Altman and Willie Kirkland to play in Japan next year

TOKYO (UPI) —Veteran outfielders George Altman and Willie Kirkland will play for the Tokyo Orions of Japan's Pacific League next season.

According to Masaichi Nagata, director of the Orions, Chicago Cubs owner Phil Wrigley agreed to release Altman out right when the Orions made an official request through commissioner William D. Eckert after the close of the 1967 season.

Altman, 34, has played for nine years in the major leagues and spent most of last season with the Cubs' Triple-A farm club at Tacoma of the Pacific Coast League.

Kirkland, 33, has spent 10 years in the majors with San Francisco Giants, Cleveland Indians, Baltimore Orioles and Washington Senators.

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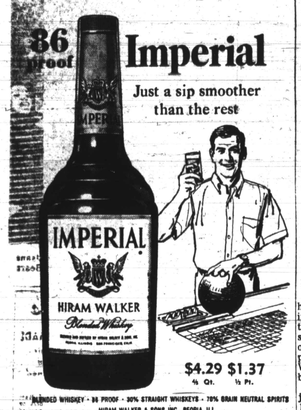

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FAMILY CIRCLE — Mr. and Mrs. John Jackson sit for the AFRO camera with their son, Wayne (right), in the living room of the Jackson home at 2102 Pearrose Ave. Wayne, slotback for the Edmondson High School team which has eyes on a division title in MSA football, is highly popular with coaches and teammates.

Edmondson High slotback is all-round youngster

Edmondson High School has been progressing rapidly in the scheme of things on the Maryland Scholastic Association athletic front, and one of the big reasons is the presence of youngsters like Wayne Jackson in the student body.

Wayne was one of the subjects of last winter's AFRO MSA Profiles series as a basketball player. Today, he is back because of a recommendation by his coach, Charlie Robinson.

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"I WOULD pick Wayne, Carlton Carter and Alvin Missouri as three of my kind of youngsters," Robinson told the AFRO.

"These boys are not only good athletes, they are acceptable students and gentlemen as well. They have had much to do with our success on the gridiron this season, and I'm hopeful that some of our younger boys will pattern themselves after them."

Edmondson was unbeaten in MSA until Poly upset her last weekend in a close game.

JACKSON IS the youngest of seven children of John and Mrs. Beatrice Jackson. Like his parents, he attends the Central Baptist Church.

His two brothers, Charles and John Jr., also showed athletic inclinations. The former was an outstanding baseball player and the latter was a boxer.

In addition to his efforts as a football player, Wayne plays varsity basketball and lacrosse at Edmondson . . .

Russell better coach, not as good player—Auerbach

NEW YORK (UPI) — Red Auerbach agrees.

The Boston Celtics are a better ball club this season than last. Much better.

Now normally when the executive vice president and general manager of a basketball team says a thing like that you can take it with a small pinch of paprika because all he's really doing is trying to sell some more tickets.

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NOT RED, though.

When the Celtics are bad he's the first to say so and when they're good he says so, too.

The reason he thinks they're better this season is the team's player-coach, Bill Russell.

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THE CELTICS failed to win the NBA championship for the first time in nine years last season when Auerbach moved upstairs, took his cigar with him, and left Russell to do not only the playing but also the coaching.

At $135,000 per, Russell reasonably was expected to bring home another winner and when he didn't people came up with all kinds of reasons for Boston's backslide.

They said Russell was nowhere near the coach Auerbach had been (he never claimed he was). They also said there was too much age on the Celtics and sometimes too much confusion.

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AUERBACH, however, comes up with another more important clue as to why the Celtics were the way they were last season and are the way they are now.

"The ballplayers have accepted the fact that Russell is the coach," he says. "So they listen to him. They listened to him last year, but it was all kind of hazy to them because they were so used to listening to me. Now they have it in their minds he's boss."

CONSCIOUSLY or otherwise, Russell has changed his pattern of play. Not much, but enough so it's noticeable around the league.

Russell has become more offensive-minded, and this has tempted some to label him a better basketball player than he ever was.

"I don't think so," says Auerbach, with his usual candor. "For the simple reason he's 34 years old.

"There are times he's as good as ever, but common sense will tell you you can't do at 34 what you could at 27.

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"I'LL SAY this about Russell. He's a better coach than he was. Why? Primarily a matter of communication I'd say."

In that regard, Auerbach and Russell keep their lines of communication open at all times also.

"When he's in town, we have meetings every day," Red says. "The time to improve your ball club is when you're winning, not when you're losing. Do it when you're losing and you become desperate."

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This rookie goes teacher Vince Lombardi one better

By FRED DOWN
UPI Sports Writer

Travis Williams is only a 21-year-old rookie from Arizona State but he goes Vince Lombardi one better when it comes to running tactics.

The Green Bay Packer coach counsels his runners "to run for daylight." Williams runs for the horizons.

The 6-foot-1, 210-pound member of Green Bay's kickoff return team turned in one of the National Football League's outstanding performances of the season Sunday when he ran 87 and 85 yards for touchdowns on kickoff returns in the Packers' 55-7 rout of the Cleveland Browns.

WILLIAMS' two touchdown kickoff returns in one game tied the NFL record set by Tim Brown of Philadelphia and his three in one season equalled another Mark.

Williams ran back a kickoff 93 yards for a touchdown against the Cardinals on Oct. 30.

Williams's 87-yard run with the opening kickoff triggered a four-touchdown burst within 10 minutes and paced the Packers to a 35-7 lead at the end of the first period.

THE BROWNS' first mistake was electing to kickoff.

The browns won the coin toss and wanted the wind at their backs, but the Packers blew it right in their faces — in the form of "their" rookie hurricane named Williams.

BOTH COACHES Lombardi and Cleveland's Blanton Collier—agreed short kickoffs by Lou Groza helped Williams go all the way.

"They were typical wedge return, the kind most teams use," Lombardi said. "But short kicks enabled them to meet the wedge a lot quicker. It's also a question of speed — he hits the hole so darn quick."

"We knew Williams returned the kickoff for a touchdown against St. Louis and we tried to keep it away from him but it just didn't work," Collier.

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TEAM STANDINGS

Team No. 1	24	3
Team No. 8	14	13
Team No. 4	14	13
Team No. 1	11	16
Team No. 3	11	16
Team No. 6	7	20

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS

Men	
S. Ford	106.8
J. Taylor	103.6
J. Lilly	101.4
W. Austin	101.3
J. Smith	101.3
D. Montague	98.9
C. Wilson	95.3
E. Smith	95.1
A. Campbell	95.0
J. Johnson	94.8
J. L. Smith	94.5
Women	
J. Young	104.0
T. Davis	100.4
M. Thornton	98.8
F. Rivers	91.8
K. Campbell	91.3

HIGH SET LEADERS

Men	
J. Taylor	277
S. Ford	271
W. Austin	235
Women	
T. Davis	240
M. Thornton	228
J. Young	214

HIGH GAME LEADERS

Men	
S. Ford	143
J. Lilly	140
J. Taylor	139
Women	
M. Thornton	134
T. Davis	128
J. Young	118

Rec. Dept.

Programs in swimming, self defense and a community cadet corps have been announced by the Bureau of Recreation.

The swimming program is Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evening at Carver High School, Bentalou and Presstman St.

The self defense courses are at the Ambrose Kennedy Playground and is for those 13 years and older. Further information can be obtained at Johnston Square Recreation Centers.

The cadet corps program is at Crispus Attucks Recreation Center, 1600 Madison Ave.

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WRONG PLACE, WRONG TIME — Saturday was the wrong time and Hughes Stadium was the place for a visiting football team as this sequence of pictures shows: In panel No. 1 Morgan's Edward Hayes takes touchdown pass as Norfolk's Isaac Fullard sprawls to turf in futile pursuit. In panel No. 2 Morgan's flashy running back Eugene Neal bulls over for TD in spite of preventive struggle by Spartan defenders. If Norfolk's ball carrier has that "run-down feeling," panel No. 3, there are good reasons. — Morgan's Carl Davis and Mark Washington. At right the same Mr. Washington shows how not to treat a visitor — unless of course, he's on your home football field.

A MORGAN KIND OF DAY — The awsome display of gridiron power Saturday by the Morgan State College Bears was responsible for these reactions of Bear fans as they viewed — approved — the 63-0 trouncing of the Spartans of Norfolk State College of Norfolk, Va. In first panel 7-year-old Valerie D. Collins, sitting on father's (George W. Collins) knee, could not believe the visitors didn't have "one single solitary point." In second panel Morganites ponder threatening moves by Spartan team. From left are Misses Norul Turnr, freshman, Chellenham; Bernice Hunter, freshman, Bronx, N.Y.C.; Juanita Weedon, Frederick, and Cornelius Awkard Jr., Silver Spring. Panel three is a familiar scene at all Morgan home games. The public address announcer is Dr. Haywood Harrison of the Morgan faculty. He is telling the Bugos Stadium crowd that the Bears of Earl Banks are about to wrap up their 25th consecutive game. At right Morgan partisans whoop it up as the Bears pour it on.

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'New' Johnny Sample still old game-breaker

WASHINGTON

Remember Johnny Sample?

Remember the tough, outspoken cornerback who played with three National Football League teams—often brilliantly—but always seemed to eventually wear out his welcome.

He could never seem to shake the "troublemaker" tag and by the end of the 1966 season, the NFL teams had waived him out of the league.

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YOU WOULDN'T recognize the same guy named Johnny Sample who now plays cornerback for the New York Jets.

But he made sure the American Football League teams haven't forgotten him by coming up with the two key fourth quarter plays Sunday to nail down the Jets' 20-10 triumph over the Buffalo Bills.

Signed by the Jets as a free agent in the summer of 1966 by Weeb Ewbank, who coached Sample on those great Baltimore title teams of 1958 and 1959, Sample has made good on his last chance.

Now a 30-year-old veteran of 10 years in pro ball, Sample is the captain of the Jets' defensive unit and hasn't been involved in a squabble all season.

He showed he can still make the game-breaking plays Sunday as he stopped one Buffalo fourth-quarter drive with a jarring tackle and then dashed 41 yards for a touchdown with an intercepted pass to put the game out of reach.

I'M THE captain of the defensive team now and so I have to talk to the officials and I can't do a lot of the things I used to do. I had a lot more interceptions because they were throwing the ball to the men I was covering.

"But late last season and this year they haven't been throwing that much to the men I've been covering," Johnny explains.

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Boycott of Olympics to be weighed

LEMOORE, Calif. (UPI) — Star sprinter Tommie Smith says that colored athletes will meet in Los Angeles, Nov. 23, to decide whether they should boycott the 1968 Olympics.

Smith, often billed as "the world's fastest human," said he will support their decision, although he personally does not advocate a boycott.

"There is discrimination in the United States," says Smith, who attends San Jose State College, "and a boycott would be designed to emphasize unequal treatment given to colored citizens."

HE SAID, however, that he felt there was "a 75 percent chance" the athletes would decide against a boycott.

Smith said others taking part in the meeting would be basketball stars Bill Russell, player-coach of the Boston Celtics, and Wilt Chamberlain of the Philadelphia 76ers; and Jim Brown, former football star with the Cleveland Browns.

Cardenal OK'd

ANAHEIM, Calif. (UPI) — Jose Cardenal, California Angels' centerfielder, made a flying trip from Puerto Rico Friday to undergo a medical examination of the knee he injured during the baseball season, was pronounced fit and flew back to resume winter league play.

Cardenal injured his left knee Aug. 28 and did not play after that. The injury was diagnosed as a muscle tear behind the knee.

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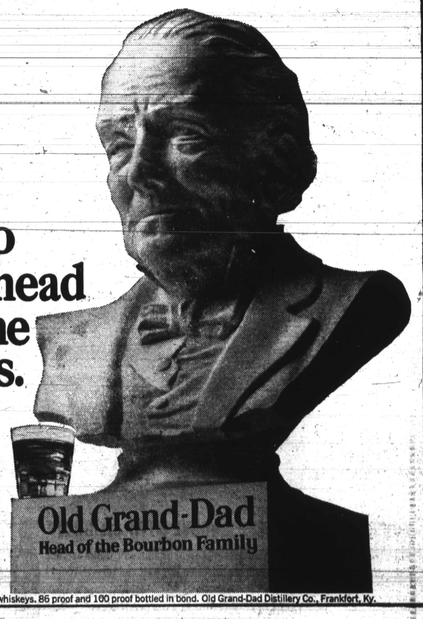

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