

Sore Arm Ends Joe Black's Major League Career

BEATING THE GUN

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At the beginning of the National Football League season, it was expected that Willie Galimore would give Jim Brown a run for the honors as the rookie-of-the-year. But the Cleveland Browns' fullback has turned that particular race into contest.

True, Galimore has been spotlitly sensational for the Chicago Bears. He had his greatest showman against the Los Angeles Rams when he scored four touchdowns to match a record for the Chicago North Siders.

Brown, up until last week, had been ploddingly consistent. He had not broken away with a kind that breaks open a close ball game. A couple of weeks ago, he took over the NFL rushing leadership, largely because the Rams' Tom Wilson had been relegated to part-time duty after leading for the first half of the season.

Then Brown removed all doubt not only did he stake a valid claim to the rookie-of-the-year honors but put himself in contention as the best running back in the league for 1957.

He was explosive against the Bears. He scored once on a 45-yard romp, set up two other rallies with 46 and 33 yard runs, and gained 237 yards on the ground for a new league record. Cleveland won 45 to 31, largely because of Brown's terrific performance.

The former Syracuse University star, the Browns' first draft choice for this season, moved into the NFL record books ahead of Wilson. As a rookie last season, Tom accumulated 223 yards against Green Bay in the last game of the season.

After his performance against the Rams, Brown was asked whether he knew he had established a new single game rushing mark.

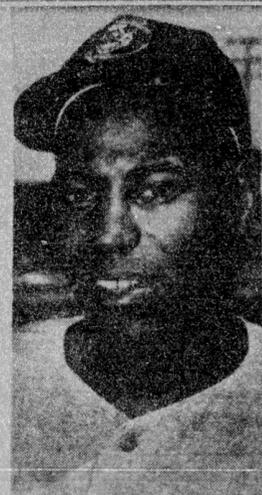
"No, I had no idea," he said. "In fact, I didn't even know that I had done it. It's nice. Makes me feel set, a record until somebody outdoes it to me here in the club, pretty good."

Dodgers Took Proud Record To California

LOS ANGELES (ANP)—When the Dodgers move into Los Angeles next Spring they will bring with them the proud record in the long history of the National League. Not even the fabulous Giants of John McGraw, the storied Cubs of Frank Chance, nor the colorful Cardinals of the Gashouse Gang can match the tremendous team and individual feats accomplished by the Dodgers since World War II.

In the eleven years since the team returned to Post-War status, in 1947, the Dodgers have won 101 more games than their closest rivals, the Boston-Milwaukee Braves. A composite standing of the National League over that period would find the Dodgers 30-2 games ahead of the current World Champions and the St. Louis Cardinals would be exactly 125 games behind them in third place.

The Dodgers have finished 12-3 for thirteen consecutive seasons for a National League record. As a matter of fact, they have finished lower than third only once (seventh in 1944) over the last nineteen seasons. If they finish in the top three during the 1958 season they will match the fourteen-year 12-3 record of the Yankees from 1926 to 1939. Over the last eleven years no



INVOLVED IN TRADE — The Chicago White Sox and the Cleveland Indians swung a player deal at Colorado Springs, Col., last Wednesday. Players involved are shown in photos. The Indians gave pitcher Early Wynn

(L) and outfielder-third baseman Al Smith (2nd from left) to the White Sox for the third

baseman Fred Hatfield (3rd from left) and outfielder Minnie Miñoso (R). (UNITED PRESS TELEPHOTO).



LOOKING TO '58?—U.S. Secretary of Labor, James P. Mitchell, right, an avowed Milwaukee Brave fan, follows the gaze of Milwaukee slugger into the future, as the pair discusses the team's chances of repeating as World Champions in 1958. The pair met at the recent National Urban League Dinner in New York. (Newspress Photo).

Three Sepia Gridders In Running For MVP Honors

CHICAGO (ANP)—Three ten fan-backs earned honors as their team's most valuable player as the

Big Ten competition for the annual conference award nears a conclusion.

Other National League team has played only first-division baseball. Most of the stars who helped the Dodgers in their post-war era of dominance are still with the club. Roy Campanella, three selected as the Most Valuable Player, has already staked his 1958 contract. Don Newnam, whose twenty-seven victories in 1954 won only MVP honors but also the first Cy Young

award as the top pitcher in baseball, is still on the roster. Gil Hodges, who holds the N.L. record of 13 Grand Slam homers, will be shooting at the fences here again in '58. Former home run, total bases and slugging champion Duke Snider, will be performing next year for the home folks. Pee Wee Reese, Junior Gilliam, Clem Labine, Carl Erskine, Johnny Podres and Carl Furillo hope to add to previously spotlighted achievements.

Harold Johnson Boxes Sid Peaks On December 17

TOLEDO, O. (ANP)—Harold Johnson, Philadelphia's light heavyweight, title contender, and tanking heavyweight, will meet Sid Peaks, Louisville, in a 10-round bout Tuesday, Dec. 17, at the Sports Arena.

Slaughter of U. S. fed cattle this fall is expected to be about as large as in the fall of 1956.

5341 lambs on creep feed when they're four weeks old using cracked yellow corn.

On The Charlotte SPORTS SCENE

With BILL JOHNSON

IT OCCURS TO ME... CHARLOTTE — That someone should hand out a couple of pats on the backs of Robert Walton and Ernest Cherry... These young men have turned in what appears to be the best job of coaching hereabouts for quite some time.

Cherry is unbeaten at Northwest Junior High School, while Walton is 1-1 at Second Ward. Clarence Barnes is leading the Smith scorers.

JOHNSON a hot 10 point average, but Harry Womack, the 6'5" senior, has the better shooting average. The big center has dropped

West Charlotte, Second Ward Off To Good Starts

CHARLOTTE — West Charlotte and Second Ward High Schools teams not figured to make any loud noises in the North Carolina Negro High School Athletic Association's basketball campaign, opened the season here last week with impressive victories.

The Lions of West Charlotte fired a 53-32 victory over Belmont Reid with Calvin McDowell's 18 points triggering the attack. Larry Albert scored 11 for the winners and Reggie Hager racked 14 for the losers.

The Second Ward Tigers, lost a non-conference skirmish to C. A. Johnson at Columbia, S. C. Tuesday night, 66-44, but came back strongly here Friday night to set down Kannapolis Carver, 65-47.

Frank McMiller set the pace for the Tigers with 21 points while James Trussdale was hitting for 19, and Center Wylie Harris was cleaning the boards for 27 rebounds.

Kannapolis, which failed to keep up during a blistering second half attack by the Tigers, got brilliant scoring from Ray Massey who hit 23 points. Center Willie Meyers scored 11 points and grabbed 24 rebounds.

Pros Draft Pace, Lyle

PHILADELPHIA (ANP)—Two ten players—Jim Pace, Michigan, and Leonard Lyles, University of Louisville, were among the first draft choices of National Football League teams in their partial selection season last week.

Choices in later rounds included Jim Jones, University of Washington fullback; Proverb Jacobs, University of California guard; and Enrich Barnes, Purdue University end.

Pace, Big Ten rushing leader and one of the fastest college backs in the nation, was the first-round choice of San Francisco Forty-Niners. He was recently named Michigan's most valuable player for the 1957 season and was the top scorer in the Big Ten with 60 points.

Lyles, the leading college scorer in the nation with 129 points, is styled by Louisville partisans as the "fastest man in football" and the Baltimore Colts picked him for his speed. Lyles was recently named on the Little All-American team.

Jones, one of the best backs on the Pacific Coast, went to Los Angeles Rams on the fourth round. Jacobs was the second round choice of the Philadelphia Eagles. He is considered one of the best linemen on the Pacific Coast.

Barnes, who was shifted to end from halfback this season, went to the Chicago Bears on the fourth round.

Such stars as Aurelius Thomas, star guard for Ohio State, and Mel Dillard, Purdue's co-captain, were

Pitcher Who Put Brooklyn In A World Series Retires From Game

Joe Brown Wants Dupas, Lane After Stopping Joe Lopes In Eleventh Round At Chicago

CHICAGO (ANP)—You can't say this for many fighters, but you can say it about Joe Brown. He always wins the big one. A good evidence of this was his 11th round knockout win over game but outclassed Joe Lopes in their nationally televised bout in the Chicago Stadium last Wednesday night.

Only three months ago Lopes held Brown to a draw in the same stadium, receiving the nod as the bait of one of the judges. But Wednesday before a rindside crowd of 4,194, who paid a gross of \$12,421.00 at the gate, Brown was a different fighter. Not only did he out-box Lopes in most of the rounds, but he exhibited razor-sharp accuracy, cutting down his opponent with counter punches to the head and body.

When Lopes, a two-fisted mauler from Sacramento, Calif., did rear him with still body punches, the jolting champion from New Orleans shook off the punches and rallied to the attack. He was especially adept at punching inside Lopes' over-hand and roundhouse punches.

Almost from the outset it was obvious that Brown was in command. A notoriously slow starter, he opened up in the seventh round, decking Lopes with a hard right to the jaw. Joey got up at the count of four and lasted through the round, but it was obvious that he was a sitting duck for Brown's punches.

However, Brown bided his time and waited until the 11th round.

Jack Brazley has his fingers crossed. Seems as if several of his basketball hopefuls are hanging on the borderline with their books. Commissioner Army Armstrong has given Second Ward the "all clear" signal on Norman Moore, their best rebounder and scorer in pre-season drills.

An encouraging note can be found in the fact that Second Ward will discontinue its girls' basketball team after this year. The preliminary games on the Second Ward schedule will be played by the junior varsity, beginning with the 1958-59 campaign.

Speaking of Second Ward, the school has lined up several outstanding programs for the intermission at halftime at their basketball games... an excellent idea.

Alvin Jackson and Kenny Diamond, leading Smith scorers last year, have scored only 22 points between them this season. Kenny and Alvin are averaging only 5.1 points per game with two contests on record.

Roy Mellwain, football star at Smith in the middle fifties, is coaching basketball at Plato Price High in Mecklenburg County. Jack Martin appeared lost at the West Charlotte basketball game here last week. First time in memory that popular Jack has had some time off during either the basketball or the football seasons.

Total U. S. cotton exports are expected to fall between five and six million bales this season compared to 7.6 million bales in 1956-57.

NEW YORK (ANP)—Fabulous Joe Black has finished with baseball. A sore arm brought about the retirement of the pitcher who put Brooklyn into a World Series and earned him the title Rookie of the Year in 1952.

Black's last pitching assignment was with the Washington Senators for whom he appeared in seven games, with a record of no wins and one loss last season.

Black had been with the Cincinnati Reds who released him after the Brooklyn team let him go. Joe plans to teach school in Plainfield, N. J.

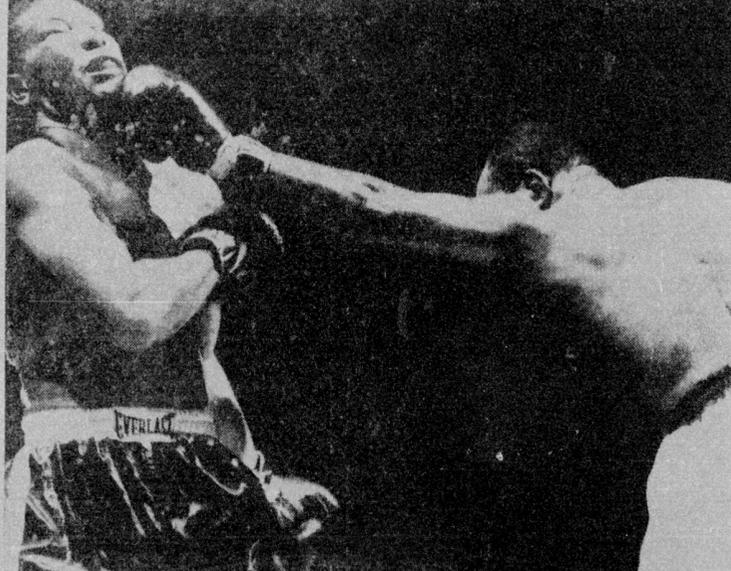
But he leaves a record in baseball of which he can be justly proud. As a rookie for Brooklyn, Black had a season record of 15 wins and two losses, mostly as a relief pitcher, appearing in 50 games. In the 1952 World Series against the Yankees, he beat them the first game, 1-0, and lost a later game in that series 2-1.

Joe made thousands of friends when he was pitching for the then Brooklyn Dodgers and every one of them is pulling for him in his new career as a pedagogue.

Howard Cagers Get 56 To 51 Win Over VSC

PETERSBURG, Va.—A Howard University five outlasted the Va. State College "Trojans" 56-51 in their home opener here Tuesday night at Daniel Gymnasium.

The "Trojans" moved to a quick 10 point lead in the opening minutes of the first quarter, but it was erased by the "Bisons" who led 25-17 at the half.



DELIVERING A LONG HAUL — Willie Vaughn, left, of Los Angeles, California, closes his eyes to take a long left to the jaw from Ralph (Tiger) Jones during their middleweight bout at Madison Square Garden recently. Vaughn won over the battler from Yonkers, N. Y. by a unanimous decision. (UNITED PRESS TELEPHOTO).

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