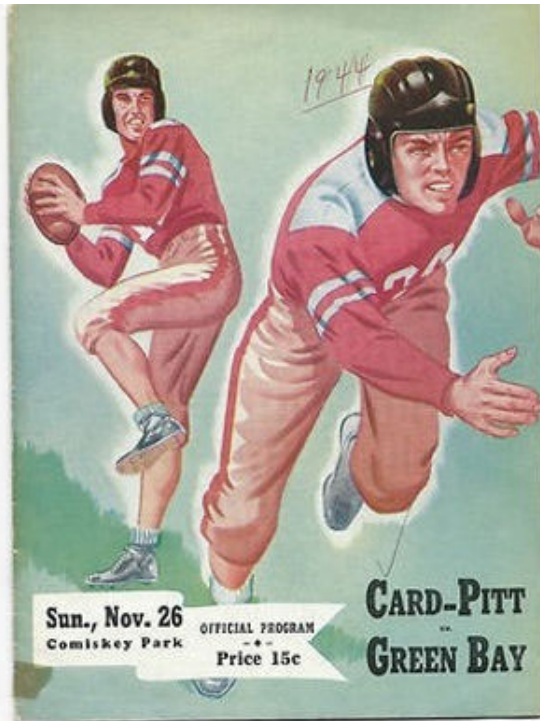


Green Bay Packers (8-2) 35, Card-Pitt Steagles (0-9) 20
Sunday November 26th 1944 (at Chicago)

**Ring Up 35-20 Win; Await
Championship Tilt Dec. 17
With Eastern Division Club**

Packers Trim Card-Pitt to Close Regular Season

GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)



(CHICAGO) - A token crowd of 4,150 set in the yawning stretches of the big White Sox baseball field here Sunday afternoon to watch the Green Bay Packers, Western division champions, close out their regular NFL schedule with 35 to 20 win over the never-winning Chicago Cardinals-Pittsburgh Steelers combine. There was nothing but prestige at stake for the Packers, since they were already in possession of the Western title, but they put on a colorful battle in spite of that. First stringers sat on the bench for much of the game, Coach Curly Lambeau giving his younger lads a chance to gain some polish. The triumph over the Card-Pitt eleven left the Packers with a record of eight victories and two defeats in their ten league starts. All that remains now is the big championship fray to be played Dec. 17 at New York, Philadelphia or Washington, depending upon which club wins the Eastern division laurels. Don Hutson, who stands a good chance to capture the individual scoring championship for the fifth time, brought his total points for the year to 85. He chalked up 17 against the Card-Pitt team on two touchdowns and five conversions. Closest rival of Hutson is Detroit's Frankie Sinkwich, who has 58 points so far and one more game. An even stronger candidate for honors, because he has two league games left, is LeRoy Zimmerman of the Philadelphia Eagles with 55 points. Paul Duhart, a freshman in the pro circuit, played an outstanding game for Green Bay and scored two of the touchdowns. Don Perkins, in his second season with the Bays, made the

other goal crossing. Two touchdowns for the home team were marked up by Bobbie Thurbon, and the other was made by Don Currihan. Conway Baker made the two conversions for the Carpitts. The never-winners scored first, Thurbon plunging for a touchdown early in the first quarter shortly after Marshall Robnett had reached up and intercepted one of Irv Comp's passes. Bakers' kick put them seven points in the van.

DUHART GOES OVER

Late in the first period the Packers tied it up when Duhart plowed over after Hutson had stolen a pass thrown by John Grigas and returned it 45 yards for the two-yard line. Hutson's try for the extra point was perfect and the score was knotted. The second quarter was very young when Duhart swept wide around his left end for a touchdown. Again Hutson's kick was good, and the score stood 14-7. The home team struck back just before the end of the half when Grigas passed to Thurbon for 37 yards, after Chester Bulger had partially blocked Roy McKay's punt. Baker's conversion attempt was for naught, however, and the Packers stayed ahead by a single point. Perkins rifled a pass to Hutson for Green Bay's next touchdown, late in the third quarter, and Hutson's extra point kick made the tally 21 to 13. Early in the final period Perkins intercepted a Grigas aerial and ran back 40 yards. With Hutson's kick, the score was 28 to 13. The Card-Pitts scored the final touchdown

a minute later when Grigas passed to Currvan for a total gain of 72 yards—easily the best toss of the day. Baker converted and the score was 28 to 20. Hutson caught Comp's pass midway in the fourth period for a 42-yard gain and the final scoring jaunt. Again his placement kick was perfect, and the score stood 35 to 20. Green Bay had a definite edge in statistics, gaining a total of 276 yards against 157 for Card-Pitt, and holding a margin of 11 to 5 in first downs. The Packers collected 190 yards in 14 passes, while the Card-Pitts made 138 on six tosses, all of them by Grigas. That man Grigas came close to being the whole show for the home team. He had an excellent day at fullback, running and passing and doing most of the kicking, and a little more support could have meant real trouble for the Packers. Thurbon, at right half, also played well for the Card-Pitts. The line, however, was just another line without any real standouts except for Robnett, the center. There were individual cases of good defensive work, but on the whole the Packers were not given much trouble. Hutson, who played only part of the game, was far from being the only flash on the field for the visitors. McKay, benched by an injury practically all season, did some real work at left halfback. Ted Fritsch, fullback, reeled off some big gains, and Comp did some fine passing. Duhart played a spirited valuable game in the backfield, too, and so did Perkins. Ben Starrett

looked good at quarterback. Lambeau changed his lineup constantly, and gave a maximum number of linemen some battle experience. Bob Flowers, at center, and a comparative newcomer, Ray Wheba, at end, were strong on defense. Glenn Sorenson kicked off for the Packers to open the game, and the Card-Pitt forces immediately launched a fleshy power drive that was to pay off with a touchdown before the Bays could get started. Grigas brought Sorenson's kick back eight yards to the 23-yard line, and then set off on a run for 14 yards and a first down, Perkins pushing him out of bounds on the 37.

PACKERS HALT DRIVE

Blockers opened a hole four yards deep for Bernie Semes on the next play. Five yards more by Grigas and a five-yard penalty on the Packers gave the Card-Pitt a first down a yard over the midfield stripe. There the Carpitts were halted temporarily, Grigas making only one yards on two plays and Duhart spoiling his third down pass attempt. Duhart returned Grigas' punt nine yards to the 25, but the Packers found the going too rough for progress. McKay was piled up after a two-yard plunge and then tried two passes without result. On fourth down, he punted out of bounds on the Card-Pitt 44-yard line. Grigas failed to gain on two tries, and a pass attempt by him was nowhere near a receiver. A 15-yard fine for unnecessary roughness pushed the home eleven back to the 29. Larry Craig and Bill Kuusisto broke through then to spill the energetic Grigas for an 11-yard loss. Two big explosions were set off in rapid succession here. Joe Laws made a spectacular 49-yard run in returning Grigas' punt to the Card-Pitt 49, but the opponents struck back just as suddenly when Robnett intercepted Comp's aerial and sprinted back to the two-yard line - for 49 yards. Grigas crashed the Green Bay wall

National Football Statistics

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PS	OP
GREEN BAY ..	8	2	0	.800	238	141
Chicago Bears ..	5	3	1	.625	209	165
Detroit	5	3	1	.625	178	144
Cleveland	4	3	0	.444	175	198
Card-Pitt	0	9	0	.000	101	279

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PS	OP
New York	6	1	1	.855	159	63
Washington	6	1	1	.855	156	133
Philadelphia ..	5	1	2	.833	207	118
Boston	2	7	0	.222	75	195
Brooklyn	0	9	0	.000	69	132

Sunday's Results

GREEN BAY 35, CARD-PITT 20.
New York 7, Brooklyn 0.
Washington 14, Boston 7.
Chicago Bears 28, Philadelphia 7.
Detroit 26, Cleveland 14.

Next Sunday's Games

Chicago Bears vs. Card-Pitt.
(At Pittsburgh)
Boston at Detroit.
Brooklyn at Philadelphia.
Washington at New York.

The Starting Lineups

GREEN BAY

Urban, le
Croft, lt
Sorenson, lg
Flowers, c
Huechannerri, rg
Schwammel, rt
Wheba, re
Starrett, qb
McKay, lhb
Duhart, rhh
Perkins, fb

CARD-PITT

le, Eova
lt, Duggan
lg, Baker
c, Robnett
rg, Perko
rt, Bulger
re, Rucinski
qb, Rankin
lhb, Magulick
rhh, Semes
fb, Grigas

Replacements

Green Bay: Ends—Hutson, Mason.
Tackles — Kuusisto, Beresney, Ray.
Guards—Tollefson, Goldenberg, Tinsley.
Centers—C. Brock, McPherson.
Backs — Laws, Comp, Craig, Kahler, Fritsch.

Card-Pitt: Ends—Wagner, Currvan.
Tackles — Schultz, Merbovsky, Doyle.
Booth. Guards—Gleiwski. Center—Wukits.
Backs—Thurbon, McCarthy, Popovich.

Score By Periods

Green Bay	7	7	7	14	35
Card-Pitt	7	0	0	7	10

The Scoring

Green Bay: Touchdowns—Duhart 7, Hutson 2, Perkins. Points after touchdowns—Hutson 5. (Placements)
Card-Pitt: Touchdowns—Thurbon 2, Currvan. Points after touchdowns — Baker 2. (Placements)

Team Statistics

First downs — Green Bay 11, Card-Pitt 5.
Yards gained by rushing—Green Bay 48, Card-Pitt 19.
Forward passes attempted — Green Bay 29, Card-Pitt 17.

Forward passes completed — Green Bay 14, Card-Pitt 6.
Yards gained by forward passes — Green Bay 190, Card-Pitt 138.
Yards lost, attempted forward passes — Green Bay 6, Card-Pitt 2.
Forward passes intercepted — By Green Bay 3, Card-Pitt 1.
Yards gained, runback of intercepted passes — Green Bay 79, Card-Pitt 48.

Punting average (from scrimmage)—Green Bay 38.5, Card-Pitt 40.1.
Total yards, kicks returned (includes punts and kickoffs) Green Bay 168, Chi-Pitt 136.
Opponent's fumbles recovered — Green Bay 1, Card-Pitt 0.
Yards lost by penalties—Green Bay 48, Card-Pitt 47.

for half the remaining distance, and Semes made it a half-yard to go before Tiny Croft cracked him up. On the next play Thurbon plunged for the touchdown. Baker's conversion kick was good, and the score was 7-0 for Card-Pitt with the game slightly over eight minutes old. Robnett kicked off for the Carpitts, and Fritsch was stopped on his own 27-yard line after a return of barely a yard. The Stevens Point back ripped over tackle for four yards. Comp was off his mark on one pass attempt and then connected with Laws on another, but the official's horn sounded and the Packers were penalized 15 yards for holding. Fritsch then got off a great punt for 53 yards net, the ball falling dead on the Card-Pitt 33. Two rushes by Grigas netted four yards. The Holy Cross alumnus then uncorked a pitch that landed where Mr. Hutson was able to steal it for Green Bay. In the best Hutson manner, he shifted and sprinted straight for the goal line and stopped only two yards from paydirt when George Magulick caught him on the flank. Fritsch made a yard in two bruising blows. Then Duhart, playing left half at the moment, leaped impolitely over would-be opposition and brought the Packers their first touchdown. Hutson's kick knotted the score at 7-all, with a minute and 40 seconds of the first quarter left to play. Magulick took the kickoff on the goal line and dashed for 30 yards, Charlie Brock nailing him after a dodging run. A 15-yard penalty for unnecessary roughness put the Carpitts down on the 15. The Packers defenses functioned perfectly, and the combine was forced to punt as the second quarter got started.

LAWS RETURNS KICK

Laws took the kick from Grigas and ran out of bounds on the C-P 47-yard line after a 13-yard return. Perkins hit tackle for a yard and then Duhart, with fine blocking from Tinsley, swept wide for a 13-yard gain and first down on the 33. Robnett spilled Perkins for a two-yard loss, and Fritsch was stopped on the scrimmage line. Duhart carried the ball on the next play and, aided by good blocking from Starrett and Fritsch, bore down to the 25-yard line - a gain of 10 good yards. Hutson, carrying the ball for the first time of the afternoon, went around end for five yards, giving the Green Bay eleven a first down on the 20. A rush over tackle by Fritsch was just short of another first down. Eberle Schultz stopped Ted for no gain on the next try, but Duhart, going wide around his own left end, scored the touchdown that put the Packers ahead for good. The second quarter was 4 1/2 minutes old, when Hutson converted to make the tally, 14-7. Sorenson kicked off for the Bays, but an off-side ruling nullified the boot and brought a five-yard penalty. Again Sorenson kicked, Grigas catching the ball on the 20 and returning nine yards to the 29 before Duhart brought him to earth. Charlie Brock held Thurson for a yard gain, and Wheba stopped Grigas cold. Grigas tried a pass that fell to the ground, and then punted, the ball falling dead on the Packers' 39-yard line. McKay went back to pass but was rushed, so he ran instead and went out of bounds on the 41 for a two-yard gain. Two yards were picked up by Perkins. A pass play by McKay was wide, but the Packers gained a first down on their own 48 when the Carpitts were penalized five yards on a holding charge. With the Green Bay eleven functioning smoothly, Duhart went to the Card-Pitt 49, where Grigas nailed him. Then McKay passed to Mason for nine yards, giving the Bays a first down on the 40-yard stripe. Again McKay let sail for Mason, who had the ball in his hands momentarily but dropped it with the ever-present Grigas standing by to make the tackle. Once more McKay went back and passed Duhart, making the catch for almost 10 yards and almost another first down. On the next play McKay was smeared a yard to the 31, and when Perkins' plunge netted a scant yard, the Packers lost possession on the 30. Thurbon was held to no gain as the Carpitts assumed the offensive, but a penalty on the Packers gave them five yards. Popovich drove on to the 39, where Flowers and Perkins ran him out of bounds. After Thurbon lost three yards in two attempts, Grigas punted out over the goal line - a great kick that went down in the books for 64 yards. With the regulars back for the Packers, Laws gained a yard as Schultz hit him hard. Comp passed incomplete, and then connected with Hutson, but the catch was to no avail because Don was slightly over the sideline stripe. Chester Bulger partially blocked McKay's punt, the kick being good for only 16 yards to the 37. On his first pass attempt Grigas was off his mark, but the next time the ball was caught by Thurbon on the 11-yard line. Thurbon spun away from Mason, Brock and Laws and went on for a touchdown that narrowed the gap to one point with only 2 1/2 minutes of the first half remaining. Baker failed in attempting a pass for the extra point. Robnett kicked off for Card-Pitt, Laws returning from the 14 to the Packers' 27-yard line. A long pass by Comp to Hutson was incomplete, but Duhart caught the next one, dodging and twisting and running for an overall gain of 25 yards to the Card-Pitt 48-yard line. Hutson caught Comp's pass for five yards, but Fritsch lost six on a similar play. Changing the usual procedure, Hutson turned passer and all but accomplished a long completion with Wheba just as the gun ended the first half play. Grigas finally stopped Fritsch in returning the kickoff as the third quarter opened, Ted catching the ball on the three-yard line and going out of bounds on the Packers' 47. To show he wasn't fooling, Fritsch then took the ball and went 11 yards and a first down on the Card-Pitt 42-yard line. The Carpitts were offsidies on the play, but the Packers naturally declined to take the penalty. Things continued to click for the Western division champions, and Comp passed to Hutson for nine yards to the 33. Duhart hit guard for a first down on the 29. Hutson failed to catch Comp's pass on the next play, and then the Packers were shoved back 15 yards when Comp was charged with intentionally grounding the ball. With the Bays on the 44-yard line, Comp faded back to pass. The opponents were too fast for him, though, so he ran instead, making a total of 18 yards on the play. Again Comp went back on fourth down, and let fly at Duhart, who caught the leather handily but slipped after taking a scant step. The Packers lost possession here, and the Card-Pitts took over their own 26-yard line. Comp and Fritsch smeared

Grigas for five yards, and Semes was nailed for a couple more. Grigas tried a pass, but Comp made a brilliant interception and was on the Green Bay 45-yard line when Magulick bore him to the ground.

COMP TO DUHART

Comp pitched, then, to Duhart, who ran a dozen yards and stepped out of bounds on the Card-Pitt 23-yard line for a total gain of 32 yards. Perkins plunged one yard as Bulger and Baker nailed him, and then Duhart was spilled for a three-yard loss by Robnett. Comp then tried a pass for Duhart, who all but caught the ball. On fourth down, Comp passed to Craig for ten yards to the 15-yard line, but this was still two yards short of a first down and the Carpitts took over. Grigas failed to gain on his first attempt, and then fumbled with Semes recovering for him but for a loss of five yards. Grigas then gained six yards before punting to Comp, who returned 14 yards to the Card-Pitt 42. After a yard gain by Perkins and an incompleated pass by Comp. Hutson caught a pitch from Comp and in classy style went down to the 4 1/2 yard line for a gain of slightly better than 36 yards. Grigas was all that stopped the scoring champion from adding another six points right there. Perkins tried to run but made nothing, and then rifled a pass to Hutson for a touchdown that made the count 20-13 with two minutes remaining. Hutson's conversion kick, his third of the day, was perfect. Grigas passed to Popovich for two yards and to Bova for 15 just before the fourth quarter got underway. He tried another toss to start the final period but it fell incomplete. An alert Perkins produced a spectacular interception when Grigas passed again. He snared the ball 40 yards from the goal and ran unchallenged for a touchdown with the fourth quarter 25 seconds old. Hutson's kick for the extra point was good, leaving the score 28 to 13. A 28-yard kickoff return from the goal line by Grigas got the Card-Pitts started on their final touchdown journey. Grigas tried a long aerial to Thurbon, but it was wide of the mark. The next time he made connections with Currivan, who took the ball on the 38 and sped the long distance to the goal with Hutson in close pursuit. The fleet Green Bay end was slowly narrowing the gap when Currivan crossed the line for a total gain of 72 yards. Baker kicked the extra point, making the score 28-20 with the fourth quarter a minute and 30 seconds old. Craig returned Baker's kickoff to his own 35-yard line. Fritsch made seven yards and then four more for a first down on the 46. Duhart was smeared for two yards, and, after Comp tried two passes without result, McKay punted to the end zone for a net distance of 56 yards. Baby Ray spilled Popovich for a four-yard loss, but Grigas went wide for seven yards before Ray again made the tackle. Five yards' penalty was assessed against the Card-Pitts for too much time in the huddle, and Grigas punted out to McKay, who returned two yards to the Card-Pitt 44. Fritsch failed to gain, and then Hutson carried the ball for two yards. On the next play Comp passed to Hutson on the goal line with Grigas standing harmlessly by. Eight minutes remained when Hutson kicked the extra point to make the score 35 to 20. Popovich returned the kickoff from the goal line to the 27, and then made two yards on a rushing play. Thurbon slicked off another yard, but the a five-yard penalty put the Carpitts back on their own 25. Grigas punted after he failed on an aerial try, McKay returned 17 yards to the Card-Pitt 47. Craig failed to gain, and McKay, after barely missing Duhart on a pass, swept around end for two yards on fourth down. The Card-Pitts took possession on their own 44, and Grigas went eight yards. He then passed to Popovich for six yards, and



GANGWAY!—A couple of Green Bay Packers (Paul Duhart, with ball, and Pete Tinsley, running interference) were on the loose when this photo was snapped in the first quarter of yesterday's grid clash between Green Bay and the Card-Pitts at Chicago. Duhart's running was good for 7 yards.
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plunged on the next play for a first down on the 44. Thurbon failed to catch Grigas' aerial and then Mason smeared Popovich for 11 yards. Grigas passed to Thurbon for 16 yards as the Carpitts tried desperately to reach scoring territory, but Thurbon fumbled and Buckets Goldenberg made the recovery for Green Bay on its own 40-yard line. Slightly over two minutes remained with the Packers in possession again. Duhart went two yards, and Comp passed to Craig for eight yards and a first down. Fritsch tore through for five yards. Robnett spoiled Comp's pass attempt, and then Comp was smeared by Bova for 14 yards as the game ended.

GREEN BAY - 7 7 7 14 - 35
CARD-PITT - 7 6 0 7 - 20

SCORING

1ST - C-P - Bob Thurbon, 1-yard run (Conway Baker kick) CARD-PITT 7-0

1ST - GB - Paul Duhart, 1-yard run (Don Hutson kick) TIED 7-7

2ND - GB - Duhart, 11-yard run (Hutson kick) GREEN BAY 14-7

2ND - C-P - Thurbon, 37-yard pass from John Grigas (Baker kick failed) GREEN BAY 14-13

3RD - GB - Hutson, 36-yard pass from Don Perkins (Hutson kick) GREEN BAY 21-13

4TH - GB - Don Perkins, 40-yard interception return (Hutson kick) GREEN BAY 28-13

4TH - C-P - Don Currivan, 72-yard pass from Grigas (Baker kick) GREEN BAY 28-20

4TH - GB - Hutson, 42-yard pass from Comp (Hutson kick) GREEN BAY 35-20

Nothing Proved by Bay Victory

HUTSON-AS CHICAGO MAY NEVER AGAIN SEE HIM



Don Hutson (left), Green Bay's great end, carrying the ball for a gain of seven yards and a first down against the Card-Pitts in Comiskey park yesterday in what may prove to be the last National Football league game of the veteran star's career. Don threatens to retire at the conclusion of the 1944 campaign. Waiting either to stop Hutson or help him on his way are Eberle Schultz (48) of the Card-Pitts, Irv Comp of the Packers, and Bernie Semes, Al Merkovsky (17), and Walt Rankin (28), all of the Card-Pitts. The Packers won, 35 to 20. (TRIBUNE PHOTO)

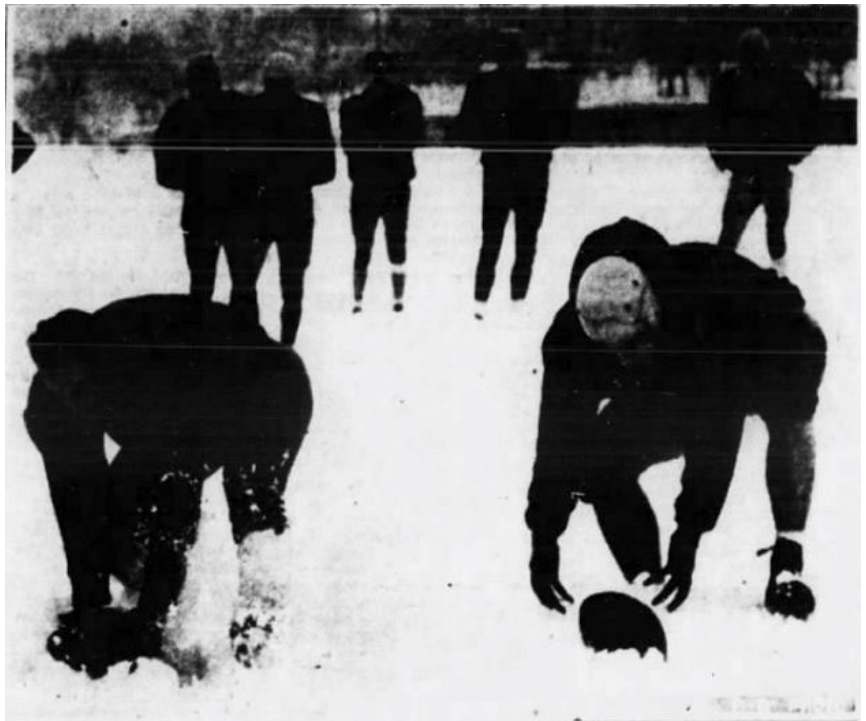
NOTHING PROVED BY BAY VICTORY

NOV 27 (Chicago) - The outcome of Sunday's football game between the Packers and Card-Pitts surprised no one and proved very little. The Packers won, as they were expected to, and closed their league season with a record of eight victories and two defeats, firmly in possession of the Western division championship in the NFL. They now have three weeks to prepare for the championship playoff against whomever wins the Eastern division title, the first week of which will be spent on their first vacation since practice was called last August. They did not

play a championship game Sunday, but they were effective enough to score five touchdowns, two more than they needed to beat the Chicago Cardinal and Pittsburgh Steelers combine. From the viewpoint of Green Bay fans, the most notable department was the play of Paul Duhart, who alternated at right and left halfback, scored a touchdown from each of these positions, and generally distinguished himself. The 180-pound Florida halfback had an active afternoon and so did the Card-Pitt ends who spent it trying to catch up with him. Coach Curly Lambeau, who remained in Chicago for a Sunday night conference with league officials but expected to return to Green Bay today, had praise for Duhart in the Comiskey park dressing room just after the game, but he was accepting congratulations on the Bays' eighth victory with reservations...SOME MENTAL LAPSES: "We had some mental lapses in the first half," he said, "and those fellows were keyed for us. The second half went better. I thought that the Card-Pitt line played beautiful ball - they wanted to take us and they did their best to," Lambeau declared. Since they pay off on results, the 19 yards which the Cardinals posted as their net

gain on the ground is a pretty good tribute to the Packers' defensive play. Johnny Grigas, who up until Sunday had gained 589 yards in eight games to lead the pro loop, just couldn't get breathing space to display his usually effective technique. He made 14 yards on the second play of the game from scrimmage, and that was his longest of the day - twice he went for eight yards but generally he was held to three or under, and on several occasions he was trapped for bad losses. Grigas was in trouble all afternoon. On the occasions when he did get through the Bay forward wall, the boys up front had taken care of his interference, and he was easy meat for somebody in the secondary...TOO MUCH HUTSON: Co-Coach Phil Handler of the Card-Pitt combine made exactly the same comment after the game that he did after the earlier engagement in Green Bay. Caught at the foot of the ramp leading to the Cardinal dressing room, he declared: "Too much Hutson, that's all - I hope to live see the day when we can play the Packers without Hutson. Without him today the Packers would have been out of luck. He's a fine fellow and a great player, but I'd like to play that team when they don't have him." His earlier "Too-much-Hutson" statement was made after the first Card-Pitt defeat at the hands of the Packers on City stadium soil, when the Bays won, 34 to 7, and Hutson counted 15 of the points, two fewer than he got Sunday. Like Lambeau, Handler praised the work of the Cardinal forward wall, which was paced by Marshall Robnett, a rough, tough, 208-pound center from Texas A&M, and by Chet Bulger, a 235-pound tackle. Handler's associate, Walt Kiesling, agreed that the Card-Pitt line had one of its best days - "from tackle to tackle" was his added qualification...COMFORTABLE LEAD: The 17 points which Hutson gathered Sunday gave him a comfortable 27-point lead over Frankie Sinkwich of the Lions, who scored only two extra points against Cleveland. Hutson has nine touchdowns and 31 extra points for a total of 85, and Frankie has 58 points including six touchdowns. The Eagles' Roy Zimmerman was held to a lone point in their game with the Bears, giving him 56. Unless the Georgia fireball gets

awfully hot in Detroit's final game, or Zimmerman catches on fire in his last two tilts, Hutson will win his fifth consecutive NFL scoring championship. Don turned on the placekicking machinery for all of the Bays' points Sunday and caught two touchdowns from Irv Comp, one a perfectly-executed pitch that Don took on the goal line, and the other a five-yard effort that crossed up the opposition after a 36-yard Comp-to-Hutson completion had carried the ball there. He narrowly missed another earlier when he was tackled two yards short of the goal after intercepting a Grigas pass out near midfield...MIKE BREAKS ARM: Mike Bucchanieri suffered a broken arm, apparently the only serious Packer casualty. He stayed in for one play after the injury, a circumstance which provided the Bays with a "free" timeout. Joe Laws looked badly hurt when he was removed from the game on a kickoff return shortly before the end of the first half. En route home on a Milwaukee Road



A school boy's delight, good "packing" snow, helped the Packers to mix some fun with their work Tuesday. Despite a four-inch layer on the practice field, the team held a lengthy practice. The photos above show some of the fun. In the top shot, Ben Starrett and an unidentified player go after fumbles while other members of the squad look on in the background. Tackle Baby Ray, lower photo, and two teammates use their combined energy to throw a huge snowball.

train Sunday night, however, Laws, who just keeps going after insisting that he's getting too old for the game, said he thought his ribs were all right. He was tackled after a 13-yard kickoff return and the ribs got squeezed in a pile-up...CORRECT PREDICTION: Curly Lambeau correctly predicted the Bears' 28-7 victory over Philadelphia Sunday. The defeat caused the Eagles to skid into third place but the Eastern title is still anybody's. New York and Washington are tied for the top because the Eagles have two ties while they have one each, but the Giants and Redskins play each other two games in successive Sundays. There's a host of fans willing to bet that Stout Steve Owen's Giants will take both games and the title. After all the hullabaloo in the recently-developed Packer-Giant feud, a championship playoff would be quite an affair. On paper, however, Philadelphia still has the best chances since either New York or Washington must sweep the two-game series the Eagles out...WORKING CONDITIONS: Getting back to Sunday's Packer game, it was played under rather peculiar circumstances. The crowd was small and generally quiet in the murky light at Comiskey park. We would have had to depend

on the National league's George Strickler and his broadcast to press box writers for coverage, except that someone finally got the idea of raising the press box windows. The windows were blackened by soot which collected all during the baseball season, the outdoor light was bad and the press box itself is the one used for baseball, high above the field off the southwest corner of the gridiron. Strickler spotted plays with a pair of high-powered field glasses. Harry McNamara of the Chicago Sun, however, initiated a campaign to raise the windows just before the game started and the writers could see a little better after that. About 20 minutes fore game time a real, live cash customer appeared at the top of the ramp near the press box to find his seat, and two ushers who had been completely idle until then ceremoniously bowed him to it...FIELD A BIT SOGGY: The field was somewhat soggy as a result of rain Saturday night. It didn't help any that the baseball infield was on the football playing field and the baselines, with grass, take up much of the gridiron. The way the grid is arranged, home plate is in the end zone at the southwest corner, the first base line runs along the northwest corner and the third base line stretches across the football field at about the 35-yard line. There were scoreboards in right and left fields but near the end of the game the Packers



Harold (Red) Grange (above), famed "Galloping Ghost" of the gridiron of two decades ago, tells of plans for a new eight-team professional football loop in his office in Chicago. Plans call for league to start playing in 1945 under Grange's direction. (Associated Press Photo)

had four sevens, one in each quarter, and the Cards had two. One of the scorekeepers ran out of sevens and had to put up a six, and the other had used his last one...THRILLS FOR FANS: The scoring plays Sunday provided most of the thrills for the small crowd on hand. The first quarter was fought out on a horse-apiece basis. Robnett intercepted a pass at midfield about midway in the quarter and ran to the two-yard line, where Irv Comp caught him, and on third down Thurbon squeezed over the goal. A little later Hutson intercepted and ran all the way to the two, where he was cut down by George Magulick, and again on third down, Paul Duhart, playing left half, hurdled an opponent and landed, nose first, over the goal. In the second period, Duhart scored again on a run around the other end from the right half position on an 11-yard strike, helped by a vicious block by Ted Fritsch. Then Grigas passed to Thurbon, who stole the ball from three Packers on the 11-yard line and romped over before the Bays knew he had it. Just before the end of the third period Huston, all alone in the end

zone, took a five-yard pass from Comp after a similar play had netted 36 yards and brought the ball to that point. Starting the fourth quarter, Don Perkins intercepted a flat pass and went 40 yards with no one around him even threatening to tackle. A moment later Grigas passed about 10 yards to Don Curriuan, who ran 62 yards with Hutson slowly gaining but not quite able to catch up with him, and each team had scored seven points in one minute and 25 seconds. The final was a beautifully fashioned Comp-to-Hutson pass which the packer wingman took on the goal line, a 42-yard heave, with Grigas flat on his face after an effort to break it up...**COMMANDER DEMPSEY:** Cmdr. Jack Dempsey of the Coast Guard, who is appearing at a War bond show in Chicago, saw the game and spoke briefly between halves on the Sixth War Loan drive, declaring that he "liked only one thing better than football - more football." A couple of kids' playground teams played between halves, one of them the "Junior Cardinals" from Columbus park. Before the game the Junior Marine drill team from Marine Post 273, American Legion, put on an exhibition, and between halves they had their pictures taken with Cmdr. Dempsey. A Packer dressing room visitor just after the game was Lt. Jim Whatley, an Alabama teammate of Hutson - he played tackle on their Rose Bowl team, and later with Brooklyn - who is stationed at the Navy Midshipmen's school at Northwestern university. Another was Mike Michalske, who needs no introduction as a veteran Packers. Championships are an old story to Mike. Irv Comp's father from Milwaukee was also on hand...**WEEK'S LAYOFF:** The season concluded, the Packers were granted a full week's rest from practice and about a dozen of them failed to make the trip home, choosing instead to visit their homes. The ones who have been nursing injuries, however, were ordered back to Green Bay for treatment. The players will report for practice next Monday, but Lambeau's orders are that no one can report with added weight, and some have been ordered to lose five or six pounds in the interval. No matter who wins the Eastern division title, the Packers will probably be underdogs in the championship playoff by virtue of their defeats at the hands of Philadelphia and New York, and that won't hurt the Green Bay cause a bit.

MAKE GAMES PLANS

NOV 27 (Chicago) - Officials of the Green Bay Packers, Western division champions, and the three contenders for the Eastern title will meet in Philadelphia Tuesday to make plans for the NFL playoff for the world's professional championship Dec. 17. Coach Curly Lambeau of the Packers said after Sunday's game with the Card-Pitts in Chicago that he did not plan to attend the Philadelphia meeting, since he had arranged to meet with league officials in Chicago Sunday night. He was expected to return to Green Bay today.

RED GRANGE, CHOSEN HEAD OF UNITED STATES LOOP, ENVISIONS GRIDIRON WORLD SERIES IN POSTWAR ERA

NOV 28 (Chicago) - Harold (Red) Grange, who hasn't been out of touch with football since his heyday as the "Galloping Ghost" of the University of Illinois gridiron, has another football job today, and with it he envisioned a possible "Gridiron World Series" for the postwar era. Grange Monday was elected president of the newly organized United States Football League. Today he was making plans for the day when the champions of the pay-for-play leagues can get together in postseason games to determine the champion...**POSTSEASON SERIES:** "I see no reason why there cannot be two, three or even four leagues over the country of major caliber, and I feel confident such a postseason series would be a boon to the game," he said in an interview. "You can see that it has done for baseball. It would do the same for us." With final organization of the USFL, there now are three circuits located in the midwest and east - the long-established NFL, the All-America conference and the loop headed by Grange. The latter two expect to begin operation next year...**EIGHT HAVE FRANCHISES:** Eight cities - including Honolulu - were granted franchises in the USFL Monday, and four more are expected to be added before the 1945 season, Grange said. They are: Chicago, Baltimore, New York, Washington, Philadelphia, Akron and Boston. "We will hold a meeting in Akron Dec. 8 and 9 to work out final details of operation," Grange said. "We want to work out a draft system, for one thing. Honolulu, of course, will have to keep its team in this country for the war, and will operate in Cincinnati until transportation can be arranged." He said a number of players already had been contacted, both in and out of the service, and were "receptive" to offers...**MEET WITH OTHERS:** "Them we want to meet with officers of other leagues and work out, if possible, arrangements on drafting of players, and so forth, along similar lines of those used by the baseball leagues. With that, we can probably work out plans for postseason games." Grange said the league had been incorporated under Illinois laws, and would have its headquarters here. Each franchise holder put up a \$10,000 guarantee.



Red Grange.

Chicago—J. E. [Ned] Grimes, a consulting engineer, and others. Baltimore—A. H. Ehlers, president of the Interstate Baseball league. Philadelphia—J. J. Ahrin, business man. Washington—Lt. Harry L. Harris, an insurance man now in the coast guard. New York—W. S. Palmer, a contractor. Honolulu—Ralph W. Olson, business man, Dr. Samuel L. Yee, Chinese surgeon, and F. J. Brickner, a navy employee who once played football at St. Mary's. Cal. Akron—Charles Burns, representative of the Akron Rubber bowl and 50 stockholders. Boston's franchise holders were not identified.

Coach Lambeau Is Plenty Busy While Packers Take Brief Layoff

COACH LAMBEAU IS PLENTY BUSY WHILE PACKERS TAKE BRIEF LAYOFF

NOV 28 (Green Bay) - Although the Packers don't swing into practice sessions until next Monday, no time is being wasted in the office of Coach Curly Lambeau to get things moving in the right direction for the Bays' championship game against the Eastern division title winner in the east either Dec. 17 or Dec. 24. The New York Giants play host to the Washington Redskins. Meanwhile, the Philadelphia Eagles will play the Brooklyn Tigers. The former tussle will perhaps draw the greater interest because the teams are now tied for first place while the Philly club is half a game out...FOREGOES SESSION: Coach Lambeau was supposed to be in Philadelphia today for a meeting to determine arrangements for when the divisional winners meet. But the Packer head man begged off, explaining, "I have too much work to do in Green Bay." Commissioner

Elmer Layden consented and took Lambeau's votes on ticket prices, entertainment and so forth with him to the Philadelphia session. Lambeau will go east the end of this week, however, to scout the New York-Washington game while Eddie Kotal will be in Philadelphia charting the Eagles. Eddie, former halfback coach of the Bays, has been doing a masterful job with the diagrams this year. Double scouting Sunday is necessary because, as explained before, the Eagles, Giants or Redskins could be the Packers' opponents in the playoff...MAY GO



It was because of weather like this that the Green Bay Packers, champions in the western division of the pro league, quit their haunts in Green Bay for the warmer climate of Charlottesville, Va., to finish preparations for their championship play-off with the winners of the

eastern division Dec. 17. Asst. Coach George Trafton (left) watches linemen push the charging machine. The Packers finished their regular season Nov. 26, then laid off a week. They left for Virginia Wednesday after two days of work in the snow. —AP

TO VIRGINIA: Between taking care of a host of other details, Lambeau said Monday, after his return from Chicago, that the ball club might train the week prior to the contest in Charlottesville, Vir. The historical city of the south has sent invitations galore to Packer headquarters to have them train here and Lambeau has wired acceptance on a tentative basis. Whether team goes east earlier depends pretty much on the weather in Green Bay, the coach said. If mild conditions continue, a week's sessions will be held here with the second week in Charlottesville. However, should the temperature drop below normal, the entire two weeks may be spent there. Lambeau said he would prefer remaining here with the break to come between the first and second weeks...HAS CRACKED RIB: The Packers are to return to practice next Monday morning. It developed Monday afternoon that veteran halfback Joe Laws sustained a cracked rib in the Card-Pitt contest. He, however, is expected to be in shape for the title game, his fourth as a member of the team. The week's rest is also designed to give other bumps and bruises a chance to heal so that the team will be in top physical condition when drills open. This, of course, excludes guard Mike Bucchanieri, who suffered a broken arm in last Sunday's match. Lambeau said that Mike's injury would probably be sufficiently on repair by game time to allow him to see some action.

HUTSON PRACTICALLY ASSURED OF FIFTH STRAIGHT SCORING CROWN

NOV 29 (Chicago) - Amazing Don Hutson of the Green Bay Packers - who meant to retire three seasons ago - now virtually owns his fifth straight scoring title and fourth straight pass grabbing championship in the NFL. The 31 year old Hutson,

who last Sunday ended his tenth campaign except for the playoff, has a season total of 85 points on nine touchdowns and 31 extra points. He is 27 points ahead of Frankie Sinkwich of the Detroit Lions in second place, who has one game left. Hutson also has the pass grabbing title apparently stowed away. Runnerup is lanky Jim Benton of the Cleveland Rams, who must catch 21 passes in the one remaining contest to equal the incredible Hutson's total of 58. Hutson, who was lured from his announced retirement by Coach Curly Lambeau this fall for the third straight season, gained 966 yards on his 58 receptions, the second highest total of his career. Hutson set the league record in 1942 when he piled up 1,211 yards on 74 completions. Other statistics, meanwhile, reveal that halfback Bill Paschal of New York has regained the ground gaining lead from Johnny Grigas of the Chicago-Pittsburgh combine. The defending champion has compiled 625 yards on 149 plays, holding a 15-yard bulge over Grigas, who has 610 on 185 plays. Paschal has two games left and Grigas one. Frankie Filchok of the Washington Redskins continues to hold his passing lead over Sid Luckman of the Chicago Bears. Filchok has connected 77 times in 130 attempts. Luckman has 67 completions in 133 tosses, but lags in yardage gained, 1,107 to 965.

EASTERN OWNERS FLIP COIN TO SET PLAYOFF

NOV 29 (Green Bay) - Every possible development in the Eastern division race was considered by officials of the NFL and owners of the Washington, Philadelphia, and New York elevens when they met at Philadelphia Tuesday and flipped a coin to determine where playoff games would be played in the event the season ends in a tie. Meanwhile, the Packers engaged in various types of vacation activities including everything from deer hunting to gin rummy. The Eastern division has not had such a close race in such time despite the fact that it ended in a tie in 1943. Then only two teams were involved. This year it is possible for the pennant chase to end in a three-way tie, a two-way tie, or a clear cut advantage by the time Dec. 10 games are over. A three-way tie would bring the championship playoff to Dec. 31, a double knot would cause it to be scheduled Dec. 24...TO PACKERS' ADVANTAGE: The Packers naturally hope that one team rules the division after Dec. 10 because extra games would mean a lessening of their chances through inactivity. It would be to their advantage to have the championship tussle on Dec. 17, giving them two solid weeks of practice. At least one week will be spent at Charlottesville, Va., and possibly two depending on weather conditions here next week. Club owners in the Eastern division tossed coins under the watchful eye of Commissioner Elmer Layden to determine sites of playoff contests. If Philadelphia and New York tie, the playoff will be in New York; if Philadelphia and Washington tie, it will be in Washington; if Washington and New York tie, Washington will get the game...THREE-WAY KNOT: In the event of a three-way tie, Philadelphia will play at Washington and the winner will play at New York. The loser of the Philadelphia-Washington game will be ruled out of the running. Right now the Redskins and Giants are tied for first place with six victories, one loss and one tie while the Eagles are in second place with five victories, one defeat and two ties. Here are some of the possibilities next Sunday. If New York and Washington tie in their Polo Grounds contest while the Eagles defeat Brooklyn, the race will be a deadlock among the three. If the Giants win and the Eagles also are victorious, New York will be in first, the Eagles in second place and Washington in third. If Washington wins it will be the Redskins first, Eagles second (if they win also) and Giants third...GIANTS ARE FAVORED: Obviously, it will be easier to tell what the setup is likely to be after next Sunday's contests are out of the way. The following week the Eagles play host to Cleveland while New York and Washington meet in a return tussle at Washington. Right now, the Giants are given the best chance to cop the pennant. If they do, the setup for the championship game will be perfect inasmuch as the Packers lost to the Giants a week and a half ago, 24-0. No matter who wins the East, the Packers will be meeting a team to which they have lost once before in 1944. In a preseason exhibition the Redskins won, 20-7. In another exhibition at Nashville Oct. 15, the Eagles triumphed 38-13. Then came the loss to New York.

(Including games of Nov. 26)

Leading Ground Gainers

	Atts	YG	LG	Ave
Paschal, N. Y.	149	625	68	4.1
Grigas, Card-Pitt	185	610	29	3.2
Sinkwich, Det.	150	563	72	3.8
Manders, Brook.	119	407	13	3.4
Van Buren, Phil.	61	384	70	6.3
Davis, Bost.	82	335	80	4.1
Margarita, Bears	79	334	23	4.2
Fritsch, G. Bay	94	307	18	3.2
Grygo, Bears	49	306	66	6.2
Bleeker, Phil.	51	290	37	5.6
Fordham, Bears	60	286	27	4.8
Seymour, Wash.	78	276	35	3.5
Famiglietti, Bears	58	264	16	4.6
Hinkle, Phila.	63	264	26	4.2
Westfall, Det.	55	228	75	4.2
West, Cleve.	62	217	31	3.5
Colella, Cleve.	49	212	75	4.3
Perkins, G. Bay	58	207	26	3.5
L. Brock, G. Bay	36	200	42	5.5
Laws, G. Bay	45	200	20	4.4

LONGEST GAIN—80 yards, by R. Davis, Boston, vs. Brooklyn, Nov. 19.

Leading Passers

	Att	Com	YG	Td	Pct	LP
Filchok, Wash.	130	77	1107	13	59.2	61
Luckman, Bears	133	67	965	11	50.4	86
Comp, G. Bay	177	60	1159	12	45.2	55
Baugh, Wash.	77	43	435	3	55.8	71
Reisz, Cleve.	99	43	612	6	43.5	53
Sinkwich, Det.	147	58	1060	12	39.4	57
Ronzani, Bears	46	22	397	6	47.9	75
Zim'man, Phil.	87	33	622	6	38.1	72
Grigas, C-P	131	50	690	3	42.2	58
Herber, N. Y.	71	30	532	*3	42.2	58

LONGEST COMPLETIONS—86 yards, by S. Luckman, Chicago Bears, vs. Boston, Nov. 12. (Touchdown).

Standing computed by inverse grading system based on number of completions, per cent of completions, touchdown passes, yards gained and per cent of interceptions.

Leading Pass Receivers

	R	YG	LG	T
Hutson, G. Bay	58	966	53	9
Benton, Cleve.	37	477	36	6
Moore, Wash.	28	339	59	4
Aguirre, Wash.	26	325	58	4
Wilson, Bears	24	265	24	4
Masterson, Brook.	23	260	30	1
Berry, Bears	20	368	51	3

LONGEST COMPLETIONS—86 yards, by R. McLean, Chicago Bears, vs. Boston, Nov. 12. (Touchdown).

Leading Scorers

	TR	TP	TT	XP	FG	TP
Hutson, G. Bay	0	9	9	31	0	85
Sinkwich, Det.	6	0	6	19	1	58
Zimmerman, Phil.	3	0	3	26	4	56
Bleeker, Phil.	4	4	8	0	0	48
Paschal, N. Y.	8	0	8	0	0	48
Aguirre, Wash.	0	4	4	14	2	44
Benton, Cleve.	1	6	7	0	0	42
McLean, Bears	2	5	7	0	0	42
Zontini, Cleve.	3	0	3	14	3	40

Field Goal Leaders

	Made	Att	Lgst
Strong, N. Y.	5	10	38
Zim'man, Phila.	4	8	49
Zontini, Cleve.	3	6	39

LONGEST — 49 yards, by L. Zimmerman, Philadelphia, vs. Boston, Oct. 22.

Leading Punters

	Stdg	No.	AD	L
Sinkwich, Det.	1	43	41.4	73
Younce, N. Y.	2	41	41.1	72
Johnson, Brook.	3	23	42.6	76
Baugh, Wash.	4	39	40.7	76
McEnulty, Bears	5	21	42.4	60

LONGEST—76 yards, by S. Baugh, Washington, vs. Cleveland, Nov. 5, and by C. Johnson, Brooklyn, vs. Philadelphia, Nov. 5.

Packers Fumble Only 11 Times for Record

**New National League Mark for Miscues Is
One Under Previous Total; Bays Marked Up
238 Points in 10 Games; Hutson Makes 85**

The Scoring Summary:

	TD	PAT	TP	ATP
Hutson, e	9	31	85	726
Lou Brock, hb	5	0	30	80
Fritsch, fb	5	0	30	67
Laws, hb	4	0	24	132
Duhart, hb	4	0	24	24
Comp, hb	3	0	18	42
Starrett, fb	2	0	12	12
Perkins, fb	2	0	12	12
Sorenson, g	0	1	1	1
Totals	34	32	236*	—

*Safety vs. Card-Pitt.

TD — Touchdowns. PAT — Points after touchdowns. TP—Total points for 1944 season. ATP—All-time points.

PACKERS FUMBLE ONLY 11 TIME FOR RECORD

NOV 30 (Green Bay) - The Packers, standing by while Eastern division top rung teams prepare to sweat through their last two weeks of regular league play, set one new record, gained six-tenths of a yard more on the average than their opponents and outscored them by 97 points, a final compilation of statistics by the NFL showed today. In winning their seventh title, the Bays set a new record for fewest fumbles in one season. They fumbled only 11 times in 10 games, one less than the mark set by Brooklyn in 1934 and tied by Detroit last season. The Packers recovered four of their own miscues, and picked up 12 of their opponents' twenty-five fumbles...SCORED 238 POINTS: Despite shutouts by the Chicago Bears and the New York Giants, the Green Bay eleven rolled up 238 points while holding their opponents to 141. Offensively, Don

Hutson tallied 85 points. He caught nine touchdown passes and made 31 points after touchdown. His points after helped him to break the league record with a total of 141, seven better than the previous mark of 134 set by Jack Manders of the Bears. Eight other Packers figured in the scoring this season with several of the veterans boosting their all-time marks considerably. Hutson's total for 10 seasons now stands at 726 points. Nobody is within shouting distance of the mark, the next best total being that of Manders, who tallied 368 points in eight seasons. Clarke Hinkle, former Packer fullback, stands third in the all-time league standings with 367...SEVEN OTHERS TALLY: Others who figured in the scoring this season include Lou Brock, who didn't play the last four games, and Ted Fritsch with five touchdowns and 30 points each; Joe Laws and rookie Paul Duhart, four touchdowns each for 24 points; Irv Comp with three for 18; Ben Starrett and Don Perkins with two each. Glen Sorenson kicked one point after touchdown for a single point, his first as a Packers. The other two points were gained on a safety against the Card-Pitts. According to the league statistics, Green Bay compiled the following marks: first downs 147 (70 rushing, 63 passing and 14 by penalty); total yards gained 2,034 (1,517 rushing, 1,471 passing, 30 by laterals); passes attempted 253, completed 105, 24 intercepted; punts 48; average distance 36.9 yards; penalties 62; yards penalized 558; 34 touchdowns (19 running, 15 passing); extra points 32...GOOD ON PASSES: Defensively, the Packers allowed their opponents 114 first downs; 2,417 yards total of which 1,130 were made rushing, 1,229 passing and 58 by laterals. The Packers' defensive work on passes allowed only 89 completions of 226 thrown by opponents. In addition, they intercepted 28 enemy aerals, three of which were returned for touchdowns - two by Perkins and one by Fritsch. Rounding out their 25th year of professional football, the Packers have won 222 games, lost 77 and tied 22 for a .742 percentage. During that time they won the championship five times, thrice before the league was split into two divisions and twice since 1933. They were defeated by New York in the 1938 playoff. In 1941, a tie for the Western division pennant was resolved when the Bears took the playoff in Chicago.

BEARS ASSUME DOUBTFUL TITLE

NOVEMBER 30 (Chicago) - The Chicago Bears had three new all-time NFL records on the books Thursday. They backed into them, literally. Even Coach Heartley (Hunk) Anderson was not too proud. Here they are: Most penalties in one game, 22. Most yard penalized in one game, 170. Most penalties in one season, 105. The Bears set all three against Philadelphia last Sunday. Official league statistics reveal the team came within five yards of equaling another, the 905 yard mark for

most yards penalized in one season. They may crack that one when they close their season against the Card-Pitts at Pittsburgh Sunday. The Bears already held records No. 2 and 2 in the above list and the 905 yard mark, too. Green Bay continued to dominate the offensive play with most yards gained, 3,024; most first downs, 147; most yards gained rushing, 1,517; most touchdowns, 34, and most points, 238. Washington led in most yards from passes, 1,575. The Packers, Don Hutson & Co., however, were third in touchdowns scored on passes on 15. The Bears were tops with 18 and Washington second with 16. Defensively New York leads the league with but 62 points scored against the Giants and 1,693 yards given up.

Red Smith's Reply Brings New Blast From Packer Head Coach

Lambeau Repeats Charge That Ex-Line Coach Gave 'Misinformation' for Magazine Story

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PS	OP
GREEN BAY	8	2	0	.800	238	141
Chicago Bears	5	3	1	.625	209	165
Detroit	5	3	1	.625	178	144
Cleveland	4	5	0	.444	175	198
Card-Pitt	0	9	0	.000	101	279

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PS	OP
New York	6	1	1	.855	159	63
Washington	6	1	1	.855	156	133
Philadelphia	5	1	2	.833	207	118
Boston	2	7	0	.222	75	195
Brooklyn	0	9	0	.000	69	132

Sunday's Games

Chicago Bears vs. Card-Pitt.
(At Pittsburgh)
Boston at Detroit.
Brooklyn at Philadelphia.
Washington at New York.

Last Sunday's Results

GREEN BAY 35, CARD-PITT 20.
New York 7, Brooklyn 0.
Washington 14, Boston 7.
Chicago Bears 28, Philadelphia 7.
Detroit 26, Cleveland 14.

RED SMITH'S REPLY BRINGS NEW BLAST FROM PACKER HEAD COACH

DEC 1 (Green Bay) - Coach Curly Lambeau emphatically repeated today his previous statement that former Packer line coach Red Smith had "misinformed" a New York writer about the relationship between end Don Hutson and former halfback Cecil Isbell and also the star end's ability to get along with other members of the Green Bay team. The Packer coach's statement was in answer to letters to the Press-Gazette from Smith, who enclosed a copy of a missive he received from Arthur Daley, sports editor of the New York Times and author of a recent article in a national magazine about Hutson. The article said Hutson and Isbell had not been on speaking terms during Isbell's last season here and that Hutson was resented by some of his teammates...SMITH SENDS LETTER: Smith's letter to the Press-Gazette said, "Enclosing a copy of a letter from Art Daley. I hope this will correct any idea that Lambeau misinformed the public about. Little boys always come home to cry and this time it is the coach and not the players. They are all a fine bunch and we have a lot of respect for them. Again Lambeau used his masterful art of twisting words and was not man enough to take a loss. Our club was ready and we just beat, fair and square, a good Packer team. Regarding Lambeau's statement, all the years I spent in Green Bay, I never

had any trouble with any players, Don Hutson, whom I have the greatest respect for, or Lambeau as a coach. Everyone in the Packers organization, the press, the radio and the fans, treated me wonderful and I have only the deepest respect for them all."...DALEY DENIES SOURCE: Daley's letter to Smith, a carbon copy of which was enclosed, said, "In case you missed the enclosed clipping - which you probably haven't - here it is. I must say that I was shocked by it. I did speak twice to Curly Lambeau, although I never before knew that private conversations were subject to use in the public prints. The first time I spoke to Curly your name never was mentioned. The second time he specifically asked me if I had spoken to you. I told him that I had talked to many persons and had picked up considerable information throughout the many years I had covered professional football. Apparently, Curly chose to jump to conclusions he wanted to jump at. According to all traditions of the craft, newspapermen never reveal their sources of information. I think, perhaps, that is answer enough."...SPOKE TWICE TO WRITER: Lambeau, repeating what he had previously said, emphasized that "I had talked to Daley twice on the phone as he says in the letter, and twice he very definitely told me that Red had given him the information for the article. Furthermore, Daley told me, 'Red is of my list from now on,' indicating that he was very much put out about the whole thing." The Packer coach continued that he felt it was his duty to protect the men who are working for him on the ball club and that was his purpose in criticizing the article. He continued, "Even though the article had no reference to me, it misinformed the public about one of my players who is, in fact, one of the best liked men on the team." As far as waiting until after the game with the Giants to issue his statement, Lambeau said he had planned to do that Friday before the Packers played the New York eleven. Subsequently, both Isbell and Hutson denied they had ever had any arguments and emphatically denied that they had not been on speaking terms during 1941, Isbell's last season with the team.

In his previous statement, Lambeau also said that he had had trouble with Smith while he was here but had always protected him. Smith resigned last February as line coach and was hired shortly after by the Giants.

PACKERS WILL TRAIN IN VIRGINIA

DEC 1 (Milwaukee Journal) - Weather item: The Packers will take no chances with icy blasts around here, so come next Friday they will shove off for the warm climate, or relatively warm climate, of Charlottesville, Va., where they will put in their last week of work for the championship game December 17...The head master, Curly Lambeau himself, will scout the Washington Redskins and New York Giants at the Polo Grounds Sunday. One or the other now looks like the probable eastern representative in the playoff...If the Lions beat the Boston Yankees Sunday they will achieve their longest winning streak in their last eight years - five games...Green Bay's three best ball carriers this season were Lou Brock, with an average of 5.5 yards a play, Joe Laws, 4.4, and Ted Fritsch, 3.2...Rumor factory: Sid Luckman will play his last game with the Bears as they close their season against the Card-Pitts Sunday, then sign with one of the eastern clubs in the new rival pro league. "You can bet on this," says Operative 667.

PACKERS START DRILLS MONDAY

DEC 2 (Green Bay) - The Packers will begin practice sessions for the pro grid championship battle Monday morning even though they will not definitely know by then who their opponent will be. Coach Curly Lambeau, now in New York to scout the Giants and Washington tussle Sunday, has ordered only running the first day following a meeting of the squad. While the Packer coach diagrams the defensive and offensive antics of both the New York and Redskin elevens, scout Eddie Kotal will be at Philadelphia getting all the information he can about the Eagles in their tussle to remain in the running for the Eastern division title against Brooklyn...ANYONE CAN WIN: Any one of the Eastern half teams can wind up with the pennant and if the Eagles win Sunday the issue will be little less complicated no matter what the Giants do to Washington or vice versa. This would throw the deciding contests to Dec. 10, causing the Packers to use a week of



Deciding the location of any needed playoff games in the National Football league's Eastern division are, left to right: Harry M. Thayer, Philadelphia Eagles general manager; Commissioner Elmer Layden; John Mara, New York Giants president; and Sid Carroll, Washington Redskins general manager. The Green Bay Packers will meet the Eastern champion. (Associated Press Wirephoto)

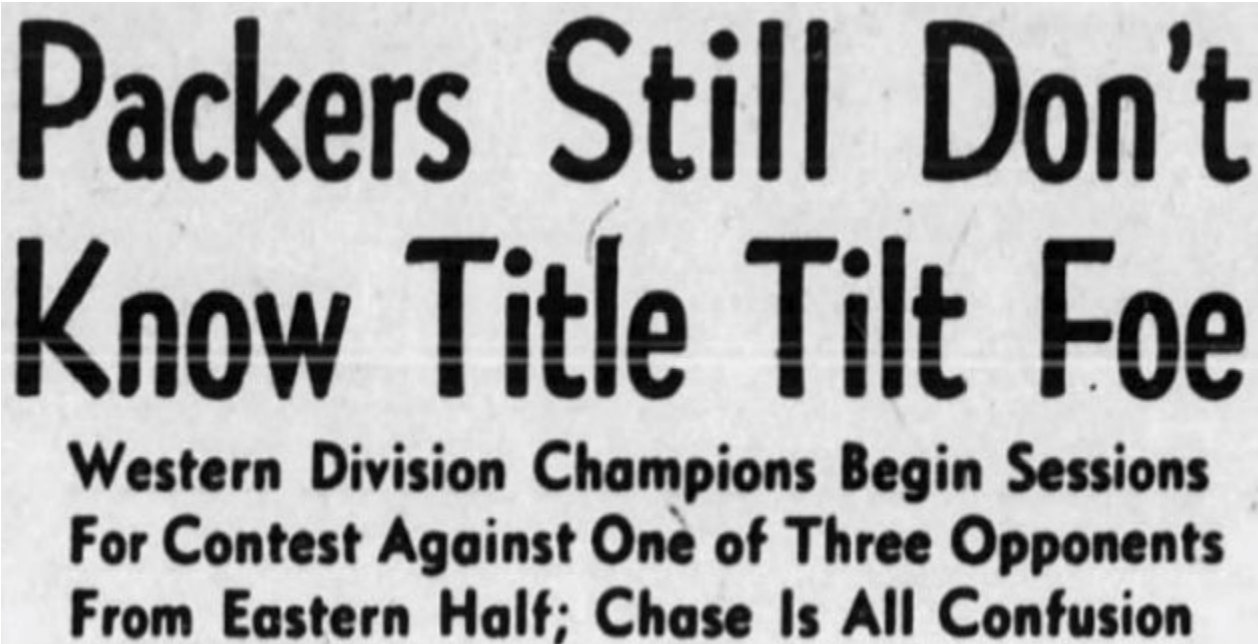
valuable time without allowing them to concentrate on one defense. As a matter of act, the Eastern race would be tied up three way Dec. 10 too, although this probably will not occur. A two-way deadlock would have to be settled Dec. 17 and the playoff could finally be staged the day before before Christmas. More will be known about this after Sunday and especially a week from Sunday, when the Giants and Redskins meet again in the capital while the Eagles entertain Cleveland...UNDECIDED ABOUT SITE: Coach Lambeau said Friday afternoon, before leaving for the east, that he is undecided about the time the team will move to Charlottesville, Va., for training. He indicated, however, that it probably would be next Wednesday afternoon with arrival in the Virginia city the next morning in time for practice. Should the weather here turn mild, however, it is probable sessions will be continued in Green Bay until a week from today. All injuries to players have cleared up fairly well, Lambeau said, and all of them are expected to report for Monday morning's drill. Mike Bucchanieri, who broke his arm against the Card-Pitts last Sunday, may or may not be available for duty in the championship tussle but he will engage in work not requiring contact...LOU BROCK IS SET: Veteran halfback Lou Brock, who missed the last four games of the season because of a leg injury, definitely will be available for the title game, Lambeau reported.

TWO GAMES TO HIGHLIGHT SUNDAY SCHEDULE IN PRO FOOTBALL LOOP

DEC 2 (New York) - Two games loaded with explosive possibilities Sunday threaten to snarl the complication standings in the eastern division of the NFL. One will be played in New York between the Washington Redskins and the Giants, tied for the top berth in the division. The other will be played in Philadelphia where the Eagles will try to retain their chance for the title by downing the cellar dwelling Brooklyn Tigers. With two weeks to go before the season's end, the eastern race is as confused as a guy caught in a revolving door. The leading Redskins and Giants each have won six, lost one and tied one. Right on their heels are the Eagles with one victory less and one tie more. In other words, should the Giant-Redskin game end in a tie, and should the Eagles win, the result would be a three way tie for first place. A defeat would eliminate Philadelphia from any chance at the title, regardless of the outcome of the New York-Washington tussle. The Giants are favored to defeat the Redskins, who have not looked too convincing of late, even when victorious. And with Slingin' Sammy Baugh still unable to familiarize himself with Coach Dudley De Groot's T formation style of play, Washington may have to depend upon Frank Filchok to do all the passing. The Giants are in tip top shape with the league's leading ground gainer Bill Paschal fully recovered from the leg injury which has bothered him in the last two games. The Giants may also have huge Lt. Al Blozis, last year's all-league tackle, available for the game. Blozis is at present on a 10 day furlough. Coach Greasy Neale's outfit may find the desperate Tigers a more determined foe than they were a month ago when Philadelphia romped off with a 21-7 triumph. The victory staved Tigers are facing their last chance to avoid a victoryless season and will go all out to clip the Eagles' wings. The two remaining games may decide the fight for the western division runnerup spot to the Green Bay Packers, who clinched the title two weeks ago. The Chicago Bears and Detroit Lions, tied for second place, meet the Card-Pitts and Boston Yanks, respectively, in what should end in victories for the Bears and Lions, maintaining their deadlock. It is the last game for all four. The Packers ended their regular season playing schedule last week and are keeping their trunks packed ready to entrain for either New York, Washington or Philadelphia to meet the winner two weeks hence. The Cleveland Rams are idle Sunday, concluding their season next Sunday against Philadelphia in what may turn out to be an important struggle.

BROCK MAY NOT BE READY DECEMBER 17

DEC 3 (Milwaukee Journal) - Whether or not Lou Brock of the Packers, who was injured in the Cleveland game at Green Bay more than a month ago, will be sufficiently recovered to play in the championship game December 17 remains a matter of doubt. Brock has "one of those knees". He has started to work out lightly, but he must still be careful. Whether the knee will stand up or not probably only the game itself will tell. All Green Bay has its fingers crossed...There is no foundation whatever to rumors that Tony Canadeo may obtain a furlough to be with the Packers for the playoffs. The league has a strict rule to cover such a case: "No player who has not been on the active list of a club in its last two games may play in the championship game." Canadeo was not on the active list in Green Bay's last two games - and that's that.



PACKERS STILL DON'T KNOW TITLE TILT FOE

DEC 4 (Green Bay) - The Packers, champions of the Western division, were in the unusual position today of knowing that they will get a crack at the East division pennant winners but not being able to prepare for a definite opponent. Such a situation prevailed because of the hot race that has marked the other half of the pro circuit. The winner may not even be determined in final games next Sunday. The Bays, regardless of the heavy blanket of snow which covered the practice field,

were out bright and early this morning following a meeting at the Hotel Northland. Assistant Coach Don Hutson and Line Coach George Trafton supervised the workout in the absence of Coach Curly Lambeau, who was en route home from New York, where he scouted New York and Washington Sunday...**LAMBEAU SAW GAME:** In New York, Lambeau saw one of the two feature games in the hottest pennant chase in the Eastern division in some years. Only two games remained to be played in the circuit, but in those two are three teams still with a chance of winning the pennant flag and plucking that remunerative plum that is the interdivisional playoff game. The three elevens are New York, Philadelphia and Washington. The fourth team in the final league games is Cleveland - Coach Buff Donelli's unheralded batch of dynamite that may upset a down-to-the-wire situation that is already confused and which leaves the Packer preparations up in the air, at least defensively speaking. The situation today was this:...**NEW YORK LEADS:** New York beat Washington Sunday, 16-13, to take undisputed lead of the Eastern division. The same two teams meet again next Sunday in Washington. If the Redskins reverse the score, the two will be tied with seven victories, two losses and a tie each. Meanwhile, if Philadelphia beats Cleveland, the Eagles will roost atop the division standings and will meet the Bays Dec. 17. Further, if New York and Washington should tie, and Philadelphia wins, then the Giants and Eagles would be tied and a playoff would be necessary. The playoff would be held Dec. 17 in New York with the championship tussle a week later in the home park of the winner. A New York victory is the only quick and simple solution to a problem that has league officials from Commissioner Elmer Layden on down worried. If the Giants win, they will gain undisputed possession of the title and the Packers will have a chance for revenge for the 24-0 loss they suffered at the Polo Grounds several weeks ago...**MAY LEAVE WEDNESDAY:** It seemed probable today that the Packers will go to Charlottesville, Va., for training Wednesday afternoon. Weather conditions there should be more conducive to all-out practice sessions than they are here unless a sudden change occurs.

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Coach Lambeau would prefer staying here until at least Saturday, thus giving the team a definite break between the first and second week of drills. No heavy work was scheduled today. The squad was to get plenty of running to loosen up muscles inactive during a week's vacation following the last league game a week ago Sunday. Another squad meeting has been arranged for Tuesday morning with a session to follow. The Packer coach was to arrive from New York late this afternoon.

PACKERS TO LEAVE WEDNESDAY FOR TRAINING CAMP IN VIRGINIA CITY

DEC 5 (Green Bay) - Unless something unforeseen occurs, the Packers will leave here Wednesday afternoon for Charlottesville, Va., where they will spend a week and a half training for their championship contest against the winner of the Eastern division pennant - whoever that may be, Coach Curly Lambeau said today. It is possible that the ball club will have to spend more than nine days preparing for the title test if the Eastern half ends in a tie. Originally plans called for the Bays to drill here until next Saturday, when they were to leave for the Virginia city, home of Thomas Jefferson and one of the historic sites of the South. However, the heavy snow and possibility of further inclement weather

caused Coach Curly Lambeau to change the plans when he returned from New York late Monday afternoon. He had been in the metropolis to scout the Giants-Redskins game Sunday...**LOSE ONE PRACTICE:** If the team leaves Wednesday - almost a certainty - one day of practice will be lost en route to Charlottesville since arrival there is scheduled for Thursday night about 10 o'clock. The break in drills, however, comes early enough so that it will not particularly hamper preparations against what the ball players call their "Question Mark" opponent. The lost day can probably be made up next Sunday. The Eastern division race is close enough so that any of three teams - New York, Washington and Philadelphia - can win the pennant depending on the outcome of next Sunday's final league games. The schedule calls for the Giants to move into the capital for their second successive Sunday of toil against the Redskins and for the Eagles to meet Cleveland in Philadelphia. All other elevens in the circuit have finished their schedules...**THINK GIANTS WINNER:** The Packer coaching staff leans toward the belief that the Giants will win the title by taking their second straight victory over Sammy Baugh and company next Sunday. This would be both to their liking and to that of the team since they all want revenge for the 24-0 pasting the Giants handed them during the regular season. Both Philadelphia and Washington defeated them in exhibitions but those tussles didn't mean so much. Lack of definite knowledge of their opponent somewhat stymies Packer preparations. They can work on offense but even this department is being slowed up by heavy footing in the snow. The defense, except for fundamentals, must wait until the Eastern champion is definitely chosen. Incidentally, Charlottesville has the perfect setup for drills. The city is the seat for the state university and the Bays would use the school's facilities...**WORK OUT DAILY:** Despite the snow, the team went out again today as on Monday, when the first session in over a week was held. Squad meetings have been scheduled each morning to do over details to be worked out. After Monday's workout some of the

southerners - who rarely see snow - had themselves a time building snowmen and also engaging in an old-fashioned snowball fight.

SET ANNUAL SESSION

DEC 5 (Green Bay) - The annual meeting and draft of the NFL will be held at the Blackstone hotel in Chicago Jan. 10-12, Coach Curly Lambeau was informed today by league headquarters. Meetings of the rules and executive committees are scheduled Jan. 9. A session of league officials has also been called for Dec. 18 in the city where the championship playoff is held. Broadcast rights for the title battle have been sold to Wilson and company, sporting good firm, for \$10,000, league headquarters reported.

BERTELLI - LOS ANGELES GETS HIM

DEC 5 (Milwaukee Journal) - Hear that gnashing of teeth in the ranks of the NFL? The Slingshot, Angelo Bertelli, Notre Dame's all-American quarterback a year ago, has just signed with Los Angeles of the rival, new All-America league...Washington's Redskins looked be at least two touchdowns better than the New York Giants in their game at the Polo Grounds Sunday, yet lost. Stupid football in the clutches cost the Redskins the game. New York's backfield, except for Paschal and Cuff, couldn't make a good college team...The Packers, like most clubs, have a rule that in traveling the little guys always gets the upper berths. Thus 178 pound Don Hutson, as valuable to Curly Lambeau as a piece of bric-a-brac to a Park Av. old mail, has never occupied a lower berth in his 10 years with the club.

Packers' Trip South For Drills Unsettled

**Transportation Problem Intervenes to Keep
Definite Departure Time for Virginia City
Up In Air; Bays Are After Sixth Pro Title**

BULLETIN

Arrangements were completed late this afternoon so that the Packers left here at 4:15 p. m. on the Chicago and North Western 400 for Chicago, where they will catch a Baltimore and Ohio train tonight en route to Charlottesville, Va.

PACKERS TRIP SOUTH FOR DRILLS UNSETTLED

DEC 6 (Green Bay) - Transportation difficulties left plans for departure of the Packers to their Charlottesville, Va., training site somewhat up in the air today although the possibility remained that they would leave here late this afternoon for the Virginia city, where they will prepare for the championship tussle against the yet unnamed Eastern division pennant winner. Originally, the squad was to depart this afternoon on the North Western road's "400" but congestion on passenger trains out of Chicago left the question of obtaining reservations somewhat up in the air. If lack of space forces the team to remain here, departure will probably be Thursday morning with arrival in Charlottesville on Friday. Even through travel plans were uncertain, the squad is dead sure about one thing - that they will play their best all-around game against the Eastern winners, no

matter who they are - Washington, Philadelphia or New York. A championship would be the Packers' sixth. They won titles in 1929, 1930, 1931, 1936 and 1939. They lost the playoff to New York in 1938...TO USE SCHOOL FIELD: Whenever practice sessions start at Virginia, Coach Frank Murray, formerly of Marquette, will be on hand to throw open the University of Virginia training facilities for the team. Coach Curly Lambeau said the drill schedule will include rough stuff the first four days, and plenty of new maneuvers and work on timing and split-second precision the last week. This all assumes that the championship will be determined by the time Sunday's final league games are over in Washington and Philadelphia. For those who came in late, the New York Giants, current leaders, will play the Redskins in the capital while the Eagles entertain

Leading Ground Gainers

	Atts	YG	LG	Ave
Paschal, N. Y.	179	682	68	3.8
Grigas, Card-Pitt	185	610	29	3.2
Sinkwich, Det.	150	563	72	3.8
Margarita, Bears	88	463	47	5.3
Manders, Brook.	127	430	13	3.4
Cuff, N. Y.	60	412	29	6.0
Van Buren, Phila.	67	403	70	6.0
Fordham, Bears	73	381	40	5.3
Davis, Bost.	95	363	80	3.8
Hinkle, Philt.	80	355	26	4.4
Grygo, Bears	53	322	66	6.1
Seymour, Wash.	92	315	35	3.4
Bleeker, Phila.	55	311	37	5.7
Fritsch, G. Bay	94	307	18	3.2

LONGEST GAIN—80 yards, R. Davis, Boston, vs. Brooklyn, Nov. 19.

Leading Passers

	Att	Com	YG	TP	Pct	LP
Filchok, Wash.	152	78	1107	13	.591	61
Luckman, Bears ..	143	71	1018	11	.497	86
Baugh, Wash.	112	68	703	4	.607	71
Comp, G. Bay	177	80	1159	12	.452	55
Sinkwich, Det.	148	58	1060	12	.392	57
Riesz, Cleve.	99	43	612	6	.435	53
Ronzani, Bears	56	26	448	9	.465	61
Zim'man, Phila.	95	25	969	7	.269	75
Cafego, Bost.	73	35	434	3	.480	50
Grigas, Card-P ..	131	50	690	6	.381	72
Herber, N. Y.	80	33	574	3	.413	58

LONGEST—86 yards, by S. Luckman, Chicago Bears, vs. Boston, Nov. 12 (Touchdown).

Standing computed on inverse grading system based on number of completions, per cent of completions, touchdown passes, yards gained and per cent of interceptions.

Leading Pass Receivers

	Rec	YG	LG	Td
Hutson, G. Bay	58	966	55	9
Benton, Cleve.	37	477	36	6
Aguirre, Wash.	34	410	58	4
Moore, Wash.	33	434	59	5
Wilson, Bears	24	265	24	4
Masterson, Brook.	24	258	30	1
Matheson, Det.	23	361	44	3
Rucinaki, Card-P ..	22	284	40	1
Berry, Bears	21	378	41	6

LONGEST—86 yards, by R. McLean, Chicago Bears, vs. Boston, Nov. 12 (Touchdown).

Leading Scorers

	TR	TP	Tot	XP	FG	PS
Hutson, G. Bay	0	9	9	31	0	83
Sinkwich, Det.	6	0	6	34	2	66
Z'imman, Phila.	3	0	3	30	4	60
Paschal, N. Y.	9	0	9	0	0	54
Aguirre, Wash.	0	4	4	15	4	51
Bleeker, Phila.	4	4	8	0	0	48
Benton, Cleve.	1	6	7	0	0	42
McLean, Bears	2	5	7	0	0	42
Moore, Wash.	3	5	8	0	0	42

the Cleveland Rams. Regardless of which team comes out on top or when, the feeling pervades the Packer camp that they can win if everyone is prepared adequately and does his best. The feeling is there from Coach Lambeau on down to the last member of the squad. Some indications were given during the season of what the Packer power really is...**SHOW OFFENSIVE POWER:** They showed offensive brilliance in one-half of the first Bear game here, running up a 28-0 lead before the Chicago dethroned champions had

a look-in. Two weeks later, the offensive and defensive power both were displayed against Cleveland's amazing team. The Packers won, 30-21. Then came the best defensive exhibition against Detroit. The offense stuttered that day but the defense was superb and the club came home with a 14-0 victory, their only shutout of the year. Perhaps the best all-around day the team had was at Cleveland, where they won, 42-7. But in not one of those contests did the Packers operate for an entire game without a letdown in this or that department. Their hope for the championship title is 60 minutes of sustained power defensively and offensively. A championship eleven gets red hot for one entire game, and the Packers are convinced the 1944 playoff will be one for them...**ALL WILL PLAY:** Coach Lambeau said every member of the team will play with the possible exception of guard Mike Bucchanieri, who sustained a broken arm in the last league game against Card-Pitt. Lou Brock, out of the last four games with a leg injury, has recovered and was running at top speed in sessions this week here. Brock's return to form will bolster the team's offense considerably. Unless tough luck intervenes, the team should be in its best physical shape of the year for the playoff. While in Charlottesville, the team will headquarter at the Monticello hotel. The trip that will take them from Chicago into Washington D.C., and thence to the Virginia city.

PACKERS TO START WORKOUTS AT CHARLOTTESVILLE FRIDAY MORNING

DEC 7 (Green Bay) - The Packers were en route to Charlottesville, Va., to put in nine days of hard work prior to their championship encounter with the Eastern division pennant winner. The team is scheduled to arrive in the Virginia city tonight at 9:15 and will begin practice sessions Friday morning. Before leaving here Tuesday afternoon, Coach Curly Lambeau announced that guard Mike Bucchanieri definitely would not be able to play in the title contest

because of a broken arm, sustained in the last game of the season Nov. 26. Everybody else is reported in top physical condition, including halfback Lou Brock. Lambeau said two three-hour workouts would be held Friday and Saturday but the practice schedule is indefinite pending outcome of Sunday's games featuring the New York Giants in Washington and the Philadelphia-Cleveland Rams in Philly...**FINISH WORK HERE:** The team wound up 1944 sessions here Tuesday with wind sprints and about 30 minutes of hard running. They also had plenty of running in the middle of the afternoon because of the indefinite arrangements for transportation. Final word that the club would leave at 4:15 was not obtained until 3 o'clock. For the next hour and 15 minutes Coach Lambeau was busy rounding up the squad. The Packers left Chicago at 10:15 last night on the Shenandoah of the Baltimore and Ohio road and arrived in Washington, D.C., at about 4:38 today. A two hour layover in the capital preceded their departure for Charlottesville on the Southern railway. Although it was first believed that some members of the team missed the 4:15 train, it developed later that all of them had managed to catch it. Meanwhile, interest has been focused on Sunday's final games. In the Washington-New York tussle, Sammy Baugh and Frank Filchok of the Redskins can set new league records if they have any luck at all with their passes. They have completed 150 of 250 tosses for the startling percentage of .600. The present record is .547 in 139 completions in 254

Traveling Squad Named

The traveling squad:

Ends—Don Hutson, Harry Jancunski, Joel Mason, Alex Urban, Ray Wheba. **Tackles**—Baby Ray, Paul Berezney, Tiny Croft, Ade Schwammel. **Guards**—Peter Tinsley, Buckets Goldenberg, Mike Bucchanieri, Charles Tollefson, Bill Kuusisto, Glen Sorenson. **Centers**—Charley Brock, Bob Flowers, Forrest McPherson. **Backs**—Louis Brock, Irv Comp, Larry Craig, Paul Duhart, Ted Fritsch, Bob Kahler, Joe Laws, Roy McKay, Don Perkins, Ben Starret. **Trainers**—Bud Jorgensen and Gus Seaburg.

attempts...PACKERS HOLD RECORDS: They still are, however, far from the league record of 2,407 yards gained on passes, set two years ago by the Packers, and the most completions, 172, also set by the Bays in 1942. The Skins have gained 1,843 yards on passes and have scored 17 touchdowns through the air - the latter figure 11 below the league record of 28 set in 1943 by the Chicago Bears, who also set new marks this year. The Bruins were penalized 1,025 yards breaking their 905-yard mark. Their 121 total is also a new mark. Official league statistics had the Bears on top of the league both in yards gained and in total point for the season, despite the fact the 1943 champions lost three games and tied another. The Bears score 258 points in their 10 games, 17 more than Philadelphia and 20 more than Green Bay...AVERAGE 325.1 YARDS: They rolled up a total of 3,251 yards, an average of 325.1 a game, 227 more than Green Bay, the only other team to reach the 3,000-yard mark this season. The yardage total, though, was far off the record of 4,265 the Bears set in 1941. Philadelphia continued to lead the league in most yards a rush, the statistics showed. The Eagles have averaged 4.1 yards a try on the ground. New York, Green Bay and the Bears are tied for second in that department with 3.8 yards a rush. Philadelphia's defense was most effective, according to statistics, in halting first downs. Only 79 were marked up against the Eagles in nine games. New York's defense was best in the league on the goal line, allowing but 75 points to be scored.

HUTSON, PASCHAL UNANIMOUS SELECTION FOR UNITED PRESS ALL-PROFESSIONAL GRID ELEVEN
 DEC 7 (Chicago) - The east, led by the New York Giants and Philadelphia Eagles, dominates the United Press 1944 all-professional football team selected by 10 veteran sportswriters. New York, which will play Washington for the eastern division championship Sunday, topped all teams by placing four men on the first team. The Eagles got two places and Washington one. Green Bay's incomparable Don Hutson, a first team all-pro end for the last seven years, and New York's sophomore star halfback, Bill Paschal, were the only unanimous selections. In addition to their failure to retain the championship, the Chicago Bears also lost their long standing hold on the all-star team. For the first time since 1937, the Bears placed only one man - center Clyde (Bulldog) Turner - on the first team. Two "old-timers" of the other teams missed: Sid Luckman of the Bears and Sammy Baugh of Washington, both all-pro members three previous years. The consensus was that the two

Player, Team—	Ht.	Wt.	College
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T-Cope, New York..	6-2	220	Santa Clara
G-Matheson, Clev..	6-3	205	Texas Mines
C-Turner, Chicago.	6-1	255	Hardin-Simmons
G-Youner, N York	6-1	210	Oregon State
T-Wistert, Phil ...	6-2	215	Michigan
E-Hutson, G. Bay .	6-1	178	Alabama
Q-Zimmerm'n, Phil.	6-2	200	San Jose State
HB-Sinkwich, Det.	6	195	Georgia
HB-Cuff, N York..	6-1	195	Marquette
F-Paschal, N York	6	200	Georgia Tech

passing stars had not played a sufficient number of games to win berths over players who had performed brilliantly throughout the season. Luckman, a major factor in the Bears' offensive whenever he received leave from

the maritime service, was placed on the second team. Baugh was voted honorary mention although he did not play enough to earn a first team spot by three writers. Next to Paschal and Hutson, the most popular choice was Sinkwich, who received nine votes for a first team berth because he was the top all-around back in the league and was a work horse all season who never slumped to a really bad performance. Paschal, who recently won the league's ground gaining championship for the second straight year, had only one year of freshman football at Georgia Tech before he joined the Giants. He received six votes for fullback and four for halfback. His teammate, the hard hitting Ward Cuff, received one more vote for halfback than did the Eagles' Steve Van Buren to nose his way into the first team for the second straight year. Zimmerman was voted to a post after five years of trying because he was the vital cog in the Eagles' touchdown machinery and was a standout as a passer, punter, field general and field goal artist all through the campaign. With the exception of Turner and Hutson, all men in the line made their first appearance on the all-star team. Wistert, a second year man, was the main spring in the best defensive line of the season, Philadelphia's, while Cope and Younce - who also starred as a punter - bulwarked the second best defensive line, New York's. The line is a veteran unit with an average of five years of professional experience per man. The backfield averages 197 pounds and the line 216 for an overall average of 209.

PACKERS START WORKOUTS TODAY FOR PLAYOFF GAME

DEC 8 (Charlottesville, VA) - The Green Bay Packers arrived here Thursday night and began their workouts for the championship playoff this morning under the sharp eye of Coach Curly Lambeau, who scheduled a three-hour drill this afternoon to follow a morning session of the same duration. A similar six-hour day will be experienced by the squad Saturday, Lambeau said. Expressing satisfaction with the physical condition of the squad, the Green Bay coach is worried last Sunday's final games in the Eastern division will fail to produce an Eastern division winner. This would hamper the Bays' drills inasmuch as they won't know who their opponent in the title clash is to be. But if the champion is known late Sunday afternoon, workouts next week will be pointed toward putting the Wisconsin eleven in peak shape. Lambeau said

The second team follows: Ends, George Wilson, Chicago, and Jim Benton, Cleveland; tackles, Frank Kinard, Brooklyn, and Buford Ray, Green Bay; guards, Agostino Lio, Boston, and George Zorich, Chicago; halfbacks, Steve Van Buren, Philadelphia, and Frank Filchock, Washington; center, Charles Brock, Green Bay; quarterback, Sid Luckman, Chicago; fullback, John Griegas, Card-Pitt.

Honorable mention was given to the following: Ends, Steve Pritko, Cleveland; Larry Cabrelli, Philadelphia; Connie Mack Berry, Chicago; tackles, Paul Berezney, Green Bay; Vic Sears, Philadelphia; guards, Marshall Robnett, Card-Pitt; Charles Avedisian, New York; center, Alex Woiciechowicz, Detroit; backs, Gary Famiglietti, Chicago; Wilbur Moore, Washington; Sammy Baugh, Washington; Ted Fritsch, Green Bay; Irv Comp, Green Bay; Robert Westfall, Detroit.

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 Detroit 38, Boston 7.
 Chicago Bears 49, Card-Pitt 7.

DEC 9 (New York) - If the major league baseball moguls take their contemplated sock at pro football next week, it may blast the pro grid owners out of their long time lethargy and force them to consider seriously building their own stadia. The annual meetings of the National and American leagues in New York next week are expected to adopt a proposal, sponsored by Ed Barrow, president of the New York Yankees. This proposal would ban pro grid teams from any major league park until the baseball schedule of the home club is completed. This week's minor baseball meetings at Buffalo set the stage for major circuit action. Representatives of the minors lashed the pro pigskin sport as "unfriendly and unfair competition until

after the end of the baseball season." The International league was particularly aggrieved because the Chicago Bears and Washington Redskins had competed with the little world series at Baltimore by staging an exhibition game that drew more than 40,000 fans...ATHLETICS' GAME DELAYED: Meanwhile, Barrow lifted the flaming sword last September 17 when Connie Mack notified him that a Yankee-Athletics game at Philadelphia must be postponed 24 hours because Shibe park's turf had been badly torn up the previous night by a pro football game which was played in the rain.



Coach Steve Owen (second from right) and Howard Livingston, New York Giants back, look on as Trainer Gus Mauch tapes Bill Paschal's injured ankle during a practice session in New York City for the Giants' championship tilt with the Green Bay Packers Sunday at the Polo grounds. (AP Wirephoto)

The rain continued and forced the Yanks-A's contest to be shifted later to New York, but it did not cool off Barrow. Major league baseball now is played from mid-April through September, and sometimes into the first week of October. Pro football, in its National league, at least, has gradually been muscling in on the late baseball season. The Washington Redskins, for example, played an exhibition game with the March field Fliers at Los Angeles last August 24...MAY HAVE TO BUILD: If the football teams are banned from major ball parks during the overlap period in September, it may force the football magnates to follow Red Grange's advice and build their own parks, when the war is over. Grange, head of the new United States pro league, has been campaigning for years to have grid owners build stadia designed especially for football. He advances three principal reasons: (1) They would eliminate the early conflict with baseball; (2) they would eliminate the weather gamble, and (3) they would provide better visibility for the fans. It is Grange's suggestion that the new football stadia have vast movable roofs that can be telescoped out of the way in good weather, but drawn back in place in bad weather. This would prevent many of the clubs from suffering financial losses on days when rain or show keeps away the crowd. Clubs like Washington and the Chicago Bears sell most of their tickets in advance, like colleges, but the others are not so fortunate. They depend upon game day sale, which in turn depend upon the weather. Eliminate the weather hazard, Grange says, and pro football should be profitable for every outfit that tackles it. Part of the upkeep for these convertible stadia would be defrayed by other sports staged there throughout the year.

Packers Play in New York Sunday for World Crown

PACKERS PLAY IN NEW YORK SUNDAY FOR WORLD CROWN

DEC 11 (Green Bay) - You'd have a hard time convincing anybody four months ago that it might happen, but nevertheless those opportunists who play under the banner of the New York Giants have a date next Sunday with the Green Bay Packers to settle the world professional football championship. The Giants, who were relegated to the limbo of also-rans in the NFL in preseason prognostications, squelched the Eastern division title hopes of both the Philadelphia Eagles and Washington Sunday by beating the Redskins, 31-0, in the season finale to grab the berth in the playoff game. It took them only six

minutes to settle the issue. A week previous on their own gridiron, they edged out a 16-13 victory over Washington. Meanwhile, Philadelphia, still with a chance at the crown, was beating Cleveland, 26-13. That victory was somewhat hollow, however. The Eagles would have taken the Eastern division crown if New York had lost to Washington, but the Giants could not be denied. The Giants scored their first touchdown before the game was little more than two minutes old. Sammy Baugh fumbled for Washington, New York recovered, and Arnie Herber tossed a touchdown pass to Ward Cuff. Four minutes later, after a second fumble by Baugh, Herber pitched another touchdown pass to Frank Liebel. Lambeau, who has taken the Packers training for the playoff game down at the University of Virginia, was present to watch the New Yorkers sweep into the playoff. He saw Herber come up with a third touchdown pass, good for 44 yards, to Liebel in the third quarter. He saw Charley Avedinisian, Giant guard, lumber 48 yards for a touchdown in the fourth on an interception of one of Baugh's passes. Cuff kicked a 33-yard field goal for the Giants' other three points. Whether the pass defense that stopped the Filchuck-Baugh combination can halt the Irv Comp to Hutson duo Sunday was the question as the playoff game neared. The Giants did it before, beating the Packers 24-0 at New York, Nov. 19. The game will be the third title meeting between the two clubs since the playoff series began in 1933. New York beat the Packers, 23-17, at New York in 1938, and the following year lost, 27-0, at Milwaukee. It will be the seventh playoff game for the Giants, who have won two. Green Bay has won two of three games in the postseason battle.

PRO GRID RECEIPTS SHOW GAIN; PACKERS ARE TOP AS ATTRACTION

DEC 11 (Chicago) - The professional NFL, presenting a conglomeration of new gridiron talent, drew 1,234,750 fans during its regular 1944 season, nearly a five percent increase over 1943, official league records show today. Celebrating its silver anniversary as the nation's only major professional football organization currently doing business, the National league showed a gate increase of 57,681 spectators over the 1943 turnstile registration of 1,177,069, an actual hike of 4.9 percent. This year's attendance boost marked the 14th straight year the National leaguer's patron list has increased...5.3 PERCENT BOOST IN 1943: A six percent increase was registered in 1942, and a 5.3 boost was realized last year over the 1942 total of 1,115,154 - both typical increases for the 14 years of continued success for play-for-pay football. The lineups of the pro teams, playing their third year of wartime football, were shaken up drastically this year and many new faces spotted each team. The league had two more teams in action than in 1943, the Cleveland Rams and Boston Yanks, but was handicapped by having several of its headline games played in small parks and by inclement weather. Despite the numerous obstacles contingent with war football, however, professional football proved just what other major sports have proven - the American public likes competition. The contest is the thing, no matter whether its between high school athletes or pro stars...TWO PACKER RECORDS: The Green Bay-New York game of November 19, when the Giants plastered the Packers, 24-0, attracted the largest crowd of the year, 56,481. The Chicago Bears and Packers, bitter rivals for many years, played before the largest crowd in the history of their competition, 47,553, at Wrigley field, all of which is indicative of the general upward surge. The best home club, in regard to box office appeal, was the New York Giants, newly crowned champions of the Eastern division, while the best attraction on the road was Green Bay. The most consistent club was Washington, with sellouts for every home game, while New York enjoyed two.

PASCHAL OK

DEC 11 (Washington) - Bill Paschal, ace running back of the New York Giants, will be "all right" for next Sunday's professional football championship meeting with the Green Bay Packers in New York. Steve Owen, Giants' coach, said that Paschal's ankle was sprained but not seriously in Sunday's 31-0 victory over the Washington Redskins.

PACKERS ABSORB HISTORY AS THEY DRILL FOR GIANTS

DEC 11 (Charlottesville, VA) - The Green Bay Packers, who last week fled from domestic winter blasts to the Blue Ridge mountain country, learned to their sorrow today that the weatherman knows no boundary. The western champions, here to

GIANTS DEFEAT REDSKINS, 31-0; WIN EAST TITLE

To Play Packers for Crown Sunday.

Not Even Close

New York [31].	Washington [0].
O. Adams	L. E. Aguirre
Cope	L. T. Zeno
Younce	L. G. Fiorentino
Hein	C. Foltz
Sivell	R. G. Shugart
Carroll	R. T. North
Libel	R. E. Dye
Caligaro	Q. B. Baugh
Herber	L. H. Farkas
Cuff	R. H. Moore
Paschal	F. B. Seymour
New York	14 0 7 10-31
Washington	0 0 0 0-0

Touchdowns—Cuff, Liebel [2], Avedisian.

Field goal—Cuff.

Points after touchdowns—Strong [3], Beebe.

Substitutions: New York—Ends, Weiss, V. Adams; tackle, Kane; guards, Visnic, Avedisian, Umont; center, Piccolo; backs, Pertrilas, Herber, Clay, Kinschert, Barber, Beebe.

Washington—Ends, Turley, Piasecky; tackle, Keenan; guards, Walton, Merkle, Movich; center, Johnson; backs, Fuller, Sneddon, Akins, Natowich, Seno, Filchuck, Weldon, Micka.

Officials—Referee Ronald Gibbs. Umpire—John Kelly. Field judge—William Friesel. Head lineaman—Charles Berry.

Coaches—Steve Owen [New York]; Dudley Degroot [Washington].

Pro Standing

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Final Standings.

Western Division.

	W.	L.	T.	Pct.	Pts.	OP.
Green Bay...	8	2	0	.800	238	141
CHICAGO ..	6	3	1	.667	258	172
Detroit	6	3	1	.667	216	151
Cleveland ..	4	6	0	.400	188	224
Card-Pitt ...	0	10	0	.000	108	328

Eastern Division.

	W.	L.	T.	Pct.	Pts.	OP.
New York...	8	1	1	.889	206	75
Philadelphia.	7	1	2	.875	267	131
Washington.	6	3	1	.667	169	185
Boston	2	8	0	.200	82	233
Brooklyn ...	0	10	0	.000	69	166

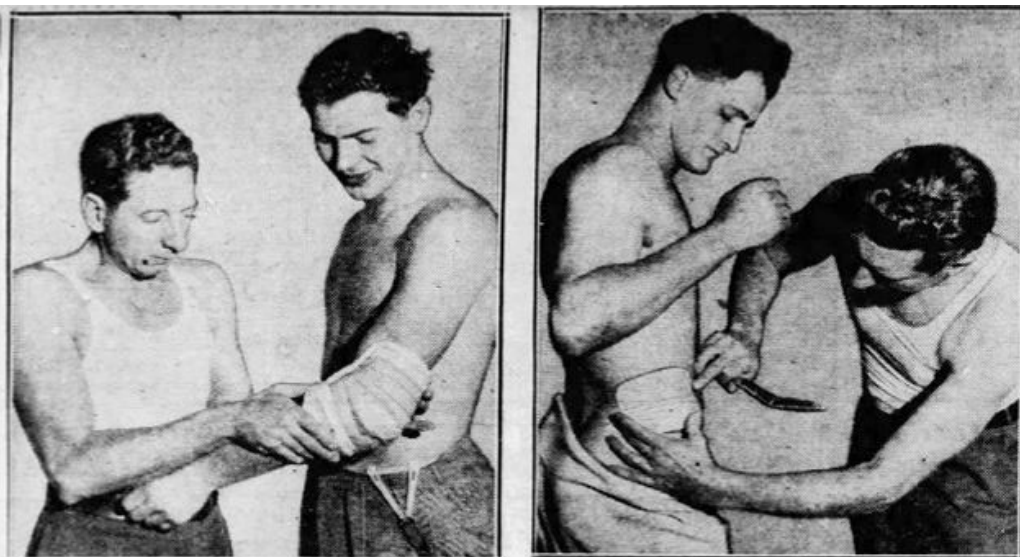
YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

New York, 31; Washington, 0.
Philadelphia, 26; Cleveland, 13.

complete training for Sunday's NFL title game against the Giants in New York, were forced to work out indoors because of an icy rain...GETTING FIGHTING SPIRIT: "We are getting some of that fighting early American spirit down here," said Coach Curly Lambeau half seriously. Between football sessions Lambeau and his players have been avid students of the town's rich historical background. They learned, for instance, that Charlottesville was founded in 1761. It is surrounded by steep little hills and the snow capped Blue Ridge mountains can be seen some 20 miles to the west. This was the town to which the Virginia assembly, including Thomas Jefferson, fled during one of the clutch periods in the revolution. The British soldiery heard about the new hideout, but an unidentified Paul Revere warned Jefferson and his colleagues in the nick of time...PACKERS IMPRESSED: Lambeau and Don Hutson, his assistant coach and star end, returned from watching the Giants whip the Redskins Sunday in Washington and said they were impressed, but not awed, by the job Steve Owen's men accomplished. "The Giants win because every player puts out the utmost on every play," declared Lambeau. "We will beat New York if our players do the same, which I am sure they will." "You can't afford to make a mistake against these fellows," added Hutson. "They take advantage of every break, and then, when you're behind you gamble on plays and increase the danger of making more costly errors."

PACKERS GET CHANCE TO SQUARE A GRUDGE

DEC 11 (Milwaukee Journal) - That grunt of satisfaction at about 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon - and you heard it, of course - came from down in Charlottesville, Va., as the Green Bay Packers, in training there, learned that New York had beaten Washington and that next Sunday they would meet New York at the Polo Grounds for the league championship. To a man, the Packers Sunday pulled for New York. It wasn't that they thought the Giants might prove any easier in the playoffs than Philadelphia or Washington, both of which still had a chance for the eastern title up to Sunday, or that they finally learned just where they stood, for until Sunday's game there was still the possibility that the eastern division race might wind up in some sort of tie requiring, under certain conditions, not one, but two playoffs before the championship game Sunday December 24 or even Sunday December 31. It was more than this. It was that the Packers have a very personal account to settle with New York dating back to November 19 when the Giants, steamed up like a high school team on the eve of homecoming, not only walloped the Packers, 24-0, but, by comparison, made them look like something a stray cat had dragged into the Polo Grounds by mistake. The Packers in more than one game this fall have left a slight odor over the field - not heliotrope - and they left the worst of all over the Polo Grounds November 19. It was awful, and it need hardly be recorded here, that the Packers know it and that it has rankled ever since. So come this Sunday, there will be more than the league championship at stake, and all that it means, including the winner's share of the gate and a place in the annual all-star game in Chicago next August. There will be that personal account which the Packers have to settle with the team which a month ago made them look like bums. That grunt of satisfaction Sunday was real...MAY LOSE FINE EDGE: Most of the intangible advantages in the playoff lie with the Packers - most of them, but not all. They have been soundly whipped by New York and there can be no matter of fact approach to this game as there was to the one a month ago. They have been shown up by some of their castoffs, for the men who had as big a past as any in beating them that first game were former Packers - Len Calligaro, Arnie Herber and Red Smith. They have had, or will have had, three weeks of rest since their last game, for they closed their regular season against the Card-Pitts at Comiskey park November 26. But in this last also lies a possible advantage for New York. The Giants have been playing week after week, rolling along and gaining momentum, right through Sunday. The Packers have been idle. And no football team gets even more out of layoff of this kind that it loses. It gains time in which its cripples, if any, can mend, but it loses the edge in so many other things, timing especially. Practice alone will not maintain it. In Green Bay's case, the rest has meant that Lou Brock, wheelhorse of the backfield, who was hurt in the Cleveland game at Green Bay, has recovered and will play, which will be of great importance. The Packers played some of their shoddiest ball without



Everyone Trains for Packers—Even Trainer

Getting into shape for the Green Bay tilt Sunday means double duty for every member of the Giant squad and that goes for trainer Gus Mauch, too. (Left) Joe Sulaitis, back, has an elbow pad fitted to ailing wing by Mauch while (right) Len Calligaro's banged up hip gets some necessary attention from the overworked trainer. Both men, nevertheless, expect to play.

Brock. But it also means that unless the head master, Curly Lambeau, can perform some sort of miracle in the training camp with the squad as a whole, the team will lack the fine edge it once had. And please don't wisecrack: "What fine edge? The one the team had in it stinkeroo against the Card-Pitts?" Sunday will tell.

MIAMI GIVEN LEAGUE BERTH

DEC 11 (New York) - Miami was granted a franchise in the All-American Professional Football conference that hopes to operate in 1945, it was announced Sunday night as club owners ended a two day meeting. Other cities are Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, Cleveland, Buffalo, New York and Baltimore. Each posted a franchise fee of \$10,000 with the exception of Baltimore, which is expected to do so later. The club owners ratified a five year contract engaging Lt. Cdr. Jim Crowley as league commissioner. He will not participate in any league activities until his war service is over. Christy Walsh, Los Angeles, was appointed to serve for the duration as vice-president in charge of public relations. Mrs. Lou Gehrig, New York, was made secretary.

BREAK FOR GIANTS - NO PASCHAL BREAK

DEC 12 (New York) - No picture that Stout Steve Owen ever saw - and that goes for Birth of a Nation, Gone with the Wind or Going My way - ever gave the Giant coach the thrill he derived from looking at a drab X-ray plate yesterday. For the shot disclosed that there are no broken bones in Bill Paschal's injured ankle, lending assurance that the ground-gobbling fullback would be available for Sunday's championship clash with Green Bay at the Polo Grounds. Exactly what percentage of his valuable services Paschal will be able to contribute to the Giant cause, however, depends upon the rapidity in which his sprained left ankle responds to concentrated treatment. Discharged from St. Elizabeth's Hospital yesterday morning when the fear of fracture had passed, Paschal was limping slightly. He will submit to massage and whirlpool bath treatment before giving the questionable gam a light test tomorrow. Also encouraging to Owen was the news that Howie Livingston's shoulder injury is nothing more serious than a partial separation - something which sounds much worse than it actually is. Livingston, in fact, picked the Washington souvenir during the first half of the bruising battle and kept right on playing. He'll wear a special shock absorbing pad Sunday as he attempts to duplicate the brilliant job of



Two Minds With But a Single Thought

Lou Little (right), Columbia grid mentor, lends his best football brains to Giant coach Steve Owen as the two huddle over some strategy they've cooked up for the title tilt with Green Bay at the PC this afternoon.

haunting Don Hutson that he performed last month. It was the rookie's sticking to Hutson like a mustard plaster, you'll recall, that smothered the Packer aerial attack and produced the stunning Giant triumph. Running farther down the Giant casualty list that was piled up by those Redskin roughies, it is found that guard Len Younce, end Frank Liebel and back Carl Kinscherf suffered assorted minor bruises that will have little to no effect on next Sunday's performance. Younce's stiff neck will cause little inconveniences. Liebel's three banged-up fingers will be ready to resume plucking those touchdown tosses by game time. And Kinscherf's split lip means he won't be able to do much talking, which his mates agree isn't exactly essential. In view of the uncertainty that beclouded these manifest injuries, Green Bay was installed a 9-5 favorite on yesterday's "opening line", but the odds are expected to drop as time heals all wounds.

SCORE EARLY AND OFTEN IS PACKERS' PLAN

DEC 12 (Charlottesville, VA) - It was inevitable that Arnie Herber's name eventually would be mentioned. And it popped up this afternoon during a free for all conversation after the Green Bay Packers had bundled up for a workout on the University of Virginia campus. The Packers are going to see their old pal, Mr. Herber, Sunday afternoon in the Polo Grounds and the eastern papers are making much of an old sports situation - castoff player joins rival team and single-handedly

wreaks revenge...**THROWS TOUCHDOWN PASSES:** The story is that Herber asked for a contract from the Green Bay coach this summer, and, after failing to get it, showed up at the New York Giants' camp in Bear Mountain, N.Y. It is suspected that Red Smith, Lambeau's ex-line coach, now aligned with the Giants, might have arranged for Arnie's comeback effort. Anyway, Arnie, a portly fellow of 34, caused a stir by throwing three touchdown passes in Sunday's 31 to 0 rout of the Washington Redskins. In so doing, he pitched them to the eastern title, and the stakes are even higher Sunday. This one's for the National league championship and an invitation to participate in the College All-Star game in Evanston, Ill., next August...**DODGES PERSONAL ISSUE:** Herber, having been gingerly introduced into the gabfest, some one braved a sharp answer from Lambeau by inquiring if the Packers are worried about Herber causing any undue depredations. Curly quickly answered: "I'm sure we can stop Herber." The he amended it: "Leave his name out of it. Just say we're confident of stopping the Giants' attack." Lambeau was reminded that the Packers didn't stop the Giants a few weeks ago when they were soundly beaten, 24-0. "We won't get beat like that again," answered Curly....**SAVE NEW TRICKERY:** The Packers might have been overconfident going into this 24 to 0 game, Lambeau admitted. First thing they knew the alert Giants had intercepted a pass and scored a touchdown. They intercepted another one, but the Packers held on the 2 yard line. Then the Giants came back with a field goal for a 10 to 0 lead at the half. The western champions had some new trickery arranged for that contest, but they decided to save it, Lambeau said. The new plays are being rehearsed down here, which is a good idea.

CUT UP FIELD SUNDAY - POLO GROUNDS WILL BE USED SUNDAY

DEC 12 (Milwaukee Journal) - It isn't unlikely, if the weather happens to be sloppy in New York over the weekend, that the Packers and the Giants will play their championship game at the Polo Grounds Sunday on a field badly cut up. The Polo Grounds will be used the day before for the war bond game between Randolph Field and the Second Air Force...The Packers have been installed early 8 to 5 favorites...Gene Ronzani of the Bears, back from the season's wars, picks the Giants to beat the Packers Sunday. "Red Smith will set up a defense to stop Hutson," he says, "and the New York line is too tough defensively for Green Bay's backs. Now if the Packers should happen to pass to Jacunski or Brock or somebody else instead of Hutson, well - that would be something else again."

Packers, New York to Employ Time-Tested Attacks in National League Playoff Game

PACKERS, NEW YORK TO EMPLOY TIME-TESTED ATTACKS IN NATIONAL LEAGUE PLAYOFF GAME

DEC 13 (New York) - Two conservative coaches who will have nothing to with the popular T formation (except to stop it cold, now and then) will match time-tested offensives in the NFL playoff here Sunday. Coach Steve Owen of the New York Giants continues to use what he calls his "N.Y." formation, mixing in a few single wing plays. Curly Lambeau's Green Bay Packers line up in the Notre Dame box and then usually shift to a single wing. The success of these tactics is shown not only on the scoreboard, which shows the Packers won eight and lost two regular season games, and the Giants turned in eight victories to one defeat and one tie, but in the offensive statistics as well...**HAVE OUTSCORED GIANTS:** The Packers, relying largely on Don Hutson's adept pass catching, have scored 238 points, the league's third-highest total, to 141 for their opponents. They gained 3,024 yards, about half of it by passing. The Giants, tabbed a defensive team, scored 206 points while holding the opposition to 75 and gained 2,389 yards. At Charlottesville, Va., Lambeau said today that he expects to "stand pat" on his regular backfield but may juggle his line somewhat for the meeting Sunday at New York. The Packers have been drilling on Lambeth field at the University of Virginia for the past two weeks and expects to be at the peak of condition when they enter the Polo Grounds...**FREEZING WEATHER FELT:** Freezing weather and a threat of snow failed to halt the Packers Tuesday and Lambeau said that the drills in all probability will continue through Thursday or Friday. The session was given over to studying Giant plays and brushing up on the Packer pass attack. Indications are that the packers will rely to a great extent on the airways when they square off against the Eastern division titlists. This will mean that the brunt of the air battle will have to be borne by Hutson, leading scorer in the league for the fifth consecutive season...**TO START VETERANS:** Starting in the backfield Sunday, Lambeau said, will be Irv Comp, 214 pounds, formerly of St. Benedict's; Joe Laws, the 190-pounder from Iowa, a veteran of 11 years service with the Packers; Ted Fritsch, the 210-pound fullback from Stevens Point; and Larry Craig, 205, the blocking back from South Carolina.

PACKERS TO ARRIVE IN NEW YORK FRIDAY NIGHT

DEC 13 (Charlottesville, VA) - The Packers will finish their preparations for the National league championship here Thursday morning and will leave for New York, site of the contest against the Giants, Friday morning, Coach curly Lambeau said today. Arrival in New York is scheduled for 8:30 Friday night. The final pregame workout will be held, probably at the Polo Grounds, Saturday morning. The squad continues in excellent physical condition, the Packer coach said. Halfback Lou Brock, while he may not start the title contest, should see lots of action. During the last four games of the season,

Brock's absence from the Green Bay team reduced its effectiveness and during the final stretch the Packers dropped two of their four games. Lambeau described the passing attack during drills as something short of satisfactory but indicated that the ball club is generally rising to perfection in that department. The chucking duties will be handled by either Irv Comp or Roy D. McKay, former Texas star who saw action in the two final games after being out with an injured leg. The spirit of the team has left nothing to be desired, the Packer coach said after Tuesday afternoon's lengthy drill. "All the boys are working hard and they are determined to give a good account of themselves in the playoff game," he said. The revenge angle won't be entirely missing since the Giants slammed the Bays, 24-0, in the Polo Grounds Nov. 19.

POLO GROUNDS IN LIMELIGHT THIS WEEKEND

DEC 13 (New York) - Although you'll hear a lot about the Giants' "old men" shooting for the pro football championship Sunday, the Packers' roster lists just about as many 30-year olds, and when Ken Strong, age 37, tried lugging the ball last week Steve Owen claimed there wasn't a man on the field running harder. Owen suggests selling box lunches at the Polo Grounds so that fans who Saturday's Second Air Force-Randolph Field bond game can stay over for the pro playoff. Some of them likely would do it.

EVER FALL OFF A LOG? HUTSON HAS LITTLE TROUBLE DOING IT

DEC 13 (Chicago) - Final league statistics today disclosed that Don Hutson, famed Green Bay Packer end, grabbed his fifth straight NFL scoring title by piling up 85 points and his fourth pass grabbing championship in a row with 58 catches for 866 yards. The rushing championship went to New York's Bill Paschal with 737 yards in 196 attempts for the fourth largest total since keeping league statistics became a standard practice in 1932. Last year, Paschal copped the title by gaining 572 yards in 147 tries. Although Paschal finished fourth in the scoring column with 54 points, he matched Hutson's record of nine touchdowns. The Green Bay end scored all his touchdowns on passes, Paschal his nine on runs from rushing...FILCHOCK IS FIRST: The Washington Redskins sewed up individual passing honors with Frankie Filchock ranked first on eighty-four completions in 147 attempts, followed by his more famed teammate, Sammy Baugh, who clicked 82 times in 146 tries to edge Sid Luckman of the Chicago Bears for second place. Baugh, last year's champion, trailed Filchock in yards gained, 849 to 1,139. The fleet Giant halfback, Howie Livingston, intercepted nine passes and returned them 172 yards, one for a touchdown. Other 1944 departmental leaders: Field goals, Ken Strong, New York Giants, six made in 12 attempts; punting, Frank Sinkwich, Detroit Lions, 45 attempts for average distance of 41 yards; kickoff returns, Bob Thurbon, Chicago-Pittsburgh, 12 for 291 yards; punt returns, Steve Van Buren, Philadelphia, 15 for 230 yards. Johnny Grigas, the Chicago-Pittsburgh halfback, who played "hookey" in his club's finale, was second in ground gaining with 610 yards in 185 attempts.

BROCK OF PACKERS FIT, 3-WAY GIANT THREAT

DEC 13 (New York) - Just sort of incidentally, while Steve Owen is dusting off his super-effective defense to stop Don Hutson again Sunday, he might do well to devote a bit of his defensive efforts toward stopping Green Bay's ground game. It was learned yesterday that Lou Brock, hippy sparkplug of the Packer ground game who has been out of action since mid-season, had pronounced himself fit for the championship clash at the Polo Grounds. Return of Brock to the Packer lineup possesses three-fold value to the team. Not only does it add overland striking punch that has been so sadly lacking in Green Bay's attack during the latter games of the campaign, but it also provides the team with their best signal-caller. What is more, his presence makes Hutson doubly dangerous since the Giants would not be able to concentrate on stifling the pass plucking wizard. Up at the Polo Grounds, coach Owen was optimistic concerning his medical exhibit, Bill Paschal. The fullback's sprained ankle was not too badly swollen. While the rest of the Giants breezed through a light workout, Paschal subjected his injury to hear and whirlpool bath treatments, and Owen is confident he'll be ready for more than a token showing Sunday.

PACKERS ARE 2-1 FAVORITES OVER GIANTS SUNDAY

DEC 13 (New York) - Steve Owen, the mammoth Oklahoman, is a generous person, but he is proprietor of a skinflint football team which will go into Sunday's NFL title game against the Green Bay Packers with an astounding defensive

Final figures on first four finishers in each department:									
GROUND GAINING.									
	Atts.	Yds. gained.	Long.	Ave.					
Paschal, New York...	196	737	68	3.8					
Grigas, Card-Pitts....	185	610	29	3.2					
Sinkwich, Detroit....	150	563	72	3.8					
Margarita, Chi. Bears	88	463	47	5.3					
PASSING.									
	Atts.	Com.	Yds. G.	Td	P.	Com.	Pct.		
Filchock, Wash. 147	84	1139	13			.571			
Baugh, Wash....16	82	849	4			.562			
Luckman, C. B. 143	71	1018	11			.497			
Comp, Gr. Bay 177	80	1159	12			.452			
PASS RECEIVING.									
	Received.	Yds. gained.	Long.	T. D.					
Hutson, Gr. Bay...58	866	55	9						
Benton, Cleveland..39	505	36	6						
Aguirre, Wash.....34	410	58	4						
Moore, Wash.....33	424	59	5						
SCORING.									
	Td.	R.	Td.	P.	Td.	X	P.	Td.	Pts.
Hutson, Gr. Bay..0	9	9						31	85
Sinkwich, Det....6	0	6						24	66
Zimmerman, Phil 3	0	3						32	62
Paschal, N. Y....9	0	9						0	54
FIELD GOALS.									
	No. made.	No. at-tempted.	Long.	est.					
Strong, New York	6	12	38						
Aguirre, Washington	4	6	43						
Zimmerman, Philadelphia..	4	8	49						
Zontini, Cleveland	3	6	39						
PUNTING.									
	No.	Ave. dist.	Long.	est.					
Sinkwich, Detroit	45	41	73						
Younce, New York	48	40.5	72						
Baugh, Washington	44	40.6	76						
Johnson, Brooklyn	23	42.6	76						
KICK-OFF RETURNS.									
	No.	Yds. ret.	Ave. dist.	T.D.					
Thurbon, Card-Pitt ..	12	291	24.2	0					
Fritsch, Green Bay ..	11	288	26.1	0					
Polak, Cleveland	12	285	23.7	0					
Margarita, Chi. Bears	12	279	23.2	0					
PUNT RETURNS.									
	No.	Yds. ret.	Ave. dist.	T.D.					
Van Buren, Phila ...	15	230	15.3	1					
Steele, Philadelphia..	11	181	16.4	0					
Davis, Boston	22	271	12.2	0					
Sinkwich, Detroit ...	11	148	13.5	0					
PASS INTERCEPTIONS.									
	No.	Yds. ret.	Long.	T.D.					
Livingston, New York ..	9	172	1	40					
Wojciechowski, Detroit...	7	88	0	50					
Fritsch, Green Bay	6	115	1	50					
Steele, Philadelphia	6	113	0	62					

record. It required opponents an average of 90 plays to frisk the Giants for a touchdown in 10 games during the regular season. Meanwhile, Green Bay's rivals were ringing up scores on every 31 offensive maneuvers...CONSOLATION FOR PACKERS: Packer fans are cautioned not to become too discouraged over these figures because of some hidden elements. The Packers twice played the Chicago Bears, the most offensive minded team in the league. The Giants did not meet up with the Chicagoans this year, though they did have two contests with the Eagles, the highest scoring team of the season. On the whole the Packers encountered higher grade opponents that the Giants did, who fattened up by playing home and home series against the Boston Yanks and Brooklyn Tigers, the two weakest offensive units in the league. Offensively, the Packers marked up a touchdown every 21 plays, while the Giants required 26 to negotiate a score. Incidentally, the Bears

needed only an average of 17 plays for a touchdown, the league's best mark in 1944. The Giants' tight defensive record may make them a slight favorite at game time, but in today's quotations the Packers are listed a 2 to 1 favorite. Bill Paschal, fullback for the Giants and leading ground gainer in the NFL, didn't get a chance to test his sprained left ankle today because of the thawing turf in the Polo Grounds...OWEN ENJOYS SPOTLIGHT: They are calling Owen the coach of the year and Steve is quietly enjoying the spotlight. Steve is of common folks and retains his modesty with all the acclaim descending upon him, but he admits he almost swooned at first sight of his squad last summer. "I looked at 'em one by one," said Owen, "and I was awfully unhappy. Then I discovered most of them could do a job in a limited way. Ken Strong, 38, still could kick the ball. Arnie Herber, though not the Herber who played years ago with the Packers, still could throw the ball. It was that way all along the line." "So," he chuckled, "I learned gradually that if I fitted them in all these pieces I might have a ball team. Of course, we got Ward Cuff later when he was discharged from the service." There is talk of a sellout, which would mean a paid crowd slightly under 45,000, since 3,000 servicemen will be admitted. This will mean the juiciest championship player cut in the league's history. If the game ends in a tie there will no extra period or playoff, and the rivals will be declared co-champions.

WINNER OF GAME SUNDAY WILL GET ABOUT \$1,500 A MAN, LOSERS \$1,000

DEC 13 (Milwaukee Journal) - Sunday's pro league playoff between the Packers and Giants at the Polo Grounds will be worth about \$1,500 a man to the winning team and \$1,000 a man to the losing team. The size of the players' pool is determined by the gate, and a capacity crowd is almost assured...The meeting between the Packers and Giants will be their third since the league in 1933 decided upon a championship game between eastern and western division winners. The Giants won the first at the Polo Grounds in 1938, 23-17. The Packers won the second at State Fair park in 1939, 27-0. In their all-time rivalry, including the playoff games and this year's league game at New York, which the Giants won, 24-0, the teams

Final National Football League Team Statistics											
[Including games of Dec. 10.]											
Games	N.Y.	G.Bay.	Phila.	Bears.	Det.	Wash.	Cleve.	Bost.	Brkln.	C.-P.	
First downs.....	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Rushing	99	147	110	140	106	133	104	87	110	109	
Passing	72	70	73	73	52	59	51	36	53	56	
By penalty.....	23	63	27	57	47	70	43	41	47	44	
Yards gained.....	4	14	10	10	7	4	10	10	10	9	
Rushing	2389	3024	2623	3251	2664	2930	2388	1506	2017	2282	
Passing	1532	1517	1663	1563	1141	904	1118	471	960	1019	
Laterals	857	1471	941	1616	1475	2021	1261	1030	996	1257	
Number of rushes.....	0	36	19	72	39	5	9	5	61	6	
Average gain per rush	416	395	414	412	326	342	358	324	367	360	
Forward passes attempted	3.7	3.8	4	3.8	3.5	2.6	3.2	1.5	2.6	2.8	
Passes completed.....	125	253	136	217	207	299	208	198	213	258	
Per cent completed....	47	105	55	107	89	170	85	85	76	87	
Number had intercepted	.376	.415	.404	.404	.430	.568	.409	.429	.357	.337	
Yds. interc. ret. by op.	17	34	12	17	28	17	26	22	29	*41	
Opp. touch. on interc.	197	344	160	273	371	302	289	302	268	690	
Laterals attempted.....	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	1	1	2	
Completed	2	3	3	9	4	6	5	2	8	3	
Number of punts.....	0	3	2	7	4	5	4	2	4	3	
Average distance.....	60	48	55	57	54	59	57	72	74	60	
Returned by.....	38.6	36.9	39.9	36.6	40.5	39	38.7	35	38	32.8	
Average dist. ret. by.	33	27	41	29	31	26	28	37	31	17	
Ret. for touch. by....	12.1	8.9	13.7	9.1	14.2	10.2	11.6	12.3	11.6	9.4	
Kick-offs returned.....	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Average dist. ret. by.	17	30	26	31	25	37	43	39	26	53	
Ret. for touchdowns.	27.4	20	20.5	21.6	23.5	18.4	22.4	20.4	22.1	21.1	
Number of penalties....	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	
Yards penalized.....	68	62	66	*121	56	68	64	34	81	65	
Fumbles	502	558	523	*1025	417	545	441	228	639	479	
Own fumbles recovered	14	*11	36	24	22	28	28	29	27	30	
Opponents' fumbles..	7	4	16	10	14	16	13	21	19	8	
Opp. fumbles recovered	30	25	29	23	25	22	27	24	21	23	
Touchdowns [total]....	11	12	*4	9	16	9	17	11	9	12	
Touchdowns running..	26	34	37	37	31	23	26	11	10	16	
Touchdowns passing..	17	19	28	16	15	6	13	5	7	8	
Extra points.....	9	15	9	21	16	17	13	6	3	8	
Field goals.....	25	32	33	36	24	19	20	10	9	12	
Field goals attempted.	7	0	4	0	2	4	4	2	0	0	
Total points.....	16	5	8	0	8	6	7	9	6	2	
Opponents' points.....	1206	1238	267	258	216	169	188	82	69	108	
DEFENSIVE STATISTICS.											
Opponents' first downs.	75	141	131	172	151	180	1224	1233	166	1328	
Rushing	137	114	86	110	129	123	116	126	95	109	
Passing	66	56	43	49	63	71	69	81	41	56	
By penalty.....	64	49	35	38	57	47	41	44	41	46	
Opponents' yards gained	7	9	8	23	9	5	6	1	13	7	
Rushing	2318	2417	1943	2006	2673	2695	2899	2723	2410	3004	
Passing	1060	1130	558	954	1216	1492	1424	1575	1181	1381	
Laterals	1290	1229	1379	1052	1442	1166	1434	1131	1227	1575	
Number opp'ts rushes..	28	58	6	0	15	37	41	17	2	48	
Opp. av. gain per rush	374	357	321	299	403	399	387	446	362	366	
Opponents' passes att.	2.7	3.2	1.7	3.2	3	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.3	3.8	
Completed	258	226	231	208	246	188	206	166	181	204	
Per cent completed....	114	89	105	105	106	84	87	76	78	98	
Intercepted by.....	.442	.394	.455	.332	.431	.447	.423	.458	.431	.480	
Yds. interc. ret. by..	34	39	33	24	26	19	27	16	10	16	
T'ch'd's on interc. by	549	454	544	387	317	177	310	236	76	146	
	4	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

*New league record. †Includes two safeties. ‡Includes one safety.

are tied with 11 victories apiece. One game was a tie...The pro league will hold its annual meeting in New York Monday...Irv Comp of the Packers finished behind Frank Filchock, Sammy Baugh and Sid Luckman in passing efficiency in the season just closed, but he led the whole bunch of them in yards gained on passes - 1,159. Filchock finished second in this with 1,139...Out of New York now comes the story that Bill Paschal of the Giants, the league's leading ground gainer, who was injured in the third quarter of the Washington game last week, may now be in doubtful condition Sunday. He will probably start, but the word is that any good hard bump will put him back on the shelf.

League Statistics Give Packers Edge on Offense

LEAGUE STATISTICS GIVE PACKERS EDGE ON OFFENSE

DEC 14 (Green Bay) - While the Packers and the New York Giants put the finishing touches on their preparations for Sunday's championship playoff, official statistics from the NFL headquarters show definitely that the Bays have the edge offensively, while the men of Coach Steve Owen are tops in the defensive department. This who like to predict the outcome

	New York	Green Bay
Games	10	10
First downs	99	147
By rushing	72	70
By passing	23	63
By penalty	4	14
Yards gained	2,389	3,024
By rushing	1,812	1,517
By passing	557	1,471
By laterals	0	36
Number of rushes	416	325
Average gain per rush	3.7	3.8
Passes attempted	125	253
Passes completed	47	105
Passing efficiency	37%	41%
Passes intercepted	17	24
Punting average	38.4	36.9
Average punt return	12.1	8.9
Average kick-off return	27.4	20
Penalties in yards	502	558
Fumbles	14	11
Touchdowns	26	34
By rushing	17	19
By passing	9	15
Field goals	7	0
Total points	206	238
Opponents' points	75	141
Opponents' first downs	137	114
By rushing	66	56
By passing	64	49
Opponents' yards gained	2,318	2,417
By rushing	1,000	1,130
By passing	1,290	1,229
By laterals	28	58
Opponents' passing efficiency44	.39

of games on statistics - a hazardous procedure at best - have them on the two principals herewith. It is probably true that neither team will be worrying much about statistics when they clash at the Polo Grounds for the professional championship and a chance for an invitation to the 1944 All-Star game in Chicago. Players who are experienced know that the figures compiled during the season mean nothing and it's the scoreboard that counts...ARE PRACTICALLY EVEN: On this basis, the Giants and Packers are practically even. Each won eight games. There the similarity stops. The New York eleven lost only one game, to Philadelphia by a 24-17 count, and tied the same team, 21-21. The Packers dropped two and managed to score not a point in either defeat, first to the Chicago Bears by 21-0 and then to the Giants, 24-0. That shutout for the men of Owen was nothing unusual for them this season. They have five others, held Brooklyn to seven points in one game and allowed Boston 10 in another. Washington got 13 in two games. The Bays rolled up 238 points to the opponents' 141 while the Giants registered 175 to 75 for their foes. Except for emphasizing the defensive worth of New York the game scores indicate little else...PACKERS HAVE EDGE: On the ground and in the air the Packers had the edge over their Sunday rivals, who being quoted as 8-2 favorites to win, something which Coach Curly Lambeau likes, no doubt, because he would

prefer to have the Packers rated as underdogs. This, the coach figures, will give his team a psychological edge, which is something they didn't have when the teams met in the Polo Grounds last month. The offensive figures show: first downs - Packers 147, Giants 99; yards gained - Packers 3,024, Giants 2,389; average gain per rush - Packers 3.8, Giants 3.7; passes completed - Packers 105 of 253 attempted for a .415 percentage, Giants 47 of 125 attempted for a .376 percentage; touchdowns - Packers 34, Giants 26; extra points - Packers 32, Giants 25; field goals - Packers 0, Giants 7...CAN KICK GOALS: Before citing the defensive figures for the two elevens, it might be well to note the last two totals. The Giants have two excellent field goal kickers in Ken Strong and Ward Cuff. The former led the league this year with six in 12 attempts. It is easily foreseeable that the Giants will use the time-tested field goal method Sunday if the score is at all near close. And chances are that they will connect. The Packers have failed in all their attempts this season. The Giants naturally would rather score touchdowns, but they are not averse to winning games by three if a field goal will do the trick. Now on the defensive figures. The league record for 10 games shows: opponents' first downs - Packers 114, Giants 137; opponents' yards gained - Packers 2,417, Giants 2,318; opponents' average gain per rush - Packers 3.2, Giants 2.7; passes by opponents - Packers allowed 89 completions of 226 attempts for a .394 percentage, Giants allowed 114 of 258 attempts for a .442 percentage...LEAVE FOR NEW YORK: The Packers are to leave their Charlottesville, Va., training camp for New York Friday morning and will arrive there at 8:30 tomorrow night. They will stay at the Hotel New Yorker. Final workout of the

season is scheduled for Saturday morning at the Polo Grounds and will be a warmup only. The squad continues in its best physical shape of the year and is gradually building to a peak mentally. When the club will return to Green Bay remains unsettled. Ed Crim, Milwaukee road passenger agent accompanying the team, is now in the metropolis trying to obtain reservations for a return Sunday night. Several players are expected to do to their homes without returning here.

CHAMPIONSHIP TILT MAY PRODUCE MARK FOR LARGEST GAIN

DEC 14 (Green Bay) - Ticket prices for the championship playoff Sunday between the Packers and New York Giants at the Polo Grounds may produce the largest gate in the series history. The gate is expected to be a sellout with more than 56,000 people on hand when the contest begins at 1 p.m. Central War Time. Two broadcasts are scheduled for the game and possibly a third. One hundred and ninety stations of the BLU network will carry the play-by-play for listeners all over the nation. WTMJ of Milwaukee has received special permission to air the game with the description to be given by Russ Winnie. Station WTAQ here may also carry a broadcast although final arrangements have not been completed. Ticket prices for the game include: upper stand boxes, \$5; lower stand boxes, \$5 and \$4; upper stand reserved seats, \$4 and \$3; lower stand reserved seats, \$4 and \$3; 4,000 bleacher seats, \$1.25; 3,000 children's seats, 60 cents. All prices include tax.

THERE IS NO T IN TITLE PLANS OF PRO RIVALS

DEC 14 (Chicago) - Chicago and midwest fans who have become T formation conscious through the Bears' long time successful use of football's dominant system may be surprised to learn that this tactic will be missing Sunday when the Green Bay Packers and the New York Giants meet for the NFL championship in the Polo Grounds. The play planners of both teams happen to be right halfbacks, or wingbacks, as they are called by the trade. The quarterback, who is the big personality kid in the T, is relegated almost to anonymity the way the Giants and Packers do business. He is a blocking back...YOU'VE HEARD OF THESE: Ward Cuff calls the plays for the Giants. Lou Brock selects them for the Packers and

this is another reason why the Western champions' fate in this game depends largely on the condition of the former Purdue star. Brock, who because of a knee injury, has not played since Oct. 22, a long time for a 27 year old to stay out of combat. At his Charlottesville, Va., base, Coach Curly Lambeau of the Packers said today that Brock will not start. At this key position will be Joe laws, 33 year old Iowan who is playing his 11th season for Green Bay. This gives the chunky Hawkeye a chance to

1944 All-Pro Grid Team			
	Wgt.	College	Club
End, Don Hutson	185	Alabama	Green Bay
Tackle, Frank Kinard	220	Mississippi	Brooklyn
Guard, Len Younce	210	Oregon State	New York
Center, Clyde Turner	255	H.-Simmons	Chicago Bears
Guard, Riley Matheson	205	Texas Mines	Cleveland
Tackle, Al Wistert	215	Michigan	Philadelphia
End, Joe Aguirre	234	St. Mary's	Washington
Back, Sid Luckman	201	Columbia	Chicago Bears
Back, Frank Sinkwich	195	Georgia	Detroit Lions
Back, Steve Van Buren	200	Louisiana S.	Philadelphia
Back, Bill Paschal	198	Georgia Tech	New York

play the big role for a Packer success...WARD LEARNS NEW JOB: Cuff, at 31 and in his eighth campaign with the Giants, is calling signals for the first time as successor to Alphonse (Tuffy) Leemans. Steve Owen, the Giants' stout coach, said today that Cuff has amazed him with his generalship, though he knew all along that the native of Redwood Falls, Minn., was a bright young man. Cuff's home now is in Milwaukee, where he is regarded as one of Marquette's most notable athletic alumni. In Sunday's game he will try to pick the right spots for Arnie Herber of De Pere, Wis., to pitch passes and there you have the spectacle of two Badgers teaming up to whip the Packers, the toast of Wisconsin. What will the neighbors say or do to them this winter if the Giants win?...WEATHER OUTLOOK IS GOOD: The sunny, crisp weather will hold through game time, it was predicted today, and temperatures likely will be in the low or middle 40s. The Packers will leave their Virginia camp tomorrow night. After a Saturday morning arrival in New York they will go immediately to the Polo Grounds for a workout. That afternoon the Randolph field Superbombers and the 2nd Air Force elevens will meet there for the National Air Force championship in a Bond bowl game which has met the quota of \$79,750,000.

PACKERS ODDS GO UP, PASCHAL BUMP DOWN

DEC 14 (New York) - Strangely enough, as the swelling in Bill Paschal's ankle goes down, the odds favoring the Packers go up. The painful puffing around the star Giant fullback's sprain had virtually disappeared as Bill continued whirlpool treatments at the Polo Grounds yesterday, but the stubborn bookies have raised the Packers to 2-1 favorites for Sunday's championship clash at the Polo Grounds. "Bill's ankle is much better," stated Coach Steve Owen after the rest of the Giant squad had completed a frisky two-hour drill, "but we decided it would be better to give him as much rest as possible, so he didn't run on it today. We'll make the test tomorrow, and that will probably decide just how much we can expect of Bill in the game."...PLAYERS ' SPIRIT UP: The spirited drill of the rest of the team heartened Stout Steve, who commented that

the players' attitude is "coming up in a surprising manner" considering the bruising battle they experienced in Washington last Sunday. Livingston, Younce and Kinscherf, all of whom took a particularly heavy pounding, had shaken the last signs of physical stress as they drove through the peppy practice. Owen revealed that Livingston will again spend the best part of his time trailing Green Bay's incomparable Don Hutson like a suspicious house dick. It was Howie's fine job of covering the pass-plucking specialist four weeks ago that figured prominently in the Giants' regular season upset of the Packers. Owen added that, since Hutson makes a practice of switching from one side of the line to the other, defensive halfback Bill Petrilas is also being instructed in batting down and intercepting aerals. Regarding the odds on the game, which also quote Green Bay a 5-7 edge in the point market, Stout Steve smiled: "Well, they made the Packers heavy favorites the last time, too, didn't they. Just can't convince 'em I guess, but I like it that way. Personally I think it's an even

game all the way."...SEATS STILL AVAILABLE: There are still plenty of seats available at the offices of the baseball Giants, 104 W. 42d St., but should be a sellout result, the gross gate would come to \$149,000 under the scale of \$5 tops. It is estimated that the resultant player jackpot would pour approximately \$1,250 into a winner's lap and mean about \$800 to the loser. In the event of a tie, the 50-50 divvy would be worth a bit better than \$1,000 per full share.

STATISTICS TELL WHY PACKERS ARE PICKED

DEC 14 (Milwaukee Journal) - It is all a little confusing, at least on the surface, that the Green Bay Packers, who were so soundly drubbed by the New York Giants in the regular season, 24-0, should be favorites in the return meeting for the championship at the Polo Grounds Sunday. If the Giants won so handily before, why shouldn't they win again? Why should the already thrashed Packers rule a 7 point choice? - and that's what they were Thursday morning. It is all explained by the statistics - the season's statistics. The Packers may be licked again Sunday, probably will be if they play as they did in some of their recent games, yet off the statistics they logically still must be the choice. The statistics tell their own little tale. Total yards gained in the regular season in which each played 10 games? The Packers have a decided edge, 3,024 to 2,389. Touchdowns: The Packers have an edge, 34 to 28. Average gain per rush? Once more the Packers lead, 3.8 yards a rush to 3.7. Passing efficiency? The Packers have an edge in total yards gained, 1,471 to 857, and in percentage of completions, 41% to 37%. Clean ball handling? Once more it is the Packers who set a league record with only 11 fumbles. The Giants, second best in the league, fumbled 14 times. Pass defense? The Packers have a lower average of completions against them,



39% to 44%, even though the Giants have the best individual interceptor in the league in Livingston. There are some departments in which the Giants excel, of course. They have had better punting, better punt returning, better field goal kicking and a better defense against rushing and this last may turn out to be decisive Sunday. Overall, though, the edge in most departments belong to the Packers. They must logically be the choice. In any consideration like this, it must also be borne in mind that the Packers played in the tougher end of the league. There was only one soft touch in the west - the Card-Pitts. There were two in the east, Boston and Brooklyn, and even Washington this season, with a balky Sammy Baugh, was not up to par. The intangibles in the game, the condition, the mental approach, the breaks, and so on, no one can do more than guess at. Offhand, though, the Packers with three weeks of rest should be in just as good physical shape as the Giants - in fact, perhaps better, since both Bill Paschal, the league's leading individual ground gainer, and Len Younce, one of the bulwarks in the line, at guard, were injured last Sunday. The Giants should have no edge here. In mental approach, the Packers should be just as high and just as eager as New York. Not only have they the sting of the earlier licking still in their hides, but they can use the winners' share of the players' pool as well in Green Bay as the Giants can in New York. The breaks may well turn out to be the game's turning point, and in this the Packers must be on their toes indeed. New York all season has showed itself to be a gang of opportunists of the highest order. A fumble or a pass in the clutch and the Giants have gobbled it up. The Packers don't dare make many, if any, mistakes Sunday. The statistics also show Green Bay with much greater diversity of attack. The Packers may come by air or they may come by land, and in either way, if they happen to be "hot", they can roll. They have a set of six or seven backs carrying among them - Fritsch, Perkins, Lou Brock, Laws, Duhart and Comp. The Giants have pinned their hopes almost solely on Paschal and Cuff. Where the Packers just mentioned have split up the chores fairly even, Paschal has been the real workhorse in New York's backfield, carrying the ball almost as often as the rest of the backs together. Maybe the Giants will win. They have been something of a Cinderella team, since nobody gave them a tumble last August. Off the records, though, the Packers on Thursday were the choice. And here is a little guess that they will come through.

MAJOR LEAGUES BAR FOOTBALL FROM PARKS

DEC 14 (New York) - A battle royal appeared to be in the making Thursday between professional football and major league baseball unless the latter curtails its season. The fight started Wednesday when the major leagues, at their joint winter meeting, voted to bar football from their parks until the home baseball season has been completed. For the most part it leave NFL teams without fields for their early season games. The only solution appeared to be for a shorter baseball season, something which probably will come up for discussion when the major leagues meet in February. While there is considerable sentiment for a shorter season outside of baseball circles, there is little, if any, among the men who own and run the game. It may develop that baseball men cut their own incomes when they voted as they did. Pro football has become big business and the money which it turned over in rentals for ball parks means considerable to the baseball clubs involved. A spokesman for the football league left no doubt on how it felt about baseball's move. "Baseball can go fly its own kite," he said. He pointed out that the league had cooperated with baseball in every way, cutting down the number of its early season games and arranging its schedule so there would be as little conflict as possible with baseball. The pro league will discuss ways and means of overcoming the baseball park ban at their annual meeting here Monday. Pro football eventually will abandon ball parks altogether unless a satisfactory compromise is reached by shortening the baseball season. It appears a safe bet that pro football eventually will build its own parks, start its season earlier and no longer try to avoid conflict with baseball dates. That would be a financial blow to the nine baseball clubs which rent their parks for football. In most cases the ball clubs receive approximately 15% of the receipts. That means \$15,000 on a \$100,000 gate, which is not uncommon in pro football. Each club has five or six home games. Baseball parks used by the pros are owned by the New York Giants, Philadelphia Athletics, Detroit Tigers, Cleveland Indians, Chicago Cubs, Pittsburgh Pirates, Brooklyn Dodgers, Boston Red Sox and Washington Senators. The New York Yankees, who do not rent their stadium for pro football, led the movement for the ban. Their president, Edward G. Barrow, became incensed last fall when his team, still in the championship running, was forced to have a game called off in Philadelphia because the diamond had been cut up the day before by pro gridmen.



Packers Move Into New York For Grid Championship Tilt

Season's Records

Green Bay			
Packers	14	Brooklyn	7
Packers	42	Chi. Bears	23
Packers	27	Detroit	6
Packers	34	Card-Pitt	7
Packers	30	Cleveland	21
Packers	14	Detroit	0
Packers	0	Chi. Bears	21
Packers	42	Cleveland	7
Packers	0	New York	34
Packers	35	Card-Pitt	20
Packers	238	Opponents	141
New York			
Giants	22	Boston	10
Giants	14	Brooklyn	7
Giants	23	Card-Pitt	0
Giants	17	Philadelphia	24
Giants	31	Boston	0
Giants	21	Philadelphia	21
Giants	24	Green Bay	0
Giants	7	Brooklyn	0
Giants	16	Washington	13
Giants	31	Washington	0
Giants	175	Opponents	75

PACKERS MOVE INTO NEW YORK FOR GRID CHAMPIONSHIP TILT

DEC 15 (New York) - The Packers today moved from Charlottesville, Va., to New York, where they will attempt to win their sixth national football championship Sunday against the hardy Giants, winners of the Eastern division pennant. The Packers had been on location at the University of Virginia since Dec. 7 while the Giants mowed down the Washington eleven last Sunday to clinch the crowd in that division. Coach Curly Lambeau and his squad are not entirely unknown to New York grid enthusiasts. They had gone to the town in mid-November and

sustained a somewhat humiliating pasting, 24-0. The Packer coach is of the belief, and he doesn't stand alone, that the Giants will rue the day. In other words, the Bays figure now is the time for revenge although they have the utmost respect for the men of Stout Steve Owen...TITLE SETTING FAMILIAR: The championship setting is also a familiar one to Packer fans. Twice before the Giants and Bays have clashed for the title. In 1938, the New York team won by 23-17. The following year, Green Bay came up with one of those nearly perfect games to annihilate the Giants, 27-0, in Milwaukee. One other time, in 1936, Green Bay played in New York for a title, meeting the old Boston club. Green Bay won, 21-6. While the Packers were early conceded a better than even chance to win their first national title since 1939, the Giants were admittedly in bad shape when they assembled at Bear Mountain, N.Y. in mid-August. It seemed then most unlikely that they would have the slightest chance against either the Eagles or Redskins. But the Giants fooled everybody, won eight, lost one and tied one for a title. About all that was left from the preceding season was the line - Len Younce, Frank Cope, O'Neal Adams, and Frank Liebel - less Al Blozis, all-league tackle, and a backfield of rookies. Ward Cuff and Hank Soar were in the Army, Bill Paschal in the Merchant Marine, and, to add trouble, Emery Nix, groomed for the passing job, was nipped by Uncle Sam on the first day of practice...HAD BLEAK OUTLOOK: It was one of the bleakest outlooks in Giant history, but as time wore on the situation, aided by a break in the schedule, kept improving to a point where the Giants became considered one of the strongest teams in the league, with perhaps the strongest line there is, and a backfield that, while lacking in glamor, scores touchdowns. Needing a passer, Coach Owen induced Arnie Herber to come out of retirement after long years of service with the Packers, and got Ken Strong to re-don his togs and act as kicking specialist. Hap Sivell was purchased from the Brooklyn Tigers and Len Calligaro, a blocking back, was picked up on waivers from Green Bay. All four have proved important factors in the Giants' successful battle to gain the top in the Eastern division. The development of Howie Livingston, rookie from a small California college, to a point where he is one of the aces of the years, and freshman Bill Petrilas, John Weiss and Calligaro, together with Sulaitis' improvement, have been of great help. So has the return, at various stages of the season, of Mel Hein, Soar, Cuff and Bill Paschal, the league's best ground gainer, and finally Blozis. This, then, is the outfit that the Packers must topple Sunday if they want to take home to Wisconsin their sixth championship in the NFL's history and their third since the start of the playoff arrangement in 1933. Early odds of eight to two favoring the Giants have, for some reason, swung to 2 to 1 for the Packers in the New York books. Coach Lambeau, fearing the ill psychological effect on his squad if they pay too much attention to what the odds are quoting, would like to have the team enter the game the underdog by about 14 or 21 points. The betting fraternity, however, always play it close and present odds indicate that they aren't too sure about the game. On the record, the Bays should be underdogs because of the previous licking. Green Bay will, no doubt, rely on several new maneuvers in the passing department although Don Hutson is expected to continue as the principal target of tosses by left halfback Irv Comp and Roy D. McKay. The mixture will come on passes thrown by either Lou Brock or Joe Laws from the right halfback spot to Harry Jacunski or Ray Wheba, or perhaps a halfback scooting into the secondary. The game is a natural so far as the revenge angle is concerned. The Packers expressed a preference for the Giants before they left here 10 days ago. While this may have been less apparent than it really is, that 24-0 loss to the Giants cut deep into the Bays' sensibilities. The good burghers of the big city, always intrigued by the success of the small town team, will no doubt turn out en masse to see the contest - some 56,000 of them.

Five Officials for Packer-Giant Game

CHICAGO —(AP)— A fifth official to handle the timing was named today for the championship playoff between the Green Bay Packers and New York Giants of the National Football league in New York Sunday.

Lt. Col. Red Friesell, former referee who retired after suffering a compound fracture of the leg several seasons ago, will run the electric clock for the game. Friesell will work from the sidelines.

Other officials named by Commissioner Elmer Layden for the game are Roland J. Gibbs, referee; Carl Brubaker, umpire; Eugene Miller, field judge, and Charles Berry, head linesman.

DON HUTSON MAKES AP ALL-PRO SEVENTH TIME; KINARD, TURNER AND LUCKMAN REPEAT

DEC 15 (New York) - Several NFL rookies gave spectacular performances this season, but only one, Steve Van Buren of the Philadelphia Eagles, made the all-pro team selected by the Associated Press and newspaper writers. There are four men who were on last year's team, three second year men, two three-year men and one veteran on an "all" team a few years back. The Eagles, New York Giants and Chicago Bears each landed two men. The Washington Redskins, Green Bay Packers, Brooklyn Tigers, Detroit Lions, Cleveland Rams and Green Bay Packers all placed one player. The veteran Packer end, Don Hutson, who has won national honors seven years in a row, heads the repeaters from 1943. The others are Frank Kinard, Tiger tackle; Clyde Turner, Bear center, and Sid Luckman, Bear quarterback. The sophomores on the team are Bill Paschal, Giant fullback, the leading ground gainer for two years; Frank Sinkwich, one of the leading rushers and passers in the circuit, and Al Wistert, Eagle tackle. The three year are Len Younce, Giant guard, and Joe Aguirre, Redskin end. Hutson, Kinard, Turner, Younce and Sinkwich were unanimous choices of all the balloters. Hutson was the only unanimous choice in 1943.

HOPES OF GIANTS REST UPON TRAINER'S ABILITY

DEC 15 (New York) - Ever heard of Mauch - Bill Mauch? Bill works with bandages, tape, iodine, heat lamps and such things and at the moment he is the most important guy in the camp of Steve Owen's rather amazing New York Giants, who Sunday will meet the Green Bay Packers at the Polo Grounds for the championship of the NFL. Bill is the most important guy in camp right now because upon his skill to bring around such things as shoulder separations and tricky knees and twisted ankles depends, to a large extent, almost all of New York's hopes. You see, Steve Owens himself can only go so far. He can set up a defense for the Packers and he can map out his own team's attack. He can point out just what to do to tie up Don Hutson, and he can build up a head of team steam. But he needs men who are whole to be able to do this - and that's just the point because at the moment, with the game three days off, he has an injury list a mile long. Bill Paschal, the wheelhorse of Owens' backfield and the league's leading ground gainer, has a shoulder separation. Len Younce, an all-league guard again, has a twisted knee, and Hub Barker, Len Caligaro, Carl Kinscherf and Joe Sulaitis have an assortment of bruises and bumps bad enough to lead Owens to hold them out of Thursday's practice. "Most of the men are going to start Sunday," Owens said Friday morning. "Bill has done wonders with our cripples all season. But how long they will last if the going is real tough, as it might be, I hate to think. Take Paschal, for instance. He really has a bad sprain. He can't go up on his toes at all, and even a guy who can do things the way he does can't play a game like Sunday's on his heels alone." So you see what at the moment Bill Mauch means to New York's hopes. He carries them in his little kit with his bandages. He is the most important guy in camp. Except for the depressing effect which his list of cripples naturally has on him, however, Owens professes only ordinary concern over the outcome of Sunday's game. "We bet them before," he said, "and we can beat them again, although I'm not kidding myself that it will be as easy as a month ago. (The Giants beat the Packers in the regular season, 24-0.) We don't scare easy down here - and we wouldn't scare at all if we weren't so badly banged up. But we'll see Sunday - we'll see." Meanwhile the Packers completed training at their camp at Charlottesville, Va., Friday morning. They were to arrive here Friday night and establish headquarters at the New Yorker hotel. A light workout will be held at the Polo Grounds Saturday morning. Excellent football weather will await them. The thermometer hung in the low forties, and unless a storm suddenly developes, a good field will await them Sunday, too. A tarpaulin has covered the field all week. New York fans, depressed along with Owens by the list of his cripples, have forgotten all about the result a month ago, and have installed the Packers seven point favorites.

BLOZIS IS ELIGIBLE

DEC 15 (New York) - Second Lt. Al Blozis, huge tackle for the New York Giants who did not join the squad until three weeks ago, is eligible for Sunday's NFL title playoff with Green Bay, commissioner Elmer Layden ruled Friday. The loop's rules declare a play eligible for the playoff if he has been on a club's active list for two weeks prior to the title game.

GIANT CHANCES FALL WITH WIND

DEC 15 (New York) - Degree by degree, as the mercury is driven down by New York wintry winds, the Giants' victory chances in Sunday's championship against the potent Packers drop correspondingly. For the sinking temperature has frozen the Polo Grounds grid stiffer than a go-to-meetin' collar - a condition that sent Green Bay's favoritism up to 11-5 in the money books and seven points in the scoring market yesterday. "This hard ground is bad for us," commented Giant prexy Jack Mara, echoing the generally known theory that the team's running attack functions at its poorest over a frozen field. After inserting a subtle digression that there are still plenty of seats available at the Giant baseball offices (104 W. 42d St.),

Radio Broadcasts

Green Bay Packer fans will have plenty of opportunity to follow the professional championship playoff Sunday afternoon. The game will begin in the Polo Grounds at New York at 1 p. m. Central War Time. Wisconsin radio stations carrying a play-by-play broadcast will be WTAQ of Green Bay and WTMJ of Milwaukee. Harry Wismer will handle the announcing over the Green Bay station and Russ Winnie for the Milwaukee outlet.



This is the official photograph of the 1944 Green Bay Packer football team, taken several days before the world championship game with the Giants in New York Sunday afternoon. Front row: Buckets Goldenberg, guard; Paul Duhart, halfback; Ben Starrett, quarterback; Pete Tinsley, guard; Forrest McPherson, center; Larry Craig, quarterback; Charlie Brock, center; Lou Brock, halfback; Roy McKay, halfback; Joe Laws, halfback. Second row: Bud Jorgenson, trainer; Bill Kuusisto, guard; Ray Wheba, end; Glen Sor-

enson, guard; Bob Flowers, center; Harry Jacunski, end; Ted Fritsch, fullback; Don Perkins, fullback; Charles Tollefson, guard; Joel Mason, end; Gus Seaburg, property man. Top row: E. L. (Curly) Lambeau, coach; Don Hutson, end and backfield coach; Paul Berenzey, tackle; Ade Schwammel, tackle; Irv Comp, halfback; Milburn Croft, tackle; Alex Urban, end; Bob Kahler, halfback; Buford Ray, tackle; Mike Bucchianeri, guard; George Trafton, line coach.

the Dean of Eighth Avenue Tech added that little can be done about the condition of the field aside from appealing to Providence for a break...TARPAULIN LITTLE HELP: "This tarpaulin which we've spread over the entire playing surface is about all we can do," he said, "but the continued cold penetrates it." Mara expressed the faint hope that the Randolph Field-Superbomber contest at the Polo Grounds tomorrow might produce enough cleat action to soften the ground somewhat. Not only does a frozen field hamper the Giants' running game by reducing the traction of their ball toters, but it affects the line's defensive charging of a passing team like Green Bay. This was clearly illustrated in the two games against the Redskins. The first was played on a frozen field, and, although the Giants did squeeze through to victory, Sammy Baugh enjoyed sufficient passing time to give the Maramen plenty of trouble. The following week, with the ground soft enough for the Jints to dig into it firmly, Baugh and Frank Filchock were knocked on their backs all afternoon by the hard-charging Giant line, and the Maramen romped, 31-0...PASCHAL TAKES NO RISK: Yesterday's frozen ground also cancelled the important testing of Bill Paschal's healing ankle. Coach Steve Owen had intended to let his star ground gainer trot around the sidelines a bit to determine how the sprain would stand up under pressure, but decided that the treacherous footing might aggravate Bill's condition. So Paschal settled for continued whirlpool and massage treatments, and along with several other teammates (Calligaro, Sulaitis and Barker) has his wound heavily taped by trainer Gus Mauch, Unusually pessimistic where his own injuries are concerned, Paschal surprised with the statement that his ankle "doesn't hurt a bit when I walk. Only when I press down hard on the foot do I feel slight pain. But I'll be fine by Sunday."

Sports Parade

Red Smith Hopes to Laugh For Second Time on Sunday

Former Green Bay Line Coach Is Anxious to
Show Up His Former Grid Boss, Mr. Lambeau

RED SMITH HOPES TO LAUGH FOR SECOND TIME ON SUNDAY

DEC 16 (New York) - Richard (Red) Smith, truck-like line coach of the New York football Giants, had one hearty laugh this season. That was on Nov. 19, when the Giants shellacked the Green Bay Packers, 24-0. He hopes to have another Sunday when the two teams tangle for the league championship at the Polo Grounds. Despite last month's victory, the Giants now are 1-2 underdogs in the betting. Because of this - and for certain personal reasons, which we shall explain - it would

rifle Smith's risibilities no end if the New Yorkers whip the daylights out of Green Bay. From midwestern sportswriters we learn that Mons. Curly Lambeau, Packer coach, attributes a portion of his outfit's success this season to the fact that Red Smith is no longer their line mentor. Red concluded a decade of service with the Packers at the close of the 1943 campaign, and shifted to the Giants. Meanwhile, Stout Steve Owen, pilot of the Polo Grounders, believes that Smith has ben worth his weight in gold to the New Yorkers this season. Red packs a modest 230 pounds on his five-foot-ten chassis. Entirely without prejudice, Smith is inclined to side with Owen and against Curly in this difference of opinion...STILL SMOKING CIGARS: While the Giants were taking some limbering exercises at the Polo Grounds and watching them anxious eyes as Bill Paschal experimented with his injured ankle, we approached the line coach with an interview in mind. Smith, enveloped in four white sweat suits - layer upon layer - to avoid contact with the unfriendly atmosphere, resembled a white balloon with a smokestack; the stack being an oversized cigar which must have cost Red plenty - at current prices. Red, a former Notre Damer, smiled frigidly and said, "I do not choose to comment upon my previous relations with Lambeau; I cannot recall having any difficulties with him or with the Packer club. I will break down and confess, however, that I hope we beat hell outta them Sunday." Leaving the 40-year old line coach, we ankled back to our midwestern portable-pounders for more

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This Is It!

GREEN BAY.	NEW YORK.
Hutson	L. E. O. Adams
Ray	L. T. Cope
Knausisto	L. G. Younce
C. Brock	C. Hein
Goldenberg	R. G. Stvell
Berezney	R. T. Carroll
Jacunski	R. E. Liebel
Craig	Q. B. Calligaro
Comp	L. H. Herber
Laws	R. H. Cuff
Fritsch	F. B. Livingston
Referee—Ronald Gibbs. Umpire—Carl Bru-	
baker. Field Judge—Eugene Miller. Head lines-	
man—Charles Berry. Timer—Lt. Col. William	
Friesel.	

elucidation. They explained that during most of Smith's tenure with the Bays, he and Lambeau have been at loggerheads. Since we apparently have no loggerheads in New York, the visiting newsmen drew pictures of a couple for our enlightenment. Despite the loggerhead situation in the Wisconsin metropolis, Smith remained year after year with the Packers, and feuded with Lambeau - again and again and again, only because the Packers' job was right handy to Red's hometown of Kaukauna, Wis., 20 20 miles from Green Bay...SMITH ARE CLANNISH:

Red has a flock of relatives in Kaukauna, and the Smiths are a clannish people, as one can appreciate from the manner in which those bearded brothers have remained together so many years on the cough drop packages. The Klan Smith of Kaukauna resented Lambeau's alleged treatment of their red-headed representative. At long last they took an Australian vote; and their spokesman asked Red to sever his ties with the Packers, then go out into the world and prove his superiority to Lambeau, on neutral ground.

Hence it is that Red's 230 pounds will quiver like jostled jelly, because of his belly-laughs, if the Giants win Sunday. And the Smiths of Kaukauna will be chortling, too, if sportscaster Harry Wismer's machine-gun account of the game over the Blu network details an impressive Giant victory. The pride and prowess of the Smiths will have been upheld, to the discomfiture of Monsieur Lambeau.

PACKERS TO CLASH WITH GIANTS FOR PRO TITLE

DEC 16 (Green Bay) - The Green Bay Packers and the New York Giants,

winners of division title during the 10-game regular season, will meet in the historic Polo Grounds on Sunday afternoon in the 12th annual playoff for the NFL championship. The kickoff will be at 1:05 Central War Time and a capacity crowd of 56,000 fans is expected. The Packers will be seeking their sixth championship against a team that dropped them 24-0 less than a month ago. The Giants will be after their fourth title. Green Bay won in 1929-30-31, 1936, and 1939, while the team from the nation's largest city copped the world title in 1927-34-38. While a sudden change in odds now gives the Packers the edge, it is difficult to rate the game anything but a tossup. The team of Coach Curly Lambeau has shown the greater offensive power during the season while the Giants have outranked every other team in the professional circuit on defense. Weather conditions may have much to do with the outcome...WEATHER IS IMPORTANT: If climatic conditions are right, the field is not muddy and the temperature is above 30 degrees, the Packers will have more of a chance to get their highly-rated aerial game working smoothly. However, should the field be muddy and the mercury considerably below freezing, the men of Stout Steve Owen will have the edge. Weather reports from New York indicate the weather will be mild. An advantage for the Giants is that they will be playing before a home crowd. The Packers, however, will have a psychological

Play-Off Facts

EVENT—For world professional football championship.

CONTESTANTS—Green Bay Packers, Western division champions, vs. New York Giants, Eastern champions.

PLACE—Polo Grounds, New York.

TIME—1:05 p. m. [C. W. T.].

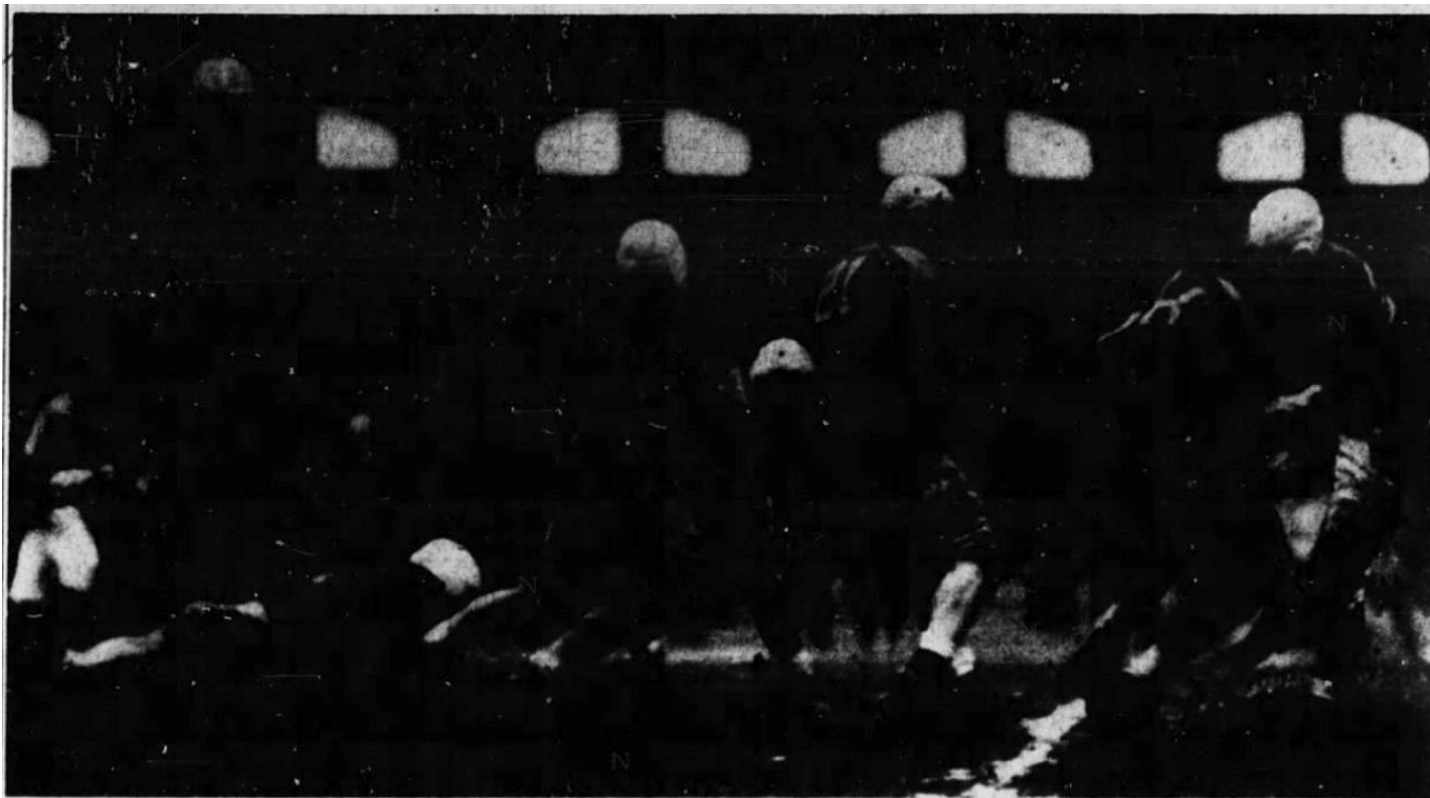
PROBABLE ATTENDANCE—55,000, including service men.

PROBABLE RECEIPTS—\$150,000 gross.

PROBABLE WEATHER—Clear with temperature around 35 degrees.

PROBABLE WINNER'S SHARE—\$1,500 for each member of winning team; \$1,000 for losers.

RADIO BROADCAST—Blue network [WENR Chicago outlet]; WTMJ, Milwaukee; WHN, New York.



Caught in this lineup, back Ted Fritsch (head down, center) of the Green Bay Packers is held to a three-yard gain on the Card-Pitt 10-yard line in the second period of the game at Chicago Sunday. Running

ahead of the ball carrier is teammate Pete Tinsley (21), Green Bay guard. The Packers won, 35-20, closing their regular National Football league schedule. (Associated Press Photo)

margin because of their previous defeat by the same team. They, too, are better rested than the Giants, who had to go all-out to take their second straight victory and with it the championship against Washington last Sunday. The Bays' last battle was Nov. 26 against the Card-Pitt. Both elevens are packed with veterans. The Packers have such front-line oldsters as center Charley Brock, guards Pete Tinsley and Buckets Goldenberg, tackles Baby Ray and Paul Berezney and Tiny Croft, and ends Don Hutson, Joel Mason, Harry Jacunski and Ray Wheba. The backfield corps veterans are Joe Laws, Ted Fritsch, Larry Craig, Ben Starrett, Irv Comp and Lou Brock, who will probably see action for the first time since Oct. 22...WILL USE OTHERS: From among these will come the starting eleven against the Giants. Coach Lambeau also expects to use others such as linemen Bob Flowers, Bill Kuusisto, Ade Schwammel, Glen Sorenson, Charley Tollefson and Alex Urban, and backs Paul Duhart, Roy McKay, Don Perkins and Bob Kahler. All are in tip-tip physical condition and ready to step into the lineup at a moment's notice. The Giants, called the "Old Time" team by the writers, are paced by men whose pro experience goes all the way from seven to 14 years. The oldest is Mel Hein. Then there are Arnie Herber, who helped the team win its championship by his accurate pass throwing, Ken Strong, the field goal expert upon whose toe may depend the outcome, Vic Carroll, Frank Cope, Jim Sivell, Charley Avedisian and O'Neal Adams, all in the front line. Several rookies have also sparked. One of the freshmen who received the praise of Coach Owen is Len Calligaro, the former Wisconsin ace who was obtained on waivers from Green Bay late in September. Two others are Howie Livingston and Bill Petrillas, backfielders. The fourth member of the quartet is Johnny Weiss. Livingston probably will get the job of covering Hutson on passes. He did it expertly in the last game. One other member of the Giant team likely to cause the Packers trouble is Bill Paschal, who repeated his professional league ground gaining title this season but suffered a sprained left ankle against the Washington Redskins Sunday. Without Paschal to drive for the scores, the Giant attack sputters. Should Paschal hobble from the field, Herber may unlimber his passing arm against Green Bay, where he threw himself to fame with Hutson. Hutson, the league's top scorer and pass receiver, could be the difference in the two teams. The lean end, veteran of nine seasons of professional play, was shackled by Livingston when Green Bay played New York earlier. Hutson caught only four passes for 31 yards. However, Herber is no longer throwing to Hutson for Green Bay, nor is Cecil Isbell, who succeeded Herber. Young Comp is the newest pitcher and despite the 80 completions he has flipped this season, he has had trouble spotting Hutson on long throws. Livingston had nine pass interceptions to his credit this season, returning the throws 172 yards. Ted Fritsch leads the Green Bay interceptor squadron with six interceptions for 106 yards. Center Charley Brock, the hulking lineman who roved over the midland area as a Nebraska center, snagged enemy passes all over the field, has fallen to a new low in that department. He has just one interception all season. Younce of New York holds the highest punting mark of either team. The offseason Oregon policeman has booted the ball 1,941 yards during the season - to lead the league. His longest kick traveled 72 yards and his overall kicking average is 40.5 yards. Fritsch and Lou Brock are the top Packer kickers. Depending on the weather, the game may bring out a record box office. President Jack Mara of the Giants estimated

a sellout would net \$120,000, which would top the all-time high of \$109,545.50 in the Bear-Redskin game in Chicago last year. The players' winning share then was \$1,146.87 and the losing cut \$765.78. The winners' share this year may run to \$1,250 and the losers' to \$850.

PASCHAL WORKS AT PG; INJURED ANKLE BETTER

DEC 16 (New York) - The Polo Grounds became the Proving Grounds yesterday as the long-awaited test of Bazooka Bill Paschal's injured ankle took place before an eager-eyed group of "ordnance" experts. The result: A split decision. Giant coach Steve Owen's comment was an indifferent, "Well, at least he's running," but Paschal, himself, exuded a confident "Feels pretty good. It only slows me down to about 9.8 for 100 yards!" Stout Steve's chilled enthusiasm, after watching Paschal run through numerous plays in his first drill for Sunday's title tilt with the Packers, was predicated on the star fullback's lack of drive. On second thought, however, the calculating coach admitted that he might have been expecting too much of Bill at this time...SEES MORE IMPROVEMENT: "After all," said Steve, who had asserted right along that Paschal would be able to play, "he might have been favoring the foot a bit. There are still 48 hours left for plenty of improvement. He might be running hard by Sunday." Paschal, on the other hand, refused to qualify his cheerful reaction to yesterday's test. In addition to his joking reference to his speed, the blonde ball totter disclosed that his injury had reacted well to pressure. "Just tape it up tight Sunday and let me loose," he smiled. While there is no doubt that fulltime duty from Paschal would aid the Giants immeasurably in their championship bid, the Maramen would by no means be lost if he sustains a recurrence of the injury early in the battle. It should be remembered that Paschal played barely a quarter of the game against the Packers a month ago, and still the Giants handed the Westerners a 24-0 walloping. Regardless of who carries the mail, thought, it won't be delivered promptly over a frozen field. With this in mind, the Giants lifted the protective tarpaulin off the gridiron yesterday to allow the strong sun to thaw out the turf somewhat...BLOZIS' ABSENCE PUZZLE: As if worry over the condition of Paschal and the field weren't enough, Owen's broad shoulders are burdened with another uncertainty - this one entitled, "Where, oh where, has my little Al gone?" Little Al Blozis, all 245 pounds of him, is mysteriously missing and unaccounted for. The gigantic lineman, on furlough from the Army, played in two games for the Giants, Nov. 27 and Dec. 3, thus becoming eligible for the title playoff. But Blozis didn't show up at Washington last Sunday, and hasn't communicated with Steve since. "The Army may have moved him," Owen guesses, "but I'm still hoping that he's close enough to join us for the game. I can sure use him." Now, how can a six-foot-seven guy just disappear like that?

GIANTS BATTLE PACKERS FOR PRO TITLE

DEC 16 (New York) - The Green Bay Packers, who last won the NFL title in 1939, and the New York Giants, the surprise team of 1944, confidently rested tonight for tomorrow's championship battle in the Polo Grounds. This is to be New York's first league title since 1938, when the Giants whipped the Packers, 23 to 17. The next year, in the snow at Milwaukee, the Packers blanked the Giants, 27 to 0. Until this year, Green Bay has been blanketed four straight seasons in the west by the Bears, and the Redskins were almost as heartless with the Giants, who did manage to qualify for the big game in 1941...55,000 WILL SEE GAME: New York will live up to its reputation as the land's top pro football center with an overflowing crowd in excess of 55,000 in the Polo Grounds. Clear weather, with temperatures around 35 degrees, is predicted. As for the gridiron, it took a beating this afternoon when Randolph Field whipped the 2d Air Force, 13 to 6, for the air forces championship. The battered terrain may work slightly in the Giants' favor as they are a plodding team. It also may slow up the maneuvering of Don Hutson and other Green Bay pass catchers, but the Packers have a running game which matches that of the Giants. The gross gate is expected to hit \$150,000, a record, and the competing players will participate in the richest postseason payoff in the league's history. Winning individual shares will be about \$1,500. Each team will go into the game with the physical condition of key backfield men closely guarded secrets. The Packers' question mark star is Lou Brock, the one time Purdue player, who has been out of action since October with an injured knee. The Giants are hoping that Bill Paschal, twice champion ground gainer of the league, will be able to operate efficiently on his line smashing. Paschal suffered a sprained ankle last Sunday when the Giants beat Washington for the east title...PACKERS FAVORITES, 5 TO 11: Odds on the game have remained steadfast through this week. The Packers today were quoted as 5 to 11 favorites. In other words, a \$11 investment on the westerners would return only \$5 if they win. The Giants, though, are not 5 to 11 underdogs, because the bookies have to enjoy a little percentage. A \$5 wager on the Giants will bring only \$9 if they are victorious. In the point betting, you can take Green Bay and give eight, or you take New York and get six. The Packers, like the Bears, are a scoring unit which proceeds on the theory of getting there with the mostest points. They have had three weeks to prepare for this contest and are in superb condition with the possible exception of Brock. This star had risen to heights before. He calls the signals, passes occasionally, and is a hard, clever runner, whose breakaway dashes gave his team the victory edge in two close early season battles with the Brooklyn Tigers and Bears. Irv Comp and Roy McKay, the rookie from Texas, will do most of the pitching...HERBER READY TO PITCH: In the Giants' backfield is another Badger. He's Arnie Herber, once the pitching half of the Herber-to-Hutson passing combination. Arnie, who lives in De Pere, five miles from Green Bay, last week pitched three touchdown passes against the Redskins. He hurled two late in a game with the Eagles to give the Giants a tie with that team. Each team has a tremendous, experienced line, which can be depended upon to get the job done for the backs.

ODDS JUMP ON PACKERS; PASCHAL DOUBTFUL STARTER

DECEMBER 16 (New York) - The odds favoring the Green Bay Packers to win the NFL championship by beating the New York Giants in their title playoff tilt at the Polo Grounds Sunday mounted Saturday as it appeared doubtful that Bill Paschal, star Giant back, would play because of an ankle injury. The loss of Paschal, hard running back who sparked the Giants to the eastern division title, would be a terrific blow, but Coach Steve Owen is still hopeful. "Paschal still has 24 hours," said Owen. "He is determined to play. We can tape his ankle up good for him. I have a feeling he'll play, but I don't know how long or how well." Meantime the Packers, 2 1/2 to 1 favorites despite the 24-0 trouncing the Giants handed them last month, arrived from a week's workouts in Virginia and took a limbering up drill in the Polo Grounds. Coach Lambeau said he was uncertain about the linemen he would start in the game, adding that it depends on whether the Packers are on the offensive or defensive at the beginning of the contest. The Packers' starting backfield will be Irv Comp, Joe Laws, Ted Fritsch and Larry Craig.

GREEN BAY 11-5 FAVORITE, OWEN SEES EVEN CHANCE

DEC 17 (New York) - If the men who make the football odds know what they are doing, Curly Lambeau's Green Bay Packers will be champions of the National Professional Football league Sunday night. On the eve of the title game with the New York Giants at the Polo Ground Sunday afternoon, the young and not so young men of Lambeau were cast in the role of rather prohibitive 11 to 5 favorites. It had made no difference, in the approach to this game, that the Giants beat the Packers a month ago, 24-0, or that the Packers staggered through the last half of their season with some of the shoddiest football they have played in several years, or that stout Steve Owen, who coaches the Giants, has publicly given his team at least an even chance, or better, to repeat its earlier victory. The odds are 11 to 5 - and there they are. A capacity crowd of about 47,000 will see the game. The field will be in fairly good shape despite snow flurries Saturday afternoon. The injured wheelhorses of both teams, Bill Paschal of the Giants and Lou Brock of the Packers, will play - how long is anybody's guess. The same teams played before a record crowd of 58,000 a month ago, but at that time the Polo Grounds included knockdown bleachers at one end which since have been removed. Sunday, if only standing room is sold, and arrangements for this have been made, will the crowd hit 50,000. In any event, though, the \$4 top assures a record breaking gate for the players, who will split 60% of the gross. Each man on the winning side will get about \$1,500 and each man on the losing team about \$1,000. The snow flurries Saturday afternoon lasted no more than an hour and melted quickly as they were followed by the sun. The condition of the field, of course, can be of tremendous importance, especially for the passing Packers, who depend more than the Giants on easy and free movement and a dry ball. Paschal and Brock both will play but it is this writer's guess neither will last very long. Paschal has a very bad ankle, which he injured in the Washington game a week ago. Until Friday he did no more than jog easily around the field. Brock has a bum knee. Only an operation will ever bring it around to normal. The rest which the Packers have had since their bad showing against the Card-Pitts three weeks ago has meant a lot to Brock, but the fact is he needs more than a rest. He will be in the lineup Sunday, but it will be only to pass - or largely to pass. He cannot work at the sharp angles a ball carrier must. The two coaches, in view of the odds, offered rather strange contrasts. Owen without hesitation said that his tough line, led by Cope, Younce, Liebel and Carroll, would be able to stop the Packers again. "We have at least an even chance," he said, "maybe more. We haven't been pushed around by anybody, and we've raised Ned with all of them. If only Paschal were in tip-top shape, there wouldn't be any question about the game. If nothing else, we'll outgame 'em." Lambeau was a bit more cagey, a little more grim, perhaps, which spoke well for Green Bay's chances, for Lambeau generally is an incurable optimist. "If they beat us," he said, "they're a better team. We're ready. We made a lot of mistakes against them a month ago. I don't think we'll make 'em Sunday. We'll see." Lambeau's caution, and the mood in which he approaches the game were especially encouraging to Packer fans. He was strictly a coach who did not underestimate the Giants, who had confidence in his own team, who felt that he was ready for the game - and Lambeau reflected pretty well the mood of the whole team. The Packers were not in the least cocky whatever the odds. It will be a battle again between a team with a sledgehammer on the ground, the Giants, and a team with an arrow in the air, the Packers. Paschal has been New York's sledgehammer all season, with important help on reserves from Ward Cuff. He has carried the ball about as much as all the other backs combined. Hutson has been Green Bay's arrow, with Comp and Brock to pass, principally Comp. Comp had a miserable day here a month ago, one of his worse, but the feeling is that he will have a better one Sunday. A lot depends on Comp. The Packers arrived here Friday night from Charlottesville, Va., where they put in 10 good days of work. They were ready. That again is in favor of the Packers. To the gate, looking at the game from the players' point, will be added both movie and radio rights. The game will have the largest radio coverage in the history of pro football with 192 stations airing the game. Russ Winnie of WTMJ will broadcast directly from the field starting at 1:05 (Milwaukee time).

GIANTS, PACKERS MEET FOR TITLE

DEC 17 (New York) - His mind made up that this "battle is the payoff", Stout Steve Owen decided, on the eve of today's pro championship clash, at the Polo Grounds, that Bill Paschal will charged against the Packers to the limit of his physical ability. "If we had more games to play, I might tend to give his ankle more rest," the realistic coach reasoned, "but there's nothing to save him for. This is the payoff." And a rich payoff it will be. The Giant management disclosed that only the

lawful requirement of 12,000 seats has been withheld from the ticket clamoring public. These ducats will be placed on sale at the Polo Grounds starting at 10:30, and when they're dissipated, standing room will be peddled - soaring the crowd to an estimate 55,000 by the 2:05 p.m. kickoff...HASN'T PICKED STARTERS: Just whether Paschal will be in the Giant lineup when that kickoff is toed, isn't certain. Owen hadn't definitely decided upon this starting backfield late last night. "It all depends upon where the ball is when we get it," he explained. "If we're anywhere within striking distance, Paschal will go to work." Owen was unable to state how much Paschal's sprained ankle had improved in the last 24 hours. The flashy fullback is a Warrant Officer at the Sheepshead Bay Maritime Service Station, and was obliged to stand weekly review there yesterday, rather than attend the Giant practice. "But he was running the day before," Owen reminded, "and with the added 48 hours rest he ought to be ready to give us plenty." Gus Mauch, the hard-working Giant trainer who is in a position to know better than anyone the condition of all players, reported that the team "is ready for a hard game. They're taped up a lot," grinned Gus, "but these boys generally are. They fight that hard."...PACKERS KEYED UP: Coach Curly Lambeau reported that his squad was also keyed up for the big battle. Pointing to Lou Brock, the sparkling right halfback who hasn't played since ripping his knee cartilage against Cleveland Oct. 22, Lambeau explained "he's running well, although not with his usual speed. He won't carry the ball much, but I want him in there to call our signals. He can make our ground game move." Both coaches, Owen in particular, were pleased with the condition of the field. Frozen hard earlier in the week, the gridiron had thawed out just enough to enable the player's cleats to dig in. "Barring an overnight freeze-up," Owen commented, "our line should be able to charge." The coaches were also surprised over the pregame odds which have installed the Packers 11-5, or 7-point favorites. "It's a good even game," was Owen's opinion, while Lambeau said, "If anyone must be called a favorite, it should be the Giants." Curly was, of course, recalling the game in which the Maramen walloped his Packers, 24-0, a month ago. But he added, "they were hot that day and we weren't. Maybe it'll be the other way around tomorrow.:" The players themselves should all be hot for that extra \$400 or so difference between the winning and losing share. Each member of the winning team will receive approximately \$1,200. The Giants haven't been NFL champs since they beat the Packers, 23-17, for the crown here in 1938, and the Packers were last champs in '39 when they turned around and trounced the Maramen, 27-0, in Milwaukee.

Packers to Clash With Giants for Pro Grid Title