



Green Bay Packers (3-1) 20, Chicago Bears (0-3-1) 17
 Sunday October 8th 1972 (at Green Bay)



Marcol Delivers Again for Packers

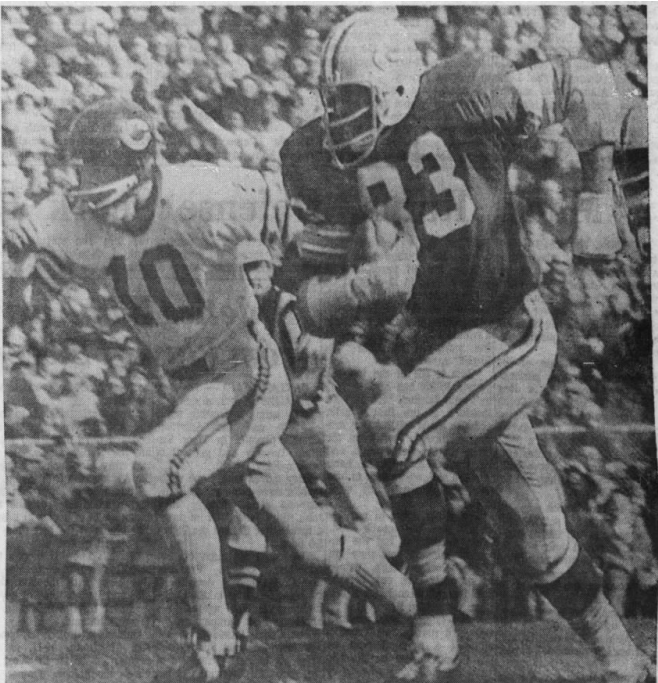
GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)



Tie-Breaking Effort Falls Short

With just four seconds showing on the clock, the Bear's placekicker Mac Percival (83) attempts tying 51-yard field goal out of Doug-

lass' hold. Trying to block the kick, which fell short, are the Packers' Clarence Williams (83) and Bob Brown (78).



CLARENCE WILLIAMS (83), defensive end for the Green Bay Packers, outraces Chicago quarterback Bobby Douglass (10) to score the Packers' first touchdown at Green Bay

Sunday, Williams ran 21 yards after picking up a fumble by Bear running back Jim Harrison in a game won by the Packers, 20-17. (AP Wirephoto)

(GREEN BAY) - Natty now in a white wool turtle neck sweater, Chester Marcol proudly cradled the game ball in his left arm and pondered the absolutes of football's capricious fortunes. "When I went out on the field to try that last field goal, I said to myself, 'You could be a hero or a bum on this day,'" the Packers' Polish-born placekicking prodigy confided, the trace of a smile playing about the corners of his mouth. In behalf of his professional image and the Packers artistic advancement, he had spared himself the latter fate with a 37-yard bullseye into the teeth of a stiff crosswind in the last 30 seconds, a development exultantly certified by Ken Ellis, who hugged the rookie specialist and swept him high off the ground in the elation of the moment. That bit of heroism not only forged a 20-17 victory over the Bears in sunny Lambeau Field, lustily acclaimed by a capacity crowd of 56,263 fans, but set up an early, nationally televised showdown for the NFC's Central Division lead next Monday night with the Detroit Lions, also 3-1 at this stage. Marcol, who had been off target earlier with a 34-yard attempt, said he had made no attempt to out-guess the elements on his decisive launch. "I just tried to kick it straight," he said. "The wind wasn't a factor, except that it was whipping in my face...I had great blocking and a great snap." The fans' boisterous salute of that success had barely died away when Marcol triggered another with a booming kickoff which ricocheted off the upright at the Bear goal line and thus was a dead ball, preventing a runback. Shrugging off that one with all the aplomb of a seasoned pro, Chester said, "I was just keyed up." So, it developed, were the Bears. They charged to the Packers' 14 in just five plays, two of them Bobby Douglass passes to rookie Roger Lawson, setting up a 51-yard field goal attempt by Mac Percival with five seconds to play. It fell short just as time ran out, prompting losing coach Abe Giron to poignantly ponder what might have been. "I almost threw a pass on that play," he said, "because their backs were laying back. But there was no time. If we had had a little more time, we would have thrown from the field goal formation." Although the Packers had squandered a 14-point, 17-3 lead before Marcol overcame that largesse, Dan Devine had no recriminations. "That was a great win," said the Packer coach, whose pre-game apprehension patently had been justified. "A great win," he repeated with satisfaction, adding "You've got to win those kind to be in any kind of a race." Without complaint, he continued, "Any way we win is all right with me, although I'd rather not do it the hard way." Blended with Marcol's climactic but conventional kick were some unusual contributions by defensive end Clarence Williams and wide receiver Jon Staggars, who produced the Packers only touchdowns of a somewhat blustery afternoon. Williams, scoring for the first time as a pro after recovering a Jim Harrison fumble in the first quarter, explained

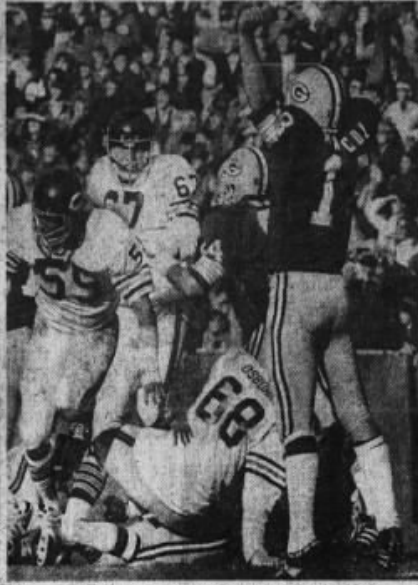
that it had been a cooperative venture. "Dave Robinson made a hit on Harrison - Robby was blitzing on the play - and Harrison fumbled," he said. "I was right outside of Robby in position to pick it up. I didn't have any idea Douglass was chasing me," said Williams, who immediately set sail for the left corner after acquiring the leather. "I was just looking for the

The Pack Comes Back, 20-17

Bears Fall on Last-Minute Field Goal



Kicking into winds gusting to 30 miles an hour, the Pack's soccer-style placekicker Chester



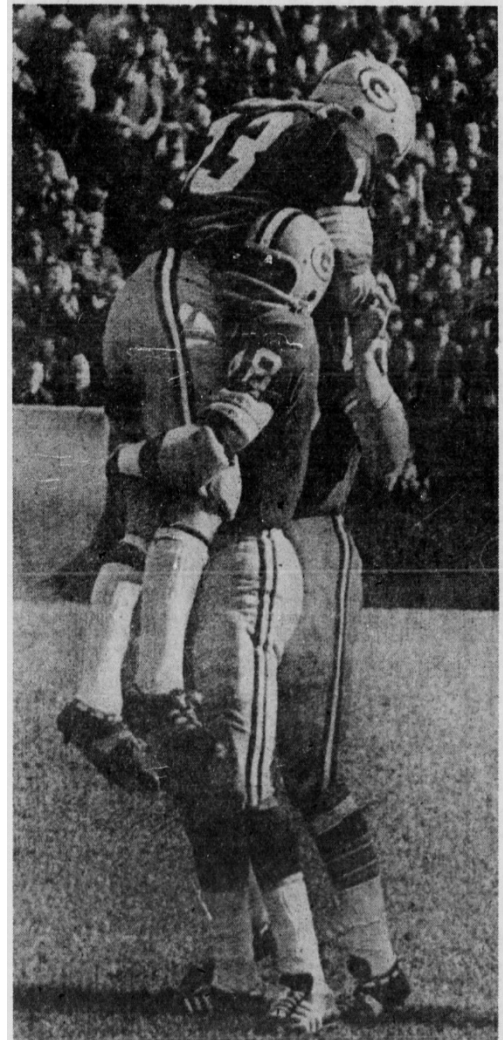
Marcol (13) boots ball over outstretched arms of Bear Willie Holman (85) and thru uprights, giving



ing Green Bay a 20-17 lead with just 30 seconds remaining. Marcol indicates kick is good [center]

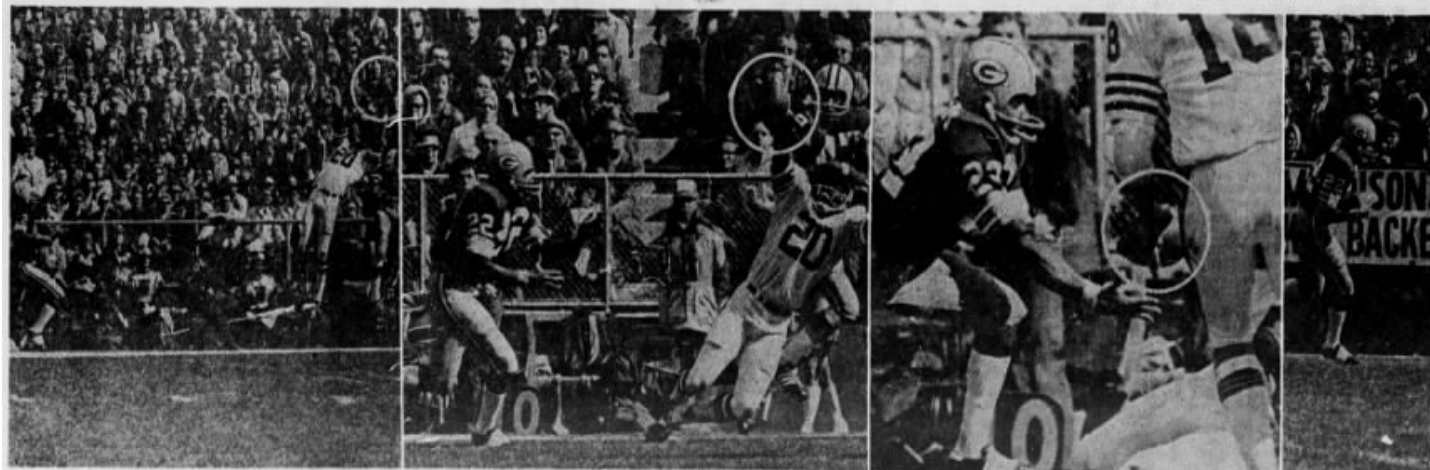
and turns happily toward sideline as he receives congratulatory pop on helmet by Ron Widby (20).

flag. I didn't realize Douglass was that close. I figured somebody was behind me but I didn't know how close he was." Robinson, reconstructing his role, said, "Just as I hit Harrison, I saw the ball pop out. I'm 99 ½ percent certain I hit it with my helmet, but I'll have to see the film to be sure. I wanted to pick up the ball myself, but I couldn't get to it. I was just glad Clarence got it and not Bobby Douglass. I saw Douglass chasing Clarence and I said to myself, 'There's no way I can catch either of them, and I'm not going to clip now.' Stagers' contribution, by its nature, was even more electrifying - a 48-yard scoring pass from Scott Hunter by way of Bear defensive back Joe Taylor, who unwittingly deflected it in Stagers' direction. "Dave Davis had a takeoff on the play," Stagers explained, "and the ball was underthrown. That's why Taylor, who was inside Davis, and Dave had to time their jump. I saw them stop running and get ready to jump. I had left my pattern when I saw the ball in the air...I just went over to be there in case anything happened. I could have been a blocker or a tackler or a receiver on the play depending on what happened. I didn't really have any thought of winding up with the catch - I just saw Davis and Taylor react to the ball. I don't know who tipped it - I just saw the deflection and went for the ball. I had just been going over with the idea if anything happened, I wanted to be around to help out," Stagers said with a smile, "and the unexpected happened...It didn't take me too long to get up and run when I realized I had the ball and the goal line was just ahead of me." A crestfallen Taylor, presenting his version of the bizarre maneuver, reported, "I got up as high as I could and the ball hit both my hands. I fell to the ground and after I hit, I realized Stagers caught it, but I couldn't do anything." Devine, understandably pleased with his ex-Missouri protege's clutch effort, said admiringly, "That's all Stagers will do for you - come up with the big play. I don't know how he does it, but he does." Appraising the big picture, the Packer coach volunteered, "If I had to pick a single facet out of our game that made the greatest contribution today, it would have to be our offensive line. They did a good job of protecting and Scott Hunter did a good job, too." That combination yielded 240 passing yards - Hunter was 15 for 30, including 9 for 16 in the second half - which was easily the Packers most productive aerial barrage of the young season, lately marked by concern over the state of the passing game. Asked if a weakness had been found and exploited to spawn this turnabout, Devine reluctantly replied. "If I said no, I'd be lying and if I said yes, I'd be downgrading their defense...You just do what you can to win the ball



Sunday's Hero — Packer Ken Ellis jubilantly lifts kicker Chester Marcol (13) off the turf after Marcol's 38-yard field goal

for the winning margin over the Bears. The kick was into the strong wind which had bothered kickers and passers all day.—



Scoring Sequence — The second quarter score was 7-3. Green Bay Packers ahead and the Chicago Bears ever present. Packer Quarterback Scott Hunter pitched a pass from the Green Bay 48-yard line, aiming for Dave Davis (47), shown in

left photo. Note position of Packer Jon Staggers (22). But the Bears' Joe Taylor (20), in second photo, slapped and deflected the ball, as Staggers was coming up fast. Staggers snatched the oval, (third photo), and galloped over the line.

game. Frankly, I'm surprised the Bears didn't blitz more. But they were up so tight, it was almost like a blitz. They came so hard, they didn't have to blitz. The second half looked bad for us - there were several key penalties that hurt us, particularly the roughing penalty on Robby, which came at a critical time." He offered no opinion but the expression on Devine's face suggested he was not in complete accord with the call. "There were a lot of little key things," Devine said. "Like that screen pass to MacArthur Lane, which officially gave us 9 1/2 yards early in the fourth quarter, and forced us to punt. I thought the placement of the ball on that one could have gone either way. I know one thing," he asserted. "I'm looking for all the experts who said a quarterback couldn't run in the NFL - I'd like to have one of them coach. I'll tell you what - that Bobby Douglass is quite an athlete. That guy is really something...Of course, I've known him for a long time. I sat out in front of his house for three hours one night trying to talk him into coming to Missouri. He went to Kansas. I've always said that he was going to be a good quarterback in this league, even when everybody was running Douglass down and before I became a coach in the NFL." A companion thought struck Devine and he appended, not without a modicum of satisfaction, "Our guy (Hunter) played pretty good, too." One of Hunter's prime protectors, Malcolm Snider, said concern for the young quarterback's safety had preyed on his mind during the drive to the decisive field goal. "If you blow one at that point - if the quarterback gets dropped for a 10 or 12-yard loss, you know you probably will be out of field goal range," he said. "I know I felt the pressure - I'm sure everybody else in the line did, too." Marcol, meanwhile, had departed with the game ball - his second at the Bruins' expense. "I got my first one after the Shrine game with the Bears in Milwaukee," he said with a boyish smile. Chester had cut it finer that time, hitting from 40 yards out with only 13 seconds to play. "That," he said, "was my first pressure kick."

CHICAGO - 0 3 7 7 - 17
GREEN BAY - 7 10 0 3 - 20

	CHICAGO	GREEN BAY
First downs	13	17
Rush-yards-TDs	45-139-2	31-101-0
Comp-Att-Yd-TD-INT	15-7-119-0-0	30-15-240-1-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	0-0
Net Passing Yards	119	240
Total yards	258	341
Fumbles-lost	2-1	4-2
Turnovers	1	2
Yards Penalized	3-25	6-68

SCORING

1st - GB - Clarence Williams, 21-yard fumble return (Chester Marcol kick) GB 7-0

2nd - CHI - Mac Percival, 12-yard field goal GB 7-3

2nd - GB - Jon Staggers, 48-yard pass from Scott Hunter (Marcol kick) GB 14-3

2nd - GB - Marcol, 26-yard field goal GB 17-3

3rd - CHI - Cyril Pinder, 2-yard run (Percival kick) GB 17-10

4th - CHI - Bobby Douglass, 2-yard run (Percival kick) TIED 17-17

4th - GB - Marcol, 37-yard field goal GB 20-17

RUSHING

GREEN BAY - John Brockington 20-59, MacArthur Lane 10-41, Scott Hunter 1-1

CHICAGO - Cyril Pinder 16-52 1 TD, Bobby Douglass 12-45 1 TD, Jim Harrison 13-40, Don Shy 3-3, Cecil Turner 1-(-1)

PASSING

GREEN BAY - Scott Hunter 30-15-240 1 TD

CHICAGO - Bobby Douglass 15-7-119

RECEIVING

GREEN BAY – Leland Glass 4-74, MacArthur Lane 4-35, John Brockington 3-36, Jon Staggers 2-63 1 TD, Len Garrett 2-32

CHICAGO – George Farmer 2-60, Roger Lawson 2-32, Don Shy 2-13, Jim Seymour 1-14

ALABAMA NEEDLE PRICKS HUNTER

OCT 2 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Scott Hunter had suffered in silence, which was alien to his effervescent nature. Last week, the swashbuckling young citizen who only two years ago had shattered Joe Namath's passing records at Alabama, winced upon discovering his current NFL percentage was an anemic 34.9. "That," he had said with a grimace, "is godawful." His outlook had not been improved by some long distance needling from the Alabama coaching staff, headed by the legendary Paul (Bear) Bryant, he privately admitted. "I talked to the wife of the Alabama offensive coach on the phone last week," Scott confided, "and she said her husband wanted to know what the devil was wrong with me." Sunday, at long last, the Scott Hunter all Alabama once knew surfaced in pinpoint splendor as he escorted the Packers to a 20-17 victory over the Bears in Lambeau Field. And, he fervently assured, it was none too soon. "Finally. 50 per cent," said the ever candid quarterback. "It was about time." Turning philosophical for the moment, he added.

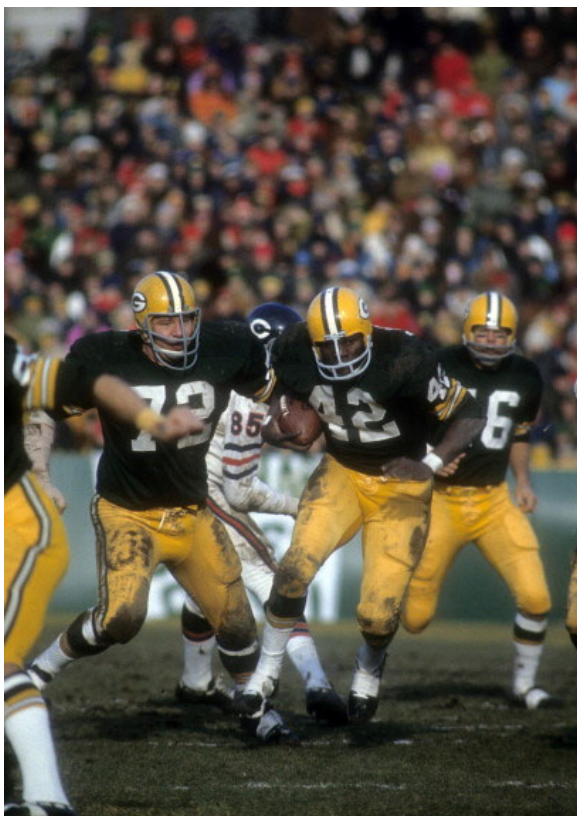
"You can't force it. It comes – you just have to wait." And indeed it had - to the happy tune of 240 yards on 15 completions in 30 attempts. That is the most yards the Packers have amassed by air since Sept. 27, 1970, when Bart Starr and the departed Don Horn collaborated to produce 258 in a 27-24 victory over the Atlanta Falcons on the same Lambeau Field turf. Almost as pleased with Hunter himself was his backfield colleague, John Brockington, somewhat downcast over having dropped three of Hunter's passes "Scott had a helluva day," he said, adding with fervor, "It's a good thing he did because I didn't give him much help. I'm glad for him because he needed it for his confidence." All this, it should be added, was achieved without an interception, a tribulation Hunter has been able to avoid thus far in the 1972 season. That, of itself, is singular since he suffered 17 thefts during his promising but somewhat erratic rookie year. Loath to discuss his good fortune, Scott parried all questions on this subject. "I'd rather not say anything about not having had any interceptions," he said superstitiously. "That's like a pitcher talking about a no-hitter while he's pitching it." He will however, have a few words to say to a certain party. Scott assured. "I'm going to call that offensive coach at Alabama," he said with a grin "and give him a little jab. He was the one who was getting on me."

SWIRL OF WIND A MAJOR FACTOR

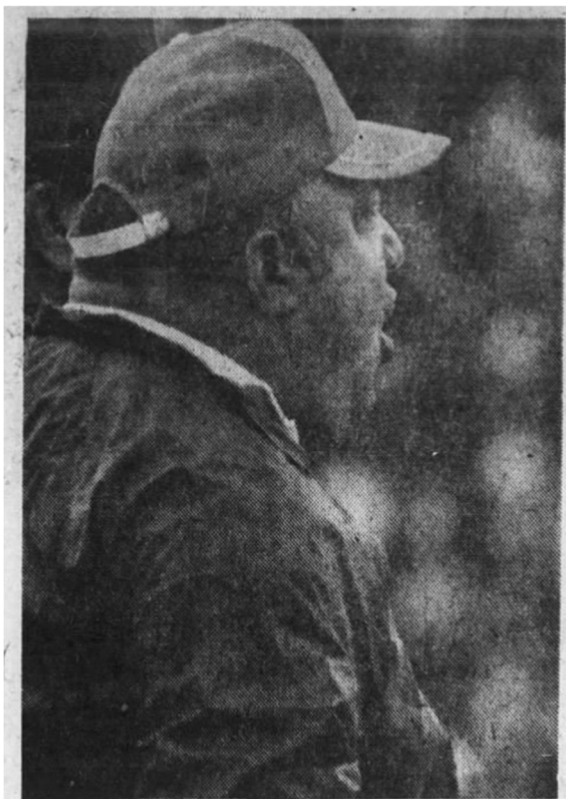
OCT 2 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – That was a 15-yard wind wafting rather drunkenly around Lambeau Field Sunday afternoon. Officially, it was 20 mph with gusts to 30 from out of the northwest. The yardage estimate was offered by Packer punter Ron Widby, who by dint of frustrating and almost disastrous experience, might be considered something of an expert. But it wasn't only the mph or the yardage or the direction that made the bristling breeze a major factor in the Packers drama-laden 20-17 win over the win-starved Chicago Bears. It was the swirl of the wind as it swept down from the rim of the stadium to the floor of the bowl. The flags at the top were blowing in one direction and the end zone flags in another for most of the afternoon. This may have proven to be particularly important. Consider: When Chester Marcol skied his 37-yarder that provided the triumphant three points with 30 seconds to play, the wind indeed was blowing against him. Now that should have meant that when Mac Percival attempted his ill-fated shot from 51 yards out with five seconds left, he should have had the wind with him. But, I was squatting behind the north end zone, facing the same way Percival was facing. And, to my surprise, as Percival kicked, I found the red flags next to me waving back at me. Well, they were caught in more of a crosswind but they were leaning backward and Percival's kick reacted accordingly...short and to the left. Earlier, I had a suspicion Dan Devine might have taken the wind into serious account when the Packers found themselves a scant few inches short of a first down at their own 30. The Pack led 17-10 at the time and there were just over 12 minutes still to play. Obviously it would have been a gamble of high consequence. But the Bears were fired up, the Pack was still in something of a hole and the wind was blowing hard at them. Besides, Devine has displayed an occasional flair for a risk. And Devine admitted he did consider going for it but then decided "it would have been ridiculous." As it turned out, Widby toppled a mere 26-yard punt into that draft and the Bears took over at their own 46. In four plays, they were at the two...but it was fourth down. Now it was Abe Gibron's turn to consider the consequences. He opted to go for a touchdown, a rather courageous move considering Hawg's Heroes have been particularly mean and stingy in that environment. "A field goal wouldn't have done us any good at that point," the hefty Gibron explained, though he might have received an argument from more than a few observers, including Devine, who acknowledged he was surprised by Abe's decision. There were still 10 minutes to play. Everybody in the park knew what the play would be. Bob Douglass had been the Bears' most productive performer of the day with his rollout ventures and scrambling. But he may have fooled the Pack by going left when the Bear attack had been consistently right. In any case, there was a mountain of men in the center of the line and only Fred Carr to chase Douglass around the corner and Carr couldn't motor or maneuver fast enough to catch the elusive signalist. Ironically,



*Green Bay Packers rookie receiver Leland Glass (46) is tackled
(Source: Green Bay Press-Gazette)*



John Brockington carries the ball against the Chicago Bears (Photo by Focus on Sport/Getty)



Tribune Photo by Phil Mascione

Coach Abe Gibrón beefing to referee in angered disbelief of weird Packer touchdown yesterday.

the Bears had scored their first touchdown of the second half under similar circumstances. Widby had been rushed hard and hurried a punt that traveled only 31 yards to the Packer 47 in the third quarter and the Bears took advantage of it to score with Cyril Pinder going the final two yards. Gibron's gambling had also paid off earlier when the Bears had a fourth and a foot to go at the Packer 26 in the second quarter. Instead of field goaling against the wind, Douglass punched for the first down and Percival eventually tapped a much shorter 12-yarder for Chicago's first three points. Discussing the wind, Widby not only estimated the yardage differential in going against it but pointed out that the whirlpool style of the breeze even made it difficult for him to drop the ball onto his foot properly and with the rhythm he likes. Additionally, he was hurried on one kick and two high snaps forced him to hurry on other occasions. Widby wound up with a 34-yard average for six kicks, only one of which was with the wind, while the Bears' Bobby Joe Green, with the help of two long distance shots for 58 and 57 yards with the first quarter wind, averaged 44 yards for seven kicks. The defense, so maligned in the early training camp, again stood tallest in the victory...The offense's best play of the day was the "touchdown" to Len Garrett that was called back...The Pack made good on only two of 12 third down situations...But it was great to see the passing attack pick up in the second half, Scott Hunter was 15 for 30 officially but deserved better numbers...MacArthur Lane had fumbled only six times in his four year career coming into this season. He had two bobbles Sunday and let's not bring up any others despite the big IF that now hangs over this Packers renaissance.

GIBRON OFFERS WARNING: DON'T COUNT BEARS OUT

OCT 2 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Chicago Bears Coach Abe Gibron was understandably disconsolate following the Bears loss to the Packers at Lambeau Field Sunday afternoon but the first year headmaster was far from discouraged as he issued warning to coming Bear foes. "You guys don't write this team off. We have played good ball. We are going to be a good team if we quit making mistakes. We haven't won but we have been knocking the hell out of people," Gibron said. Gibron had high praise for his defense. "What did they get?" he asked, and continued, "A fumble for a touchdown and a two-handed tap on a third down," he said referring to John Stagg's second period touchdown. "You can't give away points. That's been the whole season," he added. Gibron was less than happy about the Packers game winning field goal by Chester Marcol with 30 seconds to play. "Somebody moved, I won't know who until I see the films, but they didn't catch it," he noted. On Mac Percival's 51-yard attempt with five seconds left, Gibron noted. "If there would have been more time I would have thrown. They hit my kicker on that but nobody's going to call anything at that stage." The Bears' touchdown, to tie the score, by Bobby Douglass on a fourth down and two play, was called without hesitation and without thinking of going for a field goal. "It was an option play," he said, adding, "A field goal wasn't going to help us at that stage." Douglass did not feel it was designed strictly as an option. "It was not what I would call an option, but then there is always the possibility of throwing. Carr (Packer Linebacker Fred Carr) is fast but I thought I could beat him on it," he said. The Bears appeared to be running a lot of their plays to the right side, the Packer left side. And Douglass explained, "That was our game plan. I don't think the Packers are very vulnerable anyplace, that's just the way we planned it," he said. Douglass admitted the wind, gusting to 30 miles an hour, was a factor but discounted it as having an effect on the outcome. "The wind was as tough as I have ever played against but it wasn't an excuse. It hurt everybody. It should not hurt your passing game that much. It just effects your strategy," he noted. The Bears, who dished out their share of

knocks, also took their lumps. Defensive end Willie Holman appeared the biggest casualty of the day. He was helped out of the shower on crutches to the training room and one player noted sadly. "It doesn't look good. It could be his knee, I just don't know. They haven't completed their examination." Jerry Moore, who came up with a key fumble recovery of a John Brockington miscue in the fourth period when the Packers were driving for a go-ahead TD, said, "It just came up and

surprised me. I was coming up into the pile. I was off balance. If I had my balance I maybe would have had some running room." Defensive tackle Steve DeLong, who made the tackle on Brockington to force the fumble, said, "I don't know if I stripped him of it. I just made the tackle. After I hit him I was worried about my neck, which has been bothering me. Then I heard the crowd and thought he had fumbled. I just put my arms around him and put him down." Charley Ford, who recovered a second period Brockington fumble said, "I was just doing my job. I was there." The second year defensive back said the Packers didn't surprise the Bears and that he wasn't at all surprised by Scott Hunter throwing flare passes to his backs in the final period. "When you throw against the wind you be careful." He noted. "And that's why I think he (Hunter) threw out in the flats to the backs."

SNIDER THOUGHT IT WAS LEGAL

OCT 2 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Quick Packer-Bear quotes: Malcolm Snider (on the holding penalty which nullified a touchdown pass to Leonard Garrett): "I had the free linebacker on the play, but he didn't blitz. So I turned back to help out and picked up the first guy who came in. He was right in my face and I tried to wheel him out of there. I thought I had done it legally, but maybe I did it with a wrestling move. At the time though, I sure didn't think I'd held him. I guess I should have hit him harder. If I'd hit him and knocked him away, I guess I'd been better off."...John Brockington (on his fumbling, pass-dropping woes): "This was just one of those days where nothing goes right. Every athlete has one. I have a tendency to press and you can't do it. The one fumble I had there down on the Bear 24 just popped out. I don't think I had the ball very tight. I guess I must be carrying the ball loose. The passes I just dropped. There's no excuse for that. I'm just going to have to forget this game, though, as my teammates tell me."...MacArthur Lane (on the same subject): "My first fumble, somebody pulled out of there. The second one I never had control of the ball. We've got to get our timing down back there."...Snider again (on Abe Gibrón's comment the Packers were bested in the Dave Hampton trade for him to Atlanta): "His remark didn't affect my play today. I can't afford to get involved in that kind of thing. I have a job to do for the Green Bay Packers and I can't let myself get involved in that sort of thing. If I did, it would be a waste and misdirection of effort. What I did today was motivated more by my feeling about the game. I've played against the Bears with Atlanta before but I sure can feel here in Green Bay that it's a different kind of ball game playing the Bears...George Farmer (on the 46-yard pass which set up Bears' second touchdown): "I got away from my man on the play - I think it was Ken Ellis over on the right side. We hadn't tried that play in the game, but we had planned to use it."...Abe Gibrón (on Jon Stagger's touchdown pass): "If that's what happened (Bear defensive back Joe Taylor touching the ball) it's a perfectly legal play."...Charley Ford (on the Packer's play): "They just played football like any team should."...Bob Douglass (on watching Chet Marcol line up for the winning kick): "I felt like he had a fairly good chance. He is a fine kicker."

PACKERS NURSE BRUISES, BEARS HAVE DEEPER PAIN

OCT 2 (Chicago Tribune) – Ken Bowman, the Packer center, sat in front of his locker, both elbows bright red with blood. He struggled to take off the harness that holds his shoulders together. Dick Himes, Packer tackle, was too tired to take off his clothes. "That Holman is one helluva player," he said. "He was hurt today."...5 GET GAME BALL: Bill Hayhoe, Bill Lueck, and Malcolm Snider, the other three Packer offensive linemen, clutched their game balls. All five had been honored by their teammates, along with field goal kicker Chester Marcol, whose 37-yard boot beat the Bears today 20-17. This was a good old-fashioned football game, and despite the gifts and breaks and missed opportunities and flukes, it was won in the trenches. Quarterback Scott Hunter, usually content to let John Brockington and MacArthur Lane run the ball, went to each of his linemen and thanked them for the protection they gave him. "The Bears contained the run pretty well, so we passed more than usual," he said. Brockington was so disappointed in his showing that he sulked in a corner and chose not to answer questions. Even Hunter couldn't get a smile out of him. On the Bears' side, the hurt was much deeper. They had played as hard as they could and they had proved Packer Coach Dan Devine right when he warned early this week: "Nobody's really stopped the Bears. They've stopped themselves." Defensive End Willie Holman limped around on crutches, his left foot throbbing with pain. Defensive Tackle Tony McGee, who had played hurt, sat on the training table...'WE'RE TRYING': Defensive End Steve DeLong slumped on a chair and said: "We've got a bunch of guys who have really been working. We're trying to win. These are guys who haven't played together for very long, but we've got a great coach who is trying to help us. I know breaks win some games, but sometimes you have to start wondering when they'll go our way." Defensive Back Joe Taylor said the wind held up the fluke touchdown pass that made the score 14-3 in the second quarter. Hunter aimed for Dave Davis and both Davis and Taylor stopped and leaped for the ball. "I touched it," said Taylor. The ball



Green Bay Packers kicker Chester Marcol (13) raises his arms after an extra point kick (Source: Green Bay Press-Gazette)



Green Bay Packers receiver Jon Stagger (22) tries to avoid Chicago Bears tacklers (Source: Green Bay Press-Gazette)

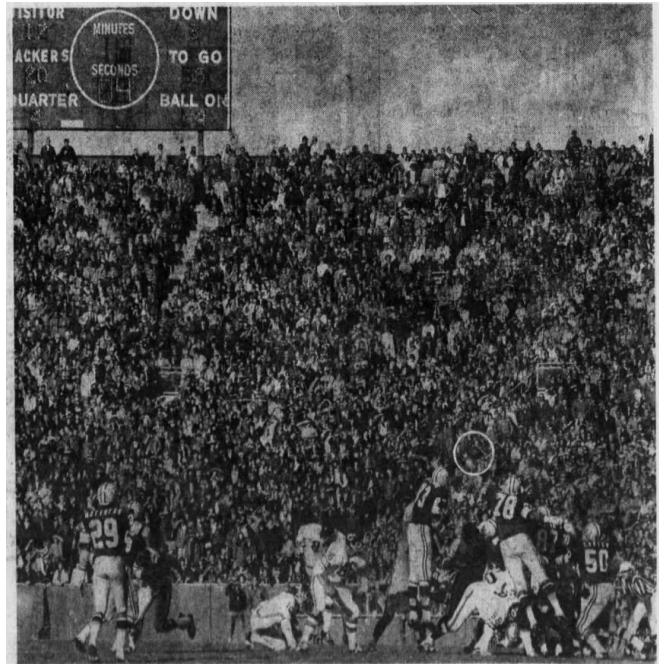
popped up and Jon Stagers, trailing the play, made a diving catch, turned a somersault, landed on his feet at the 3-yard line, and ran into the end zone. "Did I?" Stagers asked. "I don't know what I did. All I know is I saw both Taylor and Davis go for the ball and then I dove." The Bears' Jerry Moore, closest to the play, said he thought Taylor was going to intercept the ball. "I was going over to block Davis. It happened awful fast."...TAYLOR PLAYING HURT: Taylor had bruised his shoulder tackling Brockington during the game's first series, but he said he doubted that he could have reached any higher for the pass. "It happened real fast, I don't know," Taylor said. "I know I have no feeling in my shoulder right now, tho." The Packers' first touchdown came when Fullback Jim Harrison fumbled at the Bears' 21 and Packer End Clarence Williams picked it up and ran for a touchdown. "Robinson [Packer Linebacker Dave] hit me, but someone knocked the ball out of my arm from behind," said Harrison.

PACK CAN THANK BEARS' UNLUCKY STARS FOR VICTORY

OCT 9 (Jim O'Bradovich-Chicago Tribune) - If it wasn't for bad luck, the Bears wouldn't have any luck at all. Jim Harrison fumbles and Green Bay scores on the play. That's bad luck. Joe Taylor makes a helluva defensive play on a pass, but Jon Stagers of Green Bay picks up the ball, rolls over twice, and staggers into the end zone, no pun intended. That's BAD luck. Chester Marcol wins the game with a 37-yard field goal against the wind after missing a 32-yarder with the wind. That IS bad luck! But despite the Bears' misfortunes, the Packers did a good job in their 20-17 victory yesterday. They sure did their homework, and had the Bears' tendencies mapped out well. The option play was defended very well. The defensive end would take the short back in the I-formation, the linebacker would shadow Quarterback Bobby Douglass, and the strong side safety was responsible for the deep back. So altho the Bears gained 138 yards running, it still looks as if the offense is getting stereotyped after three weeks of improvement. And after three weeks, the Bears' defense is playing that flawless kind of football you have to have to be a winner. Sure, they've made a few mistakes, but in many cases, they've had their backs against the wall. Yesterday the Bears' defensive line penetrated well at the snap of the ball. Getting off on the snap is the most important thing a defensive lineman can do. And good pursuit has always been a Bears' trademark. Pursuit limited John Brockington and MacArthur Lane to 96 yards. You can't do much better. The Bears "use window dressing" well on defense. That's when Linebackers Dick Butkus or Doug Buffone or one of the safeties fake a red dog. That move can upset an inexperienced quarterback like Scott Hunter. The Bears do it very well. But the Bears still lost and there are certain things that should be done. I would like to see the defensive line loosen up on third down and obvious passing situations. Perhaps by doing that the defensive ends can move wider and use some different techniques on the offensive tackles instead of trying to drive right thru their man. Meanwhile, the Packers were just teeing off when Douglass went back to pass on the straight drop back pattern. The Bears' pass blocking simply breaks down when Douglass can't use play action. I've said that before. The team is 0-3-1 and in order to win they're going to have to stick with what they can do best. Douglass is going to have to use the play action pass and stick with it even if it fails early. On that long completion to George Farmer to set up the tying touchdown, it was the fake to the fullback that set up Farmer in the clear. Douglass should go to Farmer and Tight End Earl Thomas. I think Thomas had only one pass thrown to him all day. I'm sure if they throw to Thomas, he can catch 'em. The Bears' offense certainly had enough good field position thruout the afternoon. But to win, you've got to execute the things you know how to do-offensively and defensively.

NOTES AND NOTIONS

OCT 10 (Appleton Post-Crescent) - Miami's sitting pretty...Minnesota's in trouble...Green Bay is the only contender that didn't figure to be a contender...These phenomena capsulize the first four weeks of play in the wild and wacky National Football League. Though 10 full weeks of action remain, division races are taking shape. The Dolphins have been the class



Tie-Breaking Effort Falls Short

With just four seconds showing on the clock, the Bear's placekicker Mac Percival [83] attempts tying 51-yard field goal out of Doug-

lass' hold. Trying to block the kick, which fell short, are the Packers' Clarence Williams [83] and Bob Brown [78].



Green Bay linebacker Jim Carter (#50) intercepting a Bears' pass

MacArthur Lane

Running Back — Utah
State

Height 6-1, Weight 220

Born in Oakland, Calif.,
March 16, 1942

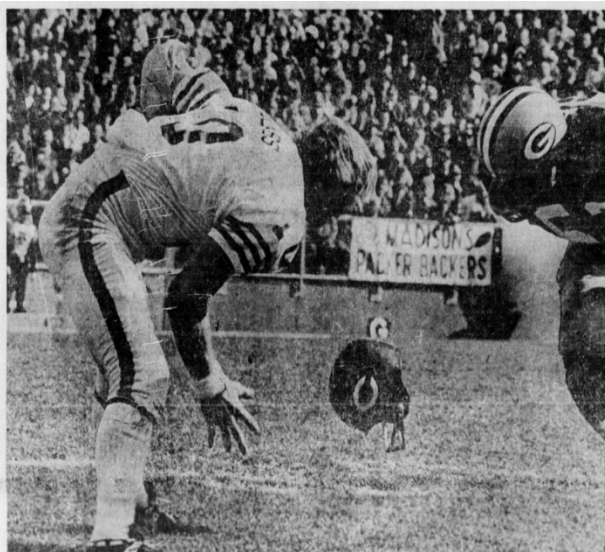
5th year in pro ball. . . Number one draft choice of St. Louis Cardinals in 1968. . . Attended Merritt Jr. College in Oakland one year before transferring to Utah State. . . spent first two years at Utah State as linebacker. . . In 1970 was 3rd leading rusher in NFC. . . his 977 yards rushing in 1970 second highest in Cardinal history. . . NEA All Pro in 1970, ALL NFC in 1970 by UPI. . . Pro Bowl 1971. . . Had 146 yards rushing vs. Redskins in one game in 1970. . . Fine blocker and excellent receiver. . . 4.6 speed in 40. . . In 1969 returned 20 kickoffs for 523 yards for a 26.2 yard average. . . longest run from scrimmage 75 yards for TD, another of 74. . . Scored on 78 yard screen pass in 1970. . . Has fumbled but six times in four years. Residence: Oakland, California.

of the AFC and are enjoying a 2-game bulge over their nearest Eastern division pursuer. Few could have foreseen this kind of a Dolphin start since they were called upon to play road games against Kansas City, Minnesota and the New York Jets. Minnesota, the choice of a number of observers (including this writer) to be the probable Super Bowl king, is on thin ice after suffering a pair of 2-point losses and a 3-point defeat. The Vikings, who have now lost as many as they did all last season and more than they did in either the 1969 or '70 campaigns, face the prospect of probably having to win nine of their last 10 games. Ordinarily, it takes about a 10-4 record to gain the playoffs. Fran Tarkenton hasn't made an instant super force out of the Viking offense, yet some of the things that have been happening to Bud Grant's charges can't be put on "Tark's" doorstep. However, Norm Snead and Gary Cuozzo, both considered expendable by Grant, are off to fine starts at new locations... The Packers and the Lions, meanwhile, are trying to make capital out of the Vikings' faltering start. One of them, of course, will be knocked closer to Minnesota in next Monday's crackling collision. Detroit figured to be in the thick of the NFC Central chase - its drubbing at the hands of Minnesota notwithstanding. Green Bay, which figured to be a year or two away from being able to make a serious bid, now finds itself with its first opportunity in five years to take charge of the "black and blue" sector. The Packers have a number of things going for them this year. One obvious change is in attitude. Forum a "we'll probably lose" approach, they've gone to a "we can win" outlook. Sunday's experience was typical, since the Bays refused to fold after the Bears' second-half revival had tied the score, at 17-all. Chicago, at that point, had the momentum and the wind advantage, but the Pack wasn't fazed. Scott Hunter, whose passing hadn't set the NFL afire in the first 3% games, suddenly began picking Chicago's defense apart, a la Bart Starr. And, of course, it was Starr, as sideline play caller, who crossed up the Bears by abruptly switching from a "run-run-run" approach to a "pass-pass-pass" format. At one stage Hunter threw five straight aerals and would have completed all of them but for two John Brockington drops. A Brockington fumble halted the first of these late Packer drives. But even this adversity didn't stop the '72-model Packers. They stymied Chicago and got the ball back on their own 27 with 5 minutes to go. Again Hunter led them into field goal range. This time, they held onto the ball, and Chester Marcol did the rest... Marcol, naturally, represents another big difference between the Packers of last year and this year. The rookie's clutch boot into a tricky wind would have done credit to any of the big-name veterans of the world of place-kicking. Marcol not only is 9-for-15 (a nifty 60 per cent) in league play, but the field goals played big roles in all three wins. It's significant that the only game in which Chester didn't connect from the field (he had no opportunities) was the Oakland game - the only Green Bay loss. A case could be made for the value of exhibitions games, since the last-minute field goal Marcol kicked against the Bears in the Shrine contest undoubtedly gave him confidence for his payoff kick Sunday against the same foe... At times, last week, it might

have seemed to some fans that Coach Dan Devine was overdoing the "apprehension" bit. But it was proven necessary because the Bears were keyed for an upset. Though the Packers didn't turn in their best all-around game of the year, they played hard and resourcefully. Had the Bays been any less prepared, they wouldn't be sharing the division lead today. Devine and his staff did wonderfully well in getting a patched-up lineup ready for Dallas and succeeded in holding down any overconfidence impulses prior to the Bear game. The strategists shouldn't have to use much psychology for the next three weeks. The games against Detroit, Atlanta and Minnesota - all rugged foes and key contests - should be almost self-motivational... A few more exhibitions like the comedy of errors involving the Oilers and Raiders last night will send ABC Monday Night Football to the bottom of the TV charts. If viewers want comedy, they'll switch to Lucy. Ineptness was also a keynote in last Monday's Eagles-Giants game. Maybe the Packer-Lion fracas next Monday will get the TV series back on the track.

OUR HOPES, AMBITIONS ARE HIGH: DEVINE

OCT 10 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - By nature and training, winning football coaches are cautious about making public pronouncements - especially in the heat of a championship race. Wary of providing ammunition for an opponent's bulletin board, they are acutely aware certain predictions have become highly indigestible to their authors in the course of history. Dan Devine's fraternity brothers would have been proud of the Packer generalissimo Monday as he carefully analyzed the immediate past, i. e., Sunday's 20-17 decision of the Bears, and peered judiciously into the future. A week ago, he had weighed the paramount question: Were the Packers, then 2-1 and tied for first place in the NFC's Central Division after upsetting world champion Dallas, now contenders? After due deliberation, he had answered that one in the affirmative, although he was careful to point out he merely was responding to the question. A second straight victory, coupled with a third defeat for the perennial division champion Vikings, materially altered the competitive view and spawned another pertinent poser for him Monday. Whom he was asked, did he now consider the team to beat? Always known to be fast on his feet (except for a certain Sunday afternoon last season when he made Bob Hyland's acquaintance in abrupt and painful fashion), Devine neatly sidestepped that one. "I can't pick a team to beat," he said, explaining, "It's too early. We play Detroit and then Atlanta, and then Minnesota. That's as far as my mind can take me right now." The Packers' resourceful headmaster did make one positive judgment about the character of his 1972 Packers, which suggests how he feels about



FUMBLE OR MUFF?: The Chicago Bears' Bobby Douglass, left, and the Packers' Fred Carr appear to be mesmerized by Bobby's airborne helmet during this scene from Sunday's 20-17 Packer victory in Lambeau Field. The hat's state of suspension should have been no surprise to Carr, however. It was he who wrenched it from the Bear quarterback's head during one of the free lancing field general's frequent sorties, which netted him 45 yards during the course of the afternoon. (Green Bay Press-Gazette)

their prospects. "I have to proud of our people," he said. "I've said this earlier this season - that they're a receptive ball club. They've tried to do everything they have been asked to do. They try like hell - they may not always get there, but they try like hell. "In all four games we've played so far, we've been behind or tied somewhere along the way and we've come back to win. We've had some dramatic little flourishes where the game has gone good and then bad. To be able to regroup and come back and make it good again - that's something a lot of teams never quite attain. The winners are the ones who, when things go bad, regroup and get things turned around again." That however, was as specific as he cared to be at this point. "We're going into every ball game with the idea of winning," he said in reply to the inevitable question. "Three, or four, or five games from now, we'll know the answer. Next Monday's game with Detroit, needless to say, is a very big game. Our hopes are high - our ambitions are high. But they were when we came to training camp. I think all 25 teams felt the same way, that they could win the championship." What had revitalized the suddenly tightfisted Packer defense? "Hard work on the part of the coaching staff, improvement of personnel, maturity," Devine said. "Maturity is a big thing, so we should be a better team next year than it is now. In fact, we should be a good team for the next 10 years, when everybody gets old together. Actually, five years from now, we should start bringing in new blood. Really, we're not even close to where I'd like to be -but we're getting closer. We're making progress. Part of it is a more positive attitude than we had on this team a year ago. I think that has helped." Devine indicated that greater familiarity with professional football on his own part also well may have contributed to this season's upsurge. "It took me a little

time to find out what I always believed was true," he said. "If I had to point out one thing I've learned, it's that football is football, no matter where it's played. Maybe I'm wrong, but I've also come to the conclusion that Phil Bengtson may have done as well as any coach could have done under the same circumstances, quite possibly better than anyone else. You can't lose football players like he did and be as proficient a football team as you would be with veteran, established players. Devine, analyzing Sunday's conquest of the Bears, said he could detect no particular emotional letdown on the part of his team in the wake of surprising the Cowboys. "I think we're ready to play," he said. "I think the Dallas thing was exceptional because we had so many people hurt and so little chance, but I think we were ready to play Sunday. The Bears have a fine football team. They have to have when their secondary can come up and tackle John Brockington for not gain. Their defensive backs are all 200 pounds, not 175 pounders like some we see. Doug Buffone could be the best linebacker in the league and Wille Holman's got to be one of the best defensive ends around. And Jim Harrison made some blocks yesterday as good as MacArthur Lane can make. I would say Harrison was the best blocker on the field Sunday. We didn't play as well as I'd like to see us play, but I don't want to take anything away from the Bears. Any time you win in this league, you've got to be happy. A lot of people got beat Sunday." Devine also made these other comments and appraisals:

- "I mentioned last week that there was nothing wrong with our passing game that better protection and a few good catches wouldn't cure. Incidentally, Malcolm Snider played an excellent game at guard and the whole offensive line blocked well. And Scott Hunter did a good job of throwing the ball.
- "I'm glad Scott had a good game - for a lot of reasons. It was good for his morale - and for my morale.
- "Jon Staggers is just a big-play kind of a guy so I'm not surprised he made that catch of the deflected pass for a touchdown. It was a fine play. In the first place, when he saw the ball in the air, he hustled over there, which all players should do in that kind of situation, but don't always do. And when he got over there, he did something."
- "We came out of this game in pretty good shape. We shouldn't lose anybody for the game with Detroit and we should get Francis Peay and Ike Thomas back with Gillie

(Gale Gillingham) still questionable.

- "When Gillie gets back, he probably will go back to right guard, but that's no problem. It's hard to get good people at any spot. If you have a surplus at any one spot, it's great. That means you're covered for injuries. Secondly, it's

By The Associated Press NFL American Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	Pts.	OP
Miami	4	0	0	1.000	97	54
New York Jets	2	2	0	.500	122	111
New England	2	2	0	.500	66	112
Buffalo	2	2	0	.500	89	92
Baltimore	1	3	0	.250	74	77
Central						
Cincinnati	3	1	0	.750	73	54
Cleveland	2	2	0	.500	71	80
Pittsburgh	2	2	0	.500	82	79
Houston	1	3	0	.250	56	118
West						
Kansas City	3	1	0	.750	106	68
Oakland	2	1	1	.625	99	65
San Diego	2	1	1	.625	80	85
Denver	1	3	0	.250	78	120

National Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	Pts.	OP
Dallas	3	1	0	.750	81	49
Washington	3	1	0	.750	85	55
St Louis	2	2	0	.500	58	69
New York Giants	2	2	0	.500	102	86
Philadelphia	0	4	0	.000	35	96
Central						
Detroit	3	1	0	.750	104	97
Green Bay	3	1	0	.750	76	60
Minnesota	1	3	0	.250	86	69
Chicago	0	3	1	.125	75	108
West						
Los Angeles	2	1	1	.625	81	65
San Francisco	2	2	0	.500	98	63
Atlanta	2	2	0	.500	111	71
New Orleans	0	4	0	.000	54	136

Monday's Result

Oakland 34, Houston 0

Sunday's Games

All Times EDT

Atlanta at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Oakland 4 p.m.
Chicago at Cleveland, 2 p.m.
Cincinnati at Kansas City, 2 p.m.
Dallas at Baltimore, 4 p.m.
Houston at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Los Angeles at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Denver, 4 p.m.
New York Giants at San Francisco, 4 p.m.
New York Jets at New England, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Miami, 1 p.m.
Washington at St. Louis, 2 p.m.

Monday's Game

Green Bay at Detroit, 9 p.m., EDT, national television

competition. And it also can provide you with trade opportunities, if somebody doesn't particularly want to play for Green Bay."

- "I planned an extra day of rest for the team because the Detroit game is a Monday night game, until Sunday's game with the Bears. We need too many things. The team badly needs two days off because it's tired and beat up. In fact, the best thing in the world for this team is to have two days off without seeing the coaches. We've been training and practicing together for a long time. But we can't afford it right now, maybe two years from now, or hopefully next year."
- "Jim Carter made a fantastic play - one of the greater football plays I've ever seen. On an option to the right, he came off two blocks and made the tackle. It had no particular effect on the outcome of the game, but it was a great play."
- "When you lose a touchdown like the one we lost on the pass to Leonard Garrett because of a holding penalty, it's tragic. If you're the umpire who called the play, you'd better be sure you called it right. A team is going to split a double zone maybe once every two ball games. You nurse it and nurse it, like an egg in your hand."
- "Last week I was apprehensive. This week? This week I'm excited."

PACK FEELS CLOSENESS

OCT 11 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The point where a football team fuses into a winner is not always readily apparent. In fact, there rarely is a precise indication of when the kind of psychic and technical maturity that lifted it among the elite was attained. And so it is with the youthful Packers, whose right to serious consideration will be exposed to the harsh glare of rarity in Detroit's ancient Tiger Stadium next Monday night, where they duel the Lions for sole claim to the NFC's Central Division lead. At this early stage, there is no way of determining whether they have yet sealed this artistic plateau, which a rapidly diminishing handful of them once knew so well. But there is a growing conviction among some of the Packer elders, notably Carroll Dale and Bob Brown, that the closeness and unity which carried them to three consecutive National Football League championships in 1965-66-67 once again is burgeoning in their ranks. "I don't think there's any doubt that the kind of feeling we had then is building here right now," Dale said following Tuesday's practice with somewhat surprising emphasis. "Maybe more so because we are so young. I've kind of preached this myself, that what really counts is winning. And that you have to try to be mature enough to profit by it, like in the case of our beating the Bears Sunday. When you play bad and win - and I would have to say we did not play well against the Bears - you have to profit from it. And, of course, not worrying about who is doing it is part of this approach. In my own situation, for example, we've played four games and I've caught only one pass, although I probably should have caught a couple of others. But with the defenses the way they are, you have to take what they will give you. I made up my mind several weeks ago that all I was interested in is winning. I'm going to have to contribute, of course, but I'm not going to worry about how many passes I do or do not catch. The big thing that has helped this team is that we have a lot of young guys who played last year and they have matured a lot. Plus we've got some real good first year people. What we have to keep remembering is that, in order to get somewhere, everybody on defense has to help each other, and the offense the same way. I think the potential is here - if we play 'em one at a time," Dale asserted. "I feel the Super Bowl is the goal - the ultimate goal. And I feel that's how far we can go." Newcomer Pete Lammons, who helped the Jets win the 1969 Super Bowl, also senses a coming together, although he is slightly more restrained in his assessment of the Packer psyche. "I think we've got the opportunity to go somewhere," he said. "We have a very young ball club, of course, and I think it'll get better each week. That's what you have to do to get anywhere. We've beaten some good teams, which has to help. Beating Dallas gave this team a big lift - it gave us the confidence that we can win. If we continue to improve, I don't see any reason why we can't make a good run for it. We do a lot of things well, although there are some areas in which we have to improve. But I think there is a good chance of making some kind of playoff. Of course," Lammons realistically noted, "we've got a helluva schedule ahead of us." Co-Capt. Gale Gillingham, who joined the Packers in time to assist in the acquisition of the 1966 and '67 NFL titles, attributes the prevailing sense of togetherness to their fast getaway. "I think any time you're winning you have unity," Gillie, presently recuperating from a knee injury, observed. "Winning brings that kind of thing - a losing team usually is falling apart. And the more you win, the closer you get. But I think we're getting to be a close team. I think it has to be that way to win." Brown, whose ebony features light up at mention of the Packers' presumed psychic resurgence, is emphatically affirmative in his appraisal. "I very much feel we're developing the same kind of unity that we had in those championship years," he said. "We've got some very decent young men on this team - some great young hustlers like Leland Glass, John Brockington and Al Matthews. I wouldn't want to be associated with a finer bunch of guys. Because of them, you sense the same feeling we had in the '60s. There's no arguing any time. If anybody makes a mistake, we pat him on the back." The huge defensive tackle, finding his former role reversed, confided, "I wasn't exactly one of the young guys at the time we were winning those championships - I was 26 in '66 - but I was one of the younger ones. Now I'm one of the older guys and the younger ones are looking up to me. They asked questions from time to time and I answer them to the best of my ability from what I've seen in the past with the great ball players we had here like Henry Jordan and Willie Davis." Looking to the future with mounting confidence, Brown announced, "I have a real fine feeling about this team. I have no negative thoughts about it whatsoever - every thought I have is positive."...PACKER PATTERN: Linebackers Dave Robinson and Tommy Joe Crutcher were not in evidence when the Packers loped onto the practice field Tuesday to begin preparations for the Lions, but Coach Dan Devine indicated their physical difficulties are not considered serious. Devine, who declined to reveal the specific nature of their complaints, said that two other casualties, Gale Gillingham and Ike Thomas, still are listed as questionable at this point. "We'll have to wait to get the doctor's opinion on Gillie," he said, "before we'll know whether he'll be able to play against the Lions."...Tuesday's abbreviated workout had been scaled down, he noted, "because of the extra day we'll have as the result of playing Monday night. This is a big game - there's no way of minimizing. The Lions are as good as Dallas. In fact, they've

Frank Patrick

Quarterback — Nebraska
Height 6-7, Weight 225
Born in Derry, Pa., March 11, 1947

3rd year in pro ball. . . Packers second tenth round pick in 1970. . . 4.9 speed in 40. . . Drafted as a tight end but when Vets did not report was used as QB, where he played his first three years at Nebraska. . . Big, strong, and intelligent. . . Saw brief action vs. Bears rookie year. . . Attending graduate school at Neb. in off-season. Residence: Grand Island, Neb.

Ken Duncan

Punter-Wide Receiver — Tulsa
Height 6-2, Weight 200
Born Feb. 28, 1946

Seventeenth round draft choice of Vikings in 1971. . . Acquired off waivers by Packers prior to 1971 season. . . Vietnam veteran. . . Missouri Valley punting leader 1969 and 1970 with 41.6 yd. ave. on 100 punts. . . Had 46.1 yd. punting ave. in 1971 pre-season. . . six punts during 1971 League play for 216 yards and 36.0 yd. ave., long 47. . . Tore hamstring muscle and placed on injury list for final 11 games of 1971 season. Residence: Tulsa, Oklahoma.

got a better offense than Dallas. Greg Landry is just an exceptional guy. I would have to say he is more dangerous than a Craig Morton, because Morton doesn't run, of course."

PERSONALITY PARADE (JON STAGGERS)

OCT 11 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - There can be little doubt that Jonathan Leroy Staggars Jr. was the right man in the right place at the right time for the Packers in Lambeau Field Sunday, for which one and all are deeply grateful. But, as far as Staggars is concerned, his opportune contributions to that winning cause were every bit as beneficial to him as they were to the green and gold in toto. "Being able to help out definitely did a lot for me," said Jon, a quiet, sensitive young man with deep personal loyalties. When the Steelers waived me as injured last month and the Packers picked me up, that was the first time anything like that ever had happened to me," said Staggars, whose acrobatic, scoring reception of a deflected Scott Hunter pass loomed large in Sunday's 20-17 victory over the Bears. "It was difficult adjusting to a new team because I felt very close to the players on the Pittsburgh team. And things were different here-the plays, for example, were called differently. Plus I was hurting the first week with an ankle injury and I wasn't able to run at full speed. Now that I'm playing I feel a little more a part of the team," Staggars said, pointing out, "That is not an individual thing here- it's definitely a unit. It was like a team thing in the dressing room after the game, too. Quite a few of the players came over," Staggars confided with a shy smile, "and patted me on the back. I'm not surprised that it is this way here because it was like that in college when I played under Coach Devine in Missouri. You definitely have your leaders on this team. In Pittsburgh, very seldom did any player say anything. "It's not like here, where individuals call on other individuals to say something in the dressing room before a game. The leadership is definitely here with people like Robby (Dave Robinson) and Gale Gillingham." Now happy to be a Packer, the mustachioed wide receiver explained, "I'm more at home now-I'm getting to know the players and the system. And what happened Sunday couldn't help but bring me closer. It was the first time I could do anything here and I was happy I could. Hopefully, I'm just beginning." For one fleeting moment, Staggars felt that he might embellish his Sunday performance with a second touchdown. "I definitely thought I might go all the way on that kickoff return in the third quarter," he said. "Whenever you get into the open like that in a one-on-one situation, that's all you think about. Ron Smith kept position on me- he had the sideline. I wasn't going to cut back, so I made a move and tried to burst past him. But he played it well - he got my legs." Ironically, Devine disclosed in the wake of Staggars' clutch performance that he had once rejected the Richmond, Va., native as a college prospect because - of his size - or thought he did. "We turned him down at Missouri 'for a scholarship," Devine said. "He has the same name as his father and I sent him a letter saying we had turned him down. His dad got the letter and never showed it to the kid. "Jon wanted very badly to go to UCLA. Arthur Ashe, the tennis player, is his cousin and he was attending UCLA at the time - or Missouri because he was then living in Jefferson City. "Finally one night I went to see a basketball game in which his team was playing. His team was 20 points behind and he was the littlest guy on the floor. But he rallied his team to win and he gave him a scholarship. He always was the smallest guy on the team at Missouri, too, but he always made the team and played three years of varsity football for us. "He's a big-play kind of guy." Pleased to hear this flattering appraisal, Staggars softly observed, "I'm glad to hear Coach Devine feels that way. I just want to win. Who does it and how is irrelevant as far as I'm concerned. Whether I do it or somebody else is not important. There were a lot of big plays out there Sunday."

PACK MAY UNCAGE MCCOY

OCT 12 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - "I've been feeling like a caged animal ever since I got hurt. Pacing the sidelines drives you crazy." Mike McCoy, victim of a foot fracture in Houston Aug. 19, spread and waggled his massive arms before him to illustrate the futility and frustration he had known during those eight long weeks. Now, however, the huge Irishman was in an exuberant mood. Coach Dan Devine had just revealed McCoy not only should see action in next Monday night's showdown with the Detroit Lions, but could be the Packers' starting defensive tackle in that nationally televised struggle. "I'll go along with that," Mike jovially declared, his blond features lighting up as he digested this intelligence shortly after Wednesday's workout. Transferred to offensive tackle during his "convalescence" as Gale Gillingham was moved into his former slot, he had secretly yearned for a return to his first love, defense. "Actually, I was happy just to get into the game against the Bears last Sunday," he said, "because I didn't expect to play. I was just on the field goal team until the closing minutes. Plus it made me feel good that it was a crucial series that I was sent in for - it was the last series of the game and we were leading by only 20-17. It felt good to get back in there with those guys," McCoy added, alluding to his old front four colleagues, Bob Brown, Clarence Williams and Alden Roche. Devine, intimating the position still belongs to ex-Giant Vernon Vanoy at this point, indicated a decision on the starting assignment will be deferred until later in the week. "The guy who looks like he's going to get the job done," he said, "will start." McCoy, meanwhile, is

confident he is ready for extensive duty. "The foot has healed quite well," he said. "It's going to get sore the more I use it, but you have to expect that when you break a bone. That doesn't bother me. I feel I'm moving around pretty good on it. And this week is the best it's felt since I got hurt in Houston." Mike also is sure he accumulated no technical rust during his sabbatical on offense. "I don't think you ever lose your defensive techniques," the mountainous Notre Dame alumnus said. "There aren't that many, anyway. Basically, you've just got to know where you want to go. You never lose your desire to hit somebody. I think it would be harder coming back on offense after an eight-week layoff than it is on defense. Defense is all desire, anyway - hustle and wanting to hit. Now it's just up to me to get some semblance of conditioning back. Tuesday, Coach Hanner helped me out there by running us pretty hard in all the drills. I was happy to notice it didn't bother me. I also stayed out to run the sprints that are held for the guys who didn't play Sunday and I even felt pretty good after those, too, so I think I'm getting back into shape." McCoy, a dedicated trencherman who adds suet with spectacular ease, was pleased to report he had held the line surprisingly well in his continuing battle of the bulge during the lengthy layoff. "My weight was 275 when I got hurt," he said. "Now it's 280."...PACKER PATTTER: Offensive tackle Francis Peay returned to active duty Wednesday and two other recent casualties, Gale Gillingham and defensive halfback Ike Thomas were back in full pads for the first time since all three were injured in the 20-14 loss to Oakland Sept. 24. Coach Dan Devine indicated, however, Peay is the only member of the trio morally certain to play against the Lions. "I'm sure Francis will be available Monday night," he said, "but no one has even thought yet about whether he will start. I'm just happy to have him back. As far as Gillie is concerned, we just wanted to get him some exercise. He didn't run with the offense today at all - he only worked with the scout team. I don't know what his status is right now. Needless to say, he wants to play. Thomas, I would say, is in about the same category as Gillie - maybe a little bit better."...Although linebacker Dave Robinson was not in pads, Devine said, "I'm sure Robby will be available for this game. But we worked Jim Carter at the outside some today in case Robby couldn't play."...Devine, comparing the Lions' Greg Landry with the Bears' Bobby Douglass as running quarterbacks, pointed out "Douglass is stronger than Landry and Greg is niftier than Bobby."...Sign of the Times: Sports Illustrated's Hamilton (Tex) Maule, presumably lured by the Packers' 3-1 record and their return to NFL prominence, appeared at Wednesday's practice to gather material for a story featuring Scott Hunter and Bart Starr, fellow University of Alabama alumni, with the emphasis on their student-teacher relationship. Maule's visit prompted one observer to note: "This is the first time SI has been around since 1968."... 'Root' Cause ?: In light of the National Football League Player Association's adamant opposition to artificial turf, the Detroit Lions have had some rather surprising experiences with injuries. "We have had five players undergo surgery for knee injuries and two for shoulder injuries," the Lions' Lyaal Smith reports, ironically appending. "and all of them occurred on grass." For purposes of comparison, Smith noted that the Lion have played four of their 10 games to date on artificial turf.

SCHMIDT STAYS COOL

OCT 13 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) — Joe Schmidt is still playing it cool. When his Detroit Lions faced the Minnesota Vikings in an early season showdown last month, Schmidt adopted the low key approach. "It's a big ball game," he said, "but if we lose, it won't mean the end of our season." Although he has shifted his stance ever so lightly, the Lions' highly combative headmaster indicated Thursday he is looking at next Monday night's confrontation with the Packers in much the same light. "It's later in the season," he said by telephone from Detroit, "so this game is a little more important than the one with the Vikings was. It's important for Detroit and it's important for Green Bay. But if we did lose, I don't think it would mean the end of our season. By the time we end up, there will be a lot more surprises." Schmidt is still at a loss to explain why his athletes, tied with the Packers for the NFC's Central Division lead, have lost nine straight to the Vikings, 34-10 conquerors of the Lions in Detroit Sept. 24. "We didn't play very well, really," he said. "We don't play well against the Vikings, for some reason. I haven't been able to figure out just why." He had little reason to anticipate a comparable lack of artistry against the Packers, it was suggested. "I hope not," he rejoined, "but you never know." In the light of the running success Chicago and Atlanta had against the Lions did he consider containing John Brockington and McArthur Lane the key to Detroit's success Monday night. "I think it's important - I respect their running game. Brockington and Lane are in the same class as Hampton and Malone of Atlanta, if not better." Asked to compare the current Packers with last year's team, Schmidt replied without hesitation, "I think they're much improved. I'm much impressed with them. They're playing a little better defensive football and, offensively, Lane has helped them. Scott Hunter also looks much better at quarterback. He's much improved. How many passes has he thrown without an interception, 75?" That's a big achievement in itself." (Schmidt was close - it's 73.) The Lions' major-domo exhibited a philosophical approach to the threat posed by Chester Marcol's booming kickoffs, only seven of 20 of which the enemy has found it possible to return. "We all like to have people who can kick 'em into the end zone consistently," he said, "and this young chap has done a good job for Green Bay. But as far as a problem is concerned, there's not much you can do about it. If he's going to kick 'em into the end zone, it's pretty well cut and dried." Discussing his own team, which has rebounded from that Viking disaster to whip the Bears and Falcons, Schmidt said, "I think we're getting better each ball game, although I don't say this is the maximum we could develop into. We can still improve.

Dick Himes

Offensive Tackle — Ohio State

Height 6-4, Weight 245

Born in Canton, Ohio, May 25, 1946

5th year. . .Packers second No. 3 round choice for 1968. . .Played offense Senior year only, yet was selected to play in East-West Shrine Game. . .Named to All-Big Ten Team. . .Good drive blocker and excellent on pass protection. . .Excellent attitude and hustle. . .Played majority of last three games of 1969. . .and started at right tackle every game since 1970. . .considered most improved player in 1971. . .All-Pro potential. Residence: Green Bay, Wis.

Scott Hunter

Quarterback — Alabama
Height 6-2, Weight 205
Born in Pritchard, Ala.,
Nov. 19, 1947

2nd year in pro football. .
Packers sixth round choice
for 1971. . Starter at Alabama
since sophomore year. . Highly
touted by Coach Bear
Bryant. . Injured shoulder senior
year but played hurt. . Strong
arm with high, straight-over-the-top
release. . Played in Senior Bowl and
Coaches All-American game. .
Started two games for Packers
in 1971 pre-season and
eight during regular season. .
Best day 12 of 24 for 230 yds.
and one TD vs. Minn. . Excellent
leadership qualities.

Kevin Hunt

Offensive Tackle — Doane
(Neb.)

Height 6-5, Weight 260
Born in Burlington, Vt.,
Nov. 29, 1948

First year in pro ball. .
Drafted in 10th round in 1970
and underwent knee operation
in training camp. . Has great
deal of potential. . 5.2 speed
in 40. . Played primarily on
defense in college but settled
at offensive tackle with Pack.
Drafted by Minn. Twins
baseball team in 1970. . Kicking
specialist in college. Residence:
Green Bay, Wis.

Charlie Hall

Defensive Back — Pittsburgh

Height 5-11, Weight 195
Born in Somers Point, N.J.,
March 31, 1948

2nd year in pro ball. . Third
round draft choice of Packers
in 1971. . 4.6 speed in 40. .
Can play bump and run. .
Plays either corner or safety.
Aggressive hitter. . Three
sport star in high school. .
Played in Blue-Grey Game,
Hula Bowl and College All-
Star Game. . Economics Major.
Residence: Somers Point,
N.J.

Assessing the Central Division race, heading into the fifth week of a 14-game schedule, the Lions' linebacking immortal understandably cautioned, "I wouldn't discount Minnesota. They're still a fine football team. They maybe got off to a little rocky start, but you still have to reckon with them. I think it's going to go right down to the wire - I think each week it's going to be a difficult game. It's pretty hard to look into the future."...PACKER PATTERN: The time may not be too distant when quarterback Scott Hunter will be calling his own game, Coach Dan Devine hinted Thursday. "I don't how much longer we'll be sending in the plays from the bench," he said. "There are a couple of reasons. One of them is that last week, for the first time since the Kansas City game in pre-season, there were numerous opportunities where we didn't send in anything. And each time we didn't, Scott's call was excellent. I've always felt, of course, that given time for learning and learning to think like a head coach, which takes a little time, that it's still easier to call a game from behind the center than it is from the press box, where we have been calling it from this season. I do think, however, that our staff has done an excellent job of this. The plays are sent down from the press box, relayed by Bart Starr on the sidelines, and I either approve them or veto them. For example, it was Red Cochran's suggestion that we run that pass out of the end zone against Cleveland (thrown to MacArthur Lane, it produced a 46-yard gain). I think Red was surprised when I approved it," Devine chuckled, "as were the other coaches."

PERSONALITY PARADE

OCT 13 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Feeling the weight of his years for the moment, Wayne Walker reflected upon the class of 1958 and admitted, "There are not too many of us left." The Detroit Lions' elder statesman, who now finds himself in a highly exclusive fraternity, was hardly overstating the case. Just turned 35, he is one of only three linebackers of that vintage still practicing his art in the national football league. "Chuck Howley, Ray Nitschke and I came up together on the College All-Star team in '58," Walker recalled via telephone from Detroit Thursday, "so we're all in our 15th seasons, although I think Chuck missed a year because of an injury. That was a good All-Star team. Jerry Kramer was on it, too." Kramer, a teammate of the Lion patriarch at the University of Idaho, has long since retired, which only serves to underscore Walker's durability at a position which is fraught with injury peril. Wayne, who will be in the Lions' starting lineup when they duel the Packers for the Central Division lead in Detroit Monday night, attributes his longevity to sheer chance. "I've just been fortunate," he says, "in a lot of ways. I've only missed one game since 1959 and you've got to be lucky to do that. I also have, been able to stay with one team. If I had been traded once or twice, I probably wouldn't have been able to get established and might not have played this long." Although his tactical responsibilities have changed little in the interim, Walker can't say the same for the demands of his job. "It gets increasingly difficult to play from week to week and to play well because of the tremendous talent on offense these days," he said. "We were just talking about that in the dressing room the other day. A few years back you just had to get ready for one guy. If you played the Rams, you were concerned with Dick Bass. If you played the 49ers, it was John Brodie and if you played the Bears, it was Gale Sayers. Now everybody's got big running backs and a couple of wide receivers who can go deep on you." He would have to go some distance, it was suggested, to find a more potent attack than the one he faces in practice every day. "We have a good offensive team, we really have," he agreed. "But the secret of our offense, and they don't get much credit, is our offensive line. They really do the job. We played Atlanta last week and they've got two great defensive ends in John Zook and Claude Humphrey. They weren't even in the ball game. I never heard Humphrey's name mentioned all afternoon." And the Packers? "It's hard for me to say right now. We went the whole exhibition season without seeing them. Usually you'll get to see them on film against another team. I did see their defense one time and it is improved. They really look good. I saw their offense yesterday for the first time - saw one half of their game against Dallas. I can't say the offense is greatly improved because they played well against us last year. I did notice they're getting a lot of mileage out of their running backs, Brockington and Lane. It looks like they're probably getting better blocking out of Lane than they got at that position last year." Since the Lions have lost nine straight to the Minnesota Vikings, it may partially explain Walker's outlook on the Central Division race, which presently finds Green Bay and Detroit sharing first place with 3-1 records. "I'd like to see it go down to the wire between us and the Packers," he said. "I'd like to keep the Vikings out of it for a change. I think it would be good for the whole division."

THERE'S A NEW PACK IN GREEN BAY

OCT 13 (Detroit Free Press) - Daniel John Devine, the Michigan-trained coach and general manager of the Green Bay Packers, is as strong-willed in his own way as was the late Vince Lombardi. So without great fanfare, Devine has phased out just about all of the last remnants of the Lombardi era in Packerland. While football people laughed at him and said his methods wouldn't work, Devine has accumulated a squad of his own kind of players and his own kind of

assistants. The 1972 results show the Pack with a 3-1 record and tied for first place in the Central Division with the Lions,

whom they meet at Tiger Stadium Monday night. The only starters remaining from Lombardi's fabled championship teams are center Ken Bowman, linebacker Dave Robinson, guard Gale Gillingham and part-time flanker Carroll Dale. The only Lombardi men on the squad are Ray Nitschke, Tommy Crutcher and Bob Brown. The only "Lombardi coaches" on Devine's staff are former Green Bay star tackle Green Bay in a long career as an assistant. The rest of the staff has strong Michigan - or Devine - connections. Player personnel director Lloyd Eaton has been head coach at both Alma and Northern Michigan. John Polonchek is a former MSU gridder who was a graduate assistant when Devine was the JV coach with the Spartans. Don Doll is a former Lion player and assistant coach. Rolie Dotsch is an Escanaba native and played four years at MSU when Devine was there and later assisted him at Missouri. Hank Kuhlmann played for Devine at Missouri and later was an assistant coach with the Tigers, while Burt Gustafson is another northern Michigander (Marquette) who also coached in Battle Creek. Devine has traded away several "Lombardimen" for one reason or another - Donny Anderson, Lionel Aldridge, Dave Hampton and Travis Williams. Others like Doug Hart, Bob Jeter and Willie Wood retired. "We're not too long on experience," admitted Devine, Dave Hanner and Red Cochran, who has had two stops in "but our young guys are doing a lot of scrambling to stay close. Also they're not beating themselves. Some people say we are playing a conservative game. If concentrating on good execution and not making mistakes is conservative - I'll buy the tag. "When men like Bart Starr, Willie Wood Doug Hart, even back to Mac McGee, Fuzzy Thurston and Jerry Kramer...just retire, you've got big holes to fill. Most of the time you have to go to a rookie to play. It's not like acquiring a five-year man who can execute a play properly and most likely has played against the fellow across the line." Devine's trades in nearly every instance have proven helpful. For quarterback Don Horn, recently waived away by Denver, Devine received Alden Roche, voted the Packers' outstanding defensive player last year, and the Broncos' position in the first round of the draft where Green Bay selected John Brockington;

- For the disgruntled Andeson, Green Bay received MacArthur Lane;
- For Aldridge, Green Bay received Jim Hill, a starter at free safety;
- For Hampton, Green Bay received starting guard Malcolm Snider;
- For playing rights to Jeter (who has yet to be wooed by the Bears), Green Bay received a draft choice where it selected Eastern Michigan's Dave Pureifory, who made the 40-man roster.

LIONS MUST STOP PACK'S 2 RUNNERS

OCT 14 (Detroit Free Press) - First it was the Bears with Jim Harrison and Bobby Douglass. Then Atlanta, with Dave Hampton and Art Malone. Now, here comes The Pack. And that, for those of you who fear for the well-being of the Lion defensive platoon, means John Brockington and MacArthur Lane. With the baseball season finished locally, the Lions will be trying to stop Big Brock and Mighty Mac on the Tiger Stadium greensward at 8 p.m. Monday night. Lane, whom Green Bay obtained for Donny Anderson, is a much better runner than Anderson - and also a better blocker, which can only make Brockington better. Everyone figured he'd get better any- way, despite his rookie-of-the-year total of 1,105 yards. "He'll be more effective and he'll become a better receiver," said coach Dan Devine. "John can be considerably better," observes Bart Starr, who used to hand off to Jimmy Taylor and Paul Hornung. "He's learning the subtle differences in defensive lineups. I've never seen anybody work any harder or apply himself any better." Ray Nitschke, a Packer veteran of 15 years, already has gaudy praise for the 255-pound blockbuster. "Just dealing in sheer running ability, I'd say he is as good as any running back Green Bay's ever had," Nitschke said. "As a runner, he's great - and he'll learn the rest." Brock has gained 306 yards in the Packers' first four games, slightly better than the 1,000-yard pace of his rookie year. Lane has added 163 yards and both are averaging 312 yards per carry. That - and Scott Hunter's 41 percent passing record - is why the Packers run nearly three times for every time they throw the ball. It also augurs a rugged Monday night in the middle of the line for the Lions...LIONOTES: Despite the vacancy sign being hung on Tiger Stadium, the Lions are in no rush to move from their practice surroundings at Cranbrook. "We'll probably stay out here until the weather gets real cold," Joe Schmidt said. "We rip up the field at the stadium fairly easily and this way we'll keep it in shape. We may not move for a couple or three weeks"...Stadium chief Ralph Snyder's boys were busy Friday sodding the infield area and repairing the damage caused by Thursday's rowdies. It should be in tip-top shape for Monday...Adrian Young, the newly acquired linebacker, and rookie Charlie Potts, up from the cab squad, have been installed on some of the Lion specialty units...Schmidt will start the same lineups against the Packers as he did last Sunday at Atlanta.

LEN GARRETT EARNING WHILE LEARNING

OCT 14 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - It is some distance from New Mexico Highlands University to the National Football League, Leonard Garrett will concede. NMHU, for purposes of comparison, has approximately the same enrollment as Beloit College, which is in the modest vicinity of 2,000. But Garrett, who suddenly has found himself the Packers' starting tight end following an injury which shelved Rich McGeorge for the season, is making the adjustment with surprising facility. The rangy Texan, just one full year removed from the college campus, is not yet ready to challenge Charlie Sanders for all-pro honors. But, in light of his collegiate background, he has exhibited more skill and savvy than the faithful had any legitimate right to expect. Coach Dan Devine, necessarily evaluating Garrett's two-game tenure as a starter from the

Larry Krause

Running Back — St. Norbert

Height 6-0, Weight 208

Born in Greenwood, Wis.,

April 22, 1948

3rd year in pro ball. . .seventeenth round draft choice of

Packers for 1970. . .4.9 in 40. .

. .holds school records for rushing

yardage. . .senior year

rushed 251 times for 1,325

yards and a 5.3 average and

caught 18 passes for 216 yards

and one TD. . .aggressive,

good leader. . .good hands and

fine football ability. . .plays

special teams especially well.

. . .returned opening kickoff of

1970 game vs. Steelers 100

yds. for TD. . .ranked No. 3 in

NFC in kickoff returns in 1970.

. . .teaches in off-season. Residence:

Green Bay, Wis.

Len Garrett Earning While Learning

RUSHING					
	Att	Yds	Ave	L	TD
Owens, Lions	77	321	4.2	18	3
Brock'ton, Pack	87	306	3.5	23	3
Taylor, Lions	41	173	4.2	32	1
Lane, Pack	48	159	3.3	15	0
Landry, Lions	19	146	7.7	19	3
PASSING					
	Att	Comp	Yds	TD	Int
Hunter, Pack	73	30	518	3	6
Landry, Lions	61	25	519	5	6
Munson, Lions	25	14	89	0	1
RECEIVING					
	No	Yds	Ave	L	TD
Taylor, Lions	9	69	7.7	31	0
Lane, Pack	8	114	14.3	49	0
Jessie, Lions	7	150	21.4	82	2
Glass, Pack	7	136	19.4	31	0
Cotton, Lions	6	105	17.5	35	1
Brock'ton, Pack	5	89	17.8	33	0
Hilton, Lions	5	133	26.6	66	1
Owens, Lions	5	34	6.8	12	0

standpoint of optimum performance, says, "Leonard needs experience on blocking, which is such a crucial part of our team's attack - the blocking of the tight end. "But he has stepped in there and done a job, and that's not too bad for a 15th round draft choice from New Mexico Highlands. "In last Sunday's game against the Bears, he made a fine play on the touchdown that was called back. He didn't know there was holding on the play, of course, and he made a nice catch and a great effort to get into the end zone. Leonard does need a lot of experience, however. There's some difference between playing college football at Nebraska, for instance, and at New Mexico Highlands. Leonard has never played against good people before." Pete Lammons, the ex-New York Jet who currently is Garrett's backup, has been impressed by the manner in which the 6-foot-4 sophomore has adapted to starting status. "I think Garrett has done a good job, I really do," the seven-year veteran said following Friday's practice. "I try to help him along the way with things that he might not see. But I think he's doing a good job - he really is. It's a damn shame that he had that touchdown called back last Sunday," Lammons said with understandable empathy. "It was a great effort and a great catch on Leonard's part. "But he made some

good catches later on in the game, too. I think the kid's got a good future." Garrett, meanwhile, says he is becoming increasingly comfortable as a full-time performer. "I'm feeling much better out there now," he admitted, "than I did two weeks ago. It's just a matter of playing - there is no better way than that to get comfortable." Presently polishing for next Monday night's national televised struggle with the Lions in Detroit, he assures he is not satisfied with his current technical proficiency. "I guess I'm average in both blocking and receiving," he said. "That's why I continue to work hard. I study a lot of film. While the film is on, I pay attention every second. Pete Lammons helps me out sometimes, too. Because he's been around a long time. When I come off the field, I talk to him and he tells me what to be looking for." Garrett, preparing to face the Lions' Wayne Walker and Paul Naumoff in Tiger Stadium, pointed out, "The Lions don't flip-flop their linebackers like some teams do. So, when I'm on the right side, I'll be facing Naumoff and when I'm on the left, I'll be facing Walker. Naumoff is quick while Walker plays more on experience. He's been around a long time." In leisure moments, Leonard admits, he has been burning the wires between Green Bay and Las Vegas, N. M., the home of New Mexico Highlands, "My old coach, John Levra, calls me or I call him every week," he confided with a somewhat sheepish smile. "He's pleased that I'm starting in the pros - he keeps in touch with me."...PACKER PATTERN: Now that the Packers' passing attack has begun to develop, the time has come to improve the ground game, Devine said Friday. "You strive for a balanced attack," he noted in the wake of a 240-yard production by air against the Bears, "and any time that you have that, it helps. "But the running game has to improve now," he said. "We haven't worked on it of course. We've spent so much time on the passing game, we've neglected the running game. The fact that most of our interior linemen have been chewed up by injuries obviously has hurt our running. If we can get through this week without any new injuries and get Gillie (Gale Gillingham) back next week, we should be healthier than we've been all year." In this connection, Devine said, "The possibilities are good that we will activate both Francis Peay and Ike Thomas for Monday night's game. We will make a decision on Gillie Sunday or Monday."...Devine, who reported that practices today and Sunday would be held in Lambeau Field and be closed to the public, said he had not yet decided whether Mike McCoy or Vernon Vanoy will start at defensive left tackle against the Lions. For whatever it may signify, McCoy was running with the No. 1 defense Friday. The Packers will enplane for Detroit at 6 o'clock Sunday evening and headquarter at the Motor City's Hotel Pontchartrain. They will return to Green Bay immediately following the game.

DEVINE SAYS RUNNING ATTACK MUST IMPROVE

OCT 14 (Green Bay) - With young Scott Hunter showing rapid improvement as a passer, the Green Bay Packers just might call a long unused weapon - Carroll Dale - out of storage for their National Football League showdown against the Detroit Lions Monday night. Dale, who caught 259 passes in seven previous seasons with Green Bay, shows but one reception for eight yards this year. Dale, while saying a couple of other passes have come his way that he probably should have caught but didn't, added he'll take whatever today's zone-oriented pass defenses allow. "I made up my mind several weeks ago that all I was interested in was winning," Dale said. "I'm going to have to contribute, of course, but I'm not going to worry about how many passes I do or do not catch." "The big thing that has helped this team is that we have matured a lot, plus we have some real good first year people," he said. Few young Packers have improved as much as Hunter, who is working on a string of 79 consecutive passes without an interception. But while the passing has improved, Coach Dan Devine is seeking more help on the ground. "Our running game has got to improve," Devine said after a slightly more than one hour workout Friday. "We've spent so much time on our passing game we've almost neglected our running attack." The running attack was held to 97 yards in last Sunday's 20-17 victory over Chicago. John Brockington and MacArthur Lane, though considered one of the finest ground tandems in the NFL, are averaging only 3.5 and 3.3 yards per carry, respectively. Devine pronounced his offensive line in its best shape in several weeks, adding tackle Francis Peay, along with kick returner Ike Thomas, probably will be reactivated before game time. However, no decision is likely until Sunday or Monday on possible reactivation of guard Gale Gillingham, who has spent two weeks on the move list along with Peay and Thomas. Mike McCoy is finally returning to form following recovery from a broken foot suffered Aug. 19. Devine said he has not decided whether McCoy or Vernon Vanoy will start at defensive tackle. McCoy, who gained only five pounds to 280 during

his long layoff, saw spot action last Sunday, including the crucial last 30 seconds when the Packers held the Bears after Chester Marcol kicked what proved to be the decisive field goal.

NOTES AND NOTIONS

OCT 15 (Appleton Post-Crescent) - The Green Bay Packer defense is playing it about one touchdown per game tighter than it did last year and . that piece of improvement (along with the place-kicking of Chester Marcol) largely explains why the Bays will be playing for the undisputed division lead Monday night in Detroit. One TD per game, of course, makes all the difference in close wins such as Green Bay captured from the Cowboys and the Bears. Last season, the Packers permitted an average of 21.3 points per outing - contrasted to 15 this year. Only four of the other 25 NFL teams - Miami, Cincinnati, Dallas and Washington - have allowed fewer total points than the Packers 60. The most striking improvement has been provided by the Pack's "kiddie corps" of deep backs. Last year, opposition passers punctured Green Bay for 21 aerial scores. In the first four 1972 league games, the Bays haven't been nicked for a single overhead TD. In fact, the Packer defensive unit has yielded only four touchdowns via rushing to date. Needless to say, Greg Landry and cohorts - averaging 26 points per game - will give every facet of Green Bay's defense its stiffest test of the young season... Although the Packer offense has been somewhat sporadic to date, the increased proficiency exhibited by sophomore Scott Hunter has to be heartening to Packerlanders. Last year, he was intercepted about once in every 10 throws (17 times in all)...This season, Hunter has been interception free in 73 attempts. Packer pass-receiving has been better than some gloomy pre-season forecasts would have led one to believe. it's true Green Bay could still use a super-catcher, such as Paul Warfield or Otis Taylor...but the outlook brightened considerable in the Bear game. Len Garrett's performance suddenly made Rich McGeorge's loss seem less painful...and Jon Staggers proved quite a revelation. Also, Leland Glass continues to show speed and good hands - his seven receptions are second only to MacArthur Lane's eight. That brings us to Carroll Dale, the "old reliable," who has been virtually a forgotten man with one catch (for eight yards) in four games. He's been overthrown a couple of times in the clear, and he's dropped a couple right to him. The sight of Detroit's blue and silver may do wonders for Dale, who has had some of his greatest games against the Lions...The Chicago Bears seem to have a legitimate gripe about having to wait until 1974 (No. 1 draft pick) before getting paid for Dick Gordon by the Rams. The injury-ridden Bears could have used a player or two this year, or at the least, some choice in the 1973 draft. On the other hand, one wonders why Halas & Co. fiddled around some four months prior to the May 1 free agent deadline instead of making a "non-Pete Rozelle" type of deal that could have provided help for the current campaign.

YOUNG PACKERS, LIONS ALIKE IN THEIR POTENTIAL

OCT 15 (Detroit) - The Detroit Lions have lost one football game this year - a slaughter at the hands of the Minnesota Vikings. That wouldn't be too remarkable, given the Vikings propensity to whip the stuffings out of the Lions over the last several years. The strange thing is that the Lions' massacre is the only victory the Purple Gang has to its credit this season. Meanwhile, they're shouting "The Pack is Back" in Wisconsin - a seemingly annual ritual since the glory days under Vince Lombardi. Vince Lombardi. But this year is different the Green Bay Packers are 3-1, just like the Lions, and tied with them atop the National Football League's Black and Blue Central Division. Thus their showdown Monday night on national television will feature two young teams alike in their potential - both for mistakes and brilliance. For Detroit, whose powerful offense has been consistently productive for the first time in many years, the main job is stopping the running threat of the Pack's John Brockington and MacArthur Lane. Anyone who watched the Atlanta Falcons - to say nothing of the Vikings - tear holes in the Lions' modest defensive front four know that Detroit is vulnerable to a tough rushing game. In Brockington, a second-year man from Ohio State, Green Bay has one of the hardest runners in the NFL, and in Lane, late of the St. Louis Cardinals, it has a fine blocker and runner. Middle linebacker Ray Nitschke is a Packer veteran of 15 years-one of the last Lombardi players - and he had lavish praise for Brockington. "Just dealing in sheer running ability, I'd say he is as good as any running back Green Bay's ever had," Nitschke said. Brockington has gained 306 yards in the Pack's first four games slightly better than his 1,000-yard pace he set in his rookie year. Lane, acquired for Donny Anderson, has racked up 163 yards. Coach Dan Devine knows his Packers are not the powerhouse of the Lombardi memories he lives under. "We're not too long on experience," he admitted, "but our young guys are doing a lot of scrambling to stay close. Also, they're not beating themselves. Some people say we play a conservative game. If concentration good execution and not making mistakes is conservative - I'll buy the tag." The Packer defense has given up just four touchdowns in the last five games, but Devine has high regard for the Detroit offense. "Greg Landry is worth whatever they signed him for," he said of the Lions' passing-running signal caller. Landry is averaging 7.7 yards a rush.

MARCOL'S BOOTS A KEY

OCT 15 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Alex Karras has always had a thing about soccer style placekickers. "Forty-four big, strong guys fight it out for 59 minutes and then some scrawny little guy from some little island in the Adriatic comes in and decides it with a field goal," he often has contemptuously declaimed. "Why, they don't even know what they're talking about. They say, I think I keek a touchdown." Whether Alex likes it or not, and presumably his attitude has not changed in retirement, the sidewinders have become a substantial force in professional football - specialists like Jan Stenerud, Horst Muhlmann and Garo Yepremian. And, lest we forget, Czeslaw Marcol. Marcol roughly fits Karras's geographic stereotype

Francis Peay

Offensive Tackle — Missouri
Height 6-5, Weight 250
Born in Pittsburgh, Pa.,
May 23, 1944

7th year in NFL. . .acquired in off-season trade with New York Giants prior to '68 season for Crutcher and Wright. . .number one draft choice of Giants for 1966. . .hampered by injuries when with Giants. . .attended Cameron Jr. College before attending Univ. of Missouri. . .played both ways in junior year. . .concentrated on offense senior year. . .named All-American senior year and played in Sugar and Senior Bowl games. . .Sociology major. Residence: St. Louis, Mo.

Chester Marcol

Kicker

6-0, 190

Hillsdale College

Second round draft choice and 34th player in nation selected although strictly a kicking specialist. . .born in Poland but immigrated to U.S. in 1965. . .holds NAIA record for 62-yard field goal and once fell just short on a 77-yard attempt. . .kicked eight field goals of 50 yards or over in college and hit on 132 of 134 extra points. . .soccer-style booter who gets exceptional range on kickoffs. . .also punts with a career average at Hillsdale of 43.2 yards. . .Born: 10-24-49 (present age 22); Hometown: Imlay City, Mich.

Willie Buchanon

Cornerback

6-0, 190

San Diego State

First selection by Packers in last February's draft. . .top rated player in nation in Packer rating system. . .called by one CEPO scout "the best college cornerback I have ever scouted". . .runs 40 in 4.5 and has been timed at 9.4 in the 100. . .in senior year had 46 passes thrown at him with only 12 being completed for 190 yards and one TD, while five were intercepted. . .was named MVP of East-West Shrine Game after intercepting three passes. . .Time and Sporting News All-American. . .Born: 11-4-50 (present age 21); Hometown: Ocean-side, Calif.

Larry Hefner

Linebacker

6-2, 215

Clemson

Selected in 14th round of draft . . . played middle linebacker in college, but projected for outside . . . tough competitor with good quickness . . . 4.9 speed in 40 . . . Born: 8-2-49 (present age 23); Hometown: Charlotte, N.C.

of the soccer style kicker although he is somewhat more robust physically than most of his foreign-born colleagues at an even 6 feet and 190 pounds. Curly-haired Czeslaw, whose first name has been Americanized to Chester since leaving Opole, Poland, at the age of 10, is hardly unmindful of the impact he too can have on the NFL. And, more specifically, he is aware of the major role he can play against Alex's old Lion teammates in Detroit's Tiger Stadium Monday night. And not merely by way of the field goal. He knows he could have considerable to do with containing the explosive Detroit offense engineered by the highly mobile Greg Landry, which may be pre-eminent in the National Football League today. "I hope we can get them starting from 20 yards all the time," he said following Saturday's practice. Then, inclining his head toward the locker immediately to his left, he said, "I know Dave Kopay would like that." Kopay, a valued member of the kickoff coverage team, smiled and nodded. "I'd love it," he assured. "Those kickoffs are hard on the old bones." The elements and the Lions' fleet return artist, Ron Jessie, could figure in the situation, Chester admits. "It all depends on the wind," he said. "If I'm kicking into a strong wind, I'll try to kick it away from Jessie. If the wind isn't a factor, I'll go for distance," Marcol continued, adding with a grin, "It doesn't matter who they've got back there if the ball goes out." Like it was suggested, his climactic kickoff in last Sunday's 20-17 victory over the Bears, a prodigious boot which precluded a Chicago runback. "I think that's the best I've ever had," Chester said. "I'd like to have one like that with the wind some time and see how far it would go." Kickoffs, however, are not his primary concern at the moment, he confided. "I've really been practicing field goals from inside the 40 this week," he said. "That's where most of them are attempted from. Those short ones are just as important as the long ones, believe me." Whatever the distance, the rookie specialist says his confidence has been enhanced by the presence of Ron Widby. "I'm happy Ron is the hold-er," he said. "He's doing a real good job - he's really steady. Ron really helps me - just to think he's there. It's all in the timing, of course, and the better we get together, the more confidence I have. I got out there now and I don't have to worry about the snap or the hold. Naturally, you can't be perfect all the time. But we haven't had a bad snap during the regular season, except maybe one or two." Marcol, an off-season resident of Michigan, admits Monday night's first place showdown with the Lions has unusual significance for him. "I've waited for this for a long time," said Chester, who lives in Imlay City, Mich. "Everybody comes to see you - all my relatives and friends will be there. It's something maybe special. Imlay City is only about 45 miles from Detroit and I was a pretty good Lion fan while I was growing up. In fact, I went to a couple of games last year while I was finishing up at Hillsdale - I saw the Packer and Falcon games in Detroit. But that's not the only reason this game Monday is special. It's also the fact that we both have 3-1 records and we could be all alone in first place."... PACKER PATTERN: Coach Dan Devine still has not officially indicated who the Packers' starting defense left tackle will be in Detroit but Mike McCoy looks like a good bet at this point. Only recently off the casualty list, he continued to work with the first defensive unit in Saturday's practice. Vernon Vanoy, the 6-8, 275-pound colossus acquired on waivers from the Giants, has started the last two games there. Devine also has not disclosed whether Francis Peay and Ike Thomas or Gale Gillingham will be activated for the Lion exchange. He has hinted, however, that chances are good both Peay and Thomas will be called up from the move list, where they have been since the Oakland game Sept. 24 with knee and rib injuries, respectively...In addition to working against the anticipated Detroit offense and defense, the Packers practiced their own goal line defense during Saturday's workout, abbreviated to 50 minutes. They were scheduled to close out their preparations with another brief session this morning and enplane for Detroit at 6 p.m...The Packers are seeking return of their Packer and state of Wisconsin flags, stolen from standards in front of the Packer office building on Lombardi Avenue during or after Friday night's West-Southwest game in Lambeau Field.

LIONS 6-PT. PICKS IN SHOWDOWN WITH PACKERS TONIGHT

OCT 16 (Detroit Free Press) - It was very un-Packerlike, 1971 was, with the Green Bay record showing 4-8-2, the worst in 13 years. But the turnaround started in the exhibition season and now all indications point to The Pack being back. The Lions will see for themselves Monday night when they match Central Division-leading 3-1 records with Green Bay at 8 p.m. in the national TV extravaganza at Tiger Stadium. The game is blacked-out locally, but can be heard on WJR and the Lion radio network. The Lions are rated a 6-point favorite, partially because they haven't lost to Green Bay in their last five meetings. A year ago the Lions won, 31-28, in Detroit and the teams slogged to a 14-14 tie in the quagmire of Milwaukee County Stadium. The big names on the Packers are John Brockington, last year's rookie-of-the-year; ex-Cardinal MacArthur Lane; veteran receiver Carroll Dale, always a Lion nemesis; and the struggling young quarterback, Scott Hunter. The big change in the Green Bay record has been wrought by the defense. The tip-off on

things to come was during the pre-season when the Packers won four of six games and permitted only 85 points, third lowest in the NFL. The pass rush showed great improvement. The front four had sacked opposing passers only 19 times

By The Associated Press

NFL

American Conference

East

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Miami	5	0	0	1.000	121	64
New York Jets	3	2	0	.600	163	124
Buffalo	2	3	0	.400	105	120
New England	2	3	0	.400	79	163
Baltimore	1	4	0	.200	74	98

Central

Cincinnati	4	1	0	.800	96	70
Pittsburgh	3	2	0	.600	106	86
Cleveland	2	3	0	.400	71	91
Houston	1	4	0	.200	63	141

West

Oakland	3	1	1	.700	127	81
Kansas City	3	2	0	.600	122	91
San Diego	2	2	1	.500	90	109
Denver	1	4	0	.200	98	143

National Conference

East

Washington	4	1	0	.800	118	58
Dallas	4	1	0	.800	102	49
New York Giants	3	2	0	.600	125	103
St. Louis	2	3	0	.400	61	102
Philadelphia	0	5	0	.000	38	130

Central

Detroit	3	1	0	.750	104	97
Green Bay	3	1	0	.750	76	60
Minnesota	2	3	0	.400	109	89
Chicago	1	3	1	.300	92	108

West

Los Angeles	3	1	1	.700	115	68
Atlanta	3	2	0	.600	132	85
San Francisco	2	3	0	.400	115	86
New Orleans	0	5	0	.000	68	157

Sunday's Results

Oakland 28, Buffalo 16
Cincinnati 23, Kansas City 16
Pittsburgh 24, Houston 7
New York Jets 41, New England 13
Miami 24, San Diego 10
Atlanta 21, New Orleans 14
Los Angeles 34, Philadelphia 3
New York Giants 23, San Francisco 17
Washington 33, St. Louis 3
Chicago 17, Cleveland 0
Dallas 21, Baltimore 0
Minnesota 23, Denver 20

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Himes	R T	Freitas
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Lane	R B	Owens
Brockington	R B	Taylor

DEFENSE

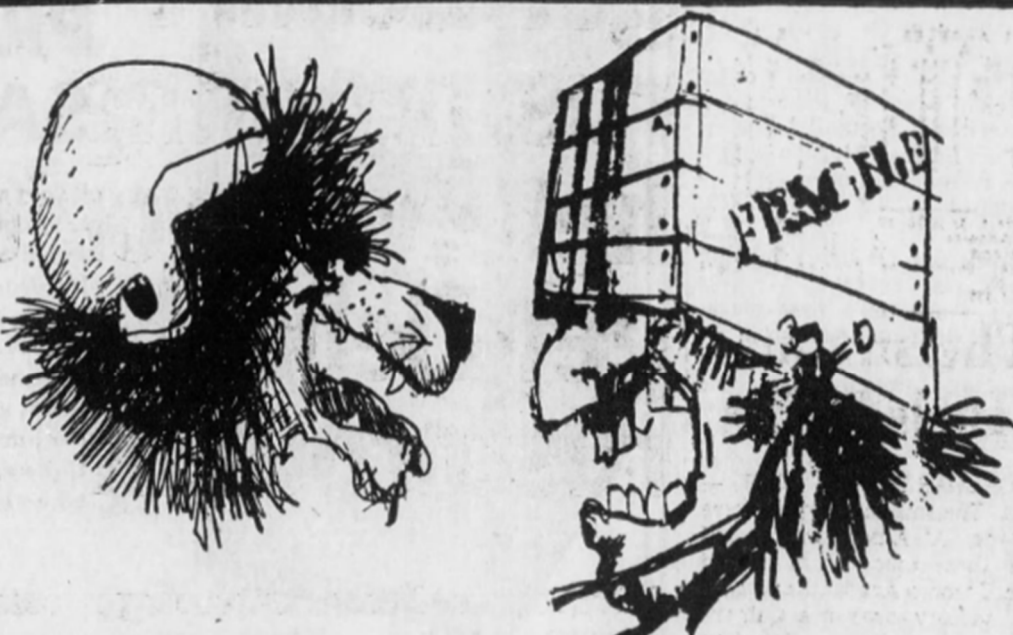
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Buchanan	L C	Barney
Ellis	R C	Redmond
Matthews	L S	Weger
Hill	R S	LeBeau

Packer-Lion Series

Packers won 41, Lions 31, 5 tied.
Points — Packers 1,499; Lions 1,284.

Cotton and John Hilton, the ex-Packer who has a plush 26.6 yard average for five receptions. Containing weapons of this caliber patently constitutes a large order for the Packer defense. Generally restructured since the opening of training camp. But it has been consistently effective, having yet to permit a touchdown by air after four games, and only four teams in the 26-club NFL have given up fewer points to date. Considerable pressure could be alleviated, however, if the Packers can establish and maintain ball control against a Detroit defense which has been somewhat erratic. Hope that this could be accomplished stems from the knowledge that the Lions have been vulnerable up the middle, where John Brockington and MacArthur Lane are most often found to be plying their trade. Both teams have exhibited inconsistent passing games, although the "Packers Scott Hunter had his best day as a pro last time out, completing 15 of 30 attempts for 240 yards in a 20-17 victory over the Bears. The Lions also have shown a certain susceptibility to the pass, having allowed the enemy to complete 56.8 per cent of its passes. But Hunter will have to be wary of cornerback Lem Barney, Detroit's "big play" artist, and canny free safety Dick LeBeau, who ranks as the NFL's No. 1 interceptor among active players with 62 thefts. It is entirely possible, considering the recent pattern of this rivalry, that tonight's match could evolve into a kicking duel. Last season, the Lions edged the Packers in their first meeting, 31-28, and they struggled to a 14-14 tie in a County Stadium quagmire in the return match. Both Detroit's Errol Mann and the Packers heavy-footed rookie, Chester Marcol, bring impressive credentials to the scene. Mann has connected on seven of eight attempts, including five of five in the 30 to 39-yard range, while Marcol has hit on nine of 15. Although first place will be the Packers' prime concern, they also will be striving to end a five-game Detroit winning streak in the series. The Packers have not beaten the Lions since 1969, when Bart Starr escorted them to a 28-17 victory in Tiger Stadium. The Lions retaliated by taking a 16-10 decision in their '69 rematch at Green Bay, then followed with 40-0 and 20-0 triumphs in 1970.

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16	Hunter, Scott	QB
17	Tagge, Jerry	QB
20	Widby, Ron	P
21	Hall, Charles	CB
23	Hudson, Robert	RB
28	Buchanan, Willie	CB
29	Matthews, Al	DB
31	Williams, Perry	RB
36	Lane, MacArthur	RB
37	Thomas, Ike	CB
39	Hill, Jim	S
42	Brockington, John	RB
44	Kroll, Bob	DB
46	Glass, Leland	WR
47	Davis, Dave	WR
48	Ellis, Ken	CB
50	Carter, Jim	LB
53	Carr, Fred	LB
56	Crutcher, Tommy Joe	LB
57	Bowman, Ken	C
58	Withrow, Cal	C
62	Lueck, Bill	G
65	Wortman, Keith	G
66	Nitschke, Ray	LB
67	Snider, Malcolm	G
68	Gillingham, Gale	G
71	Peay, Francis	T
72	Himes, Dick	T
73	Vanoy, Vern	DT
75	Pureifory, Dave	BE
77	Hayhoe, Bill	T
78	Brown, Bob	DT
83	Williams, Clarence	DE
84	Dale, Carroll	WR
86	Lammons, Pete	TE
87	Roche, Alden	DE
88	Garrett, Len	TE
89	Robinson, Dave	LB



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24	Farr, Mel	RB
25	McCullouch, Earl	WR
27	Potts, Charles	S
28	Weger, Mike	S
34	Zofko, Mickey	RB
36	Owens, Steve	RB
38	Triplett, Bill	RB
42	Taylor, Altie	RB
44	LeBeau, Dick	S
46	Redmond, Rudy	CB
47	Rasmussen, Wayne	LS
49	Walton, Larry	WR
50	Naumoff, Paul	LB
53	Lucci, Mike	LB
54	Flanagan, Ed	C
55	Walker, Wayne	LB
59	Weaver, Herman	LB
63	Walton, Chuck	G
65	Thompson, Dave	C
66	Kowalkowski, Bob	RG
67	Rasley, Rocky	G
68	Gallagher, Frank	RG
70	Woods, Larry	DT
71	Tatarek, Bob	DT
73	Bell, Bob	DT
74	Hand, Larry	DE
75	Yarbrough, Jim	T
76	Freitas, Rockne	T
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