

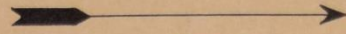
TWENTY-FIVE CENTS

DEC 15 1946

DEC 15 1946

DANGER

POLO GROUNDS



CAUTION



1946 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY-OFF
NEW YORK GIANTS • CHICAGO BEARS

Today's Play-Off Climaxes Greatest Season in National League's 27 Years

By BERT BELL

*Commissioner of Professional Football and
President of the National League*

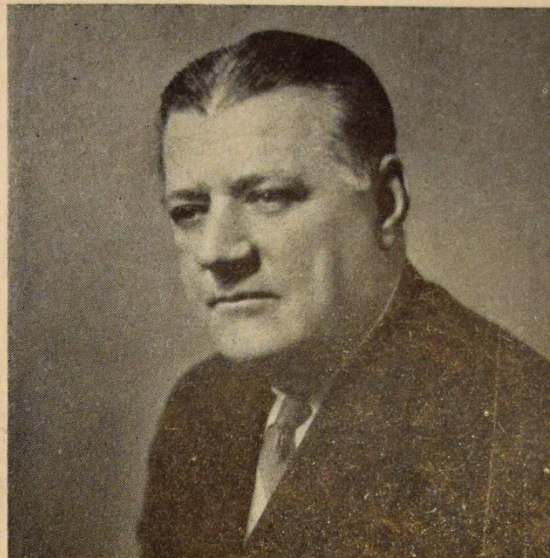
TODAY'S world championship play-off between the Chicago Bears and the New York Giants brings to a climatic close the most interesting and successful of the National Football League's twenty-seven consecutive seasons.

More than a quarter of a century of building and pioneering reached its peak in 1946 when in excess of two-and-a-half million fans saw the ten teams of the major league in action from coast to coast.

Approximately another million attended the championship games of the Dixie, American and Pacific Coast leagues, the three minor circuits who, together with the major league, constitute organized professional football.

Tight championship races contributed heavily to this record attendance, but there undoubtedly were other factors equally as important, chief among which is the advancement in football techniques brought about by such master tacticians as Coaches Steve Owen, George Halas, and the other pioneers who have made careers of coaching in professional football.

The success of the present season also was in no small measure due to the young men



BERT BELL

who came back to the game after demobilization to carry on where they had left off in 1941. Football is a highly exacting art not easily mastered and old stars were needed to lift competition back onto a prewar plane until new stars could be developed.

Owners of the National Football League are grateful for the confidence and the preference the football fans have evidenced by their patronage. To warrant and preserve that confidence, the National League and its minor league affiliates will continue to attack the problems of successful professional football promotion with the same diligence that has lifted the game from the sandlots to the front pages with spectacles such as this world championship play-off today.

* * * * *

This Book is Published by HARRY M. STEVENS, INC.
Offices: 320 Fifth Avenue, New York City

Giants, Bears Top East, West With Eight Title Appearances

THE great leaders of the east and the west in the National Football League meet today in this battle of the Giants and the Bears. Year after year each team is a contender in its division, and no club has won as many sectional titles as these two. The Bears and the Giants both celebrate today their eighth entry into the title playoff in the 14 years since the league was divided into eastern and western sections.

The Bears have won four out of seven of their playoff appearances, and the Giants two out of seven. The Bears also took the league title twice, in 1921 and 1932, before the partition into east and west. The Giants were the champions in 1927.

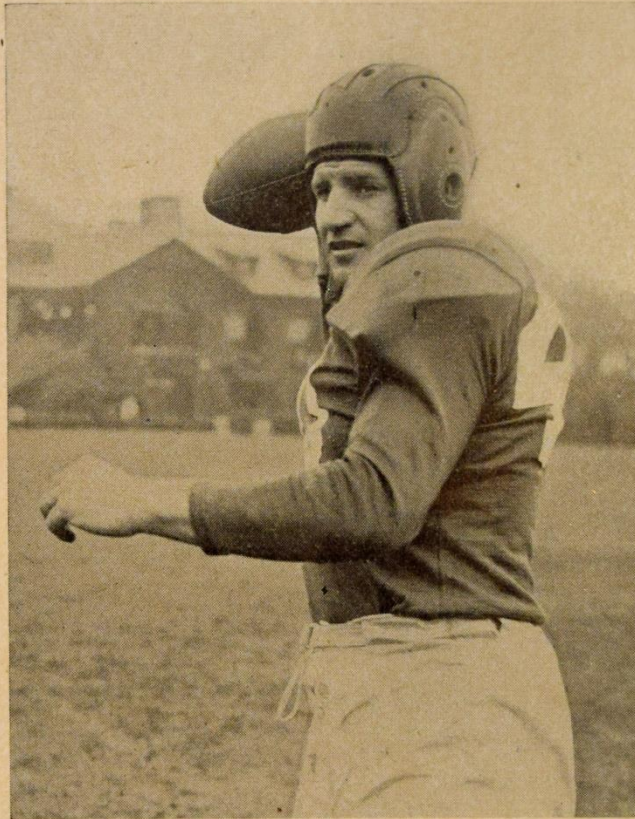
Although each side has won eight times, this is only the fourth meeting of the Bears and the Giants. The Bears got the jump in a tense and exciting battle in 1933, with the lead changing many times, by 23-21. The Giants came back in 1934 with their celebrated sneaker victory, when they used that sure-footed means of locomotion on the frozen Polo Grounds turf to riddle by 30-13 a Bear team which had held a wide advantage in the first half. The Chicago T-men regained a one-game lead in 1941, by 37-9, and if history holds true, it is the turn for New York to win today.

In all playoff history, there have been only two championship matches in which the Bears or Giants, or both, have not been represented.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY-OFF RESULTS

- 1933—(Dec. 17 at Chicago)—Chicago Bears, 23; New York, 21.
- 1934—(Dec. 9 at New York)—New York, 30; Chicago Bears, 13.
- 1935—(Dec. 15 at Detroit)—Detroit, 26; New York, 7.
- 1936—(Dec. 13 at New York)—Green Bay, 21; Boston, 6.
- 1937—(Dec. 12 at Chicago)—Washington, 28; Chicago Bears, 21.
- 1938—(Dec. 11 at New York)—New York, 23; Green Bay, 17.
- 1939—(Dec. 10 at Milwaukee)—Green Bay, 27; New York, 0.
- 1940—(Dec. 8 at Washington)—Chicago Bears, 73; Washington, 0.
- 1941—(Dec. 21 at Chicago)—Chicago Bears, 37; New York, 9.
- 1942—(Dec. 13 at Washington)—Washington, 14; Chicago Bears, 6.
- 1943—(Dec. 26 at Chicago)—Chicago Bears, 41; Washington, 18.
- 1944—(Dec. 17 at New York)—Green Bay, 14; New York, 7.
- 1945—(Dec. 16 at Cleveland)—Cleveland, 15; Washington, 14.

Frank Filchock Most-Valuable In Giant Drive to Eastern Title



FRANK FILCHOCK

THERE is no doubt about the Most-Valuable Giant this year. He is Frankie Filchock, the former Redskin orphan boy, who so seldom got a chance behind Sammy Baugh. Filchock didn't have to worry about getting an opportunity to play his hard, unrelenting type of football this year. He was the key man of the Giants on their drive to the title.

After the first three games, Steve Owen commented at practice one day, "What a difference one man makes on a ball club." He referred to Frankie, of course, and the value of the former Redskin became more obvious game after game.

In the early season, it was Filchock's running, when no other Giant was quite ready to run, which kept the team in the race. In the

last half, since Bill Paschal, Frank Reagan and George Franck began their destructive drives into enemy territory, it has been Filchock's passing which opened the defenses to give them a chance.

George Preston Marshall, the Redskin owner, did a very great favor to the Giants when he conceded to a trade for the passer last Spring. In essaying Filchock's value to New York, let us try to name a teammate who could have taken his place. There is no one.

How well Filchock has labored for the Maras is indicated by his record. It is a very close parallel of Baugh's so close it is hard to separate the two. Here they are:

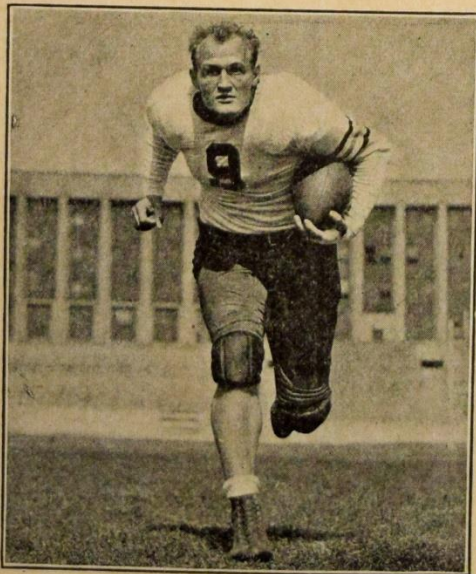
	Passes	Com.	Yds.	TD.	Pct.	Incept.
Baugh	161	87	1163	8	.540	17
Filchock	169	87	1262	12	.515	25

Big Bad Bears Return Loaded With Play-off Record-Makers

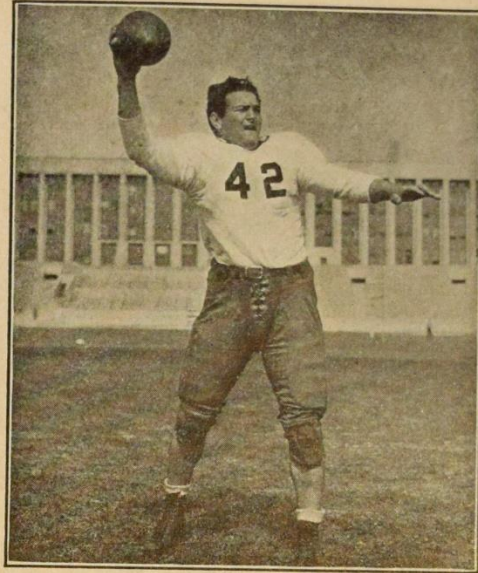
THE big bad Bears return to the Polo Grounds today with many of the most famous players—the old Bears—in National League playoff history. The records held by the Bears through the years—many of them by this year's stars—would fill a book all their own.

Bill Osmanski, who has been plowing for yards in recent games in his pre-war style, holds the playoff record for most yards gained in one championship match, 109 against Washington in the celebrated 73-0 decision of 1940. The elder Osmanski also ranks third among the all-time playoff rushing stars, with 156 yards for three games. Only Bears are ahead of him. Bronko Nagurski made 214 in four games, and Ray Nolting 167 in five games. Osmanski also holds the distance record—a 68-yard touchdown essay—made in the 1940 debacle.

Sid Luckman has a chance today to pass his arch-rival of the air lanes, Sam Baugh, in several playoff passing categories. Sid trails Sam by only 10, 32 to 42 in completions. But Baugh played five games and Luckman only four. Sid's best mark for one game is



BILL OSMANSKI



SID LUCKMAN

15 completions, Baugh's is 18. In yards gained, Luckman trails 526 to 632, a deficit he could erase with a good show today.

In touchdowns, Sid needs only one to better Baugh's record, because the two are tied at six, and Sid stands all alone for scoring passes in one game, with five, against Washington in 1943.

George McAfee and Ken Kavanaugh can tie Ken Strong and Harry Clark for most touchdowns scored in the playoffs, if either nabs two today. Each has two already, and Strong and Clark claim four apiece.

In team totals, the Bears are overpowering. They blasted the Redskins with 501 yards gained in '40. They rushed for a record 382 in that game, and ran off a record total of 21 first downs against New York in '41. In interceptions they did the best with eight in '40, and at punting their 53.5 average against the Giants in 1941 is far the best.

And lest we forget, they recorded the highest score of pro football—73-0—and the second highest playoff score of 41 in '43 and the third highest of 37 in '41. So watch out, Giants.

Three Vital Victories Carried New York to Eighth Eastern Title

THE Giants won seven games, lost only three, and tied one on their way to their eighth eastern title and the playoff match with the Bears today, but three of those triumphs were the keys to a successful season. If one of them had been lost, today's championship battle might have been held in another eastern city. But the Giants always came through when the stakes were highest.

The first of those three vital victories was the 14-0 conquest of the Bears. Had that been lost, after the surprise 24-14 defeat in Washington, the Giants would have been two down

and in trouble. The second clutch occasion produced another New York shutout, the 7-0 verdict over Joc Sutherland's dauntless Steelers. Had the Giants lost that game Pittsburgh would have led the league. The third showdown skirmish came up last week and again the Giants delivered a shutout, 31-0 over the Redskins. Failure there would have brought about a tie and a sectional playoff today in Washington.

But the Giants didn't miss when they had to be good. Three vital games—three shutouts.

COMPLETE 1946 NATIONAL LEAGUE RESULTS

SEPTEMBER 20

7—Chicago Cardinals at Pittsburgh—14

SEPTEMBER 29

30—Chicago Bears at Green Bay—7
14—Detroit at Chicago Cardinals—34
25—Philadelphia at Los Angeles—14
14—Pittsburgh at Washington—14

OCTOBER 1

17—NEW YORK at BOSTON—0

OCTOBER 6

17—NEW YORK at PITTSBURGH—14
25—Boston at Philadelphia—49
34—Chicago Bears at Chicago Cardinals—17
16—Detroit at Washington—17
21—Los Angeles vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee—17

OCTOBER 13

14—NEW YORK at WASHINGTON—24
36—Chicago Cardinals at Detroit—14
17—Green Bay at Philadelphia—7
28—Los Angeles at Chicago Bears—28
7—Boston at Pittsburgh—16

OCTOBER 20

24—CHICAGO CARDINALS at NEW YORK—28
14—Detroit at Los Angeles—35
14—Philadelphia at Chicago Bears—21
7—Pittsburgh at Green Bay—17
14—Washington at Boston—6

OCTOBER 27

0—CHICAGO BEARS at NEW YORK—14
7—Pittsburgh at Boston—33
7—Detroit at Green Bay—10
10—Los Angeles at Chicago Cardinals—34
28—Philadelphia at Washington—24

NOVEMBER 3

14—NEW YORK at PHILADELPHIA—24
28—Chicago Cardinals at Boston—14
7—Green Bay at Chicago Bears—10
41—Los Angeles at Detroit—20
7—Washington at Pittsburgh—14

NOVEMBER 10

17—PHILADELPHIA at NEW YORK—45
14—Boston at Washington—17
27—Chicago Bears at Los Angeles—21
19—Green Bay at Chicago Cardinals—7
7—Pittsburgh at Detroit—17

NOVEMBER 17

28—BOSTON at NEW YORK—28
14—Chicago Cardinals at Los Angeles—17
9—Green Bay at Detroit—0
7—Philadelphia at Pittsburgh—10
20—Washington at Chicago Bears—24

NOVEMBER 24

0—PITTSBURGH at NEW YORK—7
24—Chicago Cardinals at Green Bay—6
6—Detroit at Chicago Bears—42
21—Los Angeles at Boston—40
27—Washington at Philadelphia—10

NOVEMBER 28

34—Boston at Detroit—10

DECEMBER 1

31—LOS ANGELES at NEW YORK—21
35—Chicago Cardinals at Chicago Bears—28
20—Green Bay at Washington—7
7—Pittsburgh at Philadelphia—10

DECEMBER 8

0—WASHINGTON at NEW YORK—31
45—Chicago Bears at Detroit—24
17—Green Bay at Los Angeles—38
40—Philadelphia at Boston—14

STARTING TIME
2:05 P. M.

NEW YORK GIANTS PROBABLE LINE-UP

L. E. POOLE (80) McCafferty (87) Liebel (88)	L. T. COULTER (79) Cope (1) Byler (70)	L. G. DOBELSTEIN (67) Tuttle (61) Edwards (66)	C. GLADCHUK (51) De Filippo (55) Palazzi (57)	R. G. YOUNCE (60) Lunday (65)	R. T. WHITE (77) Ragazzo (71) Carroll (90)	R. E. HOWELL (81) Mead (85) Weiss (83)
Q. B. FILIPOWICZ (23) Hare (22) Gargone (25)	L. H. B. FILCHOCK (40) Reagan (44) Nix (41)	R. H. B. FRANCK (37) Brown (12) Livingston (10)	F. B. HAPES (30) Paschal (38) Soar (15) Strong (50)			

NEW YORK GIANTS ROSTER

No.	Player	Position	Weight	Height	Age	College	Years Giant
1	Cope, Frank (Capt.)	LT	230	6:02	30	Santa Clara	8
10	Livingston, Howie	RH	190	6:01	24	Fullerton J. C.	3
12	Brown, Dave	RH	190	5:11	27	Alabama	1
15	Soar, Hank	RH	215	6:00	30	Providence	9
22	Hare, Cecil	FB	195	5:11	27	Gonzaga	1
23	Filipowicz, Steve	QB	200	5:08	26	Fordham	2
25	Gorgone, Peter	QB	220	6:00	25	Muhlenberg	1
30	Hapes, Merle	FB	195	5:11	27	Mississippi	2
37	Franck, George	FB	190	6:00	27	Minnesota	3
38	Paschal, Bill	FB	200	6:00	24	Georgia Tech	4
40	Filchock, Frank	LH	190	5:11	29	Indiana	1
41	Nix, Emery	LH	180	5:11	26	T.C.U.	2
44	Reagan, Frank	LH	185	6:00	26	Pennsylvania	1
50	Strong, Ken	FB	210	6:01	39	New York U.	8
51	Gladchuk, Chester	C	245	6:05	29	Boston College	2
55	DeFilippo, Lou	C	230	6:01	29	Fordham	3
57	Palazzi, Lou	C	195	6:00	25	Penn State	1
60	Younce, Len	LG	210	6:01	29	Oregon State	4
61	Tuttle, Orville	RG	215	5:09	32	Oklahoma City	6
65	Lunday, Ken	LG	220	6:03	32	Arkansas	6
66	Edwards, Bill	RG	215	6:00	25	Baylor	4
67	Dobelstein, Bob	RG	210	6:01	24	U. of Tenn.	1
70	Byler, Joe	RT	255	6:05	23	Nebraska	1
71	Ragazzo, Phil	RT	220	6:02	30	West. Reserve	2
77	White, James	LT	225	6:02	25	Notre Dame	1
79	Coulter, DeWitt	LT	225	6:04	21	West Point	1
80	Poole, Jim	LE	225	6:03	30	Mississippi	6
81	Howell, Jim Lee	RE	215	6:06	30	Arkansas	7
83	Weiss, John	RE	205	6:03	24	H. Snyder H. S.	3
85	Mead, Jack	RE	210	6:03	24	Wisconsin	1
87	McCafferty, Don	LE	220	6:04	25	Ohio State	1
88	Liebel, Frank	RE	220	6:01	27	Norwich	5
90	Carroll, Victor	RT	230	6:04	32	Nevada	4

Head Coach..... Steve Owen, Phillips U.
Assistant Coach... Richard (Red) Smith, Notre Dame
Line Coach..... Bill Owen, Phillips U.

Backfield Coach..... Mike Palm, Penn State
Trainers..... Gus Mauch, Charley Porter
Physician..... Francis J. Sweeny, M.D.
Dentist..... Arthur C. Croker, D.D.S.

L IS ENJOYMENT...

ose Calvert



rt "Reserve" 65% Grain Neutral Spirits... Calvert "Special" - 72 1/2% Grain Neutral Spirits

CHICAGO BEARS PROBABLE LINE-UP

STARTING
2:05

L. E. KAVANAUGH (51) Berry (23) Sprinkle (7)	L. T. KOLMAN (29) Davis (24) Stydaher (13)	L. G. MUCHA (16) Zorich (14) Preston (53)	C. TURNER (66) Clarkson (31) Schiechl (41)	R. G. BRAY (82) Drulis (21)	R. T. STICKEL (45) Jarmoluk (25) Federovich (34)	R. E. WILSON (30) Lamb (12) Keane (20)
Q. B. LUCKMAN (42) Farris (36)	L. H. B. MAGNANI (3) Maznicki (4) Schweidler (48) Mullins (10)	R. H. B. GALLARNEAU (8) McAfee (5) McLean (57) Margarita (11)	F. B. OSMANSKI, W. (9) Osmanski, J. (18) Reese (22) Perkins (6)			

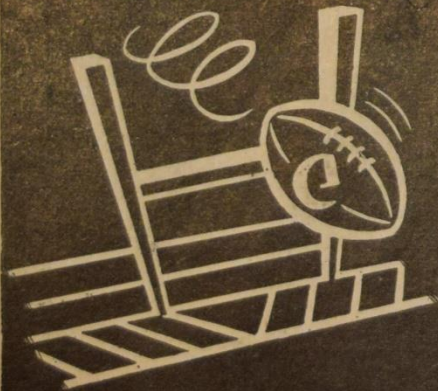
CHICAGO BEARS ROSTER

No.	Player	Position	Weight	Height	Age	College	Years in N. L.
3	Magnani, Dante	HB	180	5:11	27	St. Mary's	3
4	Maznicki, Frank	HB	185	5:09	27	Boston College	3
5	McAfee, George	HB	180	6:00	27	Duke	4
6	Perkins, Don	FB	200	6:00	28	Platteville Teachers	4
7	Sprinkle, Ed	E	205	6:01	22	Hardin-Simmons	3
8	Gallarneau, Hugh	HB	190	6:00	29	Stanford	4
9	Osmanski, Bill	FB	200	5:11	29	Holy Cross	6
10	Mullins, Noah	HB	185	5:11½	27	Kentucky	1
11	Margarita, Bob	HB	180	6:00	25	Brown	3
12	Lamb, Walter	E	195	6:01½	25	Oklahoma	1
13	Stydaher, Joe	T	250	6:04	32	West Virginia	9
14	Zorich, George	G	210	6:01½	26	Northwestern	3
16	Mucha, Rudy	G	235	6:01	27	Washington	3
18	Osmanski, Joe	FB	220	6:02	27	Holy Cross	1
20	Keane, James, Jr.	E	215	6:04	22	Iowa	1
21	Drulis, Chuck	G	215	5:10	28	Temple	3
22	Reese, Lloyd	FB	233	6:02	25	Tennessee	1
23	Berry, Connie Mack	E	218	6:03	30	No. Carolina State	5
24	Davis, Fred	T	245	6:03	26	Alabama	3
25	Jarmoluk, Mike	T	262	6:05	23	Temple	1
29	Kolman, Ed	T	235	6:02	28	Temple	4
30	Wilson, George	E	210	6:02	32	Northwestern	11
31	Clarkson, Stuart	C	215	6:01	24	Texas A&I	2
34	Federovich, John	T	255	6:05	26	Davis Elkins	2
36	Farris, Tom	QB	185	6:01	25	Wisconsin	1
41	Schiechl, John	C	245	6:03½	27	Santa Clara	3
42	Lickman, Sid	QB	198	6:00	30	Columbia	8
45	Stickel, Walter	T	245	6:03	24	Pennsylvania	1
48	Schweidler, Dick	HB	175	5:11	29	Creighton	3
51	Kavanaugh, Ken	E	212	6:03	28	Louisiana State	4
53	Preston, Pat	G	215	6:02	23	Wake Forest	1
	McLean, Ray	HB	170	5:10	31	St. Anslem's	7
	Turner, Bulldog	C	250	6:01	27	Hardin-Simmons	6
	Bray, Ray	G	240	6:00	29	Western Michigan	5

Head Coach—George S. Halas

Assistant Coaches—Luke Johnsos, Hunk Anderson and Paddy Driscoll.

Chicago 14 0 0 10 - 24
New York 7 0 7 0 - 14



WHEN THE GOAL

Clear Heads Choose

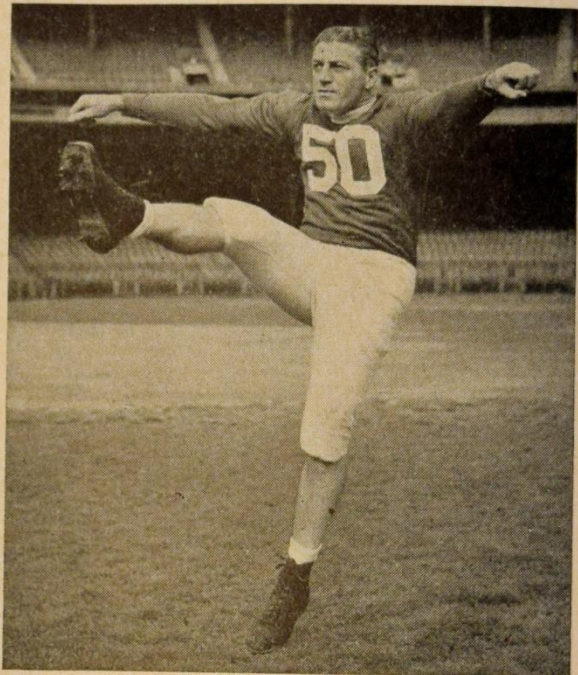
Ken Strong Aims at All-Time Giants Scoring Honors Today



IF the Giants score today—and no one has shut them out this season—the fans will hail a new all-time scoring leader for New York, none other than Ken Strong. The great back tied Ward Cuff at 319 points last Sunday, and his first point after touchdown or field goal today will place him on a pedestal all his own. Strong scored 16 touchdowns, 34 field goals, and 121 extra points in the familiar livery of the Giants.

Strong, of course, is used to standing on a pedestal. He is one of football's all-time backs. He was the best at N. Y. U. He will be the best as a Giant with his very next point. He also is the leading National League scorer in action today. For his 11 seasons as a pro, counting in the time he spent at Stapleton, Ken has amassed 466 points, a total far above the total boasted by any active player, and second in league annals only to the 825 recorded by the ineffable pass catcher, Don Hutson.

But ranking above all his varied achievements is Strong's peerless scoring record in playoff competition. No player has tallied as many points as the former N.Y.U. marvel in championship competition. With four touchdowns, seven extra points and one field goal, for 34 points, he stands first in the list of the



KEN STRONG

many brilliant stars who have fought for football's highest honor, the world title. Strong also rang up more points in any one playoff game than any competitor, 17. And that may be prophetic, because he did it against the Bears in 1934, with two touchdowns, two extra points and a field goal.

Ken doesn't go for the touchdowns any more, but his sure right foot today may make it increasingly difficult for any of the stars of the future to remove his name from the highest pinnacle in playoff history.

1947 • Season Subscription • 1947

Additional Sections Now Available for NEW Applicants

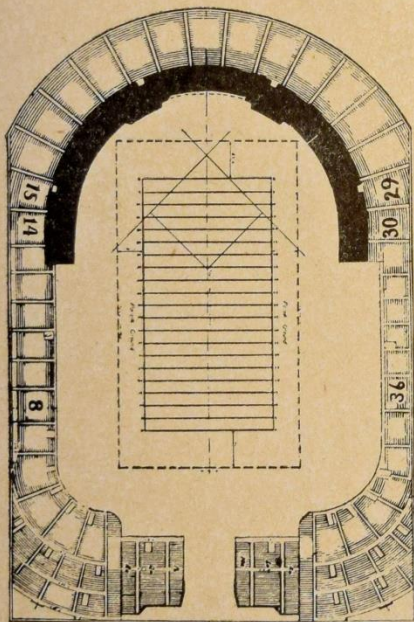
THE management of the New York Football Giants is accepting applications for 1947 Season Subscriptions from those who are not already Season ticket holders but who wish to obtain the same seats for all Giant home games at the Polo Grounds next year.

Under the popular Giant Season plan all locations held by present subscribers will automatically renew for 1947, and for all playoff or championship games. However, for those fans who are not already Season Subscribers the Giants' season

plan offers an opportunity for insuring your football enjoyment for the 1947 home schedule.

Present subscribers now occupy a total of forty-one sections in the upper and lower stands and new applicants for 1947 are requested to apply only for the sections available for new reservations. These sections as indicated on the Polo Grounds section charts below are Upper 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25 and 26 and Lower 8, 14, 15, 29, 30 and 36. Please do not request reservations in any other location. Box seats for 1947 are available in the Lower stands only.

POLO GROUNDS SECTION CHARTS



LOWER STANDS

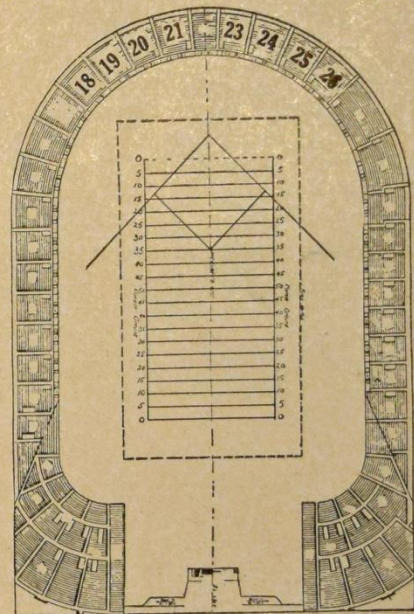
Available Sections Are
Numbered



Blocked-out Sections Not
Available



FILL IN AND MAIL AT-
TACHED RESERVATION
BLANK NOW



UPPER STANDS

NEW YORK FOOTBALL GIANTS, Inc.
11 West 42nd Street
New York 18, N. Y.

Please reserve for the 1947 season Reserved Seats, which I
desire to be located in the following section (circle one):

Upper Section 18 19 20 21 23 24 25 26
Lower Section 8 14 15 29 30 36

Name

Street

City Zone

National League Officials and Their Numbers

Referees

Samuel Weiss.....	2	Thomas Dowd.....	4
William Downes.....	3	Carl Rebele.....	8
Ronald Gibbs.....	5	Rawson Bowen.....	6
Emil Heintz.....	9	Jack Mashin.....	32

Umpires

John Kelly.....	18	Harry Robb.....	15
Carl Brubaker.....	11	Cletus Gardner.....	12
Joseph Crowley.....	11	James Blewett.....	16
Samuel Wilson.....	19		

Field Judges

William McHugh.....	28	Eugene Miller.....	26
Charles Sweeney.....	22	John Fox.....	24
Henry Haines.....	21	Orian Landreth.....	23
William Grimberg.....	27		

Head Linesmen

Samuel Pecoraro.....	37	Yans Wallace.....	34
Daniel Tehan.....	36	Charles Gault.....	39
Lloyd Bramil.....	38	Rawson Bowen.....	6
Charles Berry.....	31	Clarence Savage.....	30

Final League Standings

Last Sunday's Results

New York 31, Washington 0.
Philadelphia 40, Boston 14.
Chicago Bears 45, Detroit 24.
Los Angeles 38, Green Bay 17.

Eastern Division

	W.	L.	T.	Points For.	Agst.
New York.....	7	3	1	236	162
Philadelphia.....	6	5	0	231	220
Washington.....	5	5	1	171	191
Pittsburgh.....	5	5	1	136	117
Boston.....	2	8	1	189	273

Western Division

Chicago Bears.....	8	2	1	289	193
Los Angeles.....	6	4	1	277	257
Green Bay.....	6	5	0	148	158
Chicago Cardinals.....	6	5	0	260	198
Detroit.....	1	10	0	142	310

IMPORTANT PENALTIES

1 Off-side, both sides.....	No penalty
2 Off-side.....	5 yards
3 Holding, etc., by defensive side.....	5 yards
4 Man in motion—no shift.....	5 yards
5 Crawling.....	5 yards
6 Taking out time more than three times during half.....	5 yards
7 Running into kicker.....	5 yards
8 Substitute failing to report.....	5 yards
9 Unreasonable delay in putting ball into play.....	5 yards
10 Starting forward before ball.....	5 yards
11 Illegal use of hands and arms by offense.....	15 yards
12 Roughing kicker.....	15 yards
13 Unnecessary roughness.....	15 yards
14 Intentional throwing of forward pass to ground.....	15 yards
15 Unsportsmanlike conduct.....	15 yards
16 Man in motion on shift.....	15 yards
17 Interference on forward by passing team.....	15 yards
18 Clipping from behind.....	15 yards
19 Interference on forward by defense	1st down at point of foul
20 Penalty declined	



"You know, I never really cared much for the sport until you got rid of your '5 o'clock Shadow'."

Avoid
'5 o'clock Shadow'

with

GEM

Gem Division
American Safety Razor Corp.
Brooklyn 1, N. Y.



The only razor
with the
**SKIN-LEVEL
BEVEL**

Bears Boast Wide Advantage Over Giants in '46 Statistics

THE Bears show a tremendous advantage over the Giants, offensively and defensively, in the complete statistics for the 1946 season. But remember, with all their fancy figures, the Bears did lose to the Giants here on Oct. 27, by 14-0.

The Bears rolled up figures reminiscent of the great pre-war Chicago T teams in winning eight, losing two and tying one. They were lavish gainers and close-fisted misers on defense.

George Halas' first post-war team widely outdistanced the Giants in first downs, in

yards gained, in passes completed, percent completed, and in passes lost on interceptions. The mighty Bears played a much closer defensive game than the Giants, with a more niggardly record in opponents' first downs, yards gained, passes completed and passing percent, and intercepted more passes. However, the Giants shut out four of their opponents, while the Bears yielded scorers to all their rivals.

The Bears scored a much bigger total of points, 289 to 236, but allowed more points than the Giants, 193 to 162.

Statistical Comparison Between Play-Off Rivals

		Bears	N. Y.		Bears	N. Y.
Offense						
First Downs (Total).....		172	134	Touchdowns running.....	22	18
Rushing.....		91	66	Touchdowns passing.....	18	14
Passing.....		64	49	Extra points.....	37	32
Yards Gained (Total).....		3695	2927	Field goals.....	4	4
Rushing.....		1719	1464	Field goals attempted.....	11	9
Passing.....		1950	1450	Total points.....	289	236
Ave. gain per rush.....		3.4	3.5	DEFENSE		
Forward Passes Attempted.....		253	204	Opponents' points.....	193	162
Passes completed.....		120	100	Opponents' First Downs.....	111	134
Percent. completed.....		.474	.490	Rushing.....	45	66
No. had intercepted.....		18	25	Passing.....	54	63
Number of Punts.....		58	50	Opponents' yards gained.....	2689	3134
Average distance.....		38.1	43.4	Rushing.....	1044	1289
Number of penalties.....		104	76	Passing.....	1610	1823
Yards penalized.....		940	785	Opp. ave. gain per. rush.....	3.1	3.2
Fumbles by.....		35	36	Opp. passes attempted.....	257	258
Own fumbles recovered.....		19	20	Completed.....	108	128
Opp. fumbles recovered by.....		22	26	Percent. completed.....	.420	.418
Touchdowns by (Total).....		40	32	Intercepted by.....	27	19

Dudley, Fritsch, Waterfield and Benton Capture 1946 Honors

Bill Dudley, Pittsburgh halfback, and Ted Fritsch, Green Bay fullback, galloped off with the 1946 individual honors in the National Football League.

Dudley was the leader in three offensive departments while Fritsch led in two. In addition to topping the ball carriers with 604 yards, the Steeler ace was first in interceptions with ten and in returning punts, with 385 yards.

Fritsch made a runaway of the scoring, piling up an even 100 points. He also took the field goal title with nine placements and kicked the longest three-pointer of the season, 46 yards.

To Los Angeles' brilliant aerial battery of Bob Waterfield and Jim Benton went the year's passing laurels. Waterfield nosed out Sid Luckman of the Bears, and Paul Governali of Boston in a close fight, but Benton was far ahead in receiving. The Ram end caught 63 passes for 981 yards, a record surpassed only by the 74 caught by Don Hutson in 1942.

Roy McKay, of Green Bay, was the top punter averaging 42.7 yards on 64 kicks, and the Yanks' Sonny Karnofsky led in kickoff returns, attaining a 28.5-yard average in 21 returns.

National Football League Final Statistics

LEADING BALL CARRIERS

	Atts.	Yds. Gained	Long. Gain	Av.
Dudley, Pittsburgh	146	604	41	4.1
Harder, Chi. Cards	106	539	55	5.1
Van Buren, Philadelphia	116	529	58	4.6
Gallarneau, Chi. Bears	112	476	52	4.2
Canadeo, Green Bay	122	476	27	3.9
Fritsch, Green Bay	128	444	32	3.4
Grigas, Boston	84	426	59	5.1
Schlinkman, Green Bay	97	379	44	3.9
Gehrke, Los Angeles	71	371	53	5.2
Filchok, New York	98	371	70	3.8
Paschal, New York	117	362	30	3.1
W. Osmanski, Chi. Bears	78	343	20	4.4
Angsman, Chi. Cards	48	328	61	6.8
Magnani, Chi. Bears	68	277	32	4.
Franck, New York	43	270	46	6.3

Longest gain—84 yards, by T. Harmon, Los Angeles, vs. Chi. Bears, Oct. 13.

LEADING PASSERS

	Atts.	Com.	Yds. Gain.	Td.P.	Pct. Com.	L.P.	Interc.
Waterfield, Los Angeles	251	127	1747	18	.505	57	17
Luckman, Chi. Bears	229	110	1826	17	.480	48	16
Governali, Boston	192	83	1293	13	.432	62	10
Christman, Chi. Cards	229	100	1656	13	.437	82	18
Baugh, Washington	161	87	1163	8	.540	51	17
Thompson, Phila.	103	57	745	6	.553	45	9
Filchok, New York	169	87	1262	12	.515	57	25
Zimmerman, Phila.	79	41	597	4	.519	59	8
Ryan, Detroit	154	73	965	6	.474	88	17
Youel, Washington	48	20	352	2	.417	66	3
Sherman, Phila.	33	17	264	4	.515	53	3
Mallouf, Chi. Cards	34	14	260	4	.412	59	2
Dudley, Pittsburgh	90	32	452	2	.355	37	9
Clement, Pittsburgh	47	16	345	1	.345	52	3
Callahan, Detroit	68	22	359	2	.323	56	7

Longest completion—88 yards, by D. Ryan, Detroit, vs. Pittsburgh, Nov. 10. (Touchdown.)

(Standing computed on inverse grading of completions, percent completed, yards gained, touchdown passes and percent intercepted.)

LEADING PASS RECEIVERS

	Received	Yards Gained	Longest	Touchdowns
Benton, Los Angeles	63	981	57	6
Crisler, Boston	32	385	62	5
Bagarus, Washington	31	438	51	3
Ferrante, Philadelphia	28	451	48	4
Dewell, Chi. Cards	27	643	82	7
Kutner, Chi. Cards	27	634	63	5
Poole, New York	24	307	31	3
Greene, Detroit	20	289	88	2
Liebel, New York	18	360	57	4
Kavanaugh, Chi. Bears	18	337	38	5
Humbert, Philadelphia	18	191	22	3
Protko, Los Angeles	18	185	29	2

Longest completion—88 yards, by J. Greene, Detroit, vs. Pittsburgh, Nov. 10. (Touchdown.)

LEADING SCORERS

	Td.	R.	Td.P.	Pts.	X.P.	F.G.	F.G.A.	Tot. Pts.
Fritsch, Green Bay	9	1	10	13	9	17	100	
Waterfield, Los Angeles	1	0	1	37	6	9	61	
Cuff, Chi. Cards	1	1	2	28	5	12	55	
Lio, Philadelphia	1	0	1	27	6	11	51	
Dudley, Pittsburgh	4	1	5	12	2	5	48	
Gallarneau, Chi. Bears	7	1	8	0	0	0	48	
Poillon, Washington	1	0	1	21	6	16	45	
Strong, New York	0	0	0	32	4	9	44	
Dewell, Chi. Cards	0	7	7	0	0	0	42	
Benton, Los Angeles	0	6	6	0	0	0	36	
Paschal, New York	4	2	6	0	0	0	36	
Pritchard, Philadelphia	3	3	6	0	0	0	36	
Van Buren, Phila.	6	0	6	0	0	0	36	