



The Greatest Running Back

Recently I was interviewed by Frank Gifford during the halftime of a Monday Night Football broadcast. We talked about great running backs and I gave my opinion that the top running back of all time was Jim Brown.

Fans love to debate who was the greatest player at each position. Naturally I've heard from some who would pick Tony Dorsett, O.J. Simpson, Walter Payton, or any one of several other fine running backs over Jim Brown.

It was a reminder to me that a lot of people just don't remember Jim Brown. If you are 30 years old today, Jim Brown quit playing when you were ten. Another factor is that because of expansion to new cities and increased television coverage, the National Football League has attracted many new fans who never saw Jim during his great years with the Cleveland Browns.

When you consider the conditions Jim played under, his records are even more phenomenal. He played in an era where the defense's primary purpose was to stop the run first and the pass second. Today, it's the other way around and that helps the running back.

When Jim took a handoff, he was likely playing on a frozen or muddy field. There were no domed stadiums or artificial turf fields back in the 1950s and 1960s. I feel the good track artificial turf provides adds 25 to 50 yards per game to a great running back's total.

Back then the hash marks were out where the college hash marks are today. Officials spotted the ball on the hash marks and there was always a short side of the field. Defense slanted to the wide side. You simply didn't run to the short side because the sideline is the best tackler a defense has going for it.

Jim ran from a split backfield where he started from about three yards behind the line of scrimmage. He didn't have the luxury of starting from seven yards deep, as in the "I" formation, and the advantage that gives you in picking your holes. And, of course, he played when the NFL season was just 12 games.

Even with those disadvantages, Jim set records that lasted for nearly two decades. He was that rare player who combined all the talents desired in a running back. He had moves and speed, and he also had the power to run over defenders.

Of today's running backs, I would choose Eric Dickerson of the Indianapolis Colts as the best of those still at the top of their game. Walter Payton of the Bears will be retiring this year after a great career, and Tony Dorsett has had many fine years with Dallas. But there's no doubt in my mind that Jim Brown was the greatest of all time. **ll**

Gale Sayers is considered one of the greatest running backs of all time. The former Chicago Bear is a member of the National Football League's Hall of Fame.

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