

FOOTBALL



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MONDAY NIGHT

Gifford: Earl Mann has just hit from 45 yards out for Detroit. You're looking at the speedsters awaiting Mann's kickoff. Hudson on the left. Stagers on the right. Mann again, one yard deep. This is to Hudson coming out up to the 15, getting back to the 20, and he is swarmed under. Hit there initially by Irv Ordez and Dave Thompson; so Green Bay now has a battle on their hands to get back into this game. Trailing by 13. A little over 10 minutes remaining in the third quarter from Detroit. Ball at the 20 yard line.

Out to the left are the two wide receivers, Glass and Dale. Tight end Garrett, number 88, at the bottom of your screen. Scott Hunter, the quarterback; Brockington; MacArthur Lane. This is Lane breaking loose again. Getting to the 29 yard line; dropped by Mike Weger.

Cosell: This has to be a key series of downs for the Green Bay Packers. They trail by 13 points. They've got all the time in the world left: nine minutes, 39 seconds at this precise second in the third quarter, and then of course all of the fourth quarter. But if they can make this drive stick, they can pick up a touchdown and continue to show that they can run against that Detroit defensive line. Then we've got a ball game that will go down to the final moment.

Gifford: Second down a yard. The ball at the 29. You saw John Stagers bring the play in. This was the call. MacArthur Lane gets the first down or very close to it. At the 31 yard line. NCAA College Football continues again this Saturday with four regional telecasts during the day and a special nighttime telecast. Most of the country will see number two ranked Oklahoma against Colorado during the afternoon with other portions of the country seeing Rice-SMU, Idaho-Idaho State, North Carolina-Wake Forrest. Check your local listing for the time of the game. And then it will be nine o'clock Saturday night—all of you are going to see the game between Arkansas and Texas. On ABC coming up next Saturday.

First and 10 Green Bay from their own 31. Fired over the middle. John Stagers and Scott Hunter really drilled that ball into . . .

Meredith: (cuts in) I know that probably Scott Hunter will get tired of people saying that this is the way Bart Starr used to do it. But this is a pattern that Bart Starr threw very well for a number of years. It's almost impossible to cover, especially when you get that guy to run the route. He's workin' to get the break just right, goes down three or four yards, makes his break. The timing is all due to that pattern.

Gifford: Devine on the left. Bart Starr on the right. First and 10 Green Bay—moving now at their own 43. They trail by 13.

Meredith: Big hole.

Gifford: MacArthur Lane! He's inside the 45 to the 42. Wayne Rasmussen again makes the stop on MacArthur Lane.

Cosell: I tell you, Giff, they're holding together. I was delighted, Giff, that you did that promo for NCAA College Football. These kids sure get in an awful lot of playing, don't they Chris?

Gifford: Right, Bud. (Don laughs) All right, at the 41, watch Lucci on this.

Meredith: Mike Lucci. He, I believe, misread it, Frank. Because he goes up into the middle of the line. He's actually blocked very well by Malcolm Snyder, but his major responsibility is those off-tackle plays.

Gifford: It's first and 10. This is John Brockington and again a big hole. Ken Bowman at center working with Bill Lueck, the left guard, 62. Gain of four. Mike Weger up to make the stop.

Cosell: The youthful pack. Thirty-two of the squad of 40 have had three years or less in the National Football League. This is going to be a team to see in the years to come. We talked about that old defensive secondary, Gifford knows about that. He had to work against it. Willie Wood, Bobby Jeeter, Herb Adderly, Tommy Brown—never a better one.

Gifford: Best thing to do is stay away from it. Second down now. Call it five. The ball at the 36 yard line—just over the 35 of Detroit. Packers on the move. Here comes Brockington off the right side and he is met there by the left side of the Detroit line. Number 28, Weger coming up from the safety spot, and Larry Woods, number 70, on the bottom of the pile. That front four of Detroit of Woods and Bell, tackles. Bell, number 73. Mitchell, 83, at left and 74, Larry Hand.

Cosell: Big play Gifford. They don't want a field goal.

Gifford: And Bart Starr just sent John Staggars in with that play.

Cosell: Number 15.

Gifford: Third down, call it a long three. Definitely a passing down. Number 47, Dave Davis is the wide receiver, top of your screen. Stiegers is in the slot. Len Garrett, 88, the bottom of your screen, the tight end. Wide open is Brockington and look at him battle. Inside the 20 yard line goes Brockington. Wayne Walker making the stop. Gregg along with 46, Redmond.

Meredith: Frank, that last time he actually got him isolated on Charlie Weaver. The linebacker came in there. Brockington faked to the inside, went out to the outside, in the flat. Some people call it a shoot route. I know we used to at Dallas. Quickly let's take a look at it. Watching Brockington—one-on-one with Weaver out to the outside. You know what? That was Wayne Walker.

Gifford: And it's first and 10, Green Bay. They're moving now at the 20 and the big man goes nowhere, this time. MacArthur Lane met by the middle of the line.

Cosell: Frank told you folks earlier that Dick LeBeau was not in, that Wayne Rasmussen was in.

Dick is not hurt. He is one of the elder statesmen of the game, and they've just been resting him, periodically, giving him more bench time than in past years.

Gifford: He's moved from the corner this year to the safety position and I've mentioned that he's the leading active interceptor with 62. The record is held by Em Tunnel who had 79, and that record may never be broken.

Gifford: Second down and eight.

Cosell: Giff is loyal to his old teammates.

Meredith: Giff just knows what's happening.

Gifford: He just happens to be Hall of Fame material.

Meredith: Look at there! Safety blitz. Weger running.

Gifford: You hit it, Don. Mike Weger coming from, of all place, the tight safety and ordinarily you don't see that blitz. Usually you have the free safety.

Meredith: Alright, Frank. Watch Weger, number 28, come in. Maybe he has—well I know what he is doing. He has to key on the formation, and when he is the tight safety, as you mentioned, his main responsibility is to the tight end. The strong safety blitzes like that puts a lot of pressure on that linebacker that plays his brother tight in 'cause he's got him all the way. That one worked very well. Nobody touched Weger. Threw him for a big loss.

Gifford: Mike Weger, six years out of Bowling Green. Third down now and 17. Carroll Dale comes out to the right up against Lem Barney out to the left of us, number 46. Leland Glass faces Rudy Redmond. Time to throw. Oh, a collision down field as 84 ran into Carroll Dale, but we'll wait for the call. Just a good defensive play.

Meredith: That was Barney down there.

Cosell: I don't know why they're booing. You know in this town I think they practice booing. Let's have another look at it.

Gifford: Just good defensive position by Barney. Watch the collision on the right.

Meredith: That's what they call it.

Gifford: Carroll Dale is really not himself either. He is one of the great receivers in pro football history. As we watch Chester Marcol get set for the field goal. Carroll Dale has been suffering from a bad back. Down it goes and up it goes from the 34 yard line. Chester Marcol. It's good. 20 to 10. Talking about the action a moment ago, and Lem Barney as the defensive back can position himself where the receiver has to run into him. That's just what he did, and the official right on the spot did a good job making the call. And ordinarily they do a very fine job. We occasionally are critical, but as Don would say, nobody's perfect.