

Tittle Wins First Pro Passing Title; Jim Brown Wins Sixth Rushing Crown

NEW YORK (UPI) — Y. A. Tittle of the New York Giants had to try for 14 years but he finally won his first National Football League passing championship.

It was an old familiar honor for Jimmy Brown of the Cleveland Browns, however, as he regained the rushing crown he previously had won for five straight seasons between 1957 and 1961. Brown's six rushing championships are a league record.

Abe Woodson of the San Francisco Forty Niners was the only one of last year's champions to repeat, according to final statistics released today by the NFL.

He won the kickoff return title a record third time. Besides Tittle, other new individual champions were Bobby Joe Conrad of the St. Louis Cardinals in pass receiving; placekicker Don Chandler of the Giants in scoring; and Dick James of the Washington Redskins in punt returns.

Dick Lynch of the Giants, who won the pass interception title in 1961, shared it this year with Roosevelt Taylor of the Chicago Bears. Each stole nine passes.

Hale Lary of the Detroit Lions won his third NFL punting crown, although he missed nearly the entire last half of the season because of an injury. Lary built up a 48.5-yard punting average for 35 kicks and no one could overtake him during his idleness.

Tittle and Billy Wade of the Bears, the rival quarterbacks in the NFL's championship playoff, Dec. 29, each will be throwing against the league's leading pass-snipers in Taylor and Lynch.

The 37-year-old Tittle completed 221 out of 367 passes for a league high percentage of 60.2 and an NFL record 36 touchdowns. Johnny Unitas of the Baltimore Colts was second with an NFL record 237 completions and a season high of 3,481 yards.

Bart Starr of the Green Bay Packers, last year's passing champion, finished only seventh this year, although his 10 interceptions were fewest among the regular quarterbacks.

Jimmy Brown, the NFL's first "miller," gained 1,863 yards in 291 carries for a league high average of 6.4 yards per try. Jim Taylor of the Packers, last season's champ, finished second with 1,018 yards. Brown and Taylor were the only rushers to top 1,000 yards.

Conrad caught 73 passes that gained 967 yards and produced 10 touchdowns. Bobby Mitchell of the Redskins, last season's champion who was runnerup this year, led the league in yardage with 1,436 while Terry Barr of the Lions, in third place, was high in touchdown catches with 13.

Chandler scored 106 points on 18 field goals and 52 conversions to edge Jim Martin of Baltimore by two points. Taylor, last year's champ, did not finish among this year's top 10.

Woodson became the first NFL player to win the kickoff return title three times when he averaged 32.2 yards for 29 runbacks, and James took over the punt return leadership in the final game of the season, averaging 13.4 yards on 16 runbacks.

Halas Is Coach Of Year In National Grid League

NEW YORK (UPI) — George Halas, a stubborn old codger who learned a few new football tricks at the age of 69, today was voted the 1963 National League coach-of-the-year by United Press International.

The Chicago Bears, after drastically revamping their defense this season, clinched their 10th Western Conference championship under Halas' long reign last Sunday. They met the New York Giants in the NFL's championship playoff game Dec. 29.

Halas, a member of football's Hall of Fame, won the honor by a majority of the votes cast by a panel of 42 writers who covered the NFL season regularly during 1963. He received 24 votes compared to six each for Ruddy Parker of the Pittsburgh Steelers and Wally Lemm of the St. Louis Cardinals.

PSC Seeking League Ties

PORTLAND (UPI) — Portland State College is looking for information about other athletic conferences, but it has not asked nor been invited to join the Big Sky circuit, President Bradford Millar said Tuesday.

Dr. Millar outlined his school's athletic problems at a meeting of the Oregon Sports Writers and Broadcasters.

"I don't think we're in the right level," he said, referring to the Oregon Collegiate Conference, "but we're not doing very well in the level we're in."

It is difficult to find a place for an urban, public, non-residential institution in an athletic league, the PSC president pointed out. The Big Sky, composed of teams in Idaho, Montana, Utah and eastern Washington is the only comparable league that is not too far away, but even it is made up of schools where most of the students live on the campus, he said.

Delegation Sent

Portland State recently sent a three-man delegation to a Big Sky meeting at Ogden, Utah, leading to speculation the school might be headed for faster competition. But Millar made it plain Portland State will not become an athletic doormat for the sake of joining another league.

PSC, with an enrollment of about 13,000 day and night students, has barely held its own with other Oregon Collegiate Conference schools where the enrollment is between 1,000 and 3,000.

Collier Gets Four

Coach Blanton Collier of the Cleveland Browns had four votes and Harlan (Swede) Sware of the Los Angeles Rams one.

Halas, who has devoted 44 years to the Bears he founded back in 1920 at Decatur, Ill., often has said that he will step down as head coach when his team wins its next NFL playoff championship. The Bears have not won a playoff since 1946, although they took the Western Division crown in 1956.

A victory over the Giants in the title playoff thus could climax one of the most remarkable careers in pro football history.

There were few, if any, who before the start of this season gave the Bears much chance of beating out the Green Bay Packers in the tough Western Conference.

Yet the Bears did it handily, beating the Packers twice during the season, by scores of 10-3 and 28-7. And they did it with an "old-fashioned" formula of ball-control and defense.

Defense In Confusion

Prior to this season, the Bears defenses were largely in a state of complicated confusion. Halas realized a change was necessary, even if it meant dismissing an old friend, Clark Shaughnessy, who had served him as defensive coach.

North Shrine 11 Has Power

MIAMI (UPI) — Michigan's Bump Elliott counted on a powerful running attack to win the 16th annual North-South college All-Star football game at the Orange Bowl Saturday.

Elliott aided by Iowa Coach Jerry Burns, took a grateful assist from eastern passer Jack Concannon as he put together a balanced ground-air attack which he figured would bring him his third coaching triumph in this game after wins in 1959 and 1960.

The North, however, doesn't have to rely only on the passing arm of Concannon, the Boston College quarterback drafted number one by the American Football League. For it has another fabulous passer in George Bork of Northern Illinois.



NEBRASKA UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL COACH Bob Devaney announced late Tuesday he had withdrawn his name as a candidate for the head grid coaching job at Miami of Florida. Later this week Devaney is expected to have his salary raised \$2,000 to a total of \$21,000, plus fringe benefits. His Huskies meet Auburn in the Orange Bowl on New Year's Day. (UPI Telephoto)

Glendale Pirates Topple CBA 74-49

Jim Redfield paced a well-balanced Glendale scoring attack Tuesday to lead the invading Pirates to a decisive 74-49 non-league hoop triumph over the Canyonville Bible Academy Pilots.

Redfield potted eight field goals and hit three of five attempts at the foul line for 19 points to edge teammate Rogelio Gutierrez for game scoring honors. Gutierrez scored five two-pointers and converted eight of 12 chances at the charity stripe for 18 points.

Also breaking into the double figures for the winning Pirates was Nick Derscheid with 14 points and Darrell Sutch with 11 points.

Eddie John paced the CBA attack with 15 points, followed by Mike Rogers with 11.

The Pirates broke into an early lead, outscoring the host Pilots, 12-5, in the first quarter. The Pilots never managed to close the gap as the Glendale quintet continued its methodical job of pulling away.

The Pirates sank 27 shots from the field out of 63 attempts for a .428 shooting percentage. At the free throw line the winners cashed in on 20 of 32 chances. CBA hit the bucket at a .275 clip from the field, making 19 of 69 shots. The Pilots made 11 of 27 free throws. Rebounds favored the winners, 33-23.

Glendale's Jayvee squad rolled to a 53-33 victory in the preliminary game. Richard Watson scored 13 points for the winners and Bill Castro led the CBA contingent with nine points.

SCORING:

GLENDALE (74) — Redfield 19, Gutierrez 18, Derscheid 14, Stewart, D. Dollar 8, Sutch 11, Williams 2, Troxel 2, S. Dollar.

CBA (49) — Rogers 11, McAdams 7, John 15, Lake 6, Engbretsen 6, Johnson 4, Castro.

By Quarters:

Glendale	12	17	21	24	74
CBA	5	16	16	12	49

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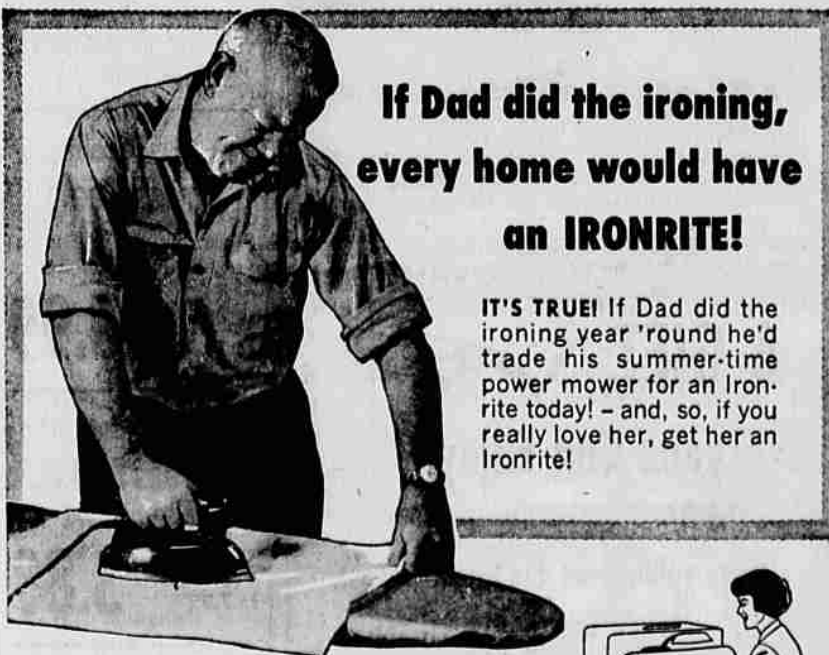
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