

# SCOUTING REPORT

DON HUTSON

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## REVISION LISTING

DATE	DESCRIPTION
May 15, 2016	Initial Release

# OVERALL ANALYSIS

## Overall Analysis

### POSITION

Left Offensive End, Right Offensive End, Split End, Defensive Back, Left Defensive End

### HEIGHT AND WEIGHT

Height: 6'1"      Weight: 183

### TEAMS

1935-45 Green Bay Packers

### UNIFORM NUMBER

14

### SCOUTS

Primary Scout: Ken Crippen

Secondary Scout: Matt Reaser

# OVERALL ANALYSIS

## STRENGTHS

- Excellent separation from the defender
- Excellent hands and concentration to catch the ball in traffic
- Ran great routes

## WEAKNESSES

- Lacked aggressiveness on defense with regard to hitting
- Struggled with offensive blocking

## BOTTOM LINE

Excellent all-around receiver. Quick off the line and into his route. Able to get excellent separation from the defender. Great concentration and hands. Can catch the ball in traffic and strong enough to break tackles to continue after the catch. He struggled with blocking on offense, but would attempt to screen the defender. If he was not involved with the play, he lacked competitiveness. On defense, he showed the ability to intercept the ball, but lacked aggressiveness on tackles. He would avoid making the hit if possible. He usually was not involved in the play on defense.

## GRADING SCALE

CLASS	GRADE	DESCRIPTION
Hall of Fame	9.0	Rare
	8.5	Exceptional to Rare
	8.0	Exceptional
Hall of Very Good	7.5	Very Good to Exceptional
	7.0	Very Good
	6.5	Good to Very Good
Other	6.0	Good
	5.5	Above Average to Good
	5.0	Above Average
	4.5	Average to Above Average

# OVERALL ANALYSIS

## GRADING SPECIFIC FACTORS

SPECIFIC FACTOR	GRADE	SPECIFIC FACTOR	GRADE
<b>OVERALL:</b>			
OVERALL ATHLETICISM (QAB):	8.5	STRENGTH AND EXPLOSION:	7.2
Quickness:	8.5	COMPETITIVENESS:	7.8
Agility:	8.4	MENTAL ALERTNESS:	8.3
Balance:	8.4	INITIAL QUICKNESS:	8.3
INSTINCTS:	8.5		
<b>OFFENSE:</b>			
RELEASE:	8.4	SEPARATION:	8.5
PASS ROUTES:	8.3	HANDS:	8.4
RECEIVE LONG:	8.3	ADJUST TO BALL:	8.3
RECEIVE SHORT:	8.4	RUN AFTER CATCH:	8.4
BLOCKING:	7.0		
	8.5		
<b>DEFENSE:</b>			
HAND USE:	7.6	DISENGAGE FROM BLOCKS:	7.5
PASS RUSH:	n/a	TACKLING:	7.6
RUN STOPPING:	n/a	LATERAL AGILITY:	7.9

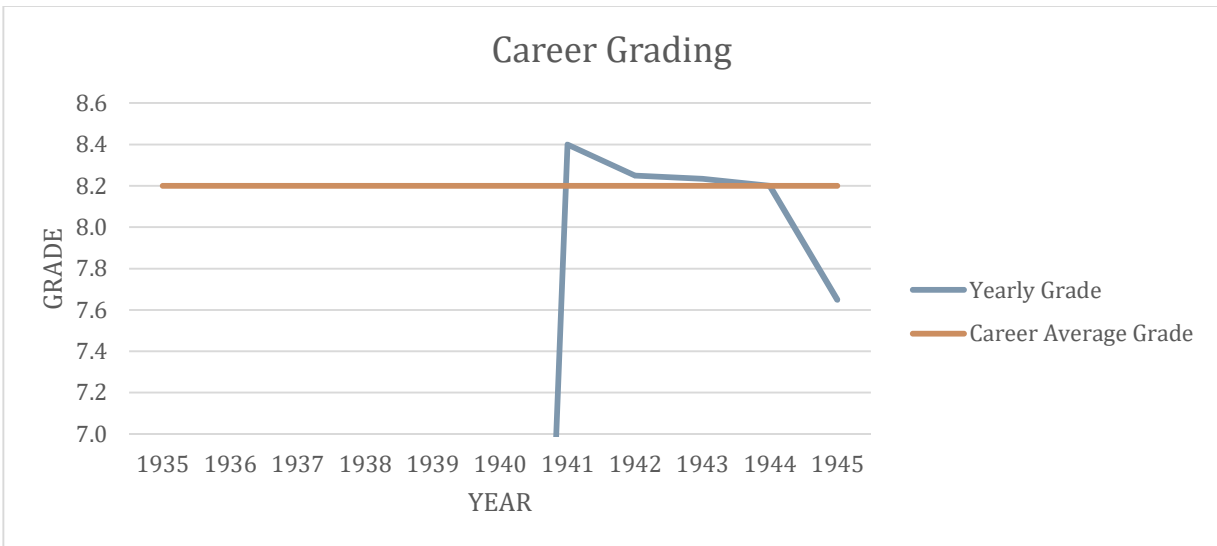
### OFFENSIVE/DEFENSIVE/OVERALL GRADE

8.5/7.7/8.2

### NUMBER OF GAMES REVIEWED

18

# OVERALL ANALYSIS



# GAME REVIEWS

## Game Reviews

### GAME REVIEW

DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
December 13, 1936	Boston Redskins	n/a

### BOTTOM LINE

This was a short clip. Not enough plays were shown to give an accurate grade. Hutson played left offensive end and left defensive end in the game. In the first quarter, Hutson make an excellent over-the-shoulder catch. The defender had the angle on him, but he accelerated past him for the 48-yard touchdown. Excellent concentration to pull in the ball. At the beginning of the second quarter, Hutson was blocked out on the two-yard touchdown run by Pug Rentner (#31). Overall, Hutson did not show aggressiveness on defense. He also lacked determination on offense when the play did not go to him. Blocking was weak or non-existent at times.

### GAME REVIEW

DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
November 20, 1938	New York Giants	n/a

### BOTTOM LINE

Hutson was not shown to play in the game.

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
December 11, 1938	New York Giants	n/a

### BOTTOM LINE

Hutson was not shown to play in the game.

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## GAME REVIEW

DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
November 5, 1939	Chicago Bears	n/a

### BOTTOM LINE

This was a short highlight film. There were not enough plays shown to give an accurate grade. Hutson played left offensive end, split end, flanker and left defensive end in the game. On defense, he bounced off the lead blocker on a lateral pass, then made the tackle for minimal gain. Otherwise, no other plays of note.

## GAME REVIEW

DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
December 10, 1939	New York Giants	n/a

### BOTTOM LINE

This was a short highlight film. There were not enough plays to give an accurate grade. Hutson played left offensive end and defensive back in the game. There were only two plays of note. On offense, Hutson caught a pass on a short curl. He was able to get by a couple of defenders before being brought down. Good hands and concentration to pull in the ball and to keep from having it stripped. On defense, Hutson missed an open field tackle of Tuffy Leemans (#4). He leapt at Leemans, but barely touched him.

## GAME REVIEW

DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
October 26, 1941	Detroit Lions	8.4

### BOTTOM LINE

Hutson did not start the game. On offense, he showed a great ability to get open. On defense, he made a few good tackles. On special teams, he kicked three extra points and made a nice tackle on a second quarter kickoff.

OFFENSE: Hutson played left end, left split end and right split end in the game. On the first play when he entered the game, he caught a 12-yard corner route for a touchdown. He easily beat his defender for the score. On the next series, he caught a 13-yard out route along the left sideline. In the second quarter, he caught another out route for approximately 13 yards. On the next play, he was targeted, but the ball was thrown over his head. It looks like he may have had a hand on the ball, but it would have been an extremely



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difficult catch in traffic. A few plays later, Hutson was targeted in the end zone. The pass was behind him. He got his hands on the ball, but was not able to bring it in. A few more catches in the second quarter before he lost yardage on an inside reverse.

**DEFENSE:** Hutson played defensive back in the game. On his first defensive series, he made a very good solo tackle of a runner. He made another very good tackle in the fourth quarter. Otherwise, he was involved in very few defensive plays.

## GAME REVIEW

DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
October 25, 1942	Detroit Lions	8.1

## BOTTOM LINE

Film quality was poor. Hutson played left and right offensive end, as well as left and right split end in the game. On defense, he played defensive back. He kicked two extra points in the game. Overall, on offense, he showed an excellent ability to get open. He also showed excellent hands when the ball was on target. On defense, he made two plays of note, both in the second quarter.

**OFFENSE:** Hutson was targeted a few times on the first series. The first two times, the ball was well off target. On the third target, it looks like the ball hit him, but he was unable to hang on when hit by multiple defenders. On the second offensive series, he made an excellent catch on a short out, where the defender was hanging on him. He made the catch, shed the defender and took the ball approximately 20 yards. Later in the quarter, he caught a pass in stride on a crossing route and took it approximately 35 yards before being knocked down. Very quick on the play. On the next play, Hutson was targeted, but could not bring the ball in. It was hard to tell if Hutson dropped it or whether the ball was deflected due to the poor film quality. Throughout the game, he was hampered by passes that were off target. He did a great job of getting open, but the ball was just too far away from him to make a play. However, he also dropped a few passes that were catchable.

**DEFENSE:** He was involved in very few plays on defense. However, in the second quarter, he came up and made an excellent solo tackle for a loss. The back was running a sweep to the left. He read it and quickly reacted to cut off his angle to make the tackle. Also in the second quarter, he made an excellent one-handed interception. He undercut the receiver, leapt to get the interception and ran it down the right sideline for approximately 15 yards.

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
November 22, 1942	New York Giants	8.4

### BOTTOM LINE

An excellent game by Hutson. He was the focal point of the offense and scored two touchdowns. Very productive. Outside of the dropped pass in the end zone, he performed extremely well. He caught 14 passes for 134 yards. The Packers had him spread all over the field and defenders had a difficult time covering him. He was able to get great separation from the defenders and showed excellent hands and concentration in traffic. He also kicked three extra points, but missed on a field goal. His downfield blocking was poor.

OFFENSE: Hutson played left offensive end, as well as left and right split end in the game. On the second play shown, Hutson caught a pass on an out route for a 20-yard gain. He easily beat his defender to get open. On the next play, he was open on a 15-yard out, but the ball was well ahead of him. He caught a 10-yard pass on the following play. The film then jumped to the second quarter, where it showed another reception. On both plays, Hutson was able to get separation from the defender, and showed excellent hands to pull in the pass. On the next play, Hutson dropped a pass in the end zone on a crossing route. The ball was catchable. He just dropped it. A few plays later, he caught his first touchdown of the day. The ball was a little high, but he was able to reach up and grab it for the score. His second touchdown was a short pass where he sat in front of the defender to catch the ball. Toward the end of the second quarter, he made an excellent one-handed grab on a crossing route. In the third quarter, he was targeted in the end zone. The ball was short and was intercepted by the trailing defender. In the fourth quarter, he was again targeted in the end zone. However, the ball was tipped before it got to Hutson.

DEFENSE: Huston played defensive back in the game. Very few plays were shown with Hutson on defense. Of the plays shown, he really had no impact.

## GAME REVIEW

DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
September 26, 1943	Chicago Bears	8.2

### BOTTOM LINE

A very good offensive day for Hutson as he scored a touchdown and kicked three extra points in the game. Defensively, he showed a lack of effort, especially on the Osmanski touchdown in the fourth quarter. On special teams, he partially blocked a game-winning field goal attempt.

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**OFFENSE:** Hutson played left offensive end, right offensive end and split end in the game. On the first series, Hutson ran a short crossing route. The ball was high and went off of his fingertips as the defender was hauling him down. On the next series, he caught pass on an out pattern out of bounds. A few plays later, he was targeted again along the sideline. However, the ball was short and intercepted. Hutson made the tackle. In the second quarter, he made an excellent catch in traffic. He ran a crossing route about ten yards downfield. The ball was a little high. He leapt up, caught the ball after a slight deflection by the linebacker, and brought it down with two defenders pulling him down. Excellent hands and concentration to make the reception. In the fourth quarter, Hutson made an excellent catch, splitting two defenders for a 37-yard touchdown.

**DEFENSE:** Hutson played defensive back in the game. In the first quarter, he made a good leg tackle of end Connie Mack Berry (#23) after a short pass. In the fourth quarter, Hutson showed a lack of effort as Bill Osmanski (#9) scored the touchdown right at him.

## GAME REVIEW

DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
November 7, 1943	Chicago Bears	7.7

## BOTTOM LINE

Hutson had a very good, but not excellent game. He kicked the PAT after the Packers touchdown in the first quarter, but missed a field goal later that same quarter. He only caught two passes in the game and he let a receiver behind him on defense.

**OFFENSE:** Hutson played left and right offensive end, as well as split end in the game. In the first quarter, he made an excellent over-the-shoulder grab for a 45-yard gain. Excellent separation from the defender, but he had to slow up slightly to make the catch. That allowed the defender to make the tackle. Nice catch across the middle, in traffic, late in the second quarter. Another very good short reception in the fourth quarter.

**DEFENSE:** Hutson played defensive back in the game. On the first play shown, Hutson and another defender let a receiver get behind them. They both were able to catch up to the receiver to stop him, but not until after a decent gain.

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
November 21, 1943	Brooklyn Dodgers	8.8

### BOTTOM LINE

This was a record-setting day, offensively, for Hutson as he caught eight passes for 237 yards and two touchdowns. He also kicked a 23-yard field goal and four extra points. On offense, he showed excellent route-running abilities and hands. He always found a way to be open. Blocking was average. On defense, he shied away from hits and seemed to only pursue plays when necessary, which was rare. He left the game in the fourth quarter when the outcome was well in hand.

OFFENSE: Hutson played left end, split end and flanker. First Quarter: Reception #1: The ball was snapped to Tony Canadeo, who faked to Ted Fritsch. He passed to Don Hutson, running a deep post pattern, for 52 yards. Hutson was covered by Merl Condit, who (while desperately hanging on to Hutson) was dragged the last few yards into the end zone. Touchdown. Hutson kicked the extra point. Reception #2: The ball was snapped to Canadeo. He faked a handoff to Fritsch and passed to Hutson on a short curl route for ten yards. Hutson was tackled by Frank Martin and Dean McAdams. Reception #3: The ball was snapped to Canadeo, who dropped back to pass. Hutson ran a dig route and caught the ball for a nine-yard gain. He was tackled by Frank Martin, with the assist by Jake Fawcett. Reception #4: The ball was snapped to Tony Falkenstein. The handoff went to Lou Brock, who ran right and dropped back to throw. The pass went to Hutson on a deep out pattern, who caught the ball on the Brooklyn 15-yard line. Covered closely by Pug Manders, Hutson caught the ball with Manders' arm in his face. Hutson spun and stiff-armed Manders and ran to the Brooklyn six-yard line, where he was tackled by Manders. Gain of 37 yards. Second Quarter: Reception #5: The ball was snapped to Irv Comp, who dropped back to pass. The ball was caught by Hutson on a corner route. Merl Condit hit Hutson high, but Hutson broke the tackle and lunged another four yards. He was tackled by Andy Kowalski and Dean McAdams along the left sideline. Gain of 20 yards. Reception #6: The ball was snapped to Comp, who faked to Falkenstein and dropped back to pass. Hutson ran a corner route and caught the ball on the Brooklyn 33-yard line with Merl Condit draped around his neck. Condit lost his grip and Hutson ran down the left sideline to the Brooklyn 28-yard line. Hutson was tackled out of bounds by Dean McAdams for a 17-yard gain. Third Quarter: Reception #7: The ball was snapped to Comp, who faked to Falkenstein and dropped back to pass. Hutson ran an out route along the goal line. As he made his cut, Merl Condit slipped and lost coverage. A wide-open Hutson caught the ball on the Brooklyn one-yard line and slid out of bounds short of the goal for a 13-yard gain. Reception #8: The ball was snapped to Comp, who faked a handoff to Falkenstein and dropped back to pass. Hutson ran a slant route from left to right. He caught the ball in stride on the Green Bay 30-yard line and continued toward the right sideline, covered by Dean McAdams. Hutson slipped through McAdams' grasp and ran down the sideline. Merl Condit leapt to grab Hutson around the Brooklyn 25-yard line, but Hutson was too fast. He continued for a 79-yard gain and a touchdown. Hutson kicked the extra point.

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DEFENSE: Hutson played right safety in the game. On the first defensive play of the game, Hutson missed on a solo tackle of the back. Later in the series, he made a nice solo tackle of right end Andy Kowalski (#22), who ran a quick slant across the middle. Otherwise, Hutson had no impact on the game defensively.

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
September 17, 1944	Brooklyn Dodgers/Tigers	8.2

## BOTTOM LINE

Offensively, Hutson was average to good on blocking. He showed little effort when the play was not for him. On defense, he made a couple of very good to excellent plays, but was usually not involved in the play.

OFFENSE: Hutson played left end and split end in the game. In the first quarter, he made an excellent over-the-shoulder catch heading toward the sideline. Good hands and concentration to pull in the pass and to hold on to the ball after getting hit. Hutson was targeted a few more times in the first quarter. Once, the defender undercut the route and knocked the ball down before it got to Hutson. Another time, the ball was well overthrown. Finally, Hutson was targeted, but the ball was thrown behind him. The defender intercepted and Hutson made the tackle. However, Green Bay retained possession, but it was unclear as to the reason. Two plays later, Hutson caught the ball on a crossing pattern, ran past a four defenders down the sideline and scored a touchdown. In the second quarter, Joel Mason (#7) came in to replace Hutson. On his first play back in the second quarter, Hutson caught a quick pass in the middle. He fell to the ground and was not able to gain much after the catch as he was hit immediately. A few plays later, he was targeted in the end zone. The ball was a little short and Hutson could not pull it in, even though it looked like it hit his fingers. In the third quarter, Hutson made a good hit to assist on a tackle after a turnover. A few plays later, he made a very good catch in traffic. The ball was a little high and he was blanketed by the defender. He brought the ball down while getting hit. Excellent hands. In the fourth quarter, he made a very good catch down the middle, and was able to elude a couple of tackles before being brought down. Later, he was targeted on the goal line, but the ball was nearly intercepted by a defender under cutting the route. The ball never reached Hutson.

DEFENSE: Hutson was not seen playing defense in the game until the second quarter, when he lined up at the right safety position. In the second quarter, he made a nice interception in the middle of the field and returned it a few yards. One of the only plays that made it to him in the quarter, as he played relatively deep. In the fourth quarter, Hutson almost had an interception. He was covering the receiver and tried to get under the route. He and the receiver got their hands on the ball, but neither was able to bring it in. A few plays later, he made an excellent solo tackle of a runner.

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
November 5, 1944	Chicago Bears	n/a

### BOTTOM LINE

This was newsreel footage. There were not enough plays to give an accurate grade.

**OFFENSE:** Hutson played both left and right offensive end in the game. In the first quarter, Hutson made an excellent one-handed catch over his head for a short reception along the right sideline. On the next play shown, he made another excellent over the shoulder catch, this time along the left sideline. In the second quarter, Hutson was targeted. He got behind the defender, but the ball was short and was intercepted. Hutson made another very good reception across the middle late in the second quarter. Two plays later, Hutson is targeted, but the ball is tipped by the defender. The tipped ball lands in the hands of McLean for the interception. On the next offensive series shown, Hutson was again targeted. The ball was short, tipped and intercepted.

**DEFENSE:** Hutson played defensive back in the game. Several times in the first quarter, Hutson showed hesitation in making a tackle. However, in the second quarter, Scooter McLean (#57) catches a pass in the flat. McLean runs downfield and Hutson makes an excellent solo tackle. Hutson struggled to make a tackle late in the second quarter on Connie Mack Berry (#23). Hutson was able to get the base of Berry's leg and slow him down enough to get Berry to fall to the ground. In the fourth quarter, Hutson missed on a tackle of George Wilson (#30) that resulted in a touchdown.

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
November 19, 1944	New York Giants	n/a

### BOTTOM LINE

The film only showed the first half of play. There were not enough plays to give an accurate grade.

**OFFENSE:** Hutson played left end and split end in the game. On the first series, Hutson was targeted on a short pass. The ball was high and went off of Hutson's finger tips for an incomplection. On the next play, the ball was overthrown again on a sideline pass. On the next series, Hutson caught a ten-yard pass on a skinny post. In the second quarter, Hutson made a nice catch on a crossing pattern for a short gain. On the same series, he went up for a ball with the defender. The defender was able to make the better play and knocked the ball down for an incomplection. On the next play, Hutson was again targeted. The ball was high, but catchable. Hutson should have made the catch.

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DEFENSE: Hutson played defensive back in the game. On the first defensive series, Hutson cut in front of the receiver for an interception. He juggled the ball and fell to the ground. However, he was able to get up and return it about five yards before being brought down.

## GAME REVIEW

DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
December 17, 1944	New York Giants	n/a

### BOTTOM LINE

This was a very short clip. There were not enough plays to give an accurate grade. He did have a very good 23-yard reception in the game.

## GAME REVIEW

DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
September 30, 1945	Chicago Bears	n/a

### BOTTOM LINE

The film ended shortly into the third quarter. There were not enough plays to give an accurate grade. He kicked two extra points in the film shown. He had four total for the day.

OFFENSE: Hutson played left end and split end in the game. On the first offensive series, Hutson caught a pass on a quick out. He ducked under the tackle and was able to gain a few additional yards. At the beginning of the second quarter, Hutson drew a pass interference penalty on a deep pass down the middle. A few plays later, he made a great over-the-shoulder catch along the sideline. Later in the quarter, Hutson dropped a pass near the goal line. There were two defenders on him, but the pass hit his hands. He should have caught the ball. Shortly into the third quarter, Hutson made an excellent catch on a corner route. With the defender on him, he made the catch along the sideline.

DEFENSE: Hutson played defensive back in the game. In the first quarter, a receiver was coming right at him with the ball. He ran towards the receiver, but avoided making the hit. The receiver gained a few extra yards until one of Hutson's teammates came in to make the tackle. The teammate stripped the ball and had a decent return of the fumble. In the second quarter, Hutson came up to tackle a runner for a loss. He missed on the tackle and the runner had a short gain.

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
November 25, 1945	New York Giants	7.7

### BOTTOM LINE

A very good, but not excellent game by Hutson. He kicked two extra points, but had a third blocked. He also kicked a short field goal, but had a second blocked. However, he did make the tackle to prevent the kick from being returned for a touchdown.

OFFENSE: Hutson played left and right offensive end, as well as split end in the game. On the second play shown, Hutson was targeted in the end zone. The ball was short and in the hands of the defender. However, Hutson did a good job to prevent the defender from completing the interception. Later in the first quarter, he was targeted on the goal line. The ball was again short, but Hutson failed to make an effort to prevent the interception. Early in the second quarter, Hutson made a very good catch on a short crossing route in traffic. Very good hands and concentration to bring in the ball. A few plays later, he was targeted on a mid-range pass down the middle, but the ball was deflected at the line of scrimmage. Around the middle of the third quarter, Hutson gained about ten yards on a reverse.

DEFENSE: Hutson played defensive back in the game. Around the middle of the third quarter, a receiver was coming his way with one of Hutson's teammates following. Hutson let up and tried to avoid the hit. His teammate made the tackle. In the fourth quarter, Hutson showed little effort on a goal line play.

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DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL GRADE
December 2, 1945	Detroit Lions	7.6

### BOTTOM LINE

Hutson had a very good day, but also had his mistakes. On offense, there was a fumbled exchange on a reverse. On defense, he let a runner get by him for a touchdown and he let a receiver get by him for a touchdown. Overall, showed little effort on defense.

OFFENSE: Hutson played left and right offensive end, as well as split end in the game. On the second offensive series, Hutson was able to adjust to an underthrown pass to make the catch. He eluded a defender before being tackled after a 17-yard gain. A few plays later, he gained 18 yards on a reverse to bring the ball inside the five-yard line. On the next play, he was targeted on a corner route in the end zone, but the ball was overthrown. Two plays later, the Packers tried another reverse with Hutson. However, the ball was fumbled on the exchange with Hutson and recovered by Detroit. Midway through the third quarter, Hutson made an



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excellent shoe-string catch across the middle for a short gain. He was surrounded by defenders, which hit him immediately after the reception. Great job holding on to the ball. In the fourth quarter, Hutson made a nice catch on a middle screen for a short gain. Later, He made another catch and the defender stripped the ball away. However, the officials ruled the play dead after the completion.

**DEFENSE:** Hutson played defensive back in the game. In the first quarter, he let a receiver get well behind him. The pass was well overthrown. Two plays later, he assisted on a tackle of a scrambling back out of the backfield. On the last play of the half, Hutson had good coverage on a deep pass to the end zone. He did not get a hand on the pass, but he was able to prevent the defender from getting into position to make a play. In the third quarter, he made little effort to stop a runner at the goal line. On the next play, he missed on a tackle, which resulted in a touchdown. Later in the quarter, he let a receiver get behind him for an easy 25-yard touchdown. In the fourth quarter, Hutson came up quickly to make a tackle on a screen, but missed the tackle. The same happened a few plays later. However, this time Hutson made the tackle.