

JARVIS BROWN WANTS TO 'JUST SMILE' ONCE AGAIN

By W.G. Ramirez

He spent seven years with the Minnesota Twins organization, and has even collected one World Series ring. He has appeared in the majors during the 1991 and 1992 seasons, with the Twins, '91 being the year he tasted sweet October victory. Now in 1993, he continues his big league career, with the San Diego Padres, currently a member of the Las Vegas Stars AAA team.

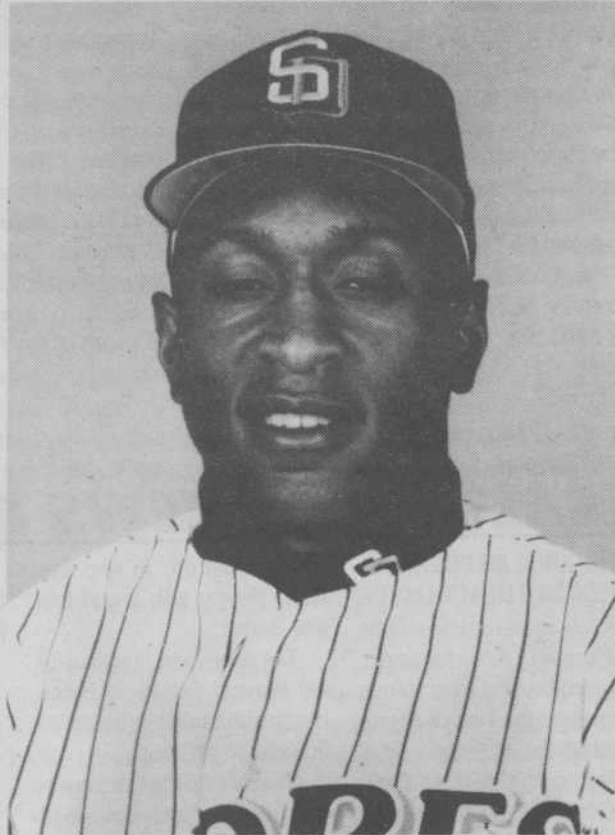
Although he seems to be taking things in stride, Jarvis Brown is assuredly ready for the move back to the major leagues.

"When you get that call (from the front office), you just smile," explains Brown. "You're thinkin', I'm gonna put on that big league uniform and run out on to a big league park, there is nothing like it."

Following Tuesday night's loss to the Calgary Cannons, from the Seattle Mariners' organization, Brown, who went 2-for-3 with one walk that night, expressed his thoughts on a lot of subjects surrounding his life, mainly his baseball career.

"I think I'm capable of playing there now," says Brown. "Everybody here is tryin' to get to the same place. All we can do is pat each other on the backs and hope we all do well."

Brown, 26, was obtained by



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the Padres organization as a minor league free agent on November 2, 1992 and is signed thru the '93 season. Following Tuesday night's performance, he led the Stars in seven categories including Runs (60), Hits (97), Doubles (25), Triples (7) and Stolen Bases (16).

A spectacular catch early in Tuesday's game highlighted his defensive skills, proving an all-

around player is what he's got to offer for any major league club.

"I thought I'd have the chance to win the centerfield position," admits Brown. "Many people say this is the organization to be in. I don't want anything handed to me on a silver platter, I just want a shot to prove myself."

Brown says a trip back to the big leagues will convincingly satisfy his career. He cherishes the time spent with the Twins, and the World Series ring, but Brown says he hasn't really had a chance to shine in the majors.

"It's like Michael Jordan. He's done it all - championships, MVP trophies - the whole bit. I want to have years under my belt. Look back on my career and say 'I was a regular player, everyday.' I want to be financially set when I have a wife and kids. Plus, then, I can say I have the World Series ring. But right now, I don't feel I've accomplished a thing yet."

Brown hails from Waukegan, Illinois, and he admits that when he first came to 'Vegas, he felt like any other tourist, lost in the lights.

"When I first came here, I was excited to see Caesars. You always see it on commercials or TV, they always show *Caesars Palace*. I wanted to see everything - the Mirage the lights, the slots, the tables. It is still exciting to see in person."

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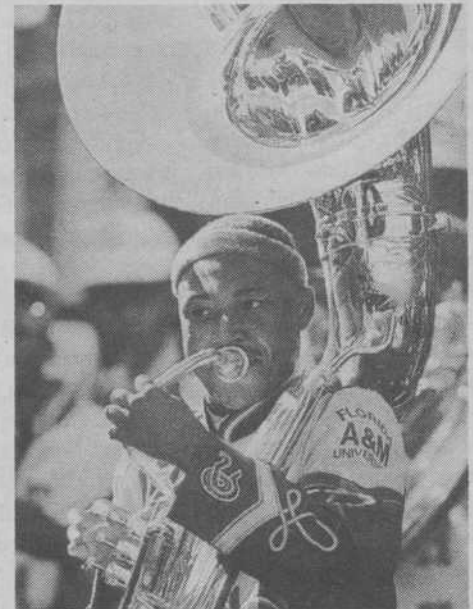
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BLACK COLLEGE BANDS FROM D.C. TO FLORIDA WILL DO BATTLE IN SUPER BAND BOWL

NEW ORLEANS, La.-They've played before presidents, queens, on the silver screen and in world renowned parades. They've taken each other on one by one, section by section and band by band. But this year, at high noon on Aug. 29—the last weekend before hitting the books—they will all come together for a showdown, battling it out under the big top of the New Orleans Superdome.

"The hottest event this summer won't be riots, politics and wars. It will be the battle of the bands—the Super Bowl featuring 15 historically black college and university bands from across the United States," according to Ron Johnson, president of ERICAM Sports & Entertainment. Woodwinds, percussions, horns and string instruments complemented with twirling flags and batons will be used by bands of incredibly talented young musicians and showmen. With up to 300+ members, the bands will march, prance, sing and just plain show off as they present top musical selections.

Slated for national television coverage, the Super Bowl Band weekend, Aug. 28-29, will bring some 300,000 fans to the edges of several New Orleans streets for a Saturday morning parade featuring a preview of the bands and world renowned celebrities. Activities will pick up again with a number of evening concerts appealing to a wide range of age groups, including college stu-



dents and seasoned alumni. The big event, the Super Band Bowl, will kick off at noon Saturday, Aug. 29, in the Superdome.

The 82,000-seat Superdome is expected to sell out, especially since tourist organizations and alumni and student affairs offices at many of the participating colleges have already requested nearly a third of the seats. What will happen to the remaining millions of alumni, students, fans and other music lovers? "They will have to settle for a seat in the front of the TV," says Johnson, an Oakland businessman whose 10-year Super Band Bowl dream is finally coming true.

Participants in the first Super Band Bowl include Howard University's Showtime Marching Band of Washington, D.C. under the direction of Richard F. Lee. Virginia is represented by Hampton University's Marching Band Force under the

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ing much time for the hustle and bustle of the casinos, but when he does have the spare moment, quality time with girlfriend Shawny Koss is spent at many of the other attractions, besides the casinos, that 'Vegas has to offer.

"We like to go bowling," chuckled Brown. "We go to the Gold Coast to bowl or play miniature golf at Scandia, just kind of hang out." He also admits that notoriety is not something to expect as a Las Vegas Star.

"When you think of Las Vegas and sports, you think of the Runnin' Rebels. Everybody notices those guys. One time I was at Cirque Du Soleil, and somebody called my name out. I looked around and couldn't see

who it was, but it felt good to be noticed."

While he patiently awaits his call from San Diego, Brown is happy for the teammates that he's played with, that are now in the major leagues.

"It's nice to see someone you've actually played with get called up. If it turns out bad, that's the name of the game. If it turns out good though, it just proves that hard work pays off."

With a little over half the season remaining, Brown is confident his chance is coming, and even says his coach could be a good luck charm.

"(Stars Head Coach) Russ Nixon was the manager in Portland when I went to the Twins. I spent 6 1/2 years in the minors,

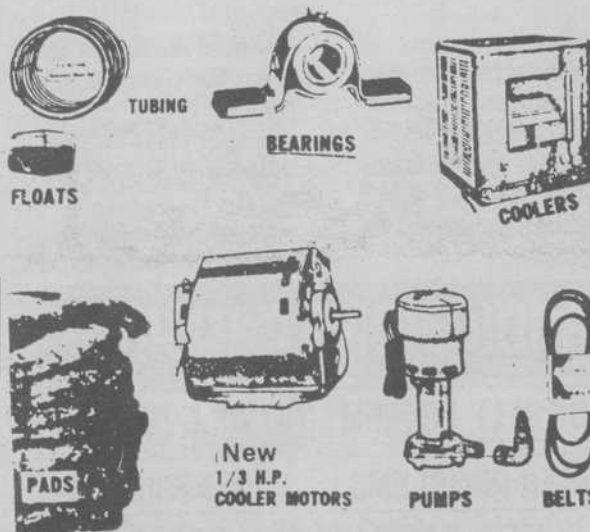
and Russ was the one that told me I got my call. Everyone had gathered around me and all I could do is just smile."

With Nixon calling the shots from the dugout for the Stars, Jarvis is hoping his coach resembles a four-leaf clover.

"I think about it sometimes. Hopefully he is a good luck charm."

For outfielders in the minor leagues, it is a hungry pool of sharks battling for their final destination and can leave many frowning, but for Jarvis Brown, it could be anytime soon that Coach Russ will come into the clubhouse, all the Stars will gather 'round, and the newest San Diego Padre can then 'just smile.'

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