

# APBA'S TOP PRO CLUBS OF THE PAST

The following outstanding professional football teams of past years are offered for use with the APBA Pro League Football Game:

1. **GREEN BAY PACKERS OF 1941**—the greatest of the early Packer teams. Coached by one of the legends of pro football, Curly Lambeau, this team finished in a tie with the Bears for the Western Division title and lost the play-off game, but it boasted some of the greats of pro history. Before the days of free substitution and before the T-formation was popularized, this was a single platoon, single-wing football team that used the same players for both offense and defense, and used halfbacks for passing — halfbacks like the great Cecil Isbell, who also ran the ball for fabulous yardage, as did the veteran fullback Clarke Hinkle and the rookie Tony Canadeo. Don Hutson, one of the greatest pass receiving ends of all time, has an APBA A\* rating, meaning defensive backfield points cannot reduce his index. Other familiar names are Andy Uram, Joe Laws, Bill Lee and "Buckets" Goldenberg. This was one of the first great modern pro teams. Passing and substituting rules are included with the team, which is comprised of thirty player cards and roster sheet in a team envelope.

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2. **CHICAGO BEARS OF 1941**—the champions who trounced the Giants 37 to 9 in the pro football world series of 1941. A veritable powerhouse on the ground, this team also had the first great passing quarterback in the person of Sid Luckman, who threw for a 57% completion average and a high TD percentage as well. Coached by George Halas, this was the first successful T-formation pro team and possessed a devastating array of high-average ball carriers, such as George "One Play" McAfee, Hugh Gallarneau, Norm Standlee, Scooter McLean and Bill Osmanski. Among its other big names were Joe Stydahar, Danny Fortmann, "Bull Dog" Turner and George "Quack-Quack" Wilson. This was one-platoon football when the 60-minute player was in vogue and substitutions were infrequent. Substitution rules are included with this team, which is comprised of thirty player cards and a roster sheet in a team envelope.

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3. **PHILADELPHIA EAGLES OF 1949**—their third consecutive divisional winner and second straight world title year. They lost but one league game and then defeated the Rams 14 to 0 for the championship. This was a power team that ran roughshod over its opponents. Coached by "Greasy" Neale, it was one of the first super pro teams. This was the first year of unlimited substituting, but many of the players still performed on both platoons. Led by the legendary Steve Van Buren, this aggregation recalls many great names from pro football's past. There were "Bosh" Pritchard, Tommy Thompson, Clyde "Smackover" Scott, Frank Reagan, Joe Muha, Pete Pihos, Chuck Bednarik, Vic Sears, Mike Jarmoluk, "Bucco" Kilroy and Alex Wojciechowicz. Tops in both divisions on both offense and defense, these Eagles were overpowering on the ground and in the air. Thirty player cards and roster sheet in team envelope.

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4. **CLEVELAND BROWNS OF 1950**—The American Conference champions who took the NFL title in their first year in the league by defeating the Rams 30-28. This was coach Paul Brown's super team, with the all-time great quarterback Otto Graham, the devastating fullback Marion Motley, the league's top halfback "Dub" Jones, ends Mac Speedie and Dante Lavelli and great linemen like Lou "The Toe" Groza, Bill Willis, Frank Gatski, Abe Gibrón and Lou Rymkus. Now you can have this super team perform under your own coaching reins. Thirty player cards and roster sheet in team envelope.

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5. **LOS ANGELES RAMS OF 1950**—The National Conference champions who lost the title to the Browns in the last 28 seconds of the game. Coached by Joe Stydahar, this was a team that sparkled with great names—Bob Waterfield and Norm Van Brocklin were the quarterbacks, and there were other backs like Glenn Davis, Deacon Dan Towler, "Tank" Younger, "Vitamin" Smith, Jerry Williams, and the legendary ends, Tom Fears and "Crazy Legs" Hirsch! There were great linemen, too, like Larry Brink, Fred Naumetz and Don Paul. How could they lose the title? You can see for yourself by owning both these top teams of 1950 and replaying the title game over and over again. Thirty player cards and roster sheet in team envelope.

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6. **PITTSBURGH STEELERS OF 1947**—They didn't win the championship. They finished in a tie and lost to the Eagles in the Eastern Conference play-off, but this was the Steelers' greatest team until 1972. It also happened to be the last team ever coached by "Jock" Sutherland. He died the following year. This was a superior defensive team that possessed a great running and passing halfback in John Clement, a topnotch end in Val Jansante, All-Pro Guard Bill Moore, Fullback Steve Lach, Guard Nick Skorich and such defensive stalwarts as Charlie Cherundolo, Frank Sinkovitz and Paul Davis. This was two-platoon football with unlimited substitution. The halfbacks did the passing. Thirty player cards and roster sheet in team envelope.

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7. **CHICAGO CARDINALS OF 1948**—They lost the championship game 7-0 to the Eagles in a Philadelphia blizzard, but this was a fabulous team. They led the league in rushing, had the fewest fumbles, and are considered by many to have had the all-time dream backfield in passing quarterback Paul Christman, halfbacks Charlie Trippi and Elmer Angsman and fullback Pat Harder. They also had All-Pro end Mal Kutner, All-Pro guard Buster Ramsey and center Vince Banonis. Coached by Jimmy Conzelman, this was easily the Cardinals' greatest early team. They used two platoons and unlimited substituting. Thirty player cards and roster sheet in team envelope.

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8. **DETROIT LIONS OF 1952**—The Lions' highest scoring championship team. Paced by the dynamic Bobby Layne at quarterback, this team glittered with great football names: Doak Walker, Leon Hart, Bill Swiacki, Les Bingaman, Hunchy Hoernschemeyer, Jack Christiansen, Lou Creekmur, Jim Doran, Jim Martin and the aging veterans, Pat Harder and Vince Banonis. Coached by Buddy Parker, they defeated the Cleveland Browns for their first world championship. Thirty player cards and roster sheet in team envelope.

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9. **WASHINGTON REDSKINS OF 1942**—They lost only one game and this was their only world championship. Coached by Ray Flaherty, with the great Sammy Baugh passing from the halfback position, this was single platoon football, requiring both offensive and defensive service from each player. Among the all-time greats on this club were Andy Farkas, Dick Todd, "Ki" Aldrich, Bob Masterson, Wilbur Wilkin and Wilbur Moore. Thirty player cards and roster sheet in team envelope. Passing and substitution rules are included.

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10. **NEW YORK GIANTS OF 1956**—Not their best team of record, but their outstanding winner and certainly their highest scoring championship team. They scored 264 points and then overwhelmed the Bears 47-7 for the world championship. Their coach Jim Lee Howell could boast of some of the greatest stars in Giant history: Frank Gifford, Kyle Rote, Ray Wietecha, Andy Robustelli, Gene Filipowski, Roosevelt Brown, Emlen Tunnell, Charley Conerly, Roosevelt Grier, Sam Huff, Alex Webster and others. Now you can coach them, too! Thirty player cards and roster sheet in team envelope.

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11. **BALTIMORE COLTS OF 1958**—The top Baltimore club of the fifties. Scoring 381 points on the fabulous passing arm of Johnny Unitas and the running of Lenny Moore and Alan Ameche, this team had also the receiving magician Raymond Berry and the defensive wizard Gino Marchetti. Other great stars on this Weeb Ewbank-coached team were Jim Parker, Big Daddy Lipscomb and Art Donovan. They won the championship by defeating the Giants 23-17 in the league's first overtime, sudden-death contest, generally regarded as the greatest football game ever played. Thirty player cards and roster sheet in team envelope.

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12. **CHICAGO BEARS OF 1956**—The only Bear team to appear in a title contest in the fifties. This club featured a powerful offensive line including guard Stan Jones, center Larry Strickland and tackle Kline Gilbert and a strong rushing game led by fullback Rick Casares. Ed Brown and the already-aging George Blanda handled the quarterbacking. The traditionally rugged Chicago defense was spearheaded by middleguard Bill George, safety J. C. Caroline, tackle Bill Bishop and linebacker Joe Fortunato. With this club and the Giants of the same year, you can replay the 1956 championship game. Thirty player cards and roster sheet in team envelope.

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13. **GREEN BAY PACKERS OF 1962**—Generally acknowledged to be one of the greatest teams in NFL history, this club ran up a 13-1 regular season record and whipped the Giants in the title game. This star-studded roster included names like Bart Starr, Paul Hornung, Jerry Kramer, Jim Taylor, Fuzzy Thurston, Boyd Dowler, Jim Ringo, Max McGee, Ray Nitschke, Willie Wood, Henry Jordan, Herb Adderley and Willie Davis. Here's your chance to coach a team molded by the immortal Vince Lombardi. Thirty player cards and roster sheet in team envelope.

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