

# Name Jim Brown NFL "Player Of Year" For 2nd Time

## BEATING THE GUN

BY BILL BROWER

Let's have one backward glance at sports in 1958. It was a year of pathos and joy.

There was the tragic and shocking injury suffered by Roy Campanella. This was softened somewhat by Roy's courageous fight for recovery.

There was the mysterious illness suffered by Maurice Stokes, a strange ailment which apparently has ended his career for the Cincinnati Warriors in the National Basketball Association. It was heartening, of course, when NBA stars rallied to his cause and played a basketball exhibition to raise proceeds to help defray Stokes' medical expenses.

For college basketball, fan players dominated more than ever before. Four of them - Elgin Baylor, Seattle; Wilt Chamberlain, Kansas; Oscar Robertson, Cincinnati; and Guy Rodgers, Temple - were virtually unanimous choices for All-American honors. Experts could have added either Johnny Green, Michigan State; Bob Boozer, Kansas State; or Tom Hawkins, Notre Dame, to the list and they wouldn't have been far from wrong.

Robertson, Baylor and Chamberlain waged a stirring duel for National Collegiate Athletic Association scoring honors, with Robertson winning in the end.

### WILT SIGNS WITH TROTTERS

Chamberlain deserted the college ranks to sign with the Harlem Globe Trotters for an annual salary estimated at \$65,000. He was followed by Baylor who got an estimated \$20,000 to sign with the Minneapolis Lakers. Each had a year of college competition left.

The year rolled on with Sugar Ray Robinson's masterful victory of Carmen Basilo to regain the middleweight boxing title. Negro champions held their own, for the most part, in other divisions.

Joe Brown fought off two challenges in the lightweight division; Virgil Alkins won the welterweight title in an elimination series and then lost it, surprisingly, to Don Jordan, an unknown from the West Coast. Hogan Bessay, the Nigerian, was still dominant in the featherweight ranks.

### MOORE'S DEFENSE MOST STIRRING

But the most dramatic accomplishment of 1958 was undoubtedly that of Archie Moore, the venerable light-heavyweight fighter. Moore came off the floor four times in Montreal to knock out Yvon Durelle in the eleventh.

Heavyweight champ Floyd Patterson came out of mothballs for one defense of his crown. He knocked out Roy Harris in the 12th round of a bout at Los Angeles, after having been floored himself in the second round.

### ALTHEA WINS HONORS

Another athlete of distinction in the year was Althea Gibson, the Harlemite retained both the Wimbledon and U. S. women's tennis titles and then announced her retirement from competitive tennis for at least a year. She was acclaimed the outstanding woman athlete for the second consecutive year.

In baseball the signal achievement was that of Ernie Banks, who won the major league home run championship with 47. He also led both leagues in runs batted in and the slugging title. The Chicago Cubs' shortstop was voted the National League's most valuable player.

The New York Yankees won the world series, regaining the title from the Milwaukee Braves. The man who turned the tide for the Yankees was Elston Howard, a versatile athlete, made an amazing catch in the fifth game and the Yankees went on to overcome a 3-1 deficit.

### JOHNSON SETS DECATHLON RECORD

International fame came to Rafer Johnson, who set a record for the decathlon with 8,392 points in Moscow. He was hailed by the Russians and the world over for his tremendous feat. Johnson narrowly missed winning (by 1 vote) the Sullivan award, one of the highest tributes to an amateur athlete.

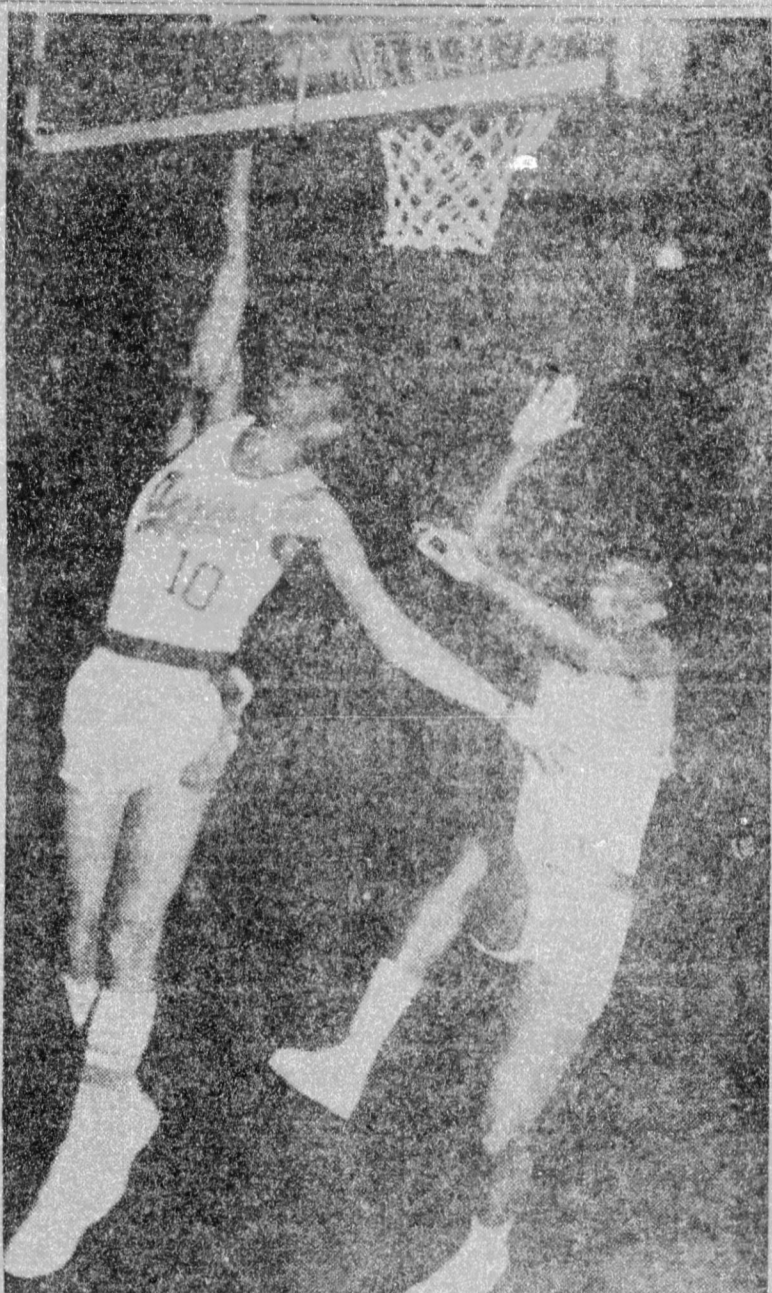
In pro football, there is no question that the outstanding performer was Jim Brown, the Cleveland Browns' fullback. Brown led the league in scoring with 108 points, and his 18 touchdowns tied a league mark. But in individual rushing, he simply outdid himself, gaining 1,527 yards, far surpassing the old mark of 1,146 set in 1949.

Van Vuren's career mark also excelled during the season, by Joe Perry, San Francisco fullback.

The Baltimore Colts' Len B. Moore, John Smoltz, Saenger Plunkett, Gene Lipscomb, Jim Parker, Lonnie Lyles and Mill Davis won the world championship, defeating the New York Giants, 23-17, an unprecedented sudden death overtime.

In college football, one of the outstanding stars was Dick Bass, College of the Pacific back, who led in total offense with 1,443 yards in 219 plays, scoring 116 points, and individual rushing, 1,361 yards in 205 attempts for a 6.63 average.

The annual cost of poultry diseases in North Carolina has been conservatively estimated to be \$12 million, or 70 per cent of the gross cash receipts.



**SNOWBIRD** — Joe Howell, captain of the A&T College Aggies, lays in an easy "snowbird" avoiding the guarding of George Johnson of Johnson C. Smith University in the game played at Greensboro recently. Joe had stole the ball raced down the floor for the shot, two of the 29 he scored during the evening. The Aggies won the game, high scoring thriller, 92-89.

## Browns' One-Man Forward Wall, Ground Gainer Wins

NEW YORK (AP) — Jimmy Brown, the Cleveland Browns one-man forward wall and football's top ground gainer, has been named the 1958 player of the year in the National Football League.

A panel of experts appointed by the Associated Press voted the powerfully built former Syracuse University star their top choice recently. Johnny Unitas, stellar quarterback of the Baltimore Colts, clinched second place, Brown garnered 22 of the 41 votes cast to Unitas' 15.

In addition to winning the honor for the second straight year, while beating off the sophomore jinx, Brown rewrote football history and emerged as one of the greatest fullbacks of all time.

Commonly recognized as "the haltering ram" of Browns' squad, Brown crashed his way to a new NFL record. The 22-year-old star compiled a total

of 1,527 yards, to eclipse, by more than 200 yards, the old record of 1,146 yards set by Steve Van Vuren of the Philadelphia Eagles in 1949.

That feat was alone amazing enough, but Brown went further. He coupled his ground gaining accomplishment with an 18-touchdown spree that made him top man in that department. Many experts feel that it will be a long time before Brown's record is bettered, unless he does it himself.

The record shows Brown is improving steadily. In 1957, his rookie year when he was also voted NFL top player award, Brown chalked up 942 yards and scored nine touchdowns. This year he established the new records for yardage and touchdowns, despite the fact the opposition was constantly plotting against him.

## Texas Southern Athletic Building Guttled By Fire

HOUSTON, Texas—(AP) — Fire of an undetermined origin razed the Athletic dormitory at Texas Southern University early Sunday morning, 4:30 a. m. The frame building which formerly was an Army barracks had been in use at the University as a fieldhouse for athletes since 1952 and was valued at approximately \$80,000.00.

The estimated loss in personal effects will exceed \$25,000 while that sustained by the athletic department is listed as \$15,000, and consisted of stored equipment for football, baseball, tennis and track. Some \$12,000 in dormitory furnis-

ings were also destroyed. Athletes trapped in the building leaped from second story windows to escape the flames which destroyed the building in a matter of minutes. Some of the boys had to be dragged out of burning beds.

Arson Investigator Bob Bredehoeft said that it was a miracle that no serious injury was sustained in this mishap. Appeals have been made to churches and to people of the community via radio and television for money and clothes to refurbish the victims of this fire.

Ironically enough, tentative plans for the erection of a new fieldhouse had been approved by the TSU board of directors in their last 1958 meeting. Since that time the president, Dr. S. M. Nebitt and the board have been attempting to raise the \$125,000 needed to erect the type of building that would be modern in every respect and that would provide sufficient space to accommodate 100 athletes.

## CIAA's 14th Cage Tournament To Feature 12 Games At NCC In Feb.

DURHAM — (CIAA News Service)—The Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association's 14th Annual basketball tournament in the North Carolina College gymnasium February 12-23 will be a six session affair scheduling four games daily, two each afternoon and two each night. This year's 12 game tournament compares with eight of previous years. Under present arrangements each team will play every day of the tournament.

Basketball Tournament Committee Chairman L. D. Smith of Virginia Union University, Richmond, announced the addition of the four games to the traditional eight-game card after a January 31 committee meeting.

Talmadge L. (Marse) Hill, one of the founders of the tournament, proposed the addition of the four games. The committee enthusiastically and "unanimously" accepted the proposal. Preliminary announcement has been made already to the nation's wire services.

In an eloquent statement to the committee, Hill described the innovation of a 12-game tournament as "not only educationally and physically sound but also financially sound."

Aside from \$200 membership fee which each of the 11 colleges pays, the annual cage event is the CIAA's most dependable source of income.

The 1959 dribble derby will present a "dual bracket schedule, which will include a six

session tournament with a championship bracket and a consolation bracket. The championship bracket will follow the usual elimination procedure while the consolation bracket will provide an opportunity for further participation by teams defeated in the first round of the championship bracket.

Previously, teams and players on losing teams during the opening rounds of play were left for the remainder of the competition, morale deteriorated in too many cases, tournament officials believe.

By keeping teams in competition for prizes throughout, the tournament, the new six session affair provides, according to tournament officials, "three days of participation for every team, improved morale of players and spectators, gives an opportunity to keep visitors continually entertained, and provides an opportunity for increased revenue."

In addition to Smith and Hill other tournament committee members are W. A. Bell, North Carolina A&T College, Greensboro; Floyd H. Brown, secretary, NCC, and Joseph E. Thompson, St. Paul's College, Lawrenceville, Va.

Ex-officio members are Dr. T. H. Henderson, CIAA President, Union University, G. G. Singleton, Secretary-Treasurer, Virginia State College, Petersburg, Va., and F. G. Burnett, basketball Commissioner, and Charles A. Ray, publicity

director, Durham.

Every participating player and team will receive an award or trophy of some type. The prize trophy, of course, will go to the champion.

Coch Cal Irvin's A&T College's Aggies, who sported a 6-0 record as of January 13, are defending champions.

Only the conference's top 8 teams will enter the play-offs. To date, theoretically, the battle for tournament berths is wide-open with virtually every team having a possible chance. After mid February, however, the chances will be narrower.

Coronation ceremonies and the expected selection of the Basketball Coaches All-CIAA team are expected to be highlights of the hardwood extravaganza.

H. A. Hudson of North Carolina College, veteran sales director, has been named to this position for the 1959 games.

As an added feature of its efficient operation, the Tournament Committee will engage again this year the Anerson Patrol Service. These uniformed men will serve as ticket takers and door guards. Their experience in handling crowds which are expected to reach overflow proportions next month is expected to contribute to what officials confidently believe will be the most successful basketball tournament in CIAA history.

## Shooting Was Off, But Prairie View Scored Close Win Over Ark. Lions

PRAIRIE VIEW, Tex.—(AP)—The Prairie View Panthers staged a second half coup to down the Arkansas State Lions 61-59 here last week. The Lions led 27-21 at the end of the first half.

Captain Harold Grimes, of the Panthers, raised on every goal attempt during the first half and the Panthers stayed in the game only by the hustling efforts of Ed Zelt-

ner Beatty who rebounded well and scored 17 of the Panthers' 21 points scored in the first half.

As Grimes and Beatty go, so go the Panthers. These two sharpshooters have led the scoring for the Panthers all season. During the second half of the Arkansas game, Grimes dropped 21 points for a game total of 23 points. Beatty scored 5 points for a total of

22. In the second period, Grimes hit better than 80 percent of his field goal attempts.

Coch Leroy Moore's Panthers have won 11 and have lost 2 in conference play they have a 3-1 record. Both losses have come at the hands of Grambling College by margins of seven points in the first game and eight points (7-66) in the second game.

## Three Are Competing In Track

BOSTON, Mass. (AP) — Decathlon champion Rafer Johnson, high jumper Charley Dumas, and middle and distance runners Charley Jenkins and Charles (Deacon) Jones are among a number of top track stars competing in the 1959 indoor track season which started here Saturday.

In addition to Dumas, Jenkins, and Jones, Johnson, who set a new world record in the grueling decathlon event in Russia last year, will share the spotlight with such other renowned as Ron Delaney of Ireland, Glen Davis of Ohio State, and Istvan Rozsavolgyi of Hungary.

Other stars are Arnie Sewell, and Dan Waern of Sweden. The season runs from Jan. 17 through Mar. 28.

## A & T Tortures Fayetteville, 77 To 45

FAYETTEVILLE — Fayetteville State Teachers College's inexperienced eagles bit the dust for the sixth straight time this season recently as visiting North Carolina A&T roared to a 77-45 CIAA victory.

A&T moved out front early and was never headed as Joe Cotton and Joe Howell scored 23 and 21 points respectively.

Cotton, a 6-6 skyscraper, put a versatile performance for the capacity crowd at the E. E. Smith gym, gathering in numerous rebounds in addition to his 24 points.

The visitors used some most of the second half in running their undefeated string to five victories.

For the Broncos, Robert Pompey was the leader with 12 tallies while James Brayboy pitched in eight.

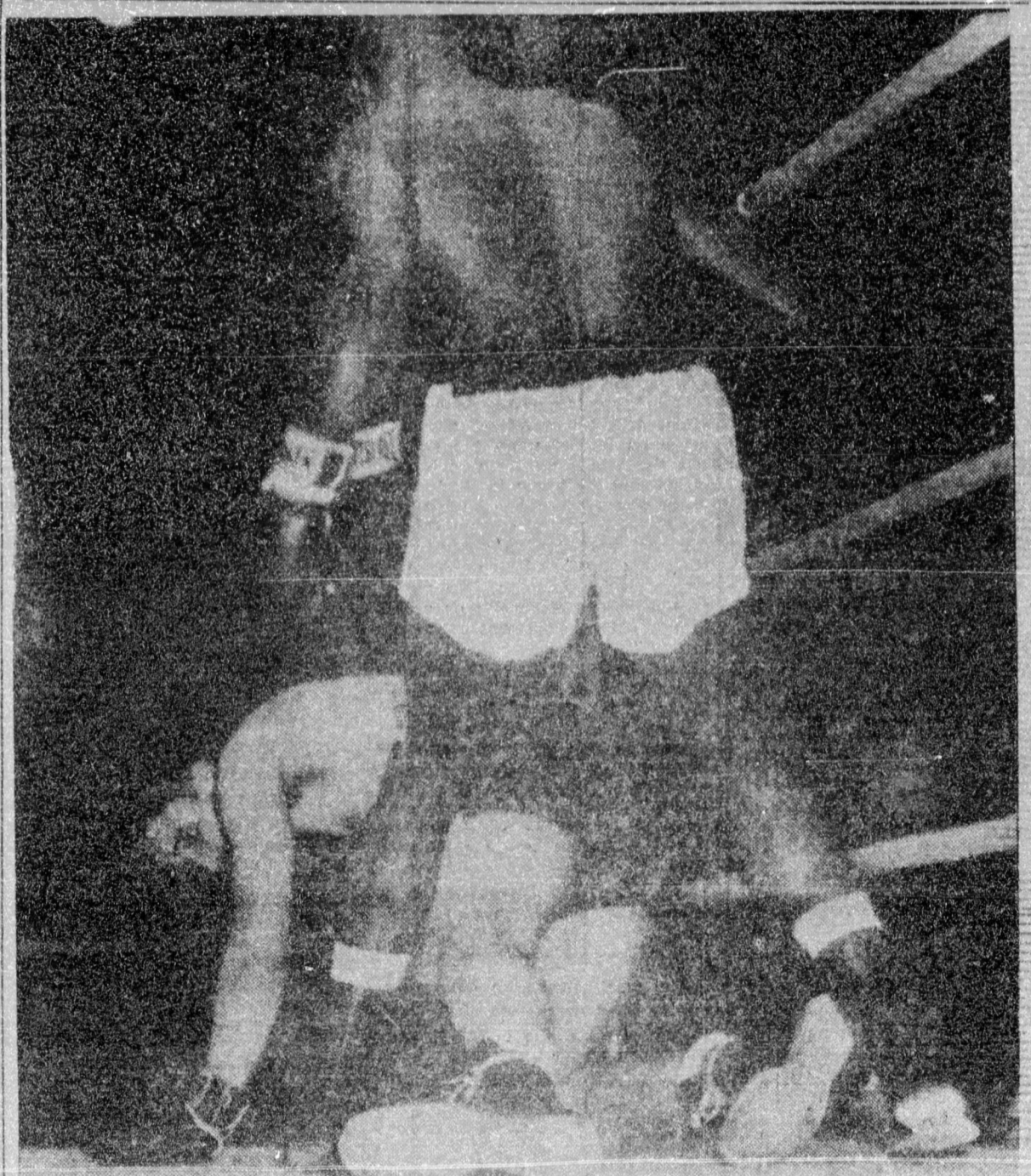
Domination of the backboards and sharp ball-handling kept the game a one-sided affair in favor of A&T with the visitors holding a comfortable 41-23 halftime lead.

Fayetteville State, which has yet to win its first game, will host Johnson C. Smith College of Charlotte in its next outing Thursday night.

The lineup: North Carolina A&T (77) Cotton 24, Gray 2, Harrison 3, Howell 21, Miller 10, Marshall 13, Phillips 2, Turner, Robinson 3, Edwards, Holtzclaw. FSTC (45)—Arlington, McDonald 6, McIntyre 3, Boyd, 5, Dobson 2, Pompey 12, Morton, Evans 5, Viner 2, Morehead 2, Brayboy 8, Jackson. Halftime score: A&T 41, FSTC 20.



**FOOTBALL OFFICIALS HONORED** — S. E. Carey, left, Winston-Salem and P. H. Williams, center, Raleigh, were last week cited as the outstanding football officials during 1957-58. The awards were presented at the annual meeting of the Piedmont Board Officials held recently at A&T College. The awards were presented by F. G. Burnett, Durham, a CIAA commissioner.



SONNY RAY, Chicago, stands over Roane Maravilla, Nampa, Idaho, in the first round of the light heavyweight bout at Chicago last week. Maravilla was floored for the nine-count in the round after taking a hard right to the jaw. Ray won a unanimous 10-round decision. (UPI TELEPHOTO).

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