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Only in Green Bay? City sets aside entire day to honor coach

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
EDITOR

GREEN BAY – In May of 1968, plans were being made by the Downtown Businessman’s Association of the Green Bay Chamber of Commerce to host a city-wide appreciation event for Vince Lombardi.

Lombardi had ended his run as head coach of the Green Bay Packers, which included five NFL championships and obtaining the first two Super Bowl trophies in just nine years, at the end of the 1967 season.

He took a position as general manager during the 1968 season before heading to Washington D.C. to operate as the team’s head coach and general manager.

Referred to as “Vince Lombardi Day,” the city had grand plans centered on and around an all-day event.

“The cancellation ‘Tittletown USA’ will appear on all mail leaving the Green Bay post office commencing Aug. 8, [the day after] Vince Lombardi Day, Green Bay Postmaster George Farah reported today,” a July 25, 1968, *Press-Gazette* article stated. “He said the post office department had assured him that the cancellation mark had already been made and would be used over a period of six months.”

While many of the events scheduled for the day were free, tickets were sold for an evening event at the Brown County Veterans Memorial Arena.

Proceeds from the evening event went toward the United Fund of Brown County and the St. Norbert College Building Fund — two funds selected by Lombardi himself.

The evening event featured Peter A. Carlesimo, who was director of Fordham University at that time, as emcee and NFL/Cleveland Browns President Art Modell as the featured speaker.



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Vince Lombardi Cancer Foundation photo

The possible highlight of the evening was Paul Hornung, Max McGee and Fuzzy Thurston’s rendition of “Run to Daylight” — an original song written by Dan Vandenhouten, named after Lombardi’s 1963 book.

Other entertainment was provided by the Green Bay City Band, the Packers Band and the St. Norbert College Chorus.

Days before the event, Gov. Warren Knowles declared Aug. 7 “Vince Lombardi Day” across the state, in recognition of this “winning philosophy, enthusiasm, dedication to competitive excellence and sportsmanship.”

The Wednesday celebration began with a service at Resurrection Church, where Lombardi quipped, “At least some good is going to come of this. I got you all up for early Mass.”

It also included a convertible ride from Lombardi’s office to the corner of South Oneida Street and Highland Avenue, where Highland was unveiled as Lombardi Avenue.

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The Lumberjack Band: A lesson in spirit

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
EDITOR

GREEN BAY – Acme Packing Company’s Emmett Clair and Curly Lambeau returned from Chicago on Nov. 25, 1921, after attending the Staley-Buffalo game on Thanksgiving Day.

Lambeau’s message to the public via the *Press-Gazette* stated: “We’ll beat them. After giving the Staleys the once-over, I feel confident that the Packers will be champions of the Middle West Sunday night. Come on down fans and let’s show Chicago that Green Bay is the best little football town in the country.”

The Packers stood in fourth place in the American Professional Football League, trailing only behind the Buffalo, Decatur Staleys and Akron.

That Sunday’s game against the Staleys at Cub Park would prove crucial, as their records were close and a win would place the Packers in a position to obtain the championship.

“When the Green Bay Packers go to Chicago after the professional football title, they will be accompanied by a bigger delegation of rooters than accompanied them to the Cardinals game last Sunday and by a rooters band of 20 pieces. An appeal was sent out to fans to make it possible for the band to accompany the team, by making contributions,” another *Press-Gazette* piece stated.

“On Saturday night, band members gathered at DeLair’s Café and marched with their instruments in tow to the North Western depot, where a large crowd awaited them. Upon boarding the train, the band members gathered in an empty baggage car and held a rehearsal until the wee hours,” wrote Cliff Christl in the *Greatest*



An early photo of the Lumberjack Band performing.

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Story in Sports.

“Upon arriving in Chicago in the early dawn, band members and fans — two abreast and a block long — merrily marched through The Loop. It was the makeshift beginning of what became the Packers’ famous Lumberjack Band.

“Dressed in corduroy pants, woolen shirts, mackinaws, hunting caps and high boots, they stopped to perform in several hotel lobbies and were reprimanded by police for not having a parade permit before arriving at the Stratford, the Packers hotel.

“The manager of the Morrison Hotel, which had been one of their stops, broke open several boxes of cigars for his seemingly harmless assailants. But later at the Stratford, restaurateur George DeLair, who organized the band, broke the diamond-studded leg off the piano stool in the Grand Ballroom and used it as a baton.

“From there the band headed to Cubs Park, where members created another scene yelling battle

cries and playing their favorite tunes, ‘On Wisconsin’ and ‘How Dry I Am.’”

“Reaching the field early, they stepped out along the gridiron and the band killed the dreary moments before the team got on the field. George DeLair, Harry Annen, Jock Smith and Sheriff Nick Ryan were in the limelight and they cut up all sorts of capers to the music of the band,” the *Press-Gazette* later recapped.

“Throughout the game, even when things weren’t breaking for Green Bay, the Badger rooters kept up their yelling and no better support has ever been seen here, even at a college game.”

Although the fans witnessed a devastating 20-0 loss against the Staleys, the Decatur team got a lesson in spirit, as the band held court until the last car pulled out of the train station on Monday morning.

“Never in my experience have I ever witnessed a better display

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Live by the Draft, die by the Draft? Not entirely

BY MIKE WARREN
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GREEN BAY – The Green Bay Packers pride themselves on home-grown talent — that is developing a roster and depth by drafting players, versus acquisitions through trades and free-agent signings.

That’s not to say they’ve shied away entirely from making deals to help solidify the roster over the years. In fact, two of the team’s top offensive record-holders were acquired in trades.

Ron Wolf, Hall of Fame general manager, used arguably the most successful trade in pro football history to acquire quarterback Brett Favre — himself a Hall of Famer and four-time NFL Most Valuable Player award recipient.

Favre, acquired from Atlanta in February 1992 in exchange for a first-round draft choice, holds or shares 17 of the team’s passing records.

Ahman Green, the team’s all-time leading rusher (8,322), was acquired from Seattle in an April



On April 6, 1993, the Packers signed unrestricted free agent DE Reggie White to a four-year, \$17 million deal, launching a new era of player-requested free agency.
Green Bay Packers photo

2000 trade for cornerback Fred Vinson, which also involved several draft picks.

Green, who played for the Packers for eight seasons (2000-06, 2009) holds or shares 18 franchise records, including most yards rushing in a season (1,883), most touchdowns in a season (20), the team’s longest run from scrimmage (98) and the most yards from scrimmage (11,048).

Vince Lombardi successfully used trades to help build the dynasty teams of the 1960s, including acquisitions such as Fred “Fuzzy” Thurston, Emlen Tunnell, Henry Jordan, Willie Davis and Carroll Dale.

Bart Starr traded for offensive weapons like Lynn Dickey, Terrell Middleton and John Jefferson.

Free-agent signings have always served the Packers well.

And because the NFL Draft didn’t exist until 1936, every player in the early days of the league was essentially a free agent signing.

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The day was designed to celebrate Lombardi's commitment to a team that spanned a decade and brought home wins, but local reporters saw it as much more than that.

"But the important thing is that this was Green Bay honoring him. This was Hicksville... where the fans turned out over 5,000 strong for the event. Fans — the guys and gals who scrimp a bit out of each paycheck to buy a season ticket, the folks who brave every type of weather known to man to back their team. There weren't the people who could afford to pay \$6 for a high-priced testimonial. These were Green Bay's fans," wrote *Press-Gazette* Sports Writer Len Wagner.

"It's not true that it could happen only in Green Bay.

"But it is true that it did happen in Green Bay — a city setting a whole day aside to honor a football coach." 🏈

Today, a statue stands in front of Green Bay's Lambeau Field in dedication to Lombardi's decade with the team.

Mike Warren photo



Brett Favre, acquired from Atlanta in February 1992 in exchange for a first-round Draft choice, holds or shares 17 of the team's passing records. **Green Bay Packers photo**

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Most notable among Curly Lambeau's rookie acquisitions were future NFL Hall of Fame inductees Arnie Herber, Clark Hinkle and Don Hutson.

Lambeau also lured key veteran free agents away from other teams, such as Cal Hubbard, Johnny (Blood) McNally and Mike Michalske.

Lombardi signed rookie free agent Willie Wood in 1960, while Starr nabbed rookie free agents like Johnnie Gray, Paul Coffman and Mark Murphy.

When the restricted/unrestricted free agency era began in 1993, the Packers opened their arms (and check book) early to entice talent, perhaps none bigger than Reggie White in 1993.

After White made cold Green Bay "cool" again, other notable unrestricted free agent signings by Ron Wolf soon followed, including Sean Jones, Don Beebe, Santana Dotson and Desmond Howard, the MVP of Super Bowl XXXI.

Among the first free agent acquisitions by GM Ted Thompson in 2006 was future NFL Hall of Fame inductee Charles Woodson.

More recent free agent impact players have included Adrian Amos, Preston Smith and Za'Darius Smith in 2019 and Josh Jacobs and Xavier McKinney this season.

The waiver wire has also been good to the Packers. Lombardi claimed Chuck Mercein in 1967.

Ron Wolf's waiver-wire

transactions included the signings of fan favorite Gilbert Brown, Andre Rison and Ryan Longwell, the team's second all-time leading scorer.

And Ted Thompson claimed Jarrett Bush and John Kuhn, key members of the Packers squad that won Super Bowl XLV.

But the life blood of any NFL team is the Annual Player Selection Meeting.

The Draft, which the Packers will host in April, serves as the league's most common source of player recruitment.

And while the vast majority of selections never become household names, the Packers have certainly discovered their fair share of diamonds in the rough.

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The Lumberjack Band poses with their musical instruments in 1923. The band members are wearing coats and hats, and a few are wearing men's flannel shirts.

Wisconsin State Historical Society photo

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of spirit. I have often been told that Green Bay was one of the best sporting

towns in the Northwest. I believe it now and one thing is sure: hereafter, whenever a Green Bay team comes to Chicago they will be given a

warm welcome," expressed Ed Smith, dean of the Chicago sport writers.

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The potential map for the 2025 NFL Draft shows the NFL Experience area in blue, the draft theater area in yellow and the back of house areas in brown. Campus entrances are anticipated to be at Nos. 1 and 2. Village of Ashwaubenon map

Potential footprint introduced

Anticipated 2025 NFL Draft Schedule

Day 1 - Thursday, April 24
NFL Experience
NFL Theatre - Draft Round 1

Day 2 - Friday, April 25
NFL Experience
NFL Theatre - Draft Rounds 2-3

Day 3 - Saturday, April 26
NFL Experience
NFL Draft Theatre - Draft Rounds 4-7

The Village of Ashwaubenon held two informational meetings — Nov. 4 and Nov. 11 — to update its residents on emerging plans for the 2025 NFL Draft.

The public meetings featured a potential footprint of what the Draft layout might look like, extending along Lombardi Avenue and including the Titledown District, Lambeau Field and the Resch Expo Center.

Organizers say that Lombardi Avenue and Ridge Road will likely be closed during the Draft and Armed Forces Drive may be closed during the

Draft and a few days before and after.

Oneida Street may also be closed from Stadium Drive to Lombardi Avenue for an extended period of time before and after.

For more information, visit <https://ashwaubenon.gov/2025-nfl-draft/> for ashwaubenon-residents.

Draft Source Program

On Oct. 28, NFL and Green Bay Packers welcomed 88 Wisconsin businesses to Lambeau Field to kick off the 2025 NFL Draft Source program in the Legends Club Room on the fourth floor of the

Lambeau Field Atrium.

The program is an NFL event-focused local procurement program led in collaboration with the Green Bay Packers and was implemented to “promote equitable and inclusive procurement practices through networking and capacity building activities as well as competitive bidding opportunities with NFL vendors for local and diverse, experienced, event-ready suppliers leading up to, during, and after the 2025 NFL Draft,” according to the Packers.

On Oct. 28, accepted businesses from around

the state were invited to learn about the opportunities that will be available in the coming months.

Myisha Boyce, lead on the 2025 NFL Draft Source program, said that there were “hundreds of businesses that apply to be a part of this program.”

“And you’re you being here is a testament to the skill and all of the expertise that you bring to the different areas that you represented those highly competitive and so rest assured. We’ve gone through your websites and your social media platforms and marketing materials and repeat all those things to determine that you already event-ready and ready to help us grow on this Draft,” she told those in attendance.

Accepted businesses will be profiled in an online Member Directory which NFL contractors and partners can leverage to identify local suppliers to fulfill their subcontracting needs.

Accepted businesses will also participate in networking and capacity-building activities.

Boyce said that through the program, their businesses would remain in the directory long after the April event and could continue to obtain NFL-related opportunities.

“This will put businesses into a national database for use 365 days a year,” she said. “The businesses participating in this program will be able to have their services expand beyond the local scene.”

For more information on the Draft, visit www.packers.com/draft25.



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Perry Kemp #81

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GREEN BAY – For six of his seven years in professional football, Perry Kemp was coached by Lindy Infante. The two were together on three different teams – one in the USFL and two in the NFL.

Commodore Perry Kemp, who turns 63 on Dec. 31, broke into professional football as a wide receiver in 1984 as a member of the Jacksonville Bulls of the United States Football League (USFL). Infante had been named the team's head coach the year before.

In his rookie season, Perry Kemp caught 44 passes for 730 yards and two touchdowns, ranking him third among the team's thirteen different receivers — three spots ahead of future Green Bay Packers teammate Aubrey Matthews, who recorded Jacksonville's longest catch that season — a 74-yard touchdown reception. Kemp had the team's second-longest catch — 58 yards — and led the Bulls with 16.6 yards per catch.

The following season, while former Heisman Trophy winning HB Mike Rozier was amassing 1,361 yards on the ground, Kemp was the team's second-leading receiver, hauling in 59 passes for 915 yards and four touchdowns, while again leading the Bulls by averaging 15.5 yards per grab.

Once the league's pending cessation became clear, Infante headed for Cleveland, where he became the offensive coordinator of the NFL's Browns. Kemp, meanwhile, caught on late in training camp as a free agent with the Cowboys in Dallas.

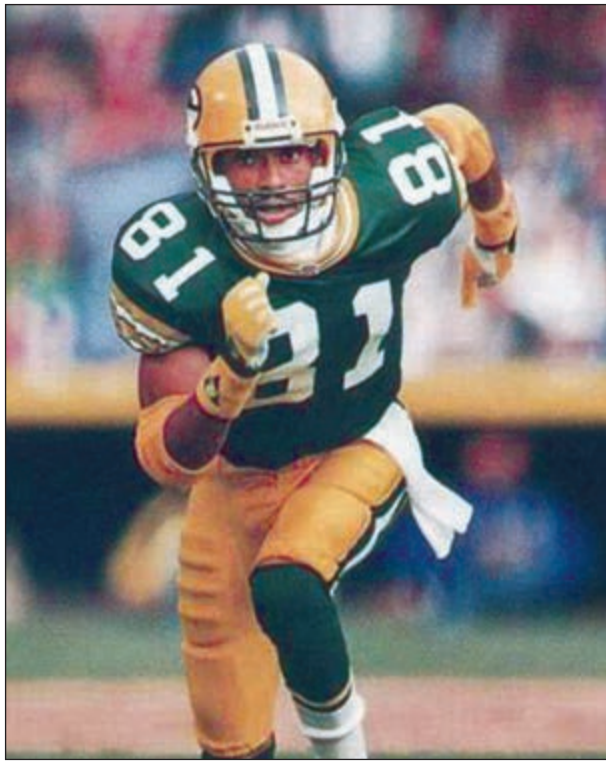
"Right after I signed they signed Herschel Walker and the wide receiver coach was also the offensive coordinator, and he says, 'Perry, I'm sorry. We've got to let you go because we've got to put all this time and energy into Herschel. But we want you to come back.' The next year everybody in their front office called me to get me to come back," Kemp told Packerland during a visit to Green Bay in July.

In 1987, Kemp reunited with Infante in Cleveland.

"I thought I had a better opportunity in Cleveland because (head coach) Marty Schottenheimer went to my high school. He went to school with my uncle. Lindy Infante, of course, he believed in me," Kemp told us.

With a high-powered offense which featured the one-two punch of Earnest Byner and Kevin Mack out of the backfield, tight end Ozzie Newsome and wide receivers Webster Slaughter and Reggie Langhorne, Kemp was cut early in the pre-season schedule.

But he would be called back to Cleveland three weeks after the Browns



Kemp

TOPPS card photo

played their fourth and final pre-season game, Sept. 5 in Milwaukee against the Packers.

"Lindy believed in me, so when they went on strike Lindy called me," Kemp recalled. "I came back down (from Canada) and really I was a player-coach on the field because nobody knew the system, especially in that short of time, like I did, so I was helping everybody, pointing them in the right direction and everything."

After the games that were scheduled for the third week of the season were cancelled, weeks 4, 5 and 6 were played with replacement players who were mostly left out of work by the recent folding of the Canadian Football League's Montreal Alouettes and the 1986 dissolution of the United States Football League, as well as others who had been pre-season cuts.

In three games with the Browns, Kemp caught 12 passes for 224 yards. His best game came against the Bengals in Cincinnati, where he hauled in five passes for 70 yards and two touchdowns, in a 34-0 win.

Following that game, the Browns — led by quarterback Bernie Kosar — went on to reach the AFC Championship game for a second consecutive season. With the Browns trailing Denver 38-31 with 1:12 left in the game, Earnest Byner was stripped of the ball at the 2-yard line by Broncos' defensive back Jeremiah Castille in a play since dubbed "The Fumble."

Seventeen days after the Browns lost in heartbreaking fashion to the Broncos in the AFC Championship game, Tom Braatz, executive vice president of football operations for the Green Bay Packers, tabbed Infante as successor to head coach Forrest Gregg, who in 1980 had hired Infante in Cincinnati. Infante's offense, quarterbacked by Ken Anderson, had led the Bengals to the 1981 AFC title, and a berth in

Super Bowl XVI.

Infante wasted little time in reuniting himself with Kemp in Green Bay, where the one-time Pennsylvania Western University stand-out spent the rest of his professional career.

"It was cold, the people were very friendly, they loved us and I loved them," Kemp told Packerland. "We had a great team. We just didn't pull it all together at one time. One week, some players played great. The next week, other players weren't really together as a locker room or we'd have won more."

In 62 games over four seasons with Infante in Green Bay, Kemp amassed 2,341 yards and six touchdowns on 182 receptions.

But in 1988, Kemp wasn't the only new wide receiver in Tittletown. In April, the Packers had drafted Sterling Sharpe 7th overall.

"Well, you know, I was just clearing routes out for Sterling Sharpe and maybe Don (Majkowski) might throw to me, maybe he wouldn't, but you play your role, so when it's my turn I catch it," Kemp said. "I have to catch everything because I don't get too many balls. They have a Sterling Sharpe No. 1 Draft pick. But me and Sterling were tight and I had a great time here in Green Bay."

In four seasons under Infante, Kemp was the second-leading wide receiver behind Sharpe. His best season was Sharpe's rookie campaign in 1988, when Kemp grabbed 48 passes — from both Majkowski and Randy Wright — for 620 yards. That season included Kemp's best day as a pro — six catches for 108 yards, in an 18-6 win over Minnesota on Dec. 11 at Lambeau Field.

As a member of the 1989 team, dubbed the "Cardiac Pack," Kemp again hauled in 48 passes, this time for 611 yards and two scores. His best day that year came in the



Perry Kemp, center, participates in this year's Hall of Fame Golf Classic at Green Bay Country Club.

Tori Wittenbrock photo

regular-season finale, played Dec. 24 in Dallas. Kemp grabbed six Don Majkowski throws for 85 yards, in a 20-10 win, which tied the Packers with Minnesota at 10-6.

The following season, Kemp recorded 44 receptions for 527 yards and two touchdowns. His best game that season came on Nov. 11 against the Raiders in Los Angeles, where Kemp snagged four balls for 80 yards, including a 28-yard TD which gave Green Bay a 10-point fourth-quarter lead.

In 1991 — his final season — Kemp totaled 42 receptions for 583 yards and two scores. His biggest day that year was

an eight-catch, 66-yard day in Detroit on Sept. 8. And, with future MVP Brett Favre watching from the Falcons' sideline as a backup, Kemp hauled in five passes for 86 yards and a TD, in a 35-31 loss in Atlanta on Dec. 1.

Kemp's final catch as a pro came on Dec. 21, 1991, in a 27-7 win over the Vikings in Minnesota. Kemp recorded one catch that day for four yards. Infante was fired the next day by new GM Ron Wolf. Kemp was not re-signed by the Packers the following season.

"I went through some dark days after I left," Kemp admitted to us. "I was proba-

bly depressed for maybe two years after I left. You know, you play football all your life and now you don't have it and people don't want to hire you because you don't have job experience. The transition is pretty tough on everybody, even if they made enough money to be retired forever, it's still tough because you played football all your life and now it's gone," Kemp added. "The camaraderie is gone and now you get to see your friends only maybe once or twice a year, if at all. It was a great experience here though. I loved it and I wouldn't change it for the world." 🏈

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LILY MENDEZ

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GREEN BAY – Green Bay Packers fans are often known for their loyalty and support for the franchise from wherever they are in the world.

Lily Mendez from Pasadena, Calif., said that she has been a lifelong Packers fan and loves the culture behind the team.

“I have always been a Packers fan since I was very little. My entire family has always supported the Packers and I just really love the culture of the team and the environment that surrounds them. The fans make it feel like you are a part of one big family,” said Mendez.

Though she lives far from Lambeau Field, Mendez said that she is always proud to cheer on her team from across the country.

“My family really are diehard fans. We watch the Packers every Sunday, even from California. It’s been great to grow up in a family that is so passionate even if we live far away from our team, and I feel like that is the same experience for a lot of Packers fans – especially since we are known for being such a welcoming fanbase,” said Mendez.

Like most Packers fans, Mendez said she has a favorite player that she doesn’t think will ever be topped.

“My all-time favorite player has to be Kenny Clark. He is one of the greatest Packers players to ever play and he’s very effective on defense. He also seems to do a lot for the community, and I really respect that. I also like the fact that he played at UCLA where I graduated from a year ago,” said Mendez.

“It’s also not very often that you find a player who has played for the same team his entire career.”

This year, Mendez said that her favorite thing about watching the team play has been the unpredictability.

“It has been very interesting watching the team play this year. After Jordan Love got hurt, it was really disappointing to have to go to a new quarterback that hadn’t been with the team very long at all. When Malik Willis surprised everyone and pulled off a few wins, it was like a sigh of relief. I love watching this team because you never know what is going to happen with them,” said Mendez.

Even though she’s not in town for a game, Mendez said that she was thrilled to be able to visit Lambeau Field and tour the town.

“I’ve always wondered what Green Bay would be like, so I’m really glad I was able to come for a few days. I know my family will be jealous, but it really has been a great experience so far, and I would love to plan another trip in person to be able to attend a game at Lambeau Field,” said Mendez.

Mendez said that she is looking forward to seeing how the team rounds out the end of their season and to hopefully support them on another postseason run. 🏈



THE GOLDEN GIRLS LEGACY REMAINS STRONG

BY TORI WITTENBROCK
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GREEN BAY – Despite their hard work on the field to ensure they knew their routines, the Golden Girls had high expectations for their PR abilities as well.

“We started doing so many engagements, speaking-wise, and were invited to come here and go there, so we actually made a photo-board so that (the team) could travel with us,” said former Golden Girl Sandy Borkovetz.

Even though the Golden Girls were often viewed as supplementary to the football team, the cheerleaders were an integral part of many of their banquets and events.

Borkovetz said that the Packers coaching staff and higher ups were always very supportive of their efforts.

One time at an event, Borkovetz said that the cheerleaders even received a special callout.

“When (Holmgren) arrived, we were all sitting at the Golden Girls table and Mary Jane said, ‘Get up there — you’re doing the interviews.’ We didn’t know anything — all we knew was that he was Mike Holmgren,” said Borkovetz.

“I got up there and gave a brief history of the Golden Girls, and we had already been off the field for several years. I introduced him — which was a great thrill — but no matter what the situation was, the fans really cheered us on.”

Borkovetz said that Holmgren even gave his verbal approval of the girls’ support.



Former Golden Girl Sandy Borkovetz can be seen cheering in the background of one of Ray Nitschke’s most memorable photographs of his final game at Lambeau Field. Submitted photo



After leaving the field, the Golden Girls continued to travel and make public appearances to show their support for the Packers. Borkovetz, left, and Mary Jane Van Dyuese Sorgel, right, are pictured above with a photoboard of the Packers that they often brought to events to show the legacy of many of the former players. Submitted photo

“He came on the mic and said, ‘If winning means bringing the cheerleaders back...’ and then he yelled real loud, ‘They’re back!’”

Because of the support they had at each of their public outings, Borkovetz said that the Golden Girls always felt a welcomed part of the Packers organization.

“Bob Harlan was a huge supporter of us. Really all the coaches, no matter where we were. After that introduction with Mike Holmgren, no matter what event or what gala we were at, I didn’t even have to walk up to him. He came up to me and would talk,” said Borkovetz.

According to Borkovetz, the strict rules preventing fraternizing with coaches and players only limited them while they were active cheerleaders, but years after they had left the field, reconnecting with players and coaches was common.

“The key to talking to all the players and coaches was that they never wanted to talk about football. They wanted to talk about their family and where

they lived. That’s how Mike (Holmgren) was. He was very personable and a very easy guy to get along with. So was Bob Harlan,” said Borkovetz.

Borkovetz also said that one of her experiences as a cheerleader gave her a glimpse of fame — without her even knowing.

“On the day Ray Nitschke was retiring we were going through the tunnel and I was standing right behind him. I didn’t realize that the picture would become one of his more famous shots. One time I went to see Ray at an autograph signing at a K-Mart or something and I walked up to the table. I didn’t have anything for him to sign, but I said ‘Hey, Ray. That’s me in that picture.’ He threw up his hands and said, ‘Get up here and start signing!’” said Borkovetz.

Though the Golden Girls haven’t performed on Lambeau Field in a few decades, Borkovetz said that the experiences she gained from cheering on the Green Bay Packers were life changing.

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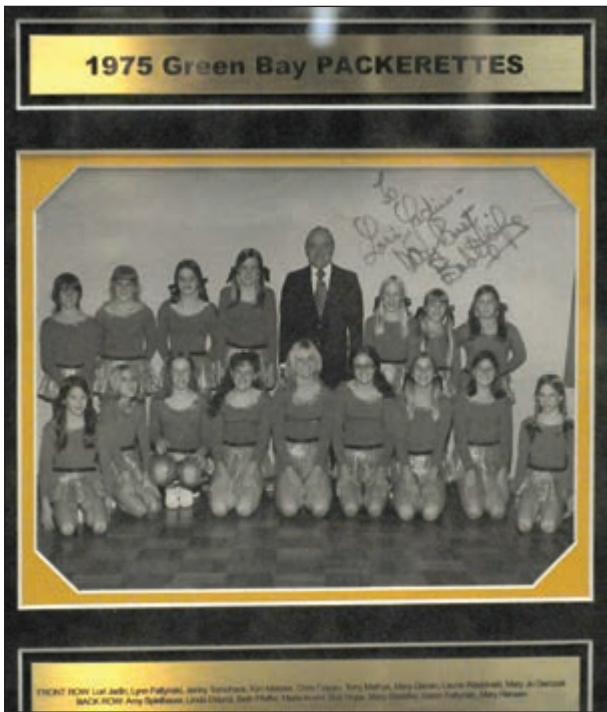
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Green Bay Cheerleaders Alumni wave from their float during the 40th Annual Green Bay Holiday Parade held Nov. 23 in downtown Green Bay. **Janelle Fisher photo**

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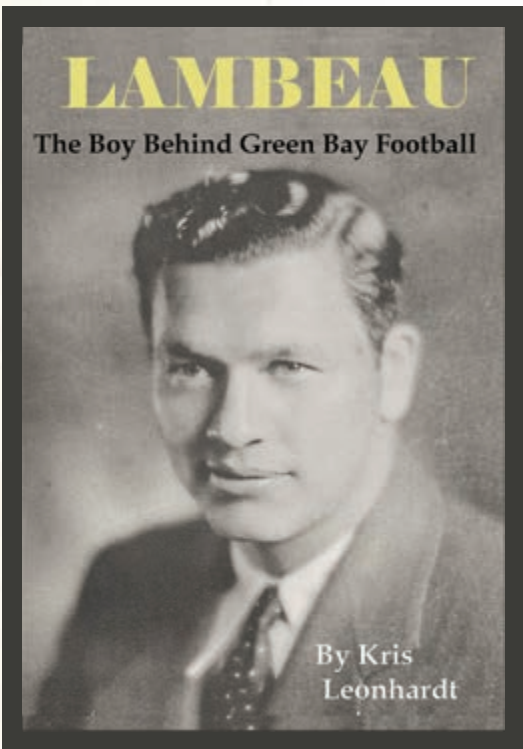


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The 1975 Green Bay Packerettes pose with Bob Hope during a performance stop in Green Bay. In 1973, the Packerettes were formed led by Bernie Matzke. The group also performed at events such as nursing homes and parades until 1977.
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Green Bay Packers Running Back Josh Jacobs charges through a gap in the Detroit Lions defense during their game on Nov. 3. **Tori Wittenbrock photos**



Romeo Doubs leaps in front of the Lions defense to clinch a reception in the Packers 24-14 loss to the Lions.



Emmanuel Wilson makes a tackle for the Green Bay Packers defense. The Packers will look to avenge thier Nov. 3rd loss to the Lions on Thursday, Dec. 5.



Quarterback Jordan Love looks for a pass in their rain game at Lambeau Field.



Jacobs looks to get a first down for the Packers.



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Running back Chris Brooks emerges through the pack in an attempt to get the first down for his team. See full gallery at gopresstimes.com.

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Green Bay Packers Wide Receiver Romeo Doubs dives for an attempted catch in the endzone.



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Fan Photo Gallery



Fans celebrate the Packers during their Sept. 29 game against the Vikings.

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Hunting widows enjoy their girls night at Lambeau Field while their husbands are away on a hunting trip.



Packers fans cheer on their team during a night game at Lambeau Field.



Fans celebrate a Packers touchdown against the San Francisco 49ers in their game on Sunday, Nov. 24.

A few words from
Lombardi 

“A man can be as great as he wants to be. If you believe in yourself and have the courage, the determination, the dedication, the competitive drive, and if you are willing to sacrifice the little things in life and pay the price for the things that are worthwhile, it can be done.”

-Vince Lombardi



Packerland Sales Rep Christian Rasmussen and brother, Phil, take in pregame activities at Lambeau Field. **Christopher Rasmussen photo**



Evelyn Krausslach is ready to cheer on the Packers. Evelyn's parents are Sarah Brosig and Jeremy Krausslach and great-granddaughter is Janet Brosig. **Janet Brosig photo**

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