



Green Bay Packers (2-3-1) 14, Detroit Lions (3-2-1) 14 (T)
Sunday October 20th 1968 (at Detroit)



Down 14-0, Pack Surge Ties Lions, 14-14

GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(DETROIT) - "How," Maurice Chevalier was asked upon reaching 78, "do you feel about your age?" "When I think of the alternative," the eternally urbane Frenchman replied with profound simplicity, "I like it." The impressively resilient Packers, balancing what transpired against what might have been, were required to adopt a similarly practical approach in the wake of what unfolded in Tiger Stadium Sunday afternoon. Stunned by the Detroit Lions' 14-0 getaway in the opening minutes, the gritty world champions staged one of the most stirring revivals in their long history to come within a stride of victory before reluctantly accepting a 14-14 tie.

JOLTED FROM BEHIND

So complete was their recovery that they were driving for what well could have been a decisive field goal in the last two minutes. But flanker Claudis James, who had just gathered in a 16-yard strike from Zeke Bratkowski, fumbled when jolted from behind and the Lions' Paul Naumoff fell on it at the Detroit 20 to thwart Green Bay's last scoring gesture. The day thus could not be termed an unqualified success. The Packers are still one game to the rear of the Lions, now alone in the NFL's Central Division penthouse, with one less Sunday to overtake them. But the crunching deadlock, coupled with the Dallas Cowboys' 20-7 decision over Minnesota, lifted the triple titlist (2-3-1) to within a half game of the second place Vikings (3-3), a substantial fringe benefit.

HIGHLY PROFITABLE APPEARANCE

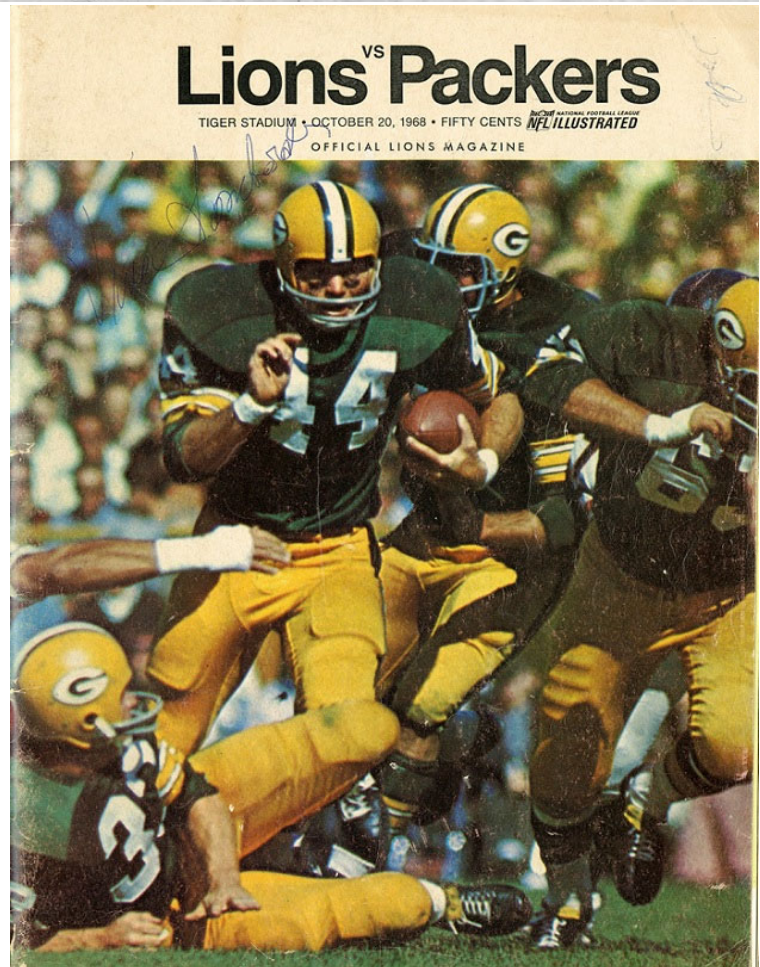
It was accomplished, for the most part, without the services of quarterback Bart Starr, who made brief but highly profitable appearance, and all-NFL guard Jerry Kramer, forced to leave early in the first quarter with a knee injury. And despite the considerable talents of the Lions' awesome Mel Farr, who whirled, slid and slashed for 145 yards, better than half Detroit's total offensive production. Certainly it was a vastly more palatable parlay than the one which loomed as late as the fourth quarter, at which point the surging Lions were on the Packer 10-yard line and possessed of a 14-7 lead. Disaster was averted when bruising Ray Nitschke shook Bill Triplett loose from the football on the first play of the period and Willie Davis recovered at the Green Bay 8. It was the fifth of seven fumble exchanges on this explosive afternoon, four of them swooped up by an opportunistic Green Bay defense which also smothered Munson four times for a total loss of 35 yards.

BROWN JARS MUNSON

The Packers were quickly forced to punt but, on second down of the Lions' subsequent series, Bob Brown's crushing tackle jarred the leather from quarterback Bill Munson's grasp and Davis again recovered, this time at the Detroit 40. Seven plays later, Bratkowski rolled out to the right, then elected to run when he found an alley and maneuvered 13 yards to the Lion 3. He was shaken up at that point, however, and gave way to Starr, still recovering from a pulled bicep muscle in his throwing arm. Performing with admirable dispatch, Mr. Quarterback pitched a letter perfect pass to Boyd Dowler in the left corner of the end zone obviously something of a surprise to the enemy in the light of Starr's handicap - with 7:35 gone.

DELIVERS FINAL POINT

Chuck Mercein then delivered his second conversion of the afternoon - and, it developed, the game's final point - to pull the Pack even. An earlier fumble, occasioned when the Lions' Bobby Thompson muffed a Donny Anderson punt on the run at the Detroit 15, had triggered



National Football League

Eastern Conference

Capitol Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Dallas	6	0	0	1.000	213	64
New York	4	2	0	.667	185	137
Washington	3	3	0	.500	123	181
Philadelphia	0	6	0	.000	95	189

Century Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
New Orleans	3	3	0	.500	124	129
Cleveland	3	3	0	.500	119	133
St. Louis	3	3	0	.500	129	141
Pittsburgh	0	6	0	.000	86	183

Western Conference

Coastal Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Los Angeles	6	0	0	1.000	160	67
Baltimore	5	1	0	.833	186	88
San Francisco	3	3	0	.500	123	133
Atlanta	1	5	0	.167	85	189

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Detroit	3	2	1	.600	140	124
Minnesota	3	3	0	.500	138	97
Green Bay	2	3	1	.400	126	109
Chicago	2	4	0	.333	101	169

Sunday's Results

Green Bay 14, Detroit 14, tie
Chicago 29, Philadelphia 16
San Francisco 26, New York 10
New Orleans 16, Pittsburgh 12
Dallas 20, Minnesota 7
Cleveland 30, Baltimore 20
St. Louis 41, Washington 14
Los Angeles 27, Atlanta 14

Sunday's Games

Atlanta at Cleveland
Los Angeles at Baltimore
Minnesota at Chicago
New Orleans at St. Louis
New York at Washington
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh
San Francisco at Detroit

the Packers' first touchdown midway through the third period. Following rookie Francis Winkler's recovery, Anderson was held to a yard and a second down Bratkowski pass, deflected by end Joe Robb, fell incomplete. But, on third down, The Brat hit Dale up the middle at the 5 and the elusive flanker, who had angled inside defender Lem Barney, wheeled into the end zone unhampered at the 7:39 mark. That breakthrough was an eternity in coming for the Packers, whose only previous threat had occurred at 11:03 of the first period when a 40-yard Mercein field goal attempt veered to the right.

BALL CONTROL APPROACH

The Lions, in contrast, had charged to a 14-0 lead in the first 6 1/2 minutes - before the Packers had ever launched a play from scrimmage. Apparently adopting the ball control approach he had employed in forging a 23-17 victory over the Packers in Green Bay three weeks earlier, Munson moved Detroit to a first down, with three ground thrusts after Thompson had returned the opening kickoff to the 30. It was, ironically, achieved by scant inches on third down, requiring a measurement. Then Munson deftly changed tactics, unfurling a bomb to mercurial Earl McCullouch, two steps in the van of defender Tom Brown at the Packer 20. McCullouch, possessor of dazzling 9.3 speed, cantered into the end zone with only 2:28 elapsed. On the following kickoff, Herb Adderley fumbled when he was sideswiped at the Green Bay 29, Thompson recovering.

LONELY MCCULLOUGH

Bob Jeter broke through on first down to bulldog Farr for a 2-yard loss, but Mel crashed over right tackle for 8 on second down and Munson hit Triplett with a flare pass to the right for 5 more and a first down at the 18. Farr was held to a yard but Triplett slanted for 6 to the 11. That set up a Munson strike to a lonely McCullouch, who had eluded Jeter, in the left corner of the end zone at 6:28. The Detroit faithful, boisterously responding to the Lions' charge, obviously had visions of a large afternoon but Jerry DePoyster's conversion capped the home forces' scoring for the day. It was not, however, the end of the Packers' problems. After Mercein's field goal attempt was off target, they were unable to mount a sustained drive until the third quarter, when all-NFL tackle

Forrest Gregg moved to right guard to replace the game but inexperienced Lueck, obviously overmatched against the veteran Alex Karras.

DRAMATIC IMPROVEMENT

With Francis Peay simultaneously moving into Gregg's slot, there was dramatic improvement in the pass-blocking and the Packers, who had settled for a meager net of 69 yards in the first half, began to roll. In fact, on the second series following the changeover, the champions forged past midfield for only the third time. But Anderson, slicing over the right side, fumbled at the Detroit 43 and Tommy Vaughan recovered for the Lions. It then looked ominous for the Packers as Farr, breaking a succession of tackles, swept to the Green Bay 32 and the Bays were penalized to the 17 for unnecessary roughness. Three plays later, however, Nitschke and Davis combined to relieve Triplett of the ball at the 8 and the Lions, in a word, were fit to be tied. They were, in fact, on the verge of defeat shortly after Adderley recovered Farr's fumble at the Packer 33 with just over two minutes remaining.

TORRENT OF BOOS

A 14-yard Bratkowski pass to Dowler and an 11-yard burst by Anderson, the Pack's leading ground gaineer with 71 yards in 14 attempts, swept the champions to Detroit's 42, bringing up Brat's strike to James and that fateful fumble. Operating on the philosophy that a tie in hand was superior to the possible alternative, the Lions elected to run out the final half minute. The decision triggered a torrent of boos from the more daring Detroit faithful as the Lions left the field and, in turn, a somewhat indelicate gesture of defiance from Schmidt as he entered the hosts' dugout-with a one-game Central Division lead in his pocket and the 1968 Packer series behind him.

GREEN BAY - 0 0 7 7 - 14

DETROIT - 14 0 0 0 - 14

	GREEN BAY	DETROIT
First downs	16	18
Rush-yards-TDs	32-134-0	48-212-0
Comp-Att-Yd-TD-INT	10-17-105-2-0	9-13-105-2-0
Sacked-yards	2-26	4-35
Net pass yards	79	70
Total yards	213	282

American League

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Western Division

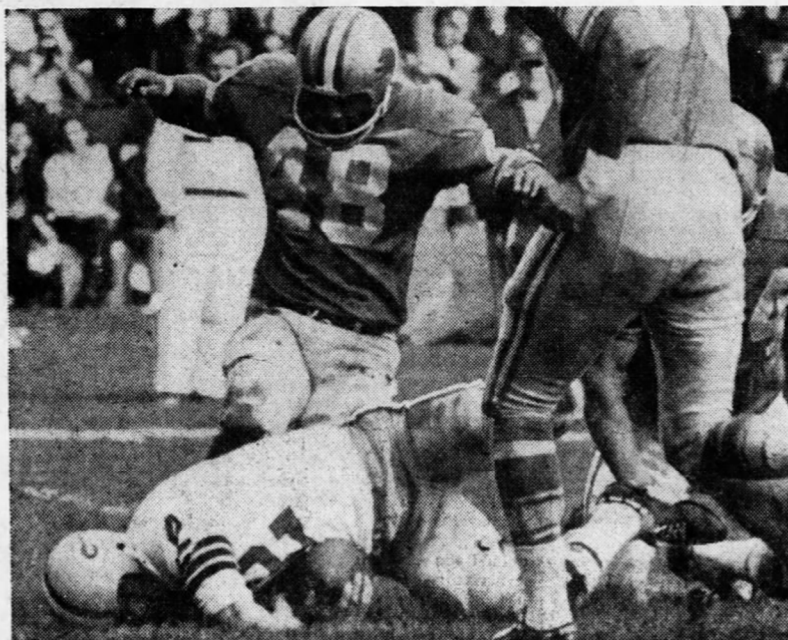
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Packer quarterback Zeke Bratkowski is shoved by Joe Robb (84) and secured by Tommy Vaughn (48)

Fumbles-lost	4-3	4-4
Turnovers	3	4
Penalties-yards	5-45	2-29

SCORING

1st - DT - Earl McCullouch, 60-yd pass from Bill Munson (Jerry DePoyster kick) DETROIT 7-0

1st - DET - McCullouch, 11-yard pass from Munson (DePoyster kick) DETROIT 14-0

3rd - GB - Carroll Dale, 14-yard pass from Zeke Bratkowski (Chuck Mercein kick) DETROIT 14-7

4th - GB - Boyd Dowler, 3-yard pass from Bart Starr (Mercein kick) TIED 14-14

RUSHING

GREEN BAY - Donny Anderson 14-71, Zeke Bratkowski 2-20, Jim Grabowski 6-16, Elijah Pitts 5-16, Travis Williams 5-11

DETROIT - Mel Farr 29-145, Bill Triplett 15-49, Bill Munson 3-10, Dave Kopay 1-9

PASSING

GREEN BAY - Zeke Bratkowski 16-9-102 1 TD, Bart Starr 1-1-3 1 TD

DETROIT - Bill Munson 13-9-105 2 TD

RECEIVING

GREEN BAY - Boyd Dowler 3-28 1 TD, Carroll Dale 2-35 1 TD, Marv Fleming 2-23, Claudis James 1-16, Jim Grabowski 1-2, Donny Anderson 1-1

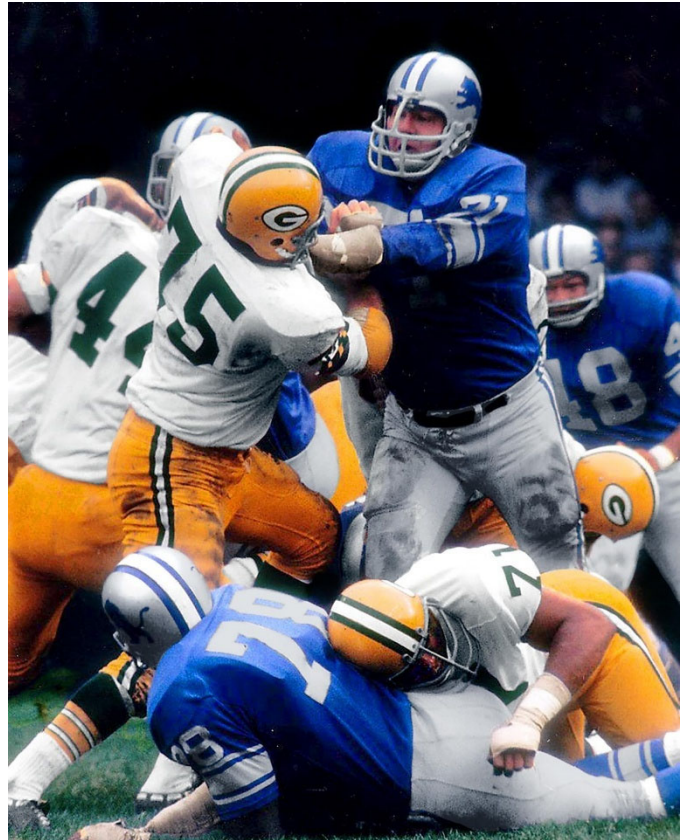
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OCT 21 (Detroit-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - "I didn't see him," rangy, rawboned Claudis James said, a little wistfully. "I thought I was away." James, toweling himself in the Packer dressing room beneath Tiger Stadium, was unhappily reviewing his fumble in the closing minutes of Sunday afternoon's 14-14 tie with the Detroit Lions. The sophomore flanker, recipient of a 16-yard Zeke Bratkowski pass, had been jolted from behind at the Detroit 26-yard line with only 27 seconds remaining, and the Lions' Paul Naumoff recovered the resultant fumble at the 20 to erase what loomed as a routine field goal opportunity for the Packers' Chuck Mercein. "The ball was bouncing around," James explained. "I got up and tried to get it but they got there before I did." Defense captain Willie Davis, who twice filched the football from the Lions to materially assist the cause, jovially noted, "There's nothing too fantastic about recovering fumbles. It's being in the right place at the right time, that's all it is. On that second one (which led to the Packers tying touchdown) I was coming around and the quarterback (Bill Munson) went into the hole. He got hit and the ball popped out." "I was going the other way when I saw it," Willie grinned. "My mind was telling me to turn and my feet wouldn't move. If I froze there for a second...I was scared, I was worried that some Lion was going to drop on it, but I managed to get there." "On the other one, at our 8-yard - line, Ray (Nitschke) hit Triplett (Bill)...and popped the ball loose. Triplett and I were both grabbing for the ball and I came up with it." Lanky Boyd Dowler, who had registered that vital second

touchdown on a pass from Bart Starr, reported, "It was a delay. I faked a block on the defensive end and the halfback and safety both followed our halfback...and we faked a run into the line. That left me wide open." How, he was asked, had the pass from sore-armed Starr been? "He had enough to get it there," Boyd cracked. "It was worth six points, that's all I care." Carroll Dale, author of the Packers' first TD on a pitch from Bratkowski, and a dazzling move, explained, "That's what we call a trail, a square-in." Dale, who had appeared to angle inside defender Lem Barney, revealed, "I had run the same thing on the play before and he played me real hard inside." "On the touchdown play, he must have assumed I was going to go the other way, because he played me hard to the outside. He gambled for the ball and missed."... **FELL ON BALL:** Bratkowski, shaken up on the play prior to the Starr-Dale collaboration, reported, "I fell on the ball and got the wind knocked out of me." Describing how his impromptu 13-yard excursion had developed, The Brat informed, "It was a combination. Dowler was the first scheduled receiver, then Marvin (Fleming), then Carroll (Dale). "I just saw the hole. They had double coverage on Boyd and there was a gaping hole." Commenting on his increased aerial success in the second half, he said, "we made some adjustments in our pass blocking, in the types of blocks we used." Taking note of his brief but highly effective appearance, Starr reported, "I was prepared to go in there...I tried to warm up pretty well before the game." "I was very cold (on the touchdown) pass," said Starr, who pulled a muscle in his throwing arm warming up for the Rams in Milwaukee a week earlier, "but it felt all right."... **KICK MISFIRES:** Mercein wasn't sure what caused his 40-yard field goal attempt to misfire in the first quarter. "I don't know what happened," he said. "I think I hit it a little off the right side of my foot."



Detroit's Alex Karras battles Green Bay's Jerry Kramer

Bob Jeter, reconstructing the second touchdown pass to Lion speedster Earl McCullouch, forthrightly announced, "He just beat me. I think I overplayed the post too much. I'll have to see the films but I might have looked in the backfield too long. You always get in trouble when you do that. When he cut back underneath, I knew he had me beat. I was too far inside." Donny Anderson, again the Packers' leading ground gainer, was sporting a cut under his left eye and a sore jaw, the latter an unnecessary souvenir. "I don't know if it caused the fumble (lost to the Lions on the Detroit 43 in the third quarter), but the linebacker hit me in the face with his fist as I was diving down," Donny explained... **COVERED PERFECTLY:** Herb Adderley, whose recovery of a Mel Farr fumble staked the Packers to their final but futile drive, reported, "It looked like a screen pass to me and I went up to give Bobbie (Dave Robinson) some help. We had it covered perfectly." "When Farr saw me, he tried to cut back and he tried to change hands with the ball. He tried to watch me at the same time and the ball slipped out before I hit him." "I don't know what happened on my fumble (which the Lions converted into their second touchdown)," Herb said ruefully. "I didn't know where I was for a while."

COSTLY MISTAKES LEADING TO PACK'S DOWNFALL

OCT 21 (Detroit-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Generally speaking, the nicest thing that can be said about Alex Karras is that he is a heck of a fine football player. Just watching him in action supports that statement. Off the gridiron, the great Detroit tackle, is more likely to sneer than to smile. Especially when talking of the Lions' enemies. But you have to admit that he speaks his piece without any sugar added to it. No sweet talk. Therefore, it was not surprising to hear Alex Karras declare, "No, the Packers are not as good as they were the past few years. They just aren't. I'd be lying if I said they were." It would appear that Karras' honest observation is more correct than most of us want to believe. But before going further, let's qualify that a bit. Up to now, the 1968 Packers are not the Packers we have known the past three years. And the opposition has improved. Pro football is a weird business. It is very unpredictable. The Packers could return to past form overnight. Let's hope so. But ... let's consider the situation as it now stands. The Packers are 2-3-1 for the season. And who have they beaten? Philadelphia and Atlanta, either of which could make the University of Wisconsin look good. They have a combined record of 1-11-0. It hurts...but it's a fact. The Packers have not yet beaten a good team. Why? Ah, that's the question. If the answer was clear, something would undoubtedly have been done about it by now. But surely one of the factors is the Packers' failure to avoid the costly mistakes...penalties and giveaways. In the fine program put out by the Lions here Sunday, there is a story on Vince Lombardi. And in the story it quotes the ex-Packers coach on the subject of fumbles. "There's nothing you can do about fumbles except scream." Lombardi watched Sunday's game from the press box and he must have done some screaming...at least three bobbles worth and five penalties worth. A year ago, the Packers lost 10 fumbles all season. This year, they have lost six with the halfway mark still to be reached. These are the things plaguing the Pack. Because they haven't really played badly enough to be 2-3-1. As a matter of fact, Sunday was a magnificent display of football and of courage and of fight. Stung by a 14 point deficit before they even got off one offensive play, the Packers halted the Lions the rest of the way. Actually, the Lions never got out of their own territory again until late in the third period and then only to the Packen 44. And if it wasn't for this guy McCullouch, whose velocity is about the same as Denny

McLain's fast ball and who should really be in the Olympics as America's champion hurdler, the Packers would have been super sensational. Without those first two TD drives of the Lions, the Packers would even have led in total yards statistics, 213 to 183. But that is exactly the trouble. There are getting to be too many "ifs" in these reports. And the "ifs" have been the results of mistakes...physical mistakes...because this team remains as dedicated, prideful and determined as it always has been. However, a lot of those "ifs" could be erased IF the Bengtson Boys beat Dallas.

BENGTON HAPPY OVER COMEBACK, NOT TIE

OCT 21 (Detroit-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – There was, inevitably, a show of disappointment on Phil Bengtson's well-chiseled features. A tie is seldom satisfying and less so when a victory is of major importance. But there was pride, too, in a Packer team which rebounded from apparent disaster to match the Detroit Lions in Tiger Stadium Sunday afternoon, 14-14, and hang in the NFL's Central Division race. "It was a real tough start," he said, shaking his head as the memory of the Lions' 14-0 first quarter breakaway returned to haunt him. The Packer coach added, "that was a real good comeback. I think it shows what our guys are made of, that they could come back...that (Detroit) is a tough ball club." Had he been surprised that Lion Coach Joe Schmidt had elected to play for the tie when Detroit regained possession in the final minute? "Yes, I was," Bengtson forthrightly replied. "I thought they were going to run the ball up field and try to get field position." He then appended, "I can see some justification for it (Schmidt's decision), though." The thinking, apparently, had been that a tie would hurt the Packers more than the Lions, a Detroit scribe interposed. "I think they were figuring that," Bengtson agreed. Later, describing his own reaction to the result, the former University of Minnesota all-American said, "It's better than a loss, by far, but we had such a good opportunity to win it at the end. Had Bart Starr's 3-yard pass for the Packers second touchdown been about as far as he could throw with an injured arm? "Just about," Bengtson admitted. "If he had had to throw much further, I don't know what he would have done...that's about how far he has been throwing in practice. Starr had replaced starter Zeke Bratkowski, shaken up on an unscheduled run, for one play and connected with Boyd Dowler in the left corner of the end zone...

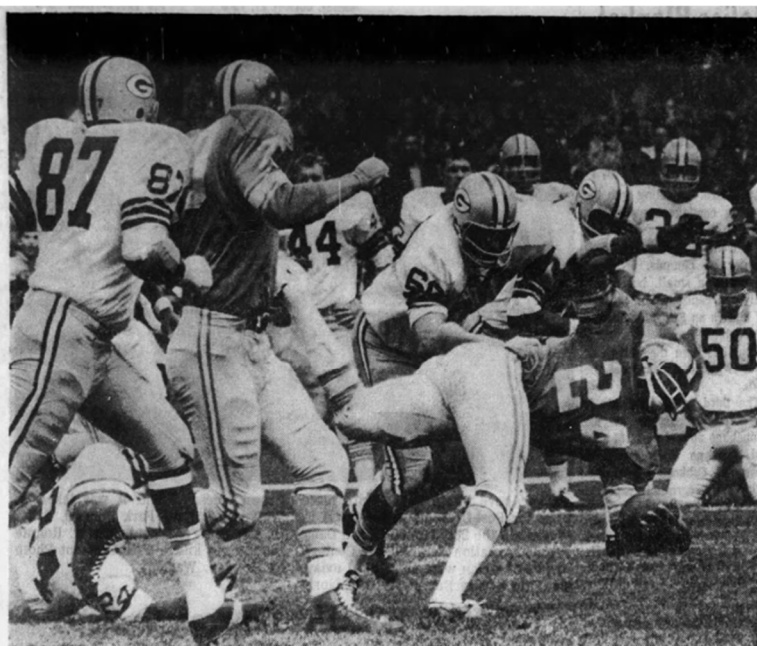
... STARR IMPROVING: "Bart's arm has been coming along, though," Bengtson reported. "He should be able to play against Dallas next week." Asked if he had considered using rookie quarterback Bill Stevens, activated only Saturday, after Bratkowski had been jarred, Phil replied, "On that last drive, we were thinking more of Starr. We were working for good field position – short stuff and running, and Starr could have done that. But Zeke assured he was all right." Commenting on the knee injury which forced Jerry Kramer out of action early in the first quarter, Bengtson said, "It doesn't look too good." On another point, the third quarter transfer of tackle Forrest Gregg to right guard, where rookie Bill Lueck had been holding forth for Kramer, had been made because "Bill was having a little trouble against Karras (Alex)," the Packer headmaster explained. "We thought it would be better to have a more experienced man in there against Karras."...ALDRIDGE STILL HAMPERED: Bob Brown, a standout at three positions in the Packer front four, had started at right end because Lionel Aldridge is still hampered with an ankle injury, Bengtson said. "Aldridge came back and played a real good game, however...As far as Brown is concerned, we had intended to operate that way. We had planned to use him at both end and tackle." Asked how he now assesses the Packers' chances of repeating in the Central Division, Bengtson said, "It's early and it's a tough league." Then, remembering the Packers have finished with the Lions for 1968, he appended, "We can't do it ourselves, though...We need help now."

INJURY TO KRAMER TOUCHED OFF MAJOR RESHUFFLE IN PACK LINE

OCT 21 (Detroit-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Jerry Kramer studied his throbbing left knee reflectively and observed, "I'll join the boys in the weight room now, I guess." The all-NFL guard, forced out of action by an early first quarter injury here Sunday afternoon, had reference

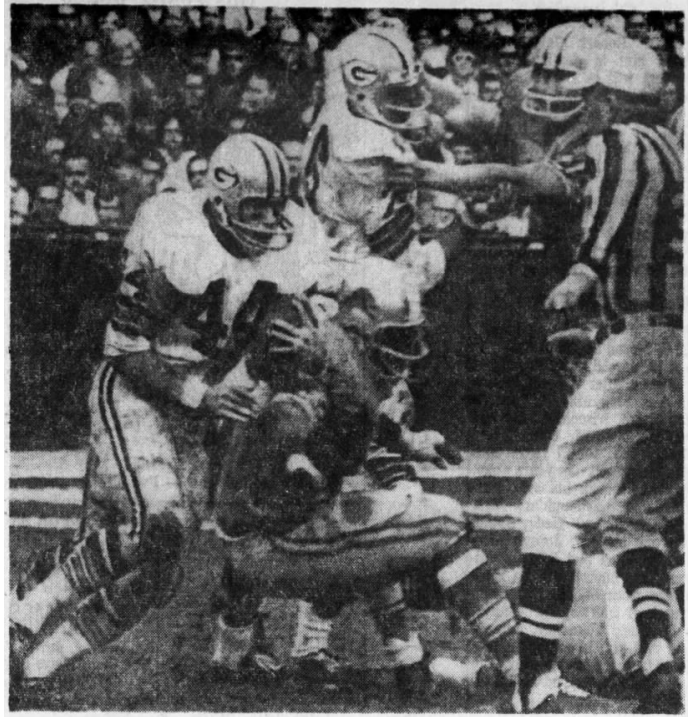


Willie Wood #24 and Willie Davis #87 stop running back Mel Farr #24 of the Detroit Lions. Dave Robinson #89 closes in to help on the tackle (Photo by: Tony Tomsic/Getty Images)



Knifing Through for 14 yards and a first down is the Detroit Lion back Mel Farr (24) against the Green Bay Packers at Tiger Stadium in Detroit Sunday. Farr was tripped up by Willie Wood (24) on the ground at left. Other Packer defenders are Willie Davis (87) and Lee Roy Caffee (60). Detroit's Charlie Bradshaw (79) is in the middle of the action. Green Bay rallied in the second half for a 14-14 tie.

to the weight-lifting machine adjacent to the Packers' Lambeau Field dressing room, on which several of his teammates have strengthened their "wheels" following recent knee problems. Kramer's injury launched a series of developments which found rookie Bill Lueck moving in at right guard, then giving way to the versatile Forrest Gregg, who in turn was replaced at right tackle by Francis Peay. The Gregg-Peay maneuver occurred after Lueck appeared to be having difficulties with Alex Karras, the Lions' cat-quick left defensive tackle. Reconstructing his misadventure, Kramer reported, "I wasn't in there very long – I got hurt on the fifth or sixth play. I really don't know what happened. It happened in a pileup on a sweep. I had the leg extended out and somebody fell on it. Something popped on the inside of the leg." Jerry, whose exit left the Packers with Chuck Mercein as the only able-bodied field goal and extra point artist, added, "It really didn't hurt a great deal. That is, it hurt like crazy at first, but after that it was just a kind of an ache. I don't have any idea how serious it is," Kramer, already handicapped by a broken right thumb, said. Lueck, Kramer's first replacement, sheepishly confessed, "I learned a lot. He (Karras) is great on the pass rush. I just didn't have much success blocking him on the pass...He's not real strong but he's real quick on the outside rush. He beats you around the corner." Gregg, who has won all-league honors at guard in the past but hasn't been stationed there recently, admitted, "It's kind of tough to move in there in a situation like this. If you'd get a chance to run something during the week, it wouldn't be so bad," he pointed out, then added, "Pass protection was

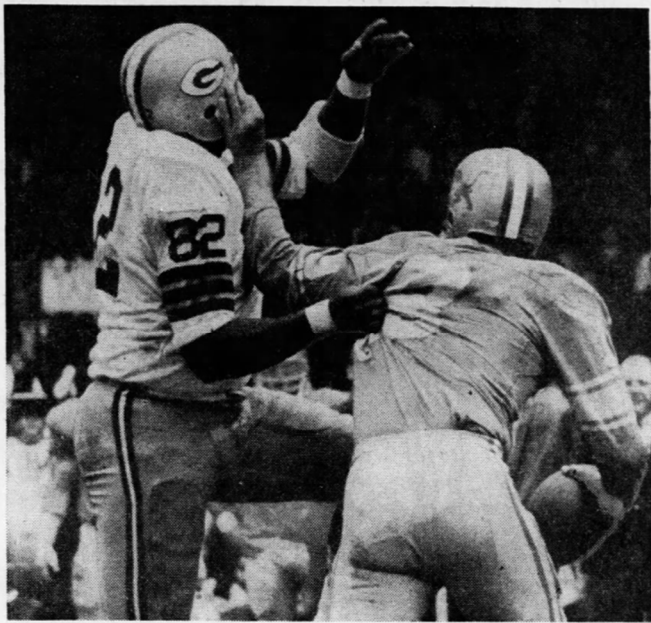


Donny Anderson (44) of the Green Bay Packers rams up the middle for a 9-yard gain in the third period of Sunday's game with the Detroit Lions at Detroit's Tiger Stadium. In the background is Bob Skoronski of the Packers and Joe Robb of the Lions with Lem Barney of Detroit taking a seat in front of the runner. (AP Wirephoto)

all right, that wasn't too much of a problem. But on running plays, I made some mistakes." Left guard Gale Gillingham, Forest's roommate, loyally interposed, "He hasn't run guard for three years." "I know all the plays and what you're supposed to do," Gregg said, "but it's hard to remember to do 'em automatically when you're not used to playing the position." And how did Karras find it playing opposite Gregg? "It was no different than playing any other average guard," he snarled. The Lion tackle grinned and acknowledged it was "fun" while Lueck was in the game. Peay, who responded with a crisp performance in his first lengthy stint of the season, smilingly admitted, "It felt pretty good to get some action...I probably was a little rusty, but it felt good. It must be the fourth time John Baker (the former Pittsburgh Steeler now the Lions' left defensive end) and I have played against each other," the handsome ex-New York Giant confided. "We're old rivals." He smiled again and repeated, "It felt good to play. I'm just sorry we couldn't win."

SCHMIDT DEFENDS HIS DECISION TO GO FOR TIE, RAPS LION FANS

OCT 21 (Detroit-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Tigertown, as the billboards in this motor metropolis call it, is just beginning to recover from its massive World Series hangover, which may explain the illusions...or perhaps delusions...of grandeur on the part of its sports fans. At least Lions Coach Joe Schmidt seemed to consider the thunder of boos that echoed through Tiger Stadium in the final minutes of Sunday's 14-14 tie with the Packers as a foggy reaction on the part of the customers. "I don't care what the fans think or what anybody else thinks, we had to play for the tie," the robust young coach proclaimed in stern tones after the deadlock was concluded...GRANTED MERCY: The Lions, smacked in the face by Miss Fortune moments earlier when Mel Farr fumbled on the Packen 33-yard line and Green Bay's Herb Adderley recovered, were granted mercy by that same fickle lass with only about 30 seconds left. The Pack's Claudis James fumbled a pass reception on the Lions' 26 to kill Green Bay's opportunity to stage a spectacular comeback victory. But instead of trying to capitalize on the break, the Lions turned kittenish and contented themselves with running out the clock and settling for the tie, thereby triggering the cascade of catcalls. Schmidt stood his ground, however. And, indeed, he found something of a smile to go with it, as did many of the Lions players, who were far from gloom-struck by the fact that they had blown an early 14-point lead and stumbled into the scoreboard knot....WIN WHOLE THING: "Look, we won the first game against the Packers. A tie means we win the season series. So if we finish in a tie for first with the Packers at the end of the season, we win the whole thing," Schmidt explained. The Lions, he added, had nothing to lose with a tie since tie games are thrown out of the standings anyway. He admitted, however, that the thought of trying the bomb was not completely overlooked. "In my heart, I wanted to go for the win," he continued. "But it was too risky. Sure, we heard the boos, but we didn't let them bother us. If we had put the ball in the air, there's the possibility of an interception, maybe a fumble, maybe the quarterback gets hit ... If we were in different field position, things might have been different...SHOULDN'T BOO: "We played darn good football today," he went on. "We beat the stuffing out of them. They're supposedly the world champions and now we've beat 'em once and tied 'em. We didn't want to blow all that hard work. I hope the end of the season proves me right." Having therefore explained his position, Schmidt turned to the hometown fans, long a notorious group, and made his feelings clear. "Here's what I hate about these fans," he began. "Our guys play their hearts out today. They struggle all day. They haven't lost, but these people get down on them and boo." It was suggested, however, that perhaps the boos were aimed more at the coach rather than the players. And Schmidt agreed this was a distinct possibility but he shot back, "me or the team...they shouldn't be booing in the first place." Continuing to hammer his logic



Lionel Aldridge (82) puts squeeze on quarterback Bill Munson
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maybe...and, anyway, I didn't change. I sure wish I could have tried the field goal." De Poyster kicked six F-G's of over 50 yards while in college. Schmidt, however, said he was more concerned with protecting the Lions' lead at that juncture by punting the Packers into a hole...Lion quarterback Bill Munson admitting he was talking with "hindsight," said he wished he had passed more. The Lions threw only 13 passes in the game and completed nine of them. Three of the tries, all complete, came in those bizarre first minutes when Detroit took a 14-0 lead on two TD pitches to Earl McCullough before the Packers had a play from scrimmage. Both Munson and Schmidt declared that the lack of aeriels was not due to conservatism but rather because the Lions were moving the ball well on the ground. And Munson added, "They had a real good pass rush on us too." McCullough said he caught his first TD toss, a 60-yard play, on a deep post pattern from a slot formation that he felt forced the Packers into single man-for-man coverage. "And I just happened to get by him," he modestly explained. The second was a simple corner pattern, he said. McCullough added that he was wide open one other time and saw Munson looking at him but the Packer rush got to the quarterback before he could launch the missile.

1ST TIE SINCE '67 LION TILT

OCT 21 (Detroit-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The Packers 14-14 tie with Detroit Sunday was the first in NFL play since the opening game of the 1967 season when they played a 17-17 deadlock, also against the Lions, in Lambeau Field...Quarterback Zeke Bratkowski was the guest of honor at a surprise "party" on the Packers return flight from Detroit. Bratkowski, who turned 37 Sunday, was presented with a birthday cake, courtesy of United Airlines, and serenaded by his teammates with Happy Birthday..."Boyd Dowler, once the Packers' regular punter, was back at his old stand before Sunday's game. Dowler, getting ready as an alternate for Donny Anderson, booted a half dozen punts in practice...The Packers were left without a backup punter when flanker Dave Dunaway was waived to Atlanta Saturday. The Packers have been given two days of rest by Coach Phil Bengtson before resuming practice Wednesday for next Monday night's nationally televised clash with the Cowboys in Dallas.

FINAL FUMBLE 'LOOKED LIKE BIGGEST PLAY,' PHIL

OCT 22 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – It must have been painful, it was ventured, to see that final fumble "repeated" on the screen. Phil Bengtson, fresh from the projection room and a film review of Sunday's 14-14 Packer tie with Detroit, winced and nodded. "You wonder," he said, "What next?...What next?..." Although it is doubtful if further explanation is needed, the play in question occurred when Claudis James speared a 16-yard pass from Zeke Bratkowski in the final minute, then was jarred from behind and lost the ball, Detroit's Paul Naumoff recovering at the Lion 20-yard-line. "The funny part of it was," Bengtson noted, "it looked like Claudis might be breaking away. As it turned out, he had beaten the man that was covering him. It was one of their linebackers who followed him real well and hit him...BIGGEST PLAY: "Yes," Bengtson wistfully appended, "it looked like the biggest play of the game." The fumble epidemic – the combatants lost seven between them over the route – was easily explained, the Packers field leader said. "There was a lot of hard running," he pointed out. "They were going for that extra yard, squirming for it, and we were doing the same." Though disappointed over having to settle for a tie, Bengtson felt his team had performed well with the exception of the opening minutes when the Lions forged into a 14-0 lead on a pair of Bill Munson bombs to Detroit's jet-like split end, Earl McCullough. "We showed some definite spark on the pass rush," he said, "and our pass protection, considering their pass rush and the number of blitzes, was pretty good. They only caught Zeke twice, which is below par for them."...DROP MUNSON: The Packers' defense, in contrast, had felled Munson four times for 35 yards, it was noted. "And we chased him out of the pocket about three or four times," Phil added, "when he had to run." Appraising Bob Brown's role in this performance, Bengtson said, "He's been playing real good football since he got back (Brown missed the Packers' first three league games because of a broken arm). We've got him playing both tackle and end - he's a relief man at both positions - but chances are he'll be playing as much as anybody from now on." Later, in analyzing Detroit's TD strikes, Phil explained, "They had a real well-

home, Schmidt acknowledged, "We're disappointed that we didn't win, but these kids have no reason to be ashamed. We took the game to them. We controlled. We were going all the way for a touchdown on that last drive." But the fumble, one of four lost bobbles by the Lions on this alternately dreary and sunny day, ended the drive. "It was a darn hard hitting game. That's why there were fumbles." he said.

DE POYSTER WANTED FG, NOT SAFE PUNT

OCT 21 (Detroit-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – If young Jerry De Poyster could have had his way, the Lions might have edged the Packers by three points, a field goal, here Sunday instead of playing a 14-14 tie. With just under three minutes left in the third quarter, the Lions had a fourth and one at the Packer 44. Coach Joe Schmidt elected to punt. But as the team began to lineup, De Poyster, who was to do the kicking, had not yet made an appearance. Suddenly, he ran onto the field and bent to finish tying his shoestring. Obviously, he had been caught between shoes when the punt directive arrived. "We had been putting in a lot of extra work all week," the rookie from Wyoming explained after the game. "And we were really getting in the groove. I mean from 50 and 55 yards out. Well, I usually keep my field goal shoes on until about third down and then start to change. But this time, I thought

executed running fake on the first one and they had blocked our linemen real well. They were slow in recovering and, meantime, McCullouch out-ran Tom Brown...He's a tremendous receiver, a tremendous receiver...JETER FROZEN: "The second one also was a play-action type of thing...Bob Jeter shouldn't have been concerned with what was happening back there, but he got frozen on the play and McCullouch made a great move on him." On a more pleasant subject, the Packers' revival from that near-disastrous start, Bengtson said, "spoke well for the attitude of our players - they hung in there." The champions' first touchdown, a 14-yard pass from Bratkowski to Dale, "was a beauty," Phil observed. "It was a typical Zeke pass it was a bullet." Commenting on the play prior to the Pack's second score, on which Bratkowski was injured in an excursion from pass formation that brought the Bays to the Detroit 3-yard-line, Bengtson noted, "Brat fell on the ball, which knocked the wind out of him, and he hit his head as he fell, so he was a little dizzy."...STARR TO BE READY: Smiling over Bart Starr's subsequent TD toss to Boyd Dowler in the left corner of the end zone, the Packer strategist said, "When Bart gets into a situation like that, he dewdrops 'em - he drops 'em in there. If he'd been well, I think he would have done the same thing." Starr, who did not start against Detroit because of a pulled bicep muscle in his throwing arm, is expected to be ready for next Monday night's invasion of Dallas. The outlook is not as optimistic, Bengtson indicated, for guard-placekicker Jerry Kramer, who suffered a twisted knee in the first quarter of Sunday's game. "Doctor Nellen (James, Packer team physician) says it's going to take a few days to really find out the extent of Jerry's injury."...GREGG TO GUARD: As a result, Bengtson will be operating on the assumption that Forrest Gregg, who moved over from right tackle during the third quarter against the Lions, will be holding forth at Kramer's post in Dallas. It is hardly a new experience for the 35-year-old all-NFL tackle. He won all-league honors at that position in 1965 when illness and injury first sidelined Kramer, then Fuzzy Thurston. This, of course, means Francis Peay will be operating at Gregg's right tackle stand. Peay, who Sunday saw his first extensive action since being acquired in the off-season trade which sent Tommy Joe Crutcher and Steve Wright to the Giants, "did a good job," Bengtson said. He also had high praise for Gregg's impromptu performance at guard, labeling it, "real fine, real fine."...HECTIC MOMENTS: Rookie Bill Lueck, who gave way to Gregg after some hectic moments against the veteran Alex Karras, "actually didn't fare too badly," Phil added. "I think the psychology of playing against Karras probably was the biggest thing there." The injury to Kramer temporarily leaves the Packers with only one placement artist, fullback Chuck Mercein, although they have another, former Cleveland Brown Errol Mann, on the taxi squad. Looking ahead to Dallas, he expressed great respect for the Cowpokes. "They've got a helluva record (6-0) and they've got a lot of momentum going for them, plus experience and poise. Their defense, of course, has been strong. Their defense is what beat Minnesota for them last Sunday ... at least judging by the statistics. "They have some offensive weapons in Hayes (Bob) and Rentzel (Lance) as receivers. And Don Perkins, their fullback, is a fine football player. He kind of keeps 'em together. He's a fine blocker and a fine runner." Assessing the Packers' current position in the race (third in the Central Division with a 2-3-1 record), Bengtson forthrightly observed, "We're in a shape where we're going to need some extra help from somebody. "If we had won this one," he said matter-of-factly, "we would have done a big job for ourselves...But there's a long way to go and a lot of things can happen."

CHADWICK RELEASED

OCT 22 (Winnipeg) - Walter Chadwick, a halfback from Tennessee and a sixth draft choice of the Green Bay Packers this season, was released Monday by the Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the CFL.

NOTES AND NOTIONS

OCT 22 (Appleton Post-Crescent) - Green Bay and Oakland, the Super Bowlers of January, 1968, are having their troubles in October, 1968. Both are currently in third place in their divisions, and if they are to earn a repeat visit to Miami, they'll have to do it the hard way. The Packers trail Central Division leading Detroit by one game in the NFL. The Raiders are running 1 ½ lengths behind Kansas City, the pacesetter in the AFL's Western Division. Oakland is in a little better spot, since it gets another crack at Kansas City. The Packers, on the other hand, won't play Detroit any more this season. While Sunday's tie was decidedly better than a loss, it nonetheless makes the Bays dependent on outside help. Thus, if somehow, both the Packers and the Lions win all their remaining games, Detroit would take the title. If the Packers were to win their remaining eight games and the Lions lost only once, Detroit would still make the Western Conference playoff. In that event, each would have a 10-3-1 record, the Lions would prevail by virtue of their 6-point edge in the season series with Green Bay. Consequently, it would take either two losses or a loss and a tie for Detroit to get the Packers into the playoffs - even if they should win eight straight. The thorniness of the task is quickly apparent, of course, because the Packers next opponent is unbeaten Dallas. Detroit will be put to the supreme test in successive games against the Rams, the Colts and the Vikings Nov. 3, 10 and 17. On the basis of performance to date and apparent potential, the Cowboys remain the best NFL bet to reach the Super Bowl game - with a rating of 95 (out of a possible 100). The Rams remain at 90 on the index, with the Baltimore game directly ahead. The Colts drop to 85 after their loss to Cleveland. Detroit would rate an 80, with the Packers and the Vikings deadlocked at 75. In the first Super Bowl index shuffle for the AFL, Kansas City takes over the top spot, at 90. San Diego and Oakland are locked at 85...Though any sports tie has a certain amount of flatness about it, Sunday's deadlock in Detroit measured how evenly matched the Lions and the Packers were. Both teams played hard, both capitalized on some breaks and both missed golden opportunities. As a game, it was a cut below the Ram-Packer conflict for drama and intensity - but it was a hard-socking encounter. This type of game seems to be a weekly diet for the Packers. Monday's Dallas date is almost sure to be another of the same variety. The Packer defense, after getting stung twice by Bill Munson and Earl McCullouch, played excellent ball for the final 31/2 periods. The Packer offense remains shy of the championship class it showed so frequently during the last three seasons. It has made some big plays the last two weeks but is still inconsistent. Last year, the Packer attack swung into high gear in the sixth game of the campaign (at New York). The seventh game of 1968 is coming up - and Dallas would

TEAM OFFENSE			
	Avg. Yards	Avg. Rushing	Avg. Passing
Dallas	365	155	210
New York	339	157	182
Detroit	332	153	178
San Francisco	330	139	191
Baltimore	326	123	203
Washington	311	91	219
Los Angeles	186	62	123
Green Bay	304	128	175
Cleveland	288	115	173
New Orleans	281	113	168
Minnesota	275	145	130
Pittsburgh	275	124	151
Chicago	272	160	112
St. Louis	257	117	139
Philadelphia	240	99	141
Atlanta	220	80	139

TEAM DEFENSE			
	Avg. Yards	Avg. Rushing	Avg. Passing
Los Angeles	186	62	123
Dallas	243	82	160
Green Bay	248	125	123
Minnesota	251	123	128
New Orleans	256	133	122
San Francisco	271	118	152
Baltimore	276	116	159
Cleveland	280	136	144
Detroit	292	121	171
Washington	313	156	157
St. Louis	316	109	207
Pittsburgh	321	129	191
New York	342	145	196
Chicago	356	148	207
Philadelphia	364	163	200
Atlanta	412	168	244

be the ideal place for an explosion to take place. If this doesn't happen Monday, it's just possible that any future Packer gestures will be too little and too late.

PACK MIGHT ADD KICKER IF KRAMER RECOVERY SLOW

OCT 23 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – With Jerry Kramer's status presently in doubt, the Packers shortly may move to bolster their kicking game. Coach Phil Bengtson indicated as much Tuesday when he announced there is a possibility placement specialist Errol Mann will be activated from the taxi squad for next Monday night's critical collision with the Cowboys in Dallas. At the moment, with Kramer a somewhat questionable participant because of a knee injury suffered in last Sunday's 14-14 tie with the Detroit Lions, the Packers are reduced to one able-bodied field goal and extra point artist, fullback Chuck Mercein. Rookie defensive end Francis (Bubba) Winkler also is available, but his efforts to date have been restricted to kickoffs. Commenting on the possible addition of Mann, Bengtson said, "We're considering it...It's something we'll just have to feel our way on. We'll have to see how Jerry is before we do anything." "We think Mann is a pretty good kicker," he continued. "He has a strong leg."

Then, elaborating on this testimonial, the Packer chieftain pointed out, "We've had enough of 'em (kickers) here and decided to keep him." Would Mann be used as a backup kicker if brought up? "If we activated him," Bengtson said, "we'd probably kick him." The Packers attempted only one field goal following the injury to Kramer in Detroit. That was a 40-yard effort by Mercein, late in the first quarter, which winged to the right. Mann, a former University of North Dakota athlete, was added to the taxi squad as a free agent early in September after being released by the Cleveland Browns. The 27-year-old Breckenridge, Minn., native, who set 14 school and conference placekicking records at UND, had a tryout with Denver of the AFL in 1967. He kicked two field goals and an extra point in the Broncos' preseason upset victory over the Detroit Lions...PACKER PATTERN: Their rare two-day "vacation" over, the Packers returned to the practice field today to begin zeroing in on the Cowboys, 31-27 victims in a pre-season appearance at Dallas...The Pack still ranks third in the latest NFL defensive statistics, but has dropped to eighth in the offensive figures. Dallas leads the league on offense, is second defensively...Individually, the Packers' Donny Anderson is now fourth in rushing with 413 yards in 76 attempts, a 5.4 average, after a 71-yard performance in last Sunday's 14-14 tie with Detroit. He also has vaulted to eighth in punting with a 40.5 average...Bart Starr is sixth in passing with a 64.8 efficiency mark and Herb Adderley fourth in kickoff returns with a 28.0 average for 9 runbacks. Travis Williams is seventh in the latter category with a 26.7 average for 10 returns. Tom Brown also is sixth in punt returns with a 7.1 average and Willie Wood tenth with 5.8. Boyd Dowler is tied for 12th among receivers with 21 catches for 299 yards, a 14.2 average.

BUMP FROM LIONS AIDS ELIJAH

OCT 23 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Cherubic Elijah Pitts, relaxing on a folding chair in the Packer dressing room as he perused the morning mail, said it with heartfelt appreciation. "I didn't feel any hurts or anything after the game in Detroit...for the first time in a while." Hampered by a nagging knee injury since the College All-Star game in early August, the pride of Philander Smith confided, "It felt tremendously better after the game than it did before...Getting hit probably moved the cartilage around, and it helped." Was he suggesting he is now ready, if called upon, to assume a more prominent role in the world champions' NFL operations? The eight-year veteran assured that he was, which should be heartening news to Packerphiles in view of the Bays' imminent assignment, next Monday night's invasion of Dallas for a nationally televised showdown with the undefeated Cowboys. "I don't know any reason why I shouldn't be able to go at top speed," said Elijah, who made a brief but important contribution to the Packers' second touchdown drive en route to last Sunday's 14-14 tie with the Lions. "I have pain, but as long as it's not severe, I can work with it." Ironically, he reported, the tendon injury which shelved him in mid-season of 1967 and once threatened to end his career, is not a problem. "It hasn't bothered me at all," Pitts, who ran with his old vigor against the Lions, informed...MAKING BEST OF IT: Now 29, the jovial Arkansan freely admits, "I'm no spring chicken. Funny thing, though, I felt better during training camp this year than I did when I was a rookie. I feel better condition-wise than I ever did. Age doesn't seem to be a factor. I know it has to be, but it doesn't feel that way." Pitts, a starter for most of the 1966 season following an injury to Paul Hornung and for the first half of 1967 before being sidelined himself, is, typically, making the best of his reserve role. "It's never easy, when you've been a regular," he admits, "but Anderson (Donny) is a good



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football player. And so are Grabo (Jim Grabowski), Travis (Williams) and Mercein (Chuck). You can't afford to be hurt. I was hurt during the exhibition season and it's hard to fight your way in there. It's not easy, when you've been a starter, but you accept reality. You know the coaches are doing what they have to do. If somebody else has done a good job in the exhibition season, you can't expect the coach to take him out and put you in." "Most of all," Elijah soberly observed, "I expect to get what I earn, and I think they earned the right to start." Assessing the champions' recent tribulations, Elijah volunteered, "I think it's the kind of a season in which you've got to hang in there and, eventually, you'll get a break..." **WE CAN DO IT:** "We've got the ball club that can do it. I know, because I've been with teams that have won it... The main thing is to keep the team morale up when you're having trouble." Pitts, owner of a flourishing new employment agency in Milwaukee's Inner Core, hopes to stay in pro football as long as he can—with one proviso. "I feel if I can hang in there without injuries, I'll continue to play," Elijah asserted. "I've been plagued with them the last two years. If I can shake the plague, I'm going to stay around, but I'm not going to stay around injured and be traded from team to team." "I've been proud to be a part of the Packer organization," he said quietly, "and I hope I can end my career here."

PACKERS WILL BE 'UP' FOR COWBOYS, MAY ADD KICKER

OCT 23 (Green Bay) — The Green Bay Packers, currently on the short end of the NFL standings, are digging optimism out of distress. The unbeaten Dallas Cowboys, whom the defending NFL champions face next week, appear to be in line for some of the go-get-the-leader energy which the Packers had to fend off so often in the last three seasons. The pro football player's expression for winding up to deliver a punch against a favorite is "getting up," and the Packers were doing just that Tuesday. "I think we will approach this game with Dallas the same way the Cowboys regard us," said tackle Forrest Gregg. "The Cowboys are a great team, and it's easier to get up for a top team."... **SIMILAR THOUGHTS:** Flanker Carroll Dale had similar thoughts, and with painful roots that reach back to Los Angeles. "I spent five losing seasons with the Rams," Dale said. "It wasn't a pleasant experience." "So every time we face a tough game, and Dallas is going to be tough, I dwell on the days at Los Angeles. I don't need anybody to get me up," he said. Gregg often fills in for the injured Jerry Kramer at guard and may be in that role in Dallas. His years of training make him familiar with opponents, but he may face a newcomer Monday night, 260-pound defensive tackle Jethro Pugh. "They tell me he's a strong pass rusher and knows the tricks of the trade," Gregg said.

STATE BLOWS WHISTLE ON PACKERS' LAKE PLAN

OCT 23 (Madison) — The Department of Natural Resources blew the whistle today on plans of Green Bay Packer football players to enlarge a Wisconsin lake for recreation purposes. The proposed project, the department said, would be in conflict with state laws on health, safety and general welfare. Plans called for enlarging a waterway off Williams Lake in the town of Packwaukee in Marquette County. The department said that Wisconsin Lakes Inc. of Milwaukee filed an application Oct. 30, 1967, seeking permission to develop the project. It noted that on March 25, 1968, the firm was joined by eight individuals as owners of all the property on which the proposed enlargement was to be located. The joiners included Jerry Kramer, Boyd Dowler, Ron Kostelnik, Max McGee, Henry Jordan, Doug Hart, Bob Long and Frederick C. (Fuzzy) Thurston. Long now plays with Atlanta and McGee and Thurston have retired from football. Development plans called for adding 13 to 14 acres to the lake. This would have been done by deepening an area of the lake and using the excavated material to raise ground elevation around the proposed lagoon. Forty-one new lots would have been added. The state found that lot sizes would not conform to sanitary regulations. It also noted that the new lots proposed for the 70-75 acre lake would reduce the water's recreational value as well as the property valuation of present landowners.

LANDRY WILL SETTLE FOR 21 POINTS

OCT 24 (Dallas) — The world champion Green Bay Packers, who have fallen upon hard times, invade Dallas Monday night and Cowboy coach Tom Landry figures 21 points will beat them. "The Packers still have the best defensive team in professional football and if our offense has a great day we might get 21 points," Landry said. "The way our defense has been playing I'd be satisfied with 21 points." Commenting on the lackluster 2-3-1 record of the Packers, Landry said "Green Bay has had quite a few injuries and still hasn't given up many points. Until somebody proves different, the Packers are still the world champions. I figure they will still be in the playoffs again."... **SPECIAL MEANING:** Green Bay is currently in third place in the Central Division, but only a game out of the lead. The Green Bay game always has a special meaning for Dallas. The Cowboys have suffered last second losses in the last two years in the NFL title games to the Packers. Landry said Dallas needs to win the game to help its confidence. "The game means a lot to us psychologically," Landry said. "A loss to the Packers takes something out of you that would



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Contagious Losing

Editor, Press-Gazette: I am convinced that the reason for the Green Bay Packers' dismal performance so far this season is that their Starr—i.e. Bart—has publicly endorsed Nixon who, unlike the Packers, has been a perennial loser.

There is considerable scientific evidence that somehow by association, losing is contagious. So — please, Editor, would you exhort Bart to quickly change his political affiliation before it's too late!

In my mind, and I'm sure, a lot of others, there is little question that the NFL race is far more important than any presidential race. So, Bart Starr, citizen notwithstanding, should seriously reconsider. There may yet be time for a comeback or a reversal of the Packers' present perilous trend.

If, however, Bart Starr insists on Nixon, then I am positively certain that the Green Bay professional football team will meet its Maker this year. I sincerely hope that a Packer demise doesn't ever happen, no matter when.

Please, Bart, don't you, the great winner you are, be the one to administer the coup de grace to the team just because of your peculiar political preference. For the sake of humanity and, of course, winning football games, perhaps in the future, we shouldn't (audibly, at any rate) call either our religion, race, color, or politics, especially when something as really crucial is at stake, such as the Packer and Green Bay image.

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be hard to replace."...DALLAS 6-0-0: Landry did say that the game probably "means more to the Packers" because Dallas is in excellent shape in the Capitol Division with a two game lead on the basis of a 6-0 record. He said Green Bay was hurting itself more than its opponents with fumbles, interceptions, penalties and un-Packerlike mistakes.

CONSISTENCY, CONFIDENCE TOP FEATURES IN CRUICE'S BOOK ON UNBEATEN COWBOYS

OCT 24 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – How good are the Dallas Cowboys? Wally Cruice, known to the Packer family as Super Scout, facetiously replied, "They're six-and-oh...they're unbeaten." Cruice, who had spent Sunday afternoon in the Twin Cities casing the Cowpokes in their 20-7 victory over the Minnesota Vikings, was in Green Bay Wednesday to analyze the Texans' performance for the benefit of the Packers at a classroom session. His words were of more than passing interest to the world champions, of course, because the Cowboys are their next - and most challenging - obstacle in the bid for an unprecedented fourth consecutive NFL title. Needless to say, Super Scout was impressed and so informed his audience. Following his private lecture, Cruice paused to describe the Cowboys for Press-Gazette readers and his cryptic critique sounded as though he might be summarizing the title-winning Packers of 1965-66-67. "They're real consistent," he said. "They don't make mistakes." "I think," he added, "they have more confidence than they've ever had." "Meredith (quarterback Don) is the key to their success because he's been healthy. And they're getting real good play out of their defense. They force the other team into mistakes and that's the difference." The latest NFL statistics eloquently document the former Northwestern star's succinct appraisal of Monday night's opponents." League leaders on offense, the Cowboys have exhibited impressive balance, a quality so vital to championship performance. Keyed by Don Perkins, one of pro football's premier runners, the Texans have rushed for 930 yards in their six appearances. This is an average of 155 per game, a figure which ranks second only to the Gale Sayers-powered Chicago Bears in the NFL. With the daring Meredith at the throttle, the Pokes also have amassed 1,264 yards passing, a total surpassed only by the Washington Redskins, triggered by the air-minded Sonny Jurgensen. Meredith, owner of a glittering 63 per cent passing record, has three talented targets available - Bob Hayes, the world's fastest human, Lance Rentzel and Pete Gent. Between them, Rentzel and Hayes have caught 46 passes for 710 yards and 4 touchdowns to date...SECOND ON DEFENSE: Defensively, the Cowboys have been outshone only by the niggardly Los Angeles Rams. Tom Landry's defenders have held the opposition to 1,459 yards, including just 495 rushing - an average of slightly better than 80 yards per game. Significantly, they also have intercepted 17 passes - best record in the league and a substantial indication their defense also boasts exceptional balance. Their most larcenous operative is linebacker Chuck Howley, who has waylaid five enemy passes and run them back 110 yards, one of them for a touchdown. These statistics are sobering, admittedly, along with the knowledge the Cowboys are bitter over having lost four straight to the Packers, including the last two NFL title games...CASTIGATED COWPOKES: In fact, the customarily mild-mannered Landry withheld the press and blistered his athletes behind closed doors after they were dealt a 31-27 defeat by the Pack in Dallas the night of Aug. 24. Castigating the Cowpokes for what he termed a lackluster performance, Landy told them, "I'm sick and tired of playing second fiddle to the Packers." One pertinent point emerges from all this, however. These are, it should be noted, the very same Packers who won those four in a row. They are not likely to forget the formula...PACKER PATTERN: Jerry Kramer appears to be making a rapid recovery from the knee injury he suffered in last Sunday's 14-14 tie with the Detroit Lions. Although he was withheld from the weekly touch football game between the offensive and defensive linemen, Kramer was running with encouraging freedom along the sidelines. "It feels pretty good, running straight ahead," he reported...The Packers other current casualty, quarterback Bart Starr, is making good progress and presumably will be ready to face the Cowboys. Starr made only a token appearance against the

Lions - long enough to pitch a touchdown pass to Boyd Dowler - after incurring a pulled muscle in the bicep of his passing arm warming up for the Ram game a week earlier.

WHY NOT SUDDEN DEATH?

OCT 24 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Ties are blah, the letter in Tuesday's mail said. Why not sudden death, just like in the championship games? All right, why not Jim Kensil? "Because it can't be done," the assistant to NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle informed us. Why can't it be done? "Because there are not any lights in Wrigley Field or Franklin Field," was the answer. I guess there's no arguing with that. But, somehow, in the reflection of the high popularity and money-power of pro football, the fact that two stadiums don't have lights seems like a featherweight reason...A BIT STRONGER: But Kensil added, "It would also take away the last two minutes." He had reference, of course, to the years of drama that are often packed into the final two minutes of a game. This reasoning seems to be a bit

stronger, but...Two of the most exciting games ever played were the championship overtime affairs of 1958 and 1965. And it doesn't seem reasonable that a team would settle for a tie in the last minute with the risk of getting the short end of the overtime coin flip facing. The coin flip, of course, seems to put an element of luck into the overtime since the first points scored end the game and the team winning the flip is going to get the ball. But at second glance, perhaps coin flipping luck is not so important. Let's face it, if the receiving team fumbles, throws an interception, suffers a big penalty, it could be in very poor position in a hurry...SOME BRIEF DISCUSSION: Suppose the receiving team gets the ball on its 20 and makes only five yards in three downs. An average punt and couple yards of runback gives own 35, pretty good field position when only a field goal is needed to win. But that is beside the point, which is why there are no overtimes. Kensil admitted that there has been some brief discussion about it in the NFL but that the whole question remains moot because of the light problem. While we had Kensil giving official viewpoints, however, we asked him about our favorite gripe. Why, when a penalty is called, isn't the offender singled out and statistics kept on who is costing a team penalty yards? We have always felt this is a key statistic being overlooked in football. Every other sport indicates who the penalty is on and keeps these damaging statistics...errors in baseball, fouls in basketball, penalty minutes in hockey, etc. Kensil said the league is making an attempt to inform the press box about who the offender is...but frankly the only times we've heard this information in the press box was when it was very obvious who the culprit was. The chief difficulty in this, according to Kensil, is the fact that many times the officials don't know who the penalty is on. Kensil said Mark Duncan, who until a short time ago was supervisor of officials, explained the problem this way: "If an official has to keep his eye on the offender in order to identify him, he cannot react and move to his other duties on the play. Many times he sees just a jersey jump over the line, for instance. We don't feel it's right to burden the official with any more than he has to do now though he usually does give an identification to the sideline when possible." Just the same, I think the fans are being denied an important part of the game when no official identification is made of who was holding in the middle of the line ... and a touchdown is nullified.

WALLET INJURED DONNIE, JORDAN JOKES TO LEAGUE

OCT 25 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Stand-up comedian Henry Jordan, who between engagements plays defensive tackle for the Green Bay Packers, delighted delegates and wives at the League of Wisconsin Municipalities banquet Thursday night at the Hotel Northland. Jordan, a last-minute substitute for Packer General Manager Vince Lombardi, rolled off about 40 minutes of quips, jokes and stories. For example: When asked from the floor why Halfback Donnie Anderson was limping during practice that morning, Henry shot back, "Oh, that's nothing serious. Donnie's pocketbook fell out of his pocket and landed on his foot." Anderson reportedly received a \$400,000 bonus to sign with Green Bay.

DALLAS RESILIENCY MATCHING PACKERS

OCT 25 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) – The true measure of a football team is how it reacts to adversity. The Packers re-established this fundamental point last season when, jolted by the simultaneous loss of backfield starters Elijah Pitts and Jim Grabowski in mid-year, they closed ranks and forged from there to a record third straight NFL championship. This season, the Dallas Cowboys are exhibiting somewhat alarming signs of similar resiliency. The unbeaten Cowpokes, who bar the Packers' path in the Cotton Bowl Monday night, have made the fastest getaway in their nine-year history (6-0) despite the loss of their No. 2 rusher of 1967, halfback Dan Reeves, and end Willie Townes, a valued member of their Doomsday Defense...NO SUCCESSOR: Coach Tom Landry has not settled on a "permanent" successor to Reeves, sidelined with a knee injury, but he apparently hasn't found it a problem. "We have a real good scrap going on between Craig Baynham and Les Shy for the job," Cowboy Publicity Director Curt Mosher reported via telephone from "Big D" Thursday. "Les has started twice," Mosher said, adding, "He had one good running day. That was the day Dan got hurt. Shy gained 89 yards. Since that time, he hasn't been getting a lot running, but he's been catching the ball well - especially against Minnesota last Sunday."...PERKINS LEADING RUSHER: "Craig hasn't carried the ball that much, but he has had one good touchdown run in each of the last two games." Shy, a brother of the Pittsburgh Steelers' Don Shy, is a 6-foot-1, 200-pound Long Beach State product in his third pro season while Baynham, who is 6-foot-1 and 206 pounds, is a Georgia Tech alumnus in his second year with the Cowpokes. The talented Don Perkins, of course, is the Texans' leading rusher. Perkins, possessed of great quickness, has accumulated 327 yards in 76 carries to date, a 4.3 average. Although Townes has been a prominent member of the Cowboys' front four, his absence apparently hasn't affected the Pokes' customarily tightfisted defense adversely...KEEP THINGS SIMPLE: "Larry Cole has been filling for Willie," Mosher reported, "and he's done a helluva job for a rookie. In last Sunday's game at Minnesota, for example, he blew in on Kapp (Viking quarterback Joe) and hit him as he threw. Cornell Green intercepted and Cole got up to throw the block which enabled Green to run in for a touchdown. "Of course, they're trying to keep things simple for him," the Dallas publicist said. "He's getting a lot of help. He's playing alongside Jethro Pugh and that doesn't hurt anybody. Jethro's having a tremendous year."...PACKER PATTERN: Coach Phil Bengtson, who spurred the Packers through their first major practice of the week Thursday, indicated he is encouraged by the recovery rate of Jerry



Rowser-45

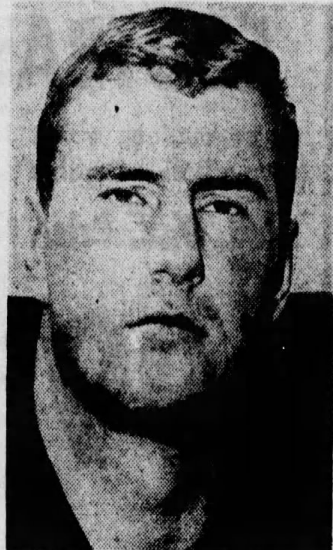
Defensive Back — Michigan

Height 6-1, Weight 185

Born in Detroit, Mich.,

April 24, 1944

Second year . . . Drafted in third round for 1967 . . . 10.2 speed in 100 . . . 4.6 in 40 . . . Ran track at Michigan . . . Broadjumped over 25 feet . . . Hard hitter . . . Tough tackler who plays well on special teams . . . Can play either cornerback or safety . . . Native of Detroit, Michigan.



Flannigan —55

**Linebacker —
Pittsburgh**
Height 6-3, Weight 240
Born in Pittsburgh, Pa.,
April 15, 1945

Second year . . . Drafted in Packers regular second round for 1967 season . . . Voted most valuable player at Univ. of Pittsburgh All-East, 1966 . . . Tough and determined tackler . . . UPI all rookie team 1967 . . . Used primarily at middle linebacker, but has speed to play outside . . . College all-star middle linebacker . . . Excels on special teams . . . Political science major in college . . . Missed some duty in 1967 while in Army. Native of West Mifflin, Pennsylvania.

Kramer, sidelined by a knee injury early in last Sunday's 14-14 tie with the Lions. "He's running pretty good straight ahead," Phil said. "It's surprising how well's he doing." Bengtson is not, he said, ruling Kramer out of Monday night's Dallas match...Quarterback Bart Starr, now throwing effectively, continues to evince steady improvement, enhancing the likelihood he will start against the Cowboys...Bengtson said he and his aides are still considering activating placekicker Errol Mann from the taxi squad for the weekend...Mann, aided by a brisk wind, kicked nine straight-on bullseyes in succession from the 47-yard-line in Thursday's practice.

DONNY ANDERSON OUT TO PROVE WAIT WAS WORTHWHILE

OCT 26 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) — This may be Donny Anderson's year. He's been itching in the wings ever since 1966 when the Packers brought him to Green Bay under a reported \$600,000 bonus-salary deal. But nothing much happened right away because Lombardi & Co. plan ahead and there were still players like Paul Hornung and Elijah Pitts around. So Donny had to wait, and waiting can be hard for someone used to having things come his way fast. Like being drafted in the first round as a future by the Packers when he was still a junior at Texas Tech, the first player the team so singled out in 20 years...personally gaining more yards rushing and punting that year than did five Texas Tech's opponents...being selected All-Southwest Conference for the second straight year...Southwest Conference Back of the year...named to nine All-American first teams. But this year - at last - Anderson is a starter, with a chance to live up to all that potential. "I'm not a sub-player," Donny says, and seems intent on proving it. So far this year he's the Pack's leading ball carrier. The 6-foot-3 215-pound running back analyzes success in the game in terms of physical and mental agility rather than brawn. "Quickness has a lot to do with it as a runner in pro ball. It allows you to get to the hole sooner and they don't have to hold the blocks as long. It's just an instinct that the Lord gives you that makes you run." Knowledge of the game is probably the most important factor in football, he believes. "Naturally you have to be strong, but you have to be intelligent. Agile and alert people react very well to any situations that happen to them." Blocking? "I put it this way - when I first came I wasn't a blocker at all, but running backs for the Green Bay team have to block. Some college teams don't stress this. I don't say I'm good, but I've definitely improved." What about passing? "I like to catch the ball when it's thrown to me." But he doesn't feel that passing will ever make the running back obsolete. But what about the personal Anderson? He feels football glamour is pretty much centered around the running back and the quarterback. "They get the glory, compared with the rest of the players - the internal defense just doesn't get the publicity, unfortunately." The departure of Paul Hornung left the Packers' glamour-boy spot open and the fans see a natural successor in Donny. The similarities are obvious: blond good looks, wavy hair, single, same playing position, and a reputation for liking a good time. They even call him things like "The Golden Palomino" (he was raised on a ranch in Texas). But one also detects a seriousness in the 25-year-old back, a feeling that what impresses him most right now is playing on a championship team looking for its fourth straight. Playboy or no, Anderson does take an interest in what he wears and what he represents. Referring to his size and build he notes, "It's definitely hard to buy clothes. I don't buy anything of the rack any more, except maybe a pair of slacks. Right now I'm in between a 34 and 35 so it's just as cheap to have things tailor-made. I'm quite a fanatic on dress. Let's say I don't dress like a businessman but like a gentleman. No way out stuff, like wide belts, medallions, or bell bottoms." He likes double breasted suits, but not a three-button sport coat - it has to be one or two-

button. "Turtle necks are OK in their place but they'll never replace a tie. The look I like in dress is neatness. A lot of people classify other people by how they dress. If you're sloppy in appearance...I can't stand to see somebody sloppy. And I stay up with the styles. I've been very fussy ever since I was a little kid. Even then I didn't always like the Levis Mother brought home." Last year Anderson endorsed a hair product and he's currently featured on a milk commercial in Texas. "If you get a good deal and don't tie yourself down it's all right. This is all part of it. I'm pretty particular about what I represent. We as athletes are like performers to the public. They recognize us as idols, a celebrity-type thing. If you go out and push something that isn't a credit to you, it's not good. An athlete has more bearing on a youngster. The money factor is not the big thing in all cases."

VINCE DENIES HE'S HEADED FOR EAGLES; 'HAPPY HERE'

OCT 26 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) — Pro Football Weekly, a Chicago-based sports paper, has a headline story in its most recent issue saying that Vince Lombardi has designs on the Philadelphia Eagle franchise. The story is not new. Ever since Jerry Wolman ran into financial troubles, the Eagle situation has been a bit unstable and Lombardi has been frequently mentioned as the probable new stabilizer. The latest story is based on the fact that two Wolman plans to save the franchise for himself have already failed and that he has only until Monday to come up with a third, unless the bankruptcy referee gives him a fourth chance. Lombardi, however, has issued the usual denial. "I'm perfectly happy where I am. I have no plans for moving. I've never been approached," he said Friday. He added, however, "If some angel wanted to make me an owner, I'd have to look at it. But I'm afraid there are not many angels around."...On somewhat the



Himes-72

Offensive Tackle — Ohio State
Height 6-4, Weight 245
22-Years-Old

Played offensive Senior year only, yet named to All-Big Ten Team. Played in East-West Game. Good quickness, hustles and strong. Third round draft choice.

same subject, the Chicago Tribune's Bob Markus wrote: "You have to sympathize with Eagles' owner Jerry Wolman in his financial crisis, but at the same time perhaps it's not too surprising. Would you trust your money to a man who'd give Joe Kuharich a 15-year contract?"...It's difficult to believe, but after Johnny Unitas finally got in a game last week and then completed only one pass in 11 tries and was nicked for three interceptions, some Baltimore fans hung him in effigy and labeled him a "bum."...And Vikings Coach Bud Grant, asked about the sometimes loud criticism of quarterback Joe Kapp, answered, "It would be much worse if they (the fans) didn't do anything. Then I'd really be worried. This is just their means of taking out their frustrations. Otherwise they'd be sitting on their hands. They feel badly about losing and think it's the quarterback's responsibility. If Johnny Unitas can get booed in Baltimore after all these years, what can you expect?"...Baltimore News-American Sports Editor John Steadman writes: "It's still a relatively new position in football, the highly demanding job of tight end, and the Baltimore Colts use a Mack Truck there by the name of John Mackey. Mackey is the most superb player the job has known, gifted with ability that sets him apart. Yes, better than Ron Kramer of the Green Bay Packers and Mike Ditka, who knew his greatest success with the Chicago Bears."...FOOTNOTES: When the Giants lost to the 49ers last week, it was not unexpected. The Giants haven't beaten a Western team since 1963...The Houston Oilers have added Wayne Walker to their roster. No, he's not the Lions' Walker but this one, a second-year man from Northwest Louisiana, is also a kicker...Philadelphia tackle Floyd Peters has undergone surgery...Washington

quarterback Jim Ninowski has a hampering rib injury...The NFL completed a record 63 trades involving a record 86 players in 1968... Viking Fred Cox's string of 16 straight games with a field goal kicked was snapped by Dallas last week. The Cowboys blocked his two attempts...Ram defensive back Clancy Williams says Carroll Dale is the toughest flanker in the league to cover...Appleton's Rocky Bleier gained 35 yards in four carries as he saw his first action for the Steelers two weeks ago.

PACKERS 10TH IN MISTAKES

OCT 26 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) — The Packers have fumbled 15 times this year. That's the highest number in the league. On the other hand, the Cowboys have fumbled seven times. That's the lowest number in the league. Interesting? Sure...but just how important are mistakes like this to a team's record? The answer is obvious...very important. But let's take a statistical look at the question. Interceptions, penalties (number and yards) and fumbles (number and number lost) are the key mistakes. We have ranked the 16 NFL teams, 1 through 16, in each of these five categories and given points in the same way: 1 for first, 2 for second, etc. Thus, the team with the lowest number of points is the least mistake prone. Which team is it? The New York Giants! The Giants get 21 points in this scale. And Dallas is second with 26 points. The Packers rank 10th with 42 points. Here is the full list: 1, New York, 21; 2, Dallas, 26; 3, Minnesota, 27; 4, St. Louis, 29; 5, Baltimore, 30, and Philadelphia, 30; 7, Los Angeles, 31; 8, Pittsburgh, 34; 9, Atlanta, 40; 10, Green Bay, 42; 11, Detroit, 44; 12, San Francisco, 45; 13, Washington, 48; 14, Cleveland, 56; 15, Chicago, 66; 16, New Orleans, 69. The leader in each category and the Packer rank in each: Interceptions - Dallas with three; Packers ninth with nine, Number of penalties - Pittsburgh with 19; Packers fifth with 30. Penalty yards-Pittsburgh with 171; Packers sixth with 286. Number of fumbles - Dallas with seven; Packers 16th with 15. Fumbles Lost - San Francisco with three; Packers sixth with six. One other note: While the Packers have been tagged with 30 penalties for 286 yards, their opponents have had 19 penalties for 160 yards.

PEAY, 'COTTON BOWL NATIVE, EAGER FOR FIRST PACKER START

OCT 27 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) — A starting assignment is hardly a novelty to Frances Peay. The tall, well-spoken Pennsylvanian was a regular with the New York Giants for two seasons before coming to the Packers this year via the trade route. But he admits a special feeling about his first starting role with the world champions, presumably to be undertaken in Monday night's Cotton Bowl confrontation with the Cowboys at Dallas, which is expected to find him at offensive right tackle and Forrest Gregg at right guard in behalf of the injured Jerry Kramer. "It feels real good to play," he said, adding semi-facetiously, "that's the very least I can say about it." "It's tough luck for Jerry," Peay noted, "but it gives me an opportunity to play. I hope I can help the ball club." He added by way of explanation, "Actually, Ray Wietecha told me Wednesday that I would be starting, but I'd kind of suspected I would, although Jerry's knee has been



James-27

Flanker — Jackson State
Height 6-2, Weight 190
Born in Columbia, Miss., Nov. 7, 1943

Second year . . . Drafted in 14th round for 1967 . . . Played quarterback in college . . . Used in early camp as running back . . . 9.8 speed in 100 . . . Great potential . . . Good moves in open field . . . Catches ball well . . . Active for first two games of 1967 season. Native of Columbia, Mississippi.

RUSHING						
	Att.	Yds.	Ave.	L	TD	
Anderson, GB	76	413	5.4	42	2	
Perkins, Dall.	76	327	4.3	15	1	
Reeves, Dall.	40	178	4.5	25	4	
Grabowski, GB	57	170	3.0	9	1	
Shy, Dall.	37	121	3.3	17	1	
Garrison, Dall.	20	102	5.1	22	2	
PASSING						
	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	Int.	TD	
Starr, GB	92	59	901	6	9	
Meredith, Dall.	132	83	1,145	3	10	
Bratkowski, GB	48	24	288	3	1	
Morton, Dall.	17	9	186	0	1	
RECEIVING						
	No.	Yds.	Ave.	L	TD	
Rentzel, Dall.	25	374	15.0	36	2	
Dowler, GB	22	299	13.6	55	3	
Hayes, Dall.	21	336	16.0	50	2	
Dale, GB	19	403	21.2	63	5	
Norman, Dall.	14	170	12.5	34	1	

up everything and go." "I imagine with me in there, they'll be trying some twist, figuring I'm not acclimated to the system. But I think I am, I really do...I'm glad, though, that what happened last Sunday didn't happen earlier in the season. But I don't anticipate any great trouble. I feel they have to worry about us, too. If anything, I think they have to fear us a little." "I'm counting on a little championship money," Peay added, "and I'm willing to make any sacrifice necessary to bring that about." Reflecting upon his play against the Lions, his first extended appearance as a Packer, the handsome Pittsburgh native said, "I've never been able to properly evaluate my performance. Maybe I'm a little too critical of myself. I've never been satisfied. Even when I was in college and I was chosen lineman of the week, I wasn't satisfied. I know I'm particularly happy when I can isolate my defensive end, keep him away from the passer or the ball carrier...I'll leave it up to the coaches and my opponents to evaluate me. "I can say, though, that I was real happy with my rhythm, my pass blocking, with my hands and feet, against Detroit." Something of a psychologist, Peay confided, "If an opponent makes a good play, I pat him on the back. I'm actually reprimanding myself, telling myself, 'That's not going to happen again.' I never let him know how mad I am. I keep him in the dark and hope that I can surprise him." "Besides, you don't want to get him mad at you," he laughed. "They're all bigger than I am."...PACKER PATTERN: Monday night's match will showcase two of the NFL's premier long ball artists, the Packers Carroll Dale and speedball Bob Hayes of the Cowboys. Dale has amassed 403 yards on 19 catches, a 21.2 average, Hayes 336 on 21 receptions, a 16-yard average. Lance Rentzel, however, leads both teams overall with 25 catches, good for 374 yards. The Pack's Boyd Dowler is next up with 22 for 299 yards...Donny Anderson owns the best rushing record



MRS. BILL LUECK—ON HOME GROUND

she says. A skilled seamstress as well as cook, Mrs. Lueck is also an avid bridge player. Her sports are tennis and swimming. Bill Lueck is a 6 foot 3 inch, 235-pound offensive guard. His petite young bride would like to claim 5 feet 2 inches, but settles for 5 feet 1 1/2 inches. "My husband doesn't even believe that," she cheerfully concludes.

coming along real well." Monday night's stint will be somewhat different, he says, than his experience in last Sunday's 14-14 tie with Detroit, when he was hastily summoned to combat following the injury to Kramer. "That move caught me by surprise," he said. "I'm glad I had to play on the right side, which is my natural side. I'm glad it wasn't Gillie (Gale Gillingham) who got hurt, in which case Ski would have moved and I would have had to play left tackle." Facing the Cowboys, unbeaten leaders of the NFL's Capitol Division, is old hat to the former University of Missouri All-American, Peay further confided. "I'm an old native of the Cotton Bowl," he quipped. "It's pretty tough to play in the heat down there...But in a big game like this, you don't even notice it. You just pick



Winkler-58

Defensive End—Memphis State
Height 6-3, Weight 230
22-Years-Old

Rangy athlete considered to have great potential. A rookie standout in several pre-season games. Does some kicking off. Fifth round draft choice.

among the principals with 413 yards in 76 carries, a 5.4 average. The Pokes' Don Perkins has 327 in the same number of attempts, a 4.3 average...The Packers enplane at 11 a.m. today via United Airlines charter for Dallas, where they will headquarter at Holliday Inn Central. They are scheduled to arrive at Austin Straubel Field at 2:50 Tuesday morning on the return trip.

MRS. LUECK SCORES AS PACKER WIFE

OCT 27 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) — At the risk of appearing to be a bookworm, Mary Lueck, wife of Packer rookie, Bill Lueck, will admit that she earned membership in Mortar Board, national senior women's honorary; Omicron Nu, national home economics honorary, and Kappa Delta Pi, education honorary. While attaining these accomplishments at the University of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz., Mrs. Lueck was also active in the student government and worked as a volunteer in programs to aid handicapped and underprivileged children. Since her graduation in January, Mary has begun work on her masters degree and has done some substitute teaching. Her studies now center on child development and human relations. Upon receiving her masters degree she would like to teach on the junior college level. Mary's second field of study was art history. "I appreciate art but I'm not talented at it," she claims. "I wish I had a few more creative bones." While in Green Bay Mrs. Lueck looks forward to some substitute teaching and to volunteer work. She and her husband arrived in the city during early August, just following the All-Stars game in Chicago. "The first thing you notice about the Mid-West," claims the pretty Arizonan, "is that it's green. There's no cactus here. It's not like home." The 22-year-old blue-eyed brunette became a bride in June. Though she and Bill had been acquainted in high school it wasn't until both were students at the university that they began dating. Mary finds that her husband is a pretty good sport, especially about her cooking. "Since I'm a home economics major I get a little imaginative sometimes. He at least tries everything I make,"

First Place?

National League						
Western Conference						
Central Division						
Detroit	3	3	1	.500	137	138
Minnesota	3	4	0	.429	162	123
Chicago	3	4	0	.429	127	193
Green Bay	2	3	1	.400	126	99
Coastal Division						
Baltimore	6	1	0	.857	213	98
Los Angeles	6	1	0	.857	170	94
San Francisco	4	3	0	.571	137	140
Atlanta	1	6	0	.143	92	219
Eastern Conference						
Capitol Division						
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts	OP
Dallas	6	0	0	1.000	213	64
New York	5	2	0	.714	198	147
Washington	3	4	0	.429	133	194
Philadelphia	0	7	0	.000	98	195
Century Division						
Cleveland	4	3	0	.571	149	140
St. Louis	4	3	0	.571	160	138
New Orleans	3	4	0	.429	141	160
Pittsburgh	1	6	0	.143	92	186
Sunday's Results						
Baltimore 27, Los Angeles 10						
Chicago 26, Minnesota 24						
Cleveland 30, Atlanta 7						
New York 13, Washington 10						
Pittsburgh 6, Philadelphia 3						
San Francisco 14, Detroit 7						
St. Louis 31, New Orleans 17						
Monday's Games						
Green Bay at Dallas, night						
Sunday's Games						
Baltimore at New York						
Chicago at Green Bay						
Cleveland at San Francisco						
Dallas at New Orleans						
Detroit at Los Angeles						
Pittsburgh at Atlanta						
St. Louis at Philadelphia						
Washington at Minnesota						

American League						
Eastern Division						
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
New York	5	2	0	.714	206	156
Boston	3	4	0	.429	114	182
Houston	3	5	0	.375	141	141
Miami	2	4	1	.333	110	183
Buffalo	1	6	1	.143	107	218
Western Division						
Kansas City	7	1	0	.875	209	86
Oakland	5	2	0	.714	215	109
San Diego	5	2	0	.714	208	125
Denver	3	4	0	.429	105	167
Cincinnati	2	6	0	.250	23	171
Sunday's Results						
New York 48, Boston 14						
Oakland 31, Cincinnati 10						
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PACK REPUTATION ON LINE TONIGHT

OCT 28 (Dallas-Green Bay Press-Gazette) — The Packers, pro football experts have been saying for years, win the big ones. And, for years, the pundits invariably have been correct. Tonight, however, it will be incumbent upon the world champions to refurbish their reputation, tarnished ever so slightly in their most recent ventures by a last minute loss to the Rams and a tie with the Lions. There is little need to labor the importance of their nationally televised (8:30, Channel 2 and WNFL radio) collision with the talented Dallas Cowboys in the Cotton Bowl, particularly in the wake of Sunday's related NFL developments. A victory would vault them into a tie for the Central Division lead with Detroit, conveniently victimized by the San Francisco 49ers, a prospect which should serve as a psychological spur to Phil Bengtson's athletes in the task at hand...ONLY HALF GAME OUT: As a result of the 49er contribution and the Chicago Bears' paper thin decision over the Minnesota Vikings, the Packers take to the turf just a half game to the rear of the Lions, now 3-3-1. They are fully mindful, however, of what will be required to dispatch the confident Cowboys, who have acquired impressive pose and maturity en route to a perfect 6-0 start. So, significantly, are the oddsmakers. For the first time ever, the Packers will confront the Cowpokes as underdogs. The Texans are 7-point favorites to forge their seventh straight victory in mid-50 temperatures before a capacity gathering of more than 72,000 Cowboy partisans. The law of averages, it might be added, also will not be riding with Green Bay's triple titlists, who never have lost to Dallas in five league and playoff encounters...UPSETTING MEMORIES: Needless to say, the memory of two of these - the 1966 and 1967 NFL title games — still rankles in the Cowboys' breasts, not to mention a 31-27 pre-season defeat inflicted upon them before a national television audience here in August. The Packers, thus, could hardly face a more imposing challenge, a point heavily underscored by the latest league statistics. Tom Landry's well drilled hirelings lead the NFL on offense and are second only to the Rams, incredibly tightfisted until running afoul of the Colts in Baltimore Sunday. Fortunately, our heroes will be buoyed for the critical occasion by the return to combat of Mr. Quarterback, Bart Starr who will be making his first start in three weeks...STARR SET TO GO: Starr, who has pronounced himself fully recovered, has made only one brief competitive appearance since pulling a bicep muscle in his throwing arm during warm up for the Ram game in Milwaukee Oct. 13. That was in Detroit a week ago when, with understudy Zeke Bratkowski shaken up, he came on to pitch a 3-yard scoring pass to Boyd Dowler which, with Chuck Mercein's conversion, produced a 14-14 tie with the Lions. Starr, of course, has been largely responsible for the Pack's "big game" legend and his presence thus could serve as a catalyst to the offense, which has settled for two touchdowns in each of the last two outings. Jerry Kramer, the champions' All-NFL guard, is expected to sit out because of a wrenched knee suffered in the first quarter of the Detroit deadlock...PEAY FILLING IN: Fortuitously, Forrest Gregg, who won all-league honors at the same position in 1965, is available to assume Kramer's duties with newcomer Francis Peay moving into Gregg's slot at right tackle. Gregg and Peay toiled in tandem most of the way against Detroit, following the injury to Kramer, and Bengtson was heartened by their performance. They

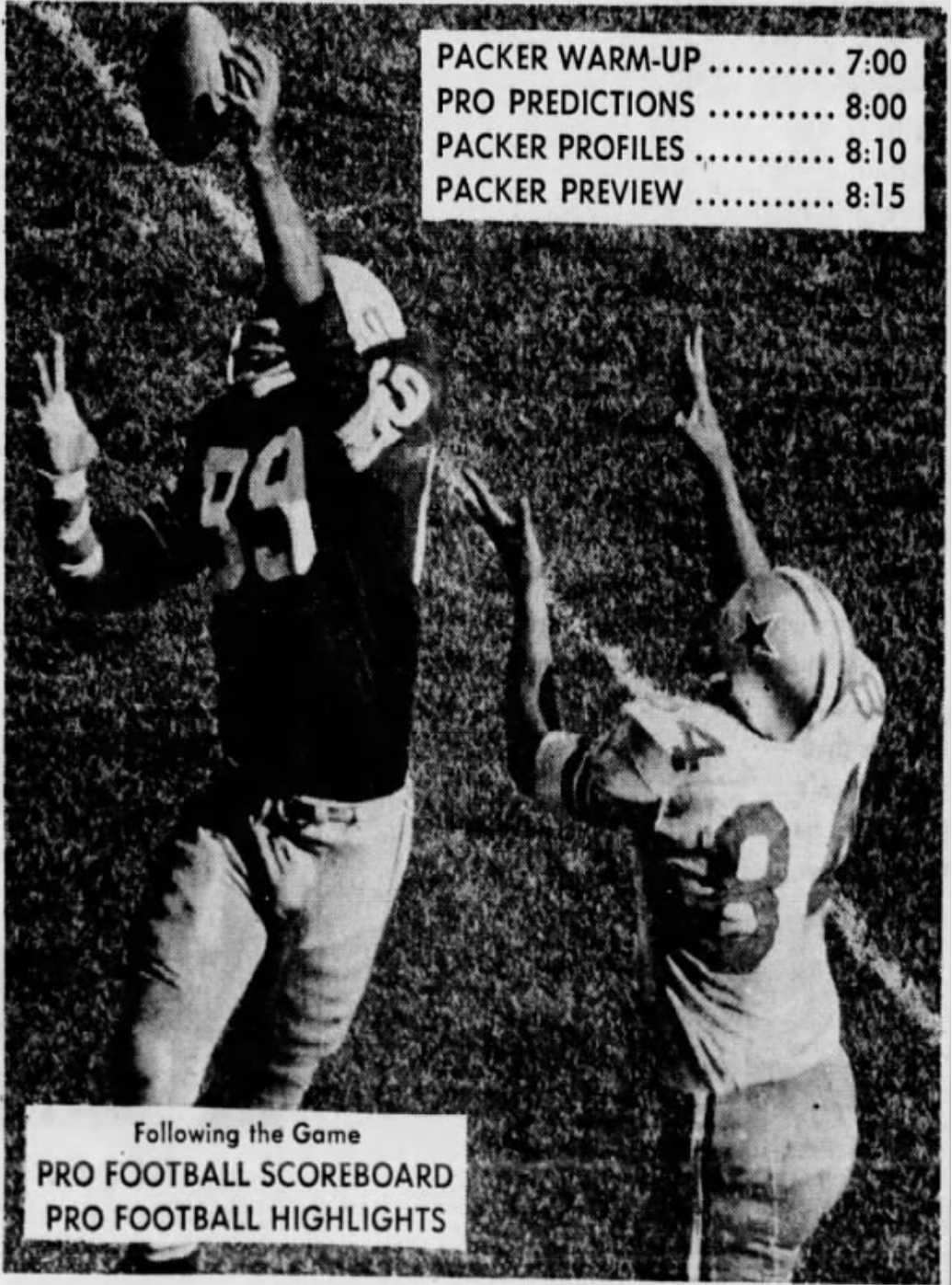
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Peay	RT	Neely	
Fleming	TE	Norman	
Starr	QB	Meredith	
Anderson	RB	Baynham	
Grabowski	RB	Perkins	
Dale	FL	Rentzel	
DEFENSE			
GREEN BAY		DALLAS	
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Packers 154, Cowboys 75.			

and their fellow members of the offensive wall, Bob Skoronski, Gale Gillingham and Ken Bowman, will have to be at their mobile best. They will be facing one of pro football's premier front fours, keyed by cat-quick Bob Lilly, said to be the greatest pass rusher in the game. That foursome is supported by far-ranging Lee Roy Jordan, rated by Lilly as the finest middle linebacker in the NFL, towering testimonial considering his teammate says he is superior to the Packers' Ray Nitschke, Tommy Nobis of Atlanta and the Bears' Dick Butkus...SOLID SECONDARY: The Cowboys have an impressively complete secondary, anchored by All-NFL cornerback Cornell Green and their veteran free safety, Mel Renfro. Defensively, as the Texans' statistical leadership strongly suggests, the Packers also are likely to be in for a hectic evening. Quarterback Don Meredith, who has passed for 10 touchdowns, owns a glossy 63 per cent passing mark and his two favorite targets, Lance Rentzel and the mercurial Bob Hayes, have caught 46 passes between them. Don Perkins, possessor of a jet-like getaway, has amassed 327 yards as an explosive complement to the Dallas air arm. If the field goal should become an important factor, the issue would be left to the Cowboys' veteran Mike Clark, who has connected on 8 of 13 attempts, and the Packers' Errol Mann, the former Cleveland Brown and Denver Bronco placement specialist activated from the taxi squad today.

MANN ACTIVATED

OCT 28 (Dallas-Green Bay Press-Gazette) – Placekicking specialist Errol Mann has been activated for tonight's game with the Dallas Cowboys, Packer coach Phil Bengtson announced today. Mann, who had previous tryouts with the Denver Broncos in 1967 and the Cleveland Browns this year, has been a member of the Packer taxi squad since early September. The former University of North Dakota athlete will handle all placekicking duties - kickoffs, extra points and field goals - against the Cowboys, Bengtson said. A decision on whether to waive or de-activate a player to make room for Mann would not be made until this afternoon, Bengtson said.

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