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Nomadic Giants are NFL Title Threat

More than 10,000 miles of traveling—with 3,000 to go—will be behind the New York Giants when they take on the San Francisco 49ers here today.

The nomadic Giants, strong favorites to end Cleveland's six-year reign in the Eastern division of the National Football League, have been riding planes, trains and busses since leaving their training camp at St. Michael's College, Winooski, Vt., the first week of August.

Football adherents in such far-flung communities as Boston, Green Bay, Seattle, Portlan, Dallas and Memphis have witnessed the power, speed and deception welded into this 1956 New York team by Coach Jim Lee Howell and his capable assistants. Despite the travel and unfamiliar surroundings week after week, the Giants won four out of six preseason games, including a 21 to 14 decision over the 49ers at Portland.

This won-loss record, with such an itinerary, is unique in league annals for in football, as in baseball, a .500 record on the road is considered excellent.

All scouting reports come up with the same answers—the Giants have both passing and running strength offensively and a big, veteran defensive unit. Howell can summon three brilliant passers and signal-callers in Charley Conerly, Don Heinrich and Bobby Clatterbuck. Their aerials are caught by Ken MacAfee and Bob Schnelker, a pair of ends who can ably perform the added chore of blocking for the ground attack.

Few clubs in the league can boast of such ball-carriers as Frank Gifford, Kyle Rote, Mel Triplett and Alex Webster. Their way is cleared by interior linemen like Roosevelt Brown, Dick Yelvington, Jack Stroud, Bill Austin and Ray Wietecha.

The defensive line is anchored by Dick Modzelewski, 260 pounds, and Roosevelt Grier, 275. An old 49er nemesis, Andy Robustelli, formerly of the Rams, is, without a doubt, the best defensive end in football.

Facing such an array of talent, it is evident that the 49ers will have to be the type of San Francisco club that humbled Cleveland and lost a thriller to Los Angeles. A showing similar to those against the Chicago Cardinals and Philadelphia would be catastrophic today.

Perhaps the return of Bill Johnson, a real "old pro," and good health for Billy Wilson, Joe Perry and Hugh McElhenny will provide oxygen for 49er hopes.

The loyal fans who have established a new record for season tickets—18,000—may perceive a favorable omen in the 3-3 preseason record. It was even poorer in 1953—2-3-1—and that club went on to compile nine victories against only three losses during the regular season.

The record book shows that the Giants have dealt unkindly with San Francisco in four of the five previous meetings. The New Yorkers took the only league game, 23-14, at the Polo Grounds in 1952. They repeated with a 28-21 victory in a 1953 preseason game.

McElhenny sparked the 49ers to their only triumph, 43-35, at Kezar in 1954. The Giants won, 28-17, at Seattle last year, and added the lacing at Portland three weeks ago.

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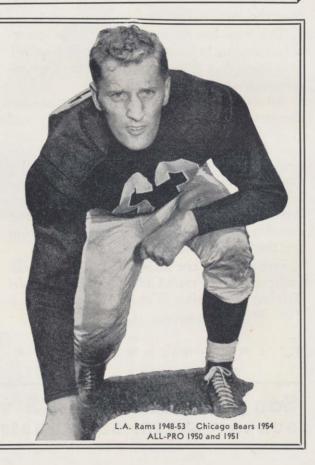
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SAN FRANCISCO FORTY NINERS ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr. in Pro Ball	School
11	Morrall, Earl	QB	6.1	190	-	1	Michigan State
- 7.5	Tittle, Y. A.			190		99	
22	Arenas, Joe	В	5.11	183			Omaha
23	Berry, Rex	В	5.11	182	30	6	Brigham Young
	Pajaczkowski, Frank						Richmond
	Perry, Joe						Compton Junior College
	Johnson, John Henry						St. Mary's-Arizona State
	Goad, Paul					1	Abilene Christian
39	McElhenny, Hugh	В	6.1	198	27	5	Washington
	Maderos, George						Chico State
	Bruney, Fred						Ohio State
47	Moegle, Dicky	В	6.0	185	21	2	Rice
50	Rucka, Leo	C-LB	6.3	212	24	1	Rice
52	Morris, George	C-LB	6.2	220			Georgia Tech
53	Johnson, Bill	СС	6.3	240	29	9	Tyler Junior College
54	Beatty, Ed	C	6.3	231	24	2	Mississippi
55	Hazeltine, Matt	LB	6.1	205	23	2	California
57	Carr, Paul	LB	6.0	206	24	22	Houston
64	Sharkey, Ed	G	6.2	235			Nevada
65	Sardisco, Tony	G	6.2	215	23	1	Tulane
68	Palatella, Lou	G	6.2	230	23	2	Pittsburgh
69	Smith, Jerry	G	6.1	235	26	3	Wisconsin
72	Herchman, Bill						Texas Tech
73	Nomellini, Leo	T	6.3	255			Minnesota
74	Toneff, Bob	T	6.3	263	26	4	Notre Dame
75	Henke, Ed		THE RESERVE OF THE PARTY OF THE				Southern California
77	Bosley, Bruce	T	6.2	240	22	1	West Virginia
78	Cross, Bob	T	6.4	250	25	4	Kilgore Junior College
79	St. Clair, Bob	T	6.9	265	25	44	U.S.FTulsa
80	Smith, Charlie						Abilene Christian
82	Soltau, Gordy						Minnesota
84	Wilson, Billy						San Jose State
85	Jessup, Bill						Southern California
86	Conner, Clyde						College of Pacific
87	Powell, Charlie	E	6.3	220	23	4	San Diego High School

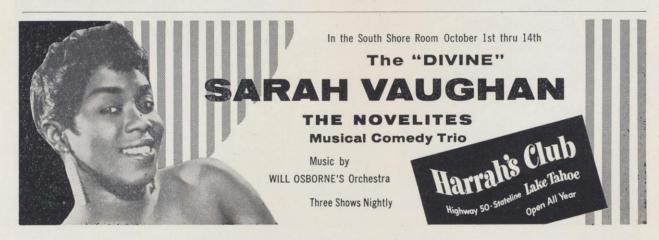
COACHING STAFF

Head Coach—Frank C. Albert (Stanford)

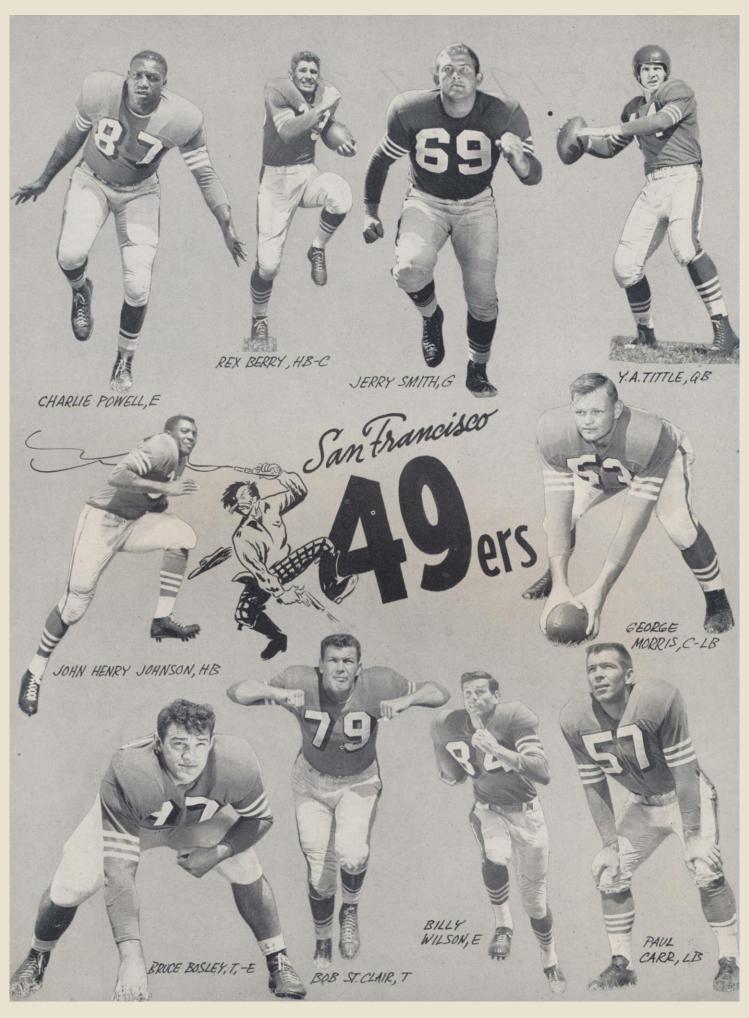
Assistants—Phil Bengtson (Minnesota); Howard Hickey (Arkansas); Mark Duncan (Denver); Joe Vetrano (Mississippi Southern)
Trainer—Henry Schmidt

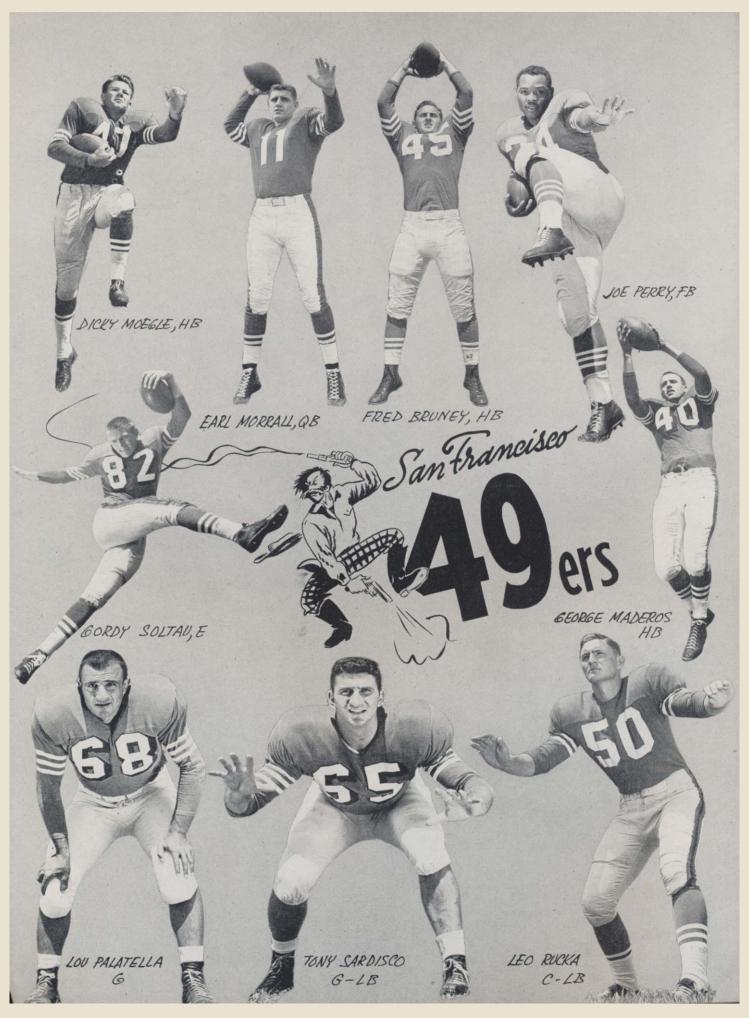
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49ER COACHING STAFF (left to right)-Bill Johnson, Mark Duncan, Frank Albert, Joe Vetrano, Red Hickey, Phil Dengtson

ALL-TIME 49ER LEADERS

Scoring—Gordy Soltau (1950-55) 460 total points; Joe Perry (1950-55) 399; Alyn Beals (1946-51) 296.

Rushing—Perry, 6218 yards; Johnny Strzykalski (1946-52) 3415; Hugh McElhenny (1952-55) 2029; Norm Standlee (1946-52) 1830.

Passing—Frank Albert (1946-52) 10,795 yards; Y. A. Tittle (1951-55) 8,726.

Longest Run from Scrimmage—McElhenny, 89 yards vs. Dallas, 1952.

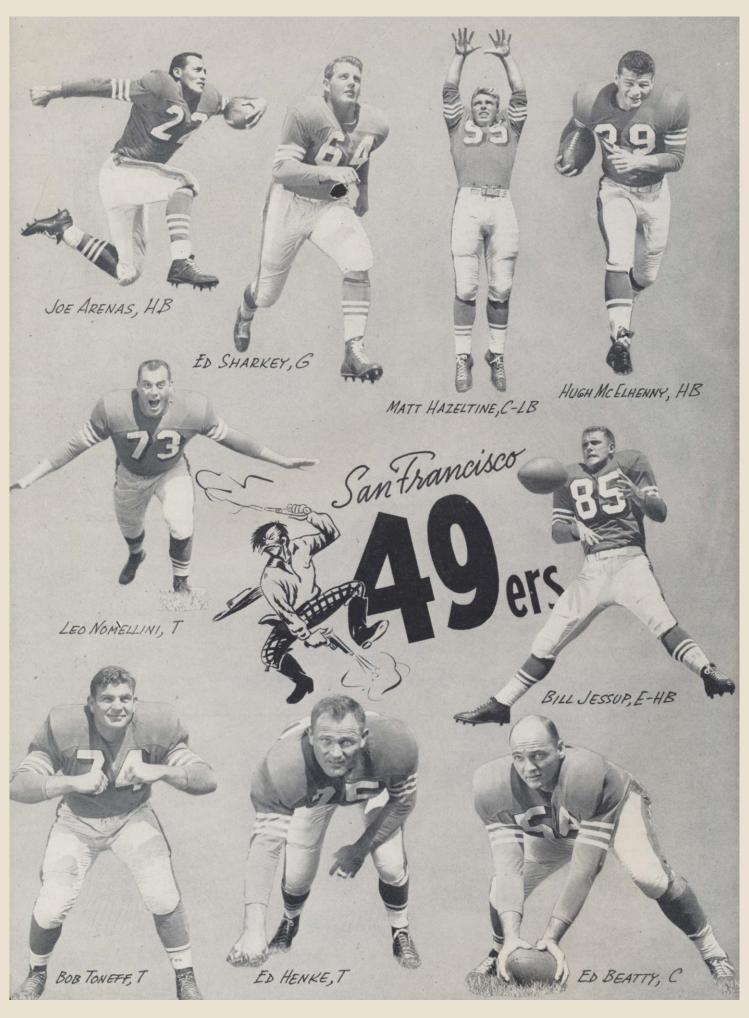
Pass Receiving—Billy Wilson (1951-55) 205 receptions for 3073 yards; Soltau, 219 for 3064; Beals, 211 for 2951.

Longest Pass Play—Tittle to Carroll Hardy, 78 yards vs. Detroit, 1955.

Longest Punt Return—McElhenny, 94 yards vs. Chicago Bears, 1952.

Longest Kickoff Return — Perry, 97 yards vs. Brooklyn, 1948.





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PROBABLE STARTING LINEUP

No.	Name	Position
82	GORDY SOLTAU	. LE
75	ED HENKE	. LT
64	ED SHARKEY	. LG
54	ED BEATTY	C
69	JERRY SMITH	. RG
79	BOB ST. CLAIR	. RT
84	BILLY WILSON	. RE
14	Y. A. TITTLE	. QB
35	J. H. JOHNSON	. LH
85	BILL JESSUP	. RH
	10	

THE SQUAD

11	Morrall, QB	50	Rucka, C-LB	74	Toneff, T
14	Tittle, QB	52	Morris, C-LB	75	Henke, T
22	Arenas, B	53	Johnson, B., C	76	Campbell, T
23	Berry, B	54	Beatty, C	77	Bosley, T
32	Pajaczkowski, B	55	Hazeltine, LB	78	Cross, T
34	Perry, B	57	Carr, LB	79	St. Clair, T
35	Johnson, J. H., B	64	Sharkey, G	80	C. Smith, E
36	Goad, B	65	Sardisco, G	82	Soltau, E
39	McElhenny, B	68	Palatella, G	84	Wilson, E
40	Maderos, B	69	J. Smith, G	85	Jessup, E
45	Bruney, B	72	Herchman, T	86	Conner, E
47	Moegle, B	73	Nomellini, T	87	Powell, E

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PROBABLE STARTING LINEUP

85 BOB SCHNELKER . . . LE 79 ROOSEVELT BROWN . . LT 60 BILL AUSTIN LG 55 RAY WIETECHA C 66 JACK STROUD RG 72 DICK YELVINGTON . . . RT 80 KEN MACAFEE RE 11 DON HEINRICH QB 16 FRANK GIFFORD . . . LH 89 ALEX WEBSTER RH 33 MEL TRIPLETT FB

THE SQUAD

11	Heinrich, QB	41	Hermann, HB	72	Yelvington, T
12	Clatterbuck, QB	42	Conerly, QB	76	Grier, T
16	Gifford, HB	44	Rote, HB	77	Modzelewski, 7
20	Patton, HB	45	Tunnell, HB	78	Yowarsky, T
25	Nolan, HB	48	Hughes, HB	79	Brown, T
27	Rich, HB	55	Wietecha, C	80	MacAfee, E
29	Webster, HB	60	Austin, G	81	Robustelli, E
30	Svoboda, FB	61	Beck, G	82	Katcavage, E
32	Moore, HB	65	Huth, G	83	Burnine, E
33	Triplett, FB	66	Stroud, G	84	Svare, E
34	Chandler, HB	70	Huff, T	85	Schnelker, E
40	Filipski, HB			89	Livingston, E



49'ers FIVE YEAR RECORD VS 1956 HOME OPPONENTS

CHICAGO BEARS						
49'ers	0	pponent				
7	1951	13				
40	1952	16				
17		20				
35	1953	28				
24		14				
31	1954	24				
27		31				
20	1955	19				
23		34				

GREEN BAY PACKERS

Pers	0)	pponen
31	1951	19
24	1952	14
37	1953	7
48		14
23	1954	17
35		0
21	1955	28
7		28

BALTIMORE COLTS

49'ers	0	pponer
38	1953	21
45		14
13	1954	17
10	40==	7
14	1955	26
35		24

LOS ANGELES RAMS

9'ers	0	pponen
44	1951	17
16		23
9	1952	35
21	1050	34
31 31	1953	30 27
24	1954	24
34	1001	42
14	1955	23
14		27

DETROIT LIONS

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20	1951	10
21 17	1952	17
28 21	1953	0 24 14
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27 38	1955	24 21

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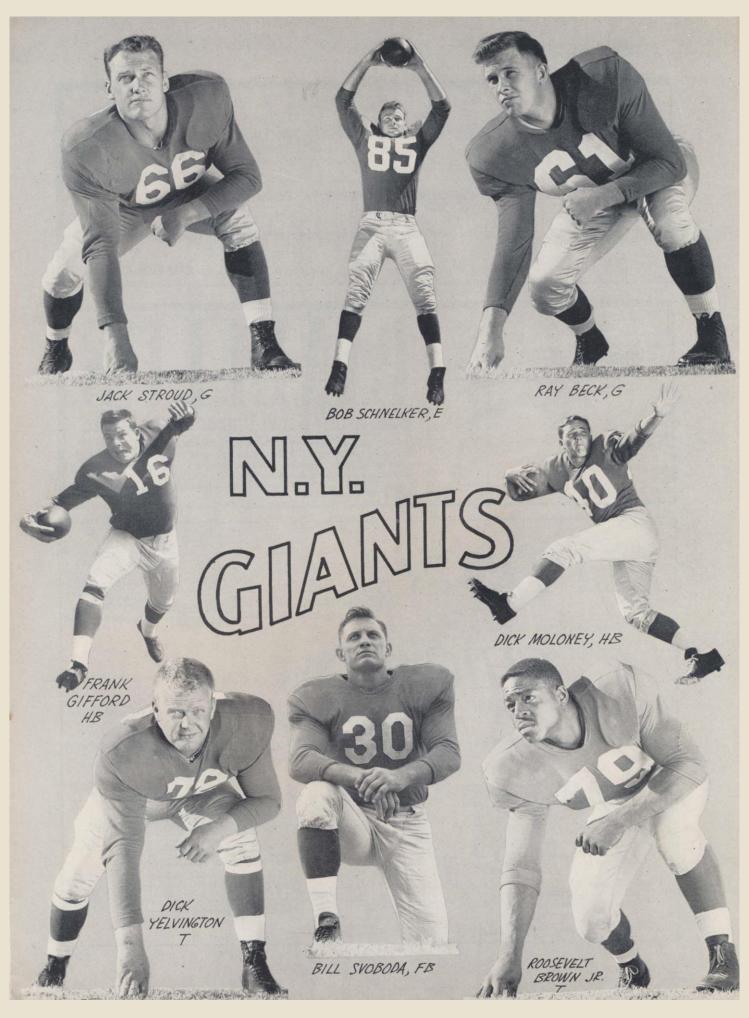
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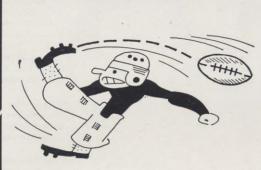
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Washington	3	25	180	6.0			
		24		6.3		Heinrich, Don	11
U.S.C		26		6.1		Clatterbuck, Bobby	12
		20	203	0,1	НВ	Gifford, Frank	16
	2		180	5.11	НВ	Patton, Jim	20
Maryland		24	185	6.1	НВ	Nolan, Dick	25
Vanderbil					HB	Rich, Herb	27
North Carolina State	2	25	210	6.3	НВ	Webster, Alex	29
Tulane	7	27	210	6.1	FR	Svoboda, Bill	30
	1					Moore, Henry	32
Toledo						Triplett, Mel	33
						Chandler, Don	34
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	1	24	195	6.0	НВ	Filipski, Gene	40
	1	22	180	6.1	HB	Hermann, John	41
Mississipp			195	6.1		Conerly, Charley	42
S.M.U	6	28	205	6.0		Rote, Kyle	44
lowe	99	31	200	6.1	НВ	Tunnell, Em	45
Tulso	3	24	180	6.1		Hughes, Ed	48
Northwester	44	27	225	6.1	С	Wietecha, Ray	55
Oregon State	6	27	225	4.1		Austin, Bill	
	3		225	6.1	G	Beck, Ray	60
	1		210	0.2	G	Beck, Ray	61
	4					Huth, Gerald	65
			230	0,1	G	Stroud, Jack	66
	11		230	6.1	т	Huff, Sam	70
	5	27	235	6.2	T	Yelvington, Dick	72
	2		275	6.5	T	Grier, Roosevelt	76
Maryland			260	6.0	T	Modzelewski, Dick	77
Kentucky	5		235	6.2	T	Yowarsky, Walt	78
Morgan State	4	24	245	6.3	T	Brown, Roosevelt	79
Alabama	3	27	205	6.2		MacAfee, Ken	80
Arnold	6	28	230	6.1	E	Robustelli, Andy	81
Daytor	1	21	225	6.3	F	Katcavage, Jim	82
Missour	1		188	6.2	F	Burnine, Harold	83
Washington State	4	25	215	6.0	F	Svare, Harland	84
Bowling Green	4	26	215	6.4	F	Schnelker, Bob	85
HCLA	3		215	4.2	E	Livingston, Cliff	89

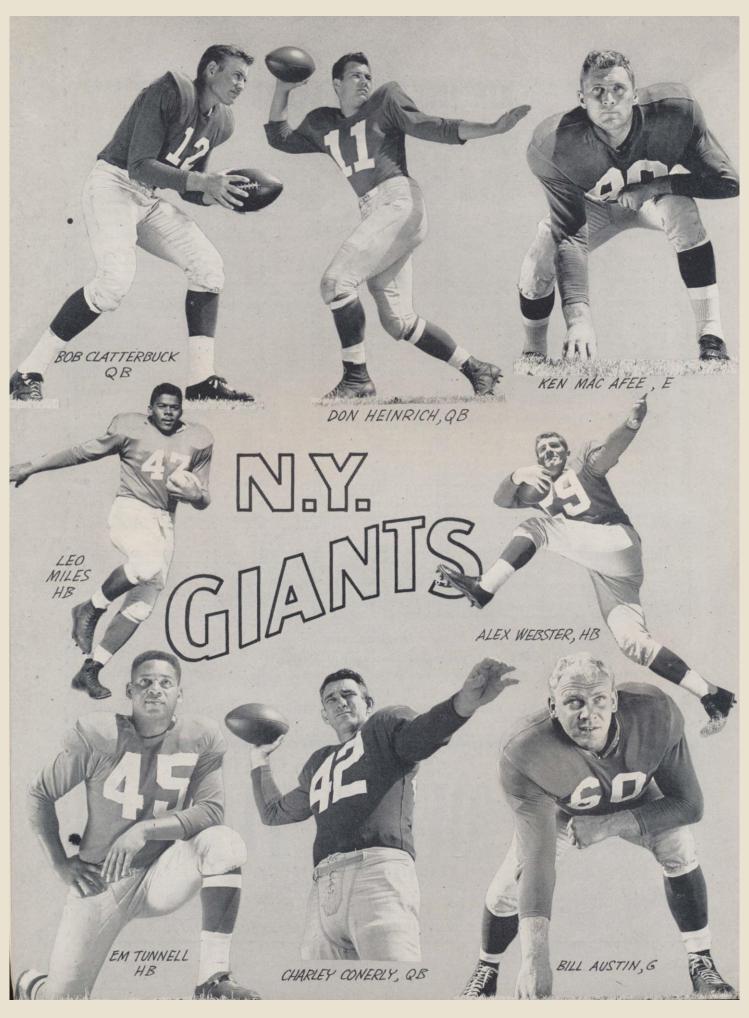
COACHING STAFF

Head Coach—Jim Lee Howell (Arkansas)

Assistants—Vince Lombardi (Fordham); Ken Kavanaugh (Louisiana State); Ed Kolman (Temple); Tom Landry (Texas).

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NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE '56 SCHEDULE

Sept. 30	Chicago Bears	at Baltimore	,,,	11	Chicago Cards	at New York
" 30	Cleveland	at Chicago Cards	>>	11	Detroit	at Washington
" 30	Detroit	at Green Bay	>>	11	Green Bay	at Chicago Bears
" 30	New York	at SAN FRANCISCO	. ,,	11	Pittsburgh	_at Philadelphia
" 30	Philadelphia	at Los Angeles	>>>	11	SAN FRANCISCO	at Los Angeles
" 30		_at Pittsburgh	Nov.	18	Baltimore	
Oct. 6	Cleveland	at Pittsburgh	"	18	Chicago Cards	at Pittsburgh
" 6	Detroit	at Baltimore	27	18	Cleveland	at Philadelphia
" 6	Washington	at Philadelphia	33	18	Los Angeles	at Chicago Bears
Oct. 7		at Green Bay	33	18		at Washington
" 7		at SAN FRANCISCO	33	18	SAN FRANCISCO	at Green Bay
" 7		_at Chicago Cards	Nov.	22		at Detroit
Oct. 14		at Milwaukee (Green Bay)	Nov.	25	Chicago Bears	at New York
" 14		at Washington	>>	25	Los Angeles	at Baltimore
" 14		at Detroit	,,	25		at Chicago Cards
" 14		_at Cleveland	"	25		at Philadelphia
" 14		at Pittsburgh	33	25	Washington	at Cleveland
" 14		at Chicago Bears	Dec.	2		at Detroit
Oct. 21		at Chicago Bears	>>	2	Green Bay	at Chicago Cards
" 21		_at Philadelphia	33	2	Los Angeles	at Pittsburgh
" 21		at Washington	33	2		at Cleveland
" 21		_at Milwaukee (Green Bay)	"	2		at Baltimore
" 21		_at New York	>>-	2	Washington	at New York
" 21		_at Detroit	Dec.	8		at SAN FRANCISCO
Oct. 28	Chicago Bears	at SAN FRANCISCO	Dec.	9		at Los Angeles
" 28		at Los Angeles	>>	9		at Chicago Bears
" 28	Green Bay	_at Baltimore	"	9		at New York
" 28		_at New York	>>	9	Philadelphia	at Washington
" 28		_at Cleveland	33	9		at Detroit
" 28		_at Chicago Cards	Dec.	15		_at Philadelphia
Nov. 4		_at Los Angeles	Dec.	16	Baltimore	_at SAN FRANCISCO
" 4		_at Milwaukee (Green Bay)	>>	16		at Cleveland
" 4		_at SAN FRANCISCO	33	16		at Chicago Bears
" 4		_at Pittsburgh	,,,	16		at Los Angeles
" 4		at Chicago Cards	33	16		at Washington
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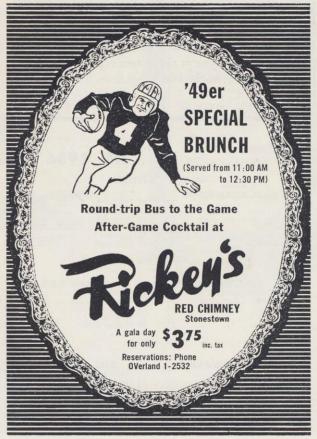
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With fabulous veterans like Norm Van Brocklin, Tank Younger, Ron Waller, Elroy Hirsch, Les Richter and Skeet Quinlan, plus a flock of talented rookies, the Rams well deserve their preseason ranking as the favorites in the Western division.

Beginning in 1952, the 49ers and Rams have drawn almost 900,000 people in 13 preseason and league games. The paid attendance of 78,945 at Los Angeles for the 24-24 deadlock on October 3, 1954, is the largest in National Football League history.

NFL 1956 PRESEASON RESULTS

	WES	STERN	DIV	ISION	
	SAN FRANCISCO	0		DETROIT	
28 20 14 14 24 14	Washington Chicago Cards New York Los Angeles	0 13 21 33		Pittsburgh Chicago Cards Philadelphia Cleveland Cleveland Washington	20 14 0
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31 28 17 21 21	CHICAGO BEAR: Chicago Cards Philadelphia Washington Pittsburgh New York Cleveland	7 21 3 10	21 17 10 69 33 17	LOS ANGELES Washington Clevelard New York Chicago Cards San Francisco Pittsburgh	6 20 21 24
132		81	167		130

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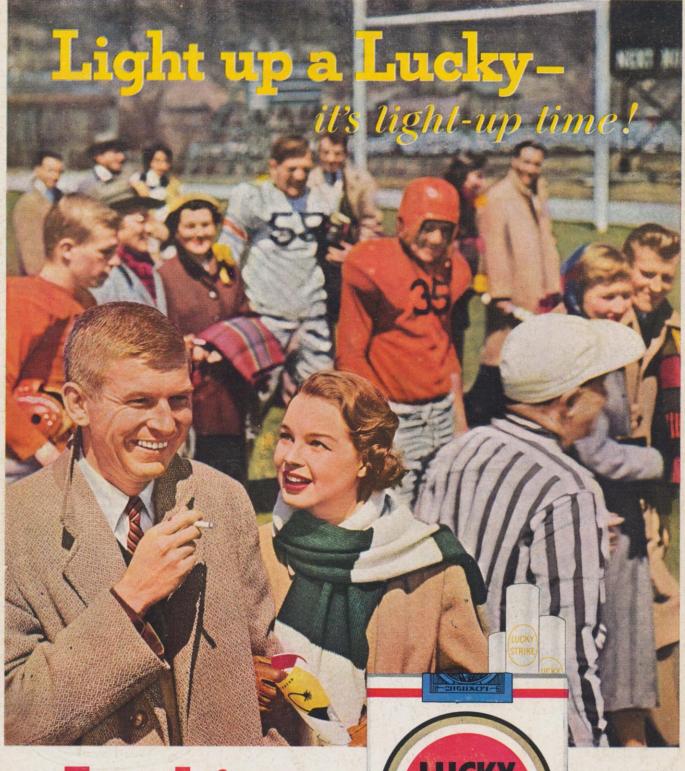




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