	1,268	10 6.78
Hart, StL	143	67	1,000	8 6.99

LEADING PASS RECEIVERS				
	Recd.	Yds.	Gain	TDs
McNeil, SF	43	584	13.6	4
Taylor, Wash	31	344	11.1	1
Williams, StL	29	414	14.3	4
Renzel, Dal	28	430	15.4	2
McCullough, Det	26	354	21.3	5
Smith, StL	26	450	17.3	2
Hawkins, Phil	25	499	20.0	2
Washington, Minn	25	420	16.8	3
Truax, LA	25	320	12.8	1
Jones, NY	24	597	24.9	5

LEADING SCORERS				
	TDs	FG	PAT	TP
Brown, Minn	10	0	0	60
Clark, Dal	0	9	29	56
Gogolak, NY	0	10	24	54
Durkee, NO	0	12	15	51
Gossett, LA	0	10	20	50
Percival, Chi	0	12	13	49
Bakken, StL	0	9	19	46
Michaels, Balt	0	6	27	45
Farr, Det	7	0	0	42
Kelly, Cle	7	0	0	42



Dowler-86

Flanker — Colorado
Height 6-5, Weight 225
Born in Cheyenne, Wyo.,
Oct. 18, 1937

Tenth season in pro ball . . . Packers third draft choice in 1959 . . . **Big Eight Quarterback** . . . Led Bisons in passing, receiving, and interceptions . . . Physical Education Major . . . Averaged 43.3 yds. per punt in 1962 . . . Competed in track running 100 in 9.9 and high hurdles in 14.2 . . . Virtually unanimous choice for **Rookie of the Year** in 1959 as he led Packers with 32 catches for 549 yards and 4 TDs . . . Called into Army in 1961 and played football weekends . . . Packers leading receiver in 1959, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965 and 1967 . . . Caught 16 yard TD pass from Starr against Dallas for only TD of 1966 . . . Caught two TD passes against Dallas in NFL Title Game and 62 yard TD bomb against Oakland in AFL-NFL Title Game in 1968 . . . Packers All-time second leading receiver behind Don Hutson . . . Can play tight end as well as split end and flanker . . . Pro Bowl 1966 and 68 . . . Sporting News All-Pro 1967. Residence: Green Bay, Wisconsin.

to team in a double-barreled attack with Gayle Sayers, was felled by an injury in 1966 and hasn't been the same since. Livingston, said Desmond, has ballooned into the 230's "and just likes to eat a lot. He's got some personal problems, too."

NOTES AND NOTIONS

OCT 30 (Appleton Post-Crescent) - The race to the Super Bowl qualifying games (NFL and AFL playoffs) is half over...and no less than four NFL teams are running neck-and-neck. Dallas, which had been alone atop our "Super Bowl Index" from the beginning, has dropped into a tie for the lead position (at 90 points out of a possible 100) with Green Bay, Baltimore and Los Angeles. At this juncture of the race the four teams' chances of reaching the Miami classic in January seem about equal. The goliaths of pro football enacted two TV spectaculars in "intra-Big 4" warfare over the "extended" weekend. When the smoke had cleared, no perfect records remained, and considerable difference of opinion developed about which is now the NFL's best team. Baltimore started the upheaval Sunday by dumping the Rams. The Packers put on the finishing touches Monday in Dallas by doing their "thing" (winning the critical games) for the umpteenth time in the Lombardi-Bengtson era. Behind the "Big 4" on the Super Bowl Index, we'd rate Detroit and Cleveland (which has been coming on strong) at 75 apiece, and St. Louis, Minnesota and San Francisco, at 70. On the basis of schedules, one would be inclined to continue rating the Cowboys above the others. But, because Dallas ultimately will probably have to meet the Western survivor (Baltimore, Los Angeles or Green Bay) in the NFL title game, one is inclined to be a bit wary - especially in view of the vulnerability shown by the Cowboys in the Packer game. The Cowboys, of course, are favored heavily in their division race and also should triumph in the Eastern playoff. But Dallas, with only one game (Green Bay) against a fellow member of the "Big 4," has the easiest schedule of the top powers. In their remaining games, the Cowboys meet New York and Washington twice each, New Orleans, Pittsburgh, and Chicago. On the other hand, the Colts, the Packers and the Rams have three games apiece against "big 3" opposition this season. The Western sector of the AFL is also the "loaded" one - with Kansas City, Oakland and San Diego fighting for the playoff berth against the Eastern champ, which will undoubtedly be the Jets. Kansas City rates at the head of the AFL class, with a mark of 90. Oakland and San Diego are rated at 85 each, and the Jets at 80. Oakland's chances of returning to the Super Bowl will get a supreme test Sunday against KC...The Packers now have to be regarded as the favorite in the Central Division chase - something that didn't seem too likely two weeks ago, or even a week ago. The unexpected losses by Detroit and Minnesota last weekend, plus the Bays' big win over Dallas sends Packer stock to a new high for '68. After demonstrating they could hold their own against Los Angeles, even without Bart Starr (but getting nothing but a loss for their efforts), the Packers restored their prestige to the old-time level by demonstrating superiority over Dallas. In Packer history, Monday's victory would seem to rate with the 1965 win over Baltimore in the fog. Both regular-season victories were vitally needed from the

mathematical standpoint in the title race and because of the momentum they could provide. The hero in Baltimore was Paul Hornung, one of the all-time Packer greats, with five touchdowns. The pace-maker Monday, in Dallas, with Bart Starr, another Packer "all-timer," with four TD passes. The Packers are a good team without Starr - but an outstanding team with him. Despite being sidelined for two games, the master quarterback showed his unmatched skill in passing, calling the unexpected play and exploiting enemy weaknesses. Needless to say, of course, all members of the offensive and defensive units (as well as special teams) were "on" Monday. Many Packers reached their individual 1968 peaks. The most repetitive acts of enthusiasm during the unpredictable and thrill-laced football weekend were the "victory" dances of the green jerseyed Michigan State defenders. Every time they stopped a Notre Dame scoring threat - and they were almost too numerous to tabulate - the Spartan defensive corps exploded with spontaneous excitement. It was one of the best



Hyland-50

Tackle-Center —
Boston College
Height 6-5, Weight 255
Born in White Plains, N. Y.,
July 21, 1945

Drafted in First Round for 1967 by Packers in place of Pittsburgh's number one choice . . . Considered best offensive lineman in college football in 1966 . . . Can play all 5 positions in offensive line . . . 10.1 speed in 100 . . . played in Senior Bowl and East West Shrine Game . . . Honor student . . . lettered in baseball and track . . . Put shot over 53 f e S..tertt.rldsveeae a over 53 feet . . . Started several games at center in 1967 . . . UPI all-rookie team 1967. Native of White Plains, N. Y.

demonstrations of defensive determination in recent collegiate or professional circles. In the matter of enthusiasm, it would be pretty difficult to beat announcer Jack Brickhouse's response to Mac Percival's game-winning field goal against Minnesota. Brickhouse must have blown out thousands of tubes and transistors on midwest radios. The Packers are the next team that will have to worry about Percival, who has become the NFL's most remarkable kicker. The Cowboy castoff (he was given the "boot" for missing two kicks in a Packer game two years ago) has connected on nine straight attempts, and anything past mid-field has become field goal territory for the Bears.

BAYNHAM ALSO BROKE NOSE AGAINST PACK

OCT 30 (Dallas) – Quarterback Don Meredith received a broken nose in Monday night's 28-17 loss to the Green Bay Packers, and that wasn't Dallas' only injury. Halfback Craig Baynham was added to the busted-beak list Tuesday. Meredith suffered his injury when Willie Davis grabbed a face mask in an attempt to tackle the Cowboy. It wasn't certain when Baynham received his fractured nose. Meredith and Baynham will be available for duty Sunday against the New Orleans Saints.

DODGEVILLE COACH WEENIE WILSON DEAD AT 54

OCT 31 (Dodgeville) - Services will be at 1 p.m. here Saturday for John (Weenie) Wilson, who coached tiny Dodgeville high school to the state public high school basketball championship in 1964 and to second place the year before. Wilson, also athletic director at the school, died of a heart attack Wednesday. He was 54. Officials said Wilson collapsed while conducting a physical education class. He had a history of heart trouble and had suffered a heart attack only a few months prior to the 1962-63 state tournament. A native of Richland Center, Wilson attended the University of Wisconsin and graduated from the University of Dubuque. He played one season with the Green Bay Packers of the NFL in 1939. He has been at Dodgeville high school the last 28 years, and the school said it would establish a scholarship in his honor. Burial will be at Richland Center.

DALLAS LEAVES WRITER 'UNEASY

OCT 31 (Green Bay Press-Gazette-Len Wagner) – "I don't think it was such a tough shot. I think he had a pretty easy shot." The cab driver was pointing out the exact window in the Texas School! Book Depository from which Lee Harvey Oswald presumably shot President John F. Kennedy. His words and the realization that this is where it all happened conjured up an uneasy feeling in my stomach Monday afternoon...UNPLANNED RETURN: It was my first visit to Dallas. I was there to cover the Packers-Cowboys game that night. But, like many other visitors, I had hired a cab to take me along the Kennedy assassination route. Little did I realize that I was to get another uneasy feeling in my stomach on my second visit to Dallas less than 24 hours later. The second visit was unplanned. Still enjoying the glow of the Packers sensational victory the night before, I had just settled back in my seat aboard American Airlines flight 102, a 727 jet bound for Chicago, when the voice crackled over the plane's public address system. "This is Capt. Hardy," it began in routine manner. But then in very unroutine manner, it continued, "We seem to have lost our hydraulic fluid system so we think we'll be going back to Dallas. But we'll stay up here for a time until we decide just what we're going to do." The uneasy feeling was returning...PACKER BACKERS: Aboard the plane with me were 100 or so passengers, some of them Packer Backers on their way back to Green Bay, Wisconsin, or other midwest destinations, as well as a group of Milwaukee, Chicago and Detroit sports writers who had been covering the game. A good many smiles, left over from the previous night, were wiped away by the announcement. And several minutes later, deep concern flooded those same faces as Capt. Hardy informed the passengers that the landing gear, controlled by the hydraulic system, was now in place but there was still some question about it being locked in. With this in mind, Capt. Hardy instructed the stewardesses to begin precautionary measures. The girls began moving children to the rear of the plane. They collected all loose items such as briefcases, typewriters, purses. Then they collected all sharp pointed objects, including pens and pencils and women's high heeled shoes. They began a detailed coverage of the plastic cards in the seat pockets that show the emergency exits and how they work...EVERYTHING OKAY?: An elderly man sitting next to a wing exit was asked to change places with a young marine and the marine was given explicit instructions on how to open the exit door for evacuation, if necessary, once the plane was down. Then Capt. Hardy's voice returned again to announce that the light indicators for the landing gear were now on and that he was sure everything would be okay. But the emergency preparations continued. Another man was asked to change seats. He didn't seem to understand as the stewardess explained that she wanted to sit near the exit door so she could operate it. "Please" she pleaded. The man moved. Another stewardess was speaking over the P.A. system explaining the "brace" position all passengers were to assume for the landing. It meant cinching the seat belt tight, hands locked under the knees and head on your lap. A stewardess walked down the aisle to check everyone's position...ROUTINE LANDING: All this was carried out coolly, efficiently and, as it turned out, unnecessarily. Moments later, the plane



Gravesite of John (Weenie) Wilson - 1939 Packer - Richland Center Cemetery, Richland Center, WI

(Source: <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/83252313/john-wilson>)

nosed down toward the Love Field runway...and made a smooth, routine...well, almost routine...landing. "No trouble at all," Capt. Hardy blared over the P.A. system. A cheer went up from the passengers. But a look outside revealed several fire trucks, ambulances and other emergency equipment ready for action on the edge of the completely cleared runway. And after the entire group of passengers was transferred to another plane, Capt. Hardy let it be known that there was some problem with the ground steering mechanism but the landing had been smooth...at 150 miles per hour. After a deep sigh, my stomach returned to normal and the conversation returned to the Packers.

DALLAS GAME LIKE FAIRY TALE FOR PACKERS' MANN

OCT 31 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – It was a little like a fairy tale, coming off the world champions' taxi squad an hour before game time to play a featured role on national television. Small wonder, then, that ruddy-cheeked Errol Mann was slightly overcome when his moment came in the Packers' critical showdown with the Cowboys Monday night. But the 27-year-old place kicking specialist, who has made two previous bids for pro football employment with the Denver Broncos and Cleveland Browns, wasn't in orbit long. "I came down on the plane ride home," he somewhat ruefully confided following Wednesday's practice. "I remembered a couple of those kickoffs and the field goal I missed...it doesn't take too long."...GENIAL PROTEST: "I think he kicked well, very well," locker-mate Elijah Pitts interposed in genial protest. Then, turning to Mann, he added, "You kicked 'em long and you kicked 'em high. That's something we haven't had in a long time." Subsequently critiquing his efforts (he kicked four extra points, averaged 55.8 yards on five kickoffs and missed a 37-yard field goal attempt by inches) which he had viewed earlier in the day on film, Errol said, "I have a lot of improvement to make. I'm not satisfied with my performance." He felt, then, that he could do substantially better than he had in Dallas? "There's no doubt in my mind,"



Errol Mann

Mann, flashing a confident smile, promptly rejoined...TOO FAR UNDERNEATH: "That one Monday night was the first game I've kicked in a while," he pointed out, noting, "I got too far underneath a couple of kickoffs." Could he have been trying too hard? Mann, already looking forward to Sunday's assignment against the Bears in Lambeau Field, grinned and replied, "That was probably part of it." "I was a little nervous...I realized it was a big game and I didn't want to let anybody down. I felt I had an obligation to the coaches and players." His last experience under game conditions had come in a pre-season game at San Francisco Aug. 18 when he was with the Browns, Errol reported. "I didn't do any kickoffs that time - just field goals and extra points...BROWNS WELL STOCKED: "I had one short field goal, a 17-yarder I think, and kicked a couple of extra points. Prior to that, I kicked against the Rams in our first exhibition. That time, I tried two field goals. On one of them, the holder dropped the pass from center and the other one was blocked...I think I had three extra points." Mann later was placed on waivers by the Browns, already stocked with the veteran Lou Groza and No. 3 draftee Don Cockroft of 1967, and joined the Packers early in September. The 6-foot, 210-pound native of tiny (pop. 400) Campbell, Minn., is fortunate, it develops, to be kicking at all. Errol, who began the 1967 season with Denver, explained, "I had the team made, but I tore a muscle in my right thigh and I had to have surgery, so I was out for the season." "I wasn't supposed to be able to play football again," said Mann, who had kicked two field goals in the Broncos' 13-9 upset of the Detroit Lions and a total of six during the exhibition season. "The doctor thought I would never kick again. That's how I was able to get my release from Denver. "About three or four days after I got it, a Cleveland scout stopped in to see me in Grand Forks (North Dakota, his present home) and offered me a contract." Mann set 14 school and North Central Conference placekicking records at the University of North Dakota, including a mark of 11 field goals his senior year. His longest?...TWO 52-YARDERS: "I had a 52-yarder in college and I had two 52-yarders in the Broncos' intra-squad game

last year." Openly delighted to be with the Packers, the balding blond informed, "When I came off the field in Dallas Monday night, a fan said to me, 'Mann, it's a long way from Denver.' "He didn't know," the former Bronco beamed, "how right he was. "I'm real pleased at the confidence the rest of the players and coaches have shown in me."

BART STARR NAMED OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF WEEK IN NFL

OCT 31 (New York) – Tom Landry said it best when he summed up the first defeat of the season for the Dallas Cowboys: "Bart Starr was just great." Starr was that kind of quarterback Monday night in the Cotton Bowl when he threw four touchdown passes and directed the revival of the Green Bay Packers. The Packers pierced Dallas' Doomsday Defense for 322 yards and a 28-17 victory. It was the sixth straight for the Packers over the Cowboys. Starr's statistics showed 17 completions in 25 passes with one interception. As a result, Starr was named by The Associated Press as the offensive player of the week in the NFL. Mac Percival's supporters also had a solid claim because the Chicago Bears' place kicker booted four field goals, his fourth being a 47-yarder with three seconds to go that beat Minnesota 26-24. Gale Sayers also ran 18 times for 143 yards for the Bears. Another kicker, Booth Lusteg of the Pittsburgh Steelers, turned out to be the unlikely hero of the Steelers' first win, a 6-3 decision over the winless Philadelphia Eagles. Lusteg, who had missed two attempts out of three, kicked a 15-yarder with 17 seconds to go.

COWBOYS AND RAMS CONTINUE TO LEAD STATISTICS IN NFL

OCT 31 (New York) – The Dallas Cowboys are the top offensive team in the NFL, and the Los Angeles Rams are the defensive leaders, but you never would have known it last weekend. The Cowboys' celebrated attack, which has averaged 365 yards a game in the first half of the season, was held to 17 points Monday night when the Green Bay Packers rolled to a 28-17 victory in the Cotton Bowl. Los Angeles,



Gregg-75

Offensive Tackle — Southern Methodist

Height 6-4, Weight 250

Born in Birthright, Texas, Oct. 18, 1933

Twelfth season in pro ball . . . Packers second round draft choice in 1956 . . . Missed 1957 season due to military service . . . Made All-SWC in 1954 and 1955 . . . Physical Education Major . . . Captained Mustangs in 1955 . . . Named All-Pro AP in 1960, UPI in 1961. AP and NEA in 1962 and consensus All-Pro 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966 and 1967 . . . Named All-Pro at guard by AP in '65 and at tackle by UPI AND NEA as he played both positions . . . Versatile performer . . . Winner of Best Blocker Award from NFL 1000 Yard Foundation in 1965 . . . Pro-Bowl 1961, 65, 67 and 68 . . . Sporting News All-Pro, 1968. Residence: Gainesville, Tex.

which has yielded an average of 211 yards a game for seven games, was unable to contain the Baltimore Colts who knocked them out of the unbeaten class Sunday, 27-10... **BOWED TO GIANTS:** Washington, which has done the best job of protecting its passer with only nine smears in seven games bowed to the New York Giants when Sonny Jurgensen had trouble hitting his receivers. The big pass rush of the Rams, which has flattened the quarterback 27 times for 218 yards, couldn't handle the Colts' offensive line. The Colt linemen were so spectacular that six, including platooning centers, were given game balls.

BEARS FOLLOWED DOOLEY 'SCRIPT' FOR LATE WIN

OCT 31 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) — For almost 59 minutes, your offensive line has been drilling holes in a defense described by Dallas Coach Tom Landry as "the toughest we've faced," and your running backs have poured through for over 200 yards. More important, you are leading in what you've described as "a vital game." Then, like lightening, a 25-yard touchdown pass revises the scoreboard: Minnesota 24, Chicago 23. Time remaining: 1:06. What thoughts filled the mind of rookie Bear Coach Jim Dooley? "I knew we needed a good runback of the kickoff," Dooley recalled. "Then Virgil had to get us close enough for Mac to have a decent shot at a field goal." Dick Gordon gave Dooley his runback: 45 yards to the Chicago 41. Fifty seconds remained. Now it is up to Virgil Carter, the kid quarterback, who seven weeks ago wasn't even on the Bears' active roster, and until two weeks ago never had directed the first offensive unit - not even in practice. On successive pass plays, Carter ran for three and seven yards when his receivers were covered, stopping the clock in between with his last timeout. On first down on the Minnesota 39, he stops the clock with an incomplete pass. "On second down, we flooded the strong side, with Cecil Turner at flanker, tight end Bob Wallace in the middle, and fullback Ron Bull in close," Dooley explained. "The linebacker picked up Bull and Wallace cleared the strong safety, leaving the inside open. Turner made a quick cut into the middle and Virgil stuck it right in his hands at the 40." The Bears quickly lined up and Carter halted the clock again with another out of bounds incomplection. Eight seconds remained. "Carter's performance under pressure was one of the coolest I've ever seen," Dooley said. Enter Mac Percival, a school teacher who was discovered to be a prospective placekicker by the Dallas' Kicking Karavan prior to the 1967 season and then acquired by the Bears in a trade. Percival, who never played college football, had a two-game string of eight consecutive field goals, ranging from 14 to 42 yards. This one would be from the 47. "When I saw Petitbon (Rich Petitbon, the ball-holder) talking calmly to Mac, and Mac looking real relaxed," Dooley said, "I had a real confident feeling about his kick." Dooley's confidence was justified as Percival boosted his string to nine straight and produced a 26-24 victory which lifted the Bears to within a half-game of the Central Division lead after a staggering start this season. "I told Mac to keep his head down and swing easy," Petitbon revealed. "Amazing is the only word to describe the situation in the Central Division and our season thus far," the Bears' coach said. "Nobody in the Division has won more than three games and we're right in the thick of the thing with a kid quarterback who never figured to get into uniform and a placekicker who never kicked in competition before last year."

MAY HAVE BEEN TOO HIGH, SAYS DALLAS' LANDRY

OCT 31 (Dallas) - A disappointed Tom Landry, coach of the Dallas Cowboys, said Wednesday he thought Monday night's 28-17 thrashing by Green Bay in a bitter NFL game would make Dallas a better team. "It's tough to come back from a loss like that, but I think it will make us a better defensive team," Landry said. "The Packers do well against our defense. But we now know what we must do to improve." Landry said he thought Dallas was "emotionally higher" for the Packers than ever before. "We may have been too high," Landry said. "We started making errors and that's what killed us."...3 INTERCEPTIONS: Landry cited three pass interceptions and a fumble recovery as the big plays by the Packer defense. "They played a great ball game...they forced us into errors. I didn't think quarterback Bart Starr could come back from an injury and play that well. You've got to give him credit. It gets kind of tiresome giving that guy credit." Landry said quarterback Don Meredith, who suffered a broken nose in a face mask grabbing tackle, "would have trouble breathing" but should be able to play against New Orleans this Sunday. Landry said an additional bar would probably be added to Meredith's face mask to protect the tender beak which was also broken last year.

TEAM OFFENSE			
Team	Yards	Rushing	Passing
Dallas	365	155	210
New York	333	159	173
Baltimore	332	128	203
San Francisco	330	136	194
Detroit	316	143	173
Cleveland	310	126	183
Green Bay	306	125	181
Chicago	290	170	120
Los Angeles	287	126	160
Washington	287	88	198
New Orleans	284	114	170
St. Louis	276	123	153
Minnesota	275	138	137
Pittsburgh	271	123	147
Philadelphia	247	101	145
Atlanta	229	90	139

TEAM DEFENSE			
Team	Yards	Rushing	Passing
Los Angeles	211	76	135
Dallas	254	85	168
Baltimore	257	109	148
San Francisco	263	112	151
Green Bay	264	130	134
Minnesota	275	141	134
New Orleans	275	138	137
Cleveland	281	138	143
Detroit	297	120	177
Washington	311	158	153
New York	313	134	179
St. Louis	314	110	204
Pittsburgh	316	127	188
Chicago	344	141	203
Philadelphia	344	155	189
Atlanta	417	172	244

Skoronski-76



Offensive Tackle—Indiana

Height 6-3, Weight 250

Born in Ansonia, Conn., March 5, 1934

Eleventh year in pro ball. . . Drafted fifth by Packers in 1956. . . . Co-Captain of Hoosier team and voted most valuable player by team. . . Marketing Major. Played in every game as collegian. . . Regular right tackle as rookie in 1956. . . Spent 1957 and 1958 seasons in service. . . Moved to left tackle. . . Played center when Ringo traded to Eagles, but moved back to left tackle. . . Voted to Pro-Bowl team for first time in 1967. . . Offensive captain. . . During off-season works for Josten Jewelry. Residence: Schofield, Wis.

HUTSON NAMED TO ALL-TIME SEC '11'

NOV 1 (Atlanta) - Former Green Bay Packer Don Hutson has been named to the all-time Southeastern Conference football team as offensive left end. The team, announced by the Atlanta Journal, was picked by 24 sports editors and writers. After graduating from Alabama in 1934, Hutson went on to set NFL records in a brilliant career as a Packer receiver.

BRONCOS ACQUIRE FB MCCARTHY

NOV 1 (Denver) - Fullback Brendan McCarthy has been signed by the Denver Broncos of the AFL. The Broncos got McCarthy on waivers from the NFL Atlanta Falcons. Coach Lou Saban said that McCarthy, 23, was signed as a free agent and will be activated in time for Sunday's game against the Boston Patriots. McCarthy, who played at Boston College, was a fourth-round draft choice of the Green Bay Packers this year. The Packers traded him to the Detroit Lions and then he went to Atlanta. He started at fullback in Atlanta's first seven games.

RUN (SAYERS) BEARS' NO. 1 WEAPON

NOV 1 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Such unfamiliar names as Virgil Carter and Mac Percival, hardly household words a month ago, have dominated the headlines in the Chicago Bears' recent resurgence. And not without reason. Carter, the "rags to riches" quarterback, and Percival, who suddenly has emerged as a placekicker par excellence, have contributed no little to successive victories over the Philadelphia Eagles and Minnesota Vikings. But all of the fanfare for this duo has tended to obscure one very salient fact about the renascent Midway Monsters. Their rushing attack, best exemplified by the incredibly elusive Gale Sayers, is still the Bruins' bread and butter. It continues to be the most devastating in the NFL, at least statistically...**BULGING FIGURE:** The Bruins, who have amassed 1,190 yards in seven appearances, also lead the league in average per rush with a bulging 5.5 mark, a figure which suggests a hectic afternoon lies ahead for Packer defenders in Lambeau Field Sunday. The presence of Sayers alone is more than sufficient to keep a defense occupied. And this year the Kansas Comet has been getting help - from the veteran Ronnie Bull, ex-Wisconsin fullback Ralph Kurek, Brian Piccolo and, yes, Virgil Carter. Sayers, who already owns six NFL and 15 Bear records for ball carrying and total offense, appears en route to the greatest year of his brief but brilliant pro career...**DAZZLING PERFORMANCE:** Coming off a dazzling 143-yard performance against the Vikings, not including a 26-yard excursion which was recalled because of a penalty, he canters into Sunday's 99th Packer-Bear collision as the NFL's rushing leader with 619 yards and a fat 6.01 average for 103 attempts. The tantalizing Kansan, whose personal career high is the 1,231 he amassed in 1966, is fast zeroing in on his 1967 total - 880 - and the season is only half gone. Sayers, with more than 7,000 yards to show for his 3 1/2 NFL campaigns, also is the Bears' leading pass receiver at this point with 15 catches for 117 yards. Bull, Piccolo and Carter have made somewhat less substantial contributions to the Chicago cause, but all three own impressive rushing averages. Ronnie, who starts opposite Sayers, has gained 137 yards in 29 carries, a 4.7 average. Carter has 114 in 20 attempts, a plush 5.7 mark, and Piccolo 108 in 23, another 4.7 ratio. Kurek, averaging 5.6, has chipped in with 84 in 15 tries. Bull also has caught 8 passes for 97 yards, Piccolo 7 for 63 and Kurek 4 for 50. Ironically, the name of Andy Livingston, the 248-pound bulldozer who once was envisioned as an explosive running mate for Sayers, is far down the Bruins' list. Used sparingly, he has only 25 yards in 7 attempts. Dick Gordon, the Bears' only experienced wide receiver, is the Chicagoans' No. 2 pass catcher at this point with 14 catches for 238 yards, followed by rookie flanker Cecil Turner and tight end Austin Denney with 11 each. Turner has gained 151 yards, Denney 107... **PACKER PATTERN:** Errol Mann,

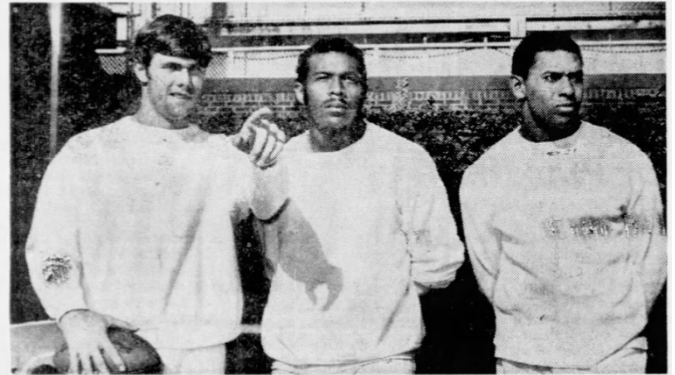
the Packer placekicking specialist activated only Monday, was hampered by a bruise on his right (kicking) leg during Thursday's practice...Coach Phil Bengtson said he expected Mann, who suffered the injury when he was blocked on the first of five kickoffs he delivered against Dallas, to be ready Sunday...Jerry Kramer also tried his kicking luck - briefly. Kramer, expected to be available against the Bears after sitting out all but two plays of the Cowboy contest with a knee injury incurred against Detroit Oct. 20, said he had found the exercise somewhat painful...Quarterback Bart Starr will be presented with the National Easter Seal Society's "outstanding service award" at the society's national convention in Boston Nov. 13, according to an announcement by Executive Director Sumner G. Whittier. Starr is one of 21 sports celebrities who will receive the award from Massachusetts Gov. John A. Volpe. The list includes Gordie Howe of the Detroit Red Wings, racing's Rodger Ward and Mario Andretti, the Boston Celtics' Red Auerbach, former Pittsburgh Pirate pitcher Vernon Law and ex-track star Glenn Cunningham ...Don Marcouiller, director of the 120-member Drake University band, makes sentimental journey this weekend. Marcouiller, a former drum major of the Packer band, will baton the Drake band when it appears between halves of the Packer-Bear game. The ex-Green Bay resident, whose organization has been called "one of the nation's top five collegiate bands," is the author of a marching band text, "Marching for Marching Bands," which reportedly has served as a model for bands from coast to coast.

THE WOMAN BEHIND THE TOE

NOV 1 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Behind every good man, the venerable bromide runs, there is a good woman. Like, for example, lanky Mac Percival, the Chicago Bears' placekicker who has become an overnight sensation - all because of Lady Jane. The former Texas Tech athlete, who takes an imposing string of nine consecutive field goals into Sunday's 99th Packer-Bear game at Lambeau Field, admitted as much over the telephone from Chicago Thursday. Percival, who was a basketball star at Tech, had no intention of playing professional football as recently as 18 months ago. He was happy in his role as a high school coach in South Garland, Tex., a suburb of Dallas. About that time, the Dallas Cowboys announced they would stage a "Kicking Karavan" a talent search designed to provide the Texans with a placekicking specialist. "The wife (Lady Jane, of course) called down to the Cowboy office to find out about it," Percival confided. "She kind of pushed me into it. I was pretty mad at the time but I've forgiven her quite a few times since. "I hadn't really been doing much kicking (he placekicked and played offensive end and defensive linebacker and end in high school)," he explained. "I was coaching the kickers on our high school team and I just worked out with them a little."...CALLS IT PERSUASION: In a separate conversation, his beauteous spouse presented her own version. "He called it stubbornness on my part," she sweetly drawled, "but I call it persuasion. I just kept after him for two weeks and he finally agreed to try out. "All the coaches at the high school where he was teaching would say, 'Mac is really a good kicker - he should be playing for the Cowboys.' I took them seriously. "I think he always wondered if he could play pro football. He went to Texas Tech on a basketball scholarship. They offered him his choice - football or basketball - and he chose basketball. I think he had regrets later. "Just to erase this doubt, I thought he ought to try it." Percival won the "Kicking Karavan" elimination but he wasn't a Cowboy long. "I missed two field goals in our exhibition game with Green Bay in Dallas last year," he explained. "That's how I got to come up here."...LED NFL IN DISTANCE: Mac, who had a 13-for-26 field goal record last year and led the NFL in distance accuracy (successful kicks between 40 and 50 yards out), has no ready explanation for his current streak. "I can't give you any at all," he said. "It might be the short ones. It's good to kick short ones for a change. Maybe it's a hot hitter's streak. No, I haven't changed anything. I've just been real lucky, I guess." Percival, who has connected on 12 of 15 attempts, hit from 39, 31, 28, 15 and 14 yards – in succession - in the Bears' 29-16 victory over the Eagles two weeks ago and from 12, 42, 21 and 47 yards in last Sunday's 26-24 squeaker over the Vikings, won by that 47-yarder in the last three seconds. Lady Jane, it develops, is no mere armchair fan. Presently nursing a broken foot, she facetiously queried, "Would you believe it happened playing football? Crazy things happen to the Percivals, I'll tell you. My brothers and my dad and Mac and I were playing touch football in our yard. One of my brothers and I jumped up for a pass. I was barefoot at the time and he was wearing football shoes. He came down on my foot and cracked a bone across the top of my foot, so my leg will be in a cast for a month. I think I'll leave the football to Mac from now on."

'REUNION' SUNDAY IN GREEN BAY

NOV 1 (Chicago Tribune) - Aside from pickup games of basketball five years ago in Texas, Donny Anderson and Mac Percival have had little in common until this fall. Today, however, the two former Texas Tech athletes are earning wide acclaim for their exploits in the NFL -Percival, the basketball player who kicks field goals for the Bears, and Anderson, the college football All-American who this season has become the No. 1 running back for the Green Bay Packers...THREE YEARS BACK: Yesterday, the two athletes took time out from their preparations for the Bear-Packer clash Sunday in Green Bay to recall some of their experiences at Texas Tech and their impressions of each other. "I was a freshman at Texas Tech when Mac was a senior," Anderson began. "He was an outstanding athlete and the kind that everybody on the campus respected and looked up to. He was the big star of the basketball team and it won the conference championship." "I started to play basketball after the football season, but it took too much time and it wasn't easy to get in condition for basketball so quickly," Anderson said. "Donny could have been a great basketball player," Percival stated. "We played basketball together on an independent team while I was in my fifth year at Tech and he was a sophomore. He was great. He had all the moves..."HE CAN DO IT ALL": "And I guess there's not much that can be done with a football that Donny can't do and excel at - he can throw it, catch it, run with it, and kick it. He can do it all," Percival said. It was not easy at first for Anderson to get an opportunity to display his versatility for the Packers. For a year and a half he spent most of his time on the bench watching Jim Taylor, Paul Hornung, and Elijah Pitts. "I didn't get to start a game until the middle of last year," Anderson pointed out. "Sure, I was getting discouraged, but you have to keep a good attitude about it and hope your chance will come." Anderson was ready when the chance came and has improved steadily. This season he has gained 442 yards, an average of 5 yards per carry, and already has surpassed his rushing total for all of last season. In fact, he has accounted for more than half of the Packers' total rushing yardage. Donny has been just as active as a pass receiver and ranks fourth in the NFL in punting with an average of 42.3 yards per kick. "The fact that I'm gaining more yards running this year has something to do with the offense, which has been arranged so that the halfback runs more now," Anderson pointed out. "I would like to gain 1,000 yards, and I guess I have a chance, but in order to do that you have to have a big game here and there - like 125 yards or more." Anderson poses a big problem for the Bears, who have to stop both his running and pass receiving in order to slow down the revived Packers. Contemplating such a task must make the Bears wish that Percival had been able to persuade Anderson to stick with basketball...BEAR NOTES-"Amazing is the only word to describe the situation in the Central



Getting Prepared for Packers

Virgil Carter (left), Bears' young quarterback, with his two top receivers, Split End Dick Gordon (center) and Flanker Cecil Turner. They'll face Packers in Green Bay Sunday.

(TRIBUNE Staff photos: By Edward Feeney)

Mercein—30



Fullback — Yale
Height 6-2, Weight 220
Born in Milwaukee, Wis., April 9, 1943

Fourth year in pro ball . . . Third round draft choice of New York Giants for 1965 . . . played two years for New York before being claimed on waivers by Packers after eighth game of '67 season . . . gained 56 yards in 14 carries in '67 with Green Bay and scored one TD against Rams in playoff . . . caught 19 yard pass and carried once for 8 yards in scoring drive against Dallas in NFL Title Game . . . All-East and All-Ivy at Yale . . . History major . . . shotputter in track . . . can place kick. Residence: Scarsdale New York.

division and our season," Jim Dooley, the Bears' field leader, said. "Nobody in the division has won more than three games and we're right in the thick of the thing with a kid quarterback who never figured to get into uniform and a placekicker who never kicked in competition before last year."...Gale Sayers leads the league in rushing with 619 yards in 103 carries, 30 yards ahead of Leroy Kelly of Cleveland. The Bears continue to rank first in rushing for the second consecutive week with 1,190 yards [300 more than Green Bay] and the best average per rush, 5.5 yards.

NITSCHKE 'HIGH' ON BUTKUS; COMPARES DICK WITH TAYLOR

NOV 2 (Chicago Tribune) — Ray Nitschke's annual rival for all-pro honors and a berth on the Western squad in the Pro bowl game is Dick Butkus of the Bears. Tonight, on the eve of another Bear-Packer game, Nitschke, veteran Green Bay middle linebacker, paid tribute to his Chicago counterpart. "Butkus reminds me of Jimmy Taylor [former Packer star fullback] the way he rallies his team," declared Nitschke. "Jimmy never used to say very much, but he set a great example with his vigorousness. "Butkus is the same way - a quiet guy. He says what he has to say by the way he plays."...Three former Packer greats who starred on championship teams during the 1930s will be honored prior to tomorrow's game. They are Arnie Herber, Vern Lewellen, and the late Lavvie Dilweg. Herber was the Bart Starr of his time - an outstanding quarterback. Lewellen was a halfback and punter - the same dual post now filled by Donny Anderson. Dilweg was an early predecessor of Boyd Dowler — a pass catching end. Dilweg, who died of cancer early this year, served one term in the House of Representatives. He was appointed to the United States Foreign Claims commission by the late President Kennedy in 1961. His wife was the former Eleanor Coleman, a member of the 1924 Olympic swimming team...Pro scouts are keeping an eye on Notre Dame's Terry Hanratty, one of many gifted quarterbacks in the bumper crop for next winter's draft of eligible college seniors. Is Hanratty the best of the field generals? Maybe so and maybe not, but if not the best, he is one of the toughest. Hanratty grips and throws the football as hard as anyone who has ever tossed a pass. As a result, he has a heavy growth of calluses on his fingertips. "I've got an especially big callus on my middle finger," Terry revealed this week. "Most quarterbacks get them on the index finger, but I hold the ball a little tighter and get more action out of my middle finger."...Lance Alworth of the San Diego Chargers is one of pro football's most outstanding pass receivers. He is running toward the Hall of Fame and also heading helter-skelter toward riches as a businessman and possible additional fame as an entertainer. Alworth is said to hold stock worth \$800,000. He has auditioned as a singer and been tabbed by Joseph Levine, the producer who made "The Graduate," to do a picture...QUICK QUOTES: From Paul Brown, on Quarterback Bob Griese of Miami: "You always have a chance to win with a quarterback like Griese."...From ex-Boston Quarterback Don Trull, now a Houston Oiler: "When you suggest something to the Boston coaches, they act like you're trying to get their job."...From Mrs. Mac Percival, wife of the Bears place kicking phenom: "Mac was happy teaching school [in Texas], but when the Dallas Kicking Karavan came around, it just seemed like too good an opportunity to pass up. So I needled and needled him until he finally agreed to try out. He was embarrassed at first, but finally started kicking good ones."...Professional football achieved what some would call a milestone this season when Marlin Briscoe briefly became the regular quarterback for the Denver Broncos, Pro Football Weekly points out in its Nov. 7 issue. Who was pro football's first Negro middle linebacker, the publication asks. Answer: Garland Boyette, who won the job last year. This season there are four more - Willie Lanier, Kansas City; Jamie Rivers, St. Louis; Henry Davis, New

York Giants, and Ray May, Pittsburgh...San Francisco newspapermen had their troubles getting a story out of Fran Tarkenton after the 49ers upset the Giants, Correspondent Bob Oates reports in the Sporting News. Tarkenton was asked if his bad shoulder bothered him during the game. "You know I can't answer that," he said. "Next question." When the San Francisco press thereupon gave him the silent treatment, Tarkenton snapped, "What is this, a wake?"...Today's social note: Bob Hyland, the Packers' big, good looking offensive line candidate, is dating Miss New Mexico, a statuesque blonde. "I'll miss her when she goes east in a couple of weeks," he confided. "She's getting \$250 an hour to model lingerie in New York."

BEARS AND PACKERS WILL TANGLE IN 99TH MEETING

NOV 2 (Chicago Tribune) — Tickets were utterly unobtainable, overnight lodging was unavailable within a 40-mile radius and forecasts were widely divergent here tonight as the Chicago Bears and the Green Bay Packers prepared to meet tomorrow for the 99th time. Merchants and hostellers said in all the history of this oldest of professional football rivalries they had never seen anything like it. They are somewhat puzzled. A last place team, even in this series, seldom creates so much excitement. But a last place team does not often present such rosy title possibilities, and seldom does it have an opportunity of vaulting into the lead on the result of a single confrontation. Moreover, usually when the Packers and Bears meet here, they have to compete with the opening of the hunting season. But the 1968 deer season has not opened yet, so at the moment it is unlawful to shoot a neighbor or his cow. Consequently the nimrods are left with

no alternative tomorrow... BEARS TRYING FOR .500: The Bears will be striving to reach the .500 mark. They start the second half of the championship race with three victories and four defeats. Green Bay, tied once, also is deadlocked for first place in the Central division with Detroit, each with a 3-3-1 record. The Bears, despite a .500 average, can go into a tie for the division lead, if Detroit loses at Los Angeles. If Minnesota also bows to Washington, the .500 mark will give the Bears undisputed possession of first place. This bizarre circumstance demonstrates what pro football is coming to or how effective the four-division, Shaughnessy play-off alignment is, depending on which viewpoint you prefer. Green Bay, off its surprising rally and successful conquest of Dallas on Monday night, is a seven point favorite. Pre-game odds and forecasts, as a rule, however, do not mean much in a Bear-Packer clash. Moreover, the Bears enter tomorrow's showdown with several new dimensions. One is Virgil Carter, a refugee from the taxi squad who is giving the Bears quarterbacking the like of which they haven't had since the championship days of 1963. Young Carter, a prime prospect for future stardom, made his first two starts triumphs. The Bears have begun to take the former Brigham Young hero seriously, and if he continues to show impressively tomorrow against the incomparable Bart Starr, the master of them all, the rest of the league will be forced to do the same. Another new asset, from the Bear standpoint, is Mac Percival, the former school teacher, who climaxed last week's heart-stopper against Minnesota

RUSHING						
	Att.	Yds.	Ave.	L	T	TD
Sayers, Bears	103	619	6.0	59	2	
Andrson, Pack	89	442	5.0	42	2	
Grabski, Pack	58	174	3.0	9	1	
Pitts, Pack	34	145	4.3	12	0	
Bull, Bears	29	137	4.7	24	2	
Carter, Bears	20	114	5.7	31	0	
Piccolo, Bears	23	108	4.7	16	1	
Kurek, Bears	15	84	5.6	23	1	
Williams, Pack	26	52	2.0	7	0	

PASSING						
	Att.	C.	Yds.	Int.	T	TD
Starr, Pack	117	76	1161	7	13	
Cincannon, Bears	52	27	269	5	1	
Brtkowski, Pack	48	24	288	3	1	
Carter, Bears	56	25	339	2	3	
Rkstraw, Bears	52	23	290	6	1	
Bukich, Bears	7	2	23	0	0	

RECEIVING						
	No.	Yds.	Ave.	L	T	TD
Dowler, Pack	24	324	13.5	55	4	
Dale, Pack	23	493	21.4	63	6	
Fleming, Pack	16	184	11.5	32	3	
Sayers, Bears	15	117	7.8	21	0	
Gordon, Bears	14	238	17.0	50	2	
Turner, Bears	11	151	13.7	80	2	
Denney, Bears	11	107	9.7	20	0	

Bear-Time

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Detroit	3	3	1	.500	137	138
Green Bay	3	3	1	.500	154	116
Chicago	3	4	0	.429	127	193
Minnesota	3	4	0	.429	162	123

Coastal Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Baltimore	6	1	0	.857	213	98
Los Angeles	6	1	0	.857	170	94
San Francisco	4	3	0	.571	137	140
Atlanta	1	6	0	.143	92	219

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Capitol Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Dallas	6	1	0	.857	230	92
New York	5	2	0	.714	198	147
Washington	3	4	0	.429	133	194
Philadelphia	0	7	0	.000	98	195

Century Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Cleveland	4	3	0	.571	149	140
St. Louis	4	3	0	.571	160	158
New Orleans	3	4	0	.429	141	160
Pittsburgh	2	6	0	.143	92	186

Sunday's Games: Chicago at Green Bay, (1:05 WNFL); Dallas at New Orleans; Detroit at Los Angeles; St. Louis at Philadelphia; Baltimore at New York; Cleveland at San Francisco; Pittsburgh at Atlanta; Washington at Minnesota.

OFFENSE

BEARS	PACKERS
Gordon	SE Dowler
Jackson	LT Skoronski
Seals	LG Gillingham
Pyle	C Bowman
Cadile	RG Kramer
Wetaska	RT Gregg
Denney	TE Fleming
Carter	QB Starr
Turner	FL Dale
Sayers	RB Anderson
Bull	RB Pitts

DEFENSE

BEARS	PACKERS
O'Bradovich	LE Davis
Cornish	LT Kostelnik
Evey	RT Jordan
Phillips	RE Aldridge
Buffone	LLB Robinson
Butkus	MLB Nitschke
Purnell	RLB Caffey
McRae	LH Adderley
J. Taylor	R-L Jeter
Pettibon	LS T. Brown
R. Taylor	RS Wood

Packer-Bear Series

Packers won 39, Bears 53, 6 tied.
Points — Packers 1,394, Bears 1,608.

with a 47-yard field goal in the last three seconds. Percival has now place kicked successfully nine consecutive times. It is necessary to go back to old George Blanda, and before him, to Jack Manders, to find a time when the Bears came to Green Bay packing such a potent kicking weapon, one that can be a constant threat and game breaker...BUTKUS, KRAMER BACK: Green Bay expects to face Linebacker Dick Butkus, the heart of the Bear defense, who is reported to have recovered sufficiently from bruised ribs to start, and the Packers will match the return of Butkus by starting. Guard Jerry Kramer, the well-known author and surgical guinea pig, who as recent as the first of the week was taking treatment for hand, ankle, and knee ailments, but not necessarily in that order. Jon Kilgore, obtained from the Rams, will do the Bears' punting in the absence of Bobby Joe Green, and Ronnie Bull, a forgotten man who has been doing yeoman service, will be at fullback. Green Bay's fullback will be Elijah Pitts, a former halfback, who has finally recovered from a series of injuries. Jim Grabowski, one half of the Million Dollar Twins, is said to be suffering from a bruised leg.

TYPICAL BEAR GAME LOOMS, EVEN WITHOUT PAPA GEORGE

NOV 2 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) — It will be the Packers fraternizing with the Bears, just 24 hours hence, an exchange which has been titillating Packerphiles since 1921 without interruption. And there is something reassuring about the prospect of Sunday's collision at Lambeau Field, the 99th in pro football's most venerable rivalry, together with the knowledge past records are of no particular consequence in this bruising neighborhood showdown. Which is another way of saying it will be like old times with one historic exception, that is. The faithful in the east stands, more than their counterparts across the way, will be vaguely conscious there is something missing, particularly when things grow hectic. For the first time within recent memory, the man with the battered gray fedora will not be prowling the sidelines, exhorting the Bears with militant gestures, ranging beyond the boundaries of the prescribed coaching area and reprimanding the officials for errant judgment with more than a modicum of enthusiasm. Although they responded raucously to such performances in the past, it is safe to assume Packer partisans will be somewhat nostalgic to find that the crusty old warrior, George Stanley Halas, no longer is stalking the turf...DEFIANCE MISSING: They are likely to be especially sentimental about those memorable occasions when Papa Bear, long one of sports showmen, exhibited premier bristling defiance to east spectators after being showered with boos for protesting an official decision. These lusty exchanges, which enlivened many a Green Bay Sabbath in the past, will be missed. And so will pro football's grand old man. Halas, who trod the sidelines for four decades before relinquishing the coaching mantle last spring, may not even be present for Sunday's struggle. A club spokesman said Friday Papa Bear, in good general health but slowed by arthritis in both hips, apparently had not decided whether to make the trip. In his place on the Lambeau Field sidelines will be a bespectacled, professorial member of the new breed, Jim Dooley, a former Bear flanker, who once bedeviled the Packer secondary. Dooley, polished and articulate, reportedly has a bright coaching future in the NFL, which would seem to be logical as the handpicked successor to Halas. It even may be that Dooley's Bears will surpass the glittering record of his predecessor, who amassed eight world championships, although it would take considerable doing. And memory, unfortunately, is short. But, for many of the more mature faithful, Sunday afternoon's



Mrs. Andy Beath

skirmish will not be quite the same... **PACKER PATTERN:** The kicking games of Sunday's rivals have undergone major revision since their last meeting in Milwaukee Aug. 19, which found the Bears claiming a 10-7 decision in their annual Midwest Shrine encounter. Fernando Souza, the soccer style kicker from Brazil, was the Packers placement specialist on that occasion and missed a 20-yard field goal attempt which triggered his departure. He since has been succeeded by Jerry Kramer, who only last Monday night was replaced by ex-Cleveland Brown Errol Mann after suffering an injured knee in Detroit Oct. 20...The Bears also go into action with a new punter, Jon Kilgore, signed off the Los Angeles Ram taxi squad during the week following the loss of Bobby Joe Green. Green has had surgery in the wake of a knee injury and will be out for the season.

TRAVEL, TEACHING, BOOKS KEEP ROOKIE WIFE BUSY

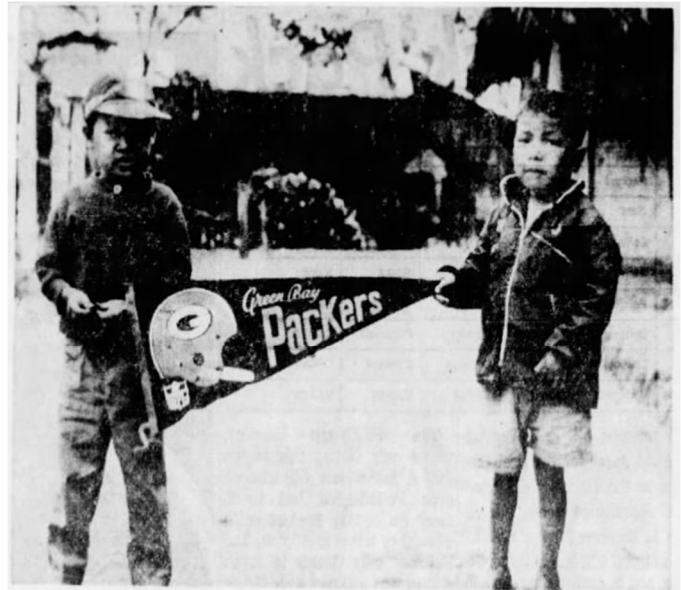
NOV 3 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Janet Beath, June bride of Andy Beath, rookie defensive back for the Packers, looks to the future during her days in Green Bay. "In the spring we may tour Europe in a Volkswagen camper," she says. "Andy was there last year, but I have never been. We'll probably revisit some of his favorite places and I'd like to see Italy, Spain, Greece and Yugoslavia." Still looking to the future, Mrs. Beath would like to teach next year. Though she has completed practice teaching, she has never had her own class. Janet, who prefers third grade, believes she would enjoy any group except first or sixth. One is too young, the other too old, she claims. Skiing is also on the attractive Southerner's agenda. But Janet, used to milder temperatures, thinks she'll be spending more time inside during cold weather. Tennis is a favorite sport of the 21-year-old Tennessean and football is, of course, a popular spectator sport for the

young Packer wife. Like other Packer wives she attends the games in Green Bay and Milwaukee, but remains at home while her spouse travels throughout the States for the remainder of the team's games. A wrinkled nose and "I try" suffices as answer to the query, "Are you a good cook?" The young bride adds, "I still have to use a cookbook for everything." But cooking enough is no problem. "Usually I fix too much because I know we will eat more than for two," she says. A fan of folk-rock music, Mrs. Beath is a reader as well. "I read anything. But we just got a television yesterday so I'll probably not do as much now," she confesses. The Beaths met during their student days at Duke University where both became graduates in June. Mrs. Beath, an elementary education major, is an affiliate of Pi Beta Phi sorority. Her husband majored in psychology and also studied economics. Home until January for the Knoxville native will be 2197 Eddie Court. Then Mrs. Beath will travel to Toronto, Ontario, Canada, with her Canadian-born husband whose six-month visa will expire. The couple has found apartment living "nice and private" with most of the surrounding units remaining empty. And for neighborhood excitement, "Our one neighbor is just back from an African safari," says Mrs. Beath.

NOTES AND NOTIONS

NOV 3 (Appleton Post-Crescent) - In this grueling modern pro football era, which can produce 6-month seasons (from mid-July training to mid-January Super Bowl), it's unrealistic to expect any team to deliver at peak efficiency in every game. Unbeaten records have become so hard to achieve that they might as well be classified as impossible. Even championship teams have off-days or multi-game slumps. This is why the team that hits its peak at the "right" time usually comes home with the bacon. The Green Bay Packers have had this knack for three straight seasons - and there is reason to believe that they are ready to make their move in 1968. At the halfway mark of the current races, no team, in either the NFL or the AFL, is sure of a division title. The payoff portion of the season starts today. Los Angeles and Dallas reached early-season peaks before running into snags last weekend. Chances are, they will snap back to regain their form and confidence - but occasionally a team finds it hard to come back all the way. Clubs like the Packers, the Colts, the Browns and the Cardinals have given recent evidence that they are just reaching their potential. All four complaints - Dallas, Green Bay, LA and Cleveland - in the NFL playoffs of 1967 are in the running for encore honors. Dallas is in the best position at the midpoint - with a 1-game lead - and is heavily favored to stay ahead of runner up New York. However, if the Cowboys sustain any more injuries and the Giants' Fran Tarkenton gets a hot hand in the two games against Dallas, the New Yorkers could still put it out. The Colts and the Rams are locked in their customary Coastal Division battle, which will probably again go down to the final game. The Colts handled the Rams with relative ease last Sunday. But whether they can attain the same offensive-defensive peak in the next meeting remains to be seen. Cleveland and St. Louis are staging their usual Century Division scrap - and it appears to be a toss-up as far as the identity of the eventual titlist is concerned. The Central Division is waging the closest battle, with all four teams within a half-game of one another. The Packers, who, last year, held a 2-game lead at the half-way mark now share the top spot with the Lions. Helping to decide the championship will be such intra-division tests as Vikings vs. Lions, Packers vs. Vikings and a pair of Packer-Bear games. Equally important will be the Central teams' dates with powerful Baltimore, Dallas and LA. In this latter type of competition, the Packers have a slight scheduling edge since they faced two of the three in the first half of the season and have only Balti more left. Detroit, Minnesota and Chicago, on the other hand, all still face two of the titans from other divisions... Because of the 4-division set-up, which is in its second season, only three of the 16 NFL teams are hopelessly out of the running. They are Philadelphia (0-7), Pittsburgh (1-6) and

Atlanta (1-6). Washington (3-4), which trails Dallas by three games, is just about out of it. But, all of the other 12 teams still have a crack at making the playoffs...As the Packers try to rise above the .500 mark for the first time since the opening Sunday of the season, they would just as soon forget about playing "catch up" ball today. They've had to come from behind in the last two games to revitalize their title hopes. They trailed, 14-0, against Detroit, before rallying for a tie...and, they overcame a 10-0 deficit in the Dallas game. Ordinarily, it's perilous to spot a solid team like Dallas 10 points. But, the Packers were no ordinary team last Monday. The result pretty well fleeced Dallas fans of their final remaining alibi - the weather. Some of them had blamed the Arctic cold for last December's loss to the Bays. And, it conceivably was "too hot" in August when the Packers beat Dallas in an exhibition game. The "temp" was around 90. Well, last Monday, the weather was ideal for football - 60 degrees. Claudis James may have summed it up best after the game while answering a heckler, who said "Go home, Green Bay." Claudis replied, "We just came to show you what it's all about, baby."... Earl Morrall is proving as fortunate an acquisition for Baltimore as Zeke Bratkowski has been for the Packers. Morrall, who started out to show he's a super-sub, could well be the Colts' No. 1 quarterback for the entire season. Few thought the Colts could win as



Viet Nam Packer Backers— Gary Swenzoe, Milwaukee, stationed with the dental core in Phu-Bai, Vietnam sent this picture to Marilyn Hart, wife of Packer defensive back Doug Hart. Swenzoe, stationed at Phu-Bai, is a cousin of Mrs. Hart.

important a clash as the Ram game without Unitas - but it's doubtful if even a healthy Unitas could have done better. Morrall, who had been a regular or a relief pitcher for four other NFL clubs, has finally had a chance to show what he can do with a good club. Starr, who along with Unitas is considered pro football's best of the last decade, didn't surprise too many observers with his brilliant form against Dallas. It's something that has come to be expected of a Super Star(r). But, coming as it did after a 2-game layoff, the performance had to be stamped as something special. Today, Bart works against a QB who aspires to be the Starr or Unitas of the future - Chicago's Virgil Carter. Carter's accomplishments have already been rather amazing, especially considering that he began the season as the Bears' fourth-string QB.

PACKERS, BEARS 99TH MEETING A 'MUST WIN' FOR EACH TEAM

NOV 3 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Just six days ago, the Packers saved a dynasty in Dallas. Coach Phil Bengtson admitted as much in a happy dressing room analysis of their 28-17 victory last Monday night. "In order to stay in the race," he said, "we just had to win this one." Although the timely triumph lifted the triple champions into a tie for the NFL's Central Division lead, nothing has changed since, the Packers rangy field leader emphasizes. Appraising today's 99th skirmish in Lambeau Field with their favorite antagonists, the Chicago Bears, Bengtson left no room for doubt. "We've got to win it," he insisted. "We've got to win 'em all now."...**"MUST" FOR BOTH:** The same assessment also implies to the Bruins, only a half game to the Packers rear, which suggests this afternoon's 1 o'clock exchange (WNFL) will be a worthy successor to the 98 assorted collisions which have gone before. Bengtson's "must" evaluation is traceable in large part to the knowledge that Detroit. The Pack's first place co-tenant, has won their season series and thus would automatically clinch the division title if they should finish the regular season race in a deadlock. The Packers are favored to send another capacity house of 50,861 customers home happy, perhaps because the peerless Bart Starr will be directing Packer traffic on attack while the Bears will be relying on their fast-maturing rookie quarterback, Virgil Carter...**LEAGUE RUSHING LEADERS:** Bengtson isn't putting too much stock in the odds, however. "Even though they have a new quarterback," he says, "they have a respectable offense - they lead the league in rushing." The man chiefly responsible for this last, the gifted Gale Sayers, well may be the most elusive runner in all of pro football. Averaging better than 6 yards a carry, Sayers has amassed more than 600 yards in only seven games, a truly spectacular total considering four of those games have been played against rival Detroit and Minnesota of the defense-minded Central Division. With Ronnie Bull, Brian Piccolo, Ralph Kurek and Carter assisting the Kansas Comet, the Bears have averaged 5.5 yards per rush – an imposing figure which also paces the NFL. Carter, who has become an overnight hero in the Windy City by maneuvering the Bruins to successive victories over Philadelphia and Minnesota, has a modest 44.6 per cent passing efficiency record but his 25 completions have produced 339 yards and 3 touchdowns. Sayers, it might be added, is the Bears' leading receiver at this point, which should be an indication of the air attack's potential. Other prime targets are veteran split end Dick Gordon and rookie flanker Cecil Turner, blessed with blazing 9.5 speed...**LONG RANGE WEAPONS:** "They're just like every team we've been playing lately." Bengtson wryly noted in this connection. "They've got those long range weapons - they can score at any time." Although the Bears' defense ranked a distant 14th in the NFL statistically going into action, the Packer strategist says "it is beginning to jell." "The figures are misleading in their case. They had a couple of bads early against Dallas and Detroit, but since then their defense is much improved, although they have pretty much the same people." Like far-ranging Dick Butkus, one of the NFL's premier middle linebackers, who always seems to become slightly super-human at the sight of the Packers' green and gold. The Packers will be reinforced for the occasion by the return to starting status of all-NFL guard Jerry Kramer, who sat out all but two plays of the Dallas contest because of a knee injury suffered in Detroit a week earlier...**PITTS WILL START:** Bengtson also reported that veteran Elijah Pitts, who emerged as the Pack's leading ground gainer against

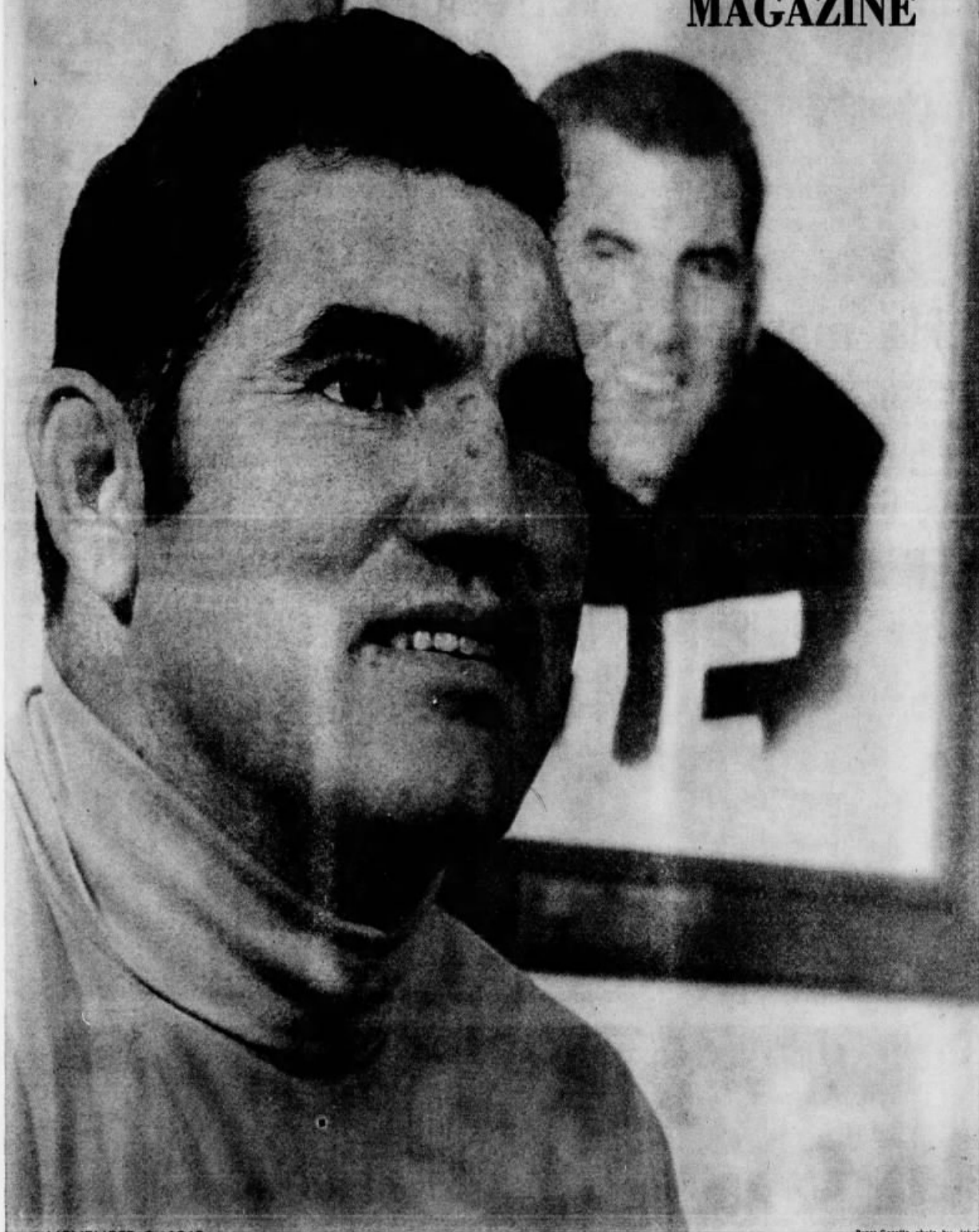
the Cowboys in his first starting assignment, again will open opposite Donny Anderson at running back. Rookie kicker Errol Mann, activated little more than an hour before Monday night's game, again is scheduled to do all of the kickoff, field goal and extra point work, he said. Mann was troubled earlier in the week by a bruise on his kicking leg, incurred when he was blocked on a kickoff, but Bengtson said, "He should be all right." The Packers have been making appreciable inroads in recent years but the Bears still hold a substantial edge in the all-time rivalry, which began the year the NFL was organized, 1921. The Monsters have won 53. the Packers 39 and 6 have ended in ties. The Bruins also are one up for 1968, having claimed a 10-7 decision in the Midwest Shrine game at Milwaukee County Stadium in August.

Packers, Bears 99th Meeting A 'Must Win' for Each Team

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Forrest Gregg — portrait of a pro

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NOV 3 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - "Forrest Gregg," a perceptive Green Bay resident recently observed, "looks like he should be on 'Bonanza.'" It would be ideal typecasting. There is the strong suggestion of high sky and wide open spaces about the towering, square-shouldered Texan with the wavy mane of dark brown hair, just now becoming flecked with silver. But the invariably genial giant, a thorough gentleman on and off the field, already has a profession, one in which he has achieved unparalleled stature. In football, where the offensive lineman is almost assured of anonymity, regardless of his talents, the man from Birthright, Tex., has been honored more often than any other in NFL history. There are those knowledgeable, in fact, who consider Gregg the greatest offensive tackle of all time, the ultimate accolade. The Packer faithful, who have watched the tireless Southern Methodist University alumnus perform with consummate artistry the last dozen seasons, enthusiastically concur. Gregg, an all-NFL selection each of the last eight years, is the complete professional. A model of dedication and consistency, he does his job with out filip or fanfare on every play, game in game out, year after year. This is not, of course, calculated to attract the attention spawned by a long, twisting run or a touchdown pass. But, blessed with great practicality, Forrest long since has learned to accept this fact of football life. "When you're an offensive lineman this long, you learn to live with it - with the idea that you're not going to get as much publicity as the defensive linemen," he says. "Defensive linemen get a great deal more publicity than offensive linemen. An offensive lineman may be having a great day and may never have his name called over the public address system. "Nobody knows you're in the game," he chuckles, "until you miss a defensive end, Then everybody knows it." There was no reproach in his tone. The 35-year-old Gainesville, Tex., resident is not so constituted and, he explained, "As an offensive lineman I think I've had my share of publicity." Gregg was obviously sincere, which illustrates a point former Packer coach Vince Lombardi made about him in his book, "Run to Daylight." "I'll never forget what he did for us last year (1961)." Lombardi wrote in collaboration with W.C. Heinz. "He was as responsible as any of them for our success because when Jerry Kramer's leg was broken in mid-season I had to move Forrest, my all-pro offensive tackle, in at guard, "He played it one season, four years before, but he had to re-learn those assignments, those pulling steps - the crossover to the right and the throw out to the left - and he had to master again the knack of running at full speed like a back and finding that hole. "He made no complaints, though, and he did an excellent job. My only regret is that it cost him a position on some of those newspaper all-pro teams. ""That's all right," Forrest told me, "I think winning the championship was payment enough." "That's the way he is." Lombardi continued. "A team player who, if he has any selfish thoughts, puts them aside. He expects this of all others, too, and I've seen him with that quick temper flare at some of them in practice. But he's also got the laughter and the tears." "He's a fine downfield blocker, too, His speed Isn't great but he's very quick off that ball and he has that mental sharpness to adjust quickly to sudden situations. He has the knack of getting in front of the runner and, with his excellent sense of timing, make the key block. "When you combine all this in an offensive tackle, with his ability and willingness to play guard, you've got quite a man." Then, interjecting a personal note, the former Block of Granite added, "Maric (Mrs. Lombardi) calls Forrest a picture ball player and that's what he is. Watching him perform, watching him execute those assignments, you get that good feeling. And he has all the requisites." "He's a complete player - you could do very well with 22 Forrest Greggs ... He is endowed with a great spirit -



Forrest Gregg

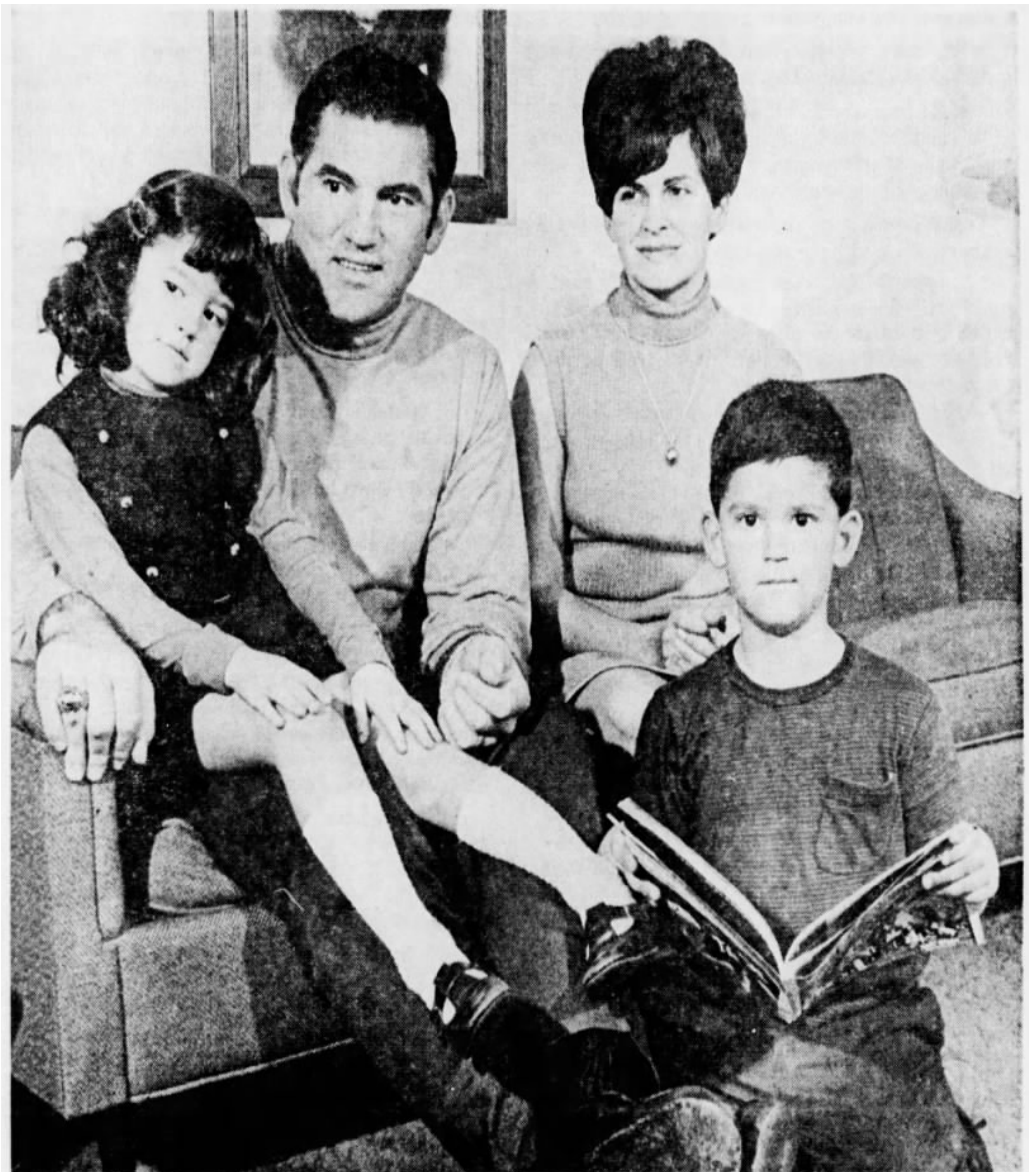
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the game is never lost as far as Forrest Gregg is concerned. "Physically, there are others who have greater assets. But he makes up for it with his complete desire to do well. His own personal satisfaction comes from being a part of the successful whole. "Besides that," Lombardi beamed, "he's a gentleman of the first water. He's just a fine young man." "If he wanted to coach - if he's foolish enough to want to," Lombardi dryly summed up, "he would make a first rate coach." Ray Wietecha, the former New York Giant center who tutors the Packers' offensive line, marvels at the unvarying quality of Gregg's play. "Consistency is his greatest asset," Wietecha says. "His man just doesn't get into the passer. An example is Dave Jones. Jones got in once in our game against the Rams in Milwaukee this year. That was it. "Forrest's been playing like that all these years. He just neutralizes his opponent. The defensive man doesn't get any calls on the p.a. system. Gregg doesn't hurt anybody - he just keeps him out of the play. "He's the type of guy who would help somebody up if he did knock him down. That's why they have a lot of respect for him. He's just the opposite of Bob Brown of the Eagles, who is known for his strength. Gregg gets it done and he's just a normal human being. His man probably gets in less often than Bob Brown's. Nobody gets to the passer and he opens the holes." "He's very intelligent," Wietecha added. "He doesn't have the size to knock people down so he uses his football ability." A smile crinkling his features, the Packer aide recalled a recent case in point. "On the first play in our game at Atlanta last month, Humphrey (Claude) told him, 'Gregg, you're not going to touch me today. This is a different game from the All-Star game (in which Humphrey played for the collegians)." "Gregg said, 'All right,' very agreeably," Wietecha laughed, "and he just killed him. I forget what his blocking awards were after the game, but they were fantastic. He neutralized the guy, and Humphrey's supposed to be the next Jones." Above all, teammate and "rival" Willie Davis assures, the perennial all-pro has competitive integrity. Slyly confiding, "One of my best advantages is that I didn't have to play against Forrest in a game," Willie pointed out, "We go back a long way. We played together in service at Fort Carson, Colorado in 1957 - I played linebacker behind him. He was at defensive tackle. "Over the years, we've developed as close a friendship as I have with anyone. But, as close friends as we are, if we are playing against each other, such as in the intra-squad game or in early camp, he wouldn't hesitate to play me as tough as anybody else on another club that he didn't know. That's just the kind of guy he is. He's a guy with a lot of pride." Describing Gregg as "perfect in the mechanics of the game." Davis added, "He's one of the most fierce competitors I've ever met. And he is as self-critical of his performance as anyone I've ever met. He's the kind of a guy you want on your ball club, whatever you're playing." Quarterback Bart Starr, who readily admits he has benefited greatly from Gregg's staunch pass protection over the last decade, expresses open admiration for his versatility. "The nicest thing that can be said about Forrest," he notes, "is what he did for us in our second game with the Lions at Detroit two weeks ago. "He's so versatile and he's such a fine athlete that he could do the job he did there completely out of position. He's a super lineman. It has been suggested in recent years that the affluent pro of today is primarily concerned with the financial rewards to be reaped from the game, now enjoying unprecedented prosperity. Speaking for himself, Gregg categorically disagrees. "If it's not fun to you, I don't think there's enough money they could pay you," he says. "Money's important, don't get me wrong," he added, "but that's not the main reason you play...I think that's true of 90 per cent of 'em...They like the money they get for playing, but they also like to play." Is this why, at 35, he continues? "There are a lot of reasons, rejoined Gregg, relaxing in his comfortable Bader Street apartment, his in-season home. "One reason you like to play," he explained with customary candor, "is that you get some notoriety from it. You get a lot of satisfaction out of being a professional football player. You get a lot of satisfaction in our situation out of playing on a winning team. You get satisfaction out of doing your job and doing it well." Although he has been with a winner for the last decade, Forrest has seen the other side of the coin and wouldn't care to make it a habit. "Nope," he said without reservation, "I don't think I'd like it on that side at all. You can remember those good seasons - you certainly can - but you remember those losing ones, too." His attractive brunette wife, Barbara, was listening nearby. Was the head of the house, she was asked, ever hard to live with after a defeat? "He's not hard to live with," she smiled, "he's just sad. We both feel pretty bad...We usually go out to eat, whether we win or lose." "You can relax a little bit," Forrest interposed, "get the game off your mind." Barbara elaborated, "We always go out with the Boyd Dowlers, LeeRoy Caffeys, Jim Grabowskis, Gale Gillingshams and Donny Anderson." Donny and his date," Forrest grinned, "whoever it is." Although he does not take defeat lightly, Gregg is not one to brood. "After Tuesday, after you see the film, there's no need of dwelling on it any longer," he says with characteristic logic. "You get the scouting report on the other team and you start concentrating on your next opponent and forget about the previous game." Did he feel the Packers, off to their slowest start since 1958, might be less hungry after winning three straight NFL titles? "It's hard to say," was the well considered reply. "Personally, I've wanted to win this year as much as I ever have wanted to win. When you've played on a loser (the Packers were 4-8 in 1956 and 1-10-1 in '58, his first two pro seasons) and you've played on a few winning teams, I think it makes you even hungrier to win championships. You realize you can't win every football game or a championship every year, but it doesn't keep you from trying to win." Gregg, who was the Packers' number two draft choice in '56, became a starter that year as the result of some rather bizarre circumstances. "I believe I played six or seven games at guard my rookie year," he remembers. "I was the third tackle behind John Sandusky and Bob Skoronski (also a rookie that season) and the fourth guard. Buddy Brown was at right guard and Joe Skibinski or Len Szafaryn at left guard." "Football was different then than it is now." Forrest continued, a faint twinkle in his coffee-colored eyes. "Lou Rymkus, who was our line coach then, told us, 'Don't take anything off these veterans. If they hit you, hit 'em back, not on the next play. You'll get your chances.' "We were playing Baltimore one Sunday about halfway through the season and Don Joyce, a defensive end, hit Skoronski on the first play of the game. Then Joyce went over to the official and said, 'Watch that number 76, he's slugging.'" "Skoronski hit Joyce on the next play," Forrest chuckled. "The official threw the flag on him and threw him out of the game. I played tackle the rest of that game and, the next week, I started at right guard, and I started all the rest of the games." In the interim, there has been considerable pleasure and satisfaction, says Gregg, who the last two years has been an off-season sportscaster in Gainesville. "I don't have any regrets whatever," he declares. "I'm sure if I had to do it over again, I'd do the same thing. It's been good for me, a real good life. I don't

have any complaints." During the last seven years of that span, the Packers won five NFL titles, an all-time record, and Forrest, understandably, was happy to reminisce. "I felt like the team we had last year was as good as any we've had," he said. "We had a lot of injuries last year, but I'm talking about the team dedication and spirit. I think the two we worked the hardest for were '61 and '65. They stick out in my mind. In '61, we had Hornung and Nitschke and Dowler in and out of service. They were able to play only on weekends. And Jerry Kramer broke his ankle. And, in '65, we had quite a few injuries and had that conference playoff with Baltimore, (won by the Packers, 13-10, in the "fifth quarter")." "That," he said soberly, "was the most brutal football game I've ever been in in my life. I've never seen two teams hit as hard as we did that day. The championship game last year with Dallas you'll never forget because of the weather and the type of finish we had - going down to the last few seconds." As might be expected, Gregg began his career on a high note. "I played in the first football game I ever saw, when I was a freshman in high school," he reported, explaining, "They didn't have football at the grade school I attended. I went to a country school. When I went to high school at Sulphur Springs (near Dallas), my hometown, I was asked to come out for the team as a freshman. But I intended to go out anyway - I had an older brother who played football and basketball and baseball." "I was pretty tall then," he smiled, "but I didn't weigh very much. I was about 5-11, weighed 150 pounds. I was pretty much of a string bean." The thought of becoming a professional had not occurred to him at that point, Forrest says. "When I got to college, I saw some pro games and I thought I would like to play professional football," he admits, "but I never thought I would be good enough to play. After my sophomore year, I got two or three feelers from pro teams and I began to think maybe I could play. Then, when I was a senior, I was drafted by the Packers. I was drafted number two. Jack Losch was number one." Forrest, of Scotch, Irish and American Indian ("my great grandmother was half Apache") descent, takes an honest pride in the honors he has been accorded, among them selection as NFL Blocker of the Year in 1965 and Offensive Lineman of the Year in 1967. A wide smile overspread his ruggedly handsome features when it was noted he is considered by some to be the finest offensive tackle of all time. "If they say that, it has to give me great satisfaction," he admitted, "because there have been a lot of great ones down through the years...The one I used to watch more than anyone else was Bob St. Clair of the 49ers. He was one of the best I've ever seen. Of course, there have been some great ones, like Jim Parker of the Colts." Pausing briefly to collect himself as his five-year-old daughter, Karen, moved a toy stuffed animal through his luxuriant locks, Gregg said, "As far as coaching goes, Coach Lombardi has had the most influence on me. I've also had some good line coaches - Lou Rymkus the first year I was here, Bill Austin and Ray Wietecha. "But Vince has helped me particularly. By the time you get to professional football, you know the fundamentals. What you need is reminding of these techniques. Bill Austin never worked you too much on techniques as a group. Ray works you harder on fundamentals and I think that's a good thing. You need reminding. You do these things over and over and you have to get better at 'em. We work on pass protection, drive blocks and cutoff blocks almost every day." At 35, he appends, "I feel real good. I'm in real good condition. I've played what I think is pretty good football this season. I may have lost a little quickness, a little speed, but I don't think so." "Maybe somebody else will have to tell me," he grinned. "Maybe I have and I don't know it. I used to play a lot lighter than I do now. A couple of seasons I finished up weighing 233 or 234, which is light for an offensive tackle. Last year I finished up weighing 250 and I'm sure I'll be about the same this year." "I think offensive tackles are tending to get bigger," Gregg explained, "just like defensive linemen. A guy 230 or 235 just couldn't do the job anymore, I don't think. The personnel has improved - It's bigger, stronger and quicker. They have better coaching in college. It may be because the colleges have been running pro style offenses and defenses." Strategy also has become more complicated, he says. "The defenses have changed quite a bit - they show you more defenses. The basic defense is still 4-3, but now you get a sprinkling of 4-4 - what we call the 4-3 over and under, which is overshifted or undershifted to the strength of the formation, and they give you some 5-1. The Bears have always done this. "Lots of teams shift. They'll be in one defense when you come up to the line, then shift into something else. You have to be alert to blocking changes when their alignment changes. "Some teams do it more than others. Take the Dallas Cowboys. They almost never get out of the 43. The majority of the teams still play the 4-3 most of the time, but some of them tend to show you some of the other defenses." Virtually indestructible, Gregg has not missed a game in 10 years, an eternity by professional football standards. "I've started in every game since the beginning of the 1959 season except one," he informs. "That was in Detroit in 1965. I had a knee injury. My only participation that day was on kickoffs and extra points. That time I was playing at left guard. I started the season at right guard because they weren't sure Jerry (Kramer) was going to be able to play. He was recovering from a serious infection then. Then I moved to left guard when Jerry was able to play and Fuzzy had a bruised shoulder. Then for one game, I moved back to right guard because Jerry wasn't feeling well again. After that, I moved back to left guard for a game or two. Then Steve Wright hurt his foot and Jerry and Fuzzy were healthy again, so I moved back to right tackle and finished the season there." "That's one season I'll never forget," he laughed. "I was chosen by AP as all-league guard and by UPI as all-league tackle." All-league in 1967 for the eighth consecutive year, Forrest admits, "The older you get the more satisfying it is to receive the honor." And the future? "I don't know right now," the amiable Texan, an eight-time choice on the Pro Bowl's West squad, replied. "At this point in the season, it's hard to think about more than the next game. When the season is over, I'll appraise what I have done, then decide whether I'm mentally and physically ready to play another year." "Also," he smiled, "another factor at this age is to find out whether they want you or not." Five years ago, following the 1963 season, it appeared that Gregg might forsake NFL combat for a coaching career when he agreed to join the University of Tennessee staff. He reconsidered, however, before the 1964 season opened. "Coach Lombardi's persuasion was part of the reason I decided to come back," he admits. "And, after thinking about it, I thought I might be retiring too early...A lot has happened (three championships) since then." As might be expected, Forrest has profound respect for his former mentor. "I feel like it was a privilege to have played under Coach Lombardi," he says simply. "I feel I have learned a lot of football and I've learned a lot about life, too." When Gregg does decide to call it a career, you can be sure he frequently will be found wading in a Texas stream. "I like to fish," he admits, noting with a grin, "Barbara will

tell you that." "I don't mind if he does," she hastily interposes, "but he can fish by himself." "Little Forrest (the Greggs' 6-year-old son) likes to fish just about as well as I do," his father proudly informed. "If I slip off without him, I hear about it. He just loves it. He's got his own rod and reel. He casts pretty well, too." Gregg, the elder, has one other major passion, he somewhat sheepishly admits. "I like country music," he says, adding with a twinkle, "I almost drive Barbara crazy." "You get used to it," his spouse charitably interjected. "I like it all right." It follows, of course, that one of Gregg's favorite pastimes is an impromptu, carefree "country" singfest with teammates Ken Bowman and Gale Gillingham, among others, on the Packers' return bus trip from a game in Milwaukee. Gillingham, a third year guard with abundant all-pro potential himself, is Forrest's roommate and, being highly compatible, the youthful Minnesotan and the veteran Texan have become fast, almost inseparable friends. "He's a quiet roomie," Gale confides. "We usually eat early the night before a game - he likes to get back to the room real early so he can think about the game a lot." "Forrest has been a real help to me," he added. "If I have anything bothering me about my own play, I ask him. He knows an awful lot about football." This year, for the first time, Forrest Jr. has begun to evince an interest in his father's occupation, the elder Gregg informed. "He's real interested now. Before that, he was more interested in cartoons and riding his bicycle." Would he want his son to play pro football? "If he wants to play, I'd be tickled to death," Gregg replied. "But if he doesn't want to, I won't force him to play the game just to be my son. There's only one way to be successful at it - you've got to want to, because it's hard. I hope, with his association with it, he will be encouraged to play. He seems to be pretty well coordinated for his age and he's big. A lot of times big kids are clumsy, but he's not, he's pretty well coordinated." Barbara earlier had explained, "We took little Forrest to the doctor because he was so heavy - he weighs 75 pounds. But the doctor said he was just going to be big. Doctor (Dan) Shea says he's going to be 6-6." Although he will be doffing his green and gold uniform for the last time in the not too far distant future, the elder Gregg has no thought of leaving the game he loves. "I think I'd like to coach," he says. "You have to start out as an assistant, of course, but I hope to be a head coach in professional football ... I mean, why change now?"



At home with the Gregg family

Forrest holds daughter Karen, 5, in a gathering with wife Barbara and son Forrest Jr., 6



The ever alert Gregg scoops up an errant football



Studying a foe



Conferring with the line



Leading Donny Anderson

NFL Statistics... 7th Week

LEADING SCORERS

	TdR	TdP	TT	ExP	ExM	FG	FGA	TP
x-Brown, Minn.	9	1	10	0	0	0	0	60
Clark, Dall.	0	0	0	29	0	9	15	56
Gogolak, N. Y.	0	0	0	24	0	10	12	54
Durkee, N. O.	0	0	0	15	0	12	21	51
Gossett, L. A.	0	0	0	20	0	10	13	50
Percival, Chi.	0	0	0	13	0	12	15	49
Bakken, St. L.	0	0	0	19	0	9	15	46
Michaels, Balt.	0	0	0	27	1	6	11	45
Farr, Det.	3	4	7	0	0	0	0	42
Kelly, Clev.	5	2	7	0	0	0	0	42
Cox, Minn.	0	0	0	19	1	7	12	40

LEADING PASSERS

(70 attempts)

	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Pct.	Av.	Yds.
					Pass	Int.	Int.	Gained
1. Starr, G. B.	116	76	65.5	1161	13	7	6.0	10.01
x2. Munson, Det.	133	80	60.2	1112	9	3	2.3	8.36
3. Meredith, Dall.	162	96	59.3	1368	12	6	3.7	8.44
x. Tarkenton, N. Y.	151	86	57.0	1301	12	5	3.3	8.62
5. Jurgensen, Wash.	191	113	59.2	1376	12	7	3.5	7.20
6. Brodie, S. F.	201	122	60.7	1447	11	9	4.5	7.20
7. Nelsen, Clev.	118	69	58.5	896	7	3	2.5	7.59
8. Morrall, Balt.	169	94	55.6	1497	15	11	6.5	8.86
9. Gabriel, L. A.	187	101	54.0	1268	10	6	3.2	6.78
10. Hart, St. L.	143	67	46.9	1000	8	7	4.9	6.99
11. Kilmer, N. O.	191	107	56.0	1273	9	12	6.3	6.66
12. Kapp, Minn.	150	79	52.7	947	5	8	5.3	6.31
13. Hill, Phil-Minn.	71	33	46.5	531	3	6	8.5	7.48
14. Johnson, Atl.	114	53	46.3	694	2	6	5.3	6.09
15. Shiner, Pitt.	97	41	42.3	534	4	6	6.2	5.51
16. Snead, Phil.	101	50	49.5	508	3	11	10.9	5.03
17. Nix, Pitt.	92	39	42.4	492	2	6	6.5	5.35

LEADING PASS RECEIVERS

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
x-McNeil, S. F.	43	584	13.6	4
Taylor, Wash.	31	344	11.1	1
Williams, St. L.	29	414	14.3	4
Rentzel, Dall.	28	430	15.4	2
McCuHouch, Det.	26	554	21.3	5
Smith, St. L.	26	450	17.3	2
Hawkins, Phil.	25	499	20.0	2
Washington, Minn.	25	420	16.8	3
Truax, L. A.	25	320	12.8	1
Jones, N. Y.	24	597	24.9	5
Warfield, Clev.	24	496	20.7	6
Abramowicz, N. O.	24	452	18.8	4
Mackey, Balt.	24	303	12.6	4
Smith, Wash.	24	302	12.6	4

INTERCEPTION LEADERS

	No.	Yds.	Long	TDs
Meador, L. A.	6	37	20	0
x-Lockhart, N. Y.	5	130	72	2
x-Howley, Dall.	5	110	58	1
Volk, Balt.	4	152	90	0
Williams, L. A.	4	46	36	0
Krause, Min.	4	29	27	0
Owens, Wash.	4	17	17	0
Barney, Det.	4	14	5	0

LEADING RUSHERS

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
Sayers, Chi.	103	619	6.0	2
Kelly, Clev.	129	589	4.6	5
x-Farr, Det.	106	499	4.7	3
Woodeshick, Phil.	95	472	5.0	1
Hoak, Pitt.	77	460	6.0	2
Willard, S. F.	114	444	3.9	2
Anderson, G. B.	89	442	5.0	2
Perkins, Dall.	94	408	4.3	1
Lewis, S. F.	91	386	4.2	0
Brown, Minn.	110	377	3.4	0
McCall, N. O.	85	361	4.2	2
Matte, Balt.	92	361	3.9	4
Crenshaw, St. L.	93	357	3.8	2
Jones, Minn.	81	352	4.3	1
Hill, Balt.	76	303	4.0	1

LEADING PUNTERS

	No.	Av.	D	Long
Lothridge, Atl.	37	45.8		70
x-Bragg, Wash.	30	45.4		63
Widby, Dall.	24	42.9		60
Latourette, St. L.	30	42.3		55
Anderson, G. B.	27	42.3		62
Green, Chi.	27	42.3		58
McNeill, N. O.	30	41.9		58
Walden, Pitt.	30	41.9		54
Baker, Phil.	26	41.7		55
Cockroft, Clev.	34	40.4		59
Studstill, L. A.	41	40.2		57
Spurrier, S. F.	37	39.8		54
Depoyster, Det.	34	39.8		51
Koy, N. Y.	17	39.1		52
Lee, Balt.	28	39.0		59
Martin, Minn.	28	37.4		49

PUNT RETURN LEADERS

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
x-Haymond, Phil.	10	184	18.4	1
Latourette, St. L.	14	205	14.6	1
Jefferson, Pitt.	10	101	10.1	0
Harris, Wash.	8	81	10.1	0
Rentzel, Dall.	7	54	7.7	0
Lockhart, N. Y.	7	51	7.3	0
Brown, G. B.	12	85	7.1	1
Volk, Balt.	22	146	6.6	0
Smith, L. A.	14	81	5.8	0
West, Minn.	10	57	5.7	0
Barney, Det.	8	45	5.6	0
Wood, G. B.	11	60	5.5	0

KICKOFF RETURN LEADER

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
x-Pearson, Balt.	8	267	33.4	1
Smith, L. A.	13	402	30.9	1
Adderley, G. B.	9	252	28.0	0
Baynham, Dall.	13	358	27.5	0
Barney, Det.	14	367	26.2	0
Sayers, Chi.	16	415	25.9	0
Harris, Wash.	8	204	25.5	0
Williams, G. B.	14	352	25.1	0
Blye, N. Y.	18	447	24.8	0
Butler, Atl.	12	297	24.8	0
Haymond, Phil.	24	590	24.6	1
Howard, N. O.	14	342	24.4	0

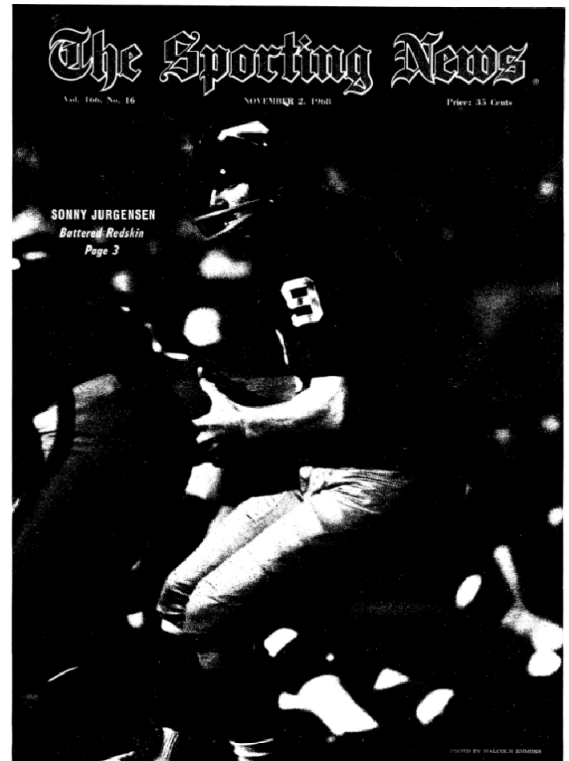
x—Last week's leaders.

PACKERS' DALE: A BULLDOG RECEIVER

NOV 2 (The Sporting News) - The two white shirts converged on the one green one, but just too late. Carroll Dale of the Green Bay Packers caught the football and swept it to his chest with one quick motion - a worthwhile precaution, since Mike Weger of the Detroit Lions collided with Dale a moment later with a crash that seemed to set the slingshot goal post awiggle. Weger sprawled to the ground five yards away, and Dale staggered and went to his knees. The play was over, and Dale and Bart Starr had moved the Packers 40 yards downfield, to the Lions' seven-yard line. "That was the series that beat us, though," Dale said later. "You can't come away from there without any points." The Packers did, though - they got no closer to a touchdown, and Jerry Kramer missed a 21-yard field goal. That was a fair portion of the story of the Lions' 23-17 victory, the second successive defeat for the defending pro football champions. That play was a part of the most productive day Dale ever had. He caught six passes from Starr, for 205 yards and two touchdowns - his first 200-yard day, and the third-highest yardage total in club history. "But it doesn't mean much when you lose," Dale said later...VICTORY IS WHAT COUNTS: He meant it, too. "I learned that when I was at Los Angeles," he said. "We caught a lot of passes out there, but what did it mean? One season, Red Phillips won the league pass-catching title, and the team finished way down in the standings. It didn't mean a thing. It meant nothing. A receiver has to learn to be patient in Green Bay, because Bart doesn't throw to favorite receivers. He throws to defenses. In the game with Minnesota, they were double-teaming Boyd Dowler and me, so the tight end and the backs caught some passes. Detroit likes to blitz, which means that you keep the backs in to block, and we threw long. The receivers understand that. We're not thrown as many passes as players on other teams, but we've been winning. And winning is everything, really." Dale can speak from experience on that subject. His first five years in the NFL were spent with the Rams, when the club was setting league records for merriment and futility. He didn't play with a team that broke .500 until 1965, when the Packers got him for linebacker Dan Currie. And Dale has played on nothing but champions since. He's refined his trade considerably in those years. "There's so much more to it than speed," he said. "We're watching films all the time - not so much to copy the moves of other receivers, but to learn the habits of the defensive backs. I've always said it takes an exceptional athlete to be a defensive back, but they still have to give you something. They try to take away your outside move or your long pattern, but they have to leave something else open for you. That's what happened against Detroit. Lem Barney likes to gamble, and he's so fast and agile that he can get away with it...A GUESSING GAME: "But, he's always looking for the interception (later in the game he got one, starting the Lions' first scoring drive), and that means he's going to be guessing. We had to run a lot of square-out patterns downfield and to the sidelines against the Vikings. It seemed that he'd be trying to anticipate one of those, so I asked Bart to try a long pass early. He did, and it worked." Dale went downfield, gave Barney a minute fake to the sideline, and Barney dashed over to head off the pass. He was still running to the sideline when Dale changed course, darted downfield, and caught a 63-yard touchdown pass without breaking stride. "You figure that if you complete one out of three fly patterns you're doing well," Dale said, referring to the Packers' simplest pass pattern -- a minimal fake and a head-long dash for the goal. "In that game, we completed three out of four, and the one we missed was so close to being complete." Dale sometimes sounds like a stockbroker discussing market trends when he talks of his business, and the analogy is not entirely imagined. Dale is as upstanding a citizen as any banker, a working member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, a man of impeccable personal habits...STRONG RELIGIOUS BELIEFS: As early as the eighth grade, he once said, "I really gave my life to Christ," and he long since has outgrown youthful reticence about talking of his commitment. He was instrumental in setting up the informal devotional services held each Sunday morning the Packers are away from home, providing Protestants on the team, with an opportunity to worship while the Catholic players are at Mass. At work, though, Dale foregoes the principle of nonviolence. He is one of the surest pass catchers in football in the risky business of catching in heavy traffic, and his reputation as a long-distance receiver is growing steadily. "I'm not running the patterns any deeper," he said. "My average is up (to 23.3 yards a catch after the Detroit game) because the fly patterns have been working...IT ALL DEPENDS ON DEFENSE: "But that can change. We never know from one week to the next what kind of defense the other team will use against us. And that's what it all depends on." That, and the combination of speed and elusiveness which Dale has brought to his job. With Boyd Dowler on the other side of the line and Donny Anderson ready to swing out of the backfield to catch a pass, the penalty for heavy attention to one receiver on Green Bay's team is often high. But Dale must be making extra coverage a distinct temptation. He scored five of the Packers' 16 touchdowns in their first six games, after all, and he may be ready to make a real bid for the kind of recognition a Packer pass receiver has foregone in the past.

Inside Story of Pro Football

NOV 2 (The Sporting News) - George Plimpton's "Paper Lion," an outsider's view of what it's like to be part of a professional football team, now has a companion on the bookshelf with the publication of "Instant Replay: The Green Bay Diary of Jerry Kramer." "Paper Lion" was informative but, after all, Plimpton was just a make-believe player. It takes a real one like Kramer, one of the star offensive guards



in the NFL, to dramatize the violence, the punishment and the pressure of playing under a coach like Vince Lombardi for a club like the Packers. "I want to show what it's like to push yourself beyond endurance for a coach who considers pain only something you must brush off," Kramer writes... **LOMBARDI DOMINATED PACKERS:** In his day-to-day account of the 1967 season, Kramer succeeds in describing the insatiable demands of Lombardi, the taskmaster who drove his players, yet aroused such fierce loyalty and affection that Kramer himself was able to say: "This is one beautiful man." Lombardi, of course, has retired as coach this year. There may never be another like him in preparing a team mentally and physically for every game in a long, hard season. Let's illustrate with the case of Kramer. We were surprised, first, to learn that a ten-year veteran of Kramer's ability received just \$27,500 for the 1967 season—a salary that he got only by standing adamant against a lesser figure. However, with championship accruals, endorsements, a TV show and other side benefits, Jerry was affluent enough to be a partner in two businesses. He also had \$50,000 invested in an enterprise that proved a money-loser. With these outside interests, and troubles, it would have been easy enough for Kramer to have his mind on things other than football—but not under Lombardi. Mondays were Kramer's free days, but starting on Tuesday each week, Lombardi began a campaign of whiplashing, harassment and even outright abuse that drove everything but football out of his players' minds. That, we believe, was the secret of Lombardi's success - his ability to bring his team up to a high pitch for every game. Kramer tells this story about the Super Bowl game in Miami last January: "My wife's been here the past few days and so has Chandler's. Tonight we're putting the girls in one room, and Donny and I are sharing one. It's better for the girls to be away from us tonight. We're always grumpy and grouchy the night before a game."...**FEELING OF PRIDE IN VICTORY:** Defeat was bitter for the Packers. As Lombardi said, "Victory isn't everything - it's the only thing." Here's the way Kramer describes his feelings after the Packers beat the Los Angeles Rams in last season's Western Conference championship game: "I felt so proud, proud of myself and proud of my teammates and proud of my coaches. I felt like I was part of something special. I guess it's the way a group of scientists feel when they make a big breakthrough, though, of course, we aren't that important. It's a feeling of being together, completely together, a singleness of purpose, accomplishing something that is very difficult to accomplish, accomplishing something that a lot of people thought you couldn't accomplish. It sent a beautiful shiver up my back." Only a player under Lombardi could feel that way.