



**San Francisco 49ers (6-3) 37, Green Bay Packers (2-6-1) 7
Sunday November 22nd 1953 (at Milwaukee)**

Packers Lose to 49'ers 37 to 7, Tie 'Worst' Mark

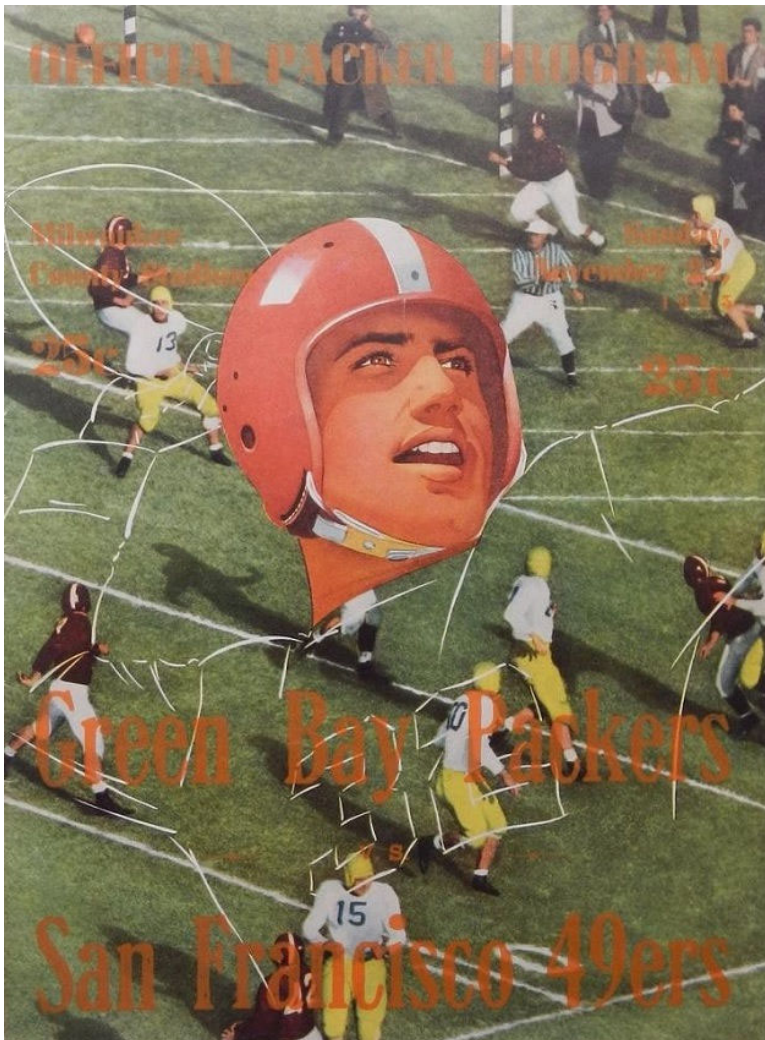
Two Fumbles Help SF To Early 20 to 0 Lead

GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(MILWAUKEE) - The Packers finished the home portion of their 1953 season like they started it two months ago - only worse! On Sept. 27, the Packers dropped a 27 to 0 decision to the still-unbeaten Cleveland Browns in their NFL opener here, looking disorganized in the face of the Browns' great defense. Yesterday, Nov. 22, the Packer succumbed to the San Francisco Forty Niners, 37 to 7, still looking disorganized. The Packers' give-away party (our boys handed the ball to the Forty Niners six times on fumbles and interceptions) tied the club's all-time "worst home season" record, set in 1949 when the Bays downed Detroit 16-14 for the only win on Badger (in Milwaukee) soil. The only home victory this year was 37-14 over Baltimore in Green Bay. Milwaukee got the worst of the 1953 deal, the Packers getting outscored in County stadium 102 points to 27 in a 27-0 loss to Cleveland, a 38-20 rally to Los Angeles and yesterday's 37-7 affair. The two losses in Green Bay were 17-13 to the Chicago Bears and 14-7 to Detroit; the Bays outscored their three foes in Green Bay 57 to 45. The loss to the Forty Niners was the fifth worst suffered by the Packers since the Gene Ronzani regime took over in 1950. In that "new" year, the Packers dropped three games by over 30 points, 31, 37 and 38-point margins. The only other 30-plus loss was a (35) 52-17 loss to Detroit in Green Bay in 1952.

16,378 BRAVE SNOW

Now that the horrible implications are in print, it might be wise - in the interest of good journalism - to report on Sunday's conflict. A crowd of 16,378 witnessed the Packers' ninth league clash of the season, braving a large-flaked snowfall and cold, penetrating temperatures. The Packers were the most gracious host, handing the power-running Forty Niners a 20 to 0 lead in the first 15 minutes and four seconds of activity,



chiefly on fumbles by Breezy Reid and Al Carmichael on the Packer 23-yard line. Midway in the second quarter, the Packers put on a fantastic 18-play, 86-yard drive for their only touchdown of the day - their second in two games and fifth in three contests. Quarterback Babe Parilli scored this latest TD on a keeper run of eight yards. That one touchdown drive was the only serious threat the Packers made all afternoon. The Packers tried gambling early in the third quarter in an effort to break

the spell. On their own 31 with only inches to go for a first down, quarterback Tobin Rote handed off to fullback Howie Ferguson but Tobin fumbled and recovered for a loss. From the 31, the Forty Niners scored quickly for a 27-7 lead. The same situation came up the next time GB had the ball and this time Rote plunged easily for the first down. It didn't matter, though, the offense wasn't working well Sunday and a punt was upcoming on the next fourth down. The Forty Niners had a 13-0 edge at the end of the first quarter (it was 20-0 with four seconds gone in the second), a 20-7 margin at halftime and 30-7 going into the last canto. Joe Perry and Hugh McElhenny were brilliant with their running; so was Joe Arenas. Perry cracked off 153 yards in 16 tries while McElhenny was held to 38 in seven. Arenas moved 53 in nine, giving this threesome 244 of the 49ers' 290 yards rushing. Reid upheld the Packer cause by gaining 81 yards in 12 carries. The Forty Niners whipped the Packers statistically - a tipoff to the ineffectiveness of the Bay offense. The Packers rushed for 181 yards against the Forty Niners' 290 and passed for 63 yards against the 49ers' 99. Actually, the Packers made only nine yards passing in the last half, though heavy snow in the third period made throwing treacherous. Other than the touchdown drive, the lone good part of the game was the Packers' defensive play. This may sound stupid in view of the Forty Niners' 37 points, but the defenders, handed a 20-0 swat in the face, really kept slamming hard all afternoon. Here's a brief account of what happened: The Packers threw the Forty Niners back seven yards in 10 plays before the roof fell in with less than five minutes gone in the first quarter. The Bays' tough defensive play forced two punts and, in the meantime, the Packers gathered a first down and punted once. Even Lowell Wagner's interception of Rote's pass seemed harmless as Tonnemaker, Martinkovic and Loomis belted the Forty Niners back 16 yards in two plays, giving the Coasters third down on their own 41. Then, with 26 yards to go for a first down, Tittle arched a perfect pass to McElhenny who was surrounded by three Packers for a gain of 56 yards and a first down on the Bay 23. Arenas and Perry banged it to the five in four cracks and McElhenny went over standing up. Soltau missed his first extra point shot this season and it was 6-0 with 4:02 gone in the opening frame. The Packers launched a drive from their own 25 after the next kickoff, but Reid fumbled on first down and Leo Nomellini recovered on the Bay 23. After Tittle's pass hit the crossbar, the Forty Niners went in motion twice, moving back to the 31. Two plays later, Tittle ran to his right, like he meant to lug but threw to Wilson who completed a 31-yard touchdown play. Soltau kicked the first of four extra points for a 13-0 score. The Packers never got a chance to run an offensive play the next time. Carmichael fumbled the kickoff on the Bay 23 and Babcock recovered. Arenas gained six yards on the last play of the quarter and Perry bolted 17 yards over left end on the first play of the second frame for the TD and the score was 20-0 with four seconds gone in the period. The Packers got good position on the next kickoff as Buddy Brown caught the boot on the 11 and lateraled to Deral Teteak who ran 46 yards to the Forty Niner 43. The attack stalled on the 38 and Cone tried a field goal from the 42. McElhenny took the short kick on the five and lateraled to Berry, who ran to the 27. The Forty Niners were caught clipping and set back to their 12. After the Packers allowed SF two first downs they tightened and forced Powers to punt, the Packers taking over on the 14 and going 86 yards for the touchdown. Ferguson took a pitchout and sailed around right end for 19 yards to the 33 on the first play. Bailey hit for one, Parilli threw to Boone

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NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE (Western Conference)

	W	L	T	Pct.	PS	OP
Detroit	7	2	0	.778	197	167
Los Angeles	6	2	1	.750	267	193
San Francisco	6	3	0	.667	241	188
Baltimore	3	6	0	.333	145	222
Chicago Bears	2	6	1	.250	170	204
Green Bay	2	6	1	.250	154	223

(Eastern Conference)

	W	L	T	Pct.	PS	OP
Cleveland	9	0	0	1.000	232	90
Philadelphia	6	2	1	.750	282	141
Washington	4	4	1	.500	168	192
Pittsburgh	4	5	0	.444	167	216
New York	2	7	0	.222	112	160
Chicago Cards	0	8	1	.000	133	272

Sunday's Results

SAN FRANCISCO 37, GREEN BAY 7

Detroit 20, Bears 16
Washington 24, New York 21
Cleveland 20, Pittsburgh 16
Los Angeles 21, Baltimore 13

Saturday Night's Result

Philadelphia 38, Cardinals 0

Thursday's Game

GREEN BAY AT DETROIT

Next Sunday's Games

Cardinals at Cleveland
Los Angeles at Bears
Philadelphia at New York
San Francisco at Baltimore
Washington at Pittsburgh

The Lineups:

SAN FRANCISCO

Ends—Soltau, Powell, Wilson, Babcock, Van Doren.

Tackles—Hogland, Miller, Carapella, St. Clair, Nomellini.

Guards—Smith, Feher, Michalik, Banducci, Burke.

Centers—Johnson, P. Brown, Manley.

Backs—Tittle, Powers, Ledyard, Arenas, Mixon, Berry, Schabarum, McElhenny, Bruney, Wegner, Perry Monachino, H. Brown, Morton.

GREEN BAY

Ends—Mann, Rush, Martinkovic, Howton, Elliott, Hays.

Tackles—Afflis, Wildung, Szafaryn, Cifelli, Hanner.

Guards—Brown, Forester, Ruzich, Logan, Teteak, Zatkoff.

Centers—Stephenson, Tonnemaker. Backs—Parilli, Rote, Dillon, Reid, Boone, Loomis, Aldridge, Barton, Carmichael, Walker, Bailey, Ferguson, Cone, Forte.

San Francisco	13	7	10	7-37
Green Bay	0	7	0	0-7

Scoring: San Francisco: Touchdowns—McElhenny, Wilson, Tittle 2, Perry. Field goal—Soltau. Extra points—Soltau 4. Green Bay: Touchdown—Parilli. Extra point—Cone. Officials: Referee—William Downes. Umpire—Carl Brubaker. Headlinesman—Sam Pecoraro. Back Judge—Victor Mettler. Field Judge—Charles Sweeney.

Team Statistics:

	Pack	49ers
Total first downs	14	20
First downs rushing	11	15
First downs passing	2	3
First downs penalties	1	2
Yards gained rushing	181	290
Yards gained passing	63	99
Total yards gained	244	389
Passes attempted	20	18
Completed	8	8
Had intercepted	4	0
Yds. inter. passes ret.	0	43
Yds. lost attempting to pass	31	36
Punts: Number by	4	5
Ave. distance punts by	24	44
No. punts returned by	3	1
Yards punts returned	18	0
Kickoffs: No. ret. by	7	2
Yds. kickoffs returned	150	3
Fumbles: Number by	4	2
Opp. fumbles rec.	1	2
Penalties: No. against	4	13
Yds. lost by penalties	30	105

Individual Statistics:

Rushing:

San Francisco—Perry gained 153 yards in 16 attempts, Arenas 53 in 9, McElhenny 38 in 7, Mixon 26 in 4, Monachino 8 in 3, Schabarum 6 in 2, Wagner 4 in 1, Tittle 2 in 2.

Green Bay—Reid gained 81 yards in 12 attempts, Cone 31 in 9, Boone 24 in 1, Parilli 17 in 4, Carmichael 10 in 4, Bailey 8 in 2, Rote 7 in 3, Ferguson 6 in 3.

Passing:

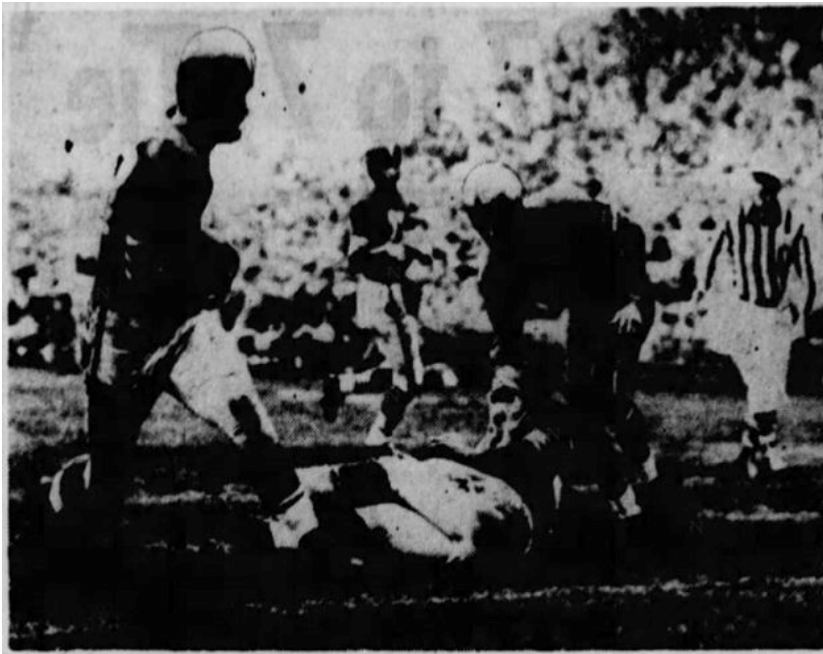
San Francisco—Tittle attempted 17, completed 8 for 99 yards, 1 touchdown; Ledyard attempted 1, completed 0.

Green Bay: Parilli attempted 12, completed 7 for 54 yards, 2 intercepted; Rote attempted 8, completed 1 for 9 yards, 2 intercepted.

Pass Reception:

San Francisco—McElhenny caught 2 for 45 yards, Wilson 2 for 42, Soltau 3 for 9, Perry 1 for 3.

Green Bay—Howton caught 1 for 21, Boone 2 for 17, Carmichael 2 for 15, Mann 1 for 12, Bailey 1 for 2, Ferguson 1 for minus 4.



Unmolested—Hugh McElhenny, San Francisco halfback, goes over right tackle in first quarter for Forty Niners' first touchdown against Packers in Milwaukee Sunday. Packer at right is Bobby Dillon. Forty Niners won 37-7. (AP Photo)

for eight and Parilli charged for two and another first down on the 44. The drive was all but halted after Parilli threw to Bailey for two, Parilli ran for seven and Cone lost three. Rush punted on the long count and the Forty Niners went offside, giving the Packers life on the enemy 45. Bailey rammed left tackle for six, but Parilli was smeared back 12 yards and the drive seemed finished. However, Howton made a good catch of Parilli's knee high toss for 21 yards and a first down on the Frisco 30. Cone lost three but Mann took Parilli's pass for 12 to the 21. After Cone and Parilli ran nearly two yards the officials spent two minutes over the measurement trying to decide whether it was a first down, finally deciding in favor of the Pack. Parilli threw to Boone for 10 yards for another first down on the 10. Cone hit right tackle for two and then Parilli, on a keeper, circled right end for the touchdown. Cone converted and it was 20-7. Just before the end of the half, the Forty Niners drove to the nine and, on fourth down, Soltau missed a field goal from the 16. The Packers gambled to get

back into the game early in the third frame but it didn't work. The Packers had fourth down on their own 30 with only inches to go, but Rote fumbled and recovered a handoff to Ferguson, Frisco taking over. The Forty Niners, with Arensa and Perry carrying to the one, went ahead 27-7 on Tittle's plunge. The Packers gambled again on a fourth-down-with-inches-to-go situation, but this time Rote "snuck" over center and made the needed yard. After an exchange of punts, Wagner intercepted Rote's pass to launch the Forty Niners' field goal drive. After McElhenny made 11, the Packers forced Powers to punt but the Bays were accused of roughing the kicker, giving the Forty Niners life on the Bay 26. The Bays stalled the drive on the 22 and Soltau stepped back on the 30 to boot a field goal for a 30-7 score as the period ended. Early in the last quarter, Reid slammed off left guard and ran 42 yards to the San Francisco 32. But in the next two plays Parilli was thrown for a total loss of 18 yards and the two clubs exchanged punts. The Packers took over on their own 39. Reid and Cone combined for a first down at midfield but Bruney intercepted Parilli's pass to set off the Forty Niners' last touchdown drive. Starting from their own 37, the winners scored in seven plays, the long gainer being a 48-yard haul by Perry who was brought down from behind by Walker on the Bay 16. Mixon and Monachino moved it to the one and Tittle plunged over. Numerous fights broke out after the next kickoff and Ruzich, Packer guard, was ejected from the game. Reid made 13 yards in two attempts but Rush had to punt after four more plays. At the two-minute warning, Martinkovic recovered Monachino's fumble on the Forty Niner 35, but on second down Morton intercepted Parilli's short pass and ran to midfield. Shortly before the end, Monachino ran 20 yards to the Packer 35.

SAN FRANCISCO - 13 7 10 7 - 37
GREEN BAY - 0 7 0 0 - 7

	<u>SAN FRANCISCO</u>	<u>GREEN BAY</u>
First Downs	20	14
Rushing-Yards-TD	44-290-4	38-184-1
Att-Comp-Yd-TD-Int	18-8-99-1-0	20-8-65-0-4
Sacked-Yards	4-36	4-33
Net Passing Yards	63	32
Total Yards	353	216
Fumbles-lost	2-1	4-2
Turnovers	1	6
Yards penalized	13-105	4-30

SCORING

- 1ST - SF - Hugh McElhenny, 5-yard run (Gordie Soltau kick failed) SAN FRANCISCO 6-0
- 1ST - SF - Billy Wilson, 30-yard pass from Y.A.Tittle (Soltau kick) SF 13-0
- 2ND - SF - Joe Perry, 17-yard run (Soltau kick) SAN FRANCISCO 20-0
- 2ND - GB - Babe Parilli, 8-yard run (Fred Cone kick) SAN FRANCISCO 20-7
- 3RD - SF - Tittle, 1-yard run (Soltau kick) SAN FRANCISCO 27-7
- 3RD - SF - Soltau, 30-yard field goal SAN FRANCISCO 30-7

4TH - SF - Tittle, 1-yard run (Soltau kick) SAN FRANCISCO 37-7

RUSHING

GREEN BAY - Breezy Reid 12-81, Fred Cone 9-31, J.R. Boone 1-24, Babe Parilli 4-17 1 TD, Al Carmichael 4-10, Byron Bailey 2-8, Tobin Rote 3-7, Howie Ferguson 3-6

SAN FRANCISCO - Joe Perry 16-153 1 TD, Joe Arenas 9-53, Hugh McElhenny 7-38 1 TD, Billy Mixon 4-26, Jim Monachino 3-8, Pete Schabarum 2-6, Lowell Wagner 1-4, Y.A. Tittle 2-2 2 TD

PASSING

GREEN BAY - Babe Parilli 12-7-54 2 INT, Tobin Rote 8-1-9 2 INT

SAN FRANCISCO - Y.A. Tittle 17-8-99 1 TD, Hal Ledyard 1-0-0

RECEIVING

GREEN BAY - J.R. Boone 2-17, Al Carmichael 2-15, Billy Howton 1-21, Bob Mann 1-12, Byron Bailey 1-2, Howie Ferguson 1-(4)

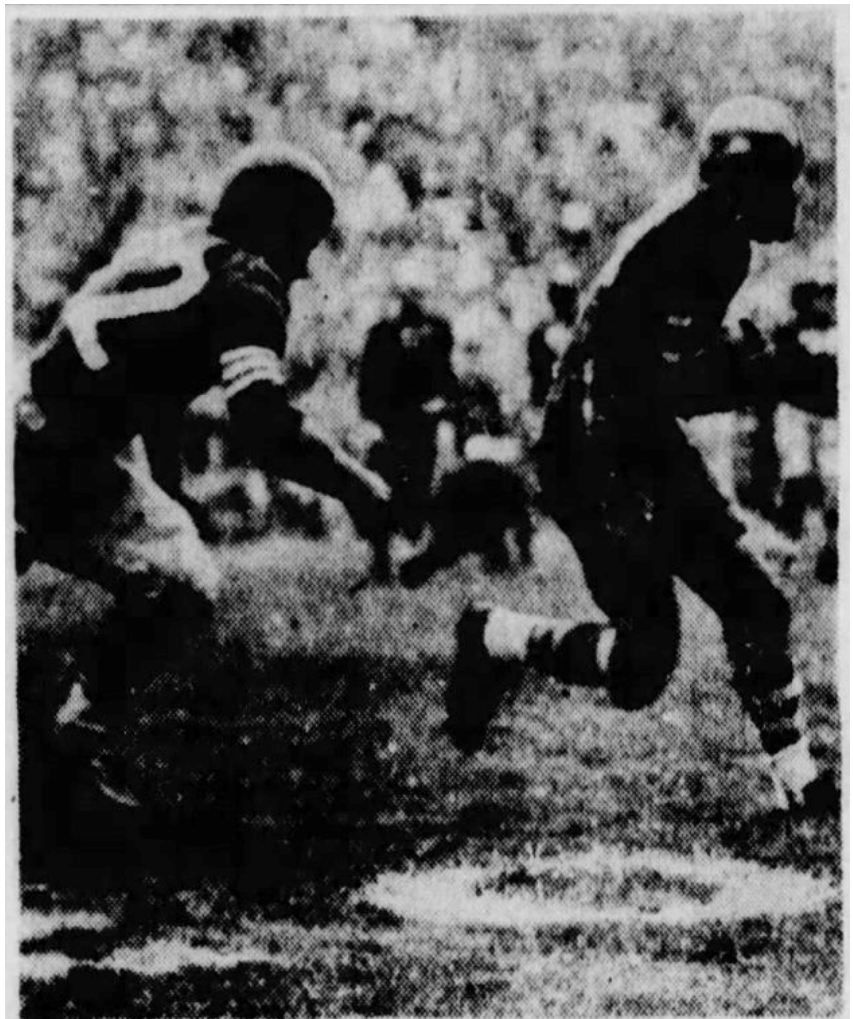
SAN FRANCISCO - Gordie Soltau 3-9, Hugh McElhenny 2-45, Billy Wilson 2-42 1 TD, Joe Perry 1-3

Weather, Own Efforts Help 49'ers Win, Shaw; Bad Start Hurt, Gene

WEATHER, OWN EFFORTS HELP 49ERS WIN, SHAW; BAD START HURT, GENE

NOV 23 (Milwaukee) - The weather, as well as their own efforts, helped the San Francisco Forty-Niners scuttle the Packers at Milwaukee County Stadium here Sunday. This, at least, was the opinion of silver-haired Lawrence T. (Buck) Shaw, head coach of the West coast entry. "I think the weather probably was to our advantage," Shaw admitted, "because we are primarily a running team so the conditions today were made to order for us." "On the other hand," the Notre Dame alumnus observed, "it wasn't a good day for the Packers. Their best forte is the pass. One thing I admired about that team, though they were behind all the way, they were hustling right to the very end." The Forty-Niners hadn't expected to win as handily as they did, Shaw insisted. "We anticipated some rugged play," the Frisco strategist declared, "and our kids played one of their better games." "Of course, we got a couple of breaks on Packer fumbles on those two kickoffs in the first quarter that made us look pretty good," he conceded. "I'd hate to spot anybody 14 or 20 points. That's pretty rough. As a matter of fact," Shaw explained, "I was very much afraid of this team. They have a lot of potential and it's only a question of when they're going to explode. They've had a run of tough luck - like that Detroit game last week. Judging from our scout reports and from all I've heard, the Packers should have won that one."..."WE WERE FORTUNATE": "For that matter," he continued, "you could take today as an example. Anything can happen on a field like that. As it turned out, we were fortunate. We got several good breaks and were able to capitalize on them." San Francisco, one of three contenders left in the race for the NFL's Western division championship, emerged from the contest without a serious injury, Shaw revealed. "But Babcock (Harry) has an awful headache. He got hit from the blind side and was knocked goofy." Shaw, who coached San Francisco during its four years in the All-American Conference, feels that the Cleveland Browns will go through undefeated in the Eastern division. Buck, whose Forty-Niners lost a bitter 23-21 decision to the Browns a week ago, said, "I can't see anybody beating them, with the possible exception of Philadelphia. If anybody turns the trick, it will have to be the Eagles. I saw them early in the season and they looked like a good ball team to me." Buck, accepted as an authority on the Browns since they were Frisco's chief rivals in the AAC, thinks the current edition is the best team Cleveland has ever had. "Their running game is a little better than it has ever been because of Billy Reynolds and Ray Renfro and their passing is as good as ever with Graham. He's having a great year."...The early minutes, Packer coach Gene Ronzani felt, determined what became the game's eventual pattern. "We got off to a bad start because of those fumbles," he said, "and it was too great a handicap to overcome against a club of this caliber. You can't give a poor team two touchdowns, let alone a good one, and expect to come out on top. Of course, there were other factors, too," Gene emphasized. "We came back to make it 20-7 in the second quarter and then started another drive but time ran out on us. And the missing that first down with six inches to go at the start of the second half didn't help any either. Normally, you don't miss in a situation like that. In fact, we did make it in the same situation the next time we got the ball. But the first time we gambled and we lost." "Perry and McElhenny definitely hurt us, too. There's no question about that," Gene said ruefully. "So did our offensive and defensive mistakes and our punting was a big factor. We averaged only 24 yards. Of course, it was the first time Clive Rush ever has punted in those weather conditions. The ball may have been slipping off his foot." Turning his attention to the next assignment, Thursday's engagement with the Lions in Detroit, Gene was inclined to optimism. "I think the boys will bounce back," he asserted, "in that Thanksgiving Day game."...Silent, weary and dejected, the Packers gave the impression as they filed into the dressing room that they not only had not expected the score to be as one-sided as it had been but actually had counted upon winning.

But, to their credit, none offered an alibi. Rather, they had praise for the Forty-Niners' performance. Dick Wildung, a two-time All-American at Minnesota and one of the NFL's finest tackles for the last seven years, paid the Californians high tribute. "I think they have the finest running backs I've ever seen," he volunteered. "Next to the Browns, I think they are the toughest team we've played," Bob Forte, a Packer rookie with Wildung in 1946, echoed. "They sure can run with the ball." "Like I said," Wildung declared, "they're a great running team and this was a runner's day." Dave Stephenson, the West Virginian, glancing down at his mud-caked uniform, grinned in wry agreement and said, with some little emphasis, "Man, this was a mudders' day."...**ROUGHING THE KICKER?:** Across the way, Breezy Reid was still talking to himself. "I can't understand how I lost the ball - both times," he muttered. "Each time I was ready to break into the open and, whoom, there she'd go." Though unhappy over the turn of events, big Gus Cifelli couldn't help chuckling over a third quarter incident. "That sure was funny," he grinned, "when they called Martinkovic for roughing the kicker. Power (Jim, Frisco's punter) was running away, pointing to the referee (Bill Downes) and hollering, 'Look, look', and Martinkovic was chasing him. John was made because he hadn't even touched him. But we got 15 yards anyway. I think John would have slugged Powers if he'd caught up with him." Deral (Little Bull) Teteak was trying to understand a holding penalty called on him. "Tittle was back to pass and I tackled him," he explained. "He tried to get away and I held him.



In There—Packer end Bob Mann catches 12-yard pass from Babe Parilli in second period of Packer-San Francisco game at Milwaukee Sunday. Coming up to make tackle is Forty Niners' Lowell Wagner. Forty Niners won 37-7. (AP Photo)

He had thrown the ball but I didn't know it. They called me for holding, but, fortunately, it was a dead play. There was another penalty called a few seconds before that offset mine."...**THE SQUARED CIRCLE?:** One of the afternoon's most diverting episodes wasn't in the script. Steve Ruzich and Dick Feher, 'Frisco guard, squared off and began to throw punches after a fourth quarter collision. After the game Ruzich reported, "I knocked him flat (with a block) and he got up and started punching. I figured you don't have to take that from anybody." The officials stepped between the pair, threw Ruzich out of the game and penalized the Packers 15 yards for unsportsmanlike conduct...**QUICK KAYO:** Forte, a rugged competitor, "kayoed" the Forty-Niners' Harry Babcock in the third quarter. Blocking for punt returner Al Carmichael, Forte, running at full speed, crashed into Babcock and flattened him with a crushing block. The rookie end failed to get up and eventually had to be carried from the field...**"SNOW"** TRADITIONS: The combatants had more than a modicum of difficulty keeping their feet, particularly in the second half, on a field made slick as a skating rink by the snowstorm. Once Joe (The Jet) Perry, Forty-Niner fullback, slid 15 yards on the seat of his trousers after being run out of bounds by Martinkovic. The weather also caused the Packers to take special precautions to prevent ball handling mistakes. All players wore gloves when not in the game, and a few of them carried towels on their hips to keep their hands dry. The officials also cooperated, wiping off the ball after every play...Marvin Johnson, out with a shoulder injury, made his last appearance on the Packer bench for two weeks. Johnson, who handled the field telephone, left here Sunday night bound for California. He will rejoin the team in San Francisco for the Packers' return match with the Forty-Niners...**TWILIGHT TIME:** Though it was barely 3 o'clock, dusk was descending so rapidly that the stadium lights before the end of the third quarter.

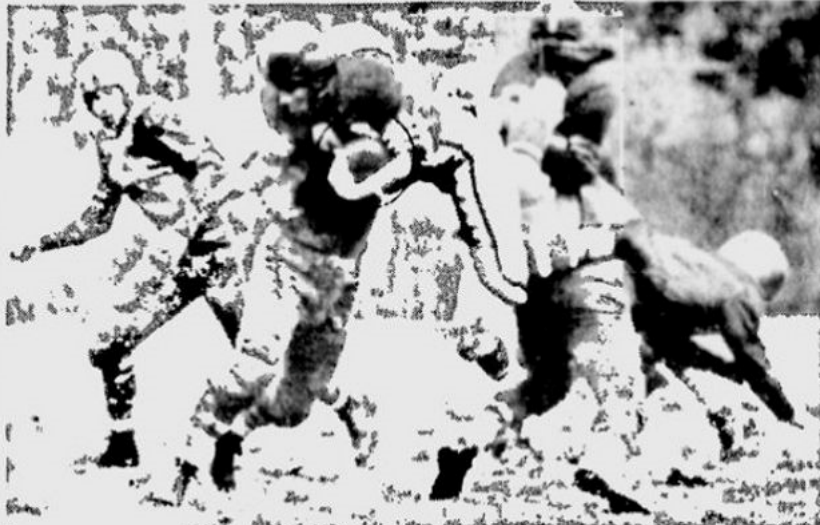
COUTRE CLAIMED

NOV 23 (Baltimore) - The Baltimore Colts announced Monday night they had claimed Larry Coutre, former Notre Dame halfback on waiver from Green Bay. Coutre played one season in the NFL with Green Bay and then was called into service.

Packers Will Ask Ronzani to Quit

Details
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ONE OF FEW BRIGHT PACKER MOMENTS



Pete Schabarum of the 49ers made three yards to the Packer 38 on this fourth quar-

ter carry but fumbled. The Packers' John Martinkovic pounced on the loose ball.

Sentinel photo.

PACKER BOARD WILL ASK RONZANI TO QUIT TODAY

NOV 24 (Green Bay) - Gene Ronzani's four-year reign as Green Bay Packer head coach appears to be at an end. The Milwaukee Sentinel learned Tuesday night that the Packer executive committee will meet Wednesday to ask the resignation of Ronzani. Ronzani is expected to lead the Packers against the Detroit lions in the annual Thanksgiving Day game at Detroit. However, if he does not abide by the executive committee's request to resign, it is believed Assistant Coach Hugh Devore will be appointed to take charge of the Packers on their western invasion. The Packers meet San Francisco December 6 and the Los Angeles Rams December 12. There has been much speculation here in recent weeks that Ronzani was through. Rated as one of the stronger teams in the NFL

before the season started, the Packers have managed only two victories over the Baltimore Colts and a tie with the Chicago Bears thus far. They have lost six games. If Devore is assigned to lead the Packers for the rest of the season, there is no indication that he will also be signed as head coach for next year. However, he is considered, along with Tom Hearden, former coach at St. Norbert College. Hearden currently is attending the University of Wisconsin and was an assistant coach of the freshman team the past season. Hearden, a former Notre Dame quarterback, is highly thought of in Green Bay, since his St. Norbert teams at nearby De Pere always rated among the best in their class. Ronzani, a native of Iron Mountain, MI, succeeded Curly Lambeau in February 1950, for a reported salary of \$12,000 to \$15,000. Last January he signed a new three-year contract said to call for \$17,500, with a dismissal clause buying it up for \$7,000. Ronzani was a member of the Chicago Bears' organization for 17 years as player, coach, talent hunter and scout. He joined the Bears after three years of football, basketball and track at Marquette. After six seasons at halfback with the Bears, Gene received his first coaching assignment from George Halas, the Newark farm club. He spent a year at Wichita, another farm, before returning to the Bears as backfield coach. In 1946, Ronzani coached the Bears' Akron affiliate before returning to the Bears the next year. Ronzani, named Marquette's football captain in 1931, was the first three letter man at the school.

LIONS CRAM FOR PACKER TURKEY TROT

NOV 24 (Detroit) - The Detroit Lions had to forego their usual Monday off and return to Briggs Stadium to start preparations for the Thanksgiving Day tussle with the Green Bay Packers. Coach Buddy Parker has only two more days to prepare the Lions for this important game. This, of course, is equalized by the fact that the Packers have no more time. When the club returned to work at 2 p.m. Monday, the old pros on the champion's roster were the ones getting the orchids. A tough Bear defense stopped three Detroit scoring chances, but the old pros managed to pull out a 20-16 triumph. Vince Banonis, Bob Smith, Doak Walker, Bob Hoernschemeyer and Bobby Layne provided the poise and the know-how to earn the victory. Banonis' alertness in falling on the ball after Walker's missed field goal set the stage for Smith's interception on the six-yard line three plays later. Walker's sprint around the right side of Detroit's line for the touchdowns, following Smith's interception, provided the winning margin. Layne and Hoernschemeyer kept the Lions in the ball game all day, although the club fell behind on three occasions to a fired-up Chicago team. Layne had his best day of the year as a passer, although he didn't complete a touchdown pass. Key throws, however, set up all the scores except the final touchdowns. Hunchy had the best day of any pass receiver, grabbing off seven Layne aerials for 81 yards, and picked up another 36 yards on running plays. Helping Hunchy have a good day were two unsung linemen, Dick Stanfel and Ollie Spencer. These two provided some terrific blocking on the screen passes that Layne and Hunchy worked so successfully against the Bears. Layne hit on

21 of 43 passes for 240 yards to pace the Lions to 447 yards in total offense. He also added 71 yards on 14 rushing plays to have his best day in several seasons. Despite scoring only two touchdowns and a pair of field goals, Detroit's offensive unit produced its best blocking since the opener against the Pittsburgh Steelers. Only a couple of great goal line stands by the Bears and several dropped passes by Detroit receivers kept the score down. The Lions are now only 180 minutes from their second straight Western Conference title. The Packers are the next hurdle, and then the Bears come to Detroit Dec. 6 for another rugged test. The final game is against the Giants in New York Dec. 13. Parker is hoping that the Lions can continue their ball control against the Packers Thursday. The Lions held the ball for a total of 97 plays during the game while the Bears had it on 66 plays. Detroit gained possession of the ball five times on Bear mistakes while losing the pigskin twice on fumbles themselves. The Packers will come to Detroit smarting under a 37-7 defeat at the hands of the San Francisco 49ers in Milwaukee Sunday. The 49ers turned five Packer mistakes into scores to wallop Green Bay. Detroit will be at full strength for the Packers, having come through the Bear game without serious injuries. Big Les Bingaman and Ollie Cline suffered minor head injuries, but both will be ready for Thursday.

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NOV 24 (Green Bay) - The Packers go into the nation's living rooms Thanksgiving Day. They'll battle the Detroit Lions in their 10th NFL game of the 1953 season and the contest will be televised from coast to coast, with a potential audience of 50,000,000 fans. The Green Bay forces - as they were forced to in four of the last five years - will attempt to gain some prestige out of a losing season. They finished with 3-9 in 1948, 2-10 in '49, 3-9 in '50 and 3-9 in '51 before coming up with what amounted to a "winner" (6-6) in 1952. The Packers have an excellent chance to bag some lost faith in the nation's fans by whipping the Lions and thus knocking them out of first place in the Western Conference race. Green Bay entered the ranks of the also-rans for 1953 when they became engaged in a tie with the Chicago Bears three years ago. After that match, the Packers automatically took on the role of the "spoiler" for the remaining five games. The Lion tussle will be the third of those five and the choicest morsel, of course, because the Lions are defending champions. The Packers lost the first two in the spoiler role - 14 to 7 to Detroit here and 37 to 7 to San Francisco last Sunday. After the Lion game, the Packers invade the West coast to meet the Forty Niners Dec. 6 and the Rams Dec. 12. The Packers, currently riding with a 2-6-1 record, could finish with the second worst record in the club's history - unless they able to uncouple the Lions, Forty Niners and/or the Rams. If they lose all three, the Bays would finish 2-9-1, a half notch higher than the all time low, 2-10, in 1949....The Packers lost one member of their reserve list today - Larry Coutre, the former Notre Dame halfback who was placed on waivers Monday and immediately claimed by the Colts. Coutre, who saw no action for the Packers in their last two games, likely will be pressed into service against San Francisco at Baltimore next Sunday...Facing a short practice week, Coach Gene Ronzani called the Packers back into action Monday afternoon. With only two touchdowns in the last two games and five in the last three, the Packers continued to pound offense in an effort to spark the attack against the Lions. They came out of the Forty Niner game with no serious injuries and should be in top condition Thursday...Detroit is looking for around 50,000 for its fifth home game this season Thursday. The Lions will close at home against the Bears Dec. 6 before finishing the season at New York Dec. 13. Speaking about attendance, the Packers drew 126,716 fans for six home league games - an average of 21,119. The three games in Green Bay pulled in 64,382 against 62,334 for the three loops battles in Milwaukee. In Green Bay, the Packers drew 24,835 at the Bear game, 18,713 at the Baltimore game, and 20,834 at the Detroit contest. In Milwaukee, 22,604 watched the Cleveland Brown game, 23,352 attended the Los Angeles match and 16,378 saw the Forty Niner game. The San Francisco gate was a pleasant surprise considering the weather. It rained most of the morning and turned to snow about noon and continued through the contest. On the road, the Packers played before 96,664 fans in three games - an average of 32,221. They helped draw 22,978 at Pittsburgh, 33,797 at Baltimore and 39,889 at Chicago Bears. In nine league games thus far, the Packers competed before 223,380 fans - an average of 24,820. The Packer crowds at home and on the road could be called good in view of the club's record to date. To show you how a winner draws, the Forty Niners played before 280,378 in five road games, including 59,000 at Detroit, 41,000 at the Bears, 83,000 at Los Angeles, 81,000 at Cleveland and 16,378 at Milwaukee. At home, the Forty Niners played before Philadelphia before

28,000, LA before 44,000, Detroit before 55,000 and the Bears before 27,000. SF still plays Green Bay and Baltimore at home. In the nine games, the Forty Niners helped draw 434,378 fans.

PACKERS' BOB ORDERS 'BORN LEADER', CLAIM

NOV 24 (Morgantown, VA) - It was a bleak day in the summer of 1951 that husky Bob Orders heard the gates of West Point clank shut for good behind him and he headed for West Virginia university. He had just been expelled along with most of Army's great football team as a result of a cribbing scandal. But the big, good looking center has made good at West Virginia, and today was being boomed for All-America honors. Orders, perhaps more than any other player on the team, did the most to elevate West Virginia from a non-entity to a national power. Of course, the Mountaineer stock fell sharply after their upset to South Carolina Nov. 14, but before that they were ninth ranked in the nation, had the longest win streak among major colleges - 13, won the Southern conference title and were headed for a berth in the Sugar bowl. There was still strong hope among West Virginia fans, though, that the team would get a nod for a major bowl. If it did, a great deal of the credit can be chalked up to the fine play of their West Point orphan. The 6-3, 210 pound center is the most dependable guy on the team and without a doubt the most valuable, Coach Art Lewis said. "He's a born leader and his just being out there on the field helps the team," Lewis said...Orders was the Packers' 13th choice in the college player draft last year. He was one of six juniors selected for possible use by the Packers in 1954.

PACKERS PUT OFFENSIVE EGGS IN ONE BASKET FOR LONE TD

NOV 24 (Green Bay) - It could be said that the Packers put all of their offensive eggs in one basket at Milwaukee Sunday. Their only touchdown in a 37-7 loss to the San Francisco Forty Niners used up 18 plays and about six playing minutes in the middle of the second quarter. The drive covered 86 yards, starting on the Bay 14, but actually the Bays had to travel 104 yards because they were thrown for three losses totaling 18 yards. The big lone push had everything - completed passes, a long run, a punt, an at-the-right-time penalty, a "long" measurement, heavy snow, etc. During the drive, quarterback Babe Parilli completed five passes for 53 yards, which was phenomenal because the Packers finished the game with only eight completions for 63 yards. The Bays rushed for 46 yards along the way but 18 had to be deducted as losses, including 12 at one crack when Parilli was smeared trying to pass. The most precious yardage was the eight Parilli ran around right end on a keeper for the touchdown. Bill Howton and Bob Mann, the Bays' pass catching aces, caught only one pass each all afternoon and both, you guessed it, came in this one drive - Howton's for 21 yards and Mann's for 12. That punt? The drive was stalled on the 50, with fourth down and four to go for a first down. Clive Rush went back to punt and the Forty Niners fell victim to the "long count" and went offside, giving our boys a first down on the SF 45. It threatened to end again on the 20-plus line but the officials ruled a first down on Parilli's sneak after hemming and hawing around for a full two minutes over the measurement. The best run in the scoring push came on the first play. Fullback Howie Ferguson took a pitchout and went around right end for 19 yards before the surprised Forty Niners caught on. That's the story of the Packers' second touchdown in the last two games, their fifth in the last three games, and their 21st in nine games thus far...It's poor business to second guess, and we don't aim to directly SG on the following, but we'd like to see the Packers give the "messenger" system a try before the 1953 season closes. This system is worked successfully by the Cleveland Browns, who use their guards as "runners" to take "calls" in on each play. The game, for the most part, is run by the "coaches" in the pressbox who are constantly in touch with these runners on the sidelines or bench. As a result, much of the pressure is removed from quarterback Otto Graham, although the brilliant pitcher has the right to call his own plays. This is why you often hear Graham referred to as the "Mechanical Man". From time to time, we heard that various plays, worked for long yardage by the Packers, were sent in from the bench. The play on which Breezy Reid picked up 42 yards through the line was called by Coach Gene Ronzani, for example. There were other similar instances during the season. Maybe calling most of the game from spotters upstairs might relieve some of the pressure from Parilli and Tobin Rote. Might be worth a try!

PACKERS HOPE TO EXPLODE AGAINST LIONS THURSDAY

NOV 25 (Detroit-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - If Thanksgiving day tradition holds true, the Packers should score over 20 points and the Detroit Lions should hit about 40 in Briggs stadium before 45,000 fans here Thursday morning. Twenty

Individual Statistics						
Ground Gaining						
	Att.	Yds.	LG	Av.		
Perry, San F.	144	790	51	5.5		
Towler, Los A.	128	732	73	5.7		
Quinlan, Los A.	74	544	74	7.4		
Justice, Wash.	92	539	35	5.9		
Rogel, Pitta.	131	522	58	4.0		
Huzvar, Balt.	92	451	36	4.9		
McElhenny, San F.	96	403	33	4.2		
Taliaferro, Balt.	88	392	50	4.5		
Trippi, Cards.	82	391	21	4.8		
Chandnois, Pitta.	92	387	38	4.2		
Longest Run: 74 yards, Volney Quinlan, Los Angeles vs. Detroit, 11-1-53. TD.						
Passing						
	At.	C	Yds.	TdP	In.	Av.
Graham, Cle.	292	129	2089	9	7	10.34
Th'son, Phil.	214	118	1852	16	13	8.65
V' Br'lln, L.A.	210	112	1736	12	10	8.27
Tittle, S. F.	181	99	1333	11	12	7.36
Layne, Det.	215	95	1580	12	15	7.35
Sc'b'th, Wash.	114	41	826	9	9	7.25
Burk, Phil.	107	53	749	4	7	7.00
L'Baron, Wash.	86	34	566	0	9	6.58
Enke, Balt.	169	71	1054	8	15	6.24
Blanda, Bears	261	124	1527	10	18	5.85
Root, Cards.	128	49	712	6	10	5.56
Parilli, G. B.	115	52	613	2	11	5.33
Rote, G. B.	164	66	869	4	11	5.30
Conerly, N. Y.	201	97	1036	7	17	5.15
Finks, Pitta.	288	130	1477	8	14	5.13
R'nik, Cards.	110	41	517	3	9	4.70
Longest Completion: 83 yards, Bobby Layne, Detroit vs. Green Bay, 11-5-53. TD.						
Pass Receiving						
	Rec.	Yds.	LG	TD		
Pihos, Phil.	53	893	59	9		
Hirsch, Los. A.	46	674	70	4		
Nickel, Pitta.	45	555	40	3		
Stonesifer, Cards.	43	564	46	2		
Dooley, Bears	37	622	72	2		
Waiston, Phil.	36	664	62	4		
Lavelli, Cleve.	35	670	55	5		
Wilson, San F.	34	571	57	7		
McColl, Bears	33	414	55	4		
Nagler, Cards.	31	408	41	4		
Soitau, San F.	31	366	47	2		
Longest Completion: 83 yards, Doak Walker, Detroit vs. Green Bay, 11-15-53. TD.						
Scoring						
	Tdr	Tdp	TT	XP	FG	TP
Groza, Cleve.	0	0	0	25	17	76
Walker, Det.	1	2	3	23	10	71
Waiston, Phil.	0	4	4	35	4	71
Agajanian, L. A.	0	0	0	33	10	63
Soitau, San F.	0	2	2	31	6	61
Cone, G. Bay	4	1	5	19	3	58
Pihos, Phil.	0	9	9	0	0	54
Perry, San F.	8	3	8	0	0	48



Turkey Day Opponent—The Detroit Lions, who will battle the Packers in Detroit at 10 o'clock (Green Bay time) Thursday morning, are shown above manufacturing a touchdown against the Chicago Bears Sunday. Halfback Bob Hoernschemeyer (arrow) dives over goal from three yards out in second period. Other identifiable players include Lions' back Ollie Cline (33), quarterback Bobby Layne (22), end Dorne Dibble (87) and end Leon Hart (82); and Bears' back Don Kindt (8), tackle George Connor (71) and end Bill Wightkin (86). Detroit won 20 to 16. (AP Wirephoto)

markers would be quite a heap for the Packers in view of their one-touchdown performances in each of their last two starts. Likewise, 40 would be a fat stack for the Lions, who got 20 against the Chicago Bears and only 14 against the Packers in their last two matches. The Packers will be playing in their third consecutive Turkey Day feature here and the two previous games were high scoring events – a fine treat for nationwide television fans. In the two earlier tests, the Detroit rolled up a round 100 points against the Packers' 59. Detroit won the 1951 game 52 to 35 and took last year's crucial battle, 48 to 24. Tomorrow's classic also will be fed throughout the nation via television and the audience is estimated at 50,000,000. Because of the difference in time, west coast fans will see the match starting at 8 a.m., the midwest (Green Bay) at 10 a.m., and the east at 11 a.m., which is the actual kickoff time. The Packers enter the contest in hopes that they can explode their offense for the third time this season. The Bays scored 164 points in nine games thus far, but 72 of them came against Baltimore, leaving only 92 or an average of 13-plus against the seven other foes. Over here, the Lions are chiefly worried about the Packers' top pass catchers – Bill Howton and Bob Mann. Howton, with Mann's

decoying, caught three touchdown passes in last year's Turkey clash. Mann, former University of Michigan star and one-time Lion, is highly regarded in these parts. The Packers likely will employ the spread at times due to their success with the formation against the Lions in Green Bay two weeks ago and in the two previous Thanksgiving day battles. Who will operate the spread and the T is the big question here. Packer coach Gene Ronzani has been alternating quarterbacks Vito (Babe) Parilli and Tobin Rote in the last four or five games. Against San Francisco last Sunday, for instance, Parilli worked the first and third quarters and Rote the second and fourth. There isn't any question who will operate the Detroit offense. It will be the veteran Texan, Bobby Layne, who threw two touchdown passes for the Lions' 14-7 victory over the Packers, Doak Walker completing an 83-yard air play on one and Leon Hart making a sloppy catch of a deflected pitch for the other. Ronzani plans no personnel changes for Thursday. Asking of waivers on right halfback Larry Coutre earlier this week means that Don Barton will share the right halfback duties with Al Carmichael. Breezy Reid, the club's leading ground gainer, will work at the left half slot along with Byron Bailey. Bailey, who broke in with the Lions last year and came to the Packers early this season, is anxious to play here despite a mouth injury suffered in the Forty Niner game. Bailey didn't play against the Lions in the game in Green Bay. The Packers are aware of the fact that the Lions will be particularly hard to handle since they lead the Western conference along and are only three games away from a second straight WC championship. After Green Bay, the Lions host the Bears and then close against the Giants in New York. Detroit is a heavy favorite to win all three games and go on to defend its title against the Cleveland Browns...The Packers were to arrive here in a chartered Capital Airliner at 2 o'clock, Green Bay time, this afternoon. They are headquartering at the Sheraton-Cadillac hotel. The Packers will fly back immediately after the game, landing at Austin Straubel field about 4 o'clock...Offensive center Dave Stephenson has been named the most outstanding player in the Forty Niner game and will receive a watch from a Milwaukee jeweler. Stephenson was named offensive captain before last Sunday's game and will continue in that capacity for the remainder of the season...The Packers will leave for the west coast next Tuesday. They'll play in San Francisco Dec. 6 and in Los Angeles Saturday afternoon, Dec. 12.

STATUS OF RONZANI UNCHANGED

NOV 25 (Green Bay) - The status of Gene Ronzani remained unchanged today despite numerous rumors and reports that he will be relieved of his duties as head coach of the Packers. Ronzani, now in his fourth year as Packer mentor, has been under pressure all season because of the poor showing made by the club this season. The team won one out of five non-league games and thus far has a 2-6-1 record in NFL competition. Thus, it has been obvious to Packer fans everywhere that his future as head coach here is in doubt. Ronzani left with the club today by air for Detroit where the Packers engage the

Lions Thanksgiving morning. And there are no indications that he won't accompany the team on its west coast trip next week..."MADE NO DECISION": The Packer executive committee will meet tonight to discuss the Packers' poor season thus far and handle certain routine business. Russ Bogda, club president, said today that the committee has "made no decision" to relieve Ronzani of his position but indicated that the matter of the head coach will be discussed in connection with the club's poor showing. Bogda pointed out that the meeting was called suddenly because several members of the board wanted to do deer hunting next week and others planned to leave the city during the Thanksgiving day holiday weekend.

'THREE SHOES' MAKES ONE PAYOFF

NOV 25 (Detroit) - Little Old Three Shoes is earning the title of the poor man's Lou Groza. Three Shoes is sometimes referred to as Doak Walker, the handy man of the Detroit Lions. The Doaker has stepped up to the ball on 14 occasions so far this season and tried for three points. Ten times he's booted the ball through the uprights for a field goal. The only better percentage in the NFL is that of Groza, who has connected on 17 of 20. When Walker kicks off that low cut football shoe and dons the zipper equipped kicking shoe, the odds are that Detroit will get three points. Only twice in the nine games this year has Walker failed to kick a field goal. The failure came in the 49ers game on the Coast and the Packer game in Green Bay. Three times this season the little Texan has kicked two field goals in one game. He turned the trick against the Colts in Baltimore and the Rams and Bears. His performance indicates that the Lions will have a new record written into the books at the end of the season. The most any previous Lion had ever kicked in one season was 11. Pat Harder holds that mark, established last year. Walker has already surpassed his best previous field goal production - eight in the 1951 season. Because of his accuracy on the three pointers, Walker is right back in the scoring race in the NFL. He's currently in second place, five behind Groza. Walker, in addition to kicking the 10 field goals, has also converted 23 of 24 extra points and scored three touchdowns. Groza, of course, being a tackle, hasn't scored a touchdown. But the powerful Browns permitted him 25 conversions. Like Walker, he's missed one of the points after touchdown. Reliable Bob Hoernschemeyer is the Lions' second best point producer with seven touchdowns. Hunchy has been held without a touchdown in only three of the nine games Detroit has played. Six points behind Hunchy is Leon Hart, the veteran end who has also been blanked in only three games. Leon has scored six touchdowns for a total of 36 points. This trio will be the big guns in the Lions' hopes against the Green Bay Packers when the Detroiters play their second game in five days Thanksgiving morning....The Lions went back to work Monday with the business at hand being trying to figure out a way to make their blocking go against the defensive shifts of the Packers. In the meeting with the Packers two weeks ago, the Lions' offense failed to click because of a blocking deficiency. That wasn't the case against the Bears last Sunday and Coach Buddy Parker hopes the club will again perform as it did in Chicago. Kickoff for Thursday's game will be one hour earlier than the three previous Thanksgiving day games. The start is scheduled for 11 a.m.

DENY PLAN TO REMOVE RONZANI

NOV 25 (Green Bay) - The executive committee of the Green Bay Packers held a special meeting today, but club president Russ Bogda denied that the committee would ask Packer coach Gene Ronzani to resign. He said the meeting was called suddenly because several members of the board wanted to go deer hunting next week and many planned to leave town during the Thanksgiving weekend. Bogda said the executive committee had made no decision to oust Ronzani, although he said the club's disappointing season in the NFL might be discussed. Ronzani was under extreme pressure from the fans earlier in the season after the Packers lost four straight pre-season exhibition games and then dropped their first three league starts. The Packer executive committee was forced to give Ronzani two votes of confidence to quiet the rumors that Ronzani either was to be fired or would be asked to quit. The Packers have now won two games, lost six, and tied one, with three tough games left on the schedule. The Packers started out the season as a dark horse in the Western Conference on the strength of the team's 1952 passing performance, but Green Bay now is tied last place with the Chicago Bears.



RUMORS SPIKED—President Russ Bogda of the Green Bay Packers today denied reports that Gene Ronzani, left, was asked to resign. Rumors were circulating that Hugh Devore, right, or Tom Hearnden, the latter a former St. Norbert college coach, would take over.

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NOV 25 (Green Bay) - Russ Bogda, president of the Green Bay Packers, denied here Wednesday morning the published report that Gene Ronzani would be asked to resign as head coach immediately. "There is absolutely no truth to the report," Bogda said. Bogda admitted a meeting of the executive committee was to be held Wednesday noon, but declared it was only to be a routine affair. "We have a lot of things to talk about," he said. Bogda refused to answer the question: "Will Ronzani finish the season with Green Bay?" "I have no statement to make on that," he said. "You know what the situation is." Ronzani has been under growing pressure from fans since the exhibition campaign in August and September. The team won its first start against the New York Giants at Minneapolis in early August, then lost four straight before the start of the league season. In league games, the team has won two games, both from Baltimore, lost six and tied one (Bears). Twice in the course of the league season, the executive committee gave Ronzani a vote of confidence in the face of dissension and trouble on the club. As rumors persisted however that Ronzani had been dismissed, a committee of players asked for an audience with the executive committee and suggested that any contemplated change in the coaching staff await the end of the season. "We feel we can still play some football," was the gist of the players' argument. The report that Ronzani might be dismissed immediately after Thursday's game with the Detroit Lions at Detroit and before the excursion west to play the 49ers at San Francisco and the Rams at Los Angeles said that Hugh Devore, an assistant coach, would be placed in charge. It also said that he might be given a chance as head coach next season. Devore, a former Notre Dame star, was head coach at his alma mater in 1945. Dissatisfaction with the all-Bear staff which has handled the club since Ronzani was appointed head coach by Emil Fischer, then president of the club, in 1950, has been frequently expressed. "Haven't we got enough Packer alumni coaching to find a coach to handle our own club," was often asked. Support for Ronzani on the executive committee has been recently changed, it was also learned Wednesday, indicating that if a change does not occur at once, it probably will at season's end. Eddie Kotal of the Los Angeles Rams has been approached on his availability as a general manager to replace the old-fashioned "soviet" which has run the club since its inception in 1919. George Sauer

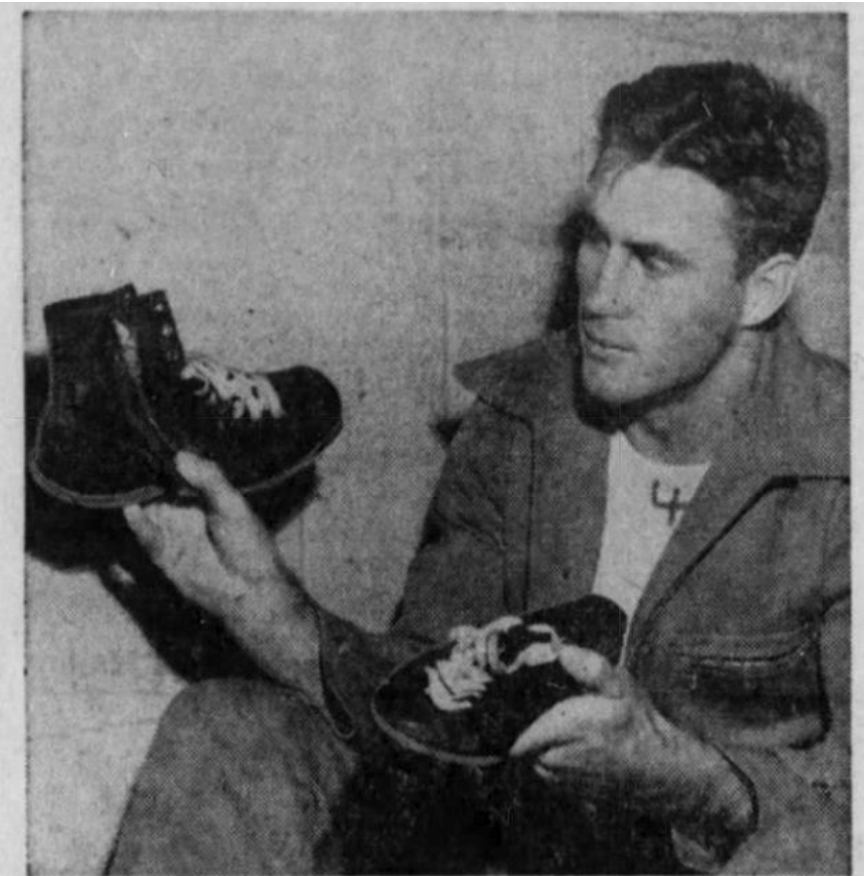


ROGER ZATKOFF



CLAYT TONNEMAKER

Defensive stars expect to give Lions a rough time



QUICK CHANGE artist is the Lions' Doak Walker when it comes time to kick a field goal or extra point. At left is Doak's kicking shoe, which he uses in place of his low cut running shoe when the Lions go after either three points or one.

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of Baylor, Mike Michalske of Texas Aggies, Red Heardon, formerly of nearby St. Norbert, and several other former Packers stars have been mentioned as coaching possibilities. Clark Hinkle a month ago applied for the job.

LIONS 13-POINT PICK OVER BAYS

NOVEMBER 25 (Detroit) - The Green Bay Packers, with coach Gene Ronzani and aides intact, arrived by chartered airline Wednesday afternoon for their annual Thanksgiving Day game with the Detroit Lions at Briggs Stadium. The game starts at 10 a.m. and will be televised over WTMJ-TV. With no injuries sustained in the San Francisco game, the Packers were reported to be in good physical shape. The squad is a player short, though, have picked up no replacement for halfback Larry Coutre, who was claimed on waivers by the Baltimore Colts. The Lions, with only three games to go, hold a slim, but cozy lead in the Western Conference. Los Angeles, trailing by a half game, and San Francisco by a game, can only hope that the Lions are upset somewhere along the way. Green Bay is a 13-point underdog. The last two Turkey Day games ended in disaster for the Packers. Last year, the Lions mauled them 48-24 and the year before it was 52-35. A Ronzani team never has beaten Detroit, although his team came close two weeks ago. Detroit squeezed out a 14-7 decision in Green Bay. The Lions, winners of seven games against two losses, oddly haven't played up to expectations. Green Bay, of course, has been a big disappointment this season.

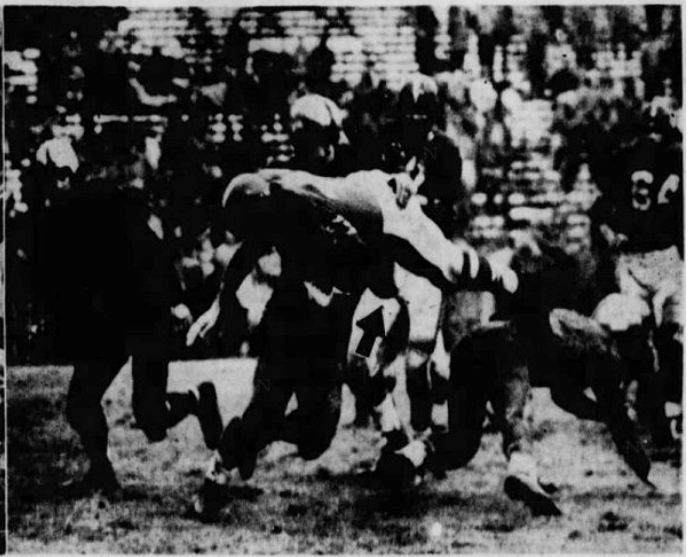
Packers Cleaning House Despite Wave of Denials

PACKERS CLEANING HOUSE DESPITE WAVE OF DENIALS

NOVEMBER 26 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - The expected wave of denials followed the Sentinel's story of Wednesday morning (out of Green Bay) about the imminent dismissal, or forced resignation, of Gene Ronzani as Packer head coach. But let the officers and members of the executive committee deny until short punts are scored as touchdowns. The skids are greased for Gene. Not only are greased, but have been greased for some weeks. In fact, the thing has gone so far that it would be impossible to do anything but clean house, regardless of the merits of the coaching. The powers that be are so completely at odds and the far-flung Packer family of rooters is so divided that there is no going back and starting over in the spirit of let bygones be bygones. So who are they (the bosses) kidding when they say that recent meetings, including the one called for Wednesday, were not for the purpose of discussing the coaching situation? What there is not even a thought of making a change before the end of the season, if then? Anyone, even the most conservative, can bet his neck or his last dollar that there is and has been more than a thought - much more. In short, there is every reason to have complete faith in the accuracy of reports about meetings dealing with specifics. Or can it still be denied that the new coaching prospects have been mentioned and even investigated? Or does anyone disclaim knowledge of discussion, in private meetings with non-member advisors, about hiring a real, honest to goodness general manager for the first time in the club's history? Haven't candidates been fine-combed if not definitely approached? By way of answering the questions: 1 - Possible candidates for the head coaching job have been discussed; 2 - Creation of the general manager's post is far beyond the probing stage, so far that names have been named and the line already is forming to the left. As one sincerely interested in the Packers' immediate and future success, I believe as I have believed for a long time that No. 1 on the club's must do list is to hire and vest the proper authority in a general manager. Frankly, I'm amazed they have gone along as well and as long as they have under the rather haphazard system under which everybody - or nobody, according to the point of view - is boss. It would take Superman himself to coach successfully under that system. That the system grew is understandable. It stemmed from the days of rather informal operation in pro football. A lot of fine men, each successful in his own right, have given much of their time, energy and money to keep Green Bay and the Packers on the big time map. It was only natural that they should be called upon to run things and enjoyed same. Today, however, pro football is serious business which has grown beyond



A Couple of Good Parts—Packer quarterback Babe Parilli (15) is shown scoring the only Green Bay touchdown in the 37 to 7 loss to the San Francisco Forty Niners in Milwaukee County stadium Sunday afternoon. Parilli flopped into the end zone in second quarter after running eight yards on a keeper play to climax an 18-play, 88-yard drive.



Forty Niner at right is Rex Berry. In picture at right, Forty Niner back Pete Schabarum hurdles through space and into the arms of Packer John Martinkovic. John's jarring tackle loosened ball out of Pete's hand (arrow) and Martinkovic recovered in fourth quarter. Packer at left is Roger Zatkoff. Snow fell throughout game. (AP Photos)

the informal stage. The same organizational methods and thinking must go into it that go into any other successful business. Elected officers and other member of the executive committee operate that way in their own bread-and-butter business operations. But they haven't brought themselves around to following the one and only patter in their extracurricular activity - football. Why should pro football be different from the paper, investment, foundry, machine tool or any other business beyond the peanut stage? A company formed for any of the latter purposed mentioned invariably has a board of directors, to whom the president is responsible. The latter, in turn, will appoint a general manager, who hires and fires the equivalent of head coaches and assistants. Directors, individually and collectively, don't get into the act directly. If they don't believe in the president and or general manager, they get new top brass. They don't try to "coach the team". So here's to a thorough reorganization at the Bay. Get a general manager. Have him hire the coach, publicity directors and such other top personnel as is agreed upon. And then have the general manager responsible for results, period.

RONZANI OUSTER 'ALMOST CERTAIN'

NOVEMBER 26 (Milwaukee) - Gene Ronzani almost surely is on his way out as head coach of the Green Bay Packers. The only factor in doubt Wednesday, as the NFL team left Green Bay by air for Detroit and its nationally televised game with the Lions this morning, is when he will be replaced. Sources close to the front office of the club, which represents the league's smallest city, indicated that the executive board members, some of whom earlier favored Ronzani's retention, now reportedly have agreed that he must go. But they are undecided whether to dispose of him now or wait until the professional season ends December 13. Rumors that Ronzani's days were numbered have circulated all season as the Packers, touted in early forecasts as likely contenders, floundered dismally. The club is currently in the NFL's Western Conference cellar with the Chicago Bears on 2-6-1 records. Ronzani could not be reached for comment.

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DECLINE OF PACK AIR GAME BIG FACTOR IN SLUMP FROM '52 RACE

NOV 26 (Detroit-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Regardless of what happened here today, the downfall of the Packers' passing game has been an important factor in the club's 1953 slump off the 1952 six-six pace. Green Bay won the NFL's passing championship last fall, a rare feat when you consider that two members of the Big Four, Babe Parilli and Bill Howton, were rookies. The other two, Tobin Rote and Bob Mann, were in their third and fifth years of pro competition. The Packers won the air crown with an average gain of 7.04 yards per attempt, beating out Los Angeles and Cleveland with 6.97 and 6.86, respectively. The Packers presently are averaging 4.4 yards per attempt - quite a drop from a year ago. They scored 26 touchdowns by passing, tops in the league, last season; in the first nine games this year they registered only six in the air. What happened to the Packers' passing this year? Though members of the Big Four showed little or nothing during the non-

Feast?

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE (Western Conference)

	W	L	T	Pct.	PS	OP
DETROIT	7	2	0	.778	197	167
Los Angeles	6	2	1	.750	267	193
San Francisco	6	3	0	.667	241	188
Baltimore	3	6	0	.333	145	222
Chicago Bears	2	6	1	.250	170	204
GREEN BAY	2	6	1	.250	154	223

(Eastern Conference)

	W	L	T	Pct.	PS	OP
Cleveland	9	0	0	1.000	232	90
Philadelphia	6	2	1	.750	282	141
Washington	4	4	1	.500	168	192
Pittsburgh	4	5	0	.444	167	216
New York	2	7	0	.222	112	160
Chicago Cards	0	8	1	.000	133	272

Thursday's Game

**GREEN BAY AT DETROIT (10:00,
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Sunday's Games

Cardinals at Cleveland.
Los Angeles at Bears.
Philadelphia at New York.
San Francisco at Baltimore.
Washington at Pittsburgh.

Probable Offensive Lineups

GREEN BAY	DETROIT
Mann, lc	lc, Box
Szafaryn, lt	lt, Creekmur
Ruzich, lg	lg, Sewell
Stephenson, c	c, Ane
Brown, rg	rg, Stanfel
Cifelli, rt	rt, Spencer
Howton, re	re, Hart
Parilli, qb	qb, Layne
Reid, lh	lh, Walker
Carmichael, rh	rh, Hoernschemeyer
Cone, fb	fb, Cline

Season Records

GREEN BAY	DETROIT	
0—Cleveland	27 35—Pittsburgh	21
13—Bears	17 27—Baltimore	17
20—Los Angeles	38 24—San Fran.	21
37—Baltimore	14 19—Los Ang.	31
14—Pittsburgh	31 14—San Fran.	10
35—Baltimore	24 17—Los Ang.	37
21—Bears	21 17—Baltimore	7
7—Detroit	14 14—Green Bay	7
7—San Fran.	37 20—Bears	16
154	223 197	167

league season, the next thing to chaos set in when Howton suffered several fractured ribs in the final non-league game against the Browns in Cleveland. Howton missed the first four league games and the effectiveness of Mann and Howton as a unit was lost. Mann missed the next two due to injuries, and Howton had no Mann to help decoy for him. Thus, it was a vicious circle for a spell. These two then were unable to regain their 1952 form in the last four games. Only Mann has stayed close to his 1952 pace. Not counting today, Bob nailed 19 passes in nine games - 11 under his total of 30 a year ago. However, his 19 catches totaled 282 yards and one touchdown against his final figures of 517 yards and six TDs in '52. There is no comparison between Howton's '52 and '53 records, although it must be repeated that Bill's injury ruined him for just about the first half of the season. Howton thus far caught 18 passes for 290 yards and three TDs against 53 catches for 1,231 yards and 13 touchdowns a year ago. Rote and Parilli, one of the most feared twosomes in the league in 1952, are presently running 12th and 13th, respectively, in the league's passing standing. A year ago, Rote finished second - a hair behind the Rams' Norm Van Brocklin - and Parilli ranked third. Rote had led the league until the last game when Van Brocklin went wild against the Steelers. Rote averaged 8.08 yards per pitch in '52, while Parilli hit for an even 8.00. Currently, Parilli is averaging 5.33 and Rote 5.30. Parilli has completed 45.2 percent of his '53 passes and Rote 41.7. Last year, Tobin had a percent of 52.2, Parilli 43.5. While the Packers' passing has skidded this year, the rushing has picked up - thanks to 534 yards in two games against Baltimore. In nine games, the Bays picked up 1,259 yards by rushing. This is only 226 yards less than they gained all last year - 1,485. Barring injury, Packer halfback Breezy Reid could lead the Bays in rushing, thus displacing Rote, who led the team last year with 313 yards in 58 tries. Reid thus far has gained 350 yards in 60 tries for a nifty 5.8 average. In 1952, Reid gained 156 yards in 58 tries for a 2.7 average. Reid ranks between 11th and 15th in the league in rushing.

LIONS USE GREEN BAY GAME IN TITLE SQUARE

NOV 26 (Detroit) - Coach Buddy Parker's Detroit Lions can relieve some of the pressure on themselves come Thursday morning in Briggs Stadium. Trying to maintain a half-game lead over the Los Angeles Rams, the Lions will play Green Bay in the annual Thanksgiving Day classic at 11 a.m. A Detroit victory would send the Rams against the Chicago Bears seeking a "must" victory on Sunday. For the Rams, a defeat at this stage would mean virtual elimination in the NFL race - as it does for the Lions. Detroit played its best defensive game of the season against the Packers in Green Bay about two weeks ago. The Packers think that Detroit was lucky to pull out a 14-7 triumph. The Lions will be shooting for their fourth straight victory and ninth in a row over the Packers. Since the club showed some of its potential power against the Bears last Sunday, this game could revert to the free-scoring play typical of the Green Bay-Detroit rivalry. If the weather is fair, the crowd may reach the 50,000 mark. There were still reserved seats available Wednesday and 7,000 bleacher seats will go on sale Thursday morning. Detroit will be at full strength with Yale Lary returning to safety on the defensive platoon. He was the hero of the earlier victory over the Packers with three key interceptions. Parker indicated that he would stick to an all-veteran backfield, at least to start. Bobby Layne, who had one of his best days last Sunday, Bob Hoernschemeyer, Doak Walker and Ollie Cline will get the backfield assignments. Cloyce Box and Leon Hart will start at the ends, but Jim Doran, who made his first appearance in a month last week, will see considerable action on the offensive platoon. Two rookies also are slated for action in the offensive backfield. Lew Carpenter will get a crack at the right halfback post and Bob (Texas) Smith will appear at fullback. Smith averaged four yards a carry in three tries against the Bears last week. Stopping the Packers' spread formation passes will be the No. 1 task for the defensive platoon of the Lions. Tobin Rote and Babe Parilli throw off this

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formation to Bob Mann, Bill Howton and Stretch Elliott. Fred Cone, Breezy Reid and Al Carmichael are the Packers' three best runners, but they didn't fare well against the Detroit forwards in Green Bay. Parilli threw 25 passes and Rote 20 against Detroit last time out and together they completed 17. None of the throws went for a touchdown. Howton, rated by many as one of the top ends in the pro league, is the most dangerous pass receiver. He grabbed five for 84 yards against Detroit last time. Detroit's offense will hinge on the blocking of the line. Against the Bears, this unit gave its best performance of the season. Hoernschemeyer, Walker and Cline running and Layne passing should be too much for the Packers to handle - if the fellows up front do their share. Thursday's game will not be televised locally, but WJR will carry a radio account of the game starting at 11 a.m. The game will be telecast on a coast-to-coast network outside the Detroit area. The Lions will top their 1953 attendance figures with Thursday's crowd and they still have a pair of games left on the schedule. Last year, 422,041 saw the team in 12 games. So far this year 435,583 have witnessed nine games.

LIONS RESUME TITLE QUEST TODAY

NOV 26 (Chicago Tribune) - Detroit's Lions will resume their quest for a second consecutive world championship tomorrow before a national television audience when they face the Green Bay Packers in Briggs stadium. They will kickoff at 10 a.m., Chicago time, with Chicago's outlet on the nationwide video hookup being WGN-TV, Channel 9. With only three days' rest after last Sunday's bruising game in Chicago, where they beat the Bears, 20 to 16, the Lions will attempt to maintain their lead over the Los Angeles Rams in the NFL's western division race for a place opposite Cleveland in the December 27 championship playoff. Except for the fact that the Packers also were in something of a tussle last Sunday, losing to San Francisco, 37 to 7, Coach Buddy Parker's concern over a lack of rest might be considered an important factor. In Detroit's favor, however, is the fact that its offense operated with much more verve and cohesion last week that it did in winning two weeks ago in Green Bay, 14 to 7. For the first time this season, the Lions gave evidence of power. The defending champions rolled up 418 yards against the Bears, 241 in the air and 177 on the ground. Chief contributor to the Lions' total was Bobby Layne, who completed 21 of 43 passes and paced rushing attack with 76 yards. Green Bay has little in the way of a record with which to challenge the Lions. But past performances have meant little in this Thanksgiving morning contest. The Packers battled the Lions to a 48 to 24 conclusion here last year. Babe Parilli and Tobin Rote passing to Clive rush, Billy Howton and Bobby Mann will be the Packers' most potent weapon.

Packers Hope To Explode Against Lions Thursday